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April 3, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " NORDHAUSEN " 12 A/C Detailed (Day)	A-44
	'K' ME 315	Pilot C.983 G/C Newson W. DFC & BAR. Nav J.28702 F/O Cope J.L. A/B 127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC WOP A.405405 F/L Giblin D.W.T. DFC A/G R.202642 W/O Hirie A.L. A/G A.411091 S/L McLeod L.L. DFC F/E 1867791 F/S Catlin R.H. V/A/B J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K., DFC Bombload:- 1 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 1 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Red (L.B.), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (L.B.), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.		1340	1918	" K " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 11,000 feet. Bombed on D.R. at 1618 hours from 11,300 feet. Arrived at target at 1613.5 hours, orbitted. M.B. said at 1604 hours, "Basement 8,500 feet", cancelled at 1608 hours. Gave Basement Flight Plan. Bombed on best Nav. Aids. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'J' ME 304	J.16361 F/L Woods V.T. DFC Pilot 183754 F/O New E.J. Nav 168971 F/O Backer R. A/B 1559969 F/S Donaldson J.R. WOP J.88138 F/O Beckley B.J. A/G R.270086 F/S Willis J.E.A. A/G 170881 F/O Jewsey W.F. DFC F/E 162817 F/O Littleton R. DFC V/A/B Bombload:- [illegible] 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 250 T.I. Green (LB), 1 x 4,000 HC N/I Minol, 5 x 1,000 ARM. 59 TD .025.		1343	1920	" J " VISUAL CENTRER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 10,000 feet. Bombed on H2S at 1622.5 hours from 11,000 feet. Over target at 1616 hours and nothing visible so orbitted. M.B. heard clearly. Gave Basement 8,500 feet, so went down at 1608 hours. Cancelled at 1612 hours. Gave Basement Flight Plan, so had to climb up to 11,000 feet. Bombed on best Nav. aids. Bombing was very scattered, judging from position of aircraft. All T.I.s brought back. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'H' PB 513	J.27719 F/L Kyte M.S. Pilot C.3681 F/L Irvin W.C. Nav. J.29669 F/L Fallon F.C. A/B J.87445 F/O Welch J.A. WOP J.87810 F/O Hubley B.F. A/G J.87870 F/O Campbell W. R. A/G 1891456 SGT King W.H. F/E Bombload:- 5 x 2,000 HC. N/I, 2 x 250 Blue Smoke Puffs.		1349	1906	" H " BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's strat a cumulus cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet with good visibility. Blue Smoke Puffs dropped at 1615.6 hours from 15,200 feet and bombs at 1620.8 hours from 12,500 feet, by H2S. Ran up on target at 1615.5 hours and no marking visible. Bombed on good Nav. aids. Markers were bursting below the cloud. Bombs seen dropping and appeared to be well concentrated but short according to our run. Aircraft landed base.	
	'C' SW 225	J.25776 F/L Dix W.F. Pilot J.21185 F/L Mertz A.H. Nav. J.20891 F/L Fraser W.M. A/B R.193731 F/S Smith G.B. WOP R.214700 W/O Marcean L.W. A/G R.210040 W/O Pyne D.K. A/G 1668352 F/S Gregory F.W.S. F/E J.28923 F/O Jackson K.K. V/A/B Bombload:- (Same as 'J').		1342	1909	" C " VISUAL CENTRER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 11,000 feet. Bombed on 'Y' at 1616.8 hours from 12,000 feet. Heard M.B. called down Blue Smoke Puffs. These were obscured by cloud so banked blindly on 'Y' run. No results seen. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft landed base.	

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	'K' ME 315	Pilot G.983 G/C Newson W. DFC & BAR.		1340	1918	"K" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 11,000 feet. Bombed on D.R. at 1618 hours from 11,300 feet. Arrived at target at 1613.5 hours, orbitted. M.B. said at 1604 hours, "Basement 8,500 feet", cancelled at 1608 hours. Gave Basement Flight Plan. Bombed on best Nav. Aids. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		Nav J.28702 F/O Cope J.L.					
		A/B 127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC					
		WOP A.403405 F/L Giblin D.W.T. DFC					
		A/G R.202842 W/O Hirie A.L.					
		A/G A.411091 S/L Mallocd L.L. DFC					
		F/E 1867791 F/S Cahlin E.H.					
		V/A/B J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC					
		Bombload:- 1 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord),					
		1 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Ord),					
		2 x 1,000 T.I. Red (I.B.),					
		2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (I.B.),					
		4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'J' ME 304	J.28361 F/L Woods V.T. DFC	Pilot	1343	1920	"J" VISUAL CENTRE:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 10,000 feet. Bombed on H2S at 1622.5 hours from 11,000 feet. Over target at 1616 hours and nothing visible so orbitted. M.B. heard clearly. Gave Basement 8,500 feet, so went down at 1608 hours. Cancelled at 1612 hours. Gave Basement Flight Plan, so had to climb up to 11,000 feet. Bombed on best Nav. aids. Bombing was very scattered, judging from position of aircraft. All T.I.s brought back. Aircraft returned to base.	
		185754 P/O New R.J.	Nav				
		168971 F/O Packer R.	A/B				
		1559969 F/S Donaldson J.R.	WOP				
		J.28138 F/O Beckley B.J.	A/G				
		R.270286 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		170881 F/O Jowsey W.F. DFC	F/E				
		162817 F/O Littleton R. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- ~~[illegible]~~					
		4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord),					
		2 x 250 T.I. Green (I.B.),					
		1 x 4,000 HC M/I Mimol,					
		5 x 1,000 AMM. 59 TD .025.					
	'H' PB 513	J.27719 F/L Kyte M.S.	Pilot	1349	1906	"H" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's strat a cumulus cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet with good visibility. Blue Smoke Puffs dropped at 1615.6 hours from 15,200 feet and bombs at 1620.8 hours from 12,500 feet, by H2S. Ran up on target at 1615.5 hours and no marking visible. Bombed on good Nav. aids. Markers were bursting below the cloud. Bombs seen dropping and appeared to be well concentrated but short according to our run. Aircraft landed base.	
		C.3681 F/L Irvin W.C.	Nav.				
		J.29669 F/L Fallon F.C.	A/B				
		J.87445 F/O Welch J.A.	WOP				
		J.87810 F/O Ashley R.F.	A/G				
		J.87870 F/O Campbell W. R.	A/G				
		1891456 SGT King W.E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 5 x 2,000 HC. M/I,					
		2 x 250 Blue Smoke Puffs.					
	'O' SW 225	J.25776 F/L Dix W.F.	Pilot	1342	1909	"S" VISUAL CENTRE:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 11,000 feet. Bombed on 'T' at 1616.8 hours from 12,000 feet. Heard M.B. called down Blue Smoke Puffs. These were obscured by cloud so banked blindly on 'T' run. No results seen. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.21185 F/L Marts A.H.	Nav.				
		J.20891 F/L Fraser W.M.	A/B				
		R.193751 F/S Smith G.B.	WOP				
		R.214700 W/O Marceau L.W.	A/G				
		R.210040 W/O Pyne D.K.	A/G				
		1568352 F/S Gregory F.W.S.	F/E				
		J.28923 F/O Jackson K.K.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'J').					

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April 3, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " NORDHAUSEN " (Continued)	A-44
	'D' PB 233	J.85239 F/L Larson L.E.	Pilot	1348	1916	" D " BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 9,000 feet. Bombed at 1617.2 hours from 10,000 feet by D.R. run from Gee fix. Nothing seen at all. Master Bomber instructed bombing on Blue Smoke Puffs if they could be seen, otherwise on best Nav. aids. No results seen. Blue Smoke Puffs brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		144997 F/O Davies K.J.	Nav.				
		J.89486 F/O Bolen J.E.	A/B				
		J.89752 F/O Van Metre R.B.	WOP				
		1550317 W/O Robb A.	A/G				
		1815518 F/S Whitworth J.P.	A/G				
		1894729 SGT Potter M.A.					
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'A' NE 140	J.35683 F/O McGee F.G.	Pilot	1341	1929	" A " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 9 to 10,000 feet. Bombed at 1627 hours from 11,000 feet by G.P.I. run. Master Bomber gave "Bomb on best Nav. aids". No results seen. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.39322 F/O McGee R.S.	Nav.				
		R.209377 F/S Dawe W.C.	A/B				
		R.219062 F/S MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.209554 F/S Fewster R.F.	A/G				
		R.213622 F/S Cays H.L.	A/G				
		R.187841 SGT Eadon G.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 4 x 2,000 HC. N/L.					
	'M' PB 681	J.23035 F/L Burden P.E.	Pilot	1347	1912	" M " BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 10 to 11,000 feet. Bombed on 'Y' at 1619:3 hours from 15,000 feet. Basement 8,500 feet and later cancelled, giving Fling Plan. Bombed on Nav. aids. Broadcasts were clear. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40022 F/O McIntosh E.R.	Nav.				
		J.37811 F/O Bumstead W.R.	A/B				
		J.35899 F/O Laslett G.R.	WOP				
		J.39043 F/O Bowser G.F.C.	A/G				
		J.93205 F/O Tomlinson N.E.	A/G				
		3031104 SGT Warr R.K.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'Y' PB 282	J.10101 F/L MacGregor H.C.	Pilot	1337	1919	" Y " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's cloud. Bombed on aircraft ahead at 1622.5 hours from 11,000 feet. Nothing seen at all. Master Bomber instructed "Bomb on best Nav. aids". Gee was jammed and H2S u/s, so bombed on aircraft ahead. No results seen. Fairly heavy icing and lost airspeed frequently. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40542 F/O Miller G.G.	Nav.				
		R.186457 W/O Slimon R.D.	A/B				
		J.92050 F/O Lee H.A.	WOP				
		R.270107 F/S Moriarty E.T.	A/G				
		R.270139 F/S Nicholl J.S.	A/G				
		1826142 SGT Marshall J.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					
	'P' PB 585	C.35288 F/L Brodie R.J. DFC	Pilot	1335	1911	" P " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 9 to 10,000 feet. Bombed at 1619 hours from 11,000 feet, on aircraft ahead as Gee was not satisfactory. Master Bomber instructed bombing on best Nav. aids. Nothing seen. H2S u/s. Port outer alternator u/s. Heavy accumulation of snow which choked pilot lead. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40021 F/O Alderson R.	Nav				
		J.38417 F/O Swan J.C.	A/B				
		R.159065 W/O Proskunik W.	WOP				
		R.262822 F/S Dayell J.	A/G				
		R.262844 F/S Christie T.W. DFM	A/G				
		1695860 F/S Scott A.G.M.	F/E.				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					

