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BARDNEY	1/1/45		Weather: Fair early, becoming foggy with intermittent slight rain and drizzle after dawn. Wind very light. Moderate frost at first. Ten crews were briefed for attack on Dortmund Ems Canal, take off at 07.30 hours. Two aircraft crashed on take off i.e. NG.252, piloted by F/O Newton, and PD.368, piloted by F/O Buckley. All the crew of NG252 were killed with the exception of F/O Flynn, the bomb aimer, who was injured. In the case of PD.368 all the crew escaped injury with the exception of Sgt Davies the Flight Engineer. Bombing was reported as bein, concentrated, heights varying between 10,500 and 12,000 feet. One aircraft, pilot F/O Scott, returned to base early without having attacked the target. Owing to late take off, it was impossible to catch up the main stream. Bombs were safely jettisoned. Two aircraft failed to return from this operation. NG.223, piloted by F/O Reckes, and PD.377, piloted by F/O Denton. Five aircraft landed safely between 1324 - 1403 hours. During the afternoon eight crews were briefed for attack on Gravenhorst. Take off was at 16.30 hours. Weather was clear over the target area, and bombs were seen to burst across the canal. Bombing heights varied between 10,500 and 12,000 feet. All aircraft returned safely to base between 23.30 hours and midnight.	
	2/1		Weather: Calm with thick fog at first dispersing after 0900 and becoming cloudy with increasing S'ly wind. Very slight frost during the night. No operations. Ten aircraft engaged on Cross Country and Training Flights. Notification today received that the aircraft piloted by F/O Denton yesterday had crashed near Arnhem.	
	3/1		Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain during late afternoon, becoming fair towards end of period. Very slight frost. Five crews engaged on Training Flights.	1

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	4/1		Weather: Fair to cloudy with slight snow showers before dawn becoming more frequent in the afternoon. Strong gusty NW'ly. wind. Slight frost.	
			Nothing of importance to note.	
	5/1		Weather: Fair with snow showers and strong gusty wind at first becoming fine with light wind in the afternoon. About 10F. frost all night falling to 20F. on the ground.	
			Sixteen crews briefed for special "Tallboy" effort at 17.00 hours, but cancelled before take off. Three aircraft debombed for practice bombing and Training Flights.	
	6/1		Weather: Foggy with slight rain before dawn, becoming cloudy in the afternoon. Slight ground frost.	
			Five aircraft on practice bombin and training flight.	
	7/1		Weather: Fair with period of slight rain around dawn. Strong W-NW'ly.wind. About 5F. frost throu.h out the day.	
			Nothing of operational or training importance to note.	
	8/1		Weather: Fair becoming cloudy with slight rain at 0.00 hours, turning to intermittent snow and sleet after dawn. Strong NW'ly. wind continuin . temperature just below freezing point.	
			Sixteen crews briefed for special "Tallboy" effort but operation cancelled before take off presumably owing to unfavourable weather conditions.	
	9/1		Strong winds with intermittent snow and sleet throu.hout the period, and temperature just below freezin. point, falling to 23F.at night.	
			No flying programme or operations planned.	

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	10/1		Weather: Cloudy with snow showers reducing visibility to fog limits at times. Wind mainly strong NW'ly. 5F. air frost 10F. ground frost.	
			Nothing of special importance to record. Squadron personnel engaged on clearing snow from runways. New crew arrived from R.A.F. Syerston, Pilot F/O MacDonnell.	
	11/1		Weather: Mainly cloudy with snow showers turning to rain with slightly warmer conditions during the night.	
			Sixteen crews briefed for special daylight "Tallboy" operation, to take off at about 10.00 hours. Cancelled before take off.	
	12/1		Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain and drizzle. Temperature just above freezing. Wind still strongly NE'ly.	
			Sixteen crews again briefed for operation planned on previous day. Target, the "U" boat pens at Bergen. Take off was between 08.30 and 08.50 hours. Weather was clear and visibility good. Bombing heights varied between 15,500 ft. and 18,000 ft. Owing to smoke and haze over the target, all results were not fully observed, but some bombs were seen to hit the pens. One aircraft was reported missing, all other returning to base between 1540 and 1610 hours.	
	13/1		Weather: Cloudy with continuous moderate rain and drizzle at first, becoming intermittent after dawn, and ceasing during the late afternoon. Very slight ground frost.	
			Nothing of importance to record.	
	14/1		Weather: Cloudy with fairly light N'ly wind, and temperature above freezing throughout the period.	
			Thirteen crews briefed for operations. Eleven aircraft took off between 16.10 and 16.40. Two aircraft failed to take off i.e. "L" Love and "X" Xray. The target attacked was Leuna. Visibility over the target was reported to be good except for slight haze. Bombing was carried out at heights varying from 14,000 - 16,000 feet. Bombing results were good and well concentrated. Several large explosions were seen and crews reported large clouds of smoke over the target.	1

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	14/1		One aircraft NN.722 was reported missing, otherwise all returned safely to base between 0209 and 0255 hours.	
	15/1		Weather: Foggy at first with bright intervals at dawn, becoming cloudy during the afternoon with poor visibility. No frost.	
	16/1		Weather: Intermittent drizzle before dawn, becoming cloudy later with fog forming, but dispersing after midday. No frost. Twelve crews briefed for operations. Take off between 17.30 and 18.00 hours. Target Brux. The attack was carried out at 16,000 - 17,000 feet through 10/10 th cloud. Bombing appeared well concentrated, and large palls of smoke were seen rising about 2,000 ft. above cloud level. Other pilots reported large explosions and fires. All aircraft returned safely to base between 0303 and 0331 hours.	
	17/1		Weather: Fair with slight rain after dark. Nothing of importance to record.	
	18/1		Weather: Cloudy with period of moderate to heavy continuous rain during the morning, becoming intermittent after midday. Nothing of importance to record.	
	19/1		Weather: Intermittent sleet and snow showers accompanied by gale force winds. Showers becoming less frequent after dawn. 11F. Frost at night. Nothing of importance to record.	
	20/1		Weather: Fair to cloudy with snow and sleet showers after midday. 8F. frost Nothing of importance to record.	

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	20/1		Weather: Fair to cloudy with snow and sleet showers after midday. 8F. frost	
			Nothing of importance to record.	

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	21/1		Weather: Mainly fine with fair periods after midday. 11F. frost.	
			Eleven crews engaged on High Level practice bombing.	
	22/1		Weather: Partly cloudy with snow showers early. Wind becoming very light and air temperature	
			falling to 24F. frost. Three inches of snow on the ground.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
	23/1		Weather: Light wind. Thick fog clearing between 0800 and 2000 hours. Thick rime. The coldest	
			day of the month with a ground temperature falling to 28 frost.	
			NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE TO REPORT.	
	24/1		Weather: Light wind. Very thick fog all day. Heavy rime. 14 F. frost.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
	25/1		Weather: Light wind. Thick frost and fog obscuring sky all day. 14F. frost.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
	26/1		Weather: Fog clearing after dawn with fine conditions until 2200 hours when fog reforming.	
			23F. frost.	
			Nine aircraft on High Level bombing and training flights.	
	27/1		Fog clearing during the morning, after which variable sky with snow showers. Fresh NW'ly wind.	
			7F. frost.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	

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	28/1		Weather: Intermittent snow showers increasing the depth of snow on the ground to 5 ins. by dawn. 20F. frost.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
	29/1		Weather: Cloudy with fog forming in morning, dispersing during the afternoon, but reforming again at dusk. 4F. frost.	
			Two crews engaged on training flights.	
	30/1		Weather: Strong wind accompanied by drifting snow before dawn. Increasing the snow cover to 7 inches, and in some parts to more than 12 ins. Temperature just below freezing.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
	31/1		Cloudy with drizzle and fog after dawn. Temperature rising rapidly, and snow commencing with thaw.	
			Nothing of importance to report.	
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	29/12		P/O A/F/O K.A.Cook. Pilot. Posted in from 463 Squadron.	
	1/1		P/O R.C. Flynn. Air Bomber. 53 Base N/E sick.	
	1/1		F/O H. Denton. Pilot. to 53 Base N/E sick.	
	1/1		F/O R.F. Goebel. Air Bomber to 53 Base N/E sick.	
	2/1		F/O J.A. Reaks. Pilot to War Casualty.	
	2/1		F/O J.A. Read. Pilot to 53 Base N/E sick.	
	2/1		F/O D.A. Jennings Air Bomber posted in from 10 O.T.U.	
	5/1		P/O D. Fitzgerald. Air Gunner posted in from 463 Squadron.	
	5/1		P/O J. Acheson Air Gunner on Commisioning.	
	7/1		P/O S.E. Evans Air Gunner to 53 Base N/E sick.	
	8/1		P/O J. Lockerbie. Navigator to 9 Squadron on Commissioning.	

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	5/1		P/O J. Acheson Air Gunner on Commissioning.	
	7/1		P/O S.E. Evans Air Gunner to 53 Base M/E sick.	
	8/1		P/O J. Lockerbie Navigator to 9 Squadron on Commissioning.	

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	8/1		P/O W. Chorney. Navigator to 9 Squadron on commissioning.	
	9/1		P/O E.J. Ramwell. Air Bomber to 9 Squadron on Commissioning.	
	10/1		F/O J. E. MCDonnell Pilot posted in from L.F.S.	
	10/1		F/O M. Chorny. Navigator posted in from L.F.S.	
	10/1		F/O J. Fricker Air Bomber posted in from L.F.S.	
	11/1		P/O C. C. Charlton Wireless Operator to 9 Squadron on Commissioning.	
	12/1		F/L W. T. Gabriel. Air Gunner to 53 Base M/E sick.	
	13/1		F/O E.E. Redfern. Pilot to War Casualty.	
	13/1		F/O P.O HULL. Air Bomber to War Casualty.	
	16/1		F/O R.S. Craddock Air Gunner, posted in from 5 L.F.S.	
	24/1		F/O G.V. Cooper. Wireless Operator from 1654 C.U.	
			F/O Jones A. E. Awarded D. F. C.	
			P/O Peterson J. A. Awarded D. F. C.	
			P/O Cunningham Awarded D. F. M.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
1.1.45.	LANCASTER A.42933	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W.	BOMBING	07.50		CRASHED ON TAKE OFF.	
	MK. I. P.B. 368	SGT DAWES	K.E.	LADBERGEN				
		F/O SHUTLER	W.C.					
		F/O NOLAN	A.					
	A.42616	F/S MOORE	I.L.					
		SGT ROUND	R.G.					
		SGT COPPERWAITE	R.A.C.					
1.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/O NEWTON	C.	BOMBING	07.47.		CRASHED ON TAKE OFF	
	MK.I. N.G.252	SGT BOOTH	C.	LADBERGEN.				
		F/S GRANT	P.					
	J.92238	F/O FLYNN	R.C.					
		SGT KELLY	L.G.					
	R.200401	F/S COOPER	E.H.					
	J.92546.	F/O STEVENS	R.					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
~~1.1.45~~ 1.1.45.	LANCASTER PA.172	F/L OLDACRE W. P/O MCDONELL H. SGT SANDERS F.A. P/O GRIFFIN F.S. A.418829 F/S GARDINER J. J. SGT MACKAY T. SGT MACALLISTER W.A.	BOMBING LADBERGEN	08.15	13.24	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. Just short of the western edge of the canal near the river, RED T.I. not seen but Canal clearly visible and identified and bombs, including own stock, seen to straddle it diagonally. 1118½ 12,000ft 045°T. RAS 160. 12x1000 MC. 1 hr. L.D. Bombs seen to straddle Canal diagonally.	
1.1.45.	LANCASTER A.2842 NG584	F/O WILEY J.C. SGT WELSH I. SGT COOPER D. F/S EVANS D. F/S ROGERS K.A. SGT LUCAS W.E. SGT LANE J.T.	BOMBING LADBERGEN.	0808	14.03	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. Western edge of Canal by the river. 1118 hours. 11,800ft. 040°T. RAS 165. 12x1000 MC. L.D. 1 hr. One stick of bombs seen to straddle Canal near river diagonally. Some bombing seen to overshoot slightly.	
1.1.45.	LANCASTER PB696	F/O MACDONALD R.C. F/S WILLIAMS J. SGT SHELDON G.F. F/S BOWYER L. E. F/S PALMER P.C. SGT THOMAS S.A. SGT WILLIAMS. T.J.	BOMBING LADBERGEN	0811	13.59	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. Western edge of Canal. 1118 hours. 11,000 ft. 045T. 165. RAS 12x1000 MC L.D. 1 hr. Bombing seemed very successful amd many sticks seen bursting across the canal.	
1.1.45	LANCASTER NF.929 A.437458	F/O ANDERSON H. SGT POCOCK G.E. F/S VIVIAN A.B. F/S SUMNER E. F/S CORNFOOT A. SGT ASHWORTH K.A. SGT HARRISON. J.	BOMBING GRAVENHORST.	08.19	13.59	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. West bank of Canal in sights at junction of the river. 1118. 10,500 050T. 160 RAS. 12x1000 MC. L.D. 1 hr. Bombing appeard to be concentrated but early in attack. Long delay bombs used. Nothing much observed.	

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1.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS A.E.	BOMBING	08.13	13.29	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear-visibility good. Western edge of	
	NG236	SGT HIGGINS C.V.	LADBERGEN			Canal where stream crosses. 1116 hrs. 10,000 ft. 034°T RAS	
		F/S MOUSELY K.C.				170: 12x1000 MC. L.D. 1 hr. Markers appeared to be S.W. of	
	R.117477	SGT FISHER H.A.				aiming point. Three bombs of own stick appeared to fall in	
		SGT MCMILLAN C.M.				Canal, and the rest appeared to fall on Western edge of	
		SGT THOMAS T.A.				Canal. Some bombing seen to be overshooting on the Eastern	
		SGT SYMMONDS. G.J.				bank, bombing 16 minutes late. 1x1000 MC. hung up and	
						brought back to Base. Route markers not seen.	
1.1.45	LANCASTER NZ.426036.	F/O DENTON R.F.H.	BOMBING	07.44		AIRCRAFT MISSING + NO MESSAGES RECEIVED.	
	PD377	SGT HARTSHORN W.N.	LADBERGEN				
		F/S KNEEBONE E.					
		F/O GOEBEL F.H.					
		F/S THOMPSON G.					
		SGT POTTS E.J.					
		SGT PRICE. J.T.					
1.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEAKS P.W.	BOMBING	08.10		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO MESSAGES RECEIVED.	
	NC223	SGT SCOTT T.	LADBERGEN				
		F/S ALTON F.					
		F/O BATES D.C.					
		F/S CURRINGAN A.L.					
		F/S PEACE S.W.					
		F/S BAMFORTH W.G.					
1.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O REDFERN	BOMBING	08.18		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO MESSAGES RECEIVED.	
	NG257	F/S WILLIAMS	BERGEN				
		SGT COOPER					
		F/O HULL					
		SGT ROBERTS					
		SGT BRAND					
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1-2.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	16.39	23.48	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. M.P.I. of Red T.I's	
	PA.172	SGT FLANAGAN E.J.	GRAVENHORST			9,000 ft. Bombs 12x1000 MC. Results not observed. Marking	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				was excellent.	
		F/O MITCHELL B.J.					
		SGT ROBERTS L.G.					
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J.C.					
1-2.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	16.37	23.31	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. M.P.I of Red T.I's	
	NG937	SGT SPALDING C.R.	GRAVENHORST			929 ft. Bombs 11x1000 MC. Bombing appeared accurate.	
		SGT TAYLOR G.J.					
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.					
		F/S WILLINGTON F.					
		SGT BICKER R.G.					
		SGT ALLSOP M.W.A.					
1-2.1.45.	LANCASTER AA.528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	16.48	23.24	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. M.P.I. of Red T.I's.	
	LM220	SGT MIDDLESTONE H.K.	GRAVENHORST			9250 ft. Bombs 11x1,000 MC. Bombing appeared very accurate	
		SGT HENKES J.M.				D.R. compass U/S prevented use of computor box. Holes in	
		F/S HARDSLEY N.				Starboard main plane caused by flak in T/A at 19.15.11,000ft.	
		SGT SCOTT W.					
		F/S CHELCROFT D.E.					
		SGT DAVIES. W.A.J.					
1-2.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	16.47	23.42	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear visibility. M.P.I. of cluster of	
	NG249	SGT MAYHEW H.	GRAVENHORST			Red T.I's 19.19 hrs at 12, 400 ft. 090T. Bombs 12x1000 MC.	
		SGT HAMMOND G.A.				Markers were well concentrated and extremely accurate.	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.				Two sticks of bombs seen to straddle canal. Two small holes	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				in bomb doors and starboard wings.	
		SGT KING W.L.					
		F/S HEFFELL G.M.					

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1-2.1.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS	A.F.	BOMBING	16.50	23.44	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. Red T.I.'s 19.15 hrs. at	
	LL845.	SGT WILLIAMS	C.L.G.	GRAVENHORST			11,000 ft 175T. Bombs 12x1000MC Ex1000 lb MC. Hung up. One	
		SGT LOCKERBI	J.				jettisoned at 5150 N. -0640- 1930 1000. Other not known to	
		P/O GOLD	J.R.				be on aircraft until after landing at Banff. This bomb fell	
		SGT STANNER	L.G.				through bomb doors after aircraft had taken off for Bardney	
		SGT THOMPSON	S.A.				and fell near the Watch Office at Banff. Bomb was safe when	
		SGT READEY	D.				it fell. Marking excellent.	
1-2.1.45	LANCASTER A.418933	F/O ARNDELL	K.C.	BOMBING	16.36	23.33	Target not attacked as bombs hung up when over target at	
	NG206	SGT JONES	H.	GRAVENHORST			1919½ 9,000 ft. 177T. Lights operated and it was not dis-	
	NZ.421093	F/S CAMPBELL	H.D.				covered that the bombs were hung up until an inspection was	
		F/O PORTER	H.W.				made after leaving the target. Orders had by then been	
		F/O MEADS	R.				given by the controller to return to base and bombs were	
		F/S HIGH	J.P.				therefore jettisoned over enemy territory 12x1000 lb MC.	
		SGT RICHARDS.	L.G.				jettisoned 5209 N 0725 S 19.23 9,000ft.	
1-2.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH	L.E.	BOMBING	16.35	0001	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. The markers were well	
	NG257	F/S HARRISON	C.L.	GRAVENHORST			concentrated and accurate one Red T.I. being on the west	
	J.88948	F/O BROWN	A.				bank and one Green T.I. on the east bank of the canal.	
	J.27266	F/O CARR	J.A.				Results of bombing not observed owing to delayed fuses.	
		W/O DAVIES	C.I.G.				Wind 055/46 passed to controller at 1908.	
		SGT MARSHALL	G.J.					
		F/S RICHES.	F.R.					
1-2.1.45	LANCASTER NZ.426172	F/O HARPER	M.L.T.	BOMBING	1644	23.53	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility clear. The markers were extrem-	
	PB195	SGT WHITWORTH	A.	GRAVENHORST			ely well placed. M.P.I. of cluster of Red T.I's 19.17½.	
		F/O HOME	S.G.				16,700 ft. 12x1000 MC 1hr. L.D. Markers were well placed.	
		F/S WILLIAMS	D.				Results of bombing not observed owing to delay fuses.	
		F/S IRWIN	G.H.					
		F/O LEGGE	W.					
		SGT MEAGHER.	J.J.					

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F/S IRWIN G.H.
F/O LEGGE W.
SGT MEAGHER J.J.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
1.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	08.07	11.25	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Returned early from 5022 S. 0159 E. at	
	NG220	SGT BAKER W.H.	LADBERGEN			0917. Owing to late take off, aircraft was 10 minutes late	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				at 5022 N. 0159 E. and it was considered impossible to	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				catch up the main stream and decision therefore made to	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.				return to Base. 3x1,000 lb MC. fused 1 hour delay jettison-	
		SGT GRAY F.W.				ed safe at 5303N 0202E., 1035 hours - 5000 ft. 9x1000 lb	
		SGT JEPSON L.V.				MC. fused one hour delay.	
12.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/O REDFERN E.C.	BOMBING	08.48		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO SIGNALS RECEIVED, OR MESSAGES.	
	NG257	F/S WILLIAMS C.L.G.	BERGEN				
		SGT COOPER R.W.					
		F/O HULL A.P.					
		SGT ROBERTS S.H.					
		SGT BRAND W.					
		SGT WINCH D.					
12.1.145	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS A.	BOMBING	08.47	1554	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, visibility good. Agreed promontory	
	NG242	SGT LOAKES J.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1301. 16,500.	
		F/S MOUSLEY K.C.				178T. RAS 180. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Five bombs including	
		F/S FISHER H.A.				own bombs, seen to fall in target area. One bomb also	
		SGT MACMILLAN C.M.				seen to hit ship North of own Aiming Point.	
		SGT THOMAS. T.A.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER	S/LDR MELROSE J.D.	BOMBING	08.35	16.11.	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Some haze. Agreed Promontory N.W.	
	NN722	Sgt SELFE E.C.	BERGEN.			of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1305. 17,000. 203T. RAS	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				175. Tallboy fused 11 secs. 2/3 bombs seen slightly to	
		F/O MORRIS S.A.				overshoot causing much smoke which prevented any further	1
	A.A.22324	F/O WOLFE R.G.				detailed observation of results. One bomb seen to be a	
		F/S HOYLE E.				near miss on ship due North of own Aiming Point. Suggest	
		F/S STALLEY. A.E.				that Vector point should not be up wind of target and	2
						should also be further away from target.	

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12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	R.J.	BOMBING	0846	1604	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, visibility good. Agreed promont-	
	PD198	SGT MELLORS	M.	BERGEN			ory N.W. of Target. Vector wind 145/19 used. 1301, 17,600	
		F/S YOUNG	F.W.				174. 168 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Approximately five	
		P/O PARSONS	H.F.C.				bombs seen to explode slightly S.E. of Target. Own bomb	
		F/O BROWNLIE	W.R.				not seen to explode due to smoke. Fighter cover only seen	
		P/O WILLIAMS	A.J.				for a few moments half an hour before reacing target.	
		F/L GABRIEL	W.J.				Damaged by fighters, four F.W. 190. All turrets put out of	
							action. Damaged assessed as aircraft cat. A.C. in the air.	
12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY	A.L.	BOMBING	0850	1601	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Agreed promontory	
	LM220	SGT WOTHERSPOON	A.E.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1259. 15,600ft.	
	J.92831	P/O CHOFNY	W.				120T. RAS. 180. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Bombs seen to appear	
		F/S TANNER	L.W.				to slightly overshoot. Fighter escort did not appear to	
		F/S CHAMBERS	S.D.				go to the assistance of two Lancasters being attacked.	
		F/S CORNWELL	C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON	J.E.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER A.4288.2	F/O WILEY	J.C.	BOMBING	0839	1540	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Some haze or smoke screen. Agreed	
	LM217	SGT WELSH	I.	BERGEN			promontory N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1305.	
		SGT VERNEY	D.				16,900. 160T. RAS 170. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Explosions	
		F/O EVANS	D.				and smoke in target area. Detailed observations of results	
		F/S ROGERS	K.A.				not possible.	
		SGT LUCAS	W.E.					
		SGT LANE.	J.T.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER	S/LDR WILLIAMS	A.G.	BOMBING	0844	1551	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Smoke Screen. Agreed promontory	
	NG206	F/S PRETTEJOHNS	G.V.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1301, 18,000.	
	A.43380	F/O HARVEY	R.C.				180T. RAS. 160. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Own bombs seen to	
		F/S HORRY	A.H.				hit target. Other bombs believed to have fallen in target	
		SGT MORGAN	P.A.				area from which considerable smoke was arising.	
		F/S HIGH	H.					
		F/S WATT.	A.B.					

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12.1.145.	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	0843	1558	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. Visibility excellent. Promontory	
	NF292	SGT HARRISON C.L.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1305½ 17,200 ft.	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				RAS. 180. 190T. Tallboy fused 11 secs. On first run approx-	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.				imately 3 hits seen on pens. On second run target obscured	
		W/O CHARLTON G.C.				by smoke. Own bomb seen to fall in concentration.	
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON. J.R.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS L.H.	BOMBING	0833	1545	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. Visibility excellent. Promontory	
	NR235	F/S JOWETT F.W.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1302½ 16,000 ft.	
		S/LDR RUMBLES R.C.				RAS. 175. 180T. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. On first run there	
	A.4.21281	F/O JONES A.E.				appeared to be several hits. On second run, target obscured	
		F/S WARE J.				by smoke. Own bomb disappeared into smoke.	
		F/S JOHNSON J.B.					
		SGT CUTTING. J.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	0849	1559	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Vector point could not be clearly id-	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD. A.	BERGEN			entified visually, owing to some haze and considerable smoke	
		P/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				drifting over from previous bombing. Four runs were made	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				over the Aiming Point without success.	
	A.4.21903	W/O BLACK F.					
		SGT STRACHAN P.					
		SGT HOOPER. F.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER A.4.22148	F/L DUNNE J.J.	BOMBING	0841	1553	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility hazy due to sun. 'U'	
	NG220	SGT LOCKERBY J.	BERGEN			Boat Pens, bombed visually. 1312. 16,400Ft. 018T. 185 RAS.	
		P/O THAIN M.J.				Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Ran into sun on first run so made	
		F/O PHILPOT C.L.				second run and smoke and explosions seen. Used wind 224/12	
		SGT KNIGHT J.W.				(True wind 224/18). Own bomb hit seen to explode. As bombing	
		P/O ROSE J.T.				run was in the sun, found difficulty in identifying the	
		F/S JORDAN J.F.				target so bombed visually. Camera lead loose on type 35 con-	
						trol.	

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12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L LAKE. R.C.	BOMBING	0836	1544	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visually excellent. Agreed promontory	
	PB696	F/S BAIRD R.W.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19½ 1302½ 18,000ft.	
	J.87217	P/O PETERSON J.A.				183T. 160 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. On first run bomb	
		F/O PORTER H.W.				seen to burst on pens, but on second run target obscured by	
		P/O WEBB T.A.				smoke. Own bombing results not seen. Bombing appeared	
		F/S STREET. A.G.				effective.	
		F/S PARKES. J.S.					
12.1.45.	A.429303 LANCASTER	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	0842	1556	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. Visibility excellent. Promontary	
	ME809	SGT JONES A.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1305. 17,200 ft.	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				178T. RAS. 170. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Target obscured by	
		F/O NOLAN A.				smoke. Bombing appeared to be slightly overshooting. Own	
	A.424616	F/S MOORE I.L.				bombs seen to fall in concentration but result not seen.	
		SGT ROUND R.G.					
		SGT COPPERWAITE. R.A.C.					
12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH L.E.	BOMBING	0845	1504	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, with slight haze to north over	
	PA172	F/S HARRISON C.L.	BERGEN			Bergen town. Aiming Point as briefed. 1304. 16,000ft. 194T.	
	J.38918	P/O BROWN A.				170 M.P.H. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. A very concentrated attack.	
		P/O RAMWELL P.J.				A number of aircraft orbitted and we were a bit late owing	
		W/O DAVIES C.I.G.				to windfinding. We started in formation but owing to orbitt-	
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.				ing, broke up, and after leaving target just off the coast,	
		F/S RICHES. F.R.				we were attacked at 1309 by five F.W.190's, who peeled off	
						in turn and attacks went on consistently to 1327. We ended	
						up at 900 ft. and 360 on the clock after corkscrewing	
						continuously. One F.W.190 followed us finally at a safe dis-	
						tance but gave up as we were going up into the sun. After	
						seeing the fighter escort at the concentration we never saw	
						them again, except for one which stood off and watched us	
						hear the end of the attacks. One Lanc. seen shot down on fire	
						and go straight into the sea, from 16,000 ft. The F.W.190'S	
						were firing self destroying shells.	

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12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L LAKE.	R.C.	BOMBING	0836	1544	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visually excellent. Agreed promontory	
	PB696	F/S BAIRD	R.W.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19½ 1302½ 18,000ft.	
	J.87217	P/O PETERSON	J.A.				183T. 160 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. On first run bomb	
		F/O PORTER	H.W.				seen to burst on pens, but on second run target obscured by	
		P/O WEBB	T.A.				smoke. Own bombing results not seen. Bombing appeared	
		F/S STREET.	A.G.				effective.	
		F/S PARKES.	J.S.					
12.1.45.	A.429303 LANCASTER	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W.	BOMBING	0842	1556	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. Visibility excellent. Promontary	
	ME809	SGT JONES	A.	BERGEN			N.W. of target. False wind vector 145/19. 1305. 17,200 ft.	
		F/O SHUTLER	W.C.				178T. RAS. 170. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Target obscured by	
		F/O NOLAN	A.				smoke. Bombing appeared to be slightly overshooting. Own	
	A.424616	F/S MOORE	I.L.				bombs seen to fall in concentration but result not seen.	
		SGT ROUND	R.G.					
		SGT COPPERWAITE.	R.A.C.					
12.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH	L.E.	BOMBING	0845	1504	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, with slight haze to north over	
	PA172	F/S HARRISON	C.L.	BERGEN			Bergen town. Aiming Point as briefed. 1304. 16,000ft. 194T.	
	J.38943	P/O BROWN	A.				170 M.P.H. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. A very concentrated attack.	
		P/O RAMWELL	P.J.				A number of aircraft orbitted and we were a bit late owing	
		W/O DAVIES	C.I.G.				to windfinding. We started in formation but owing to orbitt-	
		SGT MARSHALL	C.J.				ing, broke up, and after leaving target just off the coast,	
		F/S RICHES.	F.R.				we were attacked at 1309 by five F.W.190's, who peeled off	
							in turn and attacks went on consistently to 1327. We ended	
							up at 900 ft. and 360 on the clock after corkscrewing	
							continuously. One F.W.190 followed us finally at a safe dis-	
							tance but gave up as we were going up into the sun. After	
							seeing the fighter escort at the concentration we never saw	
							them again, except for one which stood off and watched us	
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
12.1.45	NZ.426172 LANCASTER	F/O HARPER	M.L.T.	BOMBING	0840	1549	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Water 50 yds	
	NG249	SGT WHITWOTH	A.	BERGEN			N.E. of Aiming Point. Vector wind 145/19. 1300. 17,000.	
		F/O HOME	J.G.				133T. 170 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. Bombs seen exploding	
		P/O WILLIAMS	D.				on run-up appeared to be overshooting. Own bombing not seen	
		F/S IRWIN	G.H				due to smoke and 11 secs delay. Unable to assess bombing	
		SGT MCCANN	J.J.				due to combat.	
		SGT MEAGHER.	J.J.					
12.1.45.	LANCASTER A.426596	F/O JONES	A.F.	BOMBING	0837	1547	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, except for slight sea mist. Agreed	
	NG384	F/S BILES	A.E.W.	BERGEN			promontory N.W. of target, on vector 145/19. 1259½ 15,000 ft	
		P/O SCOTT	S.				137T. 190 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. On first run five	
		F/O BLUNSDON	R.L.				bombs seen to go down slightly South of target, one seen to	
	A.419630	W/O BIRCH	R.L.				hit target on S.E. corner, no explosions. Own bombing not	
		SGT GLOVER	R.				seen due to smoke. Oxygen u/s for whole crew until reaching	
	A.428640	P/O ACHESON	J.				target. M/U gunner had to use bottles throughout whole trip.	
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O COOK	R.W.	BOMBING	1621		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO SIGNALS OR MESSAGES RECEIVED.	
	NN722	SGT TAYLOR	H.	LEUNA				
		F/S WATT	A.B.					
	A.428879	F/S MCKNIGHT	B.C.					
	A.429719	F/S MACNAMARA	M.J.					
		F/S MACLEAN	J.E.B.					
	A.434528	F/S KERRINGTON	M.J.					
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	H.	BOMBING	1620	0240	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths low status. Visibility good	
	NG929	SGT LOAKES	W.D.	LEUNA			above. M.P.I. of cluster of green T.I's. Over shot 14 secs.	1
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN	A.B.				on Controllers instructions. 2112. 15,000 ft. 114T. RAS 165.	
		F/S SUMNER	E.				1x4000 lb MC(Nose Inst.)2x500 lb MC TD. 025. 11x500 lb. GP. TD.	
		F/S CORNFOOT	A.				025. 1X500 lb GP LD. 374.6 Green T.I's were well concentrated	
		SGT ASHWORTH	K.A.				as also was the bombing. Two large explosions seen at 2108	
		SGT HARRISON.	J.					

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14/15.1.45.	LANCASTER A.428842	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1636	0212	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good apart from haze.	
	LM217	SGT WELSH I.	LEUNA			One green T.I. overshot 14 seconds on Controllers instruct-	
		F/S VERNEY D.				ions. 2107½ 14,000 ft. 120T. R.s. 165. 1x4,000 lb. MC.	
		F/S EVANS D.				(Nose Inst) 2x500 lb MC. TD. .025 11x500 lb. GP TD. 025.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.				1x500 lb GP. LD. 37A 6 hr. About four explosions and smoke	
		F/S LUCAS W.E.				seen after leaving target. Results of bombing not observed.	
		F/S LANE J.T.					
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	1626	0159	PRIMARY ATTACKED. No cloud but slight ground haze. M.P.I.	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW H.	LEUNA			of six green T.I's 14 secs delay. 2100. 15,250 ft. 116T.	
		SGT HAMMOND G.A.				180 RAS. 1x4000 lb. GP. LD. 37s 6 hr. Marking appeared 100	
		SGT MCINTOSH D.A.				yds off Aiming Point. Green T.I's well comcentrated, red	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				dummies seen N.N.E. Large explosions seen on leaving target.	
		SGT KING W.L.				Trailing aerial lost - cause unknown.	
		F/S HEPPELL G.M.					
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	1613	0225.	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 3/10th 10 cloud and haze. Visibility fair.	
	NG384	SGT WHITWORTH A.	LEUNA			M.P.I. of cluster pf green T.I's Overshot 14 secs. on -	
		F/O HOME S.G.				Controllers instructions. 2104. 14,250 127T. RAS 180	
		F/S WILLIAMS D.				1x4000 lb MC. (Nose Inst) 2X500 lb MC. TD. 025. 11x500 lb	
		F/S IRWIN G.H.				GP. LD. 37A 6 hr. Green T.I.'s were well concentrated. Cloud	
		SGT MCCANN J.J.				of black smoke seen rising to about 12,000 ft.	
		SGT MEAGHER J.J.					
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1641	0236	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 1500 ft. Visibility	
	NG442	SGT POCOCK G.E.	LEUNA			good above. Centre of glow of Green T.I's 14 secs delay.	
		SGT SHUTLER W.C.				2115½. 15,600 ft. 113T. 165 RAS. 1x4,000 lb MC. (Nose Inst)	
		F/O NOLAN A.				2x500 lb MC. TD. 025. 10x500 lb GP.TD. 025 2x500 lb GP.LD.	
	A.424616	F/S MOORE I.L.				37A. 6 hr. Nine small fires and a large explosion seen with	
		SGT ROUND R.G.				black smoke. Green T.I's well concentrated but Reds appear-	
		SGT COPPERWAITE.	R.A.C			fairly scattered.	

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14/15.1.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS	A.F.	BOMBING	16.35	0255	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths low status. Visibility fair.	
	NG220	SGT LEWIS	A.J.	LEUNA			M.P.I. of two red and three green T.I's. Overshot 14 secs.	
		F/O LOCKERBIE	J.				on Controllers instructions. 2105. 14,600ft. 116T. RAS.	
		F/O GOLD	J.R.				208. 1x4,000 lb MC. (Nose Inst) 2x500 lbs GP. LD. 37A. 6 hr.	
		SGT STENNER	L.G.				Markers bombs were fairly well concentrated but some others	
		SGT THOMPSON	S.A.				were scattered. Smoke seen but bombing seemed rather scatter-	
		SGT REILLY	J.W.				ed. No detailed results seen.	
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O OLDACRE	W.	BOMBING	16.35	02.55	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good apart from some	
	NG235	F/O OWEN	D.E.	LEUNA			haze. One Green T.I. Overshot 14 secs. on Controllers instr-	
		SGT SAUNDERS	F.A.				uctions. 2115. 14,750 ft. 150T. RAS. 165. 1X4,000 lb. MC.	
		F/O GRIFFIN	F.S.				TD. 025. 10x500 lb. GP. 37A. 6 hr. Bombing appeared to be	
	A.418829	F/S GARDINER	J.J.				well concentrated but haze prevented detailed observations.	
		SGT MCKAY	T.				One fire seen but not spectacular. Bombed in incorrect	
		F/S BARTLETT.	A.F.				heading owing to flak on run up. Small holes in port under-	
							carriage flap and starboard inner airscrew. Spinner caused	
							by flak in target area. 2113, 14780.	
14/15.1.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL	K.C.	BOMBING	16.14	02.20	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good apart from some	
	NG206	SGT JONES	H.	LEUNA			haze. One green T.I. Overshot 14 secs., on Controllers	
	NZ.4210984	F/S CAMPBELL	A.D.				instructions. 2104. 16,500 ft. 122T. RAS 170. 1x4000 lb MC.	
		F/O PORTER	H.W.				TD. 025. 10x500 lb GP.TD. 2x500 lb GP. Ld. 37A. 6 hr.	
		F/S MEADS	R.				Bombing well concentrated but bombed early in the attack	
		SGT BROWN.	J.P.				and no results observed.	
		SGT RICHARDS.	L.					

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14/15.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	16.33	02.15	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. M.P.I. of cluster	
	LM.220	SGT WOTHERSPOON A.E.	LEUNA			green T.I's 14 secs., delay .2102. 14,500ft. 120T. 174 RAS.	
	J.92831.	P/O CHORNY W.				1x4,000 lb. MC. (Nose Inst) 2x500 lb MC. TD. 025. 11x500 lb.	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				GP. TD. 025. 1x500 lb. GP. LD. 37A. 6 hr. Green T.I's	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.				clustered well but line of reds seen, possibly Gammex.	
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.				Smoke, but no fires seen due to early bombing.	
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
14/15.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH D.	BOMBING	16.18	02.09	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good apart from slight	
	NG242	SGT COSSIP R.V.	LEUNA			haze. M.P.I. of green T.I's overshot 14 secs. on Controllers	
		P/O HAWKINS N.				instructions. 2105. 16,000 ft. 120T. RAS. 180. 1x4,000 lb	
		P/O RAMWELL P.J.				MC. (Nose Inst) 2x500 lb. MC. TD. 025. 10x500 lb. MC. TD.	
		F/S TETLOW P.E.				025. 2x500 lb. GP. LD. 37A 6 hr. Green T.I's were well	
		SGT WOOD J.A.				concentrated, and bombing in the main was also well con-	
		SGT OWEN. G.				centrated. An explosion was seen at 2107 and a large cloud	
						of smoke up to 6,000 ft. and still rising.	
16/17.1.45.	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	17.40	03.03	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 S.C. tops about 4,000. One cas-	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON. G.L.	BRUX			ading green T.I direct. 2352. 2239. 15, 250 ft. 165° RAS	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON. H.I.				190. 1x4,000 lb. MC. (Inst.) 10x500 lb. GP. (625) 1x500 lb. MC.	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.				025. 2x500 lb. GP. (72) Large explosions well lit up cloud but	
		P/O CHARLTON. G.G.				detailed observations not possible. On leaving target fires	
		F/O GLASPER J.H.				also seen. A.P.I U/S half way up to the target and wind	
		F/S CHARLTON. J.R.				therefore not found.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W.	BOMBING	17.38	03.31.	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 status tops about 5000. Visibility	
	NF937	SGT POCOCK	G.E.	BRUX			good above. M.P.I. of four cascading green T.I's direct	
		F/O SHUTLER	W.C.				2236. 17,000 160T RAS. 160. 1x4000 lb MC. (Inst) 1x500 lb	
		F/O NOLAN	L.				GP. (.023) 1x500 lb MC. .025 2x500 lb GP. (6 hrs.) M.P.I.	
		F/S MOORE	I.L.				of cascading green T.I's coincided with column of black	
		SGT ROUND	R.G.				smoke rising through the cloud. Glow of fires also seen.	
		SGT COPPERWAITE.	R.A.C.				Large orange explosions lasting about 5 secs., was follow-	
							by a bluish white explosion which lasted 8/10 secs. at	
							2232.	
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD	R.C.	BOMBING	17.34	03.27	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths stratus. Tops about 4,500.	
	PB696	SGT HUNTER	A.J.	BRUX			Visibility above, good. Glow of one red T.I. reflected on	
		F/S SHELDON	G.F.				cloud. Overshot two secs., when bombing the reflection of	
		F/S BOWYER	L.R.				the red T.I. 2233. 17, 500ft 180T. 190 RAS. 1x4000 lb.	
		F/S PALMER	P.C.				MC. (Inst) 11x390 lbs. GP. (.025) 1x300 lb. MC. (.025)	
		SGT JUDD	A.J.				1x500GP. 6 hrs. Bobming appeared well concentrated from	
		SGT WILLIAMS.	T.J.				explosions seen. Large pall of smoke seen rising about	
							2,000 ft. above cloud.	
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL	K.C.	BOMBING	17.44	03.10	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 stratus, tops about 4,000 ft.	
	NG206	SGT JONES	H.	BRUX			Visibility above good. Glow of one green T.I. reflected on	
	NZ.421098	F/S CAMPBELL	H.D.				cloud direct. 2233. 17,930 ft. 135° RAS 165. 1x4000 lb	
		F/O PORTER	H.W.				MC. (Inst) 10x300 lb. GP. (.025) 11x300 lb. GP. (12 hours)	
		F/S MEADS	R.				One large pall of smoke seen rising through cloud.	
		SGT BROWN	J.P.				Very large esplosions seen at 2236.	
		SGT RICHARDS.	L.G.					

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16/17.1.45	LANCASTER A.4288?2	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	17.48	03.28	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10th S.C. Tops 5/6000 Visibility above	
	NG384	SGT WELSH I.	BRUX			good. Glow of red T.I's. Bombed as ordered. 2240. 17,300 ft.	
		SGT VERNEY D.				120T. 160 RAS. 1x4000 lb. MC. (Inst) 11X500 lb. GP. (.025)	
		F/S EVANS D.				1x500 lb MC. (025) 1x300 GP. (72 hours) Marking good.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.				Large pall of smoke above cloud. One or two large explosions	
		F/S LUCAS W.E.				lasting 4/5 secs. Fires seen in target area for 100 miles	
		F/S LANE. J.T.				on return. Successful attack.	
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER A418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	17.51	03.06	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 stratus. Tops about 4,000 ft.	
	NF442	SGT LEWIS A.J.	BRUX			Visibility above good. M.P.I. of reflection of red T.I's on	
		F/O LOCKERBIE J.				cloud. Overshot 13 secs. 2234 17,000 ft. 094T. 200 RAS.	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				1x4000 MC. (Inst) 10x300 lb. GP. (.025) 1x300 lb MC. (.025)	
		SGT STENNER L.G.				1x300 lb MC. (.025) 2x500 lb. GP. (12 hours) Large	
		SGT THOMPSON S.A.				explosions seen at 2232. Reflection of fires on cloud seen	
		SGT REILLY. J.W.				30 miles from target on homeward route. Markers appeared	
						well concentrated.	
16/17.1.45.	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	17.52	03.D	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 S.C. Tops 6,000 ft. Visibility	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	BRUX			above good. Glow of Red T.I's. Bombed direct as ordered.	
		F/O HOLME S.G.				2235 hrs. 16,500 ft. 180°T. 175° RAS. 1x4000 lb. MC. (Inst)	
		F/S WILLIAMS D.				11x500 lb. GP. (.025) 1x500 lb. MC. (.025) 1x300 lb. GP.	
		F/S IRWIN G.H.				(6 hrs). Marking good, large pall of smoke above cloud	
		SGT MCCANN J.J.				8/10,000 ft. Dull red glow also seen. Bomb sight U/S	
		SGT MEAGER. J.J.				at the time of bombing. Bombed with emergency computor.	

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16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	17.36	03.19	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths S.C. Tops 3/4,000. Visibility	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD A.	BRUX			good above. Glow of red and green T.I's 2235. 17,000 ft.	
		P/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				120T. 165 RAS. 1 x 4000 lb MC. (Inst) 10 x 500 lb. GP.	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				(.025) 1 x 500 lb MC. (.025) 2x500 lb. GP. (172 hours)	
	A.421903	W/O BLACK F.				Marking and bombing appeared good. Glow of one or two	
		SGT STRACHEN P.				fires. Black smoke seen above cloud.	
		SGT HOOPER F.					
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	17.53	03.16	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 S.C. tops 4,000 feet.	
	NF.929	SGT LOAKES W.D.	BRUX			Visibility above good. The glow of a large fire and	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.B.				bombed direct as ordered, received on W/T as V. H. F.	
		F/S SUMNER E.				U/S. 2236. 17,750 feet. 191T. 18° RAS. 1 x 4000 MC.	
		F/S CORNFOOT A.				(Inst) 11 x 500 lb. (.025) 1 x 500 lb. M.C. (.025)	
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.				1 x 500 lb. GP. (6 hours) Green T.I's appeared off.	
		SGT HARRISON J.				Very large explosions seen at 2225. with quantities of	
						black smoke above clouds. Good fires. Intermittent	
						V. H. F. George U/S both after take off.	

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16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH	D.	BOMBING	17.57	03.04	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 S.C. tops 6,000 feet.	
	NG.242	SGT COSSER	R.V.	BRUX			Visibility good. Red T.I. bombed direct on instruct-	
		F/O HAWKINS	N.				ions for M. B. 2232 hours. 16,750 feet 192T. 170 RAS.	
		P/O RAMWELL	P.J.				1 x 400 lb. MC. (Inst) 9 x 300 GP. (.025) 1 x 300 inc.	
		F/S TETLOW	J.A.				(.025) 1 x 300 (12 hours) (GP.) Very large	
		SGT WOOD	J.A.				explosions at 2230 hours, concentrated fires with pall	
		SGT OWEN	C.				of black smoke up to 12,000 feet. Only approximately	
							three markers seen glowing through cloud. The 500 lb	
							incend was not seen to burst after dropping at W/F	
							position due to (A) Technical defect. (B) not	
							conditions.	
	NZ426166							
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O COSTER	D.A.	BOMBING	17.49	03.22	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths S.C. tops 5/8000 feet.	
	LM.220	SGT PINNING	J.C.	BRUX			Visibility above good. Glow of two green T.I's	
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK	C.W.				Bombed direct as ordered. 2235 hours. 17,250 feet 130T	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.				165 RAS. 1 x 4000 lb. MC. (Inst) 11 x 500 lb. GP.	
		F/S EAST	H.G.				(.025) 1 x 300 lb. MC. (.025) 1 x 500 lb GP. 6	
		SGT MORRISON	A.B.				hours. Marking appeared scattered. One or two large	
		SGT READY.	D.				explosions, thick black smoke seen above cloud.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
16/17.1.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	A.E.	BOMBING	17.33	03.12	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 S.C. tops 6,000 ft. Visibility	
	NG220	SGT HIGGINS	C.V.	BRUX			above clear. Glow of green T.I's. Bombed direct on instruct-	
		F/S MOUSLEY	K.C.				ions from M.B. 2239. 16,000 ft. 140T. 187 RAS. 1x4000 MC.	
	R.117477	F/S FISHER	H.A.				(inst) 9x500 GP. (.025) 2x300 MC. (.025) 1x500 Inc. (.025)	
		SGT MACMILLAN	C.M.				1x500 6 hours. Marking appeared scattered. Two or three	
		SGT THOMAS	T.A.				fires seen. Large volumes of black smoke above cloud at	
		SGT SYMONDS	G.J.				4/400 ft. W/F incend. not seen to explode.	

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BARDNEY	1/2		Cloudy. Strong W'ly wind backing S'ly in afternoon. Rain for three or four hours in the evening.	
	1945		No operational flying today. Eight aircraft took off during the day on training flights and on Fighter Affiliation exercises.	
	2/2		Intermittent rain and low cloud in the morning. Cloud breaking in the afternoon and dispersing in the late evening. Maximum temperature 50° F. (warmest since 18th December.) Two crews detailed today for operations, which was later cancelled owing to weather conditions.	
	3/2		Fine. Cloud increasing after dark, with rain before midnight. Eighteen crews were detailed for "TALLBOY" operation, target, the "U" boat pens at VMUIDEN. The take-off was at 1410 hours. Visibility over the target was good. Bombing was visual at heights varying between 14,000 and 17,000 feet. Bombing generally appeared to be slightly overshooting owing to wind, but in some cases results were not observed owing to bombs being fused ½ hour delay. One aircraft did not attack the target as the bombsight was found to be u/s. All aircraft returned safely to Base between 17.16 and 17.35 hours.	
	4/2		Rain continued through night, ceasing by 0700 hours. Afterwards cloudy until midday, then becoming fine. Strong W'ly wind. No operations today. Five crews were detailed and took off for practice bombing.	
	5/2		Some rain in the early hours. After dawn mainly fair, but with a thunderstorm around 1700. Three crews detailed for operations, but which were later cancelled owing to weather conditions	

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	6/2		Rain started around 1100 hours, continuing for nine hours, with cloud base falling very low and visibility becoming poor.		
			Eighteen crews briefed for "TALLBOY" operation against ALTENBEKEN. The target was not attacked as the whole area within fifteen miles of the target was covered by 10/10ths cloud, tops at about 6,000 feet. Leader therefore gave orders for all aircraft to return to base at 1051 hours.		
	7/2		Some rain after dawn, becoming fair, with good visibility. Strong SW'ly wind, veering W'ly. Cloud dispersing altogether in the evening.		
			One crew, Pilot F/O Waters, briefed for operations against LADBERGEN. Take-off was at 2111 hours. The visibility over the target area was obscured by 9/10th cloud, and bombing was at 11,000 feet at a concentration of Red Markers. Results of bombing were not observed owing to bomb delay fusings. The aircraft returned safely to base at 0334 hours.		
			One new crew arrived today from 5 L.F.S., Syerston. Captain, F/O R.B.Young.		
	8/2		Rain from 1100 till midnight, ceasing occasionally. Low cloud base and poor visibility.		
			Two crews briefed for operations today. Target was POLITZ . Takeoff was at 1710 hours.		
			One aircraft appeared to lose height if not carefully handled, and therefore did not attack the target. Having safely jettisoned part of its bomb load, this aircraft returned to base at 20.25 hours. The other dropped its bombs on the target. Visibility was good, and on returning fires were seen from the Swedish coast. This aircraft returned safely to base at 0240 hours.		
	9/2		Fair or fine, with good visibility. Upper cloud increasing in the late afternoon, with rain starting by 2100.		
			No operational flying today. Four aircraft took off during the day, two on training flights, and two on practise bombing.		