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April 3, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " NORDHAUSEN " (Continued)	A-44
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1334	1915	" W " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 10,000 feet. Bombed at 1623 hours from 11,000 feet on 'Y' run. Master Bomber gave Basement 8,500 feet and immediately afterwards called aircraft back up again. Master Bomber instructed bombing on best Nav. aids. No results seen. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A.	Nav.				
		J.93114 F/O Kirkham J.W.	A/B				
		R.148690 F/S Porter R.W.	WOP				
		R.254213 W/O Farnden R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stavenjord H.	A/G				
		1250580 SGT Game G.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					
	'T' PB 627	J.21149 F/L Mennie W.	Pilot	1339	1913	" T " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 10,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed on H2S at 1621 hours from 11,000 feet. No markers seen. Master Bomber heard clearly. Basement 8,500 feet, so we started down and Master Bomber then cancelled this and gave Basement Flight Plan, at 1610 hours. Bombed on Nav. aids. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40502 F/O Gurevich S.	Nav				
		J.38414 F/O Sherritt S.	A/B				
		R.208032 F/S Whitworth T.L.	WOP				
		R.75477 F/S Cowell J.W.	A/G				
		R.92001 F/S Jones F.M.	A/G				
		1891924 SGT Haigh D.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					
	'O' PB 555	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W.	Pilot	1336	1931	" O " SUPPORTER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 10,000 feet. Bombed by H2S at 1620 hours from 11,000 feet. Arrived over target at 1613 hours. Master Bomber heard clearly. Basement 8,500 feet at 1605 hours and cancelled at 1608 hours. Gave Basement Flight Plan at 1613 hours. Bombed on best Nav. aids. Made four orbits and bombed on fifth run. Difficult to get good H2S returns. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.40433 F/O Ferguson H.	Nav.				
		J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S.	A/B				
		R.121251 W/O Redinger J.A.	WOP				
		R.259851 F/S Kuhl A.G.	A/G				
		R.275911 F/S Moyes R.	A/G				
		142450 F/O Horsman W.H.	V/A/B				
		C.19059 F/O Skebo T.H. DFM	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					
April 4/5, 1945.						Bombing Attack On " MERSEBURG " 16 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-45
	'T' PB 627	J.6389 W/C McQuoid D.J. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1918	0217	" T " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 8,000 feet. Bombed at 2241 hours from 15,500 feet by GPI run. Master Bomber gave "Basement Flight Plan, drop sky-markers, retain all other markers and illuminating flares." Two flares Red/Green stars were seen during bombing run, very close together. Slight ground detail observed in light of photo flashes, but not sufficient for locating Aiming Point. No results seen. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37731 S/L Roberts J.F.	Nav.				
		J.28504 F/O Gray G.H.	A/B				
		171477 F/L Langley D.J. DFM	WOP				
		J.86844 F/O Burton R.J. DFM	A/G				
		J.17926 F/O Kelly J.F.	A/G				
		C.93117 F/O Bishop A.W.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC	V/B/A				
		Bombload:- 1 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 1 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Red (LB), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (LB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					

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April 4/5, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "MERSEBURG" (Continued)	A-45
	'G' SW 225	J.27527 F/O Begg C.H.K.	Pilot	1922	0227	"G" VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 8 to 9/10th's cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 2256 hours from 15,000 feet on two T.I.s, one Red and one Green, on ground. Nothing down on arrival at target at 22h.5 hours. One sky-marker fell behind at 22h.5 hours. Master Bomber ordered illuminators not to drop and asked for Sky-Markers. Orbitted and all sky-markers had burned out. Two T.Is seen on ground and bombed these. Built-up area near after bombing and T.I.s seemed to be slightly to East of target. Three buildings seen burning on target but no oil fires. At 2259 hours, big explosion under cloud, Red/Yellow, like gas. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38787 F/O McDavid D.S.	Nav.				
		J.38255 F/O Sergeant M.W.	A/B				
		R.122792 W/O Brown G.P.	WOP				
		R.201103 F/S Angus A.F.	A/G				
		R.189508 F/S Schindell W.H.	A/G				
		1892845 Sgt Jackson R.A.	F/E				
		J.86011 F/O Mooney H.G.	F/E/A				
		Reloaded:- 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Zb), 5 x 1,000 AMM. 59 TD .025.					
	'V' PB 653	J.10122 S/L Vans C.C.J.	Pilot	1919	0203	"V" VISUAL CONTROL:- 10/10th's thin stratus cloud, at 8,000 feet. Bombed on 'F' at 22h.30 hours from 18,000 feet. At 2250 hours, Master Bomber gave "Amended Flight Plan". Later heard calling down sky-markers. Nothing seen during bombing run but at 22h4 hours, the first Red/Green sky-marker flares were seen. No assessment possible at this stage of attack. All T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.20708 F/L Spenoler R.A.	Nav.				
		J.28857 F/L Gluchey H.E.	A/B				
		17098 F/O Bevan B.	WOP				
		R.169972 F/S O'Shea W.L.	A/G				
		R.220282 W/O Robinson G.M.	A/G				
		1892963 F/S Church J.	F/E				
		61866 S/L Boast R.S.	F/A/B				
		Reloaded:- (Same as 'G').					
	'H' MH 445	J.10992 F/L Dalley T.D.	Pilot	1925	0221	"H" VISUAL CONTROL:- 8 to 10/10th's cloud, stratus, at 10,000 feet. Bombed at 2246.8 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of two flares Red/Green Stars, very close together. Master Bomber instructed "Mark sky-markers, re-mail illuminators". Two flares Red/Green Stars were seen during bombing run, these being very close together. A number of bomb flashes seen, rather scattered. At 22h9 hours, two large explosions seen in target area, no fires. Some dummy Red and Green markers seen 10 to 15 miles E/W of target and two bomb flashes on them. All T.I.s brought back. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.19400 F/O Campbell H.E.	NAV.				
		J.38669 F/O Ayres C.K.	A/B				
		J.43082 F/O Fancher A.E.	WOP				
		1896220 Sgt Riley G.W.D.	A/G				
		R.220336 F/S Thompson G.V.	A/G				
		852025 Sgt Walker G.W.J.	F/E				
		J.48772 F/O Miller R.B.	F/A/B				
		Reloaded:- (Same as 'G').					
	'K' SW 260	J.29080 F/L Cormier P.J.	Pilot	1924	0208	"K" RIPED SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's stratus cloud from 10 to 15,000 feet. Bombed on 'F' at 22h.4 hours from 18,000 feet. Master Bomber instructed "Hold illuminating flares, drop all sky-markers". Two flares Red/Green Stars were already down during bombing run. Ours fell a short distance to STARBOARD. A number of bomb flashes seen and glow of small fire. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36855 F/L Stear R.E.	NAV.				
		R.156813 W/O Allan W.H.	A/B				
		J.88280 F/O Brearley J.H.	WOP				
		R.136834 W/O Gay J.G.	A/G				
		R.178672 W/O Stroich H.W.	A/G				
		1892840 Sgt Banks S.E.	F/E				
		Reloaded:- 6 x 1,000 AMM .59 TD .025, 1 x No. 1 CC Red/Green Stars Comp. A, 1 x 1,000 AMM. 65 TD .025.					

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April 4/5, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "MERSEBURG" (CONTINUED)	A-45
	'H' PB 513	J.27739 F/L Kyte M.S.	Pilot	1921	0153	"H" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 8 to 9/10th's cloud at 12,000 feet. Bombed at 2245.7 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S with a good image. No T.I.s seen on run up. Cloud seen to be fairly thick, patchy and 8 to 9/10th's, and dropped Sky-Markers. One Sky-Marker down before, and own dropped almost on top of this, slightly to starboard. Sky-Marker seen at 2245.2 hours. Master Bomber ordered bomb Red T.I. if seen and if not, on Sky-Markers. No T.I.s seen through clouds. No results seen but bombing concentrated. Aircraft returned to base.	
		C.3681 F/L Irvin W.C.	NAV				
		J.29669 F/L Fallon F.C.	A/B				
		J.87445 F/O Welch J.A.	WOP				
		J.87820 F/O Hobley B.F.	A/G				
		J.87870 F/O Campbell W.R.	A/G				
		1891456 SGT King W.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 7 x 1,000 AMC .59 TD .025, 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars, Cap. 44.					
	'X' PB 267	J.89628 F/O Maxwell R.B. DSO	Pilot	1939	0216	"X" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 8/10th's cloud, tops 8 to 10,000 feet. Bombed at 2251 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S with a good image. One Sky-Marker fell as over target, orbitted and ran on second Sky-Marker. Ran up on this as ordered by Master Bomber and bombed. One Red T.I. seen at 22h2 hours approximately, on ground, and appeared to be to starboard of Sky-Marker. Bombing appeared concentrated at this one Sky-Marker. All contrails emerging to this one Sky-Marker. Only average Sky-Marker attack. Red T.I.s brought back owing to flying as spare visual aircraft and not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.89886 F/O Laddiman M.B.	NAV				
		J.89617 F/O Cathcart H.K.	A/B				
		J.89709 F/O Beasley J.C.	WOP				
		J.95579 F/O Allan D.	A/G				
		J.89636 F/O Chisholm E.D.	A/G				
		58851 F/L Hope V.G. DFC	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'G').					
	'D' PB 253	J.88259 F/L Larson L.E.	Pilot	1925	0252	"H" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's cloud at 8,000 feet. Bombed on 'Y' at 2251 hours from 18,000 feet. Master Bomber called down all skymarkers and five were already down during bombing run forming a line East to West. Ours fell slightly to starboard. A number of bomb flashes were seen but no results. Auto-Pilot u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		144997 F/O Davies K.J.	NAV				
		J.89485 F/O Bolen J.E.	A/B				
		J.89752 F/O Van Metre R.B.	WOP				
		1550317 W/O Robb A.	A/G				
		1815618 F/S Whitworth J.P.	A/G				
		1884729 SGT Potter M.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'B' MK 379	G.988 S/L Bowen M. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1920	0230	"H" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's cloud at 6,000 feet. Bombed by H2S at 2251 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran up on H2S and dropped bombs only. G.P.I. and H2S did not check so retained Sky-Markers. No other sky-marking at bombing. Red Sky-Marking seen at 22h5 hours. Three Sky-Markers seen altogether in good group. No results of bombing seen except very scattered bomb flashes. Too early to assess raid but appeared poor. T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.28702 F/O Cope J.L.	NAV				
		127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A1805405 F/L Gilbin D.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Rice A.L.	A/G				
		A.121091 F/L McLeod L.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867791 F/S Gatlin R.H.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'P' PB 585	J.35285 F/O Forbes M.R.	Pilot	1910	0237	"P" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 8 to 10/10th's cloud, tops 8 to 10,000 feet. Bombed by H2S at 2255 hours from 18,000 feet. H2S not good at target. Nothing down and overshot. Returned and bombed on poor H2S image. Two sky-markers seen on run up. At 2256 hours and 2256.5, two orange explosions occurred. Through cloud break, on leaving, saw smoke stacks with Red T.I.s near. 10 x No. 3 C.P. White brought back, not required. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.36490 F/O Davis J.M.	NAV				
		J.35587 F/O Griffin P.M.	A/B				
		R.198885 F/S Jones A.L.	WOP				
		R.201877 F/S Byers A.C.	A/G				
		R.270085 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		3020510 SGT O'Hanlon G.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 AMC .65 TD .025, 10 x No. 3 CP White 'P'.					

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April 4/5, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " MERSEBURG " (Continued)	A-45
	'G' ND 709	J.7344 F/L Barnby R.E.	Pilot	1912	0222	" G " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's cloud, tops 8 to 9,000 feet. Bombed on Sky Marker Red/Green Stars at 2246.3 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran in H2S, orbitted to port. Master Bomber said illuminators not required. Ordered to bomb Sky Markers. One Sky Marker down. Bombed this. No results seen. 10 x No. 3 C.P. brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40543 F/O Miller J.B.	NAV				
		J.27128 F/O McClean C.W.	A/B				
		R.201763 F/S Betts M.F.	WOP				
		R.269524 F/S McCombe J.R.	A/G				
		R.155843 F/S Young S.	A/G				
		1826449 SGT Peters G.M.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1911	0157	" W " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's thin cloud at 15,000 feet. Bombed by H2S at 2240 hours from 18,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud, thin. Bombed on H2S. One lot of T.I.s could be seen on leaving through break in cloud. Two lots of Sky Markers seen at target. No results seen except glow of fires on leaving. Master Bomber ordered "Bomb Red T.I.s if seen", "otherwise Sky Markers". 10 x No. 3 C.P. brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A.	NAV				
		J.93114 F/O Kirkham J.W.	A/B				
		R.148690 F/S Porter M.W.	WOP				
		R.254213 F/O Farndon R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stavenjord H.	A/G				
		1250580 SGT Game G.M.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					
	'A' NE 140	J.28735 F/O Lindsay J.B.	Pilot	1913	0234	" A " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's cloud at 8,000 feet. Bombed at 2241 hours from 18,000 feet on glow of illuminating flares and H2S check on 30 second circle. Ran up on D.R., and target picked up late on H2S and centre of illuminating flares in bomb-sight. Dropped bombs. Master Bomber ordered drop Sky Markers but only seen after bombing. At 2242 hours three Sky Markers seen at approximately 2 or 3 minutes apart, at same place. Own bombs seen as ring around bomb bursts below cloud. No T.I.s seen. Explosion seen at 2246 hours, approximately, lasting six seconds. 10 x No. 3 C.P. White brought back. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38771 F/O McLean W.G.	NAV				
		J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A.	A/B				
		J.93015 F/O Smith W.G.	WOP				
		J.93024 F/O Cameron J.R.	A/G				
		J.93070 F/O Patterson R.J.	A/G				
		188675 F/O Horner E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					
	'O' PB 555	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G.	Pilot	1915	0224	" O " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 9 to 10/10th's cloud at 7,000 feet. Bombed at 2250.5 hours from 18,000 feet on one Red T.I. on ground through small break in cloud. Master Bomber instructed "Bomb Red T.I.s if you can see them, otherwise on sky-markers". Nothing seen at first. Orbitted twice and on third run saw one Red T.I. on ground through break in cloud. A large number of bomb flashes seen, rather scattered. No results observed. 10 x No. 3 C.P. White brought back, not required. Rear turret u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.93859 F/O Smith G.A.	NAV				
		J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M.	A/B				
		R.151199 W/O Charron J.A.	WOP				
		R.211664 F/S Abram J.F.	A/G				
		R.225230 F/S Harrington W.O.	A/G				
		R.192699 SGT McMurdo R.	F/E				
		R.168249 W/O Pickavance J.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					

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April 4/5, 1945.	Lancaster III 'J' ME 304	J.28134 F/L Hartley J.R.	Pilot	1916	0240	Bombing Attack On " MERSEBURG " (Continued)	A-45
		1622895 SGT Bann J.	NAV			" J " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's thin stratus cloud from 8 to 10,000 feet. Bombed at 2301 hours from 16,500 feet on centre of glow of fires in cloud. H2S u/s [illegible] and overshot target on first run. Orbitted to port but could not see anything so continued orbitting and at 2247 hours, saw Red/Green Skymarkers in distance. Headed towards them but they went out before target was reached. Some fires were seen below cloud and these were used for bombing. 10 x No. 3 C.P. brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		1795388 MGT Igoe G.D.	A/B				
		J.89390 P/O Morris H.T.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Koroll P.	A/G				
		R.188286 W/O Williams A.J.	A/G				
		1601959 F/S Newman E.	F/E				
		162817 F/O Littleton R. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					
	'M' PB 681	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W.	Pilot	1914	0214	" M " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 9/10th's cloud, tops 7,500 feet. Bombed at 2244.1 hours from 18,000 feet on one sky-marker Red/Green Stars. Arrived at 2240.5 hours and did orbit, with hold flares on Master Bomber's orders. Two sky markers down, ran up on this and bombed and one Red T.I. seen to fall, and two Red T.I.s seen from above, on ground, through two breaks. Cloud thin in patches but visibility not sufficient to run on Red T.I.s. No results seen. Sky Marking appeared to overshoot Red T.I.s by ¼ mile. 10 x No. 5 C.P. brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40433 F/O Ferguson H.	NAV				
		J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S.	A/B				
		R.[illegible] F/O Redinger J.A.	WOP				
		R.259831 F/S Kuhl A.G.	A/G				
		R.275911 F/S Moyes R.	A/G				
		C.19[illegible] F/O Skabo T.H. DFM	F/E				
		142450 F/O Horsman W.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					
April 8/9, 1945.	'K' ME 315	C.1639 S/L Mussells C.H.	Pilot	1941	0027	Bombing Attack On " HAMBURG " 10 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-46
		188495 P/O Tempest E.L.	NAV			" K " VISUAL CENTRER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 2,000 feet with visibility 3 to 6 miles. Bombed at 2228.7 hours from 15,700 feet on glow of Red T.I.s under cloud. First Red T.I.s at 2224 hours followed by two loads at close intervals. These groups were close together (800 yards diameter). Red Sky Marking/Green Stars seen cascading at 2230 hours and 2231. Few bomb bursts seen around the T.I.s. All T.I.s retained due to weather conditions. Aircraft returned to base.	
		188718 P/O Young P.	A/B				
		R.178080 W/O Larrimore J.L.	WOP				
		J.86847 P/O Dale R.T.	A/G				
		J.18414 F/O Mellstrom M.L.	A/G				
		185424 P/O Ryan C.	F/E				
		154601 F/O Dooley J.P.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 4 x 250 T.I. Green (LB), 1 x 4,000 HC Minol, 3 x 1,000 ANM. 59 TD. .025.					
	'J' ME 304	J.16361 F/L Woods V.T. DFC	Pilot	1944	0057	" J " VISUAL CENTRER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 3 to 4,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed at 2232.5 hours from 18,000 feet on glow of T.I.s Red and T.I.s Green in cloud. First T.I.s Red seen cascading at 2224 hours with two further loads at 2225 hours and 2227, followed by T.I. Green. Aircraft orbitted in an endeavour to drop T.I.s but cloud was too thick. Bombing seemed rather scattered with large explosion at 2234.5 hours. T.I.s brought back owing to unable to identify target visually. Aircraft returned to base.	
		183754 P/O New E.J.	NAV				
		168871 F/O Packer R.	A/B				
		1559969 F/S Donaldson J.R.	WOP				
		J.88138 F/O Beckley D.J.	A/G				
		R.270086 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		170881 F/O Jewsey W.F. DFC	F/E				
		162817 F/O Littleton R. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'K').					

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April 8/9, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " HAMBURG " (Continued)	A-46
	'Y' PB 653	J.10122 S/L Wann G.C.J.	Pilot	1940	0020	" Y " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 2,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed by 'Y' at 2226.9 hours from 18,000 feet. First Red seen at 2226 hours and another went down close by this one. Master Bomber said "Don't drop illuminator flares" at 2226 hours. "V.C.'s back up first Reds that you come to". Few bomb bursts seen around the Reds. Fires in Hannover area East. T.I.s brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.28708 F/L Spencler R.A.	NAV				
		J.28237 F/L Gouchey H.H.	A/B				
		171477 F/L Langley D.J. DFM	WOP				
		R.169972 F/S O'Shea W.L.	A/G				
		R.220282 W/O Robinson C.M.	A/G				
		1895963 F/S Church J.	F/E				
		81066 S/L Boast R.S.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Grd) 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (LB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'Y' PB 282	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W.	Pilot	1939	0031	" Y " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's thin strata cumulus cloud, tops 4 to 6,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed at 2227 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of Red T.I.s on ground. At 2225.5 hours, first Red T.I.s seen cascading. These followed by Red and Green T.I.s and later at 2228 hours, Red/Green Stars sky marking seen. Master Bomber said "Don't drop illuminators", "Bomb sky markers". Red marking was well concentrated. A few bomb bursts seen around T.I. 10 x No. 3 C.P. Flares brought back as instructed by Master Bomber. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40433 F/O Ferguson H.	NAV				
		J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S.	A/B				
		R.121251 W/O Redinger J.A.	WOP				
		R.299831 F/S Kuhl A.G.	A/G				
		R.275911 F/S Moyes R.	A/G				
		C.19059 F/O Skebo T.H. DFM	F/E				
		142450 F/O Horseman W.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 10 x No. 3 C.P. White 'B'.					
	'D' PB 233	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G.	Pilot	1950	0040	" D " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 3 to 4,000 feet with fair visibility. Flares released at 2225.8 hours and bombs at 2230.8 hours from 16,000 feet on Red T.I.s on ground, both times. First T.I.s Red seen to cascade at 2224.5 hours on run in, followed immediately by illuminating flares on either side of Red T.I. Several further loads of T.I.s Red and illuminating flares followed closely, times not noted. Marking was very good. One stray Red two miles South of area but not attracting any bombing. Bombing was well concentrated. Explosions seen at 2232 hours and 2233, one giving pall of smoke. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.93859 F/O Smith G.A.	NAV				
		J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M.	A/B				
		R.131299 W/O Charron J.A.	WOP				
		R.221664 F/S Abram J.F.	A/G				
		R.225839 F/S Harrington W.U.	A/G				
		R.192699 SGT McMurdo R.	F/E				
		R.168249 W/O Pickavance J.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'Y').					
	'B' ME 379	J.10982 W/C Rawson B.F.N. DFC	Pilot	1942	0035	" B " BLIND SKY MARKER:- 10/10th's strata cumulus cloud at 2,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed at 2230.4 hours from 18,000 feet on left of Red T.I. on ground. Green T.I. also on ground to right. At 2224, 2225 and 2226 hours, Red T.I.s seen cascading well concentrated. Master Bomber's instructions heard: "Blind Illuminators, retain; Bomb on first Red; V.C. back up first Red; Bomb on Wanganui". Green T.I.s cascaded after we bombed. Bomb flashes seen near T.I.s. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green brought back owing to 'Y' u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.8608 F/L Bennington J.	NAV				
		148838 F/L Cousins F. DFC	A/B				
		J.93617 F/O Burns J.C.	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Ririe A.L.	A/G				
		J.18617 F/O Crosby S.F.	A/G				
		50951 F/L Hope V.C. DFC	F/E				
		Bombload:- 8 x 1,000 ARM .59 TD .025. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars Cap. 4.					

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April 8/9 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " HAMBURG " (Continued)	A-46
	'T' PB 513	J.27719 F/L Kyle M.S.	Pilot	1943	0029	" H " BLIND SKY MARKERS:- 10/10th's thin stratus cloud, tops 3,000 feet. Bombed at 2232.9 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S with G.P.I. check. First T.I.s Red seen at 2222 hours and a second and third at 2224 and 2225 hours. These were well concentrated. Sky markers Red/Green Stars seen bursting timed up with Red T.I.s at 2250 hours. Illuminators followed adding Red T.I.s indistinguishable. Master Bomber's instruction "Bomb sky markers" heard. Bombing was well concentrated and several large explosions seen. Aircraft returned to base.	
		C.3681 F/L Irvin W.G.	NAV				
		J.12969 F/L Ballou R.G.	A/B				
		J.18745 F/O Walch J.A.	WOP				
		J.27220 F/O Bibley L.P.	A/G				
		J.27870 F/O Campbell W.E.	A/G				
		R.178455 SGT King W.A.	F/E				
		Ramblers:- (Same as 'B').					
	'A' NE 140	J.7344 F/L Barsby E.E.	Pilot	1937	0033	" A " BLIND ILLUMINATORS:- 10/10th's strato cumulus cloud at 3,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed red glow under cloud at 2225.9 hours from 18,000 feet. No marking been cascading ahead. Red glow on cloud seen as we ran up. Master Bomber said "Blind Illuminators Hold Illuminators". Nothing further. 10 x No. 3 C.P.s brought back as instructed by M.B. H2S poor. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40543 F/O Miller J.R.	NAV				
		J.27128 F/O McClean G.W.	A/B				
		R.150765 F/S Betts M.F.	WOP				
		R.169735 F/S McCombe J.R.	A/G				
		R.115583 F/S Young S.	A/G				
		R.204149 SGT Peters G.E.	F/E				
		Ramblers:- (Same as 'T').					
	'G', MD 709	81.6828 F/O Maxwell R.D. (RCAF)	Pilot	1955	0046	" G " BLIND SKY MARKERS:- 10/10th's strato cumulus cloud at 2 to 3,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed by H2S at 2239.2 hours from 18,000 feet. First Illuminators seen at 2225 hours. Red and Greens seen cascading into the cloud. Red/Greens Wanganui seen cascading above. Marking was well concentrated. Bomb bursts seemed well concentrated on the markers on the ground. Master Bomber heard with difficulty. Bomb closest Reds. Called for Wanganui "Bomb Wanganui". Fire glow on cloud red. Explosion, brilliant, at 2240 hours. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.39856 F/O Bridlaw M.S.	NAV				
		J.28617 F/O Chetwyn H.W.	A/B				
		J.89709 F/O Hamby J.G.	WOP				
		J.95579 F/O Allan D.	A/G				
		J.28636 F/O Chisholm W.D.	A/G				
		5431144 F/S Jones H.	F/E				
		Ramblers:- 8 x 1,000 MCs TD .025, 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars Cpo. Ac.					
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1958	0025	" W " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 10/10th's strato cumulus cloud tops 3,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed by H2S at 2225.2 hours from 18,000 feet. First T.I. Red seen on run up at 2229 hours. After bombing first load of sky markers Red/Green Stars seen at 2250 hours followed by several more loads giving a good cluster. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Dummy T.I. Red seen to East of target on run in. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A.	NAV				
		J.93114 F/O Kirkham J.W.C.	A/B				
		R.148690 F/S Porter R.E.	WOP				
		R.204815 W/O Brisbee R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stevenford R.	A/G				
		1296580 SGT Hope G.W.	F/E				
		Ramblers:- (Same as 'D').					