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	10/2		Some rain at first, but mainly fair after dawn. Heavy hail shower in the evening. No operations today. Eight crews detailed and took off during the day, six on practice bombing and two on cross country flights.	
	11/2		Cold (max.temp.35°F.) with rain about 1100 hours with sleet or snow in the afternoon, ceasing after 1300 hours. Nothing of importance to note today.	
	12/2		Rain or drizzle 0600 to 1500, with mist. Cloud breaking around dusk, with visibility becoming good. Much milder (max. temp. 54° F.) No flying today.	
	13/2		Rain from 0500 hours till 1200 hours. Becoming fine in afternoon, with good visibility. One crew briefed for attack on DRESDEN. Take-off 1820 hours. Visibility over the target was bad, there being 10/10 low stratus. Results of bombing were not observed as the pilot had to take action to avoid another aircraft. However, considerable fires were observed when 200 miles from the target. Aircraft returned safely to base at 03.50 hours. Three aircraft took off on training flights during the day.	
	14/2		Fair with variable sky. Seventeen crews were briefed for a "TALLBOY" operation, target AULENBEKEN. Take-off was at 0730 hours. The target was not attacked owing to 10/10th cloud, tops 7,000 ft. stretching from east of the Rhine to the target. From this operation one aircraft (piloted by F/L. Dunne) did not return. It is believed to have been shot down by flak. All the other aircraft landed safely at base between 1346 and 1406 hours. In the afternoon two crews were briefed for an attack on ROZITZ, take-off at 1700 hours. Over the target visability was obscured by 10/10th layer cloud, and results of bombing were	1

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	14/2		not observed, but the glow of fires was visiible against the clouds. Both aircraft returned safely at 0221 and 0237 hours.	
	15/2		Fine, with mist in morning. At 1600 conditions suddenly changed from clear skies to fog and cloud on the surface. No operational flying today. Four aircraft took off on training flights.	
	16/2		Very low cloud and poor visibility. Frosty at first. Operations cancelled owing to weather.	
	17/2		Rain 0600 to 1700. Very low cloud and poor visibility. Operations again cancelled today.	
	18/2		Well-broken cloud and moderate visibility. Very mild (Max.59°,Min. 48°) No flying today.	
	19/2		Low cloud and poor visibility in the morning. Cloud breaking and visibility becoming good in the afternoon. Seven crews briefed for operations today, target BOHLEN. Over the target visibility was bad, there being 10/10th cloud. Bombs were dropped at heights varying between 10,500 and 16,700 feet. Results of bombing were not observed, but bomb bursts were reflected in the clouds. All aircraft returned safely between 0734 and 0801 hours. IMMEDIATE AWARD OF D.F.C. - F/O F.H. DENTON.	
	19/2		A postagram was today received from H.Q.B.C. announcing the Immediate Award of the D.F.C. to F/O F.H.Denton. F/O Denton was Pilot and Captain of a Lancaster aircraft engaged on a daylight attack on the Dortmund Ems Canal on 1st January, 1945. Whilst over the target, and just after the bombs had been released, the aircraft	

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.... continued	19/2		received a direct hit by heavy flak, causing a large fire in the fuselage. A further hit was made in the nose of the aircraft, removing a large part of the perspex. It was seen that the starboard inner engine was on fire, and the aircraft began to lose height slowly. A course was set for friendly territory. It was then that F/O Denton discovered that the parachutes of two of the crew had been torn open, so that there was no possibility of abandoning the aircraft should it become uncontrollable. The Rhine was reached at 4,000 feet. F/O Denton was now suffering greatly from frost-bite and fatigue. The aircraft developed further engine trouble, and began to lose height rapidly. Despite all these difficulties F/O Denton managed to crash land his aircraft without further injury to his crew. F/O Denton displayed captaincy and airmanship of the highest order in bringing a crippled aircraft back to friendly territory by his determination and devotion to duty.	
	20/2		Rain for a while before dawn, but afterwards fine. No operations today. Eight aircraft took off today for practice high level bombing.	
	21/2		Fine becoming fair. Poor visibility. Two crews briefed for operations, target GRAVENHORST. Take-off 1720 hours. Visibility over the target was good, and bombing appeared accurate and successful. Both aircraft returned safely to base at 2336 hours.	
	21/2		POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE VICTORIA CROSS - F/S GEORGE THOMPSON. The newspapers today announced the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Flight Sergeant George Thompson. He was wireless operator in a Lancaster aircraft which attacked the Dortmund Ems Canal in daylight on 1st January, 1945. After the bombs had gone the aircraft was hit by heavy flak and fires broke out in the mid upper and rear gun turrets. Despite the flames and fumes F/S Thompson went down the fuselage and pulled both gunners from their burning turrets.	18

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... continued	21/2		finally managing to return to warn the captain of the condition of his crew. By this time he was suffering greatly from intense frostbite as well as from severe burns. Three weeks later F/S Thompson died as a result of his injuries. For his superb courage and devotion to duty, he was awarded the Victoria Cross. A copy of the citation in respect of this award, and also cuttings from newspapers are attached as appendices.	
	22/2		Variable cloud with some bright intervals. Very poor visibility. Sixteen crews were briefed for a "TALLBOY" operation against ALTENBEKEN VIADUCT. Take-off was at 12.30 hours. Visibility over the target was good, bombing varying between 12,000 and 14,000 feet. Bombs appeared generally concentrated, but slightly overshooting. All aircraft returned safely to base between 1831 and 1852 hours.	
	23/2		Low cloud and intermittent slight drizzle till near dusk, when cloud dispersed. Nothing of operational importance to note today. One new crew arrived today from S.L.F.S., Syerston. Captain F/O E.G.R. Morgan.	
	24/2		Seventeen aircraft took off at 1400 hours for an attack on LADBERGEN. Owing to 10/10th cloud thirty miles before reaching the target and also covering the target itself, the operation was abandoned. All aircraft returned safely with bombs between 1839 and 1900 hours.	
	25/2		Cloudy. Strong SW'ly wind. No operations today. Two aircraft took off for night cross country flights. One new crew arrived today from S.L.F.S. Syerston. Captain, F/O M.J.Irwin.	
	26/2		Cloudy, with some fair periods. Strong wind. Mild. Flying today limited to Cross Country Flights and Fighter Affiliation exercises.	

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R.A.F. BARDNEY	27/2		Variable upper cloud, with a few very light showers. Cloud dispersed at dusk.	
			No operational flying today. Four aircraft took off during the day for practice high level bombing and four on fighter affiliation exercises.	
	28/2		Fair to cloudy, with a few very light showers. Cloud dispersed at dusk.	
			No operations. Three aircraft engaged on practice bombing today.	
			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH	
	15/1		AA18227 F/O K.A. Cook Pilot. Posted to War Casualties.	
	16/1		J89277 P/O R.D. Kerr A.G. Posted to R.C.A.F. R Depot.	
	27/1		AA18829 P/O J.J. Gardner W/OP Posted to 9 Sqdn. on Commissioning.	
	29/1		NZ4210984 P/O P.E. Campbell NAV. Posted to 9 Squadron on Commissioning.	
	3/2		190104 P/O K.A. Burns W/O AIR. Posted to 9 Sqdn. on Commissioning.	
	4/2		J94121 P/O J.F. Reid NAV. Posted to 9 Sqdn. on Commissioning.	
	5/2		J92888 P/O G.M. Young A.G. Posted to 9 Sqdn. on Commissioning.	
	6/2		J38031 P/O R. Young Pilot Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	"		J40808 F/O E.G. Barnes NAV. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	"		J38667 P/O W. Taylor A.G. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	"		089563 F/L L.E. Marsh Posted from R.C.A.F. O/S.H.Q.	
	9/2		NZ426036 F/O F. Denton Pilot Posted from 53 Base.	
	11/2		189101 P/O J.T. Adair NAV. Posted to 2 P.D.C.	
	12/2		AA19630 P/O R. Birch W/OP. Posted to 9 Sqdn. on Commissioning.	
	"		J94121 P/O. J.F. Reid NAV. Posted to 5 L.F.S.	
	15/2		J92419 P/O. J. Rose A.G. Posted to R.C.A.F. U/K/NE.	
	"		190533 P/O. E.C. Selfe F/ENG. Posted to 9 Sqdn.	
	"		151758 F/O C. Philpot A/B. Posted to War Casualties.	
	"		186232 P/O F.J. Thain F/ENG. Posted to War Casualties.	
	"		AA22148 F/L J.J. Dunne Pilot. Posted to War Casualties.	
	18/2		151975 F/O C.T. Lewis A/B. Posted from 617 Sqdn.	

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	21/2		55830 F/O S.E. Evans A.G. Posted from 53 Base.	
	22/2		179619 F/O J.M. Woodland F/ENG. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	23/2		159116 F/O K.G. Blunt W/OP. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	"		147327 F/O E.G. Morgan Pilot. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	"		J94121 P/O. J.F. Reid NAV. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
	25/2		NZ422288 P/O M. Irwin Pilot. Posted from 5 L.F.S.	
			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS.	
			182399 P/O A.V. Keeley Pilot. Promoted F/O 20.12.44	
			179328 P/O D.A. Dear Pilot. Promoted F/O 27.12.44	
			178548 P/O. D. MacIntosh Pilot. Promoted F/O. 26.12.44	
			55893 P/O. J.E. Stowell Pilot. Promoted F/O. 1.1.45.	
			AUS28842 P/O. A/FO. J. Wiley Pilot. Promoted F/O 4.1.45.	
			AUS418905 P/O. A/F/O Williams Pilot. Promoted F/O 9.1.45.	
			NZ422288 P/O M. Irwin Pilot. Acting rank of F/O 25.2.45.	
			AWARDS.	
			J91076 P/O A.M. Holmes awarded D.F.C.	
			C89563 F/L L.E. Marsh awarded D.F.C.	
			T.M. Baker WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING, NO. 9 SQUADRON, BARDNEY.	

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FLIGHT SERGEANT GEORGE THOMPSON

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CHRONICLE

Shop lad V.C. of blazing Lancaster

GEORGE THOMPSON, a Scottish ploughman's son, was 14 when his school life ended and his apprenticeship in the grocer's shop at Kinross began.

Six days a week he work—a conscientio working lad, "as clockwork" from the helping behind the later driving the del

And for the people lying farms he was to post letters or get batteries recharged other helpful tasks.

That was George Thomp son from 1934 to the end of 1940—"Not one of the bumptious ones," says his employer of those years, "but with plenty of spirit in a quiet way, though no one would have imagined him winning the V.C."

But yesterday it was announced that Flt.-Sgt. George Thompson, R.A.F.V.R., 24-year-old wireless operator, has been posthumously awarded the V.C. for his "signal courage and self-sacrifice" in a blazing Lancaster bomber after a daylight raid on the Dortmund-Ems Canal on Jan. 1.



Flt.-Sergt. Thompson, V.C.

One of the Lancaster's gunners owes his life to Thompson's courage. His own condition was so pitiful that when we went to report the fate of the crew to his captain the pilot failed to recognise him. He died from his injuries three weeks later.

Beat out flames

The Lancaster had just released its bombs when two shells set fire to one engine and part of the fuselage.

Thompson went through the fire and exploding ammunition to drag the unconscious mid-upper gunner from his turret. With bare hands he extinguished the gunner's burning clothing. Then he went to aid the rear gunner, again beating out the flames on his comrade's clothing.

By now almost exhausted, Thompson once more stumbled along the burning, holed fuselage to report to his captain. Severely burned about the hands, face and legs, he also suffered frost bite from the cold air rushing through a hole in the floor. Forty minutes afterwards the aircraft crash landed.

Thompson was the 22nd R.A.F. V.C. of the war.

Thompson, whose parents live at Milnathort, Kinross-shire, entered the R.A.F. in Jan., 1941. He had served in Iraq and Persia and had been on flying duties with Bomber Command only two months when he performed his gallant action.

One of the two gunners he aided also died

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THE QUIET GROCER'S BOY



FLIGHT-SERGT. THOMPSON

Won VC In Plane Fire

DIED FOR OTHERS



FOUR years ago George Thompson, son of a Kinross-shire, ploughman, was behind the counter of a Kinross grocer's shop—and behind the wheel of the shop's delivery van.

He was always ready to oblige the farmwives to whom he delivered groceries. He posted their letters, got their batteries recharged.

Apart from his good nature, there seemed nothing particularly striking about the grocer's boy.

But early in 1941 George, at 20, volunteered for the RAF. He became a flight-sergeant.

And last month he went on a raid that cost him his life—but made him one of Scotland's heroes.

Posthumous award to-day of the Victoria Cross to Flight-Sergeant George Thompson discloses the superb gallantry of a grocer's assistant whose "signal service and self-sacrifice will ever be an inspiration to the Service."

This was the deed:—

Flight-Sergeant Thompson was wireless operator in a Lancaster which attacked the Dortmund-Ems Canal in daylight. Just after the bombs had gone the plane was hit by a heavy shell and then another.

Wrecked And Ablaze

Hardly more than the bare bones of the aircraft remained. Fierce flames raged through the wreckage

The gunner was unconscious in the blazing mid-upper turret. Thompson went down the fuselage into the hell of flames and explosions, pulled the gunner from his turret and, edging round the hole in the floor, carried him from the flames.

The rear gun turret was also aflame, with the rear gunner in the heart of the fire, overcome by flames and fumes. For a second time Thompson braved the flames.

Despite severe injuries, he moved to the rear of the fuselage, extricated the helpless gunner with great difficulty, carried him clear.

Still he thought his duty was not done

Exhausted, he clambered back perilously through the burning fuselage to warn his captain of the condition of the crew.

Burned, Frostbitten

The flow of cold air through the hole in the floor caused him intense pain and frostbite developed, but he made it

So pitiful was his condition that the captain did not recognise him, but through burnt, cracked lips he croaked out his report.

Three weeks later Thompson died of his injuries. One of the gunners also died. The other owes his life to the quiet, diffident lad from the grocer's shop.

Mr. David Sands, the grocer with whom Flight-Sergeant Thompson was an apprentice in Kinross, said the VC was a fine youth of simple tastes, who was content with an occasional attendance at a cinema show for his entertainment.

His principal hobby was aviation, and it was a natural development when he became a member of an air crew. He was educated at Milnathort elementary and Kinross Higher Grade schools.

TELEGRAPH

V.C. GAVE LIFE FOR CREW OF BLAZING PLANE

BRAVED FIRE 3 TIMES

For supreme gallantry at the cost of his own life, the Victoria Cross has been posthumously awarded to 24-year-old Flight-Sergeant George Thompson, R.A.F.V.R., of Milnathort, Kinross-shire, it was announced last night.

With his bare hands he beat out the blazing clothing of two comrades when his bomber was set on fire by flak over Germany. To do it he had to walk through flames and exploding ammunition inside the fuselage. He was so badly burned that he died three weeks later.

"When the aircraft was hit," says the official citation, "Flt.-Sgt. Thompson might have devoted his efforts to quelling the fire and so have contributed to his own safety. He preferred to go through the fire to succour his comrades.

"He knew that he would then be in no position to hear or heed any order which might be given to abandon aircraft. He hazarded his own life to save the lives of others. Young in years and experience, his actions were those of a veteran."

GROCER'S ASSISTANT

Flt.-Sgt. Thompson, in peace-time a grocer's assistant, was acting as wireless operator in a Lancaster during the New Year's Day attack on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

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Over the target the plane was hit by flak, and Thompson, ignoring the flames and exploding ammunition, pulled the gunners in the mid-upper turret and the rear turret to safety.

Thompson beat out the burning clothing of both his comrades. Though almost exhausted, duty drove him to report to the captain of the Lancaster.

He was in such a pitiful condition that his captain did not recognise him. He was given what attention was possible until the plane crash-landed 40 minutes later.

One of the two gunners died later, but the other, says the citation "owes his life to the superb gallantry of Flt.-Sgt. Thompson, whose signal courage and self-sacrifice will ever be an inspiration to the Service."

Thompson, who was born at Perth, was educated at Portmoak Public and Kinross Higher Grade Schools. He joined the R.A.F.V.R. in January, 1941, as a ground wireless operator.

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V.C. FOR DEAD AIRMAN

SELF-SACRIFICE IN BURNING PLANE

A young R.A.F. flight sergeant who, while in pain himself, carried two of his helpless comrades through fire in a crippled bomber and beat out the flames on their clothing with his burnt hands has been awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously. The award, which has been approved by the King, is made to:—

FLIGHT SERGEANT GEORGE THOMPSON, R.A.F.V.R., 9 Squadron, Bomber Command (deceased).

Flight Sergeant Thompson was the wireless operator in a Lancaster aircraft which attacked the Dortmund-Ems Canal in daylight on January 1. The bombs had just been released when a heavy shell hit the aircraft in front of the mid-upper turret. Fire broke out, and dense smoke filled the fuselage. The nose of the aircraft was then hit and an inrush of air, clearing the smoke, revealed a scene of utter devastation. Most of the perspex screen of the nose compartment had been shot away, gaping holes had been torn in the canopy above the pilot's head, the inter-communication wiring was severed, and there was a large hole in the floor of the aircraft. Bedding and other equipment were badly damaged or alight; one engine was on fire.

Flight Sergeant Thompson saw that the gunner was unconscious in the blazing mid-upper turret. Without hesitation he went down the fuselage into the fire and the exploding ammunition. He pulled the gunner from his turret and, edging his way round the hole in the floor, carried him away from the flames. With his bare hands he extinguished the gunner's burning clothing. He himself was seriously burnt on his face, hands, and legs.

He then noticed that the rear gun turret was also on fire. In spite of his own severe injuries, he moved to the rear of the fuselage where he found the rear gunner with his clothing alight, overcome by flames and fumes. With great [illegible]fficulty he extricated the helpless gunner and [illegible]rried him cl[illegible] Again, he used his bare [illegible]ds, already [illegible] to beat out the flames. [illegible]ight [illegible]ompson, by now almost [illegible]ute [illegible]luty was yet not do[illegible] [illegible]ough the br[illegible]

YOUNGSHIRE POST AND LIVES MERCURY

THROUGH FIRE TO SAVE LIFE

Grocer's Assistant Wins V.C.

A grocer's assistant turned airman who, while in pain himself, carried two of his helpless comrades through fire in a crippled bomber and beat out the flames on their clothing with his own burnt hands, has been awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously.

He was Flight-Sergeant George Thompson, of No. 9 Bomber Squadron. He was born at Perth, Scotland, in October, 1920; and his father, a ploughman, lives at Kirkness, Kinross-shire.

Thompson was the wireless operator in a Lancaster which attacked the Dortmund-Ems Canal in daylight on New Year's Day. A heavy shell hit the aircraft, fire broke out, the bomber had many holes and one engine was on fire. Flight-Sergeant Thompson, says the citation, might have devoted his efforts to quelling the fire and so have contributed to his own safety, but he hazarded his own life in order to save the lives of others. Young in years and experience his actions were those of a veteran. Three weeks later Flight-Sergeant Thompson died of his injuries.

Before joining the R.A.F.V.R., in January, 1941, George Thompson was an assistant at Mr. David Sands' grocer's shop in Kinross, where he had worked since leaving school, helping behind the counter and driving the delivery van. He was known to many people in the district and one of them yesterday described him as "a quiet, diffident sort of boy but always interested in aeroplanes and flying."

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RECOMMENDATION FOR IMMEDIATE AWARD.

Christian Names:	GEORGE.	Surname:	THOMPSON.
Rank:	Flight Sergeant.	Official Number:	1370700.
Command and Group:	No. 5 Group, Bomber Command.	Unit:	No. 9 Squadron.
Total hours flown on operations.		26.40.	
Number of sorties.		5.	
Total hours flown on operations since receipt of previous award.		N/A	
Number of sorties since previous award.		N/A	
Appointment held:		Wireless Operator.	
Recognition for which recommended:		Victoria Cross.	

Particulars of meritorious service for which recommendation is made:

Flight Sergeant Thompson was Wireless Operator in a Lancaster aircraft detailed for a daylight attack on the Dortmund Ems canal on 1st January, 1945.

Immediately after the bombs had been released the aircraft was hit by heavy flak just forward of the mid upper turret causing a large and serious fire. A second hit by heavy flak on the nose of the aircraft followed quickly. The resulting inrush of air cleared away the dense smoke in the fuselage and disclosed an appalling state of damage in the interior of the aircraft. A large fire was blazing in the vicinity of the mid upper turret, parachutes, rest bed and various items of equipment were afire or badly damaged, most of the perspex of the nose compartment was missing, there were large holes in the pilot's canopy and there was no intercommunication. In addition, one engine was on fire.

Flight Sergeant Thompson, who was not injured, noticed the fire round the mid upper turret and that the gunner was still inside the turret apparently unconscious. With complete disregard of his own safety and without hesitation, he went down the fuselage and into the fire and exploding ammunition, He released the gunner from the turret and, negotiating a large hole in the floor of the fuselage, carried him from the area of the fire. He beat out the flames on the gunner's clothing with his bare hands and made the gunner as comfortable as possible. In rescuing the mid upper gunner from a fierce fire, Flight Sergeant Thompson had suffered terrible burns to his face and to his hands. His trousers had been almost completely burnt off and his legs were very severely burnt.

Completely ignoring his own injuries, Flight Sergeant Thompson continued his way down the fuselage when he saw fire around the rear turret. The rear gunner was trapped in his turret, his clothing was ablaze and he was so overcome by flames and fumes that he was incapable of helping himself in any way. Flight Sergeant Thompson was underred by fire for a second time and, with some difficulty, he extricated the gunner from the rear turret. He removed the rear gunner to a comparatively safe place and again beat out the flames of the gunner's clothing with his bare hands. His condition by this time can only be described as pitiful, so bad in fact that later his Captain did not recognise him.

Because the intercommunication was damaged, Flight Sergeant Thompson had acted on his own initiative all the time and he could not have known whether or not an order to abandon aircraft had been given. His first consideration was to help the two gunners and certainly he placed their needs before his own and before his own safety.

Flight Sergeant Thompson's devotion to duty and to his comrades did not cease with rescuing the gunners. After caring for them as best he could, he made the perilous journey forward through the still burning fuselage to report to his

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Captain on the condition of the aircraft and on the state of the gunners. He had to climb along the side of the fuselage clinging by his badly burnt hands to pass a large hole in the floor below the mid upper turret. The cold air entering th front of the aircraft caused him great pain and frost bite developed but he managed to reach the forward compartment of the fuselage. Flight Sergeant Thompson was then exhausted but his chief concern was still for the two gunners whom he had left at the rear of the aircraft. Other members of the crew tended him by shielding him from the cold and protecting him when the aircraft landed some forty minutes later.

Flight Sergeant Thompson's gallantry was in accord with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force. At the cost of great pain and severe injury to himself, he ventured into the fire on two occasions to save the lives of two of his comrades. It is unfortunate that the mid upper gunner subsequently died of his injuries. Flight Sergeant Thompson's devotion to duty and his self sacrifice are beyond all praise and his courage has seldom been equalled and never surpassed. It is strongly recommended that Flight Sergeant Thompson be awarded the Victoria Cross for his conspicuous bravery.

(SGD) C. C. McMullen,
Group Captain, Commanding,
R.A.F. Station, Bardney.

Date:- 21st January, 1945.

REMARKS BY BASE COMMANDER.

In my view, the Station Commander Bardney has ably performed the difficult task of describing adequately but with a proper restraint the heroic actions of Flight Sergeant Thompson. It is not easy to refrain from the use of superlatives when presenting facts such as are here disclosed.

It is to my mind most noticeable that the natural action by Flight Sergeant Thompson young and comparatively inexperienced in operational duties as he was, might have been to quell the fire in the aircraft thereby contributing to his own safety. He did not take this course but instantly went to the succour of his comrades who were in a dire and helpless condition. His prompt and heroic efforts prolonged the life of one member of the crew and has almost certainly saved the life of another.

As others have done, he paid the penalty of his heroic endeavors with his own life when he succumbed to his injuries on the 23rd January, 1945, after three weeks of suffering.

The award of the Victoria Cross calls for the highest standard of personal bravery. The many brave deeds of recipients of this coveted award during this and other wars are faithfully recorded and I consider the actions of Flight Sergeant George Thompson on the 1st January, 1945, fully merit the inclusion of his name among this illustrious and distinuished company.

Flight Sergeant Thompson in this instance acted in excess of the normal demands of duty and quite beyond that which any individual might expect of another. He has set an example of which the Service, his parents and his comrades may all be justly proud. I do therefore most strongly recommend the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross.

(SGD) A. Hesketh,
Air Commondore, Commanding
No. 53 Base, Waddington.

REMARKS BY AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Date:-

Air Vice Marshal, Commanding,
Headquarters No. 5 Group, R.A.F.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/LT LAKE	BOMBING	14.26	17.18	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	FB969	F/S BAIRD	YMUIDEN			pens.1610. 16,200 ft. 066T. RAS 160. Tallboy, fused ½	
		F/S MOUSELEY				hour delay. Considered wind speed underset. Five bombs	
		F/O SOWERBY				seen to downwind of target.	
		P/O WEBB					
		F/S PORTER					
		F/S PARKES.					
3.2.45	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER	BOMBING	14.13	17.26	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH	YMUIDEN			"U" boat pens. 1609½ 14,700. 074T. RAS. 200. Tallboy,	
		F/O HOME				fused ½ hour delay. One bomb only seen slightly overshoot-	
	A.4432293	P/O WILLIAMS				ing to east of target. Winds not passed due to smoke float	
		F/S IRWIN				being useless and time lost in orbitting. Target. 1609.	
		SGT MCCANN				14,700 ft.	
		SGT MEAGHER					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE	BOMBING	14.14	17.32	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Aiming	
	LM220	F/S HEATH	YMUIDEN			Point. 1610. 15,500 ft. 060T. 165 RAS. Tallboy, fused ½	
		P/O SHIELDS				hour delay. Two bombs seen to overshoot into water of deck	
	J.89650	P/O SINGER				and one just undershot. Smoke float useless for wind find-	
		F/S CARSON				ing at that height; hence time for wind finding was too	
		F/S FOOT				short.	
		F/S MALLINSON.					
3.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	BOMBING	14.36	17.20	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Aiming Point.	
	ME809	SGT MELLORS	YMUIDEN			1609. 15,400 ft. 060T. I.A.S. Tallboy, fused ½ hour delay.	
		F/S YOUNG				Results not observed. Had to orbit twice while waiting	
		P/O PARSONS				for wind to be passed.	
		F/O BROMLIE					
		F/O WILLIAMS					
		SGT BOOTH.					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY	BOMBING	1440	1716	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, some haze. Aiming Point. 1608¾.	
	NG495	SGT WOTHERSPOON	YMUIDEN			15,750 ft. 069T. 185 I.A.S. Tallboy, fused ½ hour delay.	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY				Own bomb seen to shoot over into deck. Winds passed late;	
		F/S TANNER				had to make two orbits of target. Wind sent was 345/37.	
		F/S CHAMBERS					
		F/S CORNWALL					
		F/S STREET					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES	BOMBING	1442	1729	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Centre of "U"	
	LM217	SGT MAYHEW	YMUIDEN			boat pens. 1609. 14,800 ft. 072T. 187 R.A.S. Only one bomb	
		SGT HAMMOND				seen, this appeared to be an overshoot to the east of the	
		F/S MACINTOSH				target.	
		F/S MORROW					
		F/S KING					
		F/S HEPPELL					
3.2.45	LANCASTER A418905	F/O WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1444	1735	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Aiming Point.	
	NG487	SGT LEWIS	YMUIDEN			1609. 16,000 070T. 170 R.A.S. Tallboy, fused ½ hour delay.	
		P/O LOCKERBIE				Results not observed. Hit in port outer at 1611, engine	
		P/O GOLD				failed at 1623 and was feathered.	
		F/S STERNER					
		SGT THOMPSON					
		F/S REILLY					
3.2.45.	LANCASTER A426696	F/O JONES	BOMBING	1438	1728	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	NG384	SGT BILES	YMUIDEN			"U" boat pens. 1609. 14,500 ft. 073T. 170 R.A.S. Tallboy,	
		P/O SCOTT				fused half hour delay. Nothing seen of bombing as aircraft	
		F/O BLUNSDEN				had to be swung violently to port to avoid bomb from above.	
	A419630	W/O BIRCH					
	A428640	F/S GLOVER					
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(*1276)—9511) Wt. 22329—1124 70M 8/43 T.S. 700
(*3709—9511) Wt. 44067—3384 150M 1/44 T.S. 700

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3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	BOMBING	1443	1725	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming point. 1609½. 15,300 ft.	
	NG206	SGT FLANAGAN	YMUIDEN			067T. 165 R.A.S. Tallboy, fused ½ hour delay. Cloud of	
		SGT HOWARTH				dust seen S.E. of target and two rings of water in dock,	
		F/O MITCHELL				thought to be caused by bombs. One small hole in starboard	
		P/O GARDINER				wing tip and one in port inner nacelle. One orbit made wait-	
		SGT MCKEE				ing for wind to be passed and one waiting for formation to	
		SGT LONG.				get together.	
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCINTOSH	BOMBING	1415	1730	PRIMARY AT ACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	NG242	SGT COSSER	YMUIDEN			pens. 1610. 15,000 ft. 065T. R.A.S. 180. Tallboy, fused ½	
		P/O HAWKINS				hour delay. Only two bombs seen to fall and they were in	
		F/O RAMWELL				dock E.S.E. of the pens. At 1711 hours, 5303N/0040E, 5	
		SGT TETLOW				bombs including 1x4000 lb. were jettisoned by another	
		SGT WOOD				Lancaster on reciprocal 200 yards port quarter, height	
		SGT OWEN				about 8,000'. As our aircraft was about 4,000 feet it was	
						endangered by this jettisoning as also was shipping.	
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON	BOMBING	1437	1736	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Slightly	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD	YMUIDEN			to right of centre of pens. 1611½ hrs. 14,000 ft. 048T	
		P/O GRIFFITHS				RAS.165. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. No results observed	
		F/S WESTROPE				owing to bomb being fised ½ hr. delay. Second run made	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK				as valve in sighting head fused on first bombing run.	
		F/S STRACHAN					
		F/S HOOPER.					

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3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	BOMBING	1411	1734	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Centre of "U" boat	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING	YMUIDEN			pens. 1607½. 14,400. 078T. 190. R.A.S. Tallboy, fused ½	
		SGT TAYLOR				HOUR delay. Own bomb and six others seen to overshoot	
		F/S LIVERSIDGE				slightly to east of target.	
		F/S MILLINGTON					
		SGT RICKER					
		SGT ALLSOP.					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR	BOMBING	1445	1721	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	NG440	SGT DOHERTY	YMUIDEN			pens. 1609. 15,600 ft. 052T. RAS. 175. Tallboy, fused ½	
		P/O CUNNINGHAM				hour delay. No results observed owing to bombs being fused	
	J.91076	P/O HOLLES				½ hour delay.	
		F/S BURNS					
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG.					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS	BOMBING	1412	1739	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, visibility good. Centre of "U" boat	
	NG235	SGT MORRISON	YMUIDEN			pens. 1610½ 14,000 ft. 065T. RAS. 160. Tallboy, fused ½ hour	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON				delay. Three bombs seen to fall slightly east of target.	
		F/O CHARLTON					
		F/O MACDONALD					
		F/S GLASIER					
		F/S CHARLTON					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS.	BOMBING	1439	1723	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Centre of "U"	
	NG278	F/S BROWN	YMUIDEN.			pens. 1610½. 16,600. 086T. RAS. 160. Tallboy, fused ½ hr.	
		F/S LYNHAM				delay. Bombs seen to be overshooting to east of target.	
		F/S JACKSON					
		F/S FAUCHEUX					
		F/S STEBBINGS					
		F/S WHITFIELD.					

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3.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1447	1719	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility excellent. Centre of	
	NG486	F/S PRETTYJOHNS	YMUIDEN			"U" boat pens. 1608. 17,000 ft. 090T. 175 RAS. Tallboy,	
	A.433880	F/O HARVEY				fused ½ hour delay. Bombing appeared to be slightly over-	
		F/S HORRY				shooting.	
		SGT MORGAN					
		F/S HIGH					
		F/S WATT.					
3.2.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	BOMBING	1441	1733	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming Point. 1609. 17,200 ft. 065T.	
	NF929	P/O ANDREWS	YMUIDEN			175 I.A.S. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Own bomb seen to fall	
		F/S ASLIN				in water in dock.	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN					
		F/L COOK					
	R.184390	F/S HERBERT					
	J.91070	F/O BOON.					
3.2.45	LANCASTER	W/C BAZIN	BOMBING	1446	1724	Target not attacked as bombsight u/s for this type of	
	NF937	P/O MCDONNELL	YMUIDEN.			target. Tallboy fused ½ hour delay.	
		P/O LEWIS					
	A.404850	F/L CAMPBELL					
		F/O COOPER					
		F/S CAMERON					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD.					

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6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR	BOMBING	0810	1325	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. When within 15 miles of the target it was seen that the whole area was covered by 10/10ths cloud, tops about 6,000 ft. and the Leader therefore ordered the force to return to Base at 1051 hours.	
	NS442	SGT DOHERTY	ALTENBEKEN				
		P/O CUNNINGHAM					
	J.91076	P/O HOLMES					
		F/O BURNS					
	J.90980	F/O FREEMAN					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG.					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L LAKE	BOMBING	0752	1331	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason for not attacking as above.	
	PO696	SGT BAIRD	ALTENBEKEN				
		SGT HAMMOND					
		F/O SOWERBY					
		P/O WEBB					
		F/S STREETS					
		F/S PARKES.					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE	BOMBING	0753	1329	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason for not attacking as above.	
	LM220	SGT HEATH	ALTENBEKEN				
		P/O SHIELDS					
	J.89650	P/O SINGER					
		F/S CARSON					
		F/S FOOT					
		F/S MALLINSON					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	BOMBING	0802	1324	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason for not attacking as above.	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S YOUNG					
		P/O PARSONS					
		P/O BROWNLIE					
		F/O WILLIAMS					
		SGT LINAKER.					

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6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	BOMBING	0802	1324	Target not attacked due to 10/10th cloud covering the whole	
	NG499	SGT MELLONS	ALTENBEKEN			area, tops about 10,000 ft.	
		F/S YOUNG					
		P/O PARSONS					
		F/O BROWNLIE					
		P/O WILLIAMS					
		SGT LINAKER					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	BOMBING	0755	1350	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NF929	SGT BAKER	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S HAYDON					
		F/S BROOKEBANK					
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON					
		F/S GREY					
		F/S JEPSON.					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS	BOMBING	0757	1332	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG419	F/S BROWN	ALTENBEKEN.				
		F/S LINHAM					
		F/S JACKSON					
		F/S FAUCHEUX					
		F/S STEBBINGS					
		F/S WHITFIELD.					

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6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON	BOMBING.	0804	1338	Target not attacked due to 10/10th cloud covering the whole	
	LL845	SGT ATTKENHEAD	ALTENBEKEN			area, tops about 10,000 ft.	
		F/O GRIFFITHS					
		F/S WESTROPE					
	A.421703	W/O BLACK					
		F/S STRACHAN					
		F/S HOOPER					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L KARSH	BOMBING	0803	1320	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	ME899	F/S HARRISON	ALTENBEKEN				
	J.88170	F/O GRAN					
	J.27266	F/O CARR					
		F/L COOKE					
		SGT MARSHALL					
		F/S RICHES					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH	BOMBING	0801	1328	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG248	SGT COSSER	ALTENBEKEN				
		SGT HAWKINS					
		F/O RAIWELL					
		SGT TETLOW					
		SGT WOOLF.					
		SGT OWEN.					
6.2.45	A.426596 LANCASTER	F/O JONES	BOMBING	0745	1330	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG384	SGT BILES	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/O SCOTT					
		F/O BLUNSDON					
	A.419630	W/O BIRCH					
		SGT GLOVER					
	A.428640	F/O ACHESON					

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6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	BOMBING	0800	1329	Target not attacked due to 10/10th cloud covering the	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING	ALTENBERKEN			whole area, tops about 10,000 ft.	
		SGT TAYLOR					
		F/S LIVERSEDGE					
		F/S MILLINGTON					
		SGT BICKER					
		SGT ALLSOP.					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS.	BOMBING	0805	1336	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason for not attacking,as above.	
	NG487	F/S HIGGINS	ALTENBERKEN				
		F/S MOUSELY					
	R.117477	F/S FISHER					
		F/S MCMILLIAN					
		SGT THOMAS					
		SGT SYMONDS					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS	BOMBING	0754	1348	†TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	PA172	SGT MAYHEW	ALTENBERKEN				
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON					
		F/O MACDONALD					
		F/O CHARLTON					
		F/S GLASPER					
		F/S CHARLTON					
6.2.45	A.424528 LANCASTER	F/O AYRTON	BOMBING	0756	1327	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG278	SGT HUDDLESTONE	ALTENBERKEN				1
		SGT HERKES					
		F/S BARTLETT					
		SGT SCOTT					26
		F/S CHALCRAFT					
		F/S DAVIES.					

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6.2.45	LANCASTER	W/C BAZIN	BOMBING	0759	1334	Target not attacked due to 10/10th cloud covering the	
	NG495	P/O MCDONNELL	ALTENBERKEN			WHOLE area, tops 10,000 feet.	
		F/O LEWIS					
	A.404850	F/L CAMPBELL					
		F/O COOPER					
		F/S CAMERON					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD.					
6.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	BOMBING	0758	1323	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. REASON AS ABOVE.	
	NG206	SGT FLANAGAN.	ALTENBERKEN				
		F/O HOWARTH					
		F/O MITCHELL					
		P/O GARDNER.					
		SGT MCKEE					
		SGT LONG.					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	BOMBING	0751	1349	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. REASON AS ABOVE.	
	NG217	SGT SELFE	ALTENBERKEN				
		P/O WILSON					
		P/O MORRIS					
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE					
		SGT ROTHWELL					
		F/S STALLEY					
6.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS	BOMBING	0806	1335	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. REASON AS ABOVE.	
	NG486	F/S PRETTEJOHNS	ALTENBERKEN				
	A.433880	P/O HARVEY					
		F/S HORRY					
		SGT MORGAN					
		F/S HIGH					
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
7/8.2.45	LANCASTER NZ.422445	F/O WATERS	BOMBING	2111	0334	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 9/10th strata cumulus - tops 8,000 ft.	
	NF937	SGT GREGORY	LADBERGEN			Concentration of Red T.I's. 0007 hours, 11,000 ft. 310°	
		F/S MILES				210 IAS. 12X1000 MC. fused ½ hr. delay. No results observed	
		F/S COXON				owing to bomb fusing. 1X1000 MC. fused ½ hour delay jettison-	
	NZ 416809	F/S FRENCH				ed, safe 5039N. 0111E. 0225 hrs. 10,000 ft. Had to orbit once	
		F/S JONES				owing to run-up on Red T.I. which was cancelled.	
		SGT BOOTH.					
8/9.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L OLDACRE	BOMBING	1711	0240	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility clear. M.P.I. of cluster	
	NG235	F/S TAYLOR	POLITZ			of red T.I's on heading of 055°T. and delay of 13 secs. on	
		SGT SAUNDERS				instructions from Controller. 2118. 10,000 055T. RAS. 170.	
		F/C GRIFFIN				1X2000 lb. MC. N.Inst. 4X1000 lb. MC. LD. ½ hr. 3X1000 lb.	
	A.418829	F/S GARDINER				MC. TD. 025. 2X500 lb. GP. ANM. 025. Markers were well	
		SGT MACKAY				concentrated as also was the bombing. Target area appeared	
		F/S BARTLETT				well alight and on run up burst of flame seen rising to	
						about 2000 feet. Glow of fires seen from Swedish coast on	
						return. Route marker not seen.	
8/9.2.45	LANCASTER NZ426166	F/O COSTER	BOMBING	1710	2025	Target not attacked as after setting course A/C at 1,000 ft.	
	ME937	SGT PINNING	POLITZ			would not climb at 2650 + 4 and was loosing height if not	
	NZ.4218165	F/S BLACK				carefully handled. To climb 2850 + 9 was required and the	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG				journey could not be completed at this boost and revs. The	
		F/S EAST				performance of the aircraft did not improve and at 1756 the	
		SGT MORRISON				decision was made to return to base.	
		SGT JONES.					

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13/14.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L OLDACRE	BOMBING	1820	0350	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10th low stratus. M.P.I. of glow of	
	LL845	F/S TAYLOR	DRESDEN			red T.I's seen through cloud. Track 179°T. Delay 24 secs.	
		SGT SAUNDERS				22114 hours. 13,200 ft. 200°T R.A.S. 165. 1X2000MC + 12 X	
		F/O GRIFFIN				150 x 4lb. I.B. Directly after bombing action had to be	
	A.418829	F/S GARDINER				taken to avoid another Lancaster and detailed observation	
		SGT MACKAY				of results were therefore not possible. Considerable fires	
		F/S BARTLETT.				were however seen, the glow of which was seen from 200	
						miles on return. Bombing wind not received and wind set on	
						bomb sight before take off was used.	
14/15.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	BOMBING	1657	0237	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Layer of stratus, tops about 3,000 with	
	LL845.	SGT BAKER	RESITZ			another layer above. Glow of red T.I's. 2105. 9,000 ft. 360T	
		F/O HAYDON				195I A.S. 1X2000 M.C. x 4X4000 M.C. L.D. ½ hour. 2x1000 M.C.	
		F/S BROOKBANK				x 4X500 GP/MC. 025. Big fire seen on run up and explosion	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON				at 2106. Reddish yellow glow seen from T/A as aircraft left.	
		F/S GRAY					
		F/L JEPSON					
	NZ.422445						
14/15.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O WATERS	BOMBING	1703	0221	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 layer cloud, tops about 5,000 ft.	
	NG249	SGT GREGORY	RESITZ			Glow of fires beneath cloud. 2107. 12,000 ft. 035T. 180 RAS.	
		F/S MILLS				1X2000 M.C. x 4X1000 M.C. L.D. ½ hour. 2x1000 M.C. x 4X500	
		F/S COXON				GP/MC .025. Results of own bombing not seen, but glow of	
	NZ.416809	F/S FRENCH				fires seen after leaving target.	
		F/S JONES					
		SGT BOOTH.					

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14.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	BOMBING	0740	1347	Target not attacked owing to 10/10ths s.cu. cloud, tops	
	NG276	SGT SELFE	ALTENBEKEN			about 7,000 feet from East of the Rhine to the target.	
		P/O WILSON					
		F/O MORRIS					
	A.422824	F/O WOOLF					
		F/O HOYLE					
		F/S STALLEY					
14.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS	BOMBING	0751	1401	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above	
	NG466	F/S LITTLEJOHNS	ALTENBEKEN				
	A.433880	F/O HARVEY					
		F/S HORRY					
		F/S MORGAN					
		F/S HIGH					
		F/S WATT.					
14.2.45	A.424528 LANCASTER	F/O AYRTON	BOMBING	0744	1350	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG495	SGT HUDDLESTONE	ALTENBEKEN				
		SGT HERKES					
		F/S BARDALEY					
		F/S SCOTT					
		F/S CHALCRAFT					
		F/S DAVIES.					
14.2.45.	A.428842 LANCASTER	F/O WILEY	BOMBING	0743	1404	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG498	SGT WELSH	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S VERNEY					
		F/S EVANS					
		F/S ROGERS					
		F/S LUCAS					
		F/S LANE.					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	BOMBING	0743	1353	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.cu. cloud, tops about	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING	ALTENBEKEN			7,000 feet from East of the Rhine to target.	
		SGT TAYLOR					
		F/S LIVERSEDGE					
		F/S MILLINGTON					
		SGT BICKER					
		SGT ALLSOP					
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	J.7985 F/L CAMSELL	BOMBING	0739	1351	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NF929	P/O ANDREWS	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S ASLIN					
		F/S BEEVERS					
		J.88170 P/O GRAN					
		R.184390 F/S HEBERT					
		J.91070 P/O BOON.					
14.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH	BOMBING	0748	1355	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	PA172	F/S HARRISON	ALTENBEKEN				
		J.88948 P/O BROWN					
		J.27266 F/O CARR					
		A.454462 W/O REDWOOD					
		SGT MARSHALL					
		F/S RICHES					
14.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS	BOMBING	0739	1349	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NB896	SGT BROWN	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S LYNHAM					
		F/S JACKSON					
		F/S FAUCHEUX					
		F/S STEBBINGS					62
		F/S WHITFIELD.					

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14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE.	BOMBING	0739	1349	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud, tops about 7,000 ft.	
	LM220	SGT HEATH	ALTENBEKEN			from East of the Rhine to target.	
		P/O SHIELDS					
	J.89650	P/O SINGER					
		F/S CARSON					
		F/S FOOT					
		F/S MALLINGSON					
	A.414983						
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O ARNDELL	BOMBING	0742	1400	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG206	F/S JONES	ALTENBEKEN				
	NZ.4210984	F/O CAMPBELL					
		F/O PORTER					
		F/S READS					
		SGT BROWN					
		SGT RICHARDS					
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY	BOMBING	0749	1357	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG419	SGT WOTHERSPOON	ALTENBEKEN				
	J.92831.	P/O CHORNY					
		F/S TANNER					
		F/S CHAMBERS					
		F/S CONNELL					
		F/S JOHNSON					
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O REES	BOMBING	0750	1353	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	LM217	SGT MAYHEW	ALTENBEKEN				
		SGT HAMMOND					
		F/S MACINTOSH					
		F/S MORROW					
		F/S KING					
		F/S HEPPELL.					

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14.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	BOMBING	0744	1359	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.cu. cloud, tops about	
	NG442	SGT FLANNAGAN	ALTENBEKEN			7,000 ft. from East of the Rhine to the target.	
		F/O HOWARTH					
		F/O MITCHELL					
		P/O GARDINER					
		SGT MCLEAN					
		SGT LONG.					
14.2.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS	BOMBING	0752	1405	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG487	SGT LEWIS	ALTENBEKEN				
		P/O LOCKERBIE					
		P/O GOLD					
		F/S STENNER					
		SGT THOMPSON					
		F/S REILLY					
14.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	BOMBING	0810	1346	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG242	SGT HIGGINS	ALTENBEKEN				
		F/S MOUSELY					
	R.117477	SGT FISHER					
		F/S MCMILLAN					
		F/S THOMAS					
		F/S SYMONDS.					
14.2.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL	BOMBING	0742	1400	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG206	F/O JONES	ALTENBEKEN				
	NZ.421094	F/O CAMPBELL					1
		F/O PORTER					
		F/S MEADS					
		SGT BROWN.					
		SGT RICHARDS					

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14.2.45.	LANCASTER A.422148	F/L DUNNE	BOMBING	0747		AIRCRAFT MISSING. BELIEVED SHOT DOWN BY HEAVY FLAK.	
	NG233	SGT LOCKERBY	ALTENBEKEN				
		P/O THAIN					
		F/O PHILLPOTT					
		F/S KNIGHT					
		P/O ROSE					
		F/S JORDAN					
14.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L LAKE	BOMBING	0737	1345	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. tops about 7,000 feet,	
	NG384	F/S BAIRD	ALTENBEKEN			FROM East of Rhine to target.	
	J.87217	P/O PETERSON					
		F/O SOWERBY					
		P/O WEBB					
		F/S MORTON					
		W/O MULLETT					
19/20.2.45.	LANCASTER NX422445	F/O WATERS	BOMBING	2350	0809	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 strata cu. two layers with tops about	
	NG384	SGT GREGORY	BOHLEN			9000 ft. and 14,000 ft. Glow beneath cloud. 0420. 10,500 ft.	
		F/S MILES				310T. 100 IAS. 1X2000 MC. 2x2000 MC. ½ hr. delay. 5x1000 MC	
		F/S COXON				.025.hr delay. 4x500GP. No T.I's seen although ordered to	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD				bomb reds direct. Believed scattered attack.	
		F/S JONES					
		SGT BOOTH.					

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19/20.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	BOMBING	2339	0756	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 s.c. tops about 9,000 ft. Glow	
	NG206	SGT BAKER	BOHLEN			beneath clouds. 0421. 16,200 ft. 094T. 180 IAS. 1X2000 MC.	
		F/S HAYDON				2X1000 MC. ½ hr. delay. 5X1000 MC. .025. hr. delay. 4X5000	
		F/S BROOKBANK				MC. No T.I's seen, although ordered to bomb reds direct. Red	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON				glow from T/A as aircraft left. 1X1000 MC. .025 hung up,	
		F/S GRAY				dropped in bomb bay later. Jettisoned safe at 5106N. 1100E.	
		F/S JEPSON				0439. 10,000 ft.	
	A.429303						
19/20.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O BUCKLEY	BOMBING	2351	0801	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 s.c. tops about 8,000 ft. Centre	
	LM217	F/S WOOLLEY	BOHLEN			of glow seen below cloud. 0444. 16,500 ft. 320T. RAS unknown.	
		F/O SHUTLER				1X2000 MC. 2X2000 MC. ½ hr. delay. 5X1000 MC. .025 hr. delay. 4X500	
		F/O NOLAN				GP. Apart from glow, no results observed. A.S.I. being U/S	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE				resulted in aircraft being late over target.	
		F/S ROUND					
		SGT COPPERWAITE.					
	J90013						
19/20.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD	BOMBING	2341	0759	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 cloud, tops about 11,000 ft. In	
	ME.809	SGT HUNTER	BOHLEN			which explosives and gun flashes were seen. 0447. 16,000 ft.	
		F/S SHELDON				300T. RAS. 190. 1X2000 MC. 2X2000 MC. ½ hour delay. 5X1000	
		F/S BOWYER				MC. .025. hr delay. 4X500 GP. Large explosion seen at 0450	
		F/S PALMER				but otherwise no results of bombing were observed. 3X500	
		SGT JUDD				lbs. GP. jettisoned at 5101N. 0943E. 0502 6,000. Bombed	
		SGT WILLIAMS				late owing to Navigators watch being incorrect.	
19/20.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCDONELL	BOMBING	2348	0750	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 s.c. tops about 11,000 ft. Glow of	
	LL.845	SGT PHILLIPS	BOHLEN			red T.I's below cloud. 0426. 16,700. 354T. 193 IAS. 1X2000	
	J.40812	P/O CHORNY				MC. 2X1000 MC. ½ hr. delay, 5X1000 MC. .025 hr. delay.	
		F/O FRICKER				4X500 GP. Glow of bomb bursts seen reflected in clouds	
		SGT PLANT				Ordered by controller to bomb red T.I's direct.	
		SGT DAVIS					
		SGT GREEN.					