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April 9/10 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " KIEL " 14 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-47
	'T' PB 627	J.6389 W/C McQuoid D.J. DFC & BAR Pilot J.37731 S/L Roberts J.F. DFC NAV 191650 F/O Woods G.L. A/B 171477 F/L Langley D.J. DFM WOP J.86844 F/O Burton R.J. DFM A/G J.17926 F/L Kelly J.F. A/G C.93117 F/O Bishop A.W. F/E J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC V/A/B Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (LB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.		1948	0042	" T " MASTER BOMBER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2229.5 hours from 15,500 feet on two Red T.I.s. At 2227.5 gave "Bomb Red T.I.s" — repeated twice. 2229.8, "Ignore Red now cascading". 2230.3, "Bomb nearest Red/Green T.I.S", repeated twice. 2231.5, "Ignore Green T.I.s on starboard side of target". 2231.8, "Ignore Reds overshot". 2232.4, "Ignore Greens now cascading". 2233.2, "Bomb centre of Red/Greens". Many bursts seen and bombing concentrated. Thus What appeared to be Ammo. Dump blew up at approximately 2234 hours. Target was visually identified with markers very well placed. Smoke from bombing did not obscure target, as wind blew smoke away and kept Aiming Point clear. Very large fires observed burning after leaving target and could be seen up to 50 miles away. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'V' PB 653	J.10122 S/L Vann G.C.J. Pilot J.20708 F/L Spencler R.A. NAV J.28297 F/L Gouchey H.H. A/B 170984 F/O Bevan B. WOP R:169972 F/S O'Shea W.L. A/G R:220282 F/O Robinson C.M. A/G 1895963 F/S Church J. F/E 81066 S/L Beast R.S. V/A/B Bombload:- (Same as 'T').		1947	0113	" V " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed Aiming Point at 2226.2 hours from 18,000 feet. First Red T.I.s observed cascading as we released. Aiming Point very clearly seen. None of the Backers Up appeared to overshoot slightly. Smoke screen in operation. Town appeared to be burning very well when few miles away. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'C' PA 965	J.27827 F/O Begg G.H.K. Pilot J.38787 F/O McDavid D.S. NAV J.38255 F/O Le Sergent M.W. A/B R:122792 F/O Brown G.P. WOP R:201405 F/S Angus A.P. A/G R:189308 F/S Schindell W.K. A/G 1592445 S/T Jackson E.A. F/E J:86021 F/O Mooney H.C. V/A/B Bombload:- 1 x 4,000 HC Minol, 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 4 x 250 T.I. Green (LB), 4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025.		1954	0055	" C " VISUAL CENTRE:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2232.4 hours from 18,000 feet on concentration of Red and Green T.I.s. Marking was well concentrated. Master Bomber received clearly on V.H.F. Our Aiming Point identified by ground detail and we chose centre of marking here to drop bombs and markers. Explosion at 2216 hours, orange with yellowish sparks. Many bomb bursts seen, well concentrated on the marking. Two long funnels of smoke seen rising out of T.I. concentration as we ran up. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'K' ME 315	C.1639 S/L Mussells G.H. Pilot 188493 F/O Tempest E.L. NAV 188718 F/O Young P. A/B R:178080 F/O Larrimore J.L. WOP J:86847 F/O Dale R.T. A/G J:18414 F/L Mellstrom M.L. A/G 185424 F/O Ryan C. F/E 154601 F/O Dooley J.P. V/A/B Bombload:- (Same as 'C').		1951	0053	" K " VISUAL CENTRE:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombed at 2229.7 hours from 15,300 feet on centre of two groups of Red T.I.s on ground. On approach, first Reds went down, slightly North of Aiming Point, Approximately 2226 hours, followed by others immediately after and a third lot slightly South of Aiming Point. Aircraft made run through centre of these. Markers appeared to be in two groups 300 yards apart. Master heard to give instructions for Blind Illuminators to drop then "Back up Reds". Bombing seen on marked area very concentrated with a large explosion at 2235 hours slightly to North of Aiming Point. Smoke Generators in action. Aircraft returned to base.	

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April 9/10 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " KIEL " (Continued)	A-47
	'M' PB 681	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G.	Pilot	1958	0102	" M " VISUAL CENTRER:- Slight haze. Bombed at 2236.2 hours from 18,000 feet on Red and Green T.I.s. At 2222 hours, first Red seen down. Canal and Aiming Point clearly seen with T.I.s very well placed. Many bomb bursts observed which appeared very concentrated. Fires observed over 50 miles away. 1 x 250 T.I. Green (LB) brought back owing to hang-up. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.93859 F/O Smith G.A.	NAV				
		J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M.	A/B				
		R.151199 W/O Charron J.A.	WOP				
		R.211664 F/S Abram J.F.	A/G				
		R.225230 F/S Harrington W.O.	A/G				
		R.192699 SGT McMurdo R.	F/E				
		R.168249 W/O Pickavance J.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 1 x 4,000 MC Minol, 4 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 4 x 250 T.I. Green (LB), 2 x 1,000 ARM. 59 TD .025, 2 x 1,000 MC. TD .025.					
	'U' ME 445	J.10991 F/L Dailey T.D.	Pilot	1956	0112	" U " VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2234.6 hours from 18,000 feet on Red T.I. on ground. At 2228.7 hours, first Red T.I. seen cascading. Markers fell at regular intervals from then on. Master Bomber clearly on 1196 "Bomb the Red T.I.s". "Ignore T.I.s to starboard". "Bomb Red T.I.s now cascading". Marking seemed well concentrated. Good deal of smoke seen rising from marked area. Fires visible for 100 miles distance. Fires also in North target area. Several large explosions in South target area. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.39401 F/O Campbell H.E.	NAV				
		J.38669 F/O Ayres G.W.	A/B				
		J.43082 F/O Faucher A.E.	WOP				
		1898220 SGT Riley G.W.D.	A/G				
		R.220836 F/S Tennyson G.V.	A/G				
		852023 SGT Walker G.W.J.	F/E				
		J.40772 F/O Miller B.D.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'C').					
	'E' SW 260	J.29080 F/L Cormier P.H.	Pilot	1950	0109	" E " BLIND MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombed at 2233.7 hours from 17,000 feet on T.I.s Red/Green on ground. Markers were down when aircraft reached target and T.I.s Green were cascading. The concentration was good. River could be clearly seen and several ships seen. Markers appeared to be in open space about a mile from river. Bombing was good. Two explosions seen from coast on return trip. Master Bomber heard calling for "Illuminators" and "Blind Markers" "to retain markers" but was very distorted. 1 x No. 1 CF Red/Green Stars, 2 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord) and 2 x 250 T.I. Green (LB) brought back on Master Bomber's instructions. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36833 F/L Steer R.E.	NAV				
		R.158333 W/O Allan W.E.	A/B				
		J.88588 F/O Brearley J.E.	WOP				
		R.198884 W/O Gray J.G.	A/G				
		R.178879 W/O Stroich N.W.	A/G				
		1895640 SGT Kanka S.E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 1 x 500 MC. TD .025, 1 x No. 1 CF Red/Green Stars Cap U/12, 2 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 250 T.I. Green (LB), 8 x 1,000 MC. TD .025.					
	'B' ME 379	J.10982 W/C Rawson B.F.H. DFC	Pilot	1949	0039	" B " BLIND MARKER:- Clear sky with slight haze. Bombed by H2S at 2227.9 hours. First Red T.I. seen to go down at 2226 hours on Aiming Point and no other markers down at time of bombing. After bombing, a very good concentration of T.I.s Red and T.I.s Green seen. Bomb bursts seen in marked area and was heavy and concentrated. All T.I.s brought back as instructed. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.8600 S/L Pennington J.	NAV				
		148838 F/L Cousins F. DFC	A/B				
		J.93617 F/O Burns J.C.	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Birie A.L.	A/G				
		J.18617 F/O Crosby H.F.	A/G				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'E').					

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	'D' PB 233	J.85239 F/L Larson L.E. 144997 F/O Davies K.J. J.89486 F/O Bolen J.E. J.89752 F/O Van Metre R.B. DFC WOP 1550317 W/O Robb A. CGM A/G 1815518 F/S Whitworth J.F. A/G 1894729 SGT Potter M.A. F/E Bombload:- 1 x 500 MC. TD .025, 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars Cap U/12, 9 x 1,000 GP. TD .025.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	1953	2107	" D " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Abortive sortie. Returned early owing to starboard inner engine u/s. 9 x 1,000 GP and 1 x 500 MC. jettisoned "Safe" 53.14 N. 00.53 E. at 2033 hours from 1,000 feet. 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars brought back. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'A' SW 225	J.28735 F/O Lindsay J.B. J.38771 F/O McLean W.G. J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A. J.93015 F/O Smith W.G. J.93024 F/O Cameron J.R. J.93070 F/O Patterson P.J. 188675 F/O Harner E. Bombload:- (Same as 'D').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	1957	0105	" A " BLIND SKY MARKER:- 5/10th's cumulus cloud, tops 15 to 20,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed Red T.L. on ground at 2234.8 hours from 18,000 feet. First T.L.s seen to cascade at 2225 hours, followed by Greens whilst on bombing run. Master Bomber instructed "Bomb on Red T.L.s" at 2232 hours. Concentration was very good and on Aiming Point. Area was clearly visible and some large ships identified. Bombing was heavy and concentrated with five explosions South of target, which lasted four or five seconds just as aircraft was bombing. 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green stars brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'X' PB 267	J.89628 F/O Maxwell R.B. CGM J.29856 F/O Laidlaw M.S. J.89617 F/O Cathren H.W. J.89709 F/O Feasby J.G. J.93579 F/O Allan D. J.89636 F/O Chisholm E.D. 543144 F/S Jones H. Bombload:- (Same as 'D').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	1955	0059	" X " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed by H2S and G.P.I. check at 2232.5 hours from 18,000 feet. At 2224 hours, first Illuminators seen. At 2225 hours, first Red T.L.s went down. At 2229 hours, first Green. One Red fell between these at 2225 hours and 2229 hours. Marking well concentrated. Master Bomber heard poorly. "Visual yes. Blind no. Bomb Red T.L.s.". Smoke in area of T.L.s. Many bomb bursts around T.L.s. Built up area visible, also water. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars brought back. 1 x 1,000 GP brought back owing to hang up. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'H' PB 513	J.7344 F/L Barsby E.E. J.40543 F/O Miller J.B. J.27128 F/O McClean C.W. R.201763 F/S Betts M.F. R.269524 F/S McCombe J.R. R.155843 F/S Young S. 1826449 SGT Peters G.M. Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 ANM. 59 TD .025, 10 x No. 3 CP White 'B'.		1943	0057	" H " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2229.5 hours from 17,000 feet and flares at 2223.7 hours from 17,000 feet, on Red T.L.s. Target easily identified by canal and built-up area. Got good 'Y' fix and Red T.L.s were very well placed. After leaving target, many large explosions were observed. Aircraft returned to base.	

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April 9/10 1945.	Lancaster III 'K' PB 282	J.35284 F/O Forman W.E.	Pilot	1944	0108	Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued)	A-47
		J.36830 F/O Davis J.B.	NAV			"K" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with very good visibility. 4 x 1,000 AMC 65 dropped at 2231.8 hours from 16,300 feet and 10 x No. 3 CP White released at 2224.7 hours from 17,000 feet by H2S. At 2226 hours, first Red T.I.s seen. We dropped flares one minute before this and orbitted to run up and drop bombs. Time check 2217 hours. Master Bomber said clearly "Blind Markers, hold" "Illuminators drop". "Visual Markers, yes". "Bomb mixed Red/Green". Marking was well concentrated with one or two Reds scattered. Bomb bursts seen well centred on markers. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.35587 F/O Coffin P.M.	A/B				
		R.198886 F/S Jones A.L.	WOP				
		R.264[illegible] F/S Byers A.C.	A/G				
		R.273611 F/S Barker H.W.	A/G				
		3020520 SGT O'Malley C.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 10 x No. 3 CP White 'B', 4 x 1,000 AMC .65 TD .025.					
	'J' NE 304	J.28134 F/L Hartley J.R.	Pilot	1952	0125	"J" VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with good visibility. 10 x No. 3 CP White Dropped at 2225.5 hours and 4 x 1,000 AMC .65 dropped at 2235.5 hours from 15,000 feet, all on Red T.I. in centre of concentration. Master Bomber Time check at 2213 hours. Master Bomber clearly heard, "Drop Illuminators". Red and Green marking both seen. Bomb bursts were seen around marking. Smoke and fires seen. Good raid. One large explosion at 2234 hours West of water. Aircraft returned to base.	
		1622895 SGT Bann J.	NAV				
		1795388 SGT Iggo G.D.	A/B				
		J.89590 F/O Morris H.T.	WOP				
		J.87870 F/O Campbell W.R.	A/G				
		R.188286 W/O Williams A.J.	A/G				
		1601959 F/S Newman A.J.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W.J. DFC	A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'K').					
April 9/10 1945.	'P' PB 585	C.35288 F/L Brodie R.J. DFC		1945	0104	Bombing Attack On "KIEL A/P 'E'" (Night) 2 A/C Detailed	A-48
		J.40021 F/O Alderson R.				"P" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. 10 x No. 3 CP White released at 2223.2 hours from 18,000 feet on H2S with G.P.I. check. 4 x 1,000 AMC .65 dropped at 2229 hours from 18,000 feet on cluster of T.Is Red on ground. On approach to target nothing seen until after release of flares. Aircraft orbitted and river could be seen. Red T.Is went down as aircraft commenced orbit. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Red T.I.s". Reception not very clear. Concentration was good with smoke coming from marked area and cookie bursts in area. Five large explosions seen at 2231 hours. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38417 F/O Swan J.C.					
		R.159065 W/O Preskunik W.					
		R.262822 F/S Deyell J.					
		R.262844 F/S Christie T.W. DFM					
		1695860 F/S Scott A.G.M.					
		Bombload:- 10 x No. 3 CP White 'B', 4 x 1,000 AMC .65 TD .025.					
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1946	0041	"W" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky, hazy with moderate visibility. Bombed at 2225.5 hours from 18,000 feet on H2S. Nothing seen before bombing. Immediately after bombing, first Red T.I. went down at 2224.5 hours followed by Greens and Reds in good concentration. Master Bomber heard at 2223 hours "This is a visual attack". Bombing seemed concentrated and glow from fires could be seen on return from 07.00 E. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Olszewski W.A.	NAV				
		J.95124 F/O Kirkham J.W.	A/B				
		R.118690 F/S Porter E.W.	WOP				
		R.251213 W/O Marsden R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stevenjord H.	A/G				
		1250580 SGT Game G.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'P').					

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April 10, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "_ _ LEIPZIG _ _ 4 A/C Detailed (Daylight)	A-49
	'K' ME 315	G.16139 S/L Musselle G.H.	Pilot	1443	2100	"K" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- Slight haze and good visibility. Bombaid and T.I.s released on Aiming Point at 1757.5 hours from 17,000 feet. Identified town and new Marshalling Yard quite clearly. First Reds seen to go down at 1756.6 hours landing slightly South of Aiming Point. Ours followed immediately West of Aiming Point. Concentration of T.I.s quite good but soon obliterated by smoke. Master Bomber's instructions "One second overshoot" in beginning, followed by "Bomb centre of smoke if T.I.s not seen." Bombing very concentrated on very good marking. In the target area, immediately following release of T.Is, aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter identified as an ME.163. The attacking aircraft approached from the rear and above, and with one burst completely shot away the rear turret, rudder and elevators. Damage was also caused to the H2S set and mid-upper turret. The rear gunner, F/L Mellstrom, was in his turret when the attack commenced and is believed killed. This Officer is missing, no further information available. A number of Mustangs who were acting as fighter escort moved in closer to the disabled aircraft and covered it until it reached the front lines. The Pilot, due to the fact that he had only partial control of the aircraft, ordered the W/Air, Nav, Air Bomber and Visual A/B to bale out over RAF Station, Woodbridge. Had not the Mid-Upper Gunner, F/O Dale, been injured, the whole crew would have baled out. The pilot was successful in making a reasonable landing at R.A.F. Station, Woodbridge, All Members of this crew, with the exception of the rear gunner, F/L Mellstrom, are back at this Unit.
		1889493 P/O Tempest E.R.	Nav -				
		188718 P/O Young P.	A/B -				
		R.178080 W/O Kerrimore J.L.	WOP -				
		J.86887 F/O Dale R.T.	A/G				
		J.18414 F/L Mellstrom R.L.	A/G				
		185424 F/O Ryan C.	F/E				
		154601 F/O Dooley J.F.	VISUAL A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord)					
		3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (IB),					
		4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'J' ME 304.	J.16361 F/L Woods V.T. DFC	Pilot	1444	2050	"J" VISUAL CENTRED:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 1758.7 hours from 18,000 feet on Marshalling Yard. At 1757.7 hours, first T.I.s seen falling. Red T.I.s fell at regular intervals. Bombing was well concentrated in the Marshalling Yard. Our bombs were across the yards. Smoke pall heavy over area as we looked back. 'F' was u/s. Aircraft returned to base.
		183754 F/O New E.J.	NAV				
		168371 F/O Packer R.	A/B				
		1559969 WO Donaldson J.R.	WOP				
		J.88138 F/O Beckley D.J.	A/G				
		R.270086 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		170681 F/O Jowsey W.F. DFC	F/E				
		162817 F/O Littleton R.J.H. DFC	A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'K').					

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April 16/17 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "SCHWANDORF" (Continued)	A-53
	'T' PB 627	J.21149 F/L Mennie W.	Pilot	0024	0648	"T" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Load dropped at 0353.5 hours from 15,000 feet on Red T.I.s. At 0353 hours, first load of Red T.I.s seen cascading and a further load seen to go down after orbitting at 0357 hours. The Red T.I.s were falling together but a little North of the Aiming Point. These were backed up by Greens which were undershooting a little. Master Bomber gave bomb 200 yards to starboard of Green T.I.s and then bomb centre of glow, then bomb centre of Greens. A number of large explosions around markers and smoke up to 6 to 8,000 feet as we left the target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40502 F/O Gurevich S.	NAV				
		J.38414 F/O Sherritt S.	A/B				
		1390619 W/O Finlay D.D. DFM	WOP				
		R.75477 F/S Cowell J.W.	A/G				
		R.92001 F/S Jones F.M.	A/G				
		1881524 SGT Haigh D.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'M' PB 681	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G.	Pilot	0033	0710	"M" VISUAL CONTROL:- Clear with hazy visibility. Load dropped at 0405.4 hours from 8,000 feet on Red and Green T.I.s on ground. First Red T.I.s seen to cascade at 0353 hours followed by further loads of Reds and Green T.I.s. started at 0400 hours. Master Bomber gave bomb centre of Reds and Greens and later gave bomb the green glow as the greens were best visible amidst the smoke which covered the Aiming Point. Bombing appeared well concentrated around the markers and the markers were cascading into the smoke. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.93859 P/O Smith G.A.	NAV				
		J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M.	A/B				
		R.153199 W/O Charron J.A.	WOP				
		R.211664 F/S Abram J.F.	A/G				
		R.225230 F/S Harrington W.O.	A/G				
		R.192699 SGT McMurdo R.	F/E				
		R.168269 W/O Pickavance J.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'C').					
April 18 1945.	'K' ME 370	C.983 S/L Newman W.DFC & BAR	Pilot	1059	1500	Bombing Attack On "HELIGOLAND" 6 A/C Detailed (Daylight)	A-54
		J.28702 F/L Cope J.S.	NAV			"K" MASTER BOMBER:- Clear. Visually identified Aiming Point and dropped bombs on it at 1314.3 hours from 10,000 feet. At 1301.1 hours saw Yellow T.I. falling from Deputy Master Bomber. No Red T.I.s seen. Yellow T.I.s were to N/W of Aiming Point, 400 yards undershoot. Master Bomber ordered "Overshoot Yellow T.I.s" at 1302 hours. At 1305 hours, "Overshoot Yellow T.I. by one second". No further orders issue owing to Deputy Master Bomber taking over. Attack followed Deputy Master Bomber's orders closely in concentrated attack. All T.I.s brought back -- no bombing wind. Aircraft returned to base.	
		127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A.4054O5 F/L Giblin D.W. DFC	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Rirle A.L.	A/G				
		A.431091 S/L McLeod K.W. DFC	A/B				
		1867791 F/S Catlin R.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Yellow, 3 x 1,000 T.I. Yellow (IB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'C' PA 965	J.25776 S/L Dix W.F.	Pilot	1100	1508	"C" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear. Aiming Point identified and bombed at 1301.5 hours from 15,000 feet. T.I.s also dropped. Smoke covered the S/E side of the main island when we arrived. The Aiming Point however, was easily identified. Fires were burning 200 yards North of Aiming Point. We bombed on the Aiming Point. Master Bomber not heard so we broadcast thinking that we were Master. Said "Overshoot Yellow markers by two seconds" then changed to "one". "Pickwick". Alternating between T.I.s with overshoot and Pickwick as smoke conditions warranted. Fair concentration of Yellow T.I.s about 300 yards North of A/P. No shipping seen. Zipfast and Presson. No replies heard. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.21185 F/L Morts A.H.	NAV				
		J.20891 F/L Fraser W.M.	A/B				
		R.193731 F/S Smith G.E.	WOP				
		J.86844 F/O Burton E.J. DFM	A/G				
		R.210040 W/O Fyne D.R.	A/G				
		1668352 F/S Gregory F.W.S.	F/E				
		J.28923 F/O Jackson E.E.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'K').					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
April 16/17 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " SCHWANDORF " (Continued)	A-53
	'P' PB 585	J.35288 F/L Brodie R.J. DFC J.40021 F/O Alderson R. J.38417 F/O Swan J.C. R.159065 W/O Proskunik W. R.262822 F/S Deyell J. R.262844 F/S Christie T.W. DFM 1695860 F/S Scott A.G.M. Bombload:- 1 x 1,000 G.P., 5 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 6 x No. 3 C.P. White Flares.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	0022	0708	" P " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with visibility slightly hazy. Flares released at 0354 hours and bombs at 0359 hours from 15,000 feet on Red and Green T.I.s on the ground. First Reds seen to go down at 0352 hours and a load of Greens was seen at 0358 hours. The Red T.I.s were estimated to be on the Aiming Point and the Greens were just short of them. The river and bridges over it could be clearly identified as could the woods just Southeast of the Aiming Point. East of the Aiming Point, a large number of bomb bursts were seen around the Markers and a notable explosion was seen at 0401 hours with smoke billowing up to 10,000 feet. A load of Red T.I.s was seen to go down in the centre of this. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'O' PB 555	J.20025 F/L Thompson C.A. J.38706 F/O Gladding F. J.38282 F/O Mellard J.V. R.92771 F/O Callery N.F. J.87395 F/O Cantera D.R. DFM R.273606 F/S Bakker A.J. 1140325 SGT Bancroft G.A. Bombload:- 6 x 1,000 G.P., 6 x No. 3 CP White Flares.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	0021	0651	" O " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. Flares released at 0353 hours from 10,000 feet on Red T.I. cascading. Bombs released at 0357.5 hours from 8,000 feet on T.I. Red on ground. First T.I. Red seen cascading at 0352 hours with a second at 0354 hours with a third before bombing, all close together. Target identified visually. River and town clearly seen. Two explosions seen but times not noted. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Reds", "Bomb 200 yards short of Greens", then "Bomb Reds". When thin stratus obscured target, "Bomb glow of markers". Aircraft returned to base.	
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H. J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A. J.93114 P/O Kirkham J.W. R.148690 F/S Porter R.W. R.254213 W/O Farnden R.H. R.196860 F/S Stavenjord H. 1250580 SGT Game G.W. Bombload:- (Same as 'H').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	0020	0659	" W " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with slight haze. Flares dropped at 0353.3 hours and bombs at 0359 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of 4 Red T.I.s. No marking down when we dropped our flares. We orbitted and Red T.I.s went down. These fell in the Marshalling Yards and we bombed these. Several bomb bursts seen near the Reds. Greens then fell slightly North of Reds and Master Bomber directed bombing onto these. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'U' MB 445	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W. J.40433 F/O Ferguson H. J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S. R121251 W/O Redinger J. R.259831 F/S Kuhl A.G. R.275911 F/S Moyes R. C.19059 F/O Skebo T.H. DFM 142450 F/O Horsman W.H. Bombload:- (Same as 'K').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	0035	0711	" U " VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load dropped at 0403.7 hours from 8,000 feet on centre of Red Glow on Master Bomber's instructions. First Markers Red T.I.s seen at 0355 hours with further Reds at 0357 hours and Greens at 0358 hours and 0359.5 hours. Others followed but times not noted. Concentration was good. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Red T.I.s", then "200 yards starboard of Green", then "Bomb nearest Green", "Bomb Reds cascading", "Bomb Red Glow", and then "Bomb Greens". Bombing was concentrated around markers. River identified but Aiming Point was obscured by smoke. Aircraft returned to base.	