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19/20.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	BOMBING	2349	0752	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 cloud tops about 10,000 ft. Centre of	
	NG249	SGT LOAKES	BOILEN			glow beneath cloud. 0422. 16,230 320T. RAS 160. 1X2000 MC.	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN				2X1000MC. ½ hr. delay. 5X1000 MC. .025 hr delay. 4X500 GP.	
		F/S SUMNER				Explosions seen at 0422½. Cloud prevented other observation	
		F/S CORNFOOT				of results.	
		SGT ASHWORTH					
		SGT HARRISON					
19/20.2.45	NZ.426166 LANCASTER	F/O COSTER	BOMBING	2340	0734	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 strata cu. Tops 8 to 10,000 ft.	
	NG499	SGT PINNING	BOILEN			Glow beneath clouds. 0420. 16,000 ft. 319T. 135 IAS.	
	NZ.4218165	F/S BLACK				1X2000 MC. 2X2000 MC. ½ hr. delay. 5X1000 MC. .025 hr. delay.	
	NZ.422099	F/S BOAG				Ordered by controller to bomb red T.I's but none were seen	
		F/S EAST				owing to cloud.	
		F/S MORRISON					
		SGT JONES.					
21/22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCDONELL	BOMBING	1721	2336	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, visibility excellent. Northern red	
	LL845	SGT PHILLIPS	GRAVENHORST			T.I. direct. 2041 10,200 038T RAS. 190. 12X1000 lb. MC.	
	J.40812	F/O CHORNY				fused ½ hr. delay. Marking very good, bombing appeared to	
		F/O FRICKER				be accurate and successful. Own bomb believed to have dropped	
		SGT PLANT				in target area.	
		SGT DAVIS					
		SGT GREEN.					
21/22.2.45	J.38051 LANCASTER	F/O YOUNG	BOMBING	1720	2332	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, visibility good. The northerly of	
	NG206	SGT STONE	GRAVENHORST			3 red T.I's direct on Controller's instructions. 2033½.	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES				11,000 ft. 008T RAS. 200 12X1000 lb. MC. ½ hr. delay. The	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR				markers were well concentrated but results of bombing not	
		SGT HASTINGS				seen owing to delayed fusing of bombs.	
	R.71050	SGT SLATER					
	R.28269.	SGT MCINTYRE.					

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22.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1246	1843	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Slight haze - no cloud. Viaduct. 1559 hrs	
	NG486	F/S PRETTEJOHNS	ALTENBEKEN			13,500 ft. 353°T. RAS 175. Tallboy fused 11 secs delay.	
	A.433880	F/O HARVEY				Bombing appeared concentrated, but very slight overshooting	
		F/S HORRY				on the North Eastern end of Viaduct. Results of bombing	
		F/S MORGAN				unobserved due to smoke.	
		F/S HIGH					
		F/S WATT					
22.2.45	A.424528 LANCASTER	F/O AYRTON	BOMBING	1243	1850	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good, slight haze - nil cloud.	
	NF929	SGT HUDDLESTONE	ALTENBEKEN			Viaduct. 1559 hours. 12,500 ft. 350°T RAS 170. Tallboy fused	
		SGT HERKES				11 secs delay. Own bomb seen to slightly overshoot. Bombing	
		F/S BARDSLEY				appeared to be well concentrated.	
		F/S SCOTT					
		F/S CHALCRAFT					
		SGT DAVIES.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE	BOMBING	1343	1844	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear - visibility excellent. Centre of	
	LM220	SGT HEATH	ALTENBEKEN			Viaduct. 1559¾ hrs. 12,500 ft. 233°T 185 RAS. Tallboy	
		P/O SHIELDS.				fused .025 sec. delay. Two bombs were seen to overshoot	
	J.89650	P/O SINGER				close to Viaduct. Own bombs also seen to hit a little to	
		F/S CARSON				the west. Lot of smoke over target.	
		F/S FOOT					
		F/S MILLINGTON.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH	BOMBING	1248	1851	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Western end of	
	PA.172	F/S HARRISON	ALTENBEKEN.			Viaduct allowing for slight undershoot. 1559 hrs. 13,400 ft	
	J.88948	P/O BROWN				ft. 350°T RAS. 194. Tallboy fused 11 seconds delay. Most	
	J.27266	F/O CARR				bombs slightly overshot N.E. end of the Viaduct. Having	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD				allowed for previous overshoots, considered that own bomb	
		SGT MARSHALL				hits Eastern end of Viaduct towards which it was seen to	
		F/S RICHES.				be directly falling. Smoke an dust obscured actual burst.	

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22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH	BOMBING	1247	1836	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Excellent - visibility good. Eastern	
	NG220.	F/S COSSER	ALTENBEKEN			end of Viaduct. 1559 hrs. 13,250 ft. 358°T. 180 RAS.	
		P/O HAWKINS				Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Four bursts seen to overshoot	
		F/O JENNINGS				including own bomb by about 150 yds. and one undershot.	
		F/S TETLOW				Much smoke obscured target. Gaggle appeared slow to follow	
		F/S WOOD				leader after changes in power.	
		F/S OWEN.					
22.2.45	A.429303 LANCASTER	F/O BUCKLEY	BOMBING	1235	1855	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. slight haze, no cloud. Viaduct.	
	NG384	F/S WOOLLEY	ALTENBEKEN			1600 hrs. 13,900 ft. 356°T. RAS 185. Tallboy fused 11 secs	
		F/O SHUTLER				delay. Results of own bombing not seen. Concentration on	
		F/O NOLAN				N.E. of Viaduct. One stray bomb seen. One direct hit seen,	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE				but general success not seen, due to smoke.	
		F/S ROUND					
		SGT COPPERWAITE.					
22.2.45	A.418905 LANCASTER	F/O WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1238	1835	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Slight haze. Viaduct. 1558½ hrs. 12,700 ft.	
	NG487	SGT HUNTER	ALTENBEKEN			358°T. RAS. 180. Tallboy fused 11 secs delay. Bombing appear-	
		P/O LOCKERBIE				ed to be slightly overshooting, results of own bombing not	
		P/O GOLD				observed. One Viaduct support appeared to have gone after	
		F/S STENNER				smoke had cleared away from one bomb.	
		SGT THOMPSON					
		F/S REILLY.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	BOMBING	1239	1838	PRIMARY TARGET. Clear - visibility good. Just off the East-	
	NG242	SGT HIGGINS	ALTENBEKEN			ern end of tunnel. 1603. 12,200 222°T RAS. 190. Tallboy	
		F/S MOUSLEY				fused .025 sec. delay. Considered bomb hit or very close to	
	R.117477	F/S FISHER				railway track. Unable to bomb Viaduct as aircraft caught	
		F/S MCMILLAN				in slip stream of another Lancaster on bombing run.	
		SGT THOMAS					
		SGT SYMONDS.					

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22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR.	BOMBING	1237	1834.	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visibility good. Viaduct centre.	
	NG442	F/S DOCHERTY	ALTENBEKEN			1559 hrs. 13,000 ft. 356°T 175 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		P/O CUNNINGHAM				delay. Three bursts seen to east end of Viaduct on opposite	
	J.91076	F/O HOLMES				side but very close. Own lost in smoke, one other thought	
		P/O BURNS				to be a direct hit. Mission appeared successful.	
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN					
		SGT BOOTH.					
22.2.45	A.428842 LANCASTER	F/O WILEY	BOMBING	12.49	1852	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear - visibility good. Centre of	
	LM217	SGT WELSH	ALTENBEKEN			Viaduct. 1559 hrs. 12,500 ft. 340°T. 170 RAS. Tallboy	
		F/S VERNEY				fused 11 secs delay. Two bombs seen to overshoot by 80 yds.	
		F/S EVANS				One definately seen to hit target. Own bomb also thought	
		F/S ROGERS				to be direct hit. Lot of smoke at the time. Bombing	
		F/S LUCAS				appeared very concentrated.	
		F/S LANE.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	BOMBING	1247	1856	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good, slight haze. Centre of Viaduct.	
	ME909	SGT LOAKES	ALTENBEKEN			1559½ hrs. 12000 ft. 001°T. RAS. 180. Tallboy fused 11	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN				secs delay. Own bombs appeared to go down in smoke con-	
		F/S SUMMER				centration on N.E. end of target. Appeared to be very	
		F/S CORNFOOT				slightly overshooting.	
		SGT ASHWORTH					
		SGT HARRISON.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	W/C BAZIN	BOMBING	12.45	1841	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear - visibility good. Viaduct. 1558½	
	NG459	F/O MACDONALD	ALTENBEKEN			hrs. 14, 000 ft. 360°T. 170 IAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		P/O LEWIS				Own bomb believed to have slightly overshot. About 3	
	A.404850	F/L CAMPBELL				loose bombs, and remaineder concentrated along easterly	
		P/O COOPER				half of Viaduct.	
		~~F/S CAMERON~~					
	A.429545	P/O FITZGERALD.					

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	NZ.426172						
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O HARPER	BOMBING	1244	1828	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visibility good - no cloud. Viaduct.	
	NG206	SGT WHITWORTH	ALTENBEKEN			1558½ hrs. 12,250 ft. 353°T. 180 IAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs	
		F/O HOME				delay. One of first bombs overshot by about 75 yds. One	
"	A.432293	F/O WILLIAMS				undershot and next appeared to fall between these two. Target	
		P/O WILLIAMS				believed hit, but smoke completely obscured target.	
		F/S MCCANN					
		F/S MEAGHER.					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L LAKE	BOMBING	1236	1831	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear - visibility good. Western edge of	
	PB696	F/S BILES	ALTENBEKEN			Viaduct. 1600 hours. 13,000 ft. 354°T. RAS. 170. Tallboy	
	J.87217	F/O PETERSON				fused .025 secs delay. First four bombs seen to fall near	
"		F/O SOWERBY				the N.E. end of the Viaduct and were well concentrated.	
		P/O WEBB					
		F/O HUNTER					
		W/O MULLETT					
22.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	BOMBING	1240	1849	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear - Visibility good. Midway between	
	NG278	P/O SELFE	ALTENBEKEN			centre and Eastern end of Viaduct. 1559 hours. 14,200 ft.	
		P/O WILSON				358°T RAS. 166. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. First two	
"		F/O MORRIS				bombs slightly over and undershot respectively the centre	
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE				of the Viaduct. These bombs covered the centre of Viaduct with	
		F/S HOYLE				smoke and dust and prevented observation of fall of other	
		F/S STALLEY.				bombs.	
22.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES.	BOMBING	1241	1834½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Weather clear - Visibility good. Viaduct.	
	NG249	SGT MAYHEW	ALTENBEKEN			1559 hrs. 12,300 ft. 355°T 185 IAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		F/S HAMMOND				delay. First bomb seen to overshoot, but after that	
"		F/S MACINTOSH				Viaduct was covered in smoke from bomb bursts.	
		F/S MORROW					
		F/S KING					
		F/S HEPPELL.					

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24.2.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1401	1847	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	NG486	F/S PRETTEJOHNS	LADBERGEN			ing target and covering target. Ordered to abandon mission	
	A.433880	F/O HARVEY				mission at 1628. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Brought back.	
		F/S HORRY					
		F/S MORGAN					
		F/S HIGH					
		F/S WATT.					
24.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH	BOMBING	1409.	1839	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 3 0 miles before reach-	
	PA.172	F/S HARRISON	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
	J.27266	F/O CARR					
		F/L COOKE					
		SGT MARSHALL					
		F/S RICHES.					
	J.88948	P/O BROWN.					
24.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON	BOMBING	1414	1836	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
		F/O GRIFFITHS					
		F/S WESTROPE					
	A.421703	W/O BLACK					
		F/S STRACHAN.					
		SGT HOOPER					
24.2.45	A.414983 LANCASTER	F/O ARNDELL	BOMBING	1405	1846	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reaching	
	NG206	F/S JONES	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
	NZ.4210984	P/O CAMPBELL					
		F/O PORTER					
		F/S MEADS					
		F/S THOMAS					
		SGT RICHARDS.					

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24.2.45.	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY	BOMBING	1339	1842	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reaching target.	
	NG495	F/S WOOLEY	LADBERGEN				
		F/O SHUTLER					
		F/O NOLAN					
	A.424616	W/O MOORE					
		F/S ROUND					
		SGT COPPERWAITE.					
24.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCINTOSH	BOMBING	1415	1836	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reaching target.	
	NG220	F/S COSSER	LADBERGEN				
		P/O HAWKINS					
		F/O JENNINGS					
		F/S TETLOW					
		F/S WOOD					
		F/S CAEN					
24.2.45	LANCASTER	F/O JONES	BOMBING	1404	1837	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reaching target.	
	NG384	SGT BILES	LADBERGEN				
		P/O SCOTT					
		F/O BLUNSDEN					
		W/O BIRCH					
		SGT GLOVER					
	A.428640	P/O ACHESON					
24.2.45.	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER	BOMBING	1400	1903	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reaching target.	
	ME.809	SGT PINNING					
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK					
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG					
		F/S EAST					
		F/S MORRISON F/S JONES.					

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24.2.45.	A.424528 LANCASTER	F/O AYRTON	BOMBING	1406	1838	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before	
	LM220	SGT HUDDLESTONE	LADBERGEN			reaching target.	
		SGT HERKES					
		F/S BARDSLEY					
		F/S SCOTT					
		F/S CHARLCRAFT					
		SGT DAVIES.					
24.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O REES	BOMBING	1411	1844	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW	LADBERGEN.			reaching target.	
		F/S HAMMOND					
		F/S MCINTOSH					
		F/S MORROW					
		F/S KING					
		F/S HANDELL.					
24.2.45.	NZ.426172 LANCASTER	F/O HARPER	BOMBING	1407	1828	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before	
	NG249	SGT WHITWORTH	LADBERGEN			reaching target.	
		F/O HOME					
		F/O WILLIAMS					
		F/S IRWIN					
		F/S MCCANN					
		F/S MEAGHER.					
24.2.45	NZ.422445 LANCASTER	F/O WATERS	BOMBING	1408	1832	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before	
	NG278	SGT GREGORY	LADBERGEN			reaching target.	
		F/S MILES					1
		F/S COXON					
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD					C12
		F/S JONES					C7
		SGT BOOTH.					

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24.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	BOMBING	1412	1850	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	NF929	SGT LOAKES	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN					
		F/S SUMNER					
		F/S CORNFOOT					
		SGT ASHWORTH					
		SGT HARRISON					
24.2.45	A.428842 LANCASTER	F/O TILEY	BOMBING	1410	1918	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	LM217	SGT WELSH	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
		F/S VERNEY					
		F/S EVANS					
		F/S ROGERS					
		F/S LUCAS					
		F/S LAIL.					
24.2.45	A.418905 LANCASTER	F/O WILLIAMS	BOMBING	1413	1845	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	NG.487	SGT HUNTER	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
		P/O LOCKERBIE					
		P/O GOLD					
		F/S STERNER					
		SGT THOMPSON					
		F/S REILLY					
24.2.45.	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	BOMBING	1403	1848	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before reach-	
	NG442	SGT BAKER	LADBERGEN			ing target.	
		F/S FAYDON					
		F/S BROOKBANK					
	A.427532	W/O MOSELEY					
		F/S GRAY					
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24.2.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	BOMBING	1402	1834	Target not attacked. 10/10ths cloud 30 miles before	
	NG499	SGT MALLORS	LADBERGEN			reaching target.	
		F/S YOUNG					
		P/O PARSONS					
		F/S BROWNLIE					
		F/O WILLIAMS					
		F/S LINAKER.					

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172749	F/L R.C. LAKE	
1591473	F/S R.W. BAIRD	
1252825	F/S K.C. MOUSLEY	/J. 87217 F/O J.A. PETERSON.
152009	F/O S. SOWERBY	
188109	F/O A.T. WEBB	
519960	F/S R.A. MORTON	- NOT F/S PORTER AS STATED IN F.540
1866663	F/S J.S. PARKES	/1379842 W/O H. MULLETT.
NZ.426172	F/O M.L.T. HARPER	
2203828	SGT A. WHITWORTH	
31328	F/O J.G. HOME	
A.A432293	F/O D. WILLIAMS	
1035975	F/S G.E. IRWIN	
1798926	F/S F.J. MC.CANN	
1595457	F/S J.J. MEAGHER	
178543	F/L G.F. TWEDDLE	
1894916	F/S C. HEATH	
184632	P/O E. SHIELDS	
J.89650	P/O J.W. SINGER	
1540576	F/S A. CARSON	
1593459	F/S J.A. FOOT	
1692890	F/S N. MALLINSON	
174625	F/L R.J. HARRIS	
2211839	SGT E. MELLORS	
1398426	SGT F.W. YOUNG	
184161	P/O H.F. PARSONS	
152104	F/O W.R. BROWNLIE	
184072	F/O W.G. WILLIAMS	
1045266	SGT B. BOOTH	/1626590 F/S W.J. LINAKER
182899	F/O A.L. KEELEY	
1805504	SGT. A. WOTHERSPOON	
J.92831	P/O W. CHORNY	
1396185	F/S L.W. TANNER	
1268954	F/S S. CHAMBERS	
1874925	F/S G.L. CORNWELL	/1595311 F/S J. JOHNSON.
1269348	F/S J.A. STREET	
176730	F/O N.G. REES	
909465	F/S H.A. MAYHEW	[illegible].
1803822	F/S C. HAMMOND	
1346335	F/S D.A. MACKINTOSH	
1131048	F/S T.A. MORROW	
1892730	F/S W.L. KING	
864761	F/S G. HEPPELL	
A.418905	F/O A.F. WILLIAMS	
1607234	SGT W.C. LEWIS	
189039	P/O J. LOCKERBIE	
188229	P/O J.R. GOLD	
1850018	F/S L.C. STANNER	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
1083484	F/S S.A. THOMPSON	
1046243	F/S J.W. REILLY	
A.426596	F/O A.F. JONES	
1872911	SGT A. BILES	
184134	P/O S. SCOTT	
153457	F/O R.L. BLUNSDON	
A.419630	W/O R. BIRCH	
3031308	F/S R. GLOVER	
A.428640	P/O J. ACHESON	
1503		

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150364	F/O	C.M.T. FOLLETT
648043	SGT	E. FLANGAN
153932	F/O	W.D. HOWARTH - NOT SGT AS STATED IN F.540
155272	F/O	D.J. MITCHELL
A.418829	P/O	J.J. GARDNER
1853072	F/S	S.L. MCKEE
1853313	F/S	J.C. LONG
178545	F/L	D. MACINTOSH
1853137	F/S	H.V. COSSER
186434	P/O	V.A. HAWKINS /142451 F/O D.A. JENNINGS
189123	P/O	J. RAMWELL
1601525	SGT	P.T. TETLOW
1825844	F/S	J.A. WOOD
1592467	F/S	C. OWEN
162842	F/L	A.M. MORRISON
2202503	F/S	A. AITKENHEAD
187697	P/O	S.L. GRIFFITH
530230	F/S	L.L. WESTROPE
A.421703	W/O	F. BLACK
1594633	F/S	P. STRACHAN
1550071	F/S	F. HOOPER
55895	F/O	J. STOWELL
644670	F/S	C.R. SPALDING
1624643	F/S	G.C. TAYLOR
1046941	F/S	H.S.G. LIVERSEDGE
1370155	W/O	F. MILLINGTON
1892223	F/S	R.C. BICKER
1896312	F/S	H.W. ALLSOPP
176284	F/L	B. TAYLOR
622595	SGT	D.J. DOHERTY
186223	P/O	A.L. CUNNINGHAM
J.91076	P/O	A.M.E. HOLMES
1438241	F/S	K.A. BURNS
J.90980	P/O	G.C. FREEMAN
J.92888	P/O	G.M. YOUNG
178285	F/O	S. LAWS
1592100	SGT	W.E. HARRISON - NOT MORRISON AS STATED IN F.541
R.167681	W/O	H.I. MIDDLETON
189198	P/O	G.B. CHARLTON
J.26713	F/O	D. MACDONALD
1593803	F/S	J.H. GLASPER
2210226	F/S	G. CHARLTON
176648	F/L	R.F. ADAMS
653957	F/S	L.A. BROWN
1451674	F/S	H.R. LYNAM
1428058	F/S	P.F. JACKSON
1586405	F/S	R.F. FAUCHEUX
1232755	F/S	F. STEBBINGS
1089144	F/S	F. WHITFIELD

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45089	S/L A.G. WILLIAMS	
1891618	F/S C.V. PRETTEJOHNS	
152039	F/O R.C. HARVEY	- NOT A.433880 AS STATED IN F.541
1332586	F/S A. H. HORRY	
1316536	SGT P.A. MORGAN	
520623	F/S H. HIGH	
1572580	F/S A.B. WATT	- NOT WETT AS STATED IN F.541
J.7985	F/L G.C. CAMSELL	
188090	P/O W. ANDRES	
1583267	SGT P. ASLIN	
J.88170	P/O J.G. GRAN	
135018	F/L R.W. COOK	
R.184390	F/S W.J. HERBERT	
J.91070	P/O A.R. BOON	
90281	W/C J.M. BAZIN	
56047	F/O J.M.MC.DONNELL	
54994	F/O R.L. LEWIS	
A.404850	F/L C.J. CAMPBELL	
159950	F/O D.E. COOPER	
1559503	F/S C. CAMERON	
A.429545	F/O D. FITZGERALD	
173316	F/O W. SCOTT	
800613	SGT W.H. BAKER	
1591867	F/S S.D. HAYDON	
1398730	F/S J.S.E. BROOKBANK	
A.427532	W/O N. MOSSENSON	
2206439	F/S F.W. GRAY	
1458999	F/S L.V. JEPSON	
C.89563	F/L L.E. MARSH	
1444910	F/S C.L. HARRISON	
J.88170	P/O J.G. GRAN	/J.88949 P/O A.E. BROWN
J.27266	F/O J.A. CARR	
~~135018~~	~~R/x R.W.x COOK~~	
1182469	W/O C.I.C. DAVIES	
1808098	SGT. C.J. MARSHALL	
1869817	F/S F.R. RICHARDS	/ 1869817 F/S F.R. RICHES.
179570	F/O A.E. JEFFS	
1218992	F/S C.V. HIGGINS	
1252823	F/S K.C. MOUSLEY	
R.116477	W/O H.A. FISHER	
1821038	F/S C. MCMILLAN	
1592730	F/S W. THOMAS	
1853705	F/S G.J. SYMONDS	
A.424528	F/O R.W. AYRTON	
1592551	SGT H.E. HUDDLESTONE	
1569841	SGT J.M. HERKES	
1590085	F/S W. SCOTT	
1585342	W/O N. HARDSLEY	
1853637	F/S D.E. CHALCRAFT	
1881382	SGT W.J. DAVIES	
51126	S/L J.D. MELROSE	
916382	SGT E.C. SELFE	
187022	P/O H.W.D. WILSON	
152585	F/O S.A. MORRIS	
A.422824	F/O R.G. WOOLF	
1688227	SGT H. ROTHWELL	
1736635	F/S A.E. STALLEY	/1144656 F/S E. HOYLE

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NZ.422445	F/O E.I. WATERS
575732	SGT W. GREGORY
1459785	F/S T.A. MILES
1565516	F/S S. COXON
NZ.416309	F/S E.F. FRENCH /A.424462 W/O A.J. REDWOOD
1045266	F/S B. BOOTH
645707	F/S C.E. JONES
86656	F/L W.J. OLDACRE
1344591	F/S [illegible]. TAYLOR
1801340	F/S V.G. SAUNDERS
156534	F/O H. GRIFFIN
A.418829	F/S J.J. GARDNER
1351239	F/S T. MACKAY
1474449	F/S A.F. BARTLETT
NZ.426166	F/O D.A. COSTER
1494444	F/S J.C. PINNING
NZ.4218165	F/S C.W. BLACK
NZ.422099	F/S J. BOAG
1066800	F/SG. EAST
650026	F/S A.B. MORRISON
1897278	SGT W.E. JONES
A.414983	F/O K.C. ARNDELL
1592177	SGT P.H. JONES
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NZ.4210984	P/O P.E. CAMPBELL
55208	F/O H.W. PORTER
1581518	F/S R. MEADS - NOT READS AS STATED IN F.541
1892949	F/S L.G. RICHARDS
631677	F/S J.P. BROWN /1592730 F/S W. THOMAS
A.422148	F/L J.J. DUNNE
629786	SGT H.J. OCKERBY
186232	P/O M.J. THAIN
151758	F/O C.L. PHILPOTT
1617421	F/S J.W. KNIGHT
J.92419	P/O J.T. ROSE
1150197	F/S J.F. JORDAN
A.429303	F/O J.W. BUCKLEY
1583562	F/S A. WOOLLEY
172516	F/O W.C. SHUTLER
154226	F/O D.A. NOLAN
A.424616	W/O I.L. MOORE
633274	F/S R.O. ROUND
1875360	F/S R.A. COPPERWAITE
183440	F/O R.C. MACDONALD
1868239	SGT A.J. HUNTER
1579486	F/S G.F. SHELDON
1386015	SGT L.F. BOWYER
636327	F/S P.C. PALMER
1891950	SGT T.G. WILLIAMS
A.429196	SGT K.G. JUDD
J.90013	F/O J.R. MC.DONNELL
1898127	SGT. R.E.G. PHILLIPS
J.40812	P/O M. CHORNY
154806	F/O J.A. FRICKER
1867681	SGT W.H. PLANT
1392431	SGT B.R. DAVIS
1491764 n	SGT C.N. GREEN
185948	F/O H. ANDERSON
1591176	SGT W.D. LOAKES
A.437458	F/S A.D. VIVIAN
1580269	F/S E. SUMNER
1572141	SGT A. CORNFOOT
2206209	SGT K.A. ASHWORTH
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J.38091	F/O	R.B. YOUNG
552009	SGT	J.S. STONE
J.40808	F/O	E.G. BARNES
J.38667	F/O	W. TAYLOR
1591248	F/S	J.M. HASTINGS - NOT EASTINGS AS STATED IN F.541
R.71058	SGT	A.E. SLATER
R.282694	SGT	A.V. MCINTYRE
A.428842	F/O	J.C. WILEY
1825152	SGT	I. WELSH
1604380	F/S	D.B. VERNEY
1586538	F/S	D.R. EVANS
1579511	F/S	P.A.K. ROGERS
1606309	F/S	W.E. LUCAS
1141532	F/S	J.T. LANE

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Place	Date	Time	March 1945 Summary of Events	References to Appendices
BARDNEY	1/3		Rain around dawn, soon becoming fair, with fresh to strong breeze. No operational flying today. Four aircraft took off during the day for practice high level bombing.	
	2/3		Fine in morning, becoming cloudy in the afternoon, with fresh breeze. Seven crews detailed and took off for practice bombing today. A new crew arrived from 5 L.F.S., Syerston. Captain F/O M.H. CAVEN (187895)	
	3/3		Mainly fine. Hazy. Twenty crews were briefed and took off for operations against Ladbergen today. The take-off was at 1830 hours. Cloud over the target was 9/10ths stratus, with tops at 4000-5000 ft. Bombs were aimed at the largest cluster of Red T.I's., but owing to the clouds, results were not able to be observed. Two aircraft did not bomb, as it was considered that owing to the conditions, accuracy of bombing was not possible. All aircraft returned safely to base between 2338 and 0041 hours.	
	4/3		Fair morning. Continuous rain throughout afternoon. No operations today. Two aircraft took off during the day, one crew detailed for practice bombing, and one on a cross country flight.	
	5/3		Fair at first, with poor visibility. Intermittent rain or drizzle after midday. No operational flying today. During the day eleven aircraft took off, 6 on practice High Level bombing, three on Fighter Affiliation exercises, and two on Air to Sea Firing.	
	6/3		Variable cloud; bright periods. Fresh breeze. Twenty crews ~~were briefed~~ took off today for operations against shipping in the outer harbour at Sassnitz. Take-off was at 1810 hours. On arrival over the target visibility was found to be obscured by 7/10ths thin cloud, tops at 6000 ft. Bombing was visual with the aid of flares, and bombing	

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	6/3		heights varied between 10,000 and 12,000 ft. Several sticks of bombs were seen to straddle shipping, and near misses were observed. One ship was seen to blow up, and a destroyer, after being hit, stopped with clouds of black smoke pouring from it. All aircraft returned safely to base tetween 0325 and 0412 hours.	
			A new crew arrived today from 5 L.F.S. Syerston. Captain:- F/O B.J. GRAVES (A.418102)	
	7/3		Cloudy.	
			Eighteen crews today ~~briefed~~ took off for operations, target HARBURG. The take-off was at 1810 hours. Visibility over the target was good, except for thin patchy stratus. Red and Yellow T.I's were well concentrated and bombing appeared very accurate. On leaving the target area, smoke was observed rising to 10,000 ft. Several pilots observed large explosions and fires. All aircraft returned safely to base between 0035 and 0152.	
	8/3		Drizzle around dawn. Fine morning. Cloudy after midday, until dusk.	
			No operational flying today. Two aircraft took-off on Cross Country flights and two on practice High Level bombing.	
	9/3		Fine. Poor Visibility. Cloud forming in evening.	
			No operations today. Three crews detailed for practice bombing and three for cross country flights.	
			One new crew arrived today from No.5 L.F.S. Syerston. Captain. F/O H. BARROWMAN (A.410826)	
	10/3		Cloudy.	
			No operations again today. During the day three aircraft took off for Fighter Affiliation exercises, two on cross country flights, and one on practice High Level bombing.	

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	11/3		Cloudy until dusk.	
			Fourteen crews ~~were briefed~~ took off today for an attack on Essen. Take-off was at 1200 hours. Over the target visibility was obscured by 10/10ths cloud, tops at 5-6000 ft. Crews were ordered to bomb on red and blue skymarkers from 18,000 - 19,000 ft. Results of bombing were not observed in many cases owing to cloud over the target area, but several pilots reported that on leaving the area, clouds were seen to be billowing and turning brown. All aircraft returned safely to base between 1716 and 1731 hours.	
	12/3		Fair or fine. Slight frost at dawn. Poor visibility.	
			Fourteen crews ~~were again briefed~~ took off for operations today against DORTMUND. Aircraft took off at 13.30 hours. Visibility over the target area was bad, there being 10/10ths strata cumulus, tops at 500 to 600 feet. Bombing heights varied between 16,500 and 17,500 feet. Markers appeared well concentrated but bombing results were not observed owing to cloud. Pilots reported however, that smoke over the target area had turned a circular area of cloud yellow brown, and caused the clouds to billow.	
			All aircraft returned safely to base between 1833 and 1910 hours.	
	13/3		Fair, but misty. Frost at first.	
			Seventeen crews ~~were~~ today ~~briefed~~ took off for operations against "ARNSBURG." Take-off was at 12.30 hours. One aircraft piloted by F/L Adams D.F.C. made an early return, as soon after becoming airborne, the Port Outer rev. control became unserviceable and the engine had to be feathered. This aircraft returned to base after jettisoning its bomb load.	
			The target was not attacked owing to smoke and haze over the target area. One aircraft piloted by F/L Tweddle was diverted to Carnaby on return, as after leaving the target area, the Port Outer engine emitted flames. The engine was feathered and a safe landing was made at Carnaby.	
			All other aircraft returned safely to base between 1843 and 1948 hours.	

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	14/3		Fog at first, clearing during morning, but visibility poor all day. Clear sky after fog had cleared.	
			Seventeen crews took off today for operations against yesterday's target, ARNSBURG. Take-off at 1390 hours. Visibility over the target was hazy but aircraft were able to bomb visually at heights varying between 12000 and 14000 feet. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated on the viaduct. The last two aircraft to arrive did not bomb as the whole of the viaduct was covered in smoke from previous bombing.	
			All aircraft returned safely to base between 1849 and 1919 hours.	
			One crew arrived today from No. 5 L.F.S. Syerston, Captain F/O B.S. Woolstencroft. A.410826.	
			HONOURS AWARDED TO THE SQUADRON.	
			F/L L.E. Marsh D.F.C.(J.89563.) F/L W.T.G. Gabriel D.F.C. (69432) 1869817 F/S Riches,D.F.M.	
			DETAILS FOR WHICH MERITORIOUS AWARD WAS MADE. F/L L.E. MARSH D.F.C. (J.89563)	
	14/3		F/L Marsh was Captain of a Lancaster aircraft detailed to attack the Submarine Pens at Bergen in daylight on January 12th 1945.	
			His aircraft was attacked by 5 F.W.190's whilst recrossing the Norwegian coast. The starboard outer engine was hit and began smoking. F/L Marsh showed great presence of mind by not feathering his engine immediately, so that he could get the longest possible use from his mid upper turret. By superb flying skill and accurate fire from both turrets, the enemy were prevented from pressing home their attacks, which lasted in all thirty two minutes.	
			F/L W.T.G. GABRIEL D.F.C.(69432.)	
	14/3		F/L Gabriel was the Rear Gunner of a Lancaster aircraft detailed for the same attack. On leaving the target area, the aircraft was attacked by four F.W.190's During the first attack F/L Gabriel's turret was hit and put out of action, and in the second attack he was wounded in the leg and above the eye. Nevertheless he was able to keep up such good commentry that the enemy were unable to press home their attacks.	
			Fifteen attacks were made in all, lasting seventeen minutes. F/L Gabriel's coolness and courage greatly attributed to the saving of the aircraft.	

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	14/3		1869817 F/S Riches J.R. D.F.M.	
			Flight Sergeant Riches was Rear Gunner of a Lancaster aircraft detailed to carry out a daylight attack on the "U" boat pens at BERGEN on January 12th 1945.	
			On recrossing the Norwegian coast after the target had been attacked, his aircraft was engaged by five F.W. 190's. Flight Sergeant Riches opened up accurate fire on the enemy aircraft, and gave his Captain such good advice on his combat manoeuvers that the enemy were prevented from pressing home their attacks.	
			After several attacks the starboard outer engine was hit and was subsequently feathered. This meant that F/S Riches alone was able to fire at the enemy fighters.	
			The combat lasted in all for 32 minutes and there is no doubt that Flight Sergeant Riches' coolness and courage did much to the saving of his aircraft.	
	15/3			
			Similar to 14th. Becoming cloudy in late evening.	
			A further attack was made today on ARNSBURG. Fourteen crews taking off at 1300 hours. Visibility was hazy and very poor, but ten aircraft attacked at heights varying between 12000 and 14000 feet. Results of bombing generally were not observed but several pilots reported bombs on or near the target.	
			One aircraft NG384, piloted by F/L A.F. Jones D.F.C. forced landed at "GOSSELIES" south of Brussels. After leaving the target the port inner engine caught fire and could not be feathered. F/L Jones gave the order to bale out which was obeyed by four members of the crew. At this stage the fire was seen to go out and the pilot countercommanded his previous order. Aircraft LM220 piloted by F/L Tweddle landed at "GOSSELIES" in advance of F/L Jones in order to ascertain landing conditions. Two aircraft DB696, and NG442, piloted by F/O Wiley and F/L Taylor respectively, landed at Manston, as they were short of petrol after 20 minutes of flying over the target area in an effort to identify the target through the haze.	
			All aircraft returned to base, landing between 1944 and 2002 hours.	

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	16/3		Some rain during the night, ceasing before dawn. Cloudy by day until dusk.	
			Six crews today ~~were briefed~~ took off for operations against "WESEL". Take-off was at 1800 hours.	
			Visibility over the target was clear apart from haze. Markers were well concentrated and bombing appeared accurate. Bombing heights varied between 10,000 and 12,000 feet. Reports indicated that the whole town was covered by incendaries, several fires being observed.	
			One aircraft did not attack as bombs failed to release over the target, and were jettisoned normally.	
			All aircraft returned safely to base at 0130 to 0146 hours.	
	17/3		Fair conditions with variable cloud. Ground frost in the early morning.	
			No operational flying today. Two aircraft took off during the day on cross country flights.	
	18/3		Fine at first with ground frost. Cloud formed during morning, but there were bright periods during the day.	
			No operations today. Four crews were detailed for fighter affiliation exercises and two for practice bombing.	
	19/3		Intermittent rain from early hours until after dawn, and again in the afternoon for two hours.	
			Continuous rain from 2000 hours till midnight.	
			Operations against a railway bridge at VLOTHO today. Eighteen crews were briefed, and took off ~~the~~ at 0800 hours. Three aircraft did not attack. One was late at rendezvous and ordered by Force Leader to return to base. Another after becoming airborne, was forced to return with its starboard inner engine unserviceable. The third was caught in the slipstream, and was unable to make contact with the leader until after bombing had been completed.	
			Visibility over target was good, the cloud base being at 14000 feet. Bombing appeared concentrated, but the bridge appeared to be standing after the attack.	
			All aircraft returned to base by 1437 hours.	

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	20/3		Fine at first. Variable cumulus cloud from 1100 until dusk.	
			Fourteen crews ~~were briefed~~ took off today for operations against a railway bridge near NIENBURG.	
			Take-off was at 1445 hours. Visibility was clear, and bombing was visual at heights varying between 12000 and 14000 feet.	
			The bridge was hit several times but did not collapse. Several sticks of bombs straddled the target, and the railway lines on either side of the bridge were hit.	
			All aircraft returned safely to base between 1241 and 1957 hours.	
	21/3		Fine.	
			No operations today. One aircraft took off during the day on a cross country flight.	
	22/3		Fair to cloudy, becoming fine in late afternoon. Warm (Max. temperature 60°)	
			Seventeen crews ~~briefed~~ took off today for operations against a railway bridge at BREMEN. Aircraft took off at 11.30 and arrived over the target to find good visibility. Bombing heights varied from 17,700 - 19,500 feet. and despite heavy flak, bombing was well concentrated. Several hits were made on or around the bridge, and on return smoke was seen to be rising in large clouds when 95 miles from the target area.	
			NF292, piloted by F/L Camsell was hit in both starboard engines whilst on the bombing run, but the pilot managed to land at Ludham, Norfolk. None of the crew were injured.	
			All aircraft returned safely to base between 1608 and 1706 hours.	
	23/3		Fine Warm (Max. temperature 65° F.)	
			Today eleven crews were briefed and operated, target being a railway bridge at BAD OEYNHAUSEN. Take-off was at 13.30 hours. Visibility was again clear, and bombing was visual, heights varying between 13000 and 14000 feet.	
			Heavy flak was again encountered, but despite this, bombing was well concentrated and after the attack, part of the bridge appeared to have collapsed. One aircraft piloted by F/O Follett did not attack, as it encountered and was damaged by a M.E.263. The aircraft returned to base	

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	23/3		after jettisoning its bombs. Another, piloted by F/O Waters was hit twice by heavy flak, on the bombing run, and again after the bombing. Despite the fact that both tanks were damaged, F/O Waters managed to land at SEETHING. All other aircraft returned safely to base between 18.14 and 18.34 hours.	
	24/3		Fine. Fresh breeze. Warmest day since 15th September (Max. temperature 68°) No operations today.	
	25/3		Cloudy with some fair periods, Operations cancelled today. Seven aircraft took off during the day, three on practice high level bombing, htree on air to sea firing, and one on fighter affiliation exercises.	
	26/3		Fine. Fresh N'ly breeze. Nothing of importance to note today.	
	27/3		Fine. Upper cloud increasing in evening, with rain before midnight.	
		15	Crews were today briefed and took off for operations against "FARGE" Take-off was at 1037 hours. Visibility was clear over the target. Aircraft attacked at heights varying between 16,000 and 17,000 feet. The attack was generally considered successful. One aircraft did not attack as bomb sight was unserviceable. All aircraft returned to base by 1520 hours.	
	28/3		Dull and mild. Rain until 0400 hours and again from 1200 to 1530 hours. Operations cancelled today.	
	29/3		Variable sky, with a little rain in late evening. Fresh SW'ly breeze. Mild (61°) Two crews detailed today for fighter affiliation, and two for cross country flights.	

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	30/3		Variable cumulus cloud with a shower around midday. WSW'ly breeze.	
			No operations again today. Four crews detailed for Fighter affiliation exercises and high level bombing.	
	31/3		Cloudy. Intermittent rain in late afternoon. Strong SW'ly breeze.	
			Three aircraft took off during the day for Air to Sea Firing and one for fighter affiliation exercises.	

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1/3	63994	F/L N.F. King.	A & SD	Posted from 53 Base
1/3	187895	P/O M. Caven	Pilot.	Posted from 5 L.F.S.
1/3	166832	F/O R.C. Pugh	A & SD	Posted to 5 P.D.C.
3/3	184161	P/O E.F. Parsons	A/G	Detached to RAF. Manby for Bombing Leader's Course.
4/3	165534	P/O C.P.W. Warren	A/B	Posted from 5 L.F.S.
16/3	153457	F/O R.L. Blunsden	A/B	Posted to War Casualty.
17/3	86656	F/L WJ. Oldacre	Pilot	Posted to No. 50 Squadron.
19/3	156553	F/O H. Griffin	A/B	Posted to No. 50 Squadron.
22/3	69432	F/L W.T.G. Gabriel	A/G	Posted from 53 Base.
23/3	179624	F/O M.W. Stoneman	F/E	Posted from No. 50 Squadron.
25/3	182581	F/O WJ. Robe	F/E	Posted from 5 L.F.S.
26/3	160667	F/O V.H. Hill	Pilot	Posted from 5 L.F.S.
30/3	190791	P/O W.H. Baker	F/E	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on appointment to commission.
30/3	195372	P/O A.H. Horry	A/B	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on appointment to commision.
30/3	187221	P/O A.E. Wotherspoon	F/E	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on appointment to commission.

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			AWARDS.	
			F/L Marsh L.E. Awarded D.F.C.	
			F/L W.R. G. Gabriel awarded D.F.C.	
			F/S Richards J.R. awarded D.F.M.	
			Signed [signature] Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 9 Squadron, Bardney.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L OLDACRE W.	BOMBING	1838	0024	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 9/10ths stratus. Tops 4/5000. N.W. red	
	NG447	F/S TAYLOR G.G.	LADBERGEN			T.I's 2201 hours. 10,000 feet. 036. 180 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		F/S SAUNDERS F.A.				½ hr. delay. Told to bomb largest concentration of red T.I's	
		F/O GRIFFIN F.S.				Received message after bombing by V.H.F. to overshoot 3 secs.	
	A.418829	F/S GARDNER J.J.				Small hole in B/A perspex due to light flak over target.	
		SGT MACKAY T.					
		SGT WORLEY J.F.V.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1845	0017	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths stratus. Tops 5/6000. N.W. cluster	
	LM217	SGT WELSH I.	LADBERGEN			of red T.I's 2203½ 9,800 ft. 045T. 193 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		F/S VERNEY D.				one ½ hr. delay. Told to bomb largest concentration of red	
		F/S EVANS D.				T.I's which were N.W. Received W/T message to overshoot	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.				by 3 secs. after own bomb had been released.	
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.T.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER NZ22445	F/O WATERS E.I.	BOMBING	1846	0018	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths thin stratus. Tops 5/6000 ft.	
	NG276	SGT GREGORY W.	LADBERGEN			N.W. red T.I's on Controllers instructions. 2201 9,200 ft.	
		F/S MILES R.S.G.				0339 180 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Two groups of T.I's	
		F/S COXON S.				seen on run up. No results seen Astro dome shattered. Hole	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.				in turret heater. Perspex in M/U turret blown out.	
		F/S JONES C.E.					
		F/S BOOTH B.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1841	0002	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths stratus. Tops 6000. Cluster of	
	NG488	F/S WOOLEY A.	LADBERGEN			T.I's in N.W. 2202 8,700 ft. 047T. 187 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				½ hour delay. Told by Controller to bomb N.W. red T.I's	
		F/O NOLAN A.				Received message by R/T and W/T to overshoot by 3 secs.	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE I.L.				after own bomb had been released. No results seen.	
		F/O EVANS S.E.					
		SGT COPPERWAITE R.A.C.					

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3.3.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1843	0004	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths stratus. Tops about 4000 N.W. red	
	NG206	F/O JONES H.	LADBERGEN			T.I. on Controllers instructions. 2202 8,600 ft. 062 180 RAS	
	NZ.421948	P/O GAMPBELL H.D.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Two groups of red T.I's seen on	
		F/O PORTER H.W.				run up about 500 yds. apart. Just after bombing, Controller	
		F/S MEAD R.				ordered Main Force to overshoot by 3 secs. No results seen.	
		F/S THOMAS T.A.					
		F/S RICHARDS L.G.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	1839	0019	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin layer of stratus, tops 5/600 . N.W.	
	LL843	SGT AITKENHEAD A.	LADBERGEN			red T.I. on Controllers instructions. 2202. 9000 ft. 014	
		P/O GRIFFIN L.C.				180 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Two groups of red T.I's	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				seen on run up. No results ov bombing seen. After bombing	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.				heard controller order 3 secs. overshoot.	
		F/S STRACHAN P.					
		SGT HOOPER F.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL G.C.	BOMBING	1832	0008	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths s.c. Tops 5/6000. Red T.I's with	
	NF929	P/O ANDREW W.	LADBERGEN			3 secs. dleay. 2206 9,000 ft. 028. 210 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		F/S ASLIN P.R.				½ hr. delay. Flares and green and red T.I's visible but	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN R.J.				nothing seen of bombing due to cloud.	
		F/S BEEVERS D.					
	R.184390	F/S HERBERT W.J.					
	J.91070	P/O BOON A.E.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MORGAN	BOMBING	1833	0035	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. Tops 5000. N.W. point of	
	ME791	SGT POCOCK G.E.	LADBERGEN			red T.I's 2204 9000 350T. 210 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr.	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				delay. Told to bomb N.W. T.I's No. results seen.	
		F/S CURRIE J.					
		F/O BLUNT E.J.					
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3.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.426172	F/O HARPER	M.L.T.	BOMBING	1828	0039	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin layer of stratus, tops 5000. N.W. T.I's	
	NG202	SGT WHITWORTH	A.	LADBERGEN			with 3 secs overshoot on Controllers instructions. Tallboy	
		F/O HOME	J.G.				fused ½ hour delay. 2203½ 9000 060 170 RAS. No. results	
	A.4 32293	P/O WILLIAMS	D.				observed.	
		F/S IRWIN	G.H.					
		F/S MCCANN	J.J.					
		F/S MEAGER.	J.J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON	R.W.	BOMBING	1844	2338	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin layer of stratus, tops about 4000.	
	LM220	SGT HUDDLESTONE	H.K.	LADBERGEN			Red T.I's. 2201½ 8,700 048. 185 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr.delay.	
		SGT HERKES	J.M.				Glow of T.I's seen on run up. Just before bombing T.I's	
		F/S BARDSLEY	N.				clearly seen through gap. Ordered by controller to bomb	
		F/S SCOTT	W.				brightest T.I's. No results seen.	
		F/S CHALCRAFT	D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES.	W.A.J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER NZ. 426166	F/O COSTER	D.A.	BOMBING	1842	0022	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. T.I's appeared very scattered. Controller	
	NG249	SGT PINNING	J.C.	LADBERGEN			ordered to bomb with 3 secs overshoot on N.W. red T.I's.	
	NZ.4218165	F/S BLACK	C.W.				Bombing could not have been accurate so brought bomb back.	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.				7/8/10ths S.C. Tops 5/6000.	
		F/S EAST	H.G.					
		F/S MORRISON	A.B.					
		F/S JONES	W.J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG	R.B.	BOMBING	1847	0001	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 9/10ths S.C. Tops 5/6000 N.W. cluster of	
	ME609	SGT STONE	J.S.	LADBERGEN			red T.I's 2200½ 9,000 031T. 190 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr.	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES	E.J.				delay. Told to bomb N.W. red T.I's. Received message by	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR	H.				V.H.F. to overshoot by 3 secs after own bomb was released.	
		SGT HASTINGS	J.M.					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.					
	R.282694.	SGT MCINTYRE.	A.V.					

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3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1840	0018	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths S.C. Tops 6000. N.W. red T.I.	
	PB696.	SGT MELLORS S.M.	LADBERGEN			with 3 secs overshoot. 2204. 9,500 ft. 036T. 170 RAS.	
		SGT SHELDON G.F.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Red T.I. seen through break in	
		SGT BOWYER L.E.				cloud. Bombing not visible.	
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT JUDD A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS T.J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1834	0016	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/9/10ths S.C. Tops 4/5000ft. N.W. Red T.I.	
	PA172	SGT FLANNAGAN E.J.	LADBERGEN			with 3 secs. undershoot. 2207. 8,000 ft. 056T. 200 RAS.	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Red T.I's appeared very scattered.	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				No results observed due to cloud. V.H.F. u/s throughout	
		P/O GARDNER L.				trip. Bombing instructions received by W/T.	
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J.C.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	1838	0010	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths S.C. Tops 5/6000. Centre of N.W.	
	NG499	SGT IOAKES W.D.	LADBERGEN			Red T.I's. 22½ hrs. 8,700 ft. 056T. 195 RAS. Tallboy fused	
	A.437468	F/S VIVIAN A.B.				½ hr. delay. Told by Controller to bomb N.W. red T.I.	
		SGT SUMNER E.				Received message by V.H.F. for remaining aircraft to over-	
		F/S CORNFOOT A.				shoot by 3 secs, but own bomb had been released. No results	
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.				seen.	
		SGT HARRISON. J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1836	0005	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. T.I's seen through cloud covering large	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	LADBERGEN			area. In opinion of Pilot and A/B accurate bombing would	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY W.				have been impossible, so brought bomb back. 9/10ths S.C.	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				Tops 4/5000. Yellow W/F T.I. not seen, so no wind passed.	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.					
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
3.3.45	LANCASTER A.426696	F/O JONES A.F.	BOMBING	1830	0023	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths s.c. Tops 5000. N.W. red T.I.	
	NG384	SGT BILES A.E.W.	LADBERGEN			as ordered by Master Bomber, but bombed direct before other	
		P/O SCOTT S.				instructions issued. 2200½ 9,350 ft. 037T. 230 RAS. Tallboy	
"		F/O BLUNSDEN R.L.				fused ½ hr. delay. Red T.I. seen through break in cloud,	
	A.419630	F/O BIRCH R.L.				otherwise only glow through cloud seen.	
		SGT GLOVER R.					
	A.428640	P/O ACHESON J.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1827	0041	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 9/10ths thin stratus, tops about 5000. N.W.	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING C.R.	LADBERGEN			group of T.I's on Controllers instructions. 2201. 8,200 ft.	
		SGT TAYLOR J.G.				096 200 IAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. T.I's seen through	
"		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				small gap in cloud. No results seen. Unable to find wind as	
		F/S MILLINGTON F.				T.I. only burnt for about 40 seconds.	
		SGT BICKER R.G.					
		SGT ALLSOP. M.W.A.					
3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1831	2359	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Broken S.C. Tops 4,500. Red. T.I. 2202	
	NG238	SGT HARRISON C.L.	LADBERGEN			8000 ft. 105T. 180 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Flares and	
		W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				two Red T.I's seen, otherwise nothing seen due to cloud.	
"		F/O MAGDONALD D.M.					
		P/O CHARLTON G.C.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		SGT CHARLTON J.R.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	BOMBING	1880	0337	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/10ths thin cloud. Tops 6,000 ft. A ship	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS	SASSNITS			OF ABOUT 10,000 tons. 2305. 10,200 ft. 350T. 185 RAS. Tall-	
		F/S YOUNG				boy fused .07 secs. Own bomb considered to have fallen	
	A.421281	F/O JONES				about 40 yards short of ship. No results observed.	
	A.422824	F/O WOLF					
		F/O WILLIAMS					
		SGT LINAKER					

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3.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR H.	BOMBING	1837	2357	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin layer of s.c. 7/10ths tops	
	NG442	F/S DOHERTY J.D.	LAUBE..GE..			10,000. Northern cluster of Red T.I's 2200½	
		P/O CU...INGHAM J.				9,800 035T. Ras. 190. Tallboy ½ hr. delay.	
	J.91076	F/O HOLMES W.R.				Controller said to bomb N.W. Red T.I's. Received	
		P/O BURNS K.A.				message after own bomb had been released to	
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN G.C.				undershoot by three seconds.	
		SGT BOOTH B.					
6/7.3.45.	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS R.J.	BOMBING	1820	0337	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/10ths thin cloud. Tops about 6,000 ft.	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS S.M.	SASSNITS			A ship of about 10,000 tons. 2303 10,200. 350T. 180 RAS.	
		F/S YOUNG F.W.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Own bomb considered to have	
	A.421281	F/O JONES A.E.				fallen about 40 yds. short of ship. No results observed.	
	A.422824	F/O WOLF R.G.				No flame float seen owing to cloud conditions.	
	A.4	P/O WILLIAMS A.J.					
		SGT LINAKER W.J.W.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	1810	0347	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/10ths cloud. Tops about 6,000 ft. Glow	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	SASSNITS			of M.P.I. of cluster of Red T.I's Delay 7 secs. 2307½	
		F/O HOME J.G.				10,300 ft. 224T. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. The	
	A.	P/O WILLIAMS D.				markers were well concentrated but no results of bombing	
	.	F/S IRWIN G.H.				were observed. No flame float seen owing to cloud conditions	
		F/S MCCANN J.J.				and no guaranteed wind could therefore be found.	
	.	F/S MEAGHER J.J.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1816	0323	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/8/10ths cloud. Tops about 6000 ft. A ship	
	ME809	SGT WELSH I.	SASSNITS			about one mile off shore. 2305. 12,000 ft. 240T 205 RAS.	
		F/S SHELDON W.F.				Tallboy fused .07 secs. No results of bombing of shipping	
		F/S BOWYER L.E.				seen. Bomb bursts seen dock area.	
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT JUBB A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS. T.J.					

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6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L OLDACRE W.	BOMBING	1814	0344	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10ths broken strata. Tops about 5000 ft.	
	PA172	F/S TAYLOR G.C.	SASSNITS			A large ship lying about a thousand yds., off shore. 2310	
		F/S SAUNDERS F.A.				10,000 298T. 190 RAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. Own bomb	
		F/O GRIFFIN F.S.				appeared to fall on or near the ship which was obliterated	
	A.418829	F/S GARDNER J.J.				by the explosion.	
		F/O EVANS S.E.					
		F/S GRIFFIN A.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER NZ426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	1808	0350	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/8/10ths S.C. Tops 5/6000. Vis. good.	
	NG249	SGT PINNING J.C.	SASSNITS			Red T.I's bombed direct. 2312 10,500 ft. 030T. 185 RAS.	
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK C.W.				Tallboy fused .07 secs. Made two runs over three small	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG J.H.				ships but on each occasion cloud obscured targets so bombed	
		F/S EAST H.G.				with main force. Bursts seen around T.I's which appeared	
		F/S MORRISON A.B.				very concentrated and accurate.	
		SGT JONES. W.J.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL G.C.	BOMBING	1815	0329	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10 to 8/10ths strata s.c. Tops about 5000	
	NF929	F/O ANDREWS W.	SASSNITS			Centre of ship. A medium sized merchant vessel. 2303 10,000	
		F/S ASLIN P.R.				188 200 IAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. Made first run on a	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN R.J.				large liner but lost it owing to cloud. Second run on a	
		F/S BEEVERS D.				medium sized M/V. No results observed. Red T.I's clearly	
	R.184390	F/S HERBERT W.J.				seen and appeared accurate. At least eight ships seen out-	
	J.91070	P/O BOON A.E.				side harbour. Some zig zagging about.	
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG R.B.	BOMBING	1818	0333	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths S.C. Tops 8000 ft. Vis.good.	
	LM220	F/S STONE S.S.	SASSNITS			Centre of ship. 2309. 11,500 286T. 200 RAS. Tallboy fused	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES E.J.				.07 secs. One run made but cloud obscured result of own	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR H.				bombing. Ship close in to land south of jetty. Red T.I's and	
		SGT HASTINGS J.M.					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER A.E.				flares seemed accurate. Other bombing not seen due to smoke,	
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE A.V.				and cloud. Possibility of no photo will be due to cloud, but	
						bombing was accurate. Rear turret U/S on being airborne	
						and throughout trip.	

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6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY	A.L.	BOMBING	1825	0339	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10th to 8/10 strata cu. Tops about	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON	A.E.	SASSNITS			6,000 ft. Slight ahead of moving destoyer. 2311. 10,000 ft.	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY	W.				320. 195. IAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. Destroyer hit: stopped	
		F/S TANNER	L.E.				with black smoke pouring out of it. About six ships seen	
		F/S CHAMBERS	S.D.				moving fast, and one liner outside the harbour at anchor.	
		F/S CORNWELL	C.H.				Red T.I's seen but no bombing by Force B.	
		F/S JOHNSON	J.E.					
	NZ.422443							
6/7.3.45.	LANCASTER	F/O WATERS	E.I.	BOMBING	1819	0341	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10 to 7/10 strata cu. tops about 8000 ft.	
	NG276	SGT GREGORY	W.	SASSNITS			Stationary ship, believed to be about 10,000 tons. 2301.	
		F/S MILES	R.S.G.				10,800 290. 180. IAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. Bombed middle	
		F/S COXON	S.				of one of three ships anchored outside harbour. No results	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD	A.H.				observed but stick of bombs seen to burst near ships.	
		F/S JONES	C.E.					
		F/S BOOTH	B.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	H.	BOMBING	1822	0346	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10 to 8/10 Strata cu. Tops 5 -6000 ft.	
	NG384	SGT LOAKES	W.B.	SASSNITS			Centre of believed liner. 2315 10,500 ft. 022. 195 IAS.	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN	A.B.				Tallboy fused .07 secs. Flash of bomb seen close to ship	
		SGT SUMNER	E.				but no results observed. Two large ships seen close to-	
		SGT CORNFOOT	A.				gether aimed at more southerly of the two; about ½ mile out	
		SGT ASHWORTH	K.A.				of harbour. About six smaller ships seen moving about.	
		SGT HARRISON	J.				Bombing by Force B appeared accurate: explosion in harbour	
							seen at 2327.	

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6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1823	0333	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10ths C.U. Tops 6000 Vis. good. Centre	
	NG442	SGT FLANNAGAN E.J.	SASSNITS			of Warship. 2302. 11000 333. 165. RAS. Tallboy fused .07	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				Three other attacks seen on same ship identified by turret.	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				Two appeared 2-300 yds. undershoot on same heading and one	
		P/O GARDNER L.				on stern side. Own bomb not seen. M/F heard being ordered to bomb	
		SGT MCKEE S.L.				three ships. Red T.I's seen and own flares very good and accurate.	
		SGT LONG. J.C.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1809	0358	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10 to 8/10 Strata cu. tops 6-7,000 ft.	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING C.R.	SASSNITS			Large ship at anchor about 1½ miles from harbour. 2312½.	
		SGT TAYLOR J.G.				10, 400 ft. 002. 210. RAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. Stick of	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.F.				bombs seen to straddle stern of ship just after own bomb	
		F/S MILLINGTON F.				went. Own bomb not seen to burst. Much smoke came from ship.	
		SGT BICKER R.G.				One smaller ship seen outside harbour moving.	
		SGT ALLSOP M.W.A.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCINTOSH D.	BOMBING	1826	0335	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 4/10ths S.C. Tops 7000 ft. Vis. Good.	
	LM.217	SGT COSSER R.V.	SASSNITS			Centre of one Warship. 2302. 10,000 360T. 180 RAS. Tallboy	
		P/O HAWKINS N.				fused .07 secs. One run made on two ships lying together.	
		F/S EVANS D.J.				Result, ship obscured by smoke. Either hit or near miss.	
		SGT TETLOW P.E.				Other bombs seen falling round other ship. Red and Green	
		SGT WOOD J.A.				T.I's seen. Some Red T.I's three to four miles off target.	
		SGT OWEN G.				Own flares very good.	
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1812	0357	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/10ths cloud. Tops about 6000 ft. Believed	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON C.L.	SASSNITS			destroyer. 2313. 10,400 010T. 190 RAS. Tallboy fused .075	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				secs. After bombing ship was seen to have a list of about	
		P/O CHARLTON G.G.				70 degrees. Bomb bursts seen in dock area.	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON J.R.					

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6/7.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1813	0403	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths Cu. Tops about 6000 ft. Two	
	NG486	F/S WOOLEY A.	SASSNITS			funneled liner 15/20,000 tons. 2306½ 10,700 340T. 120 RAS.	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				Tallboy fused .07 secs. A near miss from Tallboy seen.	
		F/O NOLAN A.				Result of own bombing not seen. A stick of bombs also seen	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE I.L.				to fall close to this ship. Pressure for computor box	
		F/S ROUND R.G.				failed. Emergency computor used. Did not do supporting run as late	
		SGT COPPERWAITE R.G.				for this purpose.	
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	1827	0411	TARGET, NOT ATTACKED. Cloud conditions over target area.	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD A.	SASSNITS			Arrived over target at 2300 and saw shipping. Made two runs	
		F/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				with the intention of bombing a large merchant vessel but	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				each occasion the ship was obscured by cloud. Twelve minutes	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.				were spent orbiting the target area in the hope of being	
		F/S STRACHAN F.				able to attack the merchant vessel and after the final run,	
		SGT HOOPER F.				course was set for base at 2312. During the first run over	
						target one ship was seen to blow up. Tallboy fused .07	
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1821	0400	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths to 8/10 Strato-cu. Tops 7,000 ft.	
	NG206	F/S JONES H.	SASSNITS			Liner with two funnels. 2300 10,900 ft. 296 IAS. 185. Tallboy	
	NZ.421948	P/O CAMPBELL A.D.				fused .07 secs. Cloud obscured target after bomb went.	
		P/O PORTER H.W.				Another large ship seen with a fire burning. About six small	
		F/S MEADS R.				ships seen weaving about.	
		SGT BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS L.G.					

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6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS R.F.	BOMBING	1824	0359	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths to 8/10ths strata cu. Tops about	
	PB696	F/S BROWN L.A.	SASSNITS			6,000 ft. Small ship the most westerly of the three. 2306	
		F/S LYNHAM H.R.				10,000 ft. 010T. IAS 160. Tallboy fused .07 secs. No results	
		F/S FAUCHEUX R.F.				observed owing to cloud. Red T.I's seen: appeared accurate-	
		F/S STEBBINGS F.				ly placed.	
		F/S WHITFIELD P.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1811	0412	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10ths S.C. Tops 5000 Vis. good. Flak ship.	
	NG487	P/O MACDONALD H.	SaSSNITS			2302 12,300 FT. 130T. 210 RAS. Tallboy fused .07 secs. delay.	
		P/O LOCKERBIE J.				Flak ship and barges seen lying outside harbour so attacked.	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				Explosion seen after bombing and lot of black smoke,	
		F/S STENNER L.G.				probably the flak ship was hit. Red and Green T.I's seemed	
		F/S BLAIN S.				very scattered. Own flares very good.	
		SGT REILLY J.W.					
6/7.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MORGAN E.G.R.	BOMBING	1817	0406	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 6/10 to 8/10 strata cu. Tops 7-8000 ft.	
	HK791	SGT POCOCK G.E.	SASSNITS			Large liner: the more easterly of two at anchor about a	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				mile from harbour. 2308. 10,800 ft. 188T. 175 IAS. Tallboy	
		F/S CURRIE J.				fused .07 secs. No results observed. Red T.I's appeared	
		F/O BLUNT E.G.				accurate: bombing by Force B seen and one explosion at 2312	
		W/O LEGG W.				in harbour area, with two more 2315.	
		W/O MARTIN J.A.W.					

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L OLDACRE W.	BOMBING	1819	0849	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear Vis. good. Northern tip of concen-	
	NG242	F/S TAYLOR G.C.	HARBURG			tration of red T.I's on instructions from Controller. Delay	
		F/S SAUNDERS F.A.				7 secs. 2159. 13000 214T. RAS 190. 1x2000 lb MC. .025.	
		F/O GRIFFIN F.S.				7X1000 MC. .025 4X500 GP. .025. Markers were well concentrated.	
	A.418829	F/S GARDNER J.J				Bombing accurate and good fires and explosions seen.	
		P/O EVANS T.					
		F/S SAIMON. A.F.					
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH D.	BOMBING	1811	0037	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin patchy stratus at 14,000 ft. Also	
	NG442	F/S COSSER R.V.	HARBURG			patchy stratus at about 5000 ft. One red T.I. Delay 7 secs.	
		P/O HAWKINS N.				2157. 14000 200°T. RAS. 170 1X2000 lb. MC. .025 1X1000. lb	
		F/S EVANS D.				MC. .025. 6X1000 lb. MC. LD. 6 hours 2X500 lb. GP. .025.	
		SGT TETLOW P.E.				Markers were well concentrated and bombing appeared to be	
		SGT WOOD J.A.				accurate. Smoke was seen rising to about 10,000 ft. Large	
		SGT OWEN C.				explosions was seen between 2158 and 2200.	
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1816	0056	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Late arriving so attacked outer defences	
	NG487	SGT HUNTER A.J.	HARBURG			5/10ths stratus. Tops 14000 ft. cluster of S/L's 22161	
		P/O LOCKERBIE J.				9000 ft. 1X200 lb. MC. 7X1000 lb. MC. .025 4X500 lb. GP.	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				.025 Main target well concentrated. Several large explosions	
		F/S STENNER L.G.				and fires seen. South of track to target due to false winds.	
		SGT THOMPSON S.A.					
		F/S REILLY J.W.					

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(*15831—9511) Wt. 47633—3795 250M 1/45 T.S. 700

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MORGAN E.G.R.	BOMBING	1823	0035	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin patchy stratus, tops 7000 ft. North-	
	HK791	SGT POCOCK G.E.	HARBURG			erly tip of one red T.I. direct oninstructions for Controller	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				received at 2159. 2202. 13600 235°T. RAS. 180. 1X2000 lb.	
		F/S CURRIE J.				Mc. .025 4X500 lb. GP. .025. Large explosion seen at 2159	
		F/O BLUNT E.G.				and another at 2202. Considerable smoke seen.	
		W/O LEGG W.					
		W/O MARTIN. J.A.W.					
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1818	0036	Primary Attacked. 7/10ths thin stratus, tops 15,000 ft. N.W.	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	HARBURG			Red T.I. 7 secs. delay. 2139. 13,000 ft. 215°T. RAS.195.	
		P/O CHORNY W.				1x2000 MC. .025 7x1000 lb. MC. .025. 3X500 lb. GP. .025.	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				T.I's well concentrated. Many good fires and three large explos-	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.				ions seen, smoke in great quantities.	
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON. J.E.					
7/8.3.45.	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1830	0043	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10 thin layer medium cloud, base 13,000 ft.	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON C.L.	HARBURG			over Target - Vis. Moderate. Red. T.I. 2205 hrs. 13,400 ft.	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				215°T. RAS. 190. 1X2000 MC. .025 7X1000 MC. LD. 12 hrs.	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.				3X500 GP. LD. 12 hrs. Very successful - bombing concentrated.	
		P/O CHARLTON G.G.				Very successful.	
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON J.R.					

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1816	0056	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Cloud 5/10 medium thin layer tops 13,500	
	ME809	SGT WELSH I.	HARBURG			Vis. good. Northern tip of Red T.I.'s 7 secs delay. 2202	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				hrs. 14,000 ft. 240T. 180 RAS. 1X2000 lb MC. .025. 7X1000 lb.	
		F/S BOWYER L.E.				Mc. .025. 4X500 lb. GP. .025. Marking appeared well concen-	
		F/S PALMER P.C.				trated. several large explosions seen and many good fires.	
		SGT JUDD A.J.				A very successful attack.	
		SGT WILLIAMS. T.J.					
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS R.F.	BOMBING	1822	0058	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Aircraft could not get on correct	
	PB696	F/S LYNHAM H.R.	HARBURG			heading before ceased bombing was given. A/C made four runs	
		F/S BROWN L.A.				over Target but each time was prevented from bombing by	
		F/S JACKSON P.F.				other A/C.	
		F/S FAUCHEUX R.P.					
		F/S STEBBINGS F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD F.					
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG R.B.	BOMBING	1823	0038	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart fro. slight haze. Northern tip	
	LM220	F/S STONE S.S.	HARBURG			of Red T.I.s backed up with yellow T.I. 7 secs. delay.	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES E.J.				1X2000 lb. MC. .025. 7X1000 lb. MC.025. 4X500 lb. GP. .025.	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR H.				Bombing appeared concentrated, fires and black smoke seen.	
		SGT HASTINGS J.M.				2157½ 14000 Ft. 233°T. R.A.S. 180. Attack appeared	
	R.71050	SGT SLATER A.E.				successful.	
	R.282694	SGT MACINTYRE A.V.					

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.422288	F/O IRWIN	M.J. BOMBING	1813	0047	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from slight haze. Northern	
	NG394	F/S PRASK	A.H. HARBURG			Red T.I. 7 secs. delay. 2200 13,800 ft. 220T RAS. 198.	
		F/O LEWIS	K.L.			1X2000 lb. MC. .025. 7X100 lb. MC. .025. 4X500 lb. GP. .025.	
		F/S GRAVES	T.P.			Bombing appeared well concentrated, marking very good.	
		SGT BRAVINER	C.			Several large explosions. Attack Successful.	
		SGT CURRIE	W.J.				
		SGT DAVIES.	J.A.W.				
7/8.3.45.	LANCASTER NZ.422445	F/O WATERS	E.I. BOMBING	1818	0041	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths thin stratus: Tops 12,000 ft.	
	NG278	SGT GREGORY	W. HARBURG			Vis.good.Northern Red T.I. 7 secs. delay. 2136. 13,000 ft.	
		F/S MILES	R.S.G.			214T. 190 RAS. 1X2000 lb. MC. .025. 7X1000 MC. .025. 4X500	
		F/S COXON	S.			lb. GP. .025. Green T.I's seen then reds which were con-	
	A.454462.	W/O REDWOOD	A.J.			centrated. One yellow T.I. dropped into this cluster.	
		F/S JONES	C.E.			Bombing well concentrated with several explosions and black	
		F/S BOOTH	B.			smoke to 12,000 ft. Master Bomber ordered force to bomb	
						early.	
7/8.3.45.	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL	K.C. BOMBING	1842	0152	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 7/10ths Stratus. Tops 13,300 ft. 100 yds	
	NE206	SGT JONES	H. HARBURG			left of N.W. Red T.I. with 7 secs. delay. 2201. 14,000 ft.	
	NZ.421948	P/O CAMPBELL	A.D.			220°T. 180 RAS. 1X2000 MC. 7X1000 MC. .025. & 4XX500 lb. GP.	
		F/O PORTER	H.W.			.025. T.I.'s well concentrated. Large explosion seen at	
		F/S MEADS	R.			2200, also few smaller ones. Good fires with quantities of	
		SGT BROWN	J.P.			black smoke.	
		SGT RICHARDS.	L.G.				

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	C.M.T. BOMBING	1814	0046	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. Good. Northern tip of Red.	
	LM217	SGT FLANAGAN	E.J, HARBURG			T.I:s and one yellow T.I. on instructions from Controller.	
		F/O HOWARTH	W.D.			Delay 7 secs. 2158½ 13,400 215°T Ras. 160. 1X2000 MC. .025	
		P/O MITCHELL	D.J.			7X1000 MC. .025. 4X500 GP. .025. Markers were well concentrated	
		P/O GARDNER	L.			as also was bombing. Large explosions seen just before and	
		SGT MCKEE	S.L.			after bombing.	
		SGT LONG.	J.C.				
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W. BOMBING	1836	0051	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin S.C. Tops about 12,000. M.P.I. of cluster	
	NG486	F/S WOOLLEY	A. HARBURG			red T.I's. Delay 7 secs. 2139. 13,200 163°T. RAS. 180.	
		P/O SHUTLER	V.C.			1X2000 MC. .025 2X1000 MC. .025. 5X1000 MC. 1 hr delay.	
		P/O NOLAN	A.			4X500 GP. .025. Markers were well concentrated and bombing	
	A.427616	W/O MOORE	I.L.			appeared accurate. Large explosion seen at 2158½.	
		F/S ROUND	R.G.				
		SGT COPPERWAITE	R.A.C.				
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.426172	F/O HARPER	M.L.T. BOMBING	1809	0045	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Good Vis. M.P.I. of cluster of Red	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH	A. HARBURG			T.I's Delay 7 secs. 2157½ 13,500 210°T. RAS. 180. 1X2000 lb.	
		F/O HOME	J.G.			MC. .025 7X1000 MC. .025. 4X500 lb.GP. .025. Markers very	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS	D.			well concentrated. Bombing accurate and large explosions seen.	
		F/S IRWIN	G.H.				
		SGT MCCANN	J.J.				
		SGT MEAGHER	J.J.				

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7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	J.E. BOMBING	1812	0104	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10 thin layer of cloud (medium) tops	
	NG230	SGT SPALDING	C.R. HARBURG			14,000 ft. Vis. good. Centre of three fires south west of	
		SGT TAYLOR	J.G.			target. 2215 13,600 285°M. 170 RAS. 1X2000 lb.MC..025	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE	R.S.			7X1000 lb C. .025. 4X500 lb. GP. .025. Very successful - small	
		F/S MILLINGTON	F.			fires and three explosions seen. Bombing concentrated.	
		SGT BICKER	R.G.		?		
		SGT ALLSOP	M.W.A.				
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON	A.M. BOMBING	1821	0101	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10ths Stratus. Tops 3000 ft. N.E.	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD	A. HARBURG			corner of Red T.I's 7 secs delay. 2205. 13,200 ft. 210°T	
		F/O GRIFFITHS	L.C.			RAS 180. 1X2000 MC. .025 7X1000 MC. .025 4X500 GP..025.	
		F/S WESTROPE	L.L.			T.I's well concentrated. Several large explosions and good	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK	F.			deal of smoke up to 1000 ft.	
		F/S STRACHAN	P.				
		SGT HOOPER	F.				
7/8.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER	D.A. BOMBING	1810	0100	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5 10ths Stratus. Tops 14,000 ft. Northern	
	NG499	SGT PINNING	J.C. HARBURG			tip of Red T.I. 4 secs delay. 2200 hrs. 14,000 ft. 240°T	
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK	C.W.			165 RAS. 1X2000 lb. MC. .025. 7X1000 lb. MC. .025. 4X500 lb	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.			GP. .025. Red T.I's well concentrated. Many good fires and	
		F/S EAST	H.G.			large explosions, black smoke to 8000 ft. Master Bomber	
		SGT MORRISON	A.B.			instructed well.	
		SGT JONES	W.J.				

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11.3.45	LANCASTER ME809	F/O WILEY J.C. SGT WELSH I. F/S VERNEY D. F/S EVANS D. F/S ROGERS K.A. F/S LUCAS W.E. F/S LANE. J.T.	BOMBING ESSEN	1215	1719	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud 5-6000 ft. Single blue skymarker. 1516, 18,750. 044 160 RAS. 1X12,000 Mc. Controller gave orders to bomb on left hand blue skymarker. No results seen due to cloud, but smoke seen rising through it.	

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11.3.45	LANCASTER NZ426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	1306	1721	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 7-8000 ft. Single	
	NG2992	SGT PINNING J.C.	ESSEN			blue smoke puffs. 1516 19,000 046. 160 RAS. 1X12000 MC.	
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK C.W.				Controller gave orders to bomb left hand blue smoke puff.	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG J.H.				Dark grey smoke appeared to be coming up through the cloud.	
		F/S EAST H.G.					
		F/S MORRISON A.B.					
		F/S JONES W.J.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	1300	1722	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 5500 ft. One blue	
	NG495	P/O BAKER W.H.	ESSEN			smoke puff. 1518½ 18,350 049. 160 RAS. 1X12,000 MC. No	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				results observed other than the cloud over target area	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				appeared to billow.	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.					
		F/S GRAY F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1216	1724	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 5500 ft. M.P.I. of	
	NG235	SGT FLANAGAN E.J.	ESSEN			one Red and one blue smoke puff. 1519½ 19,000 046. 160 RAS.	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				1X12,000 MC. On leaving The target smoke was seen to cause	
		P/O MITCHELL D.J.				cloud to billow, and was turning the cloud brown, giving	
		P/O GARDNER L.				the impression that the bombing was well concentrated.	
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J. C.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1213	1716	Primary attacked. 10/10ths st. cu. Tops about 5000 ft. Last	
	LL.845.	F/S WOOLLEY A.	ESSEN			dropped blue smoke puff on Controller's instructions. 1517	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				18,250 046 160 RAS. 1X12,000 MC. No results observed,	
		F/O NOLAN A.				except for great quantities of smoke rising above cloud tops.	
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE R.A.C.					

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11.3.45.	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS A.E.	BOMBING	1211	1714	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. Tops about 6000 ft. Blue	
	NG242	SGT HIGGINS C.V.	ESSEN			smoke puff seen 300 yds starboard at about 18,000 ft. Bomb	
	"	F/S MOUSLEY K.C.				released when A/C abreast of the blue smoke puff, allowance	
	R.117477	W/O FISHER H.A.				was being made for drift. 1521½ 18,200 046 162 RAS. 1X12,000	
		F/ MCMILLAN C.M.				MC. On leaving Target cloud was seen beginning to billow	
		F/S THOMAS T.A.				and turning brown. Results not observed.	
		F/S SYMONDS G.J.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR H.	BOMBING	1209	1718	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths st.cu. Tops 5000 ft. Bombed along-	
	LM217	F/S DOHERTY J.D.	ESSEN			side a blue smoke puff. Controller difficult to hear owing	
		P/O CUNNINGHAM J.				to fault in V.H.F. 1518. 19,000 044. 160 RAS. 1X12000 MC.	
	J.91076	P/O HOLMES W.R.				No results observed.	
		P/O BURNS K.A.					
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN G.C.					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG G.M.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1201	1727	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths st.cu. Tops 5000 ft. Blue smoke	
	NG278	F/S JONES H.	ESSEN			puff on Controller's instruction. 1521. 18,800 042 165 RAS.	
	NZ.421948	P/O CAMPBELL H.D.				1X12,000 MC. No results observed.	
		F/O PORTER H.W.					
		F/S MEADS R.					
		SGT BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS. L.G.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS A.G.	BOMBING	1214	1726	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths strata cu. Tops 5000 ft. Blue smoke	
	NG486	F/S PRETTEJOHNS C.V.	ESSEN			puff on Controllers instructions. 1519. 1900 022 158 RAS.	
		P/O LEWIS K.L.				1X12,000 MC. No results observed.	
		F/S HORRY A.H.					
		F/S MORGAN P.A.					
		F/S HIGH H.					
		F/S WATT. A.B.					

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11.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	G.C.	BOMBING	1215½	1729	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud, tops 6-7000 ft. Single	
	NF929	P/O ANDREWS	W.	ESSEN			Red smoke puff. 1521 188000. 045. 155 RAS. 1X12,000 MC.	
		F/S ASLIN	P.R.				Controller gave order to bomb on last red smoke puff dropped.	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN	R.J.				Results of bombing not seen due to cloud.	
		F/S BEEVERS	D.					
	R.184390	F/S HERBERT	W.J.					
	J.91070	P/O BOON	A.E.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O CAVEN	M.H.	BOMBING	1216½	1723	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths st.cu. Tops 5000 ft. Red smoke	
	NG384	SGT LYALL	A.	ESSEN			puff on Controllers instructions. 1518. 19000 046 160 RAS.	
	R.171313	F/S COLE	E.S.				1X12000 MC. No results observed.	
		F/S HARRIS	F.R.					
		SGT MANNERS	W.J.					
		SGT DOLLERY	S.G.					
		SGT CLENTON	G.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG	R.B.	BOMBING	1212	1730	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 st. cu. Tops about 5500 ft. One Red	
	PB696	F/S STONE	J.S.	ESSEN			smoke puff. 1522½ 18500 046 160 RAS. 1X12000 MC. Other	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES	E.J.				than cloud being turned sooty and billowing, no results seen.	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR	H.					
		SGT HASTINGS	J.M.					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.					
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE	A.V.					
11.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.422288	F/O IRWIN	M.J.	BOMBING	1210	1731	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. 6000 ft. Single red smoke	
	NG499	F/S PASK	A.H.				puff. 1521 19000 040 160 RAS. 1X12000 MC. Controller gave	
		SGT GEORGE	S.E.				orders to bomb on last red smoke puff that went down. Smoke	
		F/S GRAVES	T.P.				was coming up and mixing with the cloud over target, but	
		SGT BRAVINER	C.				no results seen.	
		SGT CURRIE	W.J.					
		SGT DAVIES.	J.A.W.					

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11.3.45	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER	M.L.T.	BOMBING	1208	1728	PRIMARY ATTACKED.10/10ths cloud. Tops 5000 ft. Red smoke	
	NG279	SGT WHITWORTH	A.	ESSEN			puff on Controllers instructions. 1612. 18250 046 165 RAS.	
		F/O HOLMES	S.G.				1X12000 MC. No results observed.	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS	D.					
		F/S IRWIN	G.H.					
		F/S MCCANN	J.J.					
		F/S MEAGHER	J.J.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	P/O MCDONNELL	J.R.	BOMBING	1343	1902	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 cloud. Tops 5/6000 ft. One green smoke	
	LL845	SGT PHILLIPS	R.E.G.	DORTMUND			puff. 1650½ 17200 032T. RAS. 160. 1X12000 MC. N.inst.	
	J.40812	P/O CHORNY	M.				Instructed by Controller to overshoot centre green smoke puff	
		F/O FRICKER	J.				by 10 secs. No results observed.	
		SGT PLANT	W.H.					
		SGT DAVIES	J.A.W.					
		SGT GREEN	C.N.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER A.418102	F/O GRAVES	B.J.C.	BOMBING	1340	1908	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10 cloud, tops 6/7000 ft. One blue smoke	
	NF929	SGT BARBER	G.F.	DORTMUND			puff, overshooting by 10 secs. on instructions from Controller.	
		SGT JOHNSTONE	A.				1651½ 17000 ft. 031T. RAS. 160. 1X12000 MC. N.Inst.	
	R.109744	W/O CIPHERY	C.M.				Markers were well concentrated and smoke turned a circular	
	A.423362	F/S WALDON	F.A.				area of cloud brownish black.	
		SGT BATTLE	B.					
		SGT BERRY	J.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG	R.B.	BOMBING	1344	1906	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud about 5000 ft. One blue	
	PB696	F/S STONE	J.S.	DORTMUND			smoke puff. 1652½ 16500 031T. RAS. 160. 1X2000 MC. N.INst.	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES	E.J.				Markers were well concentrated and smoke turned a circular	
		F/O TAYLOR	H.				area of cloud yellowish brown and caused the cloud to billow.	
		SGT HASTINGS	J.M.					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.					
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE	A.V.					

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12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS H.	BOMBING	1342	1900	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud tops 7500 ft. M.P.I. of	
	NG235	SGT JOWETT F.W.	DORTMUND			three green smoke puffs overshooting by 10 secs. on	
		F/L JONES E.F.A.				Controllers instructions.1651 16500. 031T. RAS. 160.	
	A.421281	F/O JONES A.E.				1X2000 MC. N.Inst. Markers were well concentrated and smoke	
		F/O WARE J.				caused cloud billow.	
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
		F/S CUTTING J.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS A.E.	BOMBING	1343	1854	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud. tops 5300 ft. One blue	
	NG242	SGT HIGGINS C.V.	DORTMUND			smoke puff overshooting 5 secs. on Controllers instructions	
		F/S MOUSLEY K.C.				1651½ 17400 031T Ras. 156. 1X12000 MC N.Inst. Markers were	
	R.117477	W/O FISHER H.A.				well concentrated and smoke was seen coming up through the	
		F/S MCMILLAN C.M.				cloud.	
		F/S THOMAS T.A.					
		SGT. SYMONDS G.J.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1333	1859	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 5500 ft. M.P.I. of green	
	NG442	SGT FLANAGAN E.J.	DORTMUND			puffs with 5 secs. overshoot on Controllers instructions.	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				1650 18500 031T. 160 RAS. 1X12000 MC. N.Inst. Grey smoke	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				seen coming up through cloud.	
		P/O GARNER L.					
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J.C.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1341	1903	10/10ths s.c. tops 5000 ft. Green smoke puffs with 5 secs	
	NG499	SGT WELSH I.	DORTMUND			overshoot on Controllers instructions. 1641. 17500 031T.	
		F/S VERNEY D.				160 RAS. 1X12000 MC. N.Inst. Pall of smoke above cloud	
		F/S EVANS D.				visible 18 miles away.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.F.					

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12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES	BOMBING	1336	1853	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 3/4000 ft. Concentrat-	
	NG495	SGT MAYHEW	DORTMUND			of blue smoke puffs on Controllers instructions. 1645.	
		F/S HAMMOND				16600. 035T 170 RAS. 1X12000 MC. N. Inst. No results	
		F/S MACINTOSH				observed. Many a/c seen to be bombing well above ordered	
		F/S MORROW				height.	
		F/S KING					
		F/S HEPPEL			66		
12.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	BOMBING	1336	1857	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud, tops about 9000 ft. M.P.I	
	ME809	F/O SELFE	DORTMUND			of three green smoke puffs. 1648. 16,700 030T. 166 RAS.	
		P/O WILSON				1X12000 Mc. N.Inst. Markers were well concentrated and smoke	
		P/O MORRIS				caused cloud to billow over a circular area with diameter	
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE				about 7 miles. The attack was very well controlled.	
		F/S HOYLE					
		F/S STALLEY					
12.3.45	LANCASTER NZ,426172	F/O HARPER	BOMBING	1338	1909	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 5000 ft. Most northerly	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH	DORTMUND			blue smoke on Controllers instructions. 1652 16,500 030T	
		F/O HOME				160 RAS. 1X12000 MC. N.Inst. Smoke coming up through cloud.	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS					
		F/S IRWIN					
		F/S MCCANN					
		SGT MORLEY					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	P/O CAVEN	BOMBING	1339	1855	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud tops 5/600 ft. Centre of	
	NG384	SGT LYNHALL	DORTMUND			green smoke puffs. 1648. 16250 031T. 160 RAS. 1X12000 lb.	
	R.171313	F/S COLE				MC. N.Inst. Instructed by Controller to bomb on centre of	
		F/S HARRIS				green smoke puffs. Brownish appeared coming up through	
		SGT MANNERS				the cloud. Results of bombing not seen.	
		SGT DOLLERY					
		SGT CLENTON					

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		SGT DOLLERY J.			the cloud. Results of bombing not seen.
		SGT CLENTON			

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12.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W.	BOMBING	1334	1858	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud tops, 5/6000 ft. Northerly	
	NG486	F/S WOOLLEY	A.	DORTMUND.			concentration of puffs and and blue smoke puffs. 1657½	
		P/O SHUTLER	W.C.				18000 034T. 160 RAS. 1X12000 lb. MC. N.Inst. Bombed northerly	
		P/O NOLAN	A.				concentration of puffs as Controllers instructions. No	
		F/S PALMER	P.C.				results of bombing seen.	
		F/O EVANS	S.E.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE	R.A.C.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	S.	BOMBING	1332	1910	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 5/6000 ft. Single green	
	NG487	P/O BAKER	W.H.	DORTMUND			smoke puffs but bombed safe, see para. 12. 1646½ 16750 036T.	
		F/S HAYDON	S.D.				160 RAS. 1X12000 lb. MC. N.Inst. Instructed By Controller	
		F/S BROOKBANK	J.S.E.				to bomb blue smoke puff. Greyish smoke coming up through	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON	N.				cloud and pushing it up. No results seen. Bomb dropped	
		F/S GREY	F.W.				safe as Bomb Aimer failed to fuse it.	
		F/S JEPSON	L.V.					
12.3.45	LANCASTER NZ426166	F/O COSTER	D.A.	BOMBING	1337	1905	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 10/10ths s.c. tops 5/6000 ft. Centre of blue	
	NG279	SGT PINNING	J.C.	DORTMUND			smoke puffs. 1648. 17000 030T. 160 RAS. 1X12000 lb. MC. N.	
	NZ4218165	F/S BLACK	C.W.				Inst. Instructed by Controller to bomb centre of blue smoke	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.				puffs. Greyish black smoke seen coming up through cloud on	
		F/S EAST	H.G.				leaving Target.	
		F/S MORRISON	A. B.					
		F/S JONES.	W.J.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	G.C.	BOMBING	1241	1843	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy, no cloud. Bridge. 1622. 13000 030T.	
	NF929	F/O ANDREWS	W.	ARNSBURG			175 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs delay. Bridge believed hit.	
		F/S ASLIN	P.R.				Wind was passed late; made two orbits before bombing.	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN	R.J.				Three tallboys seen to fall west of primary.	
		F/S BEAVERS	D.					
		F/S HERBERT	W.J.R.					
	R.184590							
	J.91070	P/O BOON.	A.E.					

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13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE W.D.	BOMBING	1239	1945	Target not attacked owing to bad visibility. Diverted to	
	LM220	SGT HEATH C.G.	ARNSBERG			Carnaby. Tallboy fused 11 secs delay brought back. Port	
		F/O SHIELDS E.				Outer gave trouble on take off. O.K. during trip but	
		P/O JENNINGS D.A.				omitted flames while over base on return; so feathered and	
		F/S CARSON A.				landed at Caraby.	
		F/S FOOT J.A.					
		F/S MALLINGSON K.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS L.H.	BOMBING	1247	1914	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy, poor vis. Viaduct. 1618. 12500 323T.	
	HK791	SGT JOWETT F.W.	ARNSBERG			168 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Own bomb overshot	
		F/L JONES E.F.A.				to port. No other bombing seen.	
	A.421281	F/O JONES A.E.					
		F/O WARE J.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
		F/S CUTTING J.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS R.F.	BOMBING	1235½	1429	Target not attacked. Just after becoming airborne port	
	ME809	F/S BROWN L.A.	ARNSBERG			outer rev. control became u/s. Could not get below 3100 revs.	
		F/S LYNHAM H.R.				and engine had to be feathered. A/C returned to base after	
		F/S JACKSON P.F.				jettisoning bomb.	
		F/S FAUCHEUX R.F.					
		F/S STEBBINGS F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD. F.G.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L WILLIAMS A.G.	BOMBING	1249	1851	Target not attacked as it could not be sufficiently clearly	
	NG486	F/S PRETTEJOHNS G.V.	ARNSBERG			identified owing to haze and smoke.	
	A.433880	F/O HARVEY R.C.					
		F/S HORRY A.H.					
		F/S MORGAN P.A.					
		F/S HIGH H.					
		F/S WATT. A.B.					

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		F/S MORGAN	[illegible]				
		F/S HIGH	H.				
		F/S WATT.	A.B.				

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13.3.45	LANCASTER	W/C BAZIN	J.M.	BOMBING	1235	1848	Target not attacked owing to haze. Could not be identified	
	NG495	P/O MCDONNELL	H.	ARNSBERG			although three runs were made.	
		F/O LEWIS	K.L.					
	A.404850	F/L CAMPBELL	C.N.					
		F/S ROGERS	K.A.					
		F/S CAMERON	C.					
		P/O EVANS.	S.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR	H.	BOMBING	1245	1857	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	LM217	SGT DOHERTY	J.D.	ARNSBERG				
		P/O CUNNINGHAM	J.					
	J.91076	P/O HOMES	W.R.					
		P/O BURNS	K.A.					
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN	G.C.					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG.	G.M.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	J.D.	BOMBING	1236	1918	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG278	P/O SELFE	E.C.	ARNSBERG				
		P/O WILSON	H.W.D.					
		P/O MORRIS	S.A.					
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE	R.G.					
		F/S HOYLE	W.B.					
		F/S STALLEY	A.E.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS	R.J.	BOMBING	1240	1900	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS	S.M.	ARNSBERG.				
		F/S YOUNG	F.W.					
	A.421281	F/O JONES	H.F.C.					
		F/S PALMER	P.C.					
		F/S WILLIAMS	A.J.					
		SGT BOOTH.	B.					

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13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	BOMBING	1242	1856	Target not attacked, thick haze prevented identification	
	Pa172	SGT HIGGINS	ARNSBERG			of Target until too late to bomb.	
		F/S MOUSELY					
"	R.117477	W/O FISHER					
		F/S MCMILLAN					
		F/S THOMAS					
		F/S SYMMONDS					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCINTOSH	BOMBING	1247	1850	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG242	SGT COSSER	ARNSBERG				
		F/O HAWKINS					
"		F/O RAMWELL					
		SGT TETLOW					
		F/S WOOD					
		SGT OWEN					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	BOMBING	1248	1915	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING	ARNSBERG				
		F/S TAYLOR					
"		F/S LIVERSEDGE					
		W/O MILLINGTON					
		F/S BICKER					
		F/S ALLSOP					
13.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS	BOMBING	1244	1908	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON	ARNSBERG				
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON					
"		F/O MACDONALD					
		F/O CHARLTON					
		F/S GLASPER F/S CHARLTON					

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13.3.45	LANCASTER A.426696	F/O JONES A.F.	BOMBING	1237	1924	Target not attacked, thick haze prevented identification	
	NG299	SGT BILES A.E.W.	ARNSBERG			until too late to bomb.	
		P/O SCOTT S.					
		F/O BLUNSDEN R.L.					
	A.419630	F/O BIRCH R.L.					
		SGT GLOVER R.					
	A.428640	P/O ACHESON J.					
13.3.45.	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1243	1901	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG206	F/S JONES H.	ARNSBERG				
	NZ.421948	P/O CAMPBELL H.D.					
		F/O PORTER H.W.					
		SGT BROWN J.P.					
		F/S MEADS R.					
		SGT RICHARDS L.G.					
13.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.426172	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	1238½	1903	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	ARNSBERG				
		F/O HOME J.G.					
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS D.					
		F/S IRWIN G.H.					
		SGT MCCANN J.J.					
		SGT MEAGHER J.J.					
13.345	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1246	1924½	Target not attacked. Reason as above.	
	HK.791	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	ARNSBERG				
	J.92831.	P/O CHORNY W.					
		F/S TANNER L.W.					
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.					
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					

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14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS	R.B.	BOMBING	1256	1649	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy with no cloud below. Centre of Via-	
	NG487	F/S BROWN	L.A.	ARNSBERG			duct. 1624. 13700 303 175. RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		F/S LYNHAM	H.R.				Two bombs seen to straddle Viaduct. Very good concentration	
		F/S JACKSON	P.F.				of bombs on target which could not be seen owing to smoke.	
		F/S FAUCHEUX	R.F.					
		F/S STEBBINGS	F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD	F.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER	D.A.	BOMBING	1256½	1912	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Viaduct. 1623½ 12500 307 165 RAS.	
	NG249	SGT PINNING	J.C.	ARNSBERG			Tallboy fused 11 secs. Very good concentration of bombs on	
	NZ421865	F/S BLACK	C.W.				and just short of Viaduct. No markers seen.	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.					
		F/S EAST	H.G.					
		F/S MORRISON	A.B.					
		F/S JONES	W.J.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	G.C.	BOMBING	1255	1847	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of Viaduct. 1623½ 13750 306.	
	NF939	P/O ANDREWS	W.	ARNSBERG			165 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Own bomb seen slightly to	
		F/S ASLIN	P.R.				undershoot as also another bomb. The first bomb overshot	
	J.88170	P/O GRAN	R.J.				slightly and the fourth bomb seen to fall appeared to hit	
		F/S BEEVERS	D.				the Viaduct. The force was very well led.	
	R.184390	F/S HEBERT	W.J.					
	J.91070	P/O BOON.	A.E.					

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14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS	S. BOMBING	1322	1854	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Smoke covering Viaduct. 1624	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON	G.L. ARNSBERG			13,250 295. 180 RAS Tallboy fused 11 secs. Bombing was	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON	H.J.			well concentrated. Viaduct covered in smoke. No markers	
		F/O MACDONALD	D.M.			seen.	
		P/O CHARLTON	G.G.				
		F/S GLASPER	J.H.				
		F/S CHARLTON	J.R.				
14.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON	R.W. BOMBING	1259	1910	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of Viaduct. 1623½ 12000 300.	
	PA172	SGT HUDDLESTONE	H.KARNSBURG			190 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. First two bombs slightly	
		F/S HERKES	J.M.			overshot and undershot respectively. Third bomb was either	
		F/S SOWERBY	S.			a direct hit or near miss. Attack very well led resulting	
		F/S SCOTT	W.			in a good run up to the target.	
		F/S CHALCRAFT	D.E.				
		F/S DAVIES	W.A.J.				
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	C.M.T. BOMBING	1258	1901	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from haze. Centre of Viaduct.	
	NG442	SGT FLANNAGAN	E.J. ARNSBURG			1623½ 12500 308-175 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Bombing	
		F/O HOWARTH	W.D.			appeared to be very well concentrated and Viaduct covered in smoke.	
		F/O MITCHELL	D.J.				
		P/O GARDNER	L.				
		SGT MCKEE	S.L.				
		SGT LONG.	J.C.				
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON	A.M. BOMBING	1301	1905	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from haze. Centre of Viaduct.	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD	A. ARNSBURG			1623½ 13,500 ft. 296 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. First	
		P/O GRIFFITHS	L.C.			two bombs seen slightly to overshoot and undershoot.	
		F/S WESTROPE	L.L.				
	A.421703	W/O BLACK	F.				
		F/S STRACHAN	P.				
		SGT HOOPER	F.				

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14.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1300	1929	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Aircraft was last to attack and all	
	NG488	F/S WOOLLEY A.	ARNSBURG			Viaduct was covered in smoke from previous bombing which	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				was well concentrated. The secondary target could not be	
		F/O NOLAN A.				attacked. The necessary run could not be made in time.	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE I.L.					
		F/S ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE R.A.C.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACINTOSH D.	BOMBING	1258½	1856	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Aircraft almost last to bomb and	
	NG242	SGT COSSER R.V.	ARNSBURG			Viaduct covered in smoke. Bombed bridge east of tunnel.	
		F/O HAWKINS N.				Centre of bridge. 1624. 13,000 303. 165 RAS. Tallboy	
		P/O RAMWELL P.J.				fused 11 secs delay. Own bomb undershot by about 40 yards	
		F/S TETLOW P.E.				and to port of bridge. No markers seen.	
		F/S WOOD J.A.					
		SGT OWEN C.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER A.426696	F/O JONES A.F.	BOMBING	1252	1914	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from haze. Centre of plume of	
	NG384	SGT BILES A.E.	ARNSBURG			smoke directly above the middle of Viaduct. 1624. 12,900	
		P/O SCOTT S.				300 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Centre of Viaduct	
		P/O BLUNSDEN R.L.				was covered in smoke in the middle of which one bomb was	
	A.419630	P/O BIRCH R.L.				seen to fall.	
		F/S GLOVER R.					
	A.488610	F/O ACHESON J.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	1257	1908	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Viaduct. 1623½. 12,900 305. 165.	
	NG206	P/O BAKER W.H.	ARNSBURG			RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Very concentrated bombing.	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				Could see Target when bomb released, but it was obscured	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				by smoke before bombs reached ground. Believed successful	
	A.427532	F/O MOSSESON N.				attack.	
		F/S GRAY E.W.					
		F/S JEFSON L.V.					

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(*15831—9511) Wt. 47635—3795 250M 1/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.G.	BOMBING	1233	1859	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of Viaduct. 1623. 13,100	
	NG419	SGT WELSH I.	ARNSBERG			310. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Very concentrated	
		F/S VERNEY D.				bombing. Viaduct covered in smoke.	
		F/S EVANS D.					
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE J.F.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1251	1856	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of smoke covering target.	
	NG490	P/O MACDONALD A.J.	ARNSBERG			1624. 13,500 305. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. Very	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				concentrated bombing. Attack believed successful.	
		F/L CAMPBELL C.M.					
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT JUBB A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS T.J.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE J.D.	BOMBING	1254	1855	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from haze. Centre of Viaduct.	
	NG278	P/O SELFE E.C.	ARNSBERG			1622½. 14,000 302. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. One	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				bomb was seen to fall slightly to left of Viaduct. Bombed	
		F/O MORRIS S.A.				first and other bombing not seen.	
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE R.G.					
		F/S HOYLE E.					
		F/S STALLEY A.E.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1302	1906	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Visually. Clear apart from haze. Centre of	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	ARNSBERG			Viaduct. 1623½. 13,000 308 175 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY W.				First two bombs seen slightly to overshoot and undershoot	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				respectively, leaving too much smoke to see accuracy where	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.				following bombs hit, but all the bombing was very well	
		F/S CORNWELL C.H				concentrated. Leadership very good.	
		F/S JOHNSON. J.E.					