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April 16/17 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " SCHWANDORF " (Continued)	A-53
	'B' ME 379	J.10122 S/L Vann G.C.J.	Pilot	0027	0647	" B " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- Clear. Load released at 0356.1 hours from 8,000 feet on Aiming Point. At 0354 hours, first Red T.I.s seen cascading, followed by second lot of Reds at 0354.5 hours. One stick of illuminator flares down at this time. Master Bomber said "Basement Flight Plan". "Bomb 200 yards to starboard of Green at 0358 hours". Few bomb bursts around Aiming Point as we went over. One stick of flares dropped well over to West of Aiming Point. Green flash with concussion ring seen as from an explosion in vicinity of the Power Plant to the South of the town. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.20708 F/L Spencer R.A.	NAV				
		J.28257 F/L Couchey H.H.	A/B				
		170984 F/O Bevan B.	WOP				
		R.169972 F/S O'Shea W.A.	A/G				
		J.87917 F/O Oliver G.W.	A/G				
		1895963 F/S Church J.	F/E				
		81066 S/L Roast R.S.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 500 MC. TD .025,					
		3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Grd),					
		3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (IB).					
	'A' SW 225	J.28735 F/O Lindsay J.B.	Pilot	0034	0724	" A " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Slight haze. Bombs dropped at 0403 hours from 12,000 feet on Red/Green cascading, slightly North of Aiming Point. Marking seen was quite well concentrated. Smoke covered the area at time we bombed. Bomb explosions seen through smoke. Few scattered bomb bursts seen. Raid was good and Marshalling Yard received most of bombs in North-west section of Yards. 1 x No. 1 CP Green/Red Stars brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38771 F/O McLean W.G.	NAV				
		J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A.	A/B				
		J.93015 F/O Smith W.G.	WOP				
		J.93024 F/O Cameron J.R.	A/G				
		J.93070 F/O Patterson P.J.	A/G				
		188675 F/O Horner L.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 G.P. TD .025,					
		4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025,					
		1 x 1,000 ANM .59,					
		1 x No. 1 CP Green/Red Stars Cap.U/Lt.					
	'X' PB 267	J.89628 F/O Maxwell H. CGM	Pilot	0032	0716	" X " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear but smoky. Bombs released at 0402.7 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of smoke. Greens cascaded into the smoke. Smoke obscured T.I.s on ground by the time we bombed. Bombing was concentrated in North section of Marshalling Yards and was well concentrated. A good raid. 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars brought back as instructed by Master Bomber. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.29856 F/O Laidlaw M.S.	NAV				
		J.89617 F/O Cathres H.W.	A/B				
		J.88709 F/O Peasby J.G.	WOP				
		J.93579 F/O Allan D.	A/G				
		J.89636 F/O Chisholm E.D.	A/G				
		543144 F/S Jones H.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 5 x 1,000 G.P. TD .025,					
		3 x 1,000 MC. TD .025,					
		1 x No. 1 CP Green/Red Stars Cap.U/Lt.					
	'Y' HB 282	J.35284 F/O Forman K.E.	Pilot	0024	0648	" Y " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- 3/10th's low cloud, thin. Load dropped at 0353 hours from 15,000 feet on Red T.I.s on ground. Red T.I.s on ground when we arrived. Several explosions seen on this T.I. marking Green as we were leaving target. Master Bomber "Basement Flight Plan". Asked for flares at 0352 hours. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36830 F/O Davis J.B.	NAV				
		J.93587 F/O Geffin E.N.	A/B				
		R.198886 F/S Jones A.L.	WOP				
		R.264874 F/S Byers A.C.	A/G				
		R.273611 F/S Barker E.H.	A/G				
		3020510 SGT O'Hanlon C.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					

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April 16/17 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "SCHWANDORF" (Continued)	A-53
	'H' PB 513	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	0025	0713	"H" VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear. Flares released at 0356.1 hours and bombs at 0402.5 hours from 8,000 feet on red glow through smoke. Marking was on Marshalling Yards. Dropped flares on these Red T.I.s, orbitted and bombed Red glow of T.I. in smoke. On Master Bomber's instructions, Master Bomber heard and received. Met. report "No cloud". Large quantities of smoke covered area on second run — good raid. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.25047 F/O Weir O.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 F/O Rhuley J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.C.	WOP				
		R.271491 F/S Korell F.	A/G				
		J.93881 F/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1982932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		J.28504 F/O Gray G.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 6 x 1,000 MC. TD .025,					
		6 x No. 3 C.P. White 'H'.					
	'J' ME 304	J.28134 F/L Hartley J.R.	Pilot	0026	0717	"J" VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. Flares released on Marshalling Yard at 0354.9 hours from 8,000 feet. Bombs released on Red T.I.s at 0358.6 hours from 8,000 feet. Red T.I.s seen at 0354 hours with greens at 0356 hours and both seen to be in Marshalling Yard which was clearly identified. Bombing was concentrated. Immediately after bombing, large yellowish explosion in marked area. Master Bomber heard "Blind Sky Markers retain markers". "Bomb 200 yards to starboard". "of Greens". Aircraft returned to base.	
		1622095 SGT Mann J.	NAV				
		1795388 SGT Igoe G.A.	A/B				
		J.89390 F/O Morris H.T.	WOP				
		R.274279 F/S Batteson E.O.	A/G				
		R.188286 W/O Williams A.J.	A/G				
		1601952 F/S Newman A.J.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'B' SW 260	J.29080 F/L Ormier P.J.	Pilot	0030	0651	"B" BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky, hazy, with fair visibility. Bombs dropped at 0358.4 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of Red T.I.s on ground. First illuminating flares went down at 0352.5 hours. First Red T.I.s went down at 0356.4 hours with a second lot immediately following right on top of first. Just before bombing a green T.I. just commenced to cascade. Marking was good and appeared to be on bend of Marshalling Yard which was visually identified. Bombing was quite concentrated with two large explosions in marked area just after bombing. Master Bomber heard first to give a time check and "Sky Markers retain sky markers" then "Bomb centre of Reds". Aircraft landed base.	
		J.36833 F/L Steer R.E.	NAV				
		R.158333 W/O Allan W.E.	A/B				
		J.88588 F/O Brearley J.E.	WOP				
		R.198884 W/O Gray J.G.	A/G				
		R.178879 W/O Stroich M.W.	A/G				
		1895640 SGT Kanka S.E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 8 x 1,000 MC. TD .025,					
		1 x No. 1 C.P. Green/Red Stars Cap.U/14.					
	'D' PB 233	J.85239 F/L Larson L.E.	Pilot	0031	0719	"D" BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with hazy visibility. Bombs dropped at 0402 hours from 12,500 feet on Red T.I.s in Marshalling Yard. T.I.s Red went down at 0354 hours with others at regular intervals until 0358 hours when the first Greens were seen cascading. Concentration was good but after cascading, Markers became obscured by smoke. Marshalling Yard clearly identified and bombed. Bombing was well concentrated around markers. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Red and Green T.I.s". Aircraft returned to base.	
		144997 F/O Mavies K.J.	NAV				
		J.89486 F/O Bolen J.E.	A/B				
		1390619 W/O Finlay R. DFM	WOP				
		1550317 W/O Hobb A. GCM	A/G				
		1815518 F/S Whitworth J.P.	A/G				
		1894729 SGT Potter M.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025,					
		4 x 1,000 G.P. TD .025,					
		1 x Nos 1 C.P. Green/Red Stars Cap.U/14.					

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April 14/15 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " POTSDAM " (Continued)	A-52
	"T" PB 627	J.21149 F/L Mennie W.	Pilot	1843	0221	" T " SUPPORTER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombed at 2248.2 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of Red T.I.s on ground. First markers T.I. Red seen to go down at approximately 2246 hours with Greens following and undershooting at 2247.5 hours. Concentration of markers was good and Master Bomber heard "Bomb centre of Reds" and "Don't undershoot". Built up area could be clearly identified by light of flares. Bombing was good. Numerous fires and several good explosions seen. One large one at 2256 hours in centre of marked area. Dummy Reds seen 8 to 10 miles N/E of target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40502 F/O Gurevich S.	NAV				
		J.38414 F/O Sherritt E.	A/B				
		187245 F/O Henderson R.G.	WOP				
		R.75477 F/S Cowell J.W.	A/G				
		R.92001 F/S Jones E.W.	A/G				
		1881524 SGT Bligh D.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as "P").					
April 16/17 1945.	"K" ME 370	C.1639 S/L Mussells C.H.	Pilot	0051	0704	Bombing Attack On " SCHWANDORF " 16 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-53
		188498 F/O Tempest E.L.	NAV			" K " VISUAL CONTROL:- Clear with good visibility. Load dropped at 0400.5 hours from 8,200 feet 200 yards to starboard of Greens on Master Bomber's instructions. First Red T.I.s seen to go down at 0352 hours. Also illuminating flares, followed by further Reds at 0353, 0355 and 0356 hours, which were backed up by greens at 0358 hours and 0359 hours. Smoke was covering the Red markers but the Greens could be seen just to port of them. Master Bomber gave "Bomb 200 yards starboard of green T.I.s" at 0400 hours. Bombing was fairly concentrated around markers. Aircraft returned to base.	
		188718 F/O Young P.	A/B				
		R.178080 W/O Yarrimore J.L.	WOP				
		J.8684 F/O Burton R.J. DFM	A/G				
		A.411091 S/L McLeod I. DFC	A/G				
		1854?1 F/O Ryan C.	F/E				
		154601 F/O Dooley J.F.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 5 x 1,000 G.P., 1 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 2 x 500 MC. TD .025, 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Crd), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (IB).					
	"C" PA 965	J.27527 F/O Bdgg C.H.K.	Pilot	0028	0706	" C " VISUAL CONTROL:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load dropped at 0359.5 hours from 8,000 feet on Green T.I.s to port on Master Bomber's instructions. First Markers T.I. Red went down at 0353 hours and a second lot of Reds at 0354.5 hours and at 0356 hours a third lot. Greens cascading at 0358 hours and at 0401 hours a further lot of Reds and at 0402 hours, Greens. At 0405 hours, Reds. Concentration was good with one Green approximately 200 yards North of main concentration. Bombing was fairly well concentrated and Master Bomber heard "bomb 200 yards to starboard of greens" then "bomb greens cascading". At 0406 hours, large orange explosion lasting 5 to 6 seconds. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38767 F/O McDavid D.S.	NAV				
		J.38255 F/O Le Sergeant M.W.	A/B				
		R.122792 W/O Brown G.F.	WOP				
		R.201403 F/S Angus A.F.	A/G				
		R.189308 F/S Schindell W.K.	A/G				
		1592145 SGT Jackson E.A.	F/E				
		J.86011 F/O Mooney H.C.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 G.P., 2 x 500 MC. TD .025, 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Crd), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (IB).					