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14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS.	H.	BOMBING	1207½	1902	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Viaduct. 1624. 14000 290 160 RAS.	
	HK791	SGT JOWETT	F.W.	ARNSBERG			Tallboy fused 11 secs. Direct hit on Viaduct by own bomb after	
		F/L JONES	E.F.A.				which target covered in smoke. No markers seen. Very	
"	A.421281	F/O JONES	A.E.				concentrated bombing.	
		F/O WARE	J.					
		F/S JOHNSON.	J.E.					
		F/S CUTTING	J.					
14.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL	J.E.	BOMBING	1303	1919	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Viaduct. 1622½ 12,500 308. 180 RAS.	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING	C.E.	ARNSBERG			Tallboy fused 11 secs. One bomb a direct hit on Viaduct.	
		F/S TAYLOR	J.G.				Thereafter Viaduct covered in smoke by other bursts. Very	
"		F/S LIVERSEDGE	R.S.				concentrated bombing. No markers seen.	
		W/O MILLINGTON	F.					
		F/S BICKER	R.G.					
		F/S ALLSOP	M.W.A.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	G.C.	BOMBING	1308	1953	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Very thin cloud below aircraft.	
	NF929	P/O ANDREWS	W.	ARNSBERG			Viaduct. 1644. 14,000 296T. 165 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		F/S ASLIN	P.R.				delay. One burst seen just north of viaduct. No results	
"	J.88170	P/O GRAN	R.J.				observed.	
		F/S BEEVERS	D.					
	R.184390	F/S HERBERT	W.J.					
	J.91070	P/O BOON.	A.E.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MACINTOSH	D.	BOMBING	1306	1949	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of Viaduct. 1642 13,760 ft.	
	NG486	SGT COSSER	R.V.	ARNSBERG			113T. RAS. 170. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Two bombs,	
		P/O HAWKINS	N.				including own, seen to fall in the target area. The	
"		P/O RAMWELL	P.J.				eastern end of the Viaduct was seen to have collapsed prior	
		SGT TETLOW	P.E.				to any bombing on this attack. A crater was also seen at the	
		F/S WOOD SGT OWEN.	J.A. G.				mouth of the tunnel.	

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		SGT TETLOW				to any bombing on this attack. A crater was also noted at the
		F/S WOOD J.A. SGT OWEN. G.				mouth of the tunnel.

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(*25831—9511) Wt. 47633—3795 250M 1/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR H.	BOMBING	1302	1913	Target not attacked as aircraft was 2nd last in gaggle &	
	NG442	F/S DOHERTY J.D.	ARNSBURG			on first run the Viaduct was not identified on account of	
		P/O CUNNINGHAM J.				haze until aircraft was right over it. On reciprocal run	
	J.91076	P/O HOMES W.R.				run, viaduct was covered by smoke in addition to the haze.	
		P/O WEBB T.A.				About 20 minutes spent in target area.	
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN G.C.					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG G.M.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1304	1939	Primary attacked. Hazy. Viaduct. 1639. 13,000 288. 185 RAS.	
	NE.187	SGT SPALDING C.R.	ARNSBURG			Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Did not see own bomb burst.	
		F/S TAYLOR J.G.				Smoke covered Viaduct on second orbit: on third orbit	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				Viaduct appeared unbroken.	
		W/O MILLINGTON F.					
		F/S BICKER R.G.					
		SGT ALLSOP. M.W.A.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE W.D.	BOMBING	1300	0527	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Very Hazy. Vis. poor. On run up Viaduct was	
	LM220	SGT HEATH C.G.	ARNSBURG			covered by smoke from bomb burst and tallboy was dropped	
		P/O SHIELDS E.				on estimated position of centre of Viaduct. 1646. 13000. 036T	
		F/O JENNINGS D.A.				RAS.170. Tallboy fused 11 secs.delay. Result of bombing not	
		F/S CARSON A.				observed. Having heard over V.H.F. at 1658 that 9/T was in	
		SGT FOOT J.A.				trouble & seeing four parachutes open from jumps from that	
		SGT MALLINSON K.				a/c. at 5112N/0808E, formated ahead of 9/T & led to join with	
						track of Main Force. Kept with Main Force up to the River Rhine	
						& from this point speed was reduced to 140 m.p.h. in order to	
						maintain position with 9/T, permission having been obtained	
						from the leader to stay with 9/T. after reaching friendly	
						territory. Shortly afterwards 9/T expressed the wish to land	
						at the first available airfield owing to condition of e/c.	
						Course was set for Bivelles airfield but on track Gosselies airfiel	
						was sighted & as it appeared suitable we landed to ascertain	

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15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE				if 9/T could safely land. 9/T had Receiver failure, T.1196 u/s. & one	
	LM220	Capt				engine u/S. & only a crew of three. Pilot, M/U/Gunner, & W/Operator. 9/T	
						safely landed. Visibility very poor.	
15.3.45	LANCASTER NZ42617	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	1307	1946	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Too hazy. Attacked bridge east end of	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	ARNSBURG			tunnel. Hazy. Bridge. 1643. 12800 360T. 180 RAS. Tallboy	
		F/O HOME S.G.				fused 11 secs. delay. Results not observed.	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS D.					
		F/S IRWIN G.H.					
		F/S MCCANN J.J.					
		F/S ROTHWELL. W.B.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1312	1955	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Too Hazy. Attacked bridge east end of	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON C.L.	ARNSBURG			tunnel. Very Hazy. Bridge. 1640½. 13750 294. 170 RAS. Tall-	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				boy fused 11 secs. delay. Own bomb burst not seen. No results	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.				observed.	
		P/O CHARLTON G.G.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON. J.R.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1311	1956	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Centre of Viaduct. 1650½ 12300 142T	
	NG493	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	ARNSBURG			180 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. Visibility very poor	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY W.				and results of bombing not observed.	
		F/S TANNER L.W.					
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.					
		F/S CORNFOOT C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1309	1944	Target not attacked as Tallboy fell through the bomb doors	
	NG206	SGT MELLORS M.	ARNSBURG			at 5037N/0749E. 1609. 13500. Continued in gaggle to target.	
	NZ42148	F/O CAMPBELL C.M.					
		F/S MEADS R.					
		SGT BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS. L.G.					

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	NG206	SGT MELLORS	M.	ARNSBURG			at 5037N/0749E. 1609. 13500. Continued in gaggle to target.
	NZ421948	F/O CAMPBELL	C.M.				
		F/S MEADS	R.				
		SGT BROWN	J.P.				
		F/S RICHARDS.	L.G.				

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(15831—9512) Wt. 47633—5795 250M 7/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT	S.	BOMBING	1308½	2002	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Haze prevented identification.	
	HK791	P/O BAKER	W.H.	ARNSBERG				
		F/S HAYDON	S.D.					
		F/S BROOKBANK	J.S.E.					
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON	N.					
		F/S GRAY	F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON	L.V.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER	P/O WILEY	J.C.	BOMBING	1303	1915	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	PB696	SGT WELSH	I.	ARNSBERG				
		F/S VERNEY	D.					
		F/S EVANS	D.					
		F/S ROGERS	K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS	W.E.					
		F/S LANE.	J.F.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER A.426696	F/L JONES	A.F.	BOMBING	1301	0528	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Very hazy. Vis. poor. Bridge east of Viaduct. 1646. 12,200 030T. RAS. 185. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. delay. At 1654 port inner engine went u/s., over-speeded and could not be feathered. Crew were ordered to fix parachutes and shortly afterwards oil flowing from behind the propellor caught fire. Engine was doing 3400 revs. and a/c became difficult to handle and therefore I gave the order to jump. The W/Op. and M/U/Gunner did not hear this order as they were off intercomm. The four other members of the crew carried out the order. When I called up to ascertain if all the crew had jumped the W/Op. who had then plugged in on intercomm. replied that he and the M/U/Gunner had not jumped as the fire had gone out I instructed them to remain and I eventually made contact with 9/F with whose assistance the aircraft was landed at GOSSELIES.	
	NG384	SGT BILES	A.E.W.	ARNSBERG				
		P/O SCOTT	S.					
		F/O BLUNSDON	R.L.					
	A.419630	P/O BIRCH	R.L.					
		SGT GLOVER	R.					
	A.428640	P/O ACHESON	J.					

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15.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS A.E.	BOMBING	1310	1948	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Slightly east of centre of Viaduct.	
	PA172.	SGT HIGGINS C.V.	ARNSBERG			1645. 13,500 348T. 178 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
		F/S MOUSLEY K.C.				First two bombs fell close to the viaduct and covered it	
	R.1174 77	W/O FISHER H.A.				with smoke preventing any further detailed observation.	
		F/S MCMILLAN C.M.					
		F/S THOMAS T.A.					
		F/S SYMMONDS G.J.					
15.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	1305	2000	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Thin cloud below aircraft. Viaduct.	
	NG249	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.K.	ARNSBERG			1655. 12500. 358T. 175 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
		SGT HERKES J.M.				Much smoke from bomb bursts and unable to say whether target	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				hit.	
		F/S SCOTT S.					
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES. W.A.J.					
16/17.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONELL J.R.	BOMBING	1802	0152	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Hazy. Western edge of red T.I. with 8 secs.	
	LL845	SGT PHILLIPS R.E.G.	WURZBURG			overshoot on Controllers instructions. 2135½ 9,800 012.	
	J.40812	F/O CHORNY M.				160 RAS. 1X12000 M.C. Incendiaries seen burning in town and	
		F/O FRICKER J.				one cookie burst. Whole town seemed well covered by	
		SGT PLANT W.H.				incendiaries	
		SGT DAVIES J.A.W.					
		SGT GREEN C.N. 6					
16/17.3.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1800½	0146	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from some smoke. M.P.I. of	
		F/S WOOLLEY A.	WURZBURG.			western edge of red T.I's on Controllers instructions.	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				2134. 11,500 040 170 RAS. 1X12,000 MC. Bombed early and	
		F/O NOLAN A.				only two sticks of incendiaries seen. After leaving target	
	A.424616	W/O MOORE I.L.				two large fires seen.	
		F/S ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE. R.A.C.					

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		F/S ROUND R.G.				
		F/S COPPERWAITE. R.A.C.				

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16/17.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	1759½	0130	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Visually. 2136. 12,500	
	NG495	SGT MAYHEW H.	WURZBURG			133. 180 RAS. 1X12000 MC. Own bomb seen to burst in portion	
		F/S HAMMOND G.A.				of the town south of the river. Incendiaries seen burning	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.				in main part of the town. Two explosions seen before	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				bombing, at 2134½.	
		F/S KING W.L.					
		F/S HEPPELL. G.M.					
16/17.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1759	0159	Target not attacked as bomb failed to release over target.	
	NG419	F/S CLARK W.A.	WURZBURG				
		F/S SHELDON G.F.					
		F/S BOWYER L.E.					
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT JUDD A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS T.J.					
16/17.3.45	LANCASTER + A.418102	F/O GRAVES J.C.	BOMBING	1800	0143	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Vis. good. Clear. M.P.I. of western edge	
	NG499	SGT BARBER G.F.	WURZBURG			of red T.I.'s on instructions from Controller. Delay 24	
		SGT JOHNSON A.				secs. 2134. 11,000 020 160 RAS. 1X12,000 MC. Markers very	
	R.109744	W/O CIPHERY C.M.				well concentrated. Bombed early in the attack and little	
	A.423362	F/S WALDON F.A.				bombing seen.	
		SGT BATTLE B.					
		SGT BERRY. J.					
16/17.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1801	0141	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Some haze. Centre of western edge of red	
	NG233	SGT FLANNAGAN E.J.	WURZBURG			T.I.'s plus 8 secs. overshoot on Controllers instructions.	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				2135. 10,000 002. 175 RAS. 1X12,000 MC. Incendiaries seen	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				burning in town. Town clearly visible.	
		P/O GARDNER L.					
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J.C.					

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19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS R.J.	BOMBING	0815	1234	Target not attacked: 7 minutes late at position 'B' and	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS M.	VLOTHO			could not catch up. Four minutes late at position 'D' and	
		F/S YOUNG F.W.				ordered by Force Leader to return to Base.	
		F/O PARSONS H.F.C.					
		F/O BROWNLIE W.R.					
		P/O WILLIAMS A.J.					
		F/S LINAKER W.J.W.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	0812	1231	Target not attacked. S/I engine went u/s: feathered at	
	LL845	SGT AITKENHEAD A.	VLOTHO			5027N/0658N. 10ll. 9500' and returned to Base. Tallboy	
		F/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				fused 11 secs.	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.					
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.					
		F/S STRACHAN P.					
		SGT HOOPER F.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE J.D.	BOMBING	0759	1405	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, base about 14000 ft. Vis. good.	
	NG278	P/O SELFE E.C.	VLOTHO			Target. 1108½ 13,100 300T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				delay. One bomb believed own, seen to overshoot by about	
		F/O MORRIS S.A.				500 yds. Next three overshot by a little, nearest by about	
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE R.C.				50 yds. Called force down to 10000 ft. because of medium	
		F/S HOYLE E.				cloud.	
		F/S HALLEY A.E.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR H.	BOMBING	0805	1437	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. excellent. Centre of bridge.	
	NG422	SGT DOHERTY J.D.	VLOTHO			1111 hours. 9000'. 310T. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
		P/O CUNNINGHAM J.				Bombing seemed to be under and overshooting. No direct hit	
	A.91076	P/O HOLMES W.R.				seen, but some smoke. Own bomb seemed to overshoot slightly.	
		F/O COOPER G.V.				Fighter escort excellent on return.	
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN G.E.					
	J.92883	P/O YOUNG G.M.					

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19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS	R.F.	BOMBING	0800	1409	Target not attacked due to being caught in slipstream.	
	NF929	F/S BROWN	L.A.	VLOTHO			Called up four times but not heard until everyone else had	
		F/S LYNHAM	H.R.				bombed: it was then too late to bomb so brought bomb back.	
		F/S JACKSON	P.F.				Bombing fairly concentrated though no direct hits observed.	
		F/S FAUCHEUX	R.F.					
		F/S STEBBINGS	F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD	F.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MACINTOSH	D.	BOMBING	0814	1408	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, base 14000 ft. Vis.Good	
	NG242	F/S COSSER	R.V.	VLOTHO			Target. 1110. 12000' 295T. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		F/O HAWKINS	N.				delay. First bomb undershot 300 yds. Next two overshot	
		P/O RAMWELL	P.J.				about 50 yds. Then several fell in a bunch, one being an	
		F/S TETLOW	P.E.				overshot. Bridge appeared to be standing after attack.	
		SGT WOOD	J.A.				Fires seen burning at side of northern approach.	
		SGT OWEN	G.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES	W.G.	BOMBING	0801	1422	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, base about 14,000 ft. Vis.	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW	H.	VLOTHO			good. Target. 1109½ 11,200 302. 165 RAS. Tallboy fused 11	
		F/S HAMMOND	G.A.				secs. delay. First three bombs seen to overshoot, first	
		F/S MACINTOSH	D.A.				by about 400 yds., and sank a barge. Smoke then covered	
		F/S MORROW	T.A.				bridge, but it is not thought to have been hit. Fires	
		F/S KING	W.L.				seen burning by northern approach.	
		F/S HEPPELL	G.M.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	A.E.	BOMBING	0813	1420	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Very slight s.c. Vis .good. N.E. end of	
	NG486	SGT HIGGINS	C.V.	VLOTHO			bridge. 1110 hours. 12400' 304T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11	
		F/S MOUSLEY	K.C.				secs delay. Target obscured after bombing run by smoke so	
	R.117477	W/O FISHER	H.A.				results could not be observed, but bombing appeared fairly	
		F/S MACMILLAN	C.M.				concentrated.	
		F/S THOMAS	T.A.					
		F/S SYMONDS.	G.J.					

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19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	0809	1423	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, Vis. good. Centre of bridge.	
	HK791.	P/O BAKER W.H.	VLOTHO			1108½ 11700. 302T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				Own bomb seen to overshoot. Bombing concentrated but smoke	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				obscured results.	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.					
		F/S GRAY E.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	0808	1411	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Slight haze, Vis. good. Centre of bridge.	
	NG206	F/S JONES H.	VLOTHO			1110. 12,200 297T. 162 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
	NZ.421948	F/O CAMPBELL H.D.				Two ever and tow undershots, nothing else seen due to	
		F/O PORTER H.W.				bombing early.	
		F/S MEADS R.					
		SGT BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS L.G.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	0802	1417	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud. Vis. good. Target. 1109½.	
	LM2170	SGT WELSH I.	VLOTHO			11500. 300T. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay. First	
		SGT VERNEY D.				two or three bombs seen to undershoot. Allowed own bomb 2	
		F/S EVANS D.				second overshoot, but results not observed.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.F.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER A.424428	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	0807	1412	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Small amounts of cloud. Vis. good. Centre	
	NG.220	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.K.	VLOTHO			of bridge. 1108. 11750. 302T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11	
		SGT HERKES J.M.				secs. delay. Own bomb seen to overshoot by 50 yds. One or	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				two undershoots also seen. Fire at north end of bridge on	
		F/S SCOTT W.				leaving target.	
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES. W.A.J.					

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19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	0818	1427	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre of bridge over	
	NG249	F/S CLARK W.A.	VLOTHO			river. 1109. 11000. 300T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				delay. Own bomb seemed to overshoot by 50 yds. Bombing	
		F/S BROWN L.E.				slightly scattered. Smoke obscured results.	
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
		SGT JUDD A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS T.J.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	0810	1410	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis good. Centre of bridge. 1109	
	PA172	SGT FLANAGAN E.J.	VLOTHO			12,100 295T. 160 RAS. Tallboy, fused 11 secs. delay. One	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				possible hit on N.E. end of bridge; rest appeared scattered.	
		P/O MITCHELL D.J.				Own bomb overshot by 50 yds.	
		P/O GARDNER L.					
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG J.C.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER NZ.42617	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	0803	1418	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, base 14000 ft. Vis. good.	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	VLOTHO			Target. 1110. 11500. 294T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs	
		F/O HOME S.G.				delay. Own bomb thought overshot by about 25 yds. Other	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS D.				bombs seen to undershot. Bridge seemed to be standing when	
		F/S IRWIN G.H.				aircraft left.	
		F/S MCCAN J.J.					
		F/S ROTHWELL W.B.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	0806	1414	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud. Vis good. Centre of Bridge.	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON C.L.	VLOTHO			1109. 12250. 300T. 155 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay.	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				One overshoot and two undershoots, own bomb not seen to	
		F/O MACDONALD D.M.				explode; nothing else seen due to bombing early.	
		P/O CHARLTON G.G.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON J.R.					

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19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE W.D.	BOMBING	0811	1406	Primary Attacked. Medium cloud, base about 14000 ft. Vis.	
	LM220	SGT HEATH C.G.	VLOTHO			good. Target. 1108. 12200 299T. 170 RAS. Tallboy fused 11	
		F/O SHIELDS E.				secs. delay. First bomb an undershoot. Own believed same.	
"		F/O JENNINGS D.A.				place. Next two were overshoots by 200 and 100 yds. Smoke	
		F/S CARSON A.				covered target.	
		F/S FOOT J.A.					
		F/S MALLINSON K.					
19.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	0804	1485	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Medium cloud, base 14000 ft. Vis.good.	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	VLOTHO			Target. 1109 11,000 308T. 160. RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs.	
	J.92831	P/O CHORNY W.				delay. First bomb seen to undershoot; next two overshot,	
"		F/S TANNER L.W.				followed by some near misses. Bridge did not appear to have	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.				been hit as aircraft left.	
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONNELL J.R.	BOMBING	1455	1951	Primary Attacked. Clear at Target. Span over river. 17002	
	NG220	SGT PHILLPS R.E.G.	NIENBURG			12,750. 030T. 165 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. First three	
	J. 40812	F/O CHORNY M.				sticks seen to straddle target. Bridge believed hit but not	
"		F/O FRICKER J.				collapsed.	
		SGT PLANT W.H.					
		SGT DAVIS J.A.W.					
		SGT GREEN C.N.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MACINTOSH D.	BOMBING	1451	1943	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Thin s.c. Vis. good. Centre span. 1702.	
	NG242	SGT COSSER R.V.	NIENBURG			12000 025T. 170 RAS. 12X100 Mc. Tail inst. First stick seen	
		P/O HAWKINS N.				to fall right of bridge with slight overshoot, bombing	
"		P/O RAMWELL P.J.				otherwise excellent. Own bombs straddled bridge which was	
		F/S TETLOW P.E.				definately seen to be damaged. Several hits seen.	
		F/S WOOD J.A.					
		F/S OWEN C.					

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		F/S TETLOW P.E. F/S WOOD J.A. F/S OWEN C.				definately seen to be damaged. Several hits seen.

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20.3.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1456	1941	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear over target. Span over river.1700	
	NG487	F/S DOHERTY J.D.	NIERBURG			13,500 032T. 160 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Most bombs	
		P/O LOCKERBY J.				seemed to overshoot by about 50 yds. Some bombs seen to	
		F/O GOLD J.R.				straddle the small spans at the east end of the bridge.	
		F/S STENNER L.G.				Bridge believed still standing after attack.	
		F/S SALMON S.E.					
		W/O MULLETT W.H.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O GAVEN M.H.	BOMBING	1458	1952	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 1-6/10ths s.c. tops 6000 ft. Vis. good.	
	NE486	SGT LYALL A.	NIERBURG			Centre span. 1700½. 13300 043T. 165 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail	
	R.17134	F/S COLE E.D.				Inst. Own bombs seen to straddle bridge towards end of attack,	
		F/S HARRIS F.R.				bombing seemed to be overshooting slightly. Railway line	
		SGT MANNERS W.J.				seen to be damaged on both sides of bridge.	
		SGT DOHERTY J.D.					
		SGT CLENTON G.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	1448	1953	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear Vis. good. Centre of Bridge. 1711	
	LM220	H.K. SGT HUDDLESTONE	NIERBURG			13000. 307T. 170 RAS. 12X1000MC Tail Inst. Bombing of	
		SGT HERKES J.M.				primary target could not be seen clearly due to smoke but	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				railway seen to be hit. One stick of bombs seen to fall	
		F/S SCOTT W.				parallel with bridge. Own bombs thought to be undershoots,	
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.				no results definately observed.	
		F/S DAVIES. W.A.J.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	1457	1957	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre span. 1700½ 12600 028T. 165	
	NG499	SGT LOAKES W.D.	NIERBURG			RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Own stick seen to overshoot by	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.B.				about 20 yds. One stick seen to straddle target. Possibly	
		F/S SUMNER E.				these damaged bridge. Results not observed.	1
		F/S CORNFOOT A.					
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.					
		SGT HARRISON J.					98

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20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	1452	1950	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear Eastern end of span over river.	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW H.	NIENBURG			1701. 12750 027. 167 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. First	
		F/S HAMMOND G.A.				stick overshot to starboard, second straddled bridge.	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.				Bridge believed damaged. R/G thinks four direct hits.	
		F/S MORROW T.A.					
		F/S KING W.L.					
		F/S HEPPELL G.M.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O HARPER M.L.T.	BOMBING	1449	1944	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Right hand edge of span over river.	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH A.	NIENBURG			1701. 13500 020. 155 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. First stick	
		F/O HOME J.G.				seen to straddle target, next overshot by about 50 yds.	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS D.				Majority tended to overshoot. Bridge believed hit, but still	
		F/S IRWIN G.H.				standing.	
		F/S MACCANN J.J.					
		F/S RUTHWELL W.B.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	1445	1942	PRIMARY ATTACKED, Visibility good. Centre span. 1701. 14000	
	NG249	SGT AITKENHEA A.	NIENBURG			027. 165 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Two sticks seen to	
		P/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				fall across bridge also several sticks seen to overshoot.	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				Target obscured by smoke and results not observed.	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.					
		F/S STRACHAN P.					
		F/S HOOPER F.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH L.E.	BOMBING	1446	1930	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear at target. Span over river. 17000	
	NG495	F/S HARRISON C.L.	NIENBURG			13700 032T. 155 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Second stick	
	A.88948	P/O BROWN A.				straddled target, and the fourth, but bridge believed to be	
		F/O CLARK W.A.				still standing although certainly damaged.	
		F/L COOK R.W.					
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.					
		F/S RICHES F.R.					

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		F/S RICHES	F.R.				

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20. 3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL	G.C.	BOMBING	1450	1948	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Span over river but hit on bombing	
	NG929	P/O ANDREWS	W.	NIERBURG			run. 1700 14100 025. 165 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. One	
		F/S ASLIN	P.R.				stick seen to straddle, but most seemed to overshoot.	
	J.88170	F/O GRAN	R.J.					
		F/S BEEVERS	D.					
		F/O CRADDOCK	R.S.					
		W/O DUNAHM	W.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS	S.	BOMBING	1453	1954	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of span. 1701. 13250. 080T.	
	LM217	SGT HARRISON	C.L.	NIERBURG			155 RAs. 12X1000MC. Tail Inst. One stick of bombs seen to	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON	H.I.				straddle bridge with possibly one direct hit as smoke seen	
		P/O CHARLTON	G.G.				immediately afterwards. Own bombing lost to view in this.	
		F/O MACDONALD	D.M.				Later bombing appeared to be overshooting.	
		F/S GLASPER	J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON	J.R.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD	R.C.	BOMBING	1447	1946	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of span. 1701½ 12000 018T.	
	NG278	F/S CLARK	W.A.	NIERBURG			160 RAS. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Three sticks seen to straddle	
		F/S SHELDON	G.F.				bridge, and one an overshoot. Bridge still standing. Three	
		F/S BOYWER	L.E.				craters seen on Railway at west end of bridge.	
		F/S PALMER	P.C.					
		SGT JUDD	A.J.					
		SGT WILLIAMS.	T.J.					
20.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT	C.M.T.	BOMBING	1454	1947	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear Span over river. 1701½ 12500 020	
	HK791	SGT FLANNAGAN	E.J.	NIERBURG			160 Ras. 12X1000 MC. Tail Inst. Several sticks seen to	
		F/O HOWARTH	W.D.				straddle target; bridge still standing at end of attacks,	
		P/O MITCHELL	D.J.				believed hit.	
		P/O GARDNER	L.					
		F/S STREET	J.A.					
		F/S LONG.	J.C.					

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22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCDONNELL J.R.	BOMBING	1139	1619	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre of bridge. 1408	
	NG442	SGT PHILLIPS R.E.G.	BREMEN			18700 062T 155 RAS. Tallboy medium fused 25 secs.delay.	
	J.40812	P/O CHORNY M.				Own bomb seen to undershoot by 80 yds. Bombing well con-	
		F/O FRICKER J.				centrated with much smoke. No escort seen.	
		SGT PLANT W.H.					
		SGT DAVIES J.A.W.					
		SGT GREEN C.N.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH L.E.	BOMBING	1145	1610	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Docks, but aircraft in a starboard	
	PA.172	F/S HARRISON C.L.	BREMEN			bank.1408. 19500 Not Known Not known. Tallboy, medium, fused	
	J.88948	P/O BROWN A.				25 secs. delay. Airoraft surrounded by heavy flak bursts on	
	J.29266	F/O CARR J.A.				run-up, and steep banks made accurate bombing impossible.	
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.				No results observed, as aircraft turned sharply after bomb	
		F/L COOKE R.W.				had gone.	
		F/S RICHES. F.R.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1138	1611½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of bridge. 1408½ 18500. 070T	
	NG235	SGT HARRISON C.L.	BREMEN			170 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 25 secs. Two bombs seen to	
	R.167681	W/O MIDDLETON H.I.				undershoot, one seen to burst at southern end of bridge. Smoke	
		F/O MCDONALD D.M.				up to 7000 ft. Bombing well concentrated. Escort not seen.	
		P/O CHARLTON G.G.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		SGT CHARLTON J.R.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LANGDON P.G.	BOMBING	1136	1609	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. North end of bridge. 1408	
	NG206	F/O OWEN D.E.	BREMEN			19000 072T. 190 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 1 hour delay.	
		F/O LEWIS D.E.				First two bombs seen to undershoot; several sticks seen to	
		F/O DEAR D.A.				straddle bridge and one Tallboy very near. Great deal of smoke.	
		F/O COOPER G.V.					
		F/O EVANS S.E.					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD. D.					

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22.3.45	LANCASTER A.M.	F/L MORRISON	BOMBING	1142	1706	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. North end of bridge. 1409. 17700	
	LL845. A.	SGT AITKENHEAD	BREMEN			070T. K 180 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 25 secs. Two bombs	
		P/O GRIFFITHS L.C.				seen to undershoot, own not seen due to smoke. Bombing	
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.				appeared to be well concentrated.	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.					
		F/S STRACHAN P.					
		SGT HOOPER F.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER NZ422[illegible]5	F/O WATERS E.I.	BOMBING	1132	1603	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, slight haze; Vis.good. S.W. end of	
	LM278	SGT GREGORY W.	BREMEN			bridge. 1408. 19000 050T. 175 RAS. Tallboy, fused 25 secs.	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				Bombing seemed well concentrated round bridge but smoke	
		F/S COXON S.				obscured results. One stick of bombs seen to hit railway	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.				yards. No escort seen.	
		F/S JONES C.E.					
		F/S BOOTH B					
22.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	1146	1608	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Bridge. 1408½ 18400 075T. 155 RAS.	
	LM217	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.K.	BREMEN			Tallboy, medium fused 1 hour delay. First bomb fell in river	
		SGT HERKES J.M.				downstream from bridge. One stick in town. Bridge covered	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				in smoke as aircraft left.	
		F/S SCOTT W.					
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES. W.A.J.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN E.G.R.	BOMBING	1143½	1620	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Bomb Aimer could not get target in	
	HK791	SGT POCOCK G.E.	BREMEN			graticule. Clear Middle of Marshalling Yard. 1408. 18300	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				063T. 155 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 25 secs. delay.	
		F/S CURRIE J.				No results observed. Bridge covered in smoke as aircraft	
		F/O BLUNT E.G.				left.	
		W/O LEGG W.					
		W/O MARTIN. J.A.W.					

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22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	1137	1617	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Bridge. 1408. 18900 090 160 RAS.	
	NG. 242.	P/O BAKER W.H.	BREMEN			Tallboy, medium, fused 1 hr. delay. No results observed.	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				Someone had V.H.F. transmitter on over Holland.	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.					
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.					
		F/S GRAY F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE W.D.	BOMBING	1134	1252	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Port inner went u/s soon after take-off.	
	LM220	SGT DOHERTY C.C.	BREMEN			feathered at 1158 and aircraft returned to base.	
		P/O SHIELDS E.					
		P/O JENNINGS D.A.					
		F/S CARSONS A.					
		F/S FOOT J.A.					
		SGT MAILINSON K.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER A.418102	P/O GRAVES J.C.	BOMBING	1141	1607	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Bridge. 1408½ 18500. 055T. 160 RAS.	
	NG499	SGT BARBER G.F.	BREMEN			Tallboy, medium fused 1 hour delay. One bomb seen to burst	
		SGT JOHNSON A.				town end of bridge and another in river down-stream of	
	R.109744	W/O CIPHERY C.M.				bridge. Smoke covered Target as aircraft left.	
	A.423362	F/S WALDON F.A.					
		SGT BATTLE B.					
		SGT BARRY. J.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER F/	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	1144	1657	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Bridge. 1409.18400 061. 155 RAS.	
	NG249	SGT LOAKES W.D.	BREMEN			Tallboy, medium, fused 1 hr. delay. First two fell to port	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.B.				side of bridge, it was then covered by smoke. Road bridge	
		F/S SUMNER E.				was hit by stick. No definate hits seen on primary, but bombing	
		F/S CORNFOOT A				appeared concentrated. M/Y. well hit by sticks.	
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.					
		SGT HARRISON J.					

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22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1135	1615	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis Good. Centre of bridge. 1408.	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	BREMEN			18200: 074T. 185 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 1 hr. delay.	
	J.92831	F/O CHORNY W.				Bombing appeared very wel concentrated, many sticks straddling	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				bridge. Own bomb not seen Great deal of smoke seen rising	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.				for 95 miles on return. No escort seen.	
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.A.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS R.F.	BOMBING	1136½	1621	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Bridge. 1408½. 18800 060T. 160 RAS.	
	HK.803	F/S BROWN L.A.	BREMEN			Tallboy, medium, fused 25 secs. No results observed. Pall of	
		F/S LYNHAM H.R.				smoke over bridge when aircraft turned away.	
		F/S JACKSON P.F.					
		F/S FAUCHEUX R.F.					
		F/S STEBBINGS F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD F.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER J.7985	F/L CAMSELL G.C.	BOMBING	1133	1627	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Hit on bombing run by H/F and bomb	
	LM220	P/O ANDREWS W.	BREMEN			jettisoned. 1407. 19,100 080 155 RAS. Tallboy, medium fused	
		F/S ASLIN P.R.				25 secs. delay. No results seen. Both starboard engines hit	
	J.88170	F/O GRAN R.J.				by H/F on bombing run and rendered u/s. Holes in bomb doors	
		F/S BEEVERS D.				wings and fuselage.	
		F/S STREET J.A.				Aircraft landed Ludham 1627.	
		W/O DUNHAM. W.					
22.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1143	1613	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Southern end of bridge. 1408.	
	NG486	SGT HARRISON C.L.	BREMEN			18,600. 068T. 190 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 1 hr. delay.	
		F/S TAYLOR J.G.				Own bomb thought to have landed under northern end of bridge.	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				Two seen to undershoot and one very near. Several sticks	
		W/O MILLINGTON F.				straddled both bridges and some seen in Marshalling yards.	
		SGT BICKER R.G.					
		F/S ALLSOP. M.W.A.					

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22.3.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1140	1703	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of bridge. 1408. 18200 075T.	
	NG487	F/O WOODLAND J.M.	BREMEN			165 RAS. Tallboy medium, fused 1 hr. delay. Bombing appeared	
		P/O LOCKERBIE J.				well concentrated, own bomb not seen due to evasive action	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				after bombing. Great deal of smoke. Except when escorting	
		F/S STENNER L.G.				Lanc. which was in trouble on return, after crossing enemy	
		F/S SALMON E				coast, no escort seen.	
		W/O MULLETT. W.H.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	1341	1822	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. West end of bridge. 1610½ 13600	
	NG499	SGT WELLS I	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			119. 170 RAS. Tallboy, medium fused, 25 secs. delays	
		F/S HAMMOND G.A.				Four bombs appeared to burst either on or very near bridge.	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				Could not see whether bridge was down due to smoke.	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.					
		F/S KING W.L.					
		F/S HEPPELL G.M.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TWEDDLE W.D.	BOMBING	1348	1825	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis.good. Western end of bridge.	
	LM220	F/O MACDONALD J.M.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			1608½ 13,900 103T. 162 RAS. Tallboy fused 11 secs. delay	
		P/O SHIELDS E.				Bombing well concentrated, but own bomb not seen due to	
		F/O JENKINS D.A.				heavy flak at the time.	
		F/S CARSON A.					
		F/S FOOT J.A.					
		F/S MALLINSON K.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER NZ422288	F/O IRWIN M.J.	BOMBING	1339	1823	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Haze with moderate Vis. Bridge as briefed	
	NG495	F/S TRASK A.H.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			1611. 12800. 106T. Ras. 175. Tallboy, medium, fused 25 secs	
		F/S GEORGE S.E.				Delay. One burst seen only while in area, which was slightly	
		F/S GRAVES T.P.				off target. Results not observed due to smoke. Fighter	
		SGT BRAVINER C.				escort good. On camera run heavy flak was becoming accurate	
		SGT PARRY W.J. SGT DAVIES. J.A.W.				and we were forced to turn away without photograph.	

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		SGT PARRY W.J. SGT DAVIES. J.A.W.			and we were forced to turn away without photograph.

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23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1344	1816	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Western end of bridge. 1610½	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING C.R.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			13,600 102T. 185 RAS. Tallboy medium, fused 11 secs. delay.	
		F/S TAYLOR J.G.				Three bombs seen to overshoot, two very near misses and	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				one possible hit. Own bomb thought to be very near but	
		W/O MILLINGTON F.				smoke obscured burst. Part of bridge appeared to have coll-	
		F/S BICKER R.G.				apsed.	
		F/S ALLSOP M.W.A.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L TAYLOR H.	BOMBING	1345	1814	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear 1609. 13,400 105T. 170 RAS.	
	NG206.	SGT DOHERTY J.D.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			Emergency computor used; 6° variation between computed angle	
		F/O CUNNINGHAM J.				& bombing angle. Tallboy, medium fused 11 secs delay.	
	J.91076	P/O HOME W.R.				No results observed. Bridge covered in smoke and bombing	
		P/O BURNS K.A.				appeared concentrated.	
	J.90980	P/O FREEMAN G.C.					
	J.92888	P/O YOUNG G.M.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONNELL J.R.	BOMBING	1340	1819	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Eastern end of bridge. 1610½	
	NG235 R.E.G.	SGT PHILLIPS R.F.	BAD CEYNHAYSEN			13000 103T. 160 RAS. Tallboy, medium fused 11 secs. delay.	
	J.40812	F/O CHORNY M.				Own bomb thought to have undershot by 20 yards. Bombing well	
		F/O FRICKER J.				concentrated. Results not clearly seen.	
		SGT PLANT W.H.					
		SGT DAVIES J.A.W.					
		SGT GREEN C.N.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	1337	1817	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of bridge. 1610½. 13000 096T.	
	NG249	SGT LOAKES W.D.	BAD CEYNHAYSEN			160 RAS. Tallboy, fused 25 secs. delay. Two bombs burst on rail-	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A. B.				way on west bank of river, and one overshot. R/G believed	
		F/S SUMNER E.				bridge down in middle.	
		F/S CORNFOOT A.					
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.					
		SGT HARRISON J.					

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23.3.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1336	1832	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Slight ground haze. Vis. good.	
	NG487	P/O WOODLAND J.M.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			Centre of bridge. 1610. 13300 110T. 160 RAS. Tallboy,	
		P/O LOCKERBIE J.				medium fused 25 secs. delay. Own bomb not seen dus to heavy	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				flak. Bombing well concentrated. Explosions covered bridge.	
		F/S STENNER L.G.					
		F/S MILLS A.C.					
		F/S HARVEY T.C.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN B/G.R.	BOMBING	1343	1820	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. West end of bridge. 1616. 12600 110T	
	NG486	SGT POCOCK G.E.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			175 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused 11 secs. delay. Own bomb	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				slightly overshot. Bridge believed hit by more than one bomb	
		SGT CURRIE J.				Could not say whether bridge destoyed owing to smoke.	
		P/O BLUNT E.G.					
		W/O LEGG W.					
		W/O MARTIN J.A.W.					
23.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1342	1834	Target not attacked. Bomb jettisoned 1604 hrs. 5215N/0830E	
	Pal72	SGT FLANNAGAN E.J.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			12200' owing to attack by ME263. Starboard elevator & trimm-	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				ing shot up. Hole 3'x2' in starboard main plane. Starboard	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				tank holed by fighter ME263. Tail wheel burnt. We had just	
		P/O GARDNER L.				completed wind finding & had rejoined the end of the gaggle	
		SGT MCKEE S.L.				when attack took placeCame back to base with control column	
		SGT LONG. J.C.				roped back. All engines O.K.	
23.3.45	LANCASTER NZ422445	F/O WATERS E.I.	BOMBING	1335	1810	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Unable to see bridge clearly owing	
	NG278	SGT GREGORY W.	BAD CEYNHAUSEN			to splintered panel. 1610 12800 098 170 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				25 secs delay. No results observed, except one bomb which	
		F/S COXON S.				burst at eastern end of bridge. Hit twice by H/F on bombing	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.				run. Hit twice againafter bomb had gone when diving away	
		F/S JONES C.E.				from Target. Both tanks, Port inner engine, bomb aimers panel damaged	
		F/S BOOTH. B.				both turrets u/s. Landed at Seething.	

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	A.434462	W/O REDWOOD					Fan. Hit twice against bomb had gone when driving away
		F/S JONES	C.E.				from Target. Both tanks, Port inner engine, bomb aimers panel damaged
		F/S BOOTH.	B.				both turrets u/s. Landed at Seething.

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27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN E.G.R.	BOMBING	1045	1509	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming Point. 1301. 16500 048T.	
	LL.845	SGT POCOCK G.E.	FARGE			150 Knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Three,	
	J. 93121	P/O REID J.F.				believed Tallboys, overshot by about ½ mile and burst	
		F/S CURRIE J.				in wood.	
		P/O BLUNT E.G.					
		W/O LEGG. W.					
		W/O MARTIN J.A.W.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.G.	BOMBING	1038	1502	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. Good. Southern edge of aiming	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW H.	FARGE			point. 1302½. 16700 057T. 150 knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium,	
		SGT HAMMOND G.A.				fused ½ hr. delay. Three explosions seen in wood to north	
		F/S MCINTOSH D.A.				of aiming point and some smoke. Two splashes seen in water	
		F/S MORROW. T.A.				near other aiming point.	
		SGT KING W.L.					
		F/S HEPPELL G.M.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1036	1456	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre of aiming point.	
	LM217	SGT WELSH I.	FARGE			1303. 16100 048T. 150 RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr.	
		F/S VERNEY D.				delay. Two large bursts seen in woods to north of target and	
		SGT EVANS D.				thin stream of smoke from other target. Results could not	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.				be assessed due to delays.	
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.F.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	1047	1510	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming point. 1302. 16600. 053T.	
	NG206	P/O BAKER WH.	FARGE			145 knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Target	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				area covered in smoke as aircraft left. Smoke or dust also	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				seen at No. 617 Squadron's aiming point. Deep red fire seen	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.				in target area ½ mile south west of own aiming point.	
		F/S GRAY F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					

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27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCDONELL J.R.	BOMBING	1046	1518	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming point but caught in slip-	
	NG235	SGT PHILLIPS R.E.C.	FARGE			stream on bombing run. 1303. 16000 050T. 147 knots. RAS.	
	J.40812	F/O CHORNY M.				Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Three, believed Tallboys	
		F/O FRICKER J.				overshot target by about ½ mile and burst in wood.	
		SGT PLANT W.H.					
		SGT DAVIES J.T.W.					
		SGT GREEN C.N.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.R.	BOMBING	1048	1453	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Site of oil storage. 1303. 15600	
	NG220	SGT SPALDING C.R.	FARGE			046T. knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium fused ½ hr. delay. Some	
		SGT TAYLOR J.G.				bombs seen to burst in oil storage area and target believed	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				well covered.	
		W/O MILLINGTON F.					
		F/S BICKER R.G.					
		F/S ALLSOP. M.W.A.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS R.J.	BOMBING	1041	1458	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming point. 1302½ 16,900 048T.	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS M.	FARGE			148 knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Three	
		F/S YOUNG F.W.				tallboys seen to overshoot aiming point and explode.	
		F/O PARSONS H.F.C.					
		F/O BROWNLIE W.R.					
		P/O WILLIAMS A.J.					
		F/S LINAKER W.J.W.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER NZ422445	F/O WATERS E.I.	BOMBING	1039	1455	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, slight ground haze. Vis. good,	
	NG419	SGT GREGORY W.	FARGE			Southern tip of aiming point. 1302½ 15800 040T. 155 knots	
		P/O WILSON H.W.D.				RAS. Tallboy, medium fused ½ hr. delay. Three 1000 lbs. seen	
		F/S COXON S.				to burst in woods. Bombing not seen due to smoke, but it	
	A.454462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.				appeared well concentrated. Great deal of smoke seen from	
		SGT JONES C.C.				other target.	
		SGT BOOTH. B.					

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		SGT JONES C.C. SGT BOOTH. B.			other target.

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27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O KEELEY A.L.	BOMBING	1037	1452	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming point. 1302½ 16,800 042T.	
	NG495	P/O WOTHERSPOON A.E.	FARGE			160 knots. RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Some	
	H J.92831.	P/O CHORNY W.				bursts seen on target, with clouds of greyish smoke.	
		F/S TANNER L.W.				Bombing appeared concentrated in target area.	
		F/S CHAMBERS S.D.					
		F/S CORNWELL C.H.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.E.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	1043½	1511	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming Point. 1302½ 16,100. 048T.	
	NG442	SGT FLANNAGAN E.J.	FARGE			135 knots RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. No	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				results observed but smoke seen rising from target as	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				aircraft left.	
		P/O GARDNER L.					
		SGT MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG. J.C.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O CAVEN M.H.	BOMGING	1042	1508	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming Point. 1303. 15500 043T. 145	
	NG487	SGT LYALL A.	FARGE			knots RAS. Tallboy, medium, fused ½ hr. delay. Two bursts	
	R.171313	F/S COLE E.S.				with orange flame seen in target area.	
		F/S HARRIS F.R.					
		SGT MANNERS W.J.					
		SGT DOLLERY S.G.					
		SGT CLENTON G.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH L.E.	BOMBING	1044	1500	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Aiming Point. 1302. 17000. 062T.	
	HK791	SGT HIGGINS C.V.	FARGE			145 knots. RAS. Three Tallboys seen to explode in wood north	
	J.88948	P/O BROWN A.				east of aiming point. Clouds of smoke seen at No. 617	1
	J.27266	F/O GOCARR J.A.				Squadron's aiming point.	
		F/L COOKE R.W.					
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.					2
		F/S RICHES. F.R.					

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27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/L ADAMS R.F.	BOMBING	1043	1501	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre of aiming point	
	HK803	F/S BROWN L.A.	FARGE			1302½. 16800. 050T. 138 knots RAS. Tallboy medium fused ½	
		F/S LYNHAM H.R.				hour delay. Own bomb not seen to strike ground but slight smoke	
		F/S JACKSON P.F				seen after bombing run. Other target seen to be hit. One	
		F/S FAUCHAUX R.F.				22000 lb. seen to explode.	
		F/S STEBBINGS F.					
		F/S WHITFIELD. F.					
27.3.45	LANCASTER	F/O LANGDON P.G.	BOMBING	1040	1503	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Jettisoned on run-up. 1302. 16000	
	NG486	F/O OWEN D.E.	FARGE			040T. 175 RAS. Tallboy, medium , fused ½ hr. delay. Own	
		SGT GEORGE A.				bomb not seen to strike, but quite a lot of smoke seen from	
		F/O DEAR D.A.				several 1000 lb. bombs and large quantities of white smoke	
		F/O COOPER G.V				from other target. As bomb sight u/s decided to bring bomb	
		W/O MULLETT W.H.				back but due to bombs falling from other aircraft above, had	
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD D.				to jettisoned over target area to get clear quickly.	
27.3.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	1036½	1459	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, slight ground haze, Vis. good.	
	NG249	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.K.	FARGE			Edge of wood near aiming point. 1302½ 16,400 047T. 147 knots	
		SGT HARKES J.M.				RAS. Tallboy, medium fused ½ hr. delay. Bombing results	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				could not be assessed due to delays and some smoke over target.	
		SGT SCOTT W.					
		F/S CHALCROFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES. W.A.J.					

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	1/4/45		8-10/10ths. Sc. over Base. Weather moderate, rather cloudy. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	2/4		Weather showery. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	3/4		Weather fair. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	4/4		Weather fair isolated showers. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	5/4		Weather fair. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	6/4		Weather fair. No operational flying today.	
	7/4		Weather poor. F/O Jeffs Crew crashed on returning from operations. 12 aircraft took of to bomb Molbis, 11 returned to Base.	
	8/4		Weather fair. Operations today. 18 aircraft bombed Lutzkendorf. ~~All~~ 17 returned.	
	9/4		Anticyclone over England. No operational flying today.	
	10/4		Anticyclone declining. No operational flying today.	
	11/4		Cloudy with thundery showers. No operational flying today.	
	12/4		Cloudy with rain, bright intervals. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	13/4		Fog, lifted later in the day. 14 aircraft took off for Prince Eugen. All returned.	
	14/4		Fog at first, thunder later. No operational flying today.	
	15/4		Cloudy at first, fair later. No operational flying today.	
	16/4		Weather good. 16 aircraft took off for Pilsen, all returned.	
	17/4		Weather fine. No operaional flying today.	
	18/4		Weather fine. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	19/4		Anticyclone over England. 16 aircraft bombed Heligoland.	
	20/4		Weather fine.	
	21/4		Weather fine.	
	22/4		Weather fine.	
	23/4		Weather fine.	
	24/4		Weather fine.	
	25/4		Weather fine. ~~25~~ 17 aircraft bombed Berchesgaden. All returned.	
	26/4		Cloudy with mist and fog. Nothing of importance to report today.	

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	27/4		Cloudy with showers. No operational flying today.	
	28/4		Mainly fair with some fog.	
	29/4		Cloudy with wintry showers. Nothing of importance to report today.	
	30/4		Weather poor, wintry showers. No operational flying today.	
			SUMMARY OF MOVEMANTS DURING THE MONTH.	
	7/4		178039. F/O R.S. CRADDOCK. Posted to 53 Base N.E. Sick.	
	9/4		J.91070. P/O A.E.Brown. Posted R.C.A.F. R DEPOT.	
			R.184390. F/S HEBERT. W. Posted to R.C.A.F. R. Depot.	
	13/4		J.91076. P/O A.M.E. HOLMES. Posted to R.C.A.F. R. DEPOT.	
			J.92388. P/O G.M. YOUNG. Posted to R.C.A.F. R. DEPOT.	
			J.90980. P/O G.C. FREEMAN. Posted to R.C.A.F. R. DEPOT.	
	16/4		186223. P/O A.L. CUNNINGHAM. Posted to 17 O.T.U.	
	17/4		45089. F/L. A/S/L A.G. WILLIAMS. Posted to 1654 Con. Unit.	
	19/4		152039. F/O R.C. HARVEY. Posted to 84 O.T.U.	
	19/4		1866663. F/S PARKES. J.S. Posted to 14 O.T.U.	
	19/4		520623. F/S HIGH.A. Posted to 14 O.T.U.	
	19/4		1572580. F/S WATT. A.B. Posted to 17 O.T.U.	
	22/4		176284. F/O TAYLOR.B. Posted to 6 L.F.S.	
	28/4		175489. F/O GARGETT. F.W. Posted from 617 Sqdn.	
	28/4		~~KX~~173865. F/O GRIMES. S. Posted from 617 Sqdn.	
			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS.	
	1/4		1851167 SGT THOMAS. E. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
			1891950 SGT WILLIAMS. F.G. Promoted to rank of T/F/S.	
	3/4		575732. SGT. GREGORY.W. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	

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			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS CONT.....	
	5/4		150364. F/O C.M.T FOLLETT. Promoted to A/F/L.	
	11/4		909465. SGT MAYHEW. H.A. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S. 2203828. SGT WHITWORTH.D. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
			2206209. SGT ASHWORTH. W.K. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
			2209898. SGT HARRISON.J. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
	14/4		A.428356. F/S PROVIS.L.E. Promoted to the rank of T/W/O.	
	15/4		NZ.422099. F/S BOAG. J.H. Promoted to the rank of T/W/O .	
	17/4		J 7985 F/L CAMSELL. G.C. Promoted to the rank of A/S/L.	
			2211839. SGT. MELLORS.M. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
	20/4		176730. F/O W.J REES. Promoted to the rank of A/F/L.	
	21/4		1117589. SGT WILLIAMS E. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
			1836229. SGT BATTLE.B. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
			1897254. SGT WORLEY.J.F. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	
	24/4		1592100. SGT HARRISON.W.E. Promoted to the rank of T/F/S.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L LANGDON P.G.	BOMBING	1839	0246	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10ths s.c. Vis. good. N.E. yellow T.I.	
	NG442	F/O OWEN D.E.	MOLBIS			as ordered by Controller with vector wind. 2309. 12500 068	
		F/O LEWIS D.E.				175 RAS. 1X2000 HC. 7X1000 MC. 4X500 GP. Bombing was well	
		F/O DEAR D.A.				concentrated though late due to winds. Several large explos-	
		F/O COOPER G.V.				ions seen and great quantities of smoke.	
		W/O MULLET S.E.					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD D.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.422445	F/O WATERS E.I.	BOMBING	1846	0237	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 2/10ths s.c. slight haze. N.E. red T.I.	
	NG499	F/S GREGORY W.	MOLBIS			as ordered with vector wind. 2310 13750. 074. 180 RAS.	
		F/O SHIELDS R.S.G.				1X2000 HC. 7X1000 MC. 4X500GP. Bombing well concentrated on	
		F/S COXON S.				markers. One large explosion at 2311 with flames and black	
	A453462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.				smoke. Marking appeared accurate.	
		F/S JONES C.E.					
		F/S BOOTH B.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1840	0256	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. When believed 5/8 miles off target	
	HK803	F/S CLARK W.A.	MOLBIS			instructions were heard from the Controller to cease bombing	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				and return to Base. Lateness was due to winds being stronger	
		F/S BOWYER L.E.				that forecasted, and increasing speed up to 25 knts over	
		F/S PALMER P.C.				briefed speeds did not enable time to be made up. Large	
		SGT JUDD A.J.				explosion seen in the target area lighting up the sky at	
		SGT WILLIAMS T.J.				about 2300 hours. Whole load jettisoned on concentration	
						of S/L in target area. 2310½ 12,500ft.	

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	J.38031							
7/8.4.45.	LANCASTER	F/O YOUNG	R.B.	BOMBING	1836	0250	Primary attacked. Clear. Vis. good. Yellow T.I. at N.W. tip	
	PB696	SGT STONE	J.S.	MOLBIS			of reds with vector wind as ordered. 2312 12500. 075 RAS.	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES	E.J.				1X2000 HC. 7X1000 MC. 4X500GP. Bombing well concentrated	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR	H.				with good fires and quantities of smoke. Marking appeared	
		SGT HASTINGS	J.M.				good. One very large explosion with large sheet of flame	
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.				at 2311 hours.	
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE	A.V.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS	A.F.	BOMBING	1835	0253	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. M.P.I. or red and green T.I's using	
	NG487	F/O WOODLAND	J.	MOLBIS			vector winds. 2311 12.700 098. 167 RAS. 1X2000 HC 7X1000 MC	
		F/O LOCKERBIE	J.				4X500 GP. Marking well concentrated and appeared accurately	
		P/O GOLD	J.R.				placed. Bombing also well concentrated around the markers and	
		F/S STENNER	L.G.				two oil fires seen.	
		F/S ROTHWELL	W.B.					
		F/S REILLY.	J.W.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER NZ426166	F/O COSTER	D.A.	BOMBING	1838	0248	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Controller heard giving order to	
	NG249	SGT PINNING	J.C.	MOLBIS			cease bombing so jettisoned bombs at 5111N. 1222E. 2310.	
	NZ428165	F/S BLACK	C.W.				13259. 082. 170 RAS. between a belt of S/L. and the target	
	NZ422099	F/S BOAG	J.H.				area. Boming at Molbis appeared to be well concentrated.	
		F/S EAST	H.G.					
		F/S MORRISON	A.B.					
		F/S JONES	W.J.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O JEFFS	A.E.	BOMBING	1837		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO SIGNALS OR MESSAGES RECEIVED.	
	HK788	SGT HIGGINS	G.V.	MOLBIS				
		F/S MOUSLEY	K.G.					
	R.117477	W/O FISHER	H.A.					
		F/S MCMILLAN	G.M.					
		F/S THOMAS	T.A.					
		F/S SYMONDS.	G.J.					

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7/8.4.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1831	0245	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Vicinity of target not reached until	
	NG 486	F/S WOOLEY A.	MOLBIS			13 mins., after H hour, when instructions were received from	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				the Controller to cease bombing, and catch up the rest of the	
		F/O NOLAN A.				Force and return to Base. Lateness was due to winds being	
	A.424616	P/O MOORE I.L.				stronger than forecast and time could not be made up despite	
		F/S ROUND R.G.				increasing speed to 20 kts over briefed speed.	
		F/S COPPERWAITE R.A.C.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1864	0249	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.W. tip of red T.I. as ordered	
	LM217	SGT WELSH I.	MOLBIS			with vector wind. 2309 11500 080 160 RAS. 1X2000 H 7X1000 MC	
		F/S VERNEY D.				4X500GP. Marking very good and bombing well concentrated:	
		F/S EVANS D.				One very large explosion at 2310 hours.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
7/8.4.45		F/S LANE. J.F.					
	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.W.	BOMBING	1841	0240	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear apart from slight haze. M.P.I.	
	ME555	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.K.	MOLBIS			of cluster of red T.I's Vector wind used. 2308. 14200.	
		F/S HERKES J.M.				096. 160 RAS. 1X2000 HC 7X1000 MC. 4X500 GP. Markers were	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				well concentrated and bombing appeared accurate. Large	
		F/S SCOTT W.				explosion seen at 2311 hours. Late over target owing to winds	
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.				being stronger than forecast.	
		F/S DAVIES W.A.J.					
7/8.4.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	1833	0233	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.E. corner of red and yellow T.I's	
	NG206	P/O JONES H.	MOLBIS			as ordered. Vector wind used. 2302½ 13500 109. 165 RAS.	
	NZ421948	F/S CAMPBELL A.D.				1X2000 HC 7X1000 MC. 4X500 GP. Only approximately had bombed	
		F/O PORTER H.W.				before but the bombing appeared well concentrated. Two large	
		F/S MEADS R.				explosions seen on the way out of target.	
		F/S BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS. L.G.					

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7/8.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN	E.G.R.	BOMBING	1839	0252	Primary attacked. Clear. Vis. fair. M.P.I. of red T.I's	
	HK791	SGT POCOCK	G.E.	MOLINS			on N.E. corner of target area as ordered by Controller;	
		P/O REID	J.F.				vector wind used. 2311 14,500. 104. 165 RAS. 1X2000 HC	
		F/S CURRIE	J.				7X1000 MC. 4X500 GP. Marking good and bombing well concen-	
		F/O BLUNT	E.G.				trated. At 2310½ one very large explosion and another at	
		W/O LEE	W.				2312. Several large good fires and column of black smoke.	
		SGT WORLEY	J.F.V.				Nine minutes late on target due to winds.	
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.424077	F/O BARROWMAN	H.D.	BOMBING	1827	0300	TARGET NOT ATTACKED. Did not reach target area until too late.	
	NG220	SGT WHITSON	R.J.	LUTZKENDORF			Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay brought back. Port inner engine	
		F/S ROE	P.				failed at 5007N/0714E. 2134 hrs. 4000 ft. Suspected	
		F/S RIPPON	A.				mixture failure.	
	A.428356	F/S PROVIS	L.S.					
	A.433755	F/S MILLS	A.C.					
	A.433880	F/S HARVEY	T.C.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O MCDONELL	J.R.	BOMBING	1828	0235	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. M.P.I. of yellow T.I's	
	DV393	SGT PHILLIPS	R.R.G.	LUTZKENDORF			with overshoot of 11 secs. as planned. 2246½ 11200. 100T.	
	J.40812	F/O CHORNY	M.				145 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Bombing well concentrated	
		F/O PRICKER	J.				and marking was good. One large explosion at 2250 hours and	
		SGT PLANT	W.H.				another about ½ minute later. Winds stronger than forcast	
		SGT DAVIES	J.A.W.				so had to increase speed.	
		F/S THOMAS	T.A.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ANDELL	K.C.	BOMBING	1812	0224	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Red T.I. with provision-	
	NG206	F/O JONES	H.	LUTZKENDORF			al vector wind as ordered by Controller. 2249 13000. 118T.	
	NZ4219 48	F/O CAMPBELL	A.D.				150 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Bombing appeared	
		F/O PORTER	H.N.				concentrated but slight south of markers. Two very large	
		F/S MEADS	R.				explosions at 2253 hours.	
		F/S BROWN	J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS	L.G.					

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8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS A.F.	BOMBING	1822	0255	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, slight cloud. Red and yellow T.I's	
	NG486	F/O WOODLAND J.	LUTZKENDORF			with 11 secs. overshoot. 2246 13200 120. 145 RAS. Tallboy	
		P/O LOCKERBIE J.				fused ½ hr. delay. Very concentrated bombing. Very large	
		P/O GOLD J.R.				explosion at 2253.	
		F/S STENNER L.G.					
		F/S ROTHWELL W.B.					
		F/S REILLY J.W					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN E.G.R.	BOMBING	1821	0213	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red T.I's with 11 secs. overshoot as order-	
	HK791	SGT POCOCK G.E.	LUTZKENDORF			by Controller. 2242½ 10500. 118T. 130 RAS. Tallboy fused ½	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				hr. delay. Bombing well concentrated. One large explosion	
		F/S CURRIE J.				at 2245 hrs.	
		F/O BLUNT E.C.					
		W/O LEGG W.					
		SGT WORSLY J.E.F.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1808	0205	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Southern tip of red T.I's with	
	NG488	F/S WOOLEY A.	LUTZKENDORF			vector wind as ordered by Controller. 2251 12000 082T. 180	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Bombing very good with	
		F/O NOLAN A.				three very large explosions at 2254 hrs each lasting about	
	A.424616	F/O MOORE I.L.				5 secs. Marking accurate. Few good fires also seen.	
		F/S ROUND R.C.					
		F/S CORMACK R.A.C.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	1311	0215	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear, some haze. Red and yellow T.I's	
	LL845	F/S AITKENHEAD A.	LUTZKENDORF			with vector winds. 2245 12500 090T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		P/O HAWKINS N				½ hr. delay. Some bombing seen overshooting at start of	
		F/S WESTROPE L.C.				bombing. Several explosions as aircraft left. Wind finders	
	A.421703	W/O BLACK F.				had to cut into bombing stream before bombing: own aircraft	
		F/S STRACHAN F				was badly caught in slip stream.	
		F/S HOOPER F					

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8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1826	0255	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red T.I's with 11 secs. overshoot	
	LM217	SGT WELSH I	LUTZKENDORF			as ordered by Controller. 2246 11400 119T. 140 RAS. Tallboy	
		F/S VERNEY D.				fused ½ hr. delay. Concentrated bombing with two large	
		F/S EVANS D.				explosions at 2253 hrs.	
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.F					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	1825	0315	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. vis. good. Red & yellow T.I's with	
	NG249	SGT PINNING J.C.	LUTZKENDORF			11 secs. overshoot. Bombing well concentrated and marking	
	NZ.428165	F/S BLACK C.W				placed. 2245 12250 117T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay.	
	NZ.422099	F/S BOAG J.H.				One large explosion at 2247 hours.	
		F/S EAST H.B.					
		F/S MORRISON A.B.					
		F/S JONES. W.J.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.418102	F/O GRAVES B.J.C.	BOMBING	1829	0234	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with vector	
	NG495	SGT BARBER G.F.	LUTZENDORF			winds. 2246. 11750 080T. 155 RAS. Tallboy fused 1 hr. delay.	
		SGT JOHNSON A.				Some bomb flashes seen.	
	R.109744	W/O GIPHERY C.					
	A.423362	W/O WALDON F.A.					
		SGT BATTLE B.					
		SGT BERRY J					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER J.38031	F/O YOUNG R.B.	BOMBING	1830	0228	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with 11 secs.	
	NG384	SGT STONE J.S.	LUTZKENDORF			overshoot. 2248½ 12800 113T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused 1	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES E.J.				hr. delay. Many bomb flashes seen. Large explosion at 2248	
	J.38667	P/O TAYLOR H.				Believed successful attack.	
		SGT HASTINGS J.M					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER A.E.					
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE A.Y.					

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		SGT HASTINGS	J.				
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.				
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE	A.V.				

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(*2585—9522) Wt. 28752—9256 75M. 10/44 T.S. 700
(*2585—9522) Wt. 47633—3795 250M. 7/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER NZ42617	F/O HARPER	H.L.,D.F.M.	BOMBING	1808	0236	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with vector	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH	A.	LUTZKENDORF			wind. 2250. 13800. 050 170 RAS. Tallboy fused ¼ hr. delay.	
		F/O HOME	J.J.				Large explosions seen in target area on run-up.	
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS	D.					
		F/S IRWIN	G.E.					
		F/S MCCANN	F.J.					
		F/S MORETON	R.A.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O REES	W.G.	BOMBING	1811	0250	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Tip of red and yellow	
	PB696	SGT MAYHEW	H.A.	LUTZKENDORF			T.I's with vector winds as ordered by controller. 2252 14000	
		F/S HAMMOND	C.				045T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Bombing excelleht	
		F/S MACINTOSH	D.A.				Three very large explosions, one at 2203 hrs. Marking good.	
		F/S MORROW	T.A					
		F/S KING	W.L.					
		F/S HEPPELL	G.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.422288	F/O IRWIN	M.J.	BOMBING	1824	0222	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with 11 secs.	
	NG499,	F/S PASK	A.H.	LUTZKENDORF			overshoot. 2246. 13400 114T. Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay.	
		F/S GEORGE	A.				Bombing concentrated. Attack believed successful.	
		F/S GRAVES	T.P.					
		SGT BAVINER	G.					
		SGT CURRIE	J					
		SGT DAVIES.	W.J.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON	N.	BOMBING	0243	1809	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with vector	
	HK803	F/S LOAKES	W.D.	LUTZKENDORF.			wind as ordered by Controller. 2257. 13000 042T. RAS. 140.	
	A.437548	F/S VIVIAN	A.E.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Markers were well concentrated	
		F/S SUMNER	E.				as also bombing. Large explosions seen.	
		F/S CORNFOOT	A					
		SGT ASHWORTH	K.A					
		SGT HARRISON.	J					

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8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.F.	BOMBING	1831	0704	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. M.P.I. of cluster of red and	
	ME555	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.	LUTZKENDORF			yellow T.I's overshot 11 secs. 2245½ 13900 113T. RAS 140.	
		F/S HERKES M.J.				Tallboy fused ½ hr. delay. Markers were well concentrated	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				as also was bombing. Two large explosions seen at 2247.	
		F/S SCOTT W					
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.C.					
		F/S DAVIES J.A.W.					
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L LANGDON P.G.	BOMBING	1820	0228	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Red and yellow T.I's with 11 secs	
	NG442	F/O OWEN D.E.	LUTZKENDORF	"	"	overshoot. 2247. 12200 116. 150 RAS. Tallboy fused ½ hr.	
		F/O LEWIS D.R.				delay. Some large explosions seen after leaving target.	
		F/O DEAR D.A.					
		F/O COOPER G.V.					
		W/O MULLETT W.H.					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD D.	B.S.				
8/9.4.45	LANCASTER A.410826	F/O WOOLSTENCROFT	BOMBING	1826		AIRCRAFT MISSING - NO MESSAGES OR SIGNALS RECEIVED.	
	NG235	F/S LEWIS W.C.	LUTZKENDORF				
	A.432092	F/S BAILEY L.A.					
		F/O WARREN C.F.W.					
		F/S ROBINSON L.					
		SGT GREENWOOD G.T.					
		SGT WILLIAMS. A.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER A.424077	F/O BARROWMAN H.D.	BOMBING	2349	0800	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good, slight haze. Vis. good. N.W. tips	
	NG206	SGT WHITSUN R.J.	PILSEN			of red and yellow T.I's as ordered by Controller with 6	
		F/S ROE P.				secs. overshoot. 0400½ 12500 173T. 155 RAS. 11X1000 lb. MC	
		F/O SOWERBY W.				.025 1X500 lb. MC. .025. Bomb burst seen in target area.	
	A.428356	F/S PROVIS L.S.					
	A.433880	F/S HARVEY T.C.					
	A.433755	F/S MILLS A.C.					

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(*15831—9511) Wt 47955—3795 250M 2/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L LANGDON P.G.	BOMBING	1143½	1825	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud from River Elbe to	
	NG442	F/O OWEN D.E.	PRINCE EUGEN			target.	
		F/O LEWIS D.E.					
		F/O DEAR D.A.					
		W/O COOPER G.V.					
		P/O EVANS S.E.					
	A.429545	F/O FITZGERALD D.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS H.	BOMBING	1138½	1824	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	HE.803	F/S JOWETT F.W.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		S/L RUMBLES G.					
		F/L CAMPBELL C.N.					
		F/O WARE E.J.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.					
		F/S CUTTING E.J.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O STOWELL J.E.	BOMBING	1145	1820	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	DV393	SGT SPALDING C.R.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		SGT TAYLOR J.G.					
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.					
		W/O MILLINGTON F.					
		SGT BICKER R.G.					
		F/S ALLSOP M.W.A.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1141½	1832	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG481	SGT PHILLIPS R.E.G.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/O CHORNY M.					
		F/O FRICKER J.					
		SGT PLANT W.H.					
		SGT DAVIES J.A.W.					18
		SGT GREEN C.N.					

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13.4.45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL	K.C.	BOMBING	1141½	1832	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud from River Elbe to	
	NG206	P/O JONES.	H.	PRINCE EUGEN			target.	
	NZ421948	F/O CAMPBELL	A.D.					
		F/O PORTER	H.W.					
		F/S MEADS	R.					
		F/S BROWN	J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS	L.G.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER NZ426172	F/O HARPER	H.L.F.	BOMBING	1138	1816	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG419	SGT WHITWORTH	A.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/O HOME	J.J.					
	A.432293	P/O WILLIAMS	D.					
		F/S IRWIN	G.E.					
		F/S MCCANN	F.J.					
		F/S BOOTH	B.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY	J.W.	BOMBING	1146	1834	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG486	F/S WOOLEY	A.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/O SHUTLER	W.C.					
		F/S WESTROPE	L.L.					
	A.424616	P/O MOORE	I.L.					
		F/S ROUND	R.X.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE	R.A.C.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY	J.C.	BOMBING	1140	1822	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	LM217	SGT WELSH	I.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/S VERNEY	D.					
		F/S EVANS	D.					
		F/S ROGERS	K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS	W.E.					
		F/S LANE.	J.F.					

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(*25837—9512) Wt. 47633—3795 250M 1/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	1137	1827	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud, tops 18,500' Vapour	
	NG384	F/S CLARK W.A.	PRINCE EUGEN			trails.	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.					
		F/S BOWYER L.E.					
		F/S PALMER P.C.					
	A.429196	SGT JUDD K.G.					
		SGT WILLIAMS T.G.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.F.	BOMBING	1137½	1831	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	ME555	SGT HUDDLESTONE H.E.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/S HEAKES J.M.					
		F/S BARDSLEY N.					
		F/S SCOTT W.					
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES J.A.W.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON N.	BOMBING	1147	1827	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	LL845	F/S LOAKES W.D.	PRINCE EUGEN				
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.D.					
		F/S SUMNER F.					
		F/S CORNFOOT A.					
		SGT ASHWORTH K.A.					
		SGT HARRISON J.					
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13.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	1140	1829	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. 10/10ths cloud, tops 17,000'. Vapour	
	NG249	SGT PINNING J.C.	PRINCE EUGEN			trails at 18000'	
	NZ.426165	F/S BLACK C.					
	NZ.422099	F/S BOAG J.					
		F/S EAST G.					
		F/S MORRISON A.B.					
		F/S JONES G.E.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS R.J.	BOMBING	1143	1833	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS E.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/S YOUNG K.W.					
		P/O PARSONS H.F.					
		F/O BROWNLIE W.R.					
		F/S SALMON F.					
		F/S LINAKER W.G.					
13.4.45	LANCASTER J.79857	F/L CAMSELL D.C.	BOMBING	1148	1823	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Reason as above.	
	NG495	P/O ANDREWS W.	PRINCE EUGEN				
		F/S ASLIN P.R.					
	J.88170	F/O GRAN J.G.					
		F/S BEEVERS D.					
		W/O MULLETT W.H.					
		W/O DUNHAM W.					

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(*1583—9512) Wt. 47633—3795 250M 7/45 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT W.	BOMBING	2346	0838	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Vis. good. N.W. Red T.I. with 5 secs. overshoot	
	DV393	P/O BAKER W.H.	PILSEN			0402. 12000' 156T 150 RAS. 11X1000 lb MC. .025 1X500 lb MC	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				.025. One large explosion seen on run-up with flames up to	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.				400 ft. Believed successful attack.	
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.					
		F/S GRAY F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN E.G.	BOMBING	2344	0751	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.W. tip of red T.I. with 8 secs.	
	NG487	SGT POCOCK G.E.	PILSEN			overshoot as ordered. 0404 12000 162T. 135 RAS. 11X1000 lbMC .025 1X500 lb	
	J.93121	P/O REID J.F.				MC. .025. One large explosion at 0402. Bombing appeared	
		F/S CURRIE J.				scattered but marking good. Wind direction different to	
		F/O BLUNT E.G.				what was given at briefing.	
		W/O LEGG W.					
		SGT WORSLEY J.F.V.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	2348	0756	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. N.W. tip of Red T.I's	
	NG442	F/S FLANAGAN E.J.	PILSEN			with 8 secs. overshoot as ordered by controller. 0359½ 12500	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				163T. 155 RAS. 11X1000 lb. MC. .025. 1X500 lb. MC. .025.	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				Only one aircraft bombed before and a huge explosion at 0359	
		F/L COOK R.W.				of orange flame seen with quantities of black smoke and another	
		F/S MCKEE S.L.				at 0404 hours. Bombing seemed well concentrated and marking	
		SGT LONG. J.C.				good.	
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.C.	BOMBING	2355	0803	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre of N.W. red T.I's	
	Hk803	F/S CLARK W.A.	PILSEN			overshoot with 6 secs. as ordered. 0401½ 13000' 160T. 160	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				RAS. 11X1000 lb MC. 025. 1X500 lv MC. .025. Bombing well	
		F/S BOWYER L.E.				concentrated. One fairly large explosion at 0400 hrs. Marking	1
		F/S PALMER P.C.				good.	
		SGT JUBB A.J.					
		F/S WILLIAMS T.J.					88

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16/17.4.45	LANCASTER A.426696	F/L JONES A.F.	BOMBING	2342	0753	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. North end of Red and Yellow T.I's	
	NG384	F/O STONEMAN M.W.	PILSEN			with 8 secs. overshoot. 0404 12500' 160T. 138 RAS. 11X1000	
		F/O LEWIS K.L.				lb. MC. .025. 1X500 lb. MC. .025. Explosion seen with large	
	A.419630	P/O BIRCH R.L.				amount of yellow flame, in target area south of red T.I's at	
		F/S GLOVER R.				0400 hrs. Fairly concentrated bombing but Controller remarked	
		F/O LEWIS C.T.C.				on numerous wrong headings.	
		W/O MARTIN J.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER A.424528	F/O AYRTON R.F.H.E.	BOMBING	2342	0753	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. North end of red and yellow T.I's	
	ME555	SGT HUDDLESTONE	PILSEN			as directed with 8 secs. overshoot. 0401 13200 150T. 140	
		F/S HERKES J.M.				RAS. 11X1000 lb MC. .025 1X500 lb MC. .025. Bombing well	
		F/S BARDSLEY N.				concentrated. One large explosion at 0400 hrs. Marking good.	
		F/S SCOTT W.					
		F/S CHALCRAFT D.E.					
		F/S DAVIES J.A.W.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.422288	F/O IRWIN M.J.	BOMBING	2347	0804	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.W. corner of red and yellow T.I's	
	LL845	F/S TRASK, A.H.	PILSEN			as directed with 7 secs. overshoot. 0400 13600. 168T. 150	
		F/S GEORGE S.E.				RAS. 11X1000lb MC. .025 1X500lb MC. .025. Numerous explosions	
		SGT BRAVINER G.				in target area. Controlling considered very good. Orders	
		SGT CURRIE J.				clear and concise.	
		SGT DAVIES W.J.					
		F/S GRAVES T.P.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	2350	0808	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. M.F.I. of red and yellow	
	NG486	F/S WOOLEY A.	PILSEN			T.I's with overshoot of 8 secs. as ordered. 0358 12250' 163	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				135 RAS. 11X1000 lb MC. .025 1X500 lb MC. .025. Bombing good.	
		F/S GRAN J.G.				Two large explosions, one at 0400 with large column of yellow	
	A.424616	P/O MOORE I.L.				flames. Marking good.	
		F/S ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COLBERGATE R.A.G.					

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16/17.4.45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	2339	0801	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. N.W. red T.I. with 6	
	NG249	SGT PINNING J.C.	PILSEN			secs. overshoot, as ordered by controller 0404½ 14000' 160T	
	NZ.428165	F/S BLACK C.W.				140 RAS. 11X1000lb. MC. .025 1X500lb. MC. .025. Bombing	
	NZ.422099	F/S BOAG J.H.				well concentrated. One or two large explosions before bombing	
		W/O HART W.				with orange flames.	
		F/S MORRISON A.B.					
		F/S JONES W.J.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	2353	0749	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. M.P.I. of red T.I's with overshoot	
	NG220	SGT HARRISON C.L.	PILSEN			of 8 secs. as ordered by Controller. 0400½ 13200'. 165T.	
		F/S TAYLOR J.G.				136 RAS. 11X1000 lb MC. .025 1X500 lb MC. .025. Several	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE S.				large explosions seen in target area.	
		P/O CHARLTON J.B.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON J.R.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	2345	0807.	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.W. tip of red T.I's with 8	
	LM217	F/S LOAKES W.D.	PILSEN			secs. overshoot. 0403½ 12000' 159T. 145 RAS. 11X1000 lb.MC	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.D				.025 1X500 lb. MC. .025. Bombing good. One large oil	
		F/S SUMNER E.				explosion at 0401 hrs. (Red flames with black smoke) & another	
		F/S CORNFOOT A				at 0404 hrs.	
		SGT ASHWORTH R.A					
		SGT HARRISON E.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER NZ422445	F/O WATERS B.I.	BOMBING	2354	0746	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Red T.I's as directed	
	NG495	SGT GREGORY W.	PILSEN			with 6 secs. overshoot. 0358. 13500 160T. 164 RAS. 11X1000	
		F/S YOUNG R.B.				lb MC. .025 1X500 lb MC. .025. Heavy explosion in target	
		F/S COXON J.				area, dark red flame and black smoke.	
	A.455462	W/O REDWOOD A.J.					
		F/S JONES W.E.					
		F/S BOOTH B.					

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16/17.4.45	LANCASTER	J.38031	F/O YOUNG R.B.	BOMBING	2341	0754	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. N.W. corner of red & yellow T.I's	
	PB696		F/S STONE J.S.	PILSEN			with 8 secs. overshoot. 0403. 12,700' 163T. 140 RAS.	
		J.40803	F/O BARNES E.J.				11X1000 lb. MC. .025 1X500lb MC. .025. Bombing scattered	
		J38667	F/O TAYLOR H				at first but improved after Controller gave further instructions.	
			SGT HASTINGS J.M.				Two or three explosions at 0402 hrs. Marking good.	
		R.71050	SGT SLATER A.E.					
		R.232694	SGT MCINTYRE A.V.					
16/17.4.45	LANCASTER		F/O HILL V	BOMBING	2340	0811	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis.good. N.W. tip of Red T.I's	
	NG499		SGT LEES W	PILSEN			with 6 secs. overshoot as ordered. Bombing well concentrated.	
		A.428947	F/S ATKINSON G.M.				0403. 13,750 155T. 160 RAS. 11X1000 lb.MC .025. 1X500lb MC.	
			F/S GRIFFITHS L.C.				.025. One large explosion at 0402. Marking good.	
		A.423232	W/O ENGLAND R.W.					
		R.214895	W/O HILLMER D.B.					
		R.256236	W/O LONG. J.N.					
16/17.4.45	Lancaster	A.424077	F/O BARROWMAN H.D.	BOMBING	2349	0800	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Good. Slight haze. N.W. tips of red &	
	NG206		SGT WHITSUN R.J.	PILSEN			yellow T.I's as ordered by Controller with 6 secs. overshoot.	
			F/S ROE P.				0400½ 12500 173T. 155 RAS. 11X1000 lb. MC. .025. 1X500 lb	
			F/O SOWERBY W.				MC. .025. Bomb burst seen in target area.	
		A.428556	F/S PROVIS L.S.					
		A.433880	F/S HARVEY T.C.					
		A.433755	F/S MILLS. A.C.					

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19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT W.	BOMBING	1508	1931½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 2/10ths s.c. tops 6000'. Visually.	
	DY393	P/O BAKER W.H.	HELIGOLAND			"G" as briefed. 1732. 12400' 070T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				25 secs. No results observed.	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.					
	A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON N.					
		F/S GRAY F.W.					
		F/S JEPSON L.V.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L FOLLETT C.	BOMBING	1510	1929½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 2/10ths thin cloud. "G" target as briefed.	
	NG206	F/S FLANAGAN E.J.	HELIGOLAND			1732½ 12750' 060T. 150 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs. Good	
		F/O HOWARTH W.D.				concentration of bombs, but difficult to say whether target	
		F/O MITCHELL D.J.				hit owing to smoke and dust.	
		W/O ENGLAND R.					
		F/S MCKEE S.L.					
		SGT LONG J.C.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKLEY J.W.	BOMBING	1509½	1929	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 8/10ths s.c. 2000' base. Eastern end of	
	NG487	F/S WOOLEY A.	HELIGOLAND			line of batteries. 1733. 11800' 048T. 145 knots. Tallboy	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				fused 25 secs. Four bombs seen to burst on windfinders	
		F/O NOLAN D.A.				aiming point. Bombing on first aiming point appeared to be	
	A.424616	P/O MOORE J.L.				under and overshooting. Control good.	
		F/S ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE R.A.G.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING	1511	1924½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 2-3/10ths s.c. base 2000' Between gun	
	NG220	SGT HARRISON W.E.	HELIGOLAND			positions. 1730. 11500' 068T. 140 knots. Tallboy fused 25	
		F/S TAYLOR G.C.				secs. Other target very good. Own target - two close, two strays.	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE H.S.				Leader ordered force to increase height by 1000'	
		P/O CHARLTON G.C.					
		F/S GLASPER J.H.					
		F/S CHARLTON G.					

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	NZ.422445						
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O WATERS I.E.	BOMBING	1503	1917	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 5/10ths s.c. tops 5000' Vis. good.	
	ME555	SGT GREGORY W.	HELIGOLAND			Southern concrete gun emplacement. 1732½ 11,300' 057T.	
		F/S MILES F.E.G.				137 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs. Four bombs seen to explode	
		F/S COXON S.				near aiming point; one fell in sea and later the whole	
		W/O DERWOOD A.H.				area was obscured by smoke. Bombing thought to be good.	
		F/S JONES G.E.					
		F/S BOOTH B.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O REES W.E.	BOMBING	1505½	1919	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Centre point between two	
	PB696	F/S MAYHEW H.A.	HELIGOLAND			concrete gun emplacementsof Northern target. 1732½ 11300'	
		F/S HAMMOND C.				060T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs. I One bomb seen to	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.				explode near gun site. Other target obscured by smoke, but	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				bombing well concentrated.	
		F/S KING W.E.					
		F/S HEPPEL G.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD R.G.	BOMBING	1504	1928	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 3/10ths cloud. Tops 6000'. "G" Target	
	NG419	F/S CLARK W.A.	HELIGOLAND			as briefed. 1733 12000' 070T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs.	
		F/S SHELDON G.F.				Three bombs seen to straddle target.	
		F/S BOWYER L.E.					
		F/S PALMER F.G.					
		SGT JUDD K.G.					
		F/S WILLIAMS. J.A.					
	NZ.426166						
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	1502	1931	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 3/10ths s.c. tops 4000'. Southern gun	
	NG249	SGT PINNING J.C.	HELIGOLAND			emplacement. 1732 11500' 063T. 140 RAS. Tallboy fused 25	
	NZ428165	F/S BLACK O.W.				secs. Own bomb thought to have undershot by 100 yds. but	
	NZ422099	SGT BOAG J.H.				bombing seemed fairly concentrated. The bombing of westerly	
		W/O EAST W.				target also seemed fairly concentrated.	
		F/S MORRISON A.J.					
		F/S JONES. W.J.					

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		W/O EAST W.				target also seemed fairly concentrated.
		F/S MORRISON A.D.				
		F/S JONES. W.J.				

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19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	1504½	1924	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Southern gun emplace-	
	NG495	F/S LOAKES W.D.	HELIGOLAND			ment, three panel concrete structure. 1732½ 11000' 081T.	
	A.437458	F/S VIVIAN A.D.				148 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs. First bomb seen to undershoot	
		F/S SUMNER E.				on beach but later bombing well concentrated on both aim-	
		F/S CORNFOOT A.				ing points: these were obscured by smoke on leaving target.	
		F/S ASHWORTH K.A.					
		F/S HARRISON J.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH D.E.	BOMBING	1508½	1922	PRIMARY ATTACKED. About 2/10ths s.c. tops 6000' Aiming	
	NG442	P/O HARRISON C.L.	HELIGOLAND			point "K" as briefed. 1733 12200' 034T. 150 RAS. Tallboy	
	J.88948	P/O BROWN A.E.				fused 25 secs. Own bomb believed undershot, but three	
	J.29266	F/O CARR J.A.				or four believed direct hits.	
		F/L COOK R.W.					
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.					
		F/S RICHES F.R.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	1506	1918	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 3/10ths s.c. base 2000' Aiming point visually.	
	LM217	F/L RICHIE A.M.	HELIGOLAND			1731 12400' 060T. 142 knots. Tallboy fused 25 secs. Three	
		F/S VERNEY D.B.				bomb bursts seen: one undershoot into sea, two fell right	
		F/S EVANS D.R.				of target and third overshot to left.	
		F/S ROGERS P.A.K.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE. J.T.					
19/4/45.	LANCASTER	F/L MACINTOSH D.	BOMBING	1501	1918½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Gun emplacements. Clear. Vis. good.	
	NG384	F/S COSSER H.V.	HELIGOLAND			Northern gun emplacement. 1733hrs. 12400' 063T. 145 RAS.	
		P/O HAWKINS V.A.				Tallboy fused 25 secs. One bomb seen to be near gun	
		P/O RAMWELL P.J.				emplacement and one 150 yds. N.E. southern aiming point,	
		F/S TETLOW P.T.				obscured by smoke. Bombing appeared good.	
		SGT WOOD J.A.					
		SGT OWEN C.					

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19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS H.	BOMBING	1513	1932½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 2/10ths thin cloud. "G" as briefed. 1732.	
	NG481	SGT JOWETT F.W.	HELIGOLAND			13000. 064T 130 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs. "K" target	
		F/O BARNES E.G.				bombing appeared accurate: results of own target bombing	
	XXXXXXXXX	F/O HOLES J.G.				not seen.	
		F/O WARE M.					
		F/S JOHNSON J.					
		SGT CUTTING J.					
19/4/45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE J.D.	BOMBING	1500	1921	PRIMARY ATTACKED. 3/10th cloud tops 3000'. Gun site as	
	HK803	P/O SELFE E.C.	HELIGOLAND			briefed. 1732. 13000. 070T. 145 RAS. Tallboy fused 25 secs.	
		F/S ASLIN F.R.				Two bursts seen, one an undershoot into sea, the other to	
		F/O MORRIS S.A.				starboard of target. Fighter escort not picked up. Force	
	A.422824	F/O WOLFE R.C.				had to be taken up 1000' owing to No. 617 Squadron running in	
		F/S HOYLE E.				at same time. Delay in attacking target was due to (a) non	
		F/S STALLEY A.				appearance of escort and (b) to information from No. 617	
						Squadron that target was obscured temporarily by cloud,	
						necessitating an orbit.	
19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L MORRISON A.M.	BOMBING	1512	1935	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Cloud cover prevented bombing owing	
	LL845	F/S AITKENHEAD A.	HELIGOLAND			to late corrections. Tallboy fused 25 secs.	
		P/O GRIFFITHS S.E.					
		F/S WESTROPE L.L.					
		SGT MANNERS W.J.					
		F/S STRACHAN P.					
		SGT HOOPER F.					

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19/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L HARRIS R.J.	BOMBING	1507	1926	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Caught in slip-stream of another	
	NG499	SGT MELLORS G.S.	HELIGOLAND			aircraft while on bombing run.	
		F/S YOUNG F.W.					
		F/L CAMPBELL G.J.					
		F/O BROWNLIE W.R.					
		F/S SALMON E.					
		F/S LINAKER W.J.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER A.429303	F/O BUCKELY J.W.	BOMBING	0419	1248	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Edge of wood adjoining	
	NG486	F/S WOOLEY A.	BERCHTESGADEN			the A.P. 0900. 14,200 024T. RAS 138. Tallboy fused 25 secs.	
		F/O SHUTLER W.C.				Bombing was well concentrated, bit smoke prevented accurate	
		F/L CAMPBELL G.J.				assessment.	
	A.424616	P/O MOORE I.L.					
		F/S ROUND R.G.					
		F/S COPPERWAITE R.A.G.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER A.414983	F/O ARNDELL K.C.	BOMBING	0424	1246	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. This was owing to late identification	
	NG206	P/O JONES H.	BERCHTESGADEN			of direction of run in, and interference from other air-	
	NZ.421948	P/O CAMPBELL A.D.				craft. Instructed not to make a second run.	
		F/O PORTER H.W.					
		F/S MEADS R.					
		F/S BROWN J.P.					
		F/S RICHARDS. L.G.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L WATKINS H.	BOMBING	0425	1234	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Slight haze. Bombs appeared to be	
	NG499	SGT JOWETT F.W.	BERCHTESGADEN			ove shooting, but one bomb was seen to hit. 0900. 030T.	
		F/L JONES E.F.A.				14,500 ft. 150 knots. We were caught in slipstream as bob left	
	A.421281	F/O JONES A.E.				A/F. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Raid marred by higher Squadrons	
		F/O WARE E.J.				crowding above first and lowest Squadrons, thus spoiling	
		F/S JOHNSON J.				the bombing runs.	
		F/S CUTTING E.J.					

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25/4/45	LANCASTER A.418905	F/O WILLIAMS	A.F.	BOMBING	0428	1017	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. When the bomb was selected and fused	
	NG487	F/O WOODLAND	J.	BERCHTESGADEN			at 0739 it immediately dropped off the aircraft at 52 20 N	
		P/O LOCKERBIE	J.				07 45 E. 12000 ft. 118T due to suspected electric failure.	
		P/O GOLD	J.R.				It was seen to burst in a large wood on the W bank of the	
		F/S STENNER	L.G.				Rhine, directly below.	
		F/S ROTHWELL	W.B.					
		F/S REILLY	J.W.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L MCINTOSH	D.	BOMBING	0436	1235	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Visual identification of target	
	LL845	F/S COSSER	R.V.	BERCHTESGADEN			0859. 15500 035T. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Ground detail	
		P/O HAWKINS	N.				in vicinity of target obscured. Main concentration seemed	
		P/O RAMWELL	P.J.				to overshoot to NE of target. Impossible to estimate	
	"	F/S TETLOW	P.E.				success of attack.	
		SGT WOOD	J.A.					
		SGT OWEN	G.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L MORGAN	E.G.	BOMBING	0436	1233	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Centre of house. 0900 14,800 ft.	
	HE555	SGT LEES	W.	BERCHTESGADEN			035T. 140 PAS. Tallboy fused 30 secs. No direct hits seen	
	J93121	P/O REID	J.F.				on the target, but several bombs seen to explode on and	
		F/S CURRIE	J.				near the S.S. barracks.	
		F/O BLUNT	E.G.					
		W/O LEGG	W.					
		SGT WORLEY	J.E.F.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	S/L MELROSE	J.D.	BOMBING	0429	1238	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. Just as the B/A was preparing to drop	
	NG495	P/O SELFE	E.	BERCHTESGADEN			the bomb, aircraft was narrowly missed by a bomb from	
		P/O WILSON	A.				aircraftabove, and target was accordingly overshot and it	
		F/O MORRIS	S.A.				was impossible to bomb.	
	A.422824	F/O WOOLFE	R.G.					
		F/O HOYLE	E.					
		F/S STALLEY.	E.R.					

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	A.422824	F/O WOOLFE	R.G.					
		F/O HOYLE	E.					
		F/S STALLEY.	E.E.					

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25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O MACDONALD	R.C.	BOMBING	0427	1241	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. This was due to thin haze on run up	
	NE809	F/S CLARK	W.A.	BERCHTESGADEN			to target. Target itself was clear, but too late to make	
		F/S SHELDON	G.F.				correction of heading, so bombed railway bridge at 47 49 N	
		F/S BOWYER	L.F.				12 31 E. 0909 hrs. 14000 ft. This was after another aircraft	
		F/S PALMER	P.C.				had asked permission from Controller to bomb the bridge.	
		SGT JUDD	A.J.				Permission was given, the bombing seemed scattered over	
		F/S WILLIAMS	T.J.				target area.	
25/4/45	LANCASTER J.38051	F/O YOUNG	R.F.	BOMBING	0425	1242½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. The northern corner	
	PV696	SGT STONE	J.S.	BERCHTESGADEN			of the house. 0859. 13,800 ft. 022T. 160 RAS. Tallboy fused	
	J.40808	F/O BARNES	E.J.				30 seconds. Own bombs seen to overshoot slightly NE. but	
	J.38667	F/O TAYLOR	H				two direct hits seen on the house with tallboys before this	
		SGT HASTINGS	J.H.					
	R.71050	SGT SLATER	A.E.					
	R.282694	SGT MCINTYRE	A.V.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER NZ422445	F/O WATERS	E.I.	BOMBING	0431	1245	Hazy. PRIMARY ATTACKED. Centre of Control Centre. 0900 . 14,600 ft.	
	NG419	SGT GREGORY	W.	BERCHTESGADEN			031T. 145 RAS. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Only one bomb seen to	
		F/S HUGHES	R.S.G.				explode 3/400 yds north of Aiming Point, otherwise nothing	
		F/S COXON	S.				seen.	
		W/O REDWOOD	A.J.					
		F/S JONES	C.E.					
		SGT BOOTH	B.					

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25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O LAWS S.	BOMBING.	0432	1237	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. Good. Point just S.W. of A.P.	
	NG220	SGT HARRISON C.L.	BERCHTESGADEN			to correct overshooting of previous bombing. 0903. 14800.	
		F/S TAYLOR J.G.				090°T. RAS 180. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Six or seven bombs	
		F/S LIVERSEDGE R.S.				seen to explode about 80/100 yards overshooting the A.P.	
		F/O CHARLTON G.G.				One bomb seen to explode short of the earlier bombs. A	
		F/S GLASPER J.H.				second run was made over the target on account of interfer-	
		F/S CHARLTON J.E.				ence from other aircraft.	
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/L MARSH L.E.	BOMBING	0423	1244	PRIMARY NOT ATTACKED. George u/s no pressure, Bomb sight.	
	PA172.	F/O HARRISON C.L.	BERCHTESGADEN			Bombing appeared to be well concentrated.	
	J.88948	F/O BROWN A.					
	J.27266	F/O CARR J.A.					
		F/L COOK R.W.					
		SGT MARSHALL C.J.					
		F/O EVANS S.E.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O ANDERSON H.	BOMBING	0434	1239	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. Vis. good. Alternative target.	
	NG384	F/S MAYHEW H.	BERCHTESGADEN			Owing to direction of the run up, the Primary target was not	
		F/S HAMMOND G.A.				identified early enough to bomb and an alternative target was	
		F/S MACINTOSH D.A.				therefore bombed as instructions received were not made on	
		F/S MORROW T.A.				second run. 0859½ 14,000 032T RAS 140. Tallboy fused 30	
		F/S KING W.L.				secs. Six bombs were seen well concentrated in the primary	
		F/S HEPPELL G.M.				area.	
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O SCOTT S.	BOMBING	0421	1249	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear. S.G. Barracks. 0900. 015T. 14,400	
	DV393	SGT.BAKER W.H.	BERCHTESGADEN			145 knots. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Attack on barracks con-	
		F/S HAYDON S.D.				centrated. Primary t arget not seen due to ground haze.	
		F/S BROOKBANK J.S.E.					
		W/O MOSSENSON N.					
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25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O WILEY J.C.	BOMBING	04.30	1243	Primary not attacked due to thin layer of s.c. with tops	
	LM217	SGT ALLAN C.R.	BERCHTESGADEN			at approx. 1000 ft. possibly a smoke screen.	
		F/S VERNEY D.					
		F/S EVANS D.					
		F/S ROGERS K.A.					
		F/S LUCAS W.E.					
		F/S LANE J.F.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER NZ.426166	F/O COSTER D.A.	BOMBING	04.22	1247½	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Clear with slight haze on ground. Vis.	
	NG249	F/S PINNING J.C.	BERCHTESGADEN			good. Buildings between the house and the S.G. Barracks.	
	NZ.4218165	F/S BLACK G.W.				08.59. 14,700 026 T 140 RAS. Tallboy fused 30 secs. Own	
	NZ.422099	F/S BOAH J.H.				bombs seen to hit the buildings between the house and	
		F/S EAST, H.G.				barracks.	
		F/S MORRISON A.B.					
		F/S JONES W.J.					
25/4/45	LANCASTER	F/O FOLLETT C.M.T.	BOMBING	0423	1253	PRIMARY ATTACKED. Vis. good. Buildings bombed with Tallboy	
	NG442	SGT FLANAGAN E.J.	BERCHTESGADEN			fused, 30 secs. Height 14,500, Heading 030 T. 140 RAS.	
		F/O HOWARTH, W.D.				Time 08.58. Results not observed owing to avoiding action	
		F/O MITCHELL, D.J.				action from other aircraft.	
		F/O GARDNER, H.					
		SGT MCKEE, S.L.					
		SGT LONG J.C.					

R. Patterson Sqn.

for WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING

NO. 9 SQUADRON, BARDNEY

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
BARDNEY	1/5/45		Cloudy with occasional rain and sleet.	
			Today, five aircraft took off for Air and Sea Firing exercise, two for Cross Country runs, three, for Fighter Affiliation and eight, for High Level Bombing at Epperstone. Two other aircraft were detailed for Circuits and Landings exercise.	
	2/5		Fair apart from occasional thundery showers. Local Mists.	
			During the day, seven aircraft were detailed for practice bombing at Epperstone, four aircraft for Flight Engineer practice and Air to Sea Firing, two, for Fighter Affiliation exercises and two crews for A and E. Test.	
	3/5		Occasional showers of rain.	
			Training today consisted of one aircraft detailed for Air Test to Bedford and return.	
			F/O FAINE (A.425496) and Crew arrived today from No. 75 Base.	
	4/5		Local fog until 10.00 hours, rain in the afternoon.	
			Five aircraft took off today for practice bombing at Epperstone, four aircraft for Fighter Affiliation, two crews for Air to Sea Firing and six aircraft on a special duty mission to Germany for repatriation of British and Allied prisoners of war.	
	5/5		Cloudy, intermittent rain, mainly slight.	
			Flying today, consisted of the following training exercises. Six aircraft were detailed to bomb Bassingham and Epperstone, two, for Air to Sea Firing, two, for Fighter Affiliation and and Initial Check of F/O FAINE and Crew by F/L LAKE.	
			Two crews arrived today from No. 75 Base:- F/L P.H. HERBERT (125477) and F/O L.A. COXILL (136235).	
	6/5		Weather fair.	
			During the day, five aircraft set off for spacial duty mission. Local flying consisted of one crew (F/O FAINE) for Initial Check, two, fro Cross Country and Bombing and one for Air Test.	1
	7/5		Fair with local fog.	
			Five aircraft, only, took off today for Initial Check (F/O COXILL and F/L HERBERT), two aircraft on Cross Country and one aircraft on Fighter Affiliation.	96

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	8/5		Intermittent thundery rain. Thunder storms at dusk.	
			One aircraft detailed for Cross Country. VE DAY (VICTORY IN EUROPE)	
	9/5		Weather fair.	
			Nothing of importance to report today.	
	10/5		Fair with slight haze.	
			The only flying today is one aircraft detailed for a Cross Country.	
	11/5		Fair, thundery outbreaks in the late afternoon and evening.	
			Today, four aircraft were detailed for High Level Bombing at Epperstone and four aircraft	
			for Cross Country flying.	
	12/5		Much mist and fog until 10.00 hours when it became fair.	
			During the day, fourteen aircraft were detailed for special duty and one aircraft for Cross	
			Country.	
	13/5		Weather fair.	
			Four aircraft took off for local flying.	
	14/5		Fair at first became cloudy during the forenoon with slight rain.	
			Onlybtwo aircraft took off today for local flying.	
	15/5		Mainly fair with some local rain between 03.00 hours and 05.00 hours.	
			Nine aircraft took off for special duty "EXODUS", two aircraft on dumping incendiaries and	
			three,local flying.	
	16/5		Cloudy with occasional slight rain.	
			Today, two aircraft were detailed for local flying, two other aircraft on a Cross Country to	
			Germany and another two aircraft on dumping incendiaries.	
			A new crew reported today:- F/L E.B. CHURCHILL (123246)	
	17/5		Weather fine.	
			In all, six aircraft took off today. Two aircraft on incendiary dumping, one aircraft on	
			Mosiac, one aircraft on Air to Sea Firing and Fighter Affiliation, one aircraft on practice	
			bombing and one aircraft on an AirnTest.	