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April 14/15 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " POTSDAM " (Continued)	A-52
	'Y' PB 282	J.35284 F/O Forman W.E.	Pilot	1847	0206	" Y " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky, hazy but good visibility. Flares released at 2241.8 hours from 18,000 feet and bombs at 2249.4 hours from 17,000 feet, on Red T.I.s on ground. Red T.I.s seen on ground having gone down at 2244 hours. Lakes were identified and Red T.I. could be seen near them in the built-up area. Master Bomber gave "Basement Flight Plan", time check at 2336 hours. Then he called on the illuminators and bomb the Easterly Red T.I.s and ignore the greens. Concentrated bombing seen in the area of the T.I.s and a few fires were left burning. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36830 F/O Davis J.B.	NAV				
		J.35587 F/O Geffin P.N.	A/B				
		R.198886 F/S Jones A.L.	WOP				
		R.264874 F/S Byers A.G.	A/G				
		R.273611 F/S Barker R.H.	A/G				
		3020510 SGT O'Hanlon O.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'J').					
	'U' MB 445	J.35293 F/O Bellinger J.H.	Pilot	1841	0220	" U " SUPPORTER:- Clear sky and good visibility. Load released at 2243 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S. Master Bomber had to be turned off as the VHF was noisy. The Aiming Point was identified in the light of illuminating flares. Red T.I.s seen to go down in the bend of the river and Green T.I.s seen quite close. Bombing appeared well concentrated around markers. Several large explosions seen after bombing and many fires. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.38710 F/O Moran W.F.	NAV				
		J.38423 F/O Poupore J.G.	A/B				
		R.223596 F/S Wrigglesworth L.	WOP				
		R.121957 W/O Hliault L.W.	A/G				
		R.169972 F/S O'Shea W.L.	A/G				
		1692115 SGT Morton H.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'O' PB 555	J.20025 F/L Thompson C.A.	Pilot	1913	0233	" O " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 2258.5 hours from 18,600 feet on estimated position of Red T.I.s as smoke obscured them on run up. First T.I. Red at 2245 hours. Second Green Floaters at 2246 hours. At the beginning of attack bombing a little scattered but as attack progressed bombing was exceedingly well concentrated on markers which were very well placed. Much smoke obscured over the target and many fires seen about 15 miles from target. Flare brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38706 F/O Gladding F.	NAV				
		J.38282 F/O Mellard J.V.	A/B				
		J.92771 F/O Callery N.F.	WOP				
		J.87395 F/O Cantera D.R. DFM	A/G				
		R.273606 F/S Barker A.J.	A/G				
		1140325 SGT Bancroft G.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').					
	'P' PB 585	C.35288 F/L Brodie R.J. DFC	Pilot	1842	0214	" P " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load dropped at 2243.8 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S. Dropped illuminating flares but as VHF very noisy did not listen out for the Master Bomber. Amber-coloured spoof T.I.s seen outside the built-up area and around the lakes but these were not attracting any bombing. Bombing seen as we left the target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40021 F/O Alderson R.	NAV				
		J.38417 F/O Swan J.C.	A/B				
		R.159065 W/O Proskunik W.	WOP				
		R.262822 F/S Deyell J.	A/G				
		R.262844 F/S Christie T. DFM	A/G				
		1695860 F/S Scott A.G.M.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'J').					
	'W' PB 628	J.89935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1840	0208	" W " BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with good visibility. Flares released at 2245 and bombs at 2250 hours from 18,000 feet on Red T.I.s. First T.I. Reds seen to go down at 2245 hours which appeared to be very well placed and bombs dropped on Master Bomber's instruction on Red T.I.s. A fair concentration of bombing on T.I.s observed but some undershooting. A few fires appeared to be taking hold. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A.	NAV				
		J.93114 F/O Kirkham J.W.	A/B				
		R.148690 F/S Porter R.W.	WOP				
		R.254213 W/O Farnden R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stavenjord H.	A/G				
		1250580 SGT Game G.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'J').					

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April 14/15 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "POTSDAM" (Continued)	A-52
	'A' SW 225	J.28735 F/O Lindsay J.B.	Pilot	1851	0236	"A" BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear and fair visibility. Bombs dropped at 2256.8 hours from 18,000 feet on Green Floaters. Illuminating flares seen to go down at 2244 hours. Target identified by Red T.Is and by river South of Aiming Point. Bombing observed to be quite concentrated on the whole with much smoke coming from the target which eventually obscured T.Is. One very large explosion noted at 2258 hours. H2S w/t. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars brought back not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38771 F/O McLean W.G.	NAV				
		J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A.	A/B				
		J.93015 F/O Smith W.G.	WOP				
		J.93024 F/O Cameron J.R.	A/G				
		J.93070 F/O Patterson P.J.	A/G				
		188675 F/O Horner K.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').					
	'H' PB 513	J.9180 W/L Bennett G.W.	Pilot	1844	0229	"H" SUPPORTER:- Clear sky with fair visibility. 2 x 2,000 HC released at 2253.2 hours from 18,000 feet on Red T.Is on ground. First T.Is Red seen going down at 2244.5 hours with others at 2246.2 hours. Greens followed at approximately 22.7 hours and a good concentration resulted. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Reds, ignore Greens". Bombing was good and several large explosions seen in marked area. 2 x 2,000 HC and 1 x 500 MC. jettisoned safe 50.23 N. 00.01 E. at 0145 hours from 12,000 feet owing to hang-up over target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37774 F/O Atkinson W.C.	NAV				
		J.36887 F/O Lymon D.E.	A/B				
		J.94333 F/O Andrews R.F.	WOP				
		R.265012 F/S Parrish J.W.	A/G				
		J.93983 F/O Hall R.	A/G				
		1826211 SGT Weatherill A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 4 x 2,000 HC. M/L, 1 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'J' ME 304	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	1845	0255	"J" VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. Flares released at 2244.4 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of square. Bombs released at 2250.7 hours from 18,000 feet on Red T.I. Nothing was down on arrival but the after illuminators were dropped on Master Bomber's instructions. The first Red T.I. were seen at 2245 hours about 500 yards West of the Aiming Point. The next three lots of Red T.I.s went down on to the Aiming Point and these were followed by Green T.Is. Master Bomber's first of all called for illuminators — bomb Red T.Is, which were the first lot off Aiming Point, then Master Bomber instructed to bomb on Easterly lot of three Reds. Ignore Southerly Green. Greens went down on Aiming Point. Reds and Master Bomber's instructions to bomb forward markers. Bombing on both lots of markers but later whole area covered with smoke. Numerous explosions and a notable one at 2249.5 hours. Smoke, mushroom, up to 3,000 feet, and an orange-yellowish flame. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.20504 F/O Weir C.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 F/O Bailey J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Meder R.C.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Koroll P.	A/G				
		J.93881 F/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W.DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 AMC .59 TD .025, 10 x No. 3 CP. White 'D'.					
	'X' PB 267	J.89628 F/O Maxwell A. GC M	Pilot	1850	0230	"X" BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombs dropped by H2S at 2252.4 hours from 18,000 feet. First T.I. down at 2240 hours. Illuminators at 2240 hours. First Greens at 2247 and 2250 hours. T.Is appeared very well concentrated but bombing appeared slightly scattered. Much smoke coming up from target which obscured T.Is. Dummy fires observed approximately 25 miles West of Berlin. One dummy Red T.I. observed about 15 miles S/W of target. Flares brought back, not required. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.29856 F/O Laidlaw M.S.	NAV				
		J.89617 F/O Cattrall H.W.	A/B				
		J.89709 F/O Peasby J.G.	WOP				
		J.93579 F/O Allan D.	A/G				
		J.89636 F/O C Risholm E.D.	A/G				
		543144 F/S Jones H.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').					

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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
April 14/15 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " POTSDAM " (Continued)	A-52
	'B' ME 379	C.1639 S/L Mussells C.H. 188493 P/O Tempest E.L. 188718 P/O Young P. R.178080 W/O Larrimore J.L. J.86847 P/O Dale R.T. J.17926 F/L Kelly J.F. 185424 P/O Ryan C. 154601 F/O Dooley J.P. Bombload:- 2 x 500 MC. TD. 025, 4 x 1,000 ANM .59 TD .025, 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Green (LB).	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	1912	0210	" B " VISUAL CENTRE:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load released at 2257.8 hours from 18,400 feet on Green T.I.s. First Reds seen at 2245 hours and illuminator flares at 2244 hours. Master Bomber gave "Bomb Red T.I.s". Bombed Green T.I.s as no Reds could be seen. Bombing seen around the markers but smoke obscured observation of results. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'D' PB 253	J.85239 F/L Larson L.E. 144997 F/O Davies K.J. J.89486 P/O Bolen J.E. J.89752 P/O Van Metre R.DFC 1550317 W/O Robb A. CGM 1815518 F/S Whitworth J.P. 1894729 SGT Potter M. A. Bombload:- 4 x 2,000 HC. N/I, 1 x No. 1 CP Red/Green Stars Cap. 4, 1 x 500 MC. TD .025.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	1849	0233	" D " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Dropped bombs at 2251 hours from 17,500 feet by H2S. Master Bomber heard to give "Drop Illuminator Flares" and then later "Bomb Reds and Greens". Red T.I.s were seen on arrival and Greens were down close to them. Built-up area could be identified but there was a lot of bombing going on around the markers so that the Aiming Point itself could not be seen. Bombing appeared, however, to be overshooting. Smoke was obscuring T.I.s. Dummy dull Red T.I.s seen about ten miles to port but were not attracting any bombing. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'C' PA 965	J.25776 F/L Dix W.F. J.21185 F/L Mertz A.H. J.20891 F/L Fraser W.M. R.193731 F/S Smith G.B. R.274279 F/S Battson E.O. R.210040 W/O Pyne D.R. 1668352 F/S Gregory F.W.S. J.28923 F/O Jackson E.R. Bombload:- (Same as 'D').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	1911	0224	" C " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 2251.4 hours from 18,000 feet on Red T.I.s on ground. At 2244.5 hours, first Red T.I. seen going down with a second Red at 2246 hours. At 2247 hours a Red and a Green T.I. went down and at 2249.8 hours a Green. The Reds were well grouped with first Greens undershooting and second Green to port. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Reds and ignore Greens". Lake and built-up area seen. Bombing was fair but became scattered later. Dummy Red T.I.s and illuminator flares seen four to five miles Northwest of target. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'G' ND 709 m	J.3202 S/L Neilly L.G. DFC J.28917 F/L Ferguson R.M. DFC J.20667 F/L Windt H.G. 1390619 W/O Finlay D.D. DFM J.89665 P/O MacNair K.A.C. J.35651 F/O Legros C.B. 184401 P/O Warne A. Bombload:- (Same as 'D').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	1848	0212	" G " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 2248.6 hours from 18,000 feet by H2S. First Reds seen down at 2244.8 hours with Greens at 2247.5 hours. What bombing observed seemed to be concentrated around T.I.s. Markers seen appeared to be very well placed following visual identification. 1 x No. 1 C.P. Red/Green Stars brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	

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April 14 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " " BAYREUTH " " (Continued)	A-51
	'B' ME 379	G/C Newson & Crew (Continued)				" B " MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) UNDERSHOOTING and overshooting but in the end, when he got control, there was a very good concentration of bombing on Aiming Point. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'T' PB 627	J.27527 F/O Begg G.H.K.	Pilot	1200	1753	" T " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear. Load released at 1458.2 hours from 12,000 feet on Marshalling Yard — Aiming Point. Oboe marking was on time, four down by 1458 hours. Orbitted after bombing and came down to 6,000 feet and T.I.s were being blown into air by bombing. Smoke covered area. M.B. said "Overshoot Red T.I. in field by 3 seconds. Stick then dropped through this T.I. Most of bombing was concentrated in the N/E of the town. Southern part did not receive any bombing. Bombsight u/s after bombing. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38787 F/O McDavid D.S.	NAV				
		J.38255 F/O Le Sergent M.W.	A/B				
		R.122792 W/O Brown G.F.	WOP				
		R.201405 F/S Angus A.F.	A/G				
		R.189308 F/S Schindell W.K.	A/G				
		1592445 SGT Jackson E.A.	F/E				
		J.86011 F/O Mooney H.G.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					
	'Y' PB 282	J.89431 F/O McGregor G.W.	Pilot	1201	1751	" Y " SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load dropped at 1503. hours from 12,000 feet on smoke, upwind edge. Master Bomber heard clearly. "Bomb the Red T.I.s". "Pickwick". Area was covered with smoke to East and North. South and West of town clear. Stick of bombs seen to fall across the Marshalling Yard in N/E of town. H2S u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38772 F/O Pearce R.C.	NAV				
		R.172515 W/O Pratt F.B.	A/B				
		R.191163 W/O MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.268383 F/S Jouse W.H.	A/G				
		R.275652 F/S Hare D.H.	A/G				
		R.113993 SGT Frankson C.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 18 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'P' PB 585	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	1159	1746	" P " SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load released at 1459.8 hours from 13,000 feet — overshot bridge 3 seconds as instructed. Identified target visually and overshot it according to instructions in order not to obscure Aiming Point. First T.I.s seen going down at 1458 hours but a certain amount of bombing observed starboard of target. When target seen again on the way, it was completely enveloped in smoke. A fair amount of smoke observed coming up from Nurnburg. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.25047 F/O Weir O.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 W/O Pauley J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.G.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Koroll P.	A/G				
		J.93881 F/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'T').					
April 14/15 1945.	'K' ME 370	O.985 G/C Newson W.F. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1846	0216	Bombing Attack On " POTSDAM " 15 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-52
		J.28702 F/L Cope J.L.	NAV			" K " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load released at 2245.35 hours from 17,300 feet on built-up area and lakes. Oboe Red T.I.s seen down near lakes and these fell at 2244 hours. Our Red T.I.s fell about 200 yards overshooting the target and these were about ½ mile away from the other Reds already down. Bombing was good and well concentrated around markers. Smoke was belching up to 6 or 8,000 feet and Green T.I.s were seen going down into this. One large explosion seen and whole place seemed on fire. Aircraft returned to base.	
		127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A.409405 F/L Giblin D.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Rivis A.L.	A/G				
		A.111091 S/L McLeod K.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867791 F/S Cattin H.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (IB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					

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April 14 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " " BAYREUTH " " (Continued)	A-51
	'B' ME 379	S/L Newson & Crew (Continued)				" B " MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) UNDERSHOOTING and overshooting but in the end, when he got control, there was a very good concentration of bombing on Aiming Point. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'T' PB 627	J.27527 F/O Begg G.H.K.	Pilot	1200	1753	" T " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear. Load released at 14.58.2 hours from 12,000 feet on Marshalling Yard — Aiming Point. Obce marking was on time, four down by 14.58 hours. Orbited after bombing and came down to 6,000 feet and T.I.s were being blown into air by bombing. Smoke covered area. M.B. said "Overshoot Red T.I. in field by 3 seconds. Stick then dropped through this T.I. Most of bombing was concentrated in the N/E of the town. Southern part did not receive any bombing. Bombsight u/s after bombing. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38787 F/O McDavid D.S.	NAV				
		J.38255 F/O Le Sergent R.W.	A/B				
		R.122792 W/O Brown G.F.	WOP				
		R.201405 F/S Angus A.F.	A/G				
		R.189308 F/S Schindell W.K.	A/G				
		1592445 SGT Jackson E.A.	F/E				
		J.86011 F/O Mooney H.G.	W/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					
	'T' PB 282	J.89431 F/O McGregor C.W.	Pilot	1201	1751	" Y " SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load dropped at 1503. hours from 12,000 feet on smoke, upwind edge. Master Bomber heard clearly. "Bomb the Red T.I.s". "Pickwick". Area was covered with smoke to East and North. South and West of town clear. Stick of bombs seen to fall across the Marshalling Yard in N/E of town. H2S u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		R.172515 W/O Pratt F.R.	A/B				
		R.191163 W/O MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.868385 F/S Jesse W.H.	A/G				
		R.273652 F/S Hare D.T.	A/G				
		R.113995 SGT Frankson C.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 18 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'P' PB 585	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	1159	1746	" P " SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load released at 14.59.8 hours from 13,000 feet — overshot bridge 3 seconds as instructed. Identified target visually and overshot it according to instructions in order not to obscure Aiming Point. First T.I.s seen going down at 14.58 hours but a certain amount of bombing observed starboard of target. When target seen again on the way, it was completely enveloped in smoke. A fair amount of smoke observed coming up from Nurnburg. Aircraft returned to base.	
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		J.37155 F/O Pauley J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.C.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Korell P.	A/G				
		J.93881 F/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'T's).					
April 14/15 1945.	'K' ME 370	O.985 S/L Newson W.P. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1846	0216	Bombing Attack On " POTSDAM " 15 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-52
		J.28702 F/L Cope J.L.	NAV			" K " PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load released at 2245.35 hours from 17,500 feet on built-up area and lakes. Obce Red T.I.s seen down near lakes and these fell at 2244 hours. Our Red T.I.s fell about 200 yards overshooting the target and these were about ½ mile away from the other Reds already down. Bombing was good and well concentrated around markers. Smoke was belching up to 6 or 8,000 feet and Green T.I.s were seen going down into this. One large explosion seen and whole place seemed on fire. Aircraft returned to base.	
		127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A.1.051.05 F/L Giblin R.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Rivis A.L.	A/G				
		A.111091 S/L McLeod K.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867792 F/S Carlin R.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC	W/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 5 x 1,000 T.I. Red (IB), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
April 10/11, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "PLAUEN" (Continued)	A-50
	'V' PB 653	J.12499 F/L Walker R.W.	Pilot	1916	0207	"V" VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear with good visibility. 6 x 1,000 MC dropped at 2314.7 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of smoke and overshot one seconds. Smoke obscured marking. Large number of well concentrated bomb flashes seen as we ran up. Bombed centre of the smoke. Master Bomber "Bomb centre of smoke". Two or three explosions seen in target area. All T.Ls brought back owing to no ground detail or T.Ls visible. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40433 F/O Ferguson H.	NAV				
		J.38429 F/O Farmer W.S.	A/B				
		R.121251 W/O Redinger J.	WOP				
		R.299831 F/S Kehl A.C.	A/G				
		R.275911 F/S Moyes R.	A/G				
		C.190959 F/O Sicobo T.H. DFM	F/E				
		142450 F/O Horsman W.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 6 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 4 x 250 T.L Green (Grd), 4 x 250 T.L Green (LB).					
	'P' PB 233	J.85239 F/L Larson L.H.	Pilot	1905	0219	"P" BLIND MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. T.Ls released at 2308.5 hours from 15,000 feet on H2S. Bombs released at 2312 hours from 15,000 feet on T.Ls Red and T.Ls Green on ground. First markers, T.Ls Red seen cascading at 2304 hours followed by two more lots of Reds Almost on top of first and then some Greens slightly under-shooting Reds. Master Bomber was not contacted. Marking was concentrated with bombing well in marked area. Explosion with black smoke seen 100 yards to Port of T.Ls at 2311.5 hours. Aircraft returned to base.	
		144997 F/O Davies K.J.	NAV				
		J.89486 F/O Bolen J.E.	A/B				
		J.89752 F/O Van Metre R. DFC	WOP				
		1550317 W/O Robb A. CGM	A/G				
		1815518 F/S Whitworth J.P.	A/G				
		1884729 SGT Potter M.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'F').					
	'U' ME 445	J.10991 F/L Dailey T.B.	Pilot	1907	0217	"U" VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombays Bombs dropped at 2307.6 hours from 12,000 feet by H2S - bombsight u/s. First Red T.Ls seen to cascade at 2305.5 hours with two more at 2306 hours right on top of first. Ground detail clearly seen and markers well placed in centre of built-up area. Smoke was intense and only broadcast heard from Master Bomber was "Bomb centre of smoke". Bombing was very concentrated. All T.Ls brought back owing to bombsight u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.39401 F/O Campbell H.E.	NAV				
		J.38649 F/O Ayres G.W.	A/B				
		J.43082 F/O Rascher A.E.	WOP				
		R.274279 F/S Battson B.G.	A/G				
		R.220336 F/S Tennyson G.V.	A/G				
		852023 SGT Walker G.W.J.	F/E				
		J.40772 F/O Miller B.B.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 6 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 2 x 250 T.L Green (LB), 4 x 250 T.L Green (Grd).					
April 11, 1945.	'B' ME 379	C.985 S/C Newson W.F.M. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1158	1749	Bombing Attack On "BAYREUTH" 4 A/C Detailed (Daylight)	A-51
		J.26702 F/L Cope J.L.	NAV			"B" MASTER BOMBER:- Clear. Load dropped at 1459.5 hours from 12,000 feet on Aiming Point. First T.Ls seen right on Aiming Point at 1457 hours. These were seen followed by other Red T.Ls which landed a bit north of Aiming Point. Master Bomber told crews to ignore these, the third T.Ls. were slightly short of Aiming Point. Master Bomber advised a three second overshoot. When aircraft were still under-shooting Master Bomber advised five second overshoot and bombing then became fairly concentrated on A/P. The first T.Ls which landed on A/P were obliterated by bombing when M.B. gave Flickwick at 1505 hours. M.B. feels that he was a little late on target to get control of attack so that due to his own fault bombing in the beginning was both (FTO)	
		127850 F/L Martin G.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		R.40305 F/L Gibbin D.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		R.202642 W/O Birie A.L.	A/G				
		R.211091 S/L McLeod L.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867791 F/S Catlin R.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Taylor W.E. DFC&	B/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 500 MC. TD .025, 3 x 1,000 T.L Red (Grd), 3 x 1,000 T.L Red (LB).					

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April 10/11 1945.	Lancaster III 'C' PA 965	J.35683 F/O McGee F.G.	Pilot	1904	0211	Bombing Attack On " PLAUEN " (Continued)	A-50
		J.39322 F/O McGee R.S.	NAV			" C " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with good visibility. Flares dropped at 2305.9 hours from 12,000 feet on Red T.I. on ground. Bombs dropped at 2310.2 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of 4 Reds on ground. At 2304 hours, first Red seen cascading. Master Bomber not heard. V.H.F. too noisy. 1196, no results. Marconi voice not understandable. Large number of bomb bursts well on the marking. Smoke over area rising straight up and covering the target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		R.209377 F/S Dawe W.C.	A/B				
		R.219062 F/S MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.209554 F/S Fewster R.F.	A/G				
		R.213622 F/S Cays H.L.	A/G				
		R.187841 SGT Eaden G.A.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W.J.DFC	V/BA				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'A' SW 225	J.9180 S/L Bennett G.W.	Pilot	1903	0204	" A " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear sky with fair visibility. Flares released on Red T.I.s on ground at 2306.6 hours from 12,000 feet and bombs released at 2314.5 hours from 12,000 feet on Red T.I. in smoke. First Red