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BARDNEY	18/5		Mainly fair, little haze. Flying today consisted of thirteen aircraft for bombing, two aircraft for wind-finding and Fighter Affiliation and three aircraft for dumping incendiaries.	
	19/5		Cloudy later fair. There were six aircraft detailed for formation flying today, three aircraft for local and Flight Engineer flying, seven for Cross Country and three for High Level Bombing.	
	20/5		Cloudy with rain. Training today included eleven aircraft on Cross Country, one aircraft for Initial Check, five aircraft for bombing at Epparstone and one aircraft on Air Test.	
	21/5		Fine becoming fair with some showers. During the day twenty four aircraft took off. Eleven aircraft were detailed for High Level Bombing, four aircraft for Fighter Affiliation and Air to Sea Firing, nine aircraft on Cross Country flights and two aircraft on dmping incendiaries.	
	22/5		Considerable fog until 10.00 hours, isolated showers in the afternoon. Two aircraft were detailed for High Level Bombing at Epparstone, four aircraft detailed for Cross Country trips, and three aircraft practiced at Formation flying, today.	
	23/5		Ground fog disappearing leaving haze. Not much flying today. Three aircraft on Formation Flying and one aircraft on a Cross Country flight.	
	24/5		Cloudy, fair in the afternoon and fine later. Today, four aircraft were detailed to carry out incendiary dumping, two aircraft for High Level Bombing and Flight Engineer Flying and six aircraft on Cross Country trips.	
	25/5		Widespread mists cleared by 09.00 hours. Short period of continuous rain. Six aircraft carried out Fighter Affiliation exercises, four aircraft were detailed for dumping incendiaries, three aircraft for Cross Country flights and three aircraft on a Command Bullseye exercise. W/C. R.E. DUPONT assumes command of No. 9 Squadron vide S/L (A/W/C) J.M. BAZIN.	1

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	26/5		Cloudy, occasional rain.	
			Flying today, consisted of three aircraft on Cross Country trips, three aircraft on Fighter	
			Affiliation and one aircraft dropping incendiaries in the sea.	
	27/5		Weather poor. No flying.	
	28/5		Fairly general fog, thundery showers late afternoon.	
			Nineteen aircraft were flying today. Five aircraft on Fighter Affiliation, nine aircraft on	
			Cross Country and five on High Level Bombing.	
	29/5		Cloudy with local thundery rain at first, fair periods later.	
			The only aircraft to take off today were nine on Cross Country flights.	
	30/5		Weather fine.	
			During the day, four aircraft were detailed for High Level Bombing and Formation Flying,	
			one aircraft on Air to Sea Firing and Fighter Affiliation, one aircraft on Fighter	
			Affiliation and Bombing and one Check and Bombing and tour of Germany as briefed.	
	31/5		Weather moderate, some showers later in the day.	
			Today, eighteen aircraft took off, nine aircraft to practice bombing, two aircraft on COOKS	
			TOURS, four aircraft on Cross Country trips and three aircraft on Formation Flying.	
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	1/5		188109 P/O A.T. WEBB W/OP Posted to No. 53 Base.	
	3/5		1605944 SGT COXHEAD, C. P/E/E Posted from No. 75 Base.	
			56685 P/O D.J. DOHERTY F/ENG Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			A.431117 F/S SWIFT, W.T. A/G Posted from No. 75 Base.	
			A.431119 F/S WILLIAMS, A.E. A/G " " " " "	
			A.435049 F/S WENTLEY, A.R. W/OP " " " " "	
			A.433248 F/O R.M. CRAIG NAV " " " " "	
			A.425496 F/O R.A. FAINE PILOT " " " " "	
			A.438575 F/O K.W. WILSON A/B " " " " "	

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			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH - CONTD.	
	4/5		1891618 F/S PRETTEJOHNS, F/ENG Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			1894916 F/S HEATH, O.G. F/ENG " " "	
			1128475 F/S LYNCH, V. W/OP Posted from No. 617 Squadron	
			1803681 F/S AZOOR, K.D. A/G Posted from No. 75 Base	
			1880830 SGT SMITH, P.J. A/G " " " "	
	5/5		1890198 SGT BURLING, D.A. A/G " " " "	
			1890227 SGT CHARKER, D.E. A/G " " " "	
			167803 F/S OLIVE, B. P/F/E " " " "	
			1609972 F/S HOLMES, B.R.W. P/F/E Posted from SYERSTON	
			186180 F/O J. BARTLE W/OP Posted from No. 75 Base	
			156325 F/O L.A. COXILL PILOT " " " "	
			149658 F/O T.E. EAVNS NAV. " " " "	
			54205 F/O J.C. METCALFE W/OP " " " "	
			125477 F/L P.H. HERBERT PILOT " " " "	
			164850 F/O V.E. HOLMAN NAV " " " "	
			122304 F/L N. LATHAM A/B " " " "	
			49789 F/L D.E. MATTHEWS W/OP " " " "	
	7/5		1396185 F/S TANNER, L.W. A/B Posted to No. 16 O.T.U.	
			1530230 F/S WESTROPE, L.L. A/B " " " "	
			187221 P/O A.E. WOTHERSPOON F/ENG Posted to No. 11 O.T.U.	
			J.26713 F/O D.M. MACDONALD PILOT Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot	
			R.167681 W/O MIDDLETON, H.I. NAV " " " "	
			172643 F/L W.A. CHAPMAN A/G Posted from No. 53 Base	
			69432 F/L W.T.G. GABRIEL A/G Posted to No. 53 Base (W/E Sick)	
	14/5		197005 P/O P.F. JACKSON A/B Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 29.3.45.	
	16/5		1128475 F/S LYNCH, V. W/OP Posted to No. 617 Squadron	
			1582593 F/S MEALOR, D.W. W/OP " " " "	

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			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH - CONTD.			
	16/5		1625553	SGT WOOD, A. P/F/E	Posted from No. 75 Squadron	
			1674490	SGT BAILEY, C.W. NAV	" " " "	
			1682317	F/S GORE, D.S. W/OP	" " " "	
			1890239	SGT ANDERSON, R.M. A/G	" " " "	
			1890469	SGT ATACK, B.J.H. A/G	" " " "	
			1568270	SGT BROWN, L.J. NAV	Posted from No. 1656 H.C.U.	
			1584154	SGT TAYLOR, J.G. A/B	" " " "	
			2221736	SGT MCQUILLAN, S.P. F/ENG	" " " "	
			2225236	SGT HOWARTH, M. W/OP	" " " "	
			3007141	SGT BEAUMONT, W.G. A/G	" " " "	
			3007632	SGT DAVIDSON, C.F. A/G	" " " "	
	~~18/5~~		~~56752~~	~~P/O L.A. BROWN~~	~~Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 29x3x45.~~	
			55208	F/O H.W. PORTER A/B	Posted to No. 53 Base (N/E Sick)	
			196965	P/O D.B. VERNEY NAV	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 20/4/45	
			123246	F/L E.B. CHURCHILL PILOT	Posted from No. 75 Base	
			158335	F/O J.A. TONNER A/B	" " " "	
			37298	W/C R.E. DUPONT PILOT	Posted from No. 53 Base (Squadron Commander)	
	18/5		56752	P/O L.A. BROWN F/ENG	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 29/3/45	
			197232	P/O W.E. HARRISON F/ENG	" " " " " " 18/4/45	
			197072	P/O K. MALLINSON A/G	" " " " " " 6/4/45	
	20/5		56047	P/O H.M. MACDONNELL F/ENG	Posted to A.C.A.C.	
	24/5		519960	F/S MORETON, R.A. A/G	" " "	
			2202303	F/S AITKENHEAD, A. F/ENG	" " "	
			2203828	SGT WHITWORTH, A. F/ENG	" " "	
			187697	F/O S.L. GRIFFITHS NAV	" " "	
			31328	F/O J.G. HOME NAV	" " "	

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	25/5		1035975	F/S G.H. IRWIN	W/OP - Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			1268554	F/S CHAMBERS, S.	W/OP " " "	
			1269348	F/S STRETT, A.J.	A/G " " "	
			1350071	F/S HOOPER, F.	A/G " " "	
			1594638	F/S STRACHAN, P.	A/G " " "	
			1598826	F/S MC.CANN, F.	A/G " " "	
			152009	F/O F. SOWERBY	A/B " " "	
			90281	S/L (A/W/C) J.M. BAZIN	PILOT Posted to No. 31 Base (Ex. Squadron Commander)	
	28/5		NZ.426036	F/O F.H. DENTON	PILOT Posted to No. 16 O.T.U.	
	29/5		1182469	W/O DAVIS, G.I.	W/OP Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			1370155	F/S MILLINGTON, F.	W/OP " " "	
			1808098	F/S MARSHALL, S.J.	A/G " " "	
			1869817	F/S RICHAES, F.	A/G " " "	
			1896312	F/S ALLSOPP, M.W.	A/G " " "	
			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS			
	3/5		1825052	SGT WELSH, J.	Promoted to T/F/SGT	
			1675775	SGT SPALDING, W.C.	" " "	
			152104	F/O W.R. BROWNLIE	Granted A/F/L	
	5/5		1821038	SGT MCMILLAN, C.M.	Promoted to T/F/S	
	7/5		172643	F/O W.A. CHAPMAN	Granted A/F/L	
	8/5		1560458	F/S CURRIE, J.	Promoted T/W/O	
	10/5		1494444	SGT PINNING, J.C.	Promoted T/F/S	4
	11/5		159364	F/O C.M.T. FOLLETT	Granted A/F/L	
	12/5		NZ.4213145	F/S BLACK, C.W.	Promoted T/W/O	
	15/5		1896616	SGT ALLAN, G.R.	Promoted T/F/S	5
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	17/5		1892303	SGT BARBER, G.F. — Promoted T/F/S	
			2210495	SGT LEES, W. — " "	
	18/5		628682	SGT GARDEN, A.J. — " "	
			186299	P/O J.R. GOLD — Promoted War Subs. F/O	
	28/5		1131048	SGT MORROW, T.A. — Promoted T/F/S	
			1370155	SGT MILLINGTON, F. — " "	
			1568319	SGT JOHNSTONE, A. — " "	
			1584154	SGT TAYLOR, J.G. — " "	
			1808098	SGT MARSHALL, S.J. — " "	
			1897278	SGT JONES, W.J. — " "	
			1591248	SGT HASTINGS, J. — " "	
			1591804	SGT BRAYLNER, G. — " "	
	29/5		1438507	F/S ROE, P. — Promoted T/W/O	
			1530230	F/S WESTROPE, L. — " "	
				ACTING RANKS - RETENTION ON POSTING	
	25/5		90281	S/L J.M. BAZIN — Retained A/W/C on posting to No. 31 Base.	
				HONOURS AND AWARDS	
			187697	P/O L.C. GRIFFITH — Awarded D.F.C.	
			186434	P/O N.A. HAWKINS — " "	
			189124	P/O P.J. RAMWELL — " "	

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BARDNEY	1/6/45		Fine, later cloudy with showers.	
			A.training programme inaugurated by the Squadron Commander was started upon today. Five	
			High Level Bombing details, eight Cross Countries, three Fighter Affiliation exercises and	
			one Pilot Check were flown. There were also two aircraft detailed for a Continental tour	
			to view the bomb damage and one aircraft flew on Air to Sea firing detail.	
	2/6		Cloudy with local rain and thunder.	
			Seven practice formation and Cross Countries were flown today with an addition of another	
			Cooks Tour.	
	3/6		Cloudy with continuous rain at first. Fair in the afternoon, rain later.	
			Stand-down was ordered today for the Squadron.	
	4/6		Weather fine.	
			An extensive flying training programme today with nine Cross Countries, seven High Level	
			Bombing details, one Cook Tour and one aircraft on local flying.	
	5/6		Weather cloudy with intermittent rain.	
			Four Cross Countries and High Level Bombing were flown and of the five aircraft detailed	
			for a Cooks Tour four were cancelled. A Command Bullseye for tonight was also cancelled.	
	6/6		Cloudy with intermittent rain, later fair periods with occasional showers.	
			No flying today.	
	7/6		Fair at first, fine intervals later.	
			Training continued with eight aircraft detailed to fly Cross Country exercises, four	
			others to do High Level Bombing in addition to Cross Country and three aircraft for Cooks	
			tour.	
	8/6		Fine till mid-day when showers developed.	
			Two aircraft only were engaged on dumping incendiaries today.	
	9/6		Fair at first, cloudy later in the day.	
			Today, eighteen aircraft were detailed for incendiary dropping and three others to fly	
			Cross Countries.	

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	10/6		Cloudy with occasional rain.	
			One aircraft only flew a Cross Country exercise today.	
	11/6		Hazy at first, occasional rain in the afternoon, fair in the evening.	
			Incendiary dropping was continued today when twelve aircraft were detailed.	
	12/6		Fair at first, occasional showers in the afternoon and early evening.	
			Another nine aircraft were detailed for incendiary dumping and one aircraft for a Cooks Tour.	
	13/6		Fair at first, fine later. Rain at dusk.	
			During the day another nine aircraft took off for incendiary dropping with an additional aircraft detailed for a Cooks Tour.	
	14/6		Fair with occasional showers during the day.	
			Flying today consisted of one aircraft detailed for a Cooks tour, two High Level Bombing details and two other aircraft for local flying.	
	15/6		Weather fine.	
			Seventeen aircraft in all took off today. Seven aircraft carried out incendiary dropping, nine aircraft High Level Bombing and one was detailed for a Cooks Tour.	
	16/6		Fair, heavy rain later.	
			There were only two aircraft detailed for flying today, to drop incendiaries.	
	17/6		Mainly fair.	
			Three aircraft took off today for a Cooks Tour.	
	18/6		Fair, much rain later on.	
			Today, one aircraft was detailed for a Cooks tour, another Local Flying and three aircraft for incendiary dropping. Five details of High Level Bombing were cancelled owing to bad weather. Briefing this evening for Command Bullseye.	
	18- 19/6		Six aircraft successfully flew a Command Bullseye.	
	19/6		Fine, later fair, with some mist.	
	[illegible]/6		Seven aircraft flew Cross Countries, five aircraft Bombing details and one aircraft on a Cooks Tour today. A Fighter Affiliation exercise was cancelled.	

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Seven aircraft flew Cross Countries, five aircraft Bombing details and one aircraft a Cooks Tour today. A Fighter Affiliation exercise was cancelled.

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BARDNEY	19-20/6		Three aircraft flew a night Cross Country and High Level Bombing detail.	
	20/6		Fine later fair.	
			Training continued with five High Level Bombing details, two Radar tests, one Pilot	
			categorisation check and one Cooks Tour.	
	21/6		Weather fine.	
			A "TIGER" Force training syllabus is in force as from today for Far Eastern training.	
			Five aircraft took off on a High Level Bombing detail, two on incendiary dropping, four on	
			Cross Country runs and three Fighter Affiliation exercises with an additional two	
			aircraft on Cooks Tours.	
	22/6		Fine with early mist. Later fair, with occasional showers.	
			Training today consisted of nine aircraft on High Level Bombing details, four on Cross	
			Country runs, three on Fighter Affiliation exercises and one aircraft on Cooks Tour.	
	23/6		Weather cloudy with intermittent rain.	
			Four aircraft were detailed for Cross Country flights one of which was abortive. Two	
			Fighter Affiliation exercises were cancelled.	
	24/6		Weather fair.	
			No flying today owing to Stand-down for the Squadron.	
	25/6		Fine with occasional showers.	
			Training continued this morning with the detailing of eleven Cross Countries and High Level	
			Bombing details, one of which was abortive.	
	25-26/6		Four night Cross Countries were detailed and flown.	
	26/6		Cloudy with intermittent rain.	
			Seven Cross Countries and High Level Bombing details were flown today one of which was	
			unable to bomb owing to unserviceable bombsight.	
	26-27/6		Night flying training consisted of six aircraft detailed for Cross Country flights.	
	27/6		Cloudy with continuous rain.	
			A Command Bullseye detailed for tonight was cancelled.	

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	28/6		Cloudy, intermittent rain.	
			Four Fighter Affiliation exercises were flown today and three aircraft detailed for	
			Cross Country flights were cancelled owing to adverse weather.	
	28-29/6		Out of the eight aircraft detailed for Night Cross Countries, one returned early to Base.	
	29/6		Mist and fog at first. Dispersed by 10.00 hours and became fair.	
			Today, two Cross Country and one Fighter Affiliation exercise were flown.	
	29-30/6		Four aircraft briefed for night Cross Countries were cancelled.	
	30/6		Fine.	
			Three Pilot categorisation checks and four Cross Countries were carried out today.	

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1/6	543210	F/S RAMEY, D.	A/G — Posted to A.C.A.C.
	R.71052	SGT SLATER, A.E.	A/G — Posted to No. 53 Base (pending repatriation)
	R.214895	W/O HILLMER, D.C.	A/G — " " " " " "
	R.256286	W/O LONG, J.W.	A/G — " " " " " "
	R.171313	W/O COLE, E.S.	NAV — " " " " " "
	R.189744	W/O CIPHERY, C.	A/B — " " " " " "
	J.7985	F/L G.C. GAMSELL	PILOT — " " " " " "
	J.88948	F/O A.E. BROWN	NAV — " " " " " "
	J.38667	F/O W.A. TAYLOR	A/B — " " " " " "
	J.40808	F/O E.G. BARNES	NAV — " " " " " "
	J.27266	F/O J.A. CARR	A/B — " " " " " "
	J.40812	F/O M. CHORNY	NAV — " " " " " "
	J.92831	F/O W. CHORNY	NAV — " " " " " "
	J.88170	F/O J.C. GRAN	A/B — " " " " " "
	C.89563	F/L L.E. MARSH	PILOT — " " " " " "
	J.90013	F/O J.R. MCDONNELL	PILOT — " " " " " "
	J.93121	F/O J.F. REED	NAV — " " " " " "
	J.38031	F/O R.B. YOUNG	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.416102	F/O E.J.C. GRAVES	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.426596	F/O (A/F/L) A.F. JONES	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.414983	F/O K.G. ARNDELL	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.429303	F/L J.W. BUCKLEY	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.433248	F/O R.M. CRAIG	NAV — " " " " " "
	A.425496	F/O R.A. FAINE	PILOT — " " " " " "
	A.429545	F/O D. FITZGERALD	A/G — " " " " " "
	A.421281	F/L A.E. JONES	A/B — " " " " " "
	A.424616	F/O I.L. MOORE	W/OP — " " " " " "
	A.432293	F/O D. WILLIAMS	A/B — " " " " " "
	A.438575	F/O R.W. WILSON	A/B — " " " " " "

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			A.421281	F/L A.E. JONES	A/B	"	"	"	"	"	"	
			A.424616	F/O I.L. MOORE	W/OP	"	"	"	"	"	"	
			A.432293	F/O D. WILLIAMS	A/B	"	"	"	"	"	"	
			A.438575	F/O R.W. WILSON	A/B	"	"	"	"	"	"	

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BARDNEY	1/6 CONTD.		A.424528	F/O R.W. AYRTON	PILOT	Posted to No. 53 Base (pending repatriation)	
			A.424077	F/O A. BARROWMAN	PILOT	" " " " " "	
			A.428842	F/O J.C. WILEY	PILOT	" " " " " "	
			A.418905	F/O A.F. WILLIAMS	PILOT	" " " " " "	
			A.419630	F/O R.L. BIRCH	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.404850	F/L C.N. CAMPBELL	A/B	" " " " " "	
			A.418829	F/O J.J. GARDNER	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.422824	F/O R.G. WOOLF	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.421703	W/O BLACK, F.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.431117	F/S SWIFT, W.T.	A/G	" " " " " "	
			A.433755	F/S MILLS, A.C.	A/G	" " " " " "	
			A.425049	F/S BENTLEY, A.R.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.423832	W/O ENGLAND, R.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A. 424462	W/O REDWOOD, A.J.	W/OP.	" " " " " "	
			A.427532	W/O MOSSENSON, M.N.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.429916	SGT JUDD, K.G.	A/G	" " " " " "	
			A.433880	F/S HARVEY, T.C.	A/G	" " " " " "	
			A.428356	W/O PROVIS, L.E.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.437458	F/S VIVIAN, A.B.	NAV	" " " " " "	
			A.423362	W/O WALDON, F.A.	W/OP	" " " " " "	
			A.428947	F/S ATKINSON, G.W.	NAV	" " " " " "	
			A.431119	F/S WILLIAMS, A.E.	A/G	" " " " " "	
			A.418445	W/O MARTIN, J.A.W.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	2/6		J.94842	P/O A.V. MCINTYRE	A/G	" " " " " "	
			J.94842	P/O A.V. MCINTYRE	A/G	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 6/4/45.	
			197808	P/O L.W. BOWYER	A/B	" " " " " 5/5/45.	
	4/6		188090	P/O W. ANDREWS	F/ENG	Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			195928	P/O C.L. HARRISON	F/ENG	" " "	
			184072	P/O A.J. WILLIAMS	A/G	" " "	
			162842	P/O A. MORRISSON	PILOT	Posted to No. 6 L.F.S.	
			55893	F/O J.E. STOWELL	PILOT	" " "	
	7/6		197846	P/O G.A. HAMMOND	NAV	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 29/3/45.	
			197957	P/O H.A. MAYHEW	F/ENG	" " " " " 29/3/45.	
			197834	P/O W.H. MULLETT	A/G	" " " " " 5/5/45.	
			197972	P/O E. STALLEY	A/G	" " " " " 5/5/45.	
	8/6		63994	F/L N.E. KING	ADJ.	Posted to No. 21 O.T.U.	
			155807	F/O A.L. SHARP	A/G. (ADJ)	" from " "	
	10/6		142318	F/L J. CUNNINGHAM	A/B	Posted from No. 15 Base.	
			196840	P/O L.F. DOWLING	A/G	Posted from No. 50 Squadron.	
			153297	F/O H.H. MORGAN	NAV	" " "	
			153506	F/O L. SKINNER	A/B	" " "	
			186450	F/O L. WALTERS	W/OP	" " "	
			119709	F/L W.C. BLAIR	PILOT	" " " ("B" FLT. CMDR.)	
			51126	F/L J.D. MELROSE	PILOT	" " " (EX "B" FLT. CMDR.)	
			1395530	F/S GIBBINS, A.J.	P/F/E	" " "	
			1583562	F/S WOOLLEY, A.	F/ENG	Posted to No. 50 Squadron	
			3031082	F/S CUTTING, E.J.	A/G	" " "	

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	11/6		176648 F/O R.F. ADAMS PILOT Posted to No. 50 Squadron 173865 F/O S.V. GRIMES PILOT " " " " 176625 F/O R.J. MORRISS PILOT " " " " 178545 F/O D. MACINTOSH PILOT " " " " 197028 P/O T.A. MORROW W/OP Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 29/3/45 178543 P/O W.D. TWEDDLE PILOT Posted to No. 50 Squadron 196839 P/O P. ASLIN NAV " " " " 158146 F/O E.C. HUNT W/OP " " " " 147527 F/L E.C. MORGAN PILOT " " " " 189123 P/O D. RAMWELL A/G " " " " 182581 F/O W.J. ROBE F/ENG " " " " 190533 F/O E.C. SELFE F/ENG " " " " 56752 P/O L.A. BROWN F/ENG " " " " 189198 P/O G.C. CHARLTON W/OP " " " " 196063 P/O E. HOYLE A/G " " " " 195782 P/O H.R. LYNAM NAV " " " " 184161 P/O K.F. PARSONS A/B " " " " 184632 F/O E. SHIELDS NAV " " " " 179619 F/O J.M. WOODLAND F/ENG " " " " 186434 F/O N. HAWKINS NAV " " " " 197005 P/O P.F. JACKSON A/B " " " " 195372 P/O A.H. HORRY A/B " " " " 183440 F/O R.C. MACDONALD PILOT " " " " 197955 P/O H.A. MAYHEW F/ENG " " " " 197072 P/O N. MALLINSON A/G " " " " 197972 P/O E. STALLEY A/G " " " " 1684519 F/S BEAVERS, D. W/OP " " " " 864761 F/S HEPPELL, G.H. A/G " " " " 1066800 W/O EAST, H.G. W/OP " " " " 528385 W/O LEGG, W. A/G " " " " 1586405 F/S FAUCHEUX, J.R.F. W/OP " " " " 1593459 F/S FOOT, J.A. A/G " " " " 1595311 F/S JOHNSON, K.A. A/G " " " " 1261769 F/S SALMON, E. A/G " " " " 1540576 F/S CARSON, A. W/OP " " " " 1591467 F/S OWEN, C. A/G " " " " 1593803 F/S GLASPER, J.H. A/G " " " " 1601525 F/S TETLOW, P.E. W/OP " " " " 1853137 F/S GOSSER, H.V. W/ENG " " " " NZ.422288 F/O M.J. IRWIN PILOT " " " " NZ.4213145 W/O BLACK, C.W. NAV " " " " 142451 F/L D.A. JENNINGS A/B " " " " 1232755 F/S STEBBINGS, F. A/G " " " " 1089144 F/S WHITFIELD, D. A/G " " " " 156044 F/O H. KETHRO A/G Posted from No. 189 Squadron.	
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		156044	F/O H. KETHRO	A/G	Posted from No. 189 Squadron.

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	15/6		NZ.425492	F/O W.E.R. AMOHANGA	PILOT	Posted from No. 75 Squadron	
			NZ.~~433220~~	F/O E.A. BANCROFT	NAV	" " " "	
			NZ.421686	F/O R. DAWSON	A/B	" " " "	
			NZ.~~4213886~~	F/O O.D. DUNNING	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.~~4211949~~	F/O E. ELLIOTT	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.429379	F/O R.S. MILSOM	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.429093	F/O K.R. PHILP	A/B	" " " "	
			NZ.421601	F/O E.R. PLOWMAN	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.427319	F/L W. RANGIUIATA	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.~~4212604~~	F/O I.E. REDDISH	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.426229	F/O R. J. URLICH	PILOT	" " " "	
			NZ.4210049	F/O J.A. WILLIAMS	A/G	" " " "	
			NZ.4214079	F/S ANDERSON, H.J.	A/G	" " " "	
			NZ.~~432738~~	F/S BAXTER, A.	NAV	" " " "	
			NZ.431056	F/S BIRNIE, J.D.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.4215778	F/S BULL, R.W.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.~~4213489~~	F/S CROSS, L.N.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.4215814	F/S GUNNINGHAM, K.D.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.434660	F/S ESTERMAN, L.	NAV	" " " "	
			NZ.421195	F/S FRASER, F.L.	A/B	" " " "	
			NZ.433310	F/S KNIGHT, D.	NAV	" " " "	
			NZ.431204	F/S OLSEN, R.A.	A/G	" " " "	
			NZ.4215224	F/S PADGETT, R.T.	A/G	" " " "	
			NZ.426676	F/S PARKIN, D.R.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.4210043	F/S ROWE, J.D.	A/B	" " " "	
			NZ.~~4312129~~	F/S SPRINGER, G.R.	W/OP	" " " "	
			NZ.431855	F/S STEWART, M.L.	A/B	" " " "	
			NZ.427344	F/S TIZARD, R.C.	NAV	" " " "	
			NZ.~~425964~~	W/O WILLETTS, O.C.	A/B	" " " "	
			1880024	SGT MORGAN, D.J.	NAV	" " " "	
			575086	F/S RICHARDSON, G.A.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1453571	F/S CRAIG, N.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1567568	F/S THAIN, W.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1567036	F/S ANDERSON, W.A.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1588785	F/S HOLT, S.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1588883	F/S HODGETTS, G.	NAV	" " " "	
			1673085	SGT CRAVEN, L.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1782~~1~~8	SGT HADDEN, F.	A/G	" " " "	
			1813828	SGT PAYNE, D.	A/G	" " " "	
			1802474	F/S ROWLANDS, J.G.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1901288	SGT ROCHE, M.J.	A/G	" " " "	
			628682	SGT GARDEN, A.J.	W/OP	Posted from No. 195 Squadron	
			1324634	F/S PALMER, J.W.	A/B	" " " "	
			1437104	SGT WEBSTER, C.A.	A/G	" " " "	
			1569949	SGT SCOTT, H.H.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1582241	F/S ALLAN, H.	P/F/E	Posted from No. 166 Squadron	
			1814134	F/S HINE, W.C.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1827048	SGT CAMPBELL, J.	A/G	" " " "	

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BARDNEY	15/6 CONTD.		1594389	SGT CURTT, K.G.	A/B	Posted from No. 195 Squadron	
			1623099	SGT MITCHELL, A.G.	A/B	" " " "	
			1640121	SGT LANAWAY, S.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1685145	SGT LAYCOCK, J.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1800123	SGT SMITH, J.L.	NAV	" " " "	
			1811690	SGT BARDALL, L.A.P.	A/G	" " " "	
			1852212	SGT HEAL, A.E.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1866946	SGT CLEMENT, N.R.	W/OP	" " " "	
			2205689	SGT CONWAY, F.A.	A/G	" " " "	
			1322407	W/O WINDON, R.J.	W/OP	Posted from No. 622 Squadron	
			1523016	F/S WILES, E.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1582258	F/S LANE, L.J.	NAV	" " " "	
			1671734	F/S WILLIAMSON, W.D.	A/B	" " " "	
			2235082	SGT WOOD, K.	A/G	" " " "	
			1345947	SGT KERR, R.	W/OP	Posted from No. 195 Squadron	
			1368076	F/S NORTH, J.V.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1569401	F/S CURRIE, D.M.N.	NAV	" " " "	
			1675775	SGT SPALDING, W.	A/B	" " " "	
			1900440	SGT KERR, J.F.	A/G	" " " "	
			1393359	SGT TETT, G.	A/G	Posted from No. 186 Squadron	
			1583718	F/S AUSTIN, D.G.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1608739	SGT BESZANT, K.S.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1801558	F/S JOHNSON, W.E.	NAV	" " " "	
			1805356	F/S WLAKER, A.J.	NAV	" " " "	
			1808686	SGT CURTIS, K.T.	A/B	" " " "	
			1894305	SGT KALLENBERG, M.	W/OP	" " " "	
			3021926	SGT ROBERTSON, J.	W/OP	" " " "	
			3051249	SGT CAWTHORNE, G.H.	A/G	" " " "	
			183957	F/O M. GRINDLAY	PILOT	" " " "	
			178883	F/O M.R. HALL	PILOT	" " " "	
			164907	F/O J. HARLOW	A/B	" " " "	
			164614	F/O F. HICKS	A/B	Posted from No. 166 Squadron	
			55100	F/L R. LAWSON	PILOT	" " " "	
			16441	F/O M.F. VICKERMAN	NAV	" " " "	
			197197	F/O L.J. SHERRELL	PILOT	Posted from No. 195 Squadron	
			191909	F/O W.G. MYATT	PILOT	" " " "	
			178792	F/O A.E. MITCHELL	PILOT	" " " "	
			165806	F/O R. BARBER	NAV	" " " "	
			191382	F/O J.M. MCCALLUM	F/ENG	Posted from No. 1661 C.U.	
			163563	F/O E.A. JONES	A/B	Posted from No. 75 Squadron	
			169399	F/O C.J.W. MALCOLM	PILOT	Posted from No. 622 Squadron	
	16/6		191638	F/O T.C. KIRKWOOD	PILOT	Posted from No. 195 Squadron	
	17/6		198121	F/O J.C. PINNING	F/ENG	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 5/5/45	
	18/6		55208	F/O H.W. PORTER	A/B	Posted from No. 353 Base (on ceasing to be N/E Sick)	

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	17/6		198121	P/O J.C. PINNING	F/ENG	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 5/5/45
	18/6		55208	F/O H.W. PORTER	A/B	Posted from No. 53 Base (on ceasing to be N/E Sick)

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	19/6		149826	F/O J. MCMASTER	A/B	Posted from No. 630 Squadron	
			190104	P/O K.A. BURNS	W/OP	Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			195349	P/O P.H. JONES	F/ENG	" " "	
			175397	F/O W.J. FRANKS	PILOT	Posted from R.A.F. Syerston	
			179571	F/O M. MILLER	PILOT	" " " "	
			183957	F/O M. GRINDLAY	PILOT	Posted to No. 617 Squadron	
			178883	F/O M.R. HALL	PILOT	" " " "	
			164907	F/O J. HARLOW	A/B	" " " "	
			1083484	F/S THOMPSON, S.A.	A/G	Posted to A.C.A.C.	
			1825152	F/S WELSH, I.	F/ENG	" " "	
			3031308	F/S GLOVER, H.R.	A/G	" " "	
			1579511	F/S ROGERS, P.A.K.	W/OP	" " "	
			1141532	F/S LANE, J.T.	A/G	" " "	
			1393359	SGT TETT, G.E.	A/G	Posted to No. 617 Squadron	
			1583718	F/S AUSTEN, D.G.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1608739	SGT BESZANT, K.S.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1801558	F/S JOHNSON, W.E.	NAV	" " " "	
			1805356	F/S WALKER, A.J.	NAV	" " " "	
			1808686	SGT CURTIS, K.T.	A/B	" " " "	
			1894305	SGT KALLENBERG, M.	W/OP	" " " "	
			3021926	SGT ROBERTSON, J.	W/OP	" " " "	
			3051249	SGT CAWTHORNE, G.H.	A/G	" " " "	
	21/6		169399	P/O C.J. MALCOLM	PILOT	Posted to No. 189 Squadron	
			NZ.4213873	F/O J. BLOODWORTH	PILOT	Posted from No. 189 Squadron	
			NZ.4215219	F/S MEADE, A.J.	A/G	" " " "	
			1396231	F/S WALKER, J.D.	NAV	" " " "	
			1583523	F/S MACINTOSH, W.G.E.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1675604	SGT TURNER, H.	A/B	" " " "	
			2209577	SGT EYRE, K.	W/OP	" " " "	
			985107	SGT CHAPPELL, J.	W/OP	Posted from No. 57 Squadron	
			1322407	W/O WINDON, R.J.	W/OP	Posted to No. 189 Squadron	
			1523016	F/S WILES, E.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			1582258	F/S LANE, L.J.	NAV	" " " "	
			1671734	F/S WILLIAMSON, W.D.	A/B	" " " "	
			2235082	SGT WOOD, K.	A/G	" " " "	
	25/6		142318	F/L J.L. CUNNINGHAM	A/B	Posted to No. 106 Squadron	
			56854	P/O G.E.L. JONES	A/G	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on commiss. 17/5/45	
	26/6		187105	F/O C. ROWBOTTOM	NAV	Posted from No. 57 Squadron	
			179819	F/O C. LANGLEY	NAV	Posted from No. 44 Squadron	
	28/6		196766	P/O D.R. EVANS	A/B	Posted to R.A.F. Blyton	
			175409	F/O F.W. GARGETT	W/OP	" " " "	
			197846	P/O C. HAMMOND	NAV	" " " "	
			56854	P/O E. JONES	A/G	" " " "	
			122304	F/L W. LATHAM	NAV	" " " "	
			151975	F/L C.T.C. LEWIS	A/B	" " " "	

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BARDNEY	28/6 CONTD.		198202 P/O D.A. MACINTOSH A/B Posted to R.A.F. Blyton 49789 F/L S. MATTHEWS W/OP " " " " 197834 P/O W.H. MULLETT A/G " " " " 55208 F/O H.W. PORTER A/B " " " " 179624 F/O E.R. STONEMAN F/ENG " " " " 158335 F/O J. TONNER A/B " " " " 176730 F/O W.G. REES PILOT " " " " 624495 F/S CROSSMAN, F.W. F/ENG " " " " 631677 F/S BROWN, J.P. A/G " " " " 633274 F/S ROUND, R.G. A/G " " " " 644670 F/S SPALDING, C.E. F/ENG " " " " 650026 F/S MORRISON, A.S. A/G " " " " 1046243 F/S REILLY, J.W. A/G " " " " 1392431 F/S DAVIS, B.R. A/G " " " " 1491764 F/S GREEN, C.N. A/G " " " " 1559543 F/S CAMERON, C. A/G " " " " 1560438 W/O CURRIE, J. A/B " " " " 1594921 SGT HARTSHORN, W. F/ENG " " " " 1606309 F/S LUCAS, W.E. A/G " " " " 1626599 F/S LINAKER, W.J. A/G " " " " 1678632 W/O DUNHAM, W. A/G " " " " 1803681 F/S AZOOR, K.D. A/G " " " " 1804462 SGT WHITSON, R.J. F/ENG " " " " 1820205 SGT CURRIE, J. A/G " " " " 1826791 SGT LYALL, A. F/ENG " " " " 1836229 F/S BATTLE, B. A/G " " " " 1851167 F/S THOMAS, T.A. A/G " " " " 1853637 F/S CHALCRAFT, D.E. A/G " " " " 1874925 F/S CORNWELL, G.R. A/G " " " " 1875360 F/S COPPERWHATE, R.A.G. A/G " " " " 1880672 F/S POCOCK, C.E. F/ENG " " " " 1881382 SGT DAVIES, W.J. A/G " " " " 1890227 F/S CHARKER, D.E. A/G " " " " 1890239 SGT ANDERSON, R.M. A/G " " " " 1891950 F/S WILLIAMS, T.J. A/G " " " " 1892230 F/S KING, W.L. A/G " " " " 1892303 F/S BARBER, G.F. F/ENG " " " " 1892949 F/S RICHARDS, L.G. A/G " " " " 1898127 SGT PHILLIPS, R.E. F/ENG " " " " 2206209 F/S ASHWORTH, K.A. A/G " " " " 2206430 F/S GRAY, F.W. A/G " " " " 2210226 F/S CHARLTON, G. A/G " " " " 2211839 SGT MELLORS, M. F/ENG " " " " 2218601 F/S DAVIES, J.A.W. A/G " " " " 2221057 F/S DOLLERY, G.J. A/G	

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			2218601	F/S DAVIES, J.A.W.	A/G	"	"	"	"
			2221057	F/S DOLLERY, G.J.	A/G	"	"	"	"

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BARDNEY			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH + CONTD.				
	29/6		151902	F/L A. GEORGE	NAV	Posted from No. 53 Base	
			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS				
	1/6		171900	F/O H. WATKINS	PILOT	Granted the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader	
	3/6		1820205	SGT CURRIE, J.S.	A/G	Promoted to the Rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
			1881382	SGT DAVIS, W.J.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	5/6		1592551	SGT HUDDLESTONE, K.	F/ENG	" " " " " "	
			1232755	F/S STEBBINGS, F.	A/G	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
			187022	P/O H.W.D. WILSON	NAV	Promoted to the rank of War. Subs. Flying Officer	
	9/6		A.435049	F/S D.R. BENTLEY	W/OP	Promoted to the Rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	24/6		1392431	SGT DAVIS, B.R.	A/G	Promoted to the Rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant.	
			1491764	SGT GREEN, C.N.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	25/6		152585	P/O S.A. MORRIS	A/B	Promoted to the Rank of War Subs. Flight Lieutenant.	
	28/6		1583562	F/S WOOLLEY, A.	F/ENG	Promoted to the Rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	30/6		1568270	SGT BROWN, L.J.	NAV	Promoted to the Rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
			ACTING RANKS - RETENTION - ON POSTING				
	1/6		J.7985	F/L G.C. CAMSELL	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader	
	4/6		162842	F/O A. MORRISON	PILOT	Reatined the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
	8/6		155807	F/O A.L. SHARP	A/G (ADJ)	Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
	10/6		119209	F/L W.C. BLAIR	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader	
			51126	F/L J.D. MELROSE	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader	
	11/6		176648	F/O R.F. ADAMS	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
			174625	F/O R.J. HARRIS	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
			178545	F/O D. MACINTOSH	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
			178543	P/O W.D. TWEDDLE	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	

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BARDNEY			ACTING RANKS - RETENTION - ON POSTING CONTD.	
	15/6		NZ.425492 P/O W.E.R. AMOHANGA PILOT Retained the Acting Rank of Flying Officer	
			NZ.429379 P/O R.S. MILSOM PILOT " " " " " "	
			NZ.427319 P/O W. RANGIUAIA PILOT Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
			NZ.4212604 P/O I.E. REDDISH PILOT Reatined the Acting Rank of Flying Officer	
			169399 P/O C.J.W. MALCOLM PILOT " " " " " " " (In)	
			191949 P/O W.G. MYATT PILOT " " " " " "	
			197197 P/O L.J. SHERRELL PILOT " " " " " "	
	19/6		149826 P/O J. MCMASTER A/B Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant	
	21/6		169399 P/O C.J.W. MALCOLM PILOT Reatined the Acting Rank of Flying Officer (Out)	
	28/6		176330 P/O W.G. REES PILOT Retained the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant.	

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BARDNEY	1/7	45	Low cloud with continuous rain at first. Heavy showers in the evening.	
			No flying today. There was a Stand-down for the Squadron.	
	2/7		Fine till dawn. Low cloud until mid-day, later continuous rain.	
			"TIGER" Force training continues with five aircraft on Cross Countries. Two new pilots of the	
			Squadron were checked by the Squadron Instructor and two were detailed for Circuits and	
			Bumps.	
	2-3/7		Rain.	
			Four aircraft flew night Cross Countries.	
	3/7		Moderate rain at first ceasing for short periods.	
			Four of the six aircraft detailed for Cross Countries were cancelled. Two aircraft flew to	
			Waddington to be fitted with Radar equipment. The Squadron is now packing for the impending	
			move to R.A.F. Station, WADDINGTON.	
	4/7		Rain and very low cloud.	
			Only one pilot check and two Fighter Affiliation exercises were carried out today, owing to the	
			rest of the Squadron personnel being employed in preparing for the Squadron's move.	
	5/7		Cloudy with a small amount of rain.	
			Advance Party left this morning for WADDINGTON and one aircraft flew with equipment and	
			personnel.	
	6/7		Cloudy.	
			Squadron move to WADDINGTON was made to today by road and air. Nineteen aircraft flew from	
			R.A.F. Station BARDNEY to WADDINGTON with all Aircrew and equipment. Kit was transported by	
			road.	
WADDINGTON	7/7		Cloudy.	
			No flying today. Squadron settling in to new quarters.	
	8/7		Excellent visibility.	
			No flying today: Squadron is engaged on cleaning and settling in new Sections and Flight Offices.	
	9/7		Visibility good all day.	
			Training continues with eight aircraft flying Cross Countries.	

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WADDINGTON	10/7		Cloudy throughout the day.	
			Seven aircraft which were detailed for Cross Country flights were cancelled owing to adverse weather.	
	11/7		Cloudy till mid-day.	
			Today, two Cross Country flights were cancelled.	
	12/7		Fine at first, hazy in the afternoon.	
			During the day eight aircraft were detailed for Cross Country flights and High Level Bombing.	
	12-13/7		Ten aircraft flew on night Cross Countries.	
	13/7		Cloudy at first, showers during the afternoon. Visibility very poor.	
			Only one aircraft flew today on Fighter Affiliation exercise.	
	14/7		Cloud till late afternoon, slight rain. Visibility poor.	
			Four Pilot Categorisation checks and three Fighter Affiliation exercises were flown today.	
	15/7		Cloudy. Rain at first. Visibility moderate becoming good.	
			No flying today.	
	16/7		No low cloud. Visibility good.	
			Four aircraft took off today for Cross Country exercises.	
	16-17/7		Three aircraft were detailed for Cross Country flights.	
	17/7		Cloud at first. Visibility fairly good.	
			The Squadron continued training with six aircraft flying Cross Country exercises and four pilot checks.	
	17-18/7		Four aircraft flew night Cross Countries, one returned to Base with unserviceable V.H.F.	
	18/7		Fair with small amount of cloud.	
			Only two Fighter Affiliation exercises and checks were carried out today.	
	19/7		Excellent visibility.	
			Flying today consisted of seven aircraft on Cross Country flights, three Air Tests, three High Level Bombing details and two checks.	
	19-20/7		Three aircraft flew night Cross Countries, duration of four hours 30 mins. and took off at 22.30 hours.	

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WADDINGTON	20/7		Visibility good. Very good in the afternoon and evening.	
			Seven aircraft were engaged on Cross Country flights coupled with High Level Bombing today.	
	20-21/7		During the night five aircraft took of on Cross Country flights.	
	21/7		Slight drizzle during the morning. Visibility excellent.	
			Only one Cross Country was flown today in addition there were five Pilot checks and five	
			Fighter Affiliation exercises.	
	22/7		No flying today. Squadron Stand-down.	
			Intermittent slight drizzle, becoming fine. Visibility good at first.	
	23/7		Fine but cloudy.	
			Today there was no flying.	
	23-24/7		Eleven aircraft took part in a Command Bullseye. One returned early.	
	24/7		Cloudy all day.	
			Four Cross Countries and one Pilot check were made today.	
	25/7		Cloudy with slight rain during the evening.	
			Flying training consisted of four Fighter Affiliation exercises and one Pilot Categorisation	
			check.	
	26/7		Slight rain, moderate amount of cloud. Visibility good.	
			Three High Level Bombing details, three Cross Country flights, one Air to Sea Firing and	
			one Pilot check were successfully completed in today's programme.	
	27/7		Cloudy with occasional slight rain during the morning.	
			Training consisted mainly of Bombing and Cross Countries, eight aircraft being detailed for	
			the former and five for the latter. There was also one Pilot Categorisation check.	
	28/7		Cloudy. Visibility good.	
			There were nine High Level Bombing details and one Cross Country today and also six night	
			details for bombing at Epperstone Range.	
	29/7		Low cloud, continuous slight rain. Visibility fair at first.	
			Training continues today with eight day and four night details of bombing. All aircraft	
			landing before midnight.	

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WADDINGTON	30/7		Visibility 2 - 3 miles. Small amounts of medium cloud.	
			Three Cross Countries, seven High Level Bombing details and one Pilot Categorisation check	
			was the Squadron's effort for today.	
	31/7		Visibility 3,000 yards at first, improving later in the day.	
			Bombing was the main feature in today's programme with eight High Level Bombing details and	
			two Cross Countries.	

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2/7	NZ.433220	F/O K.A. BANCROFT	NAV	Posted to No. 53 Base (N/E Sick)
9/7	153297	F/O J.H. MORGAN	NAV	" " " " " "
	155593	F/O T.A. PEATFIELD	NAV	Posted from No. 1653 C.U.
19/7	151168	F/L H.D. OFFICER	A/B	Posted from No. 630 Squadron
	149170	F/L T.B. KELLEY	W/OP	Posted from No. 44 Squadron
18/7	165800	F/O R. BARBER	NAV	Posted to No. 100 P.D.C. (Class "B" Release)
	164850	F/O V.E. HOLMAN	NAV	" " " " " " "
23/7	121301	F/L E.F.A. JONES	NAV	Posted to No. 1660 C.U.
25/7	NZ.433220	F/O K.A. BANCROFT	NAV	Posted from No. 53 Base (Cess. N/E Sick)
27/7	185959	F/O A. POOL	PILOT	Posted from No. 619 Squadron
	1454512	F/S DUTTON, J.R.	A/B	" " " "
	1603966	F/S MILES, P.R.G.	NAV	" " " "
	1814084	F/S BUDD, E.	A/G	" " " "
	1852538	F/S FLEMING, F.V.	W/OP	" " " "
	1898724	SGT BOOTH, B.H.	F/ENG	" " " "
	1542847	F/S HARWOOD, A.S.	W/OP	Posted from No. 630 Squadron
	1077236	F/S PATERSON, J.	W/OP	" " " "
	1876631	F/S PASCOE, J.M.	W/OP	" " " "
29/7	1891273	F/S COLLINS, C.V.	W/OP	Posted to No. 100 P.D.C. (Class "B" Release)
30/7	42227	F/L B.J. HOOPER	PILOT	Posted from No. 17 S.F.T.D. Posted to No. 627 Squadron.

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	30/7		42227	F/L B.J. HOOPER	PILOT)	Posted from No. 17 S.F.T.D.
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	1/7		1674490	SGT BAILEY, C.W.	NAV	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	2/7		1598730	F/S BROOKBANK, J.S.	A/B	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	7/7		1890469	SGT ATACK, B.J.H.	A/G	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	9/7		155593	F/O T.A. PEATFIELD	NAV	Granted the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant	
	10/7		1594921	SGT HARTSHORN, W.	F/ENG	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	11/7		191382	F/O J.M. MC.CALLUM	F/ENG	Promoted to the rank of War Subs. Flying Officer	
	13/7		2221057	SGT DOLLERY, G.J.	A/G	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	14/7		1813828	SGT PAYNE, D.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	15/7		1869495	SGT CLENTON, S.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	18/7		1458999	F/S JEPSON, L.V.	A/G	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
			NZ.4212604	P/O I.E. REDDISH	PILOT	Promoted to the rank of War Subs. Flying Officer	
	23/7		156044	F/O R.M. KETHRO	A/G	Promoted to the rank of War Subs. Flight Lieutenant	
			191638	P/O T.C. KIRKWOOD	PILOT	Promoted to the rank of War Subs. Flying Officer	
	24/7		1046948	F/S LIVERSEDGE, R.S.	A/B	Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	31/7		1579486	F/S SHELDON, G.P.	NAV	" " " " " "	
			HONOURS AND AWARDS				
			184072	F/O A.J. WILLIAMS	A/G	Awarded D.F.C.	
			196839	P/O P.R. ASLIN	NAV	Awarded D.F.M.	
			197005	P/O P.F. JACKSON	A/B	" "	
			195782	P/O H.R. LYNAM	NAV	" "	

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WADDINGTON	1/8		Very low stratus all day. Fog at first, slight drizzle.	
			Four H2S Cross Countries were carried out successfully today.	
	2/8		Stratus 10/10ths. Visibility 3 miles at first, improving later in the afternoon.	
			Eight day and eight night High Level Bombing details were completed up to midnight with the	
			Squadron's bombing error diminishing satisfactorily also three Cross Countries.	
	3/8		Low stratus, lifting later. Visibility good at first, poor at mid-day.	
			A great deal of training was successfully completed today when twelve High Level Bombing	
			details and ten Cross Countries were carried out.	
	4/8		Low stratus with drizzle.	
			Another twelve High Level Bombing details today with two Cross Countries. Two of the bombing	
			details were abortive, one owing to a DR compass and another to cloud over the target area.	
	5/8		10/10ths. low stratus, lifted later.	
			Training continued with three Cross Countries and eight High Level Bombing details.	
	6/8		Low stratus, Visibility moderate.	
			Practice bombing was the main feature again with eight details, two Cross Country flights and	
			Cross Wind Landings and take-offs made up the day's programme.	
	7/8		10/10ths. low stratus, lifted by evening. Visibility poor at first.	
			Only one Cross Country was flown today.	
	8/8		Fair at first, thunder later.	
			There were thirteen day and thirteen night Cross Country details flown involving all Squadron	
			personnel not on leave.	
	9/8		Small amount of S.C. which soon lifted. Visibility 2 miles at first decreased to 2200 yards.	
			No flying.	
	10/8		Cloudy. Visibility good.	
			Nineteen Cross Countries were carried out today, twelve of which included High Level Bombing.	
	11/8		No cloud till mid-day, then small amount. Visibility very good.	
			Another twelve Cross Countries today and all aircraft incorporated a High Level Bombing detail.	
			There was also one Pilot Categorisation check.	

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WADDINGTON	12/8		Visibility gradually increased, slight rain.	
			No flying today.	
	13/8		Mainly cloudy, hazy in evening.	
			An extensive flying programme was carried out today with twelve details for Cross Countries,	
			thirteen for Radio Range, two Air Gunnery Tests and six night High Level Bombings.	
	14/8		Visibility good. Small amount of cloud.	
			Thirteen Cross Countries constituted the Squadron's flying training today.	
	14-15/8		At 23.59 hours it was announced that the war with Japan had ended.	
	15/8		Visibility good at first deteriorated later, small amount of fair weather.	
			VJ DAY. A Stand-down of 48 hours was ordered for the Squadron.	
	16/8		Visibility good at first, varying amounts of cloud.	
			No flying.	
	17/8		Cloudy. Visibility 5 miles.	
			No flying.	
	18/8		Visibility excellent, small amount of S.C.	
			There were three Air Tests and one Cross Country flown today.	
	19/8		Intermittent moderate rain throughout the day. Visibility good at first.	
			No flying.	
	20/8		Sky covered with cloud. Rain and drizzle.	
			Eleven aircraft were detailed for practice formation flying, seven for High Level Bombing,	
			one Fighter Affiliation, one Air Test and one "REBECCA".	
	21/8		Visibility fair at first, excellent later.	
			Four aircraft flew on a "REBECCA" detail today.	
	22/8		Slight drizzle, visibility good at first, poor later.	
			Flying today consisted of four details of High Level Bombing with formation flying, one	
			Bomb Jettisoning, seven "BABS", two Air to Sea Firing and one Fighter Affiliation.	
	23/8		Very low stratus all the morning, continuous drizzle. Cloud lifting to medium levels.	
			Training continued with nine aircraft flying on "BABS", seven day bombing and three night bombing.	

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WADDINGTON	24/8		Slight rain at first and again during the afternoon. Visibility good throughout.	
			Two Cross Countries, three formation, seven "BABS", three Fightar Affiliation and five night	
			Radio Range made up today's flying programme.	
	25/8		Cloudy at first with fog till dawn. Visibility good at first.	
			Today's flying consisted of six Cross Countries and two Bombing exercises.	
	26/8		Cloudy.	
			No flying today.	
	27/8		Intermittent slight rain.	
			Three aircraft were engaged on jettisoning bombs and the rest of the day's programme	
			consisted of four High Level Bombing details, two day and three night "BABS" exercises, one	
			Fighter Affiliation exercise and three practice formation flights.	
	28/8		Continuous slight rain.	
			Today's flying was made up by seven High Level Bombing details, six formation flights, one	
			Pilot Categorisation check and one Cooks Tour over the Continent.	
	29/8		Cloudy at first.	
			The Training continued with three aircraft jettisoning bombs, one on a Cross Country flight	
			and two on "BABS" exercises.	
	30/8		Cloudy during the morning increasing during the day.	
			Three aircraft flew on operation "SPASM" today involving a flight to GATOW, BERLIN. Two	
			passengers in one of the aircraft were AIR COMMODORE ELWORTHY and WING COMMANDER BURNETT, the	
			latter being a former No. 9 Squadron Commander. Six aircraft took part in a "BABS" exercise	
			during the afternoon.	
	31/8		Visibility good with occasional showers.	
			Flying training today consisted of six High Level Bombing details, fourteen Cross Countries	
			with H2S, three Bomb Jettisoning, two local flying and Air Testing and one Radio Range	
			exercise, also, the three aircraft that took-off for Berlin yesterday, returned.	

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			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH				
	3/8		165386	F/O L.F. WILLIAMSON	NAV	Posted from No. 53 Base	
			1579703	F/S ANDERSON, J.G.	W/OP	Posted from No. 55 Base	
			NZ.421662	F/S ANDERSON, O.L.	W/OP	" " " "	
	6/8		1853313	F/S LONG, J.C.	A/G	Posted to No. 53 Base (N/E Sick)	
	7/8		552009	F/S STONE, J.S.	P/F/E	Posted to No. 21 (P) A.F.U.	
	8/8		1453571	F/S CRAIG, N.	P/F/E	Posted to No. 53 Base	
	10/8		1522178	F/S BAINBRIDGE, A.W.	NAV	Posted from No. 218 Squadron	
			1605885	F/S MATTHEWS, H.H.	NAV	" " " "	
	11/8		1852611	F/S BULL, R.J.	F/ENG	Posted from No. 1654 C.U.	
	13/8		175397	F/O W. FRANKS	PILOT	Posted to R.A.F. Syerston	
	14/8		1674490	F/S BAILEY, C.W.	NAV	Posted to No. 10 A.C.H.U.	
			1542847	F/S HARWOOD, A.S.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1683265	F/S GEORGE, S.E.	NAV	" " " "	
			1782178	SGT HADDEN, F.	A/G	" " " "	
			1814134	F/S HINE, W.C.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1876631	F/S PASCOE, J.M.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1892223	F/S BICKER, R.G.	A/G	" " " "	
	15/8		NZ.421732	F/L J.W. LENNON	PILOT	Posted from No. 582 Squadron	
			1297944	W/O WEBB, T.C.	F/ENG	Posted from No. 582 Squadron	
			1590969	W/O DOBSON, F.	A/G	" " " "	
	23/8		1077236	F/S PATERSON, D.	W/OP	Posted to No. 53 Base (N/E Sick)	

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			PROMOTIONS AND ACTING RANKS	
	1/8		173316 F/O W. SCOTT PILOT Granted the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant	
			178283 F/O S. LAWS PILOT " " " " " " "	
			172553 F/O D.E. OWEN F/ENG " " " " " " "	
			NZ.4211949 F/O E. ELLIOT PILOT " " " " " " "	
	3/8		1880830 SGT SMITH, P.J. A/G Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	5/8		1396231 F/S WALKER, J. NAV Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	12/8		1820748 SGT CAMPBELL, J. A/G Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	13/8		1682317 F/S GORE, G.S. W/OP Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	14/8		NZ.4213129 F/S SPRINGER, G.R.W/OP Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
	17/8		1991288 SGT ROCHE, M.J. A/G Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
	18/8		1605944 SGT COXHEAD, C. P/F/E Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
			3007141 SGT BEAUMONT, W.G. A/G " " " " " " "	
			3007632 SGT DAVIDSON, C.F. A/G " " " " " " "	
	21/8		1585342 F/S BARDSLEY, N. A/B Promoted to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer	
			1600409 F/S GRIFFITHS, F.J.A/B " " " " " " "	
	25/8		1625553 SGT WOOD, A. P/F/E Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant	
			1685845 SGT LAYCOCK, J. P/F/E " " " " " " "	
			1811610 SGT BARDALL, L.A.P. A/G " " " " " " "	
	31/8		1437104 SGT WEBSTER, C.A. A/G " " " " " " "	
			2205683 SGT CONWAY, F. A/G " " " " " " "	

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WADDINGTON	1/9		Small amount of cloud about mid-day. Visibility good becoming moderate.	
			One aircraft flew to Rheims and returned with the Base Commander, A/Cdr. F.L.S. Pope A.F.C. D.F.C. and Wing Commander Operations, W/C K. MacFarlane D.S.O. D.F.C. as passengers.	
	2/9		4-6/10ths. SC dispersing during early evening. Visibility good.	
			No flying today. Squadron engaged on cleaning and painting of sections for the forthcoming A.O.C.'s inspection.	
	3/9		No cloud at first small amounts forming at dawn. Visibility good over 15 miles all day.	
			Six Cross Country flights were carried out today. All other Squadron personnel engaged on preparing sections for inspection.	
	4/9		Cloud at first 10/10ths. 2,000 ft. breaking to 11/10ths. during the afternoon.	
			Nine aircraft took part in operation "DODGE" entailing a flight to Italy to bring troops to the U.K. for repatriation and Leave. The aircraft took off at eight minute intervals from 07.00 hours.	
	5/9		Mainly cloudy with slight rain and drizzle during afternoon becoming fine in evening.	
			No flying today. Final preparations for the A.O.C.'s inspection which is to be held tomorrow.	
	6/9		Cloudy dispersing in evening becoming fine. Visibility 10-20 miles.	
			No flying today. Air Officer Commanding No. 5 Group made an inspection today. After inspecting the parade at 10.45 hours personnel stood by in their sections awaiting the A.O.C.'s visit. Stand down in the afternoon.	
	7/9		No cloud at first becoming 4-8/10ths. Visibility over 10 miles, but hazy.	
			Training continues with eight aircraft on Bombing, two Cross Countries, two Radio Range exercises and F/L N.H. Svensden D.F.C. a new member of the Squadron is given dual by the Squadron Instructor.	
	8/9		Visibility moderate becoming good.	
			Only three Radio Range exercises and one Cross Country today.	
	9/9		Cloudy with slight rain until 05.00 hours. remaining cloudy but becoming fair later in the day. Visibility poor at dawn otherwise moderate becoming good.	

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	9/9 CONTD.		STAND- DOWN for all personnel.	
	10/9		Cloudy, low stratus and fog early, visibility becoming moderate by mid-day and then good. Slight mist developing again at night, slight rain about mid-day and then again about mid-night. Training continues. Eight aircraft were engaged on Cross Countries and Radio Range, four with High Level Bombing and Radio Range, one day Cross Country, four night Cross Countries and four Air Tests.	
	11/9		Continuous rain and drizzle until 14.00 hours. Cloudy during afternoon, intermittent rain during evening heavy at times. Visibility very poor in fog until 11.00 hours. Sixteen "BABS" exercises made up the days flying training programme.	
	12/9		Fair, small amount of cloud at 3,000 ft. becoming 7/10ths. at dusk. Visibility 4 - 10 miles. Today, four bombing jettisoning trips, one Air Test and five Cross Countries were carried out.	
	13/9		Cloudy with rain during afternoon, Visibility 5 - 10 miles deteriorating in rain to 5 miles. Training continued with two aircraft on "BABS", ten Cross Countries, three High Level Bombing and Fighter Affiliation, four Categorisation Checks, two Cooks Tours and two on bomb jettisoning.	
	14/9		Cloudy with occasional slight rain in late morning. Period of almost continuous rain from 18.00 to 22.00 hours, clearing and becoming fair. No flying today. Concentration made on servicing aircraft for "DODGE" Operation tomorrow. Briefing at 14.00 hours for twelve crews on tomorrow's operation.	
	15/9		Fair becoming cloudy with slight rain commencing at 22.00 hours. Mist at first improving to moderate visibility during the day. Twelve aircraft took off this morning at eight minute intervals for Italy. Rest of the Squadron engaged on C.O.'s Parade and stood down tomorrow until 11.00 hours tomorrow.	

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WADDINGTON	16/9		Slight rain at first becoming cloudy all day with slight drizzle.	
			Church Parade this morning after which Squadron stood by for a briefing of "DODGE"	
			operation planned for tomorrow. Briefing later postponed.	
	17/9		Mainly cloudy.	
			No flying today owing to Squadron Stand-by for operation "DODGE". This was cancelled at	
			17.00 hours and Squadron stood down until 09.00 hours tomorrow.	
	18/9		Fair, fog at dawn clearing by 13.00 hours, remaining fair becoming fine during evening.	
			Visibility poor.	
			Training was continued today with six aircraft flying on V.H.F. Homing exercises and	
			four on Cross Countries. Eight of the twelve aircraft returned from Italy this evening.	
	19/9		Fair at first becoming cloudy. Visibility 5 miles.	
			Seven aircraft took off today for a "BABS" exercise and four on Cross Countries. Another	
			aircraft carried out a Fighter Affiliation exercise and one more returned from BARI — Italy.	
	20/9		Cloudy with occasional slight rain or drizzle.	
			Training continued with four aircraft on Cross Countries and four others on a Bombing	
			exercise. Four crews briefed this evening for Operation "DODGE".	
	21/9		Much medium and high cloud persisting throughout the whole day.	
			Four aircraft took off this morning for Italy on operation "DODGE". Other flying for the	
			Squadron consisted of five Cross Country flights.	
	22/9		Cloudy with slight rain at first becoming fair by mid-day. Visibility moderate.	
			No flying. Squadron stood down this morning.	
	23/9		Fine at first with slight rain about 15.00 hours, then cloudy with occasional showers of	
			slight rain.	
			Stand down for Squadron.	
	24/9		Cloudy with occasional showers. Visibility 10-20 miles.	
			Flying today consisted of two Cross Country flights and one Air Tests.	

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	25/9		Fair. Showers in afternoon.	
			Four aircraft flew Cross Countries, two on practice formation, one V.H.F. Homing exercise	
			and one on a Cooks Tour.	
	26/9		Cloud and haze.	
			Operation "DODGE" cancelled owing to bad weather on route. No flying carried out this	
			morning by Squadron. Stand down for Sports at 14.00 hours.	
	27/9		Cloud mainly above 8,000 ft. lowering to half cover.	
			Operation "DODGE" carried out. Eight aircraft took off this morning for Italy. Other	
			flying: five Cross Country flights and one Air Test.	
	28/9		Cloudy at first becoming fair. Visibility 2 - 3,000 ft.	
			Two aircraft on training, V.H.F. Homings and "BABS" Cross Country. Station Commander's	
			Parade carried out with usual Squadron efficiency.	
	29/9		Fog at first dispersing by 10.00 hours and becoming fine.	
			Operation "DODGE" brought forward from 30th. One aircraft took off for Paris to bring back	
			crew of Lanc. which had to land there, owing to engine trouble.	
	30/9		10/10ths. cloud at 2,500 ft. becoming 10/10ths 3,500 ft. to 4,000 ft. dispersing after	
			dusk to nil.	
			Stand down for all personnel.	

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5/9	1853313	F/S LONG, J.C.	A/G	Posted from No. 53 Base (ceasing M/E Sick)
6/9	184134	F/O S. SCOTT	NAV	Posted to 100 P.D.C.
6/9	40327	F/L N.H. SVENSDEN	PILOT	Posted from No. 53 Base
7/9	200661	P/O D. PAYNE	A/G	Commissioned 10/8/45
8/9	183984	F/O H. ANDERSON	PILOT	Posted to No. 106 Squadron
	172516	F/O W.C. SHUTLER	NAV	" " " " "
	1572141	F/S CORNFOOT, A.	W/OP	" " " " "
	2209898	F/S HARRISON, J.	A/G	" " " " "

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			1591176	F/S LOAKES, W.D.	F/ENG	" " " " "	
			168667	F/O V.H. HILL	PILOT	Posted to No. 207 Squadron	
			1568319	F/S JOHNSON, A.	NAV	" " " " "	
			1591248	F/S HASTINGS, J.M.	W/OP	" " " " "	
			1600409	W/O GRIFFITH, F.S.	A/B	" " " " "	
			2210495	F/S LEES, W.	F/ENG	" " " " "	
			3011276	F/S BERRY, J.	A/G	" " " " "	
	15/9		NZ.421686	F/O R.G. DAWSON	A/B	Posted to No. 12 P.D.R.C.	
	17/9		200751	P/O D.M. CURRIE	NAV	Commissioned 10/8/45	
	19/9		1077286	F/S PATTERSON, D.	W/OP	Posted from No. 53 Base (ceasing ~~W/E~~ Sick)	
	20/9		NZ.422097	F/L W. RANGUIAIA	PILOT	Posted to No. 28 A.C.H.U.	
	24/9		NZ.4210984	P/O CAMPBELL, P.E.	NAV	Posted to No. 28 A.C.H.U.	
			NZ.422099	W/O BUAG, J.H.	A/B	" " " " "	
			NZ.422445	F/O WATERS, E.I.	PILOT	" " " " "	
			NZ.421873	F/O J. BLOODWORTH	PILOT	" " " " "	
			NZ.434660	F/S ESTERMAN, L.	NAV	" " " " "	
			NZ.431855	F/S STEWART, M.L.	A/B	" " " " "	
			NZ.4215778	F/S BULL, R.W.	W/OP	" " " " "	
			NZ.426676	F/S PARKIN, D.R.	W/OP	" " " " "	
			NZ.4215224	F/S PADGET, R.T.	A/G	" " " " "	
			NZ.433310	F/S KNIGHT, D.	NAV	" " " " "	
			NZ.4216662	F/S ANDERSON, O.L.	W/OP	" " " " "	
			NZ.4211915	F/S FRASER, F.L.	A/B	" " " " "	
			NZ.426166	F/O D.A. COSTER	PILOT	" " " " "	
	26/9		200887	P/O A.J. GIBBINS	P/F/E	Commissioned 1/8/45	
	27/9		135018	F/L R.W. COOK	W/OP	Posted to H.Q.B.C.	
			NZ.4210043	P/O I.D. ROME	A/B	Commissioned 28/5/45	

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			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH - CONTD.			
	29/9		164905	F/O FRENCH, C.A.	A/B	Posted from No. 207 Squadron
			2206743	F/S LEAR, A.	W/OP	" " " " "
			1625319	W/O WARREN, C.H.	A/G	Posted from No. 83 Squadron
			1899799	F/S TOOLE, H.G.	A/G	" " " " "
			185743	F/O FREEMAN, D.H.	W/OP	Posted from No. 57 Squadron
			PROMOTIONS			
	17/9		1453571	F/S CRAIG, N.	P/F/E	Promoted to the rank of P/W/O
	18/9		1782178	SGT HADDEN, F.	A/G	" " " " " T/F/S
	25/9		552009	F/S STONE, J.S.	P/F/E	" " " " " T/W/O
			1395530	F/S GIBBINS, A.H.	P/F/E	" " " " " T/W/O
			1850018	F/S STENNER, L.S.J.	W/OP	" " " " " T/W/O

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WADDINGTON	1/10	0745	Small medium cloud at first . Visibility poor becoming good during morning. Slight rain at 17.30.	
			One aircraft returned from Paris today. Four crews standing by for "DODGE".	
	2/10		Visibility good at first becoming moderate. Intermittent rain between 21.00 hours and midnight.	
	3/10		Mainly fair part from showers in the evening. Visibility 3-6 miles moving 6-10 miles in the afternoon, slight mist after dark.	
			One aircraft took off on a Cross Country flight and another took three crews to R.A.F. Skellingthorpe to ferry aircraft from there to R.A.F. Wroughton. Aircraft then picked up crews and returned to Base. Rest of Squadron stood down for Sports activities.	
	4/10		Unsettled all day, with showery spells at dawn and after midday. Visibility good.	
			Flying today consisted of two aircraft which were air tested. "DODGE" cancelled.	
	5/10		Showery conditions before and just after dawn, fine after midday. Visibility fair in early morning. Very good for rest of day.	
			Fourteen aircraft took part in flying today. Two took off for Toulouse and returned, another two went to Italy. Ten aircraft were detailed for "DODGE".	
	6/10		Small amount of low cloud at first increasing during afternoon. Visibility moderate.	
			No flying today.	
	7/10		Visibility moderate, later good, excellent by midday, remaining good. Very slight drizzle at the end of period.	
			No flying today.	
	8/10		Sky obscured by fog at first which lifted later in the morning. Slight drizzle later.	
			One aircraft was air tested and three other aircraft flew Cross Countries.	
	9/10		Intermittent drizzle and rain.	
			One aircraft flew on Cross Country today.	
	10/10		Visibility excellent at first. Wind light and variable all morning, southerly afterwards.	
			Today, eight aircraft from Italy and one Cross Country.	

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WADDINGTON	11/10		Slight rain during morning and afternoon, wind gusty, increasing to gale force during evening.	
			"DODGE" Operation cancelled today. Other flying was two aircraft detailed for Air Test.	
	12/10		Intermittent slight rain.	
			Five aircraft flying today, two on Air Tests and three on Cross Countries. "DODGE" cancelled -	
			10 aircraft.	
	13/10		Cloud nil at first then small amounts at 2,000 ft. Visibility good except in rain.	
			Three aircraft were Air Tested today. Other flying consisted of seven aircraft detailed	
			previously for "DODGE" returned from terminal airfield and one other aircraft flew to	
			Toulouse, Bordeaux, Istres and returned.	
	14/10		Variable amounts of low cloud in two layers. Intermittent slight rain during morning.	
			No flying today. Stand down.	
	15/10		Visibility mainly 5 miles. Low cloud.	
			Four aircraft flew on Cross Countries today.	
	16/10		Cloudless at first then visibility deteriorating in fog. Continuous moderate rain.	
			One aircraft took off on a "BABS" exercise.	
	17/10		Overcast till dawn, then fair till midday. Intermittent rain from 1300 till 1700 hours, fine	
			at 1900 hours.	
			One aircraft flew on Cross Country today.	
	18/10		Visibility 3-5 miles, slight rain.	
			Twelve aircraft detailed for operation "DODGE". Reserve aircraft returning from Tibenham.	
			Air Tests were carried out on three aircraft and two other aircraft continued their training	
			with Formation flying and "BABS" exercise.	
	19/10		Cloudy. Visibility 2½ - 5 miles, light rain.	
			Flying today, consisted of one aircraft detailed for Cross Country and one aircraft to	
			Tibbenham with servicing party of 32 airmen.	
	20/10		Rain from dawn till midday with visibility 1½ - 3 miles.	
			No flying today.	

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WADDINGTON	21/10		Fog early morning, slight drizzle afternoon. Fog again later in evening.	
			No flying today.	
	22/10		Light wind early dispersed later.	
			Two aircraft detailed for Flight tests and two other aircraft flew on Cross Countries.	
	23/10		Fog at first becoming fair, fine for remainder.	
			Only two aircraft took off today, one on a Cross Country and the other to be Flight Tested.	
	24/10		Rain early morning otherwise mainly fine. Visibility 2500 - 4000 yards improvinglater.	
			No flying today.	
	25/10		Fog early morning returning again at dusk. Sky obscured at first with large amounts of cloud	
			fog lifted below 1,000 ft.	
			No flying today.	
	26/10		Cloud early morning, breaking later. Rain.	
			Three aircraft were detailed for Flight Tests today but one was cancelled later.	
	27/10		Moderate rain. Cloud soon lifting and breaking during morning. Visibility poor at first	
			improving later.	
			One Air Test flown today.	
	28/10		Visibility poor at first becoming moderate. Poor again during afternoon and very poor after	
			dusk.	
			No flying.	
	29/10		Fog at first clearing after 10.00 hours. Morning excellent and very good during afternoon	
			and evening, showers after dusk.	
			One aircraft was Air Tested.	
	30/10		Occasional slight and moderate showers during the morning. Visibility 12 - 15 miles falling	
			to 5 miles about dawn and in showers to 3000 yards. Fog at end of period.	
			Thirteen aircraft took off today. Two aircraft on formation flying, two on Flight Tests,	
			three on Air Tests, three on local flying, two on Cross Countries and one aircraft on	
			ammunition dropping.	

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WADDINGTON	31/10		Fog at first, slight rain lasting 1 hour at 19.00 hours.	
			Operation "DODGE" cancelled. One aircraft flew on Air Test.	
			SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	
	1/10		1800168 SGT NOTTAGE, J. NAV. Posted from R.A.F. SYERSTON	
			198562 P/O AMERENA, R. NAV. " " " "	
			153932 F/O HOWARTH, W.D. NAV. Posted to No. 100 P.D.C. (Class "B" Release).	
			178977 F/O RUSSELL, R. A/G Posted from H.Q. Unit, No. 91 Grp.	
	2/10		1596559 F/S MOORE, M. A/G Posted from No. 14 Base	
			3000941 SGT SHORTHOUSE, G.S. F/ENG Posted from No. 53 Base	
			1591564 SGT READ, K. A/G Posted from No. 14 Base	
			2236833 SGT MOONEY, A.G. A/G " " " " "	
			3052632 SGT HARTLE, J.G. A/G " " " " "	
			1623333 F/S THORPE, J.E. A/G " " " " "	
			1806475 W/O COWELL, J.A. A/G " " " " "	
			1812689 SGT JOYNER, J.N. A/G " " " " "	
			1819198 SGT STOKES, K.N. A/G " " " " "	
			1822408 SGT SPALDING, P. A/G " " " " "	
			1876952 SGT CULLUP, A.D. A/G " " " " "	
			1882554 F/S FOLD, E.R. A/G " " " " "	
			1891610 F/S VAN GELDER, M. A/G " " " " "	
			1893836 SGT ROSE, D.A. A/G " " " " "	
			1896905 F/S GREENWOOD, R. A/G " " " " "	
			2200186 SGT CLARKE, N.L. A/G " " " " "	
			2205776 SGT MINSTER, J.J. A/G " " " " "	
			2227595 F/S IBBOTSON, A. A/G " " " " "	
			3050975 F/S BENNETT, A. A/G " " " " "	
			1649549 F/S BONESS, L.P. F/ENG Posted from No. 53 Base	
			1896462 F/S GIBBONS, W.F. F/ENG " " " "	
			2205504 SGT MAXWELL, A. F/ENG " " " "	
			184530 P/O MARSHALL, R. A/G Posted from No. 14 Base	
	3/10		1579486 W/O SHELDON, G.F. NAV Posted to R.A.F. BRUNTINGTHORPE	
			2209577 SGT EYRE, K.E. W/OP " " " "	
			628682 F/S GARDEN, A.J. W/OP " " " "	
			636327 F/S PALMER, P.J. W/OP " " " "	
			575732 F/S GREGORY, W. F/ENG " " " "	
			1324440 F/S GRAVES, T.P. A/B " " " "	
			1565516 F/S COXON, S. A/B " " " "	
			1571071 F/S CLARK, W.A. F/ENG " " " "	
			1579073 W/O ANDERSON, J.G. W/OP " " " "	
			1585342 W/O BARNSLEY, N. A/B " " " "	
			1583523 F/S MACINTOSH, W.E. P/F/E " " " "	
			985107 F/S CHAPPELL, J. W/OP " " " "	
			195010 F/O GUNNELL, A.E. A/G Posted from No. 97 Squadron	
			179371 F/O MILLER, M. PILOT Posted to R.A.F. SYERSTON	
			197028 P/O MORROW, T.A. W/OP Posted to No. 57 Squadron	

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	179371	F/O MILLER, M.	PILOT	Posted to R.A.F. SYERSTON	
	197028	P/O MORROW, T.A.	W/OP	Posted to No. 57 Squadron	

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	3/10 CONTD.		190791	F/O BAKER, W.H.	F/ENG	Posted to R.A.F. BRUNTINGTHORPE
			152104	F/L BROWNLIE, W.R.	W/OP	" " " "
			151168	F/L OFFICER, H.D.	A/B	" " " "
			196965	P/O VERNEY, D.B.	NAV	" " " "
	4/10		649071	W/O BATHO, G.L.	A/G	Posted from No. 54 Base
			1622697	F/S BURGESS, G.E.	NAV	Posted from No. 189 Squadron
			1866015	F/S LUND, R.	A/B	" " " " "
			1321640	F/A MATHIESON, E.A.	NAV	" " " " "
			1402648	SGT WILLIAMS, P.M.	P/F/E	" " " " "
			1880505	F/S KILLNER, W.H.	F/ENG	" " " " "
			1893774	F/S CLARK, H.P.	W/OP	" " " " "
			1587316	F/S EDWARDS, E.G.	A/B	" " " " "
			1604001	W/O ANSTEE, R.G.	PILOT	" " " " "
			1622966	F/S POLLARD, A.H.	P/F/E	" " " " "
			1801545	F/S SMEE, L.H.	NAV	" " " " "
			1803428	F/S SPILLER, W.G.	P/F/E	" " " " "
			1814181	F/S MAPLESON, R.D.	A/G	" " " " "
			1824701	F/S HOWARD, W.	W/OP	" " " " "
			1852496	F/S BIRCH, R.	W/OP	" " " " "
			1818232	SGT LUCAS, C.W.	A/G	" " " " "
			197661	F/O O'NEILL, H.M.	PILOT	" " " " "
			183525	F/O BUCKLEY, H.	W/OP	" " " " "
			165526	F/O BUCKLEY, J.P.	A/G	" " " " "
			181547	F/O DICKEN, S.W.	NAV	" " " " "
			152268	F/L HARRISON-CRIPPS, W.	PILOT	" " " " "
			165580	F/O KING, J.	A/B	" " " " "
			133102	F/L MUNAY, R.B.	PILOT	" " " " "
			162211	F/O THOMPSON, W.E.	NAV	Posted from No. 97 Squadron
			657946	W/O POTTER, A.B.	PILOT	" " " " "
			1567514	F/S MCMILLAN, H.	A/B	" " " " "
			1602795	F/S BRAZIER, G.W.	P/F/E	" " " " "
			1858619	F/S TYLER, G.H.	A/G	" " " " "
			1892952	F/S NEALE, F.W.	W/OP	" " " " "
			152141	F/L ENOCH, H.W.T.	PILOT	Posted from No. 1660 H.C.U.
	8/10		1876952	F/S CULLUP, A.D.	A/G	Posted to R.A.F. SYERSTON
			3052632	F/S HARTLE, J.G.	A/G	" " " "
	13/10		189778	P/O OWENS, J.	NAV	Posted from No. 617 Squadron
	15/10		1522178	F/S BAINBRIDGE, A.W.	NAV	Posted to No. 57 Squadron
			196869	P/O MILES, R.S.G.	NAV	" " " "
			1595457	F/S MEAGHER, J.J.	A/G	Posted to No. 97 Squadron
			1880830	F/S SMITH, P.J.R.	A/G	" " " "
			1882354	F/S FOLD, E.R.	A/G	" " " "
	17/10		1853313	F/S LONG, J.C.	A/G	Posted to No. 106 Squadron
			54539	F/O MCGOWAN, R.B.	A/B	" " " "
			187105	F/O ROWBOTTOM, C.	NAV	Posted to R.A.F. SNAITH
			201073	P/O KILLNER, W.H.	F/ENG	Posted to No. 9 Squadron on comms. 28.8.45.

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	18/10		54205	F/O METCALFE, J.C.	A/B	Posted to No. 207 Squadron	
			1866015	SGT LUND, R.	A/B	" " " "	
	19/10		1297944	W/O WEBB, T.H.	F/ENG	" " " "	
	23/10		1605944	F/S COXHEAD, C.	P/F/E	Posted to No. 7 P.R.C.	
			1802474	F/S ROWLANDS, J.G.	P/F/E	" " " "	
			200887	P/O GIBBINS, A.J.	P/F/E	" " " "	
	26/10		1899107	F/S DEAR, R.	W/OP	Posted from No. 617 Squadron	
	29/10		55839	F/O EVANS, S.E.	A/G	Posted to No. 57 Squadron	
			185183	F/O KELBRICK, W.J.	A/G	Posted from No. 53 Base	
	31/10		56688	F/O HAYDON, S.D.	NAV	Posted to R.A.F. BRUNTINGTHORPE	
			164614	F/O HICKS, F.	A/B	" " " "	
			156044	F/L R.M. KETHRO	A/G	" " " "	
			1800123	F/S SMITH, J.L.	NAV	" " " "	
			1588883	F/S HODGETTS, G.	NAV	" " " "	
			1077236	F/S PATTERSON, D.	W/OP	" " " "	
			1562241	F/S ALLEN, H.	P/F/E	Posted to No. 100 P.D.C. (Class "B" Release).	
				PROMOTIONS			
	1/10		1398426	F/S YOUNG, F.W.	NAV	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	2/10		1896459	F/S JOHNSON, J.E.	A/G	" " " " " "	
	4/10		1609721	F/S HOLMES, P.R.W.	F/ENG	" " " " " "	
	7/10		1890198	SGT BURLING, D.A.G.	A/G	Promoted to the rank of T/F/S	
	9/10		1583963	F/S TRASK, A.H.	P/F/E	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	14/10		1569949	SGT SCOTT, H.H.	P/F/E	Promoted to the rank of T/F/S	
	15/10		1581455	F/S HARRIS, F.R.	A/B	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	30/10		1565516	F/S COXON, S.	A/B	" " " " " "	
				ACTING RANKS			
	4/10		197661	P/O O'NEILL, H.M.	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Flying Officer	

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WADDINGTON	1/11	45	Widespread fog at first, lifting later.	
			No flying today.	
	2/11		Thick fog, hazy during afternoon.	
			No flying.	
	3/11		Thick fog at first with cloud on surface. Visibility improving towards midday then decreasing at night again. Cloud base between 1,000 - 2,000 ft. during afternoon. Wind calm or N.W. Light.	
			No flying.	
	4/11		Fog until after dawn becoming cloudy with some slight rain about 18.00 hours. Visibility 100 yards, improving to 4 miles by midday.	
			One aircraft took off for VILLACOUBLAY with two crews to fetch aircraft "L" which had previously force landed at VILLACOUBLAY.	
	5/11		Cloudy with drizzle during morning and early afternoon. Visibility 800 yards slowly improving to 3,000 yards.	
			Aircraft "L" returned from VILLACOUBLAY. Three aircraft took off on operation "SPASM" to BERLIN/GATOW airfield.	
	6/11		Cloudy. Mild. Visibility 2,500 - 5,000 yards.	
			Three aircraft returned from operation "SPASM" today, after landing at TIBBENHAM for customs clearance. Six aircraft took off on operation "DODGE" to BARI. One aircraft landed at POMIGLIANO.	
	7/11		Cloudy. Mild. Low cloud dispersing during afternoon.	
			One aircraft to ISTRE and return. Aircraft returned to Base from POMIGLIANO.	
	8/11		Cloudy, slight rain and mist at first, rain ceasing at 02.30 hours becoming cloudy.	
			Visibility improving to 5 - 10 miles by 09.00 hours with cloud breaking to 4 - 7/10ths.	
			Visibility continued good. Sky becoming cloudless by 21.00 hours.	
			Flying today consisted of the following details, eleven aircraft took off from Base to ST.ATEN/SWINDERBY to collect Lancaster F.E. V11 aircraft, one aircraft on Air Test and another on Radio Range. Five aircraft were detailed for operation "DODGE" but returned after landing at TIBBENHAM.	

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WADDINGTON	9/11		Fair to cloudy with occasional slight showers during the morning. Cool. Visibility moderate.	
			Flying today. One aircraft on Cooks Tour, two aircraft Air Tested, one aircraft on Cross Country and one crew went by road to SWINDERBY to fly a Lancaster F.E. VII to Base.	
	10/11		Cloudy with frequent showers. Visibility good, five miles at first then twenty miles. Today, six aircraft were detailed for operation "DODGE" but it was cancelled at 17.00 hours owing to bad weather en route.	
	11/11		Slight rain about dawn otherwise fair. Visibility 10 - 12 miles until late evening then deteriorating to 1500 - 2,000 yards by midnight. No flying today.	
	12/11		Fair becoming cloudy around dawn, slight continuous drizzle from 10.00 hours. Visibility poor. Four aircraft took off for METHERINGHAM and return. Three crews went to SWINDERBY by road and flew back three Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft. Ten aircraft were detailed for a night Cross Country which was cancelled through bad weather.	
	13/11		Fair to cloudy with slight showers during middle of day. Six crews went to SWINDERBY by air and returned with five Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft. Three aircraft were detailed for a Cross Country which was cancelled, five other aircraft flew on night Cross Countries and one aircraft flew to HEADON and returned.	
	14/11		Cloudy with intermittent rain at first becoming fine with a shower of slight rain at 10.00 hours. Visibility moderate. Nine aircraft were detailed for flying today, six aircraft for Cross Country flights and the remaining three for operation "DODGE" but both details were cancelled owing to bad weather.	
	15/11		Fair. Fog forming at dawn clearing by 11.00 hours. Fine during afternoon with thick fog forming soon after 16.00 hours. Rather cool. Visibility poor. Flying today consisted of five aircraft on Cross Countries and one aircraft on Air Test. Two crews were detailed for operation "DODGE" which was later cancelled.	

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Flying today consisted of five aircraft on Cross Countries and one aircraft on A.T. test.

Two crews were detailed for operation "DODGE" which was later cancelled.

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WADDINGTON	16/11		Fog with slight frost clearing shortly after dawn becoming fair and then cloudy after dusk.	
			Wind SE 6 - 12.	
			Seven aircraft detailed for local flying.	
	17/11		Considerable upper cloud during the day, otherwise fair, 10/10ths. low cloud from 20.00 hours.	
			S.S.E. 10 - 15.	
			Three aircraft took of today, one aircraft on a Cooks Tour, another flew a Cross Country and the third was Air Tested.	
	18/11		Cloudy, drizzle commencing at dawn continuing all day. Poor visibility. Wind E 2 - 5.	
			No flying today.	
	19/11		Cloudy andovercast all day with intermittent slight drizzle. Visibility 1500 - 2000 yards	
			Wind E 2 - 5.	
			Six aircraft took off on local flying to practice V.H.F. homings.	
	20/11		Cloudy and mist with some slight drizzle becoming foggy in evening. Visibility 1200 - 2200 yards until 17.00 hours, then progressive deteriorating to 30 yards at midnight. 10/10ths. cloud at 800 ft. lifting to 2500 ft. until 18.00 hours when sky obscured by fog.	
			Local flying - one aircraft on V.H.F. homings.	
	21/11		Fog all day, some slight drizzle about 10.00 hours. Visibility 60 - 100 yards. 10/10ths. cloud. Calm.	
			No flying.	
	22/11		Thick fog dispersing by midday becoming 10/10ths. 500 ft. visibility 3000 yards. Calm then SE 10 after 09.00 hours.	
			No flying.	
	23/11		Foggy, slight drizzle during early hours, becoming cloudy with moderate visibility after 09.00 hours. Wind SE 5 - 10.	
			Nine aircraft flew on Cross Country flights.	
	24/11		Fog in morning clearing by noon becoming cloudy: slight ground frost. Wind variable light - SE.	
			Twenty two crews proceeded on Embarkation leave today. Three crews left on Squadron to ferry and test Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft.	

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WADDINGTON	25/11		Cloudy, poor visibility 2-3000 yards. 10/10ths. cloud 4000 ft. clearing at 22.00 hours. Wind S-SW 5 - 10. No flying today.	
	26/11		Rain from about 06.00 to 10.00 hours, then 7 - 10/10ths cloud with good visibility until after dusk when cloud breaking. Wind WSW 15 then W-NW 12. Four details flown today collecting new Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft from SWINDERBY.	
	27/11		Fair to fine but cold with not much cloud other than variable amounts of high during middle of day. Poor visibility. Ground frost in early morning. Wind NW 10 backing NW'ly. Three details flown today, two crews flew Lancaster Mk. III aircraft to METHWOLD and the other crew brought back the two crews from METHWOLD.	
	28/11		Cloudy during early hours dispersing around 10.00 hours to mainly half cover then little or none about midday. Ground frost. Wind SW-W 5 - 10. Two crews proceeded to SWINDERBY by road and flew back to Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft.	
	29/11		Fine at first becoming cloudy after 04.0 hours, base lifting to 4000 ft. after dusk. Slight ground frost. Wind WSW 10. No flying.	
	30/11		10/10ths. cloud base 3-4000 ft. throughout day. Wind S-SW 8 becoming S 10. No flying.	

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1/11	1852611	F/S BULL, R.J.	F/ENG	Posted to No. 279 (A.S.R.) Squadron
	1866616	F/S ALLEN, C.R.	F/ENG	" " " " "
9/11	1852740	F/S DAWES, K.E.	F/ENG	Posted from No. 53 Base (Ceasing N/E Sick)
12/11	165386	F/O WILLIAMS, L.F.	NAV	Posted to T.C.H.S. MORECAMBE (P.P. Overseas)
23/11	165365	F/O MCLEAN, A.R.	A/B	Posted from No. 166 Squadron
	165413	F/O RUFF, J.F.	A/B	" " " "
	165438	F/O WATERHOUSE, R.	A/B	Posted to No. 617 Squadron
26/11	44734	S/L (A/W/C) OSBORN, F.M.	PILOT	Posted from No. 83 Squadron (C.O. Unit.)
	37298	W/C DUPONT, R.L.	PILOT	Posted to R.A.F. Station, WADDINGTON. (Pend. Rel.)

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WADDINGTON			PROMOTIONS			
	6/11		2205504 SGT. MAXWELL, A.	F/ENG	Promoted to the rank of T/F/S	
	10/11		1581318 F/S MEADS, R.	W/OP	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	12/11		1567036 F/S ANDERSON, D.A.	P/F/E	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	14/11		1624643 F/S TAYLOR, J.G.	NAV	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	20/11		2221736 SGT MC.QUILLAN, S.F.	F/ENG	Promoted to the rank of T/F/S	
	23/11		1802474 F/S ROWLANDS, J.G.	P/F/E	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O (Posted 7 P.R.C.)	
			ACTING RANKS			
	26/11		44734 S/L OSBORN, F.M.	PILOT	Retained the Acting Rank of Wing Commander (On posting from No. 83 Squadron)	
					F Osborn W/C	
					WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING	
					NO. 9 SQUADRON, R.A.F.	

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WADDINGTON	1/12		Overcast all day with slight drizzle about 21.00 hours. Cloud 7-10/10ths. 600/900 ft. all day, breaking slightly in afternoon and reforming at dusk. Visibility 1200 - 1800 yards. Stand down.	
	2/12		Slight rain commencing 08.00 hours. Cloud clearing quickly becoming fine at 14.00 hours. Visibility 2000/3000 yards improving to 2/3 miles deteriorating at dusk. Cloud dispersing after dusk. Today, spare crew flew visiting A.T.C. Cadets on a short Cross Country flight.	
	3/12		Fine rain early in the morning becoming fair later in the day. Visibility poor at first improving towards midday. No flying today.	
	4/12		Fair at first becoming cloudy by midday, rain commencing 14.00 hours becoming continuous until end of period. Cloud nil at first developing 6 - 8/10 ths. 5000 ft. by midday becoming 9/10ths. S.C. at 1500 ft. by 15.00 hours lowering to 10/10ths Stratus 400 - 500 ft. at dusk. Visibility moderate to poor at first, fog developing 16.00 hours with slight improvement towards midnight. No flying today.	
	5/12		Fair to cloudy at first becoming fine. Cloud, low Stratus lifting early; variable amounts 1500 - 4000 ft. during day dispersing to nil. Cold. Visibility perr at first becoming moderate. No flying today.	
	6/12		Fine and cold. Little or no cloud, generally small amounts medium and high. Visibility moderate becoming poor in evening. Three fuel consumption tests were carried out by spare crews standing by.	
	7/12		Fog at first becoming cloudy. 7-10/10ths medium and high cloud. Visibility less than 1000 yards at first, improving slightly at dawn and remaining between 1-2000 yards rest of day. No flying today.	
	8/12		Cloudy. Slight mist early visibility becoming moderate by 05.00 hours. Good visibility	

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WARRINGTON	8/12	CONTD.	throughout day with slight mist again from 17.00 hours. 10/10ths. cloud at 5000 ft. lowering to 10/10ths. 3500 ft. by 14.00 hours.	
			No flying today.	
	9/12		Cloudy with temperature below freezing most of the day. Low cloud dispersing after midday leaving upper cloud only; returning after dark and lowering to 1000 ft. Visibility 3 - 6 miles becoming 2000 - 2500 yards after dark.	
			Squadron returned from Embarkation leave today.	
	10/12		Fog with continuous slight drizzle, latter ceasing about dawn. Fog dispersing by midday remaining cloudy. Becoming fine during evening and fog reforming by 22.00 hours. Cold. Visibility poor. Cloud lifting and breaking to small amounts SC at 3000 ft. by midday and dispersing to nil during evening.	
			No flying today.	
	11/12		Fog, clearing at dawn becoming fair later. Cloud nil at first becoming variable SC 4000 - 6000 ft. Generally 5 - 7/10ths. Little Upper cloud. Visibility less than 1000 yards improving during morning to 2000 yards and remaining there.	
			No flying today.	
	12/12		Cloudy. Foggy midmorning. Visibility 2 - 3 miles deteriorating sharply to 200 - 300 yards around 09.00 hours then slowly improving to 2000 - 2500 yards.	
			No flying today.	
	13/12		Cloudy with slight mist. Shower 16.00 hours. Cloud variable amounts 5-9/10ths at 1000 - 3000 ft. Below 1000 ft. in showers. Small amounts medium and high cloud. Visibility 2½ - 6 miles.	
			No flying today.	
	14/12		Fair with morning frost, becoming cloudy after dusk with occasional slight rain. Mainly small amounts of high cloud until 18.00 hours then 7-10/10ths at 2000 ft. Visibility 3000 yards most of day falling to less than 1000 yards after dusk.	
			Twelve of the Squadron's new Lancaster F.E. VII aircraft were flown on fuel consumption tests, today.	

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WARDINGTON	15/12		Cloudy with slight intermittent rain. Cloud 8-10/10ths, base 3000 - 4000 ft. gradually lowering to 1000 to 1500 ft. and then to 600 to 800 ft. after dark. Visibility less than 1000 yards at first, improving to 2 - 3 miles by end of period. No flying today. Squadron stood down for week end.	
	16/12		Cloudy, 7 - 10/10ths base 1000 - 2000 ft. at first becoming 8 - 10/10ths at 2000 - 3000 ft. during afternoon and after dark base lifting to 4000 - 6000 ft. Visibility 3 - 6 miles until 18.00 hours decreasing to 2 - 3 miles till dusk then improving to 3 - 6 miles. The flying programme for today consisted of five Air Tests, two aircraft ferried from R.A.F. SWINDERBY to base and fifteen aircraft on night flying, eight of which did circuits and bumps and the remaining seven V.H.F. Homings.	
	17/12		Cloudy with occasional slight rain during afternoon becoming fine after dark. Gale warning in force. (Wind 25 - 30 m.p.h.) Cloud 4 - 7/10ths. variable SC; base mainly 3000 - 4000 ft. lowering in rain to 1500 - 2000 ft. Dispersing to nil after dark. Visibility 8 - 10 miles all day. All Squadron personnel travelled by road to North Weald to collect tropical equipment and returned in the evening.	
	18/12		Fine at first becoming fair. Cloud nil at first. SC forming 1500 ft. at dawn increasing 4 - 7/10ths. becoming 7/10ths at 2000 ft. after dark. Visibility 7 - 10 miles all day. The flying for today consisted of three aircraft being Air Tested.	
	19/12		Cloudy with intermittent slight rain at 04.00 hours, cloud dispersing by 15.00 hours weather becoming fine. Low cloud at first 800 - 1000 ft. later becoming nil. Visibility good becoming slight mist. Three aircraft carried out a fuel consumption test, eight aircraft were Air Tested and five aircraft "George" tested. Three aircraft completed the day's programme with night flying Radar checks.	
	20/12		Cloudy. 7 - 10/10ths medium cloud. Visibility less than 1000 yards at first becoming 2 - 3 miles later. Three aircraft "George" tested today. Squadron clearing and checking equipment ready for move.	116

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WADDINGTON	21/12		Fair to fine. No cloud apart from small amounts around dawn and dusk. Visibility 3000 - 4000 yards and after dark to less than 1000 yards. Two aircraft were "George" tested today. No other flying.	
	22/12		Fair at first becoming cloudy. Slight rain commencing 18.00 hours. No low cloud until 06.00 hours when becoming 7 - 10/10ths at 1000 ft. and remaining for rest of the day. Visibility 2 - 3 miles deteriorating to 1500 - 2000 yards. No flying. Squadron preparing for move to overseas base.	
	23/12		Fine becoming afir with scattered showers at dawn. Cloud dispersing again at dusk. Cold. Small amounts of cloud, increasing at dawn to 7 - 8/10ths SC 2000 - 3500 becoming small amounts during afternoon and dispersing to nil after dusk. All Squadron personnel stood down this afternoon for Xmas leave.	
	24/12		Mainly cloudy. Slight intermittent rain during afternoon. Cloud 7 - 10/10ths. Height variable, mainly 2500 - 3000 ft. but 1500 - 1800 ft. in rain. Visibility 1500 - 3000 yards in early morning improving to 7 - 10 miles by 09.00 hours and remaining good. No flying.	
	25/12		Cloudy with slight drizzle during morning continueing into afternoon and early evening. Fog developing towards midnight. Cloud 4 - 6/10ths at 3000 - 4000 ft. lowering in drizzle to 1000 - 1500 ft. Visibility 3 - 5 miles deteriorating after midday to 3000 yards and later 2000 becoming 800 yards towards 24.00 hours. No flying.	
	26/12		Fine at first with fog becoming 10/10ths stratus at 1000 ft. and mist by 05.00 hours, stratus dispersing agin by 07.00 hours. Gloudy with slight mist 10/10ths. stratus at 5000 ft. forming 18.00 hours. Rain commenced 20.00 hours and continued to end of period. No flying. Squadron on leave.	
	27/12		Misty, variable cloud. Half cover 2500 ft. in early afternoon, otherwise little cloud. Visibility 3 - 5 miles deteriorating to 1200 - 1500 yards. No flying. Squadron stood down.	

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WADDINGTON	28/12		Mist at first with fog developing at 04.00 hours and slight rain commencing 07.00 hours. Cloud 10/10ths stratus at 500 ft. Rain ceasing 11.00 hours, cloud lifting and breaking becoming fine by 16.00 hours with slight mist. All personnel returned from Xmas leave this morning and final preparations for the move were made.	
	29/12		Foggy at first becoming cloudy and improving to fine after dusk. Visibility less than 1000 yards at first improving to 1500 yards by noon and gradually during afternoon to 3 - 4 miles. Personnel employed today on loading aircraft and making final checks. No flying.	
	30/12		Fine to fair at first, fair during afternoon becoming fair after dark. Cloud nil at first small amounts SC 3000 - 4000 ft. during afternoon, dispersing at dusk. Visibility 3 - 6 miles at first, deteriorating after dawn to 2000 yards, then after dark decreasing to less than 100 yards by end of period. First air crews detailed to take off for S.E.A.C. were briefed by a Transport Command Officer at 14.00 hours today.	
	31/12		Cloudy; showery. Cloud 6 - 10/10ths base 400 - 1500 ft. Visibility 4 - 6 miles until 08.00 hours then sharp deterioration to 1000 - 4000 yards. Six aircraft detailed to take-off on the first leg to the Squadron's new base was cancelled this morning owing to weather conditions at base. Squadron standing by.	
			MOVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER	
	22/12		164907 F/O J. HARLOW A/B Posted from No. 617 Squadron.	
			PROMOTIONS	
	10/12		1602236 F/S HILL, J.T. A/B Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	17/12		1893774 F/S CLARKE, H.P. W/OP Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	19/12		1603966 F/S MILES, P.R.G. NAV Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	21/12		1825844 F/S WOOD, J.A. A/G Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	22/12		1590085 F/S SCOTT, W. W/OP Promoted to the rnak of T/W/O	

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			PROMOTIONS - CONTD.				
WADDINGTON	23/12		1394389	F/S CUBITT, K.G.	A/B	Promotedmto the rank of T/W/O	
	25/12		2206743	F/S LEAR, A.	W/OP	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	
	29/12		1649548	F/S BONESS, L.F.	F/ENG	Promoted to the rank of T/W/O	

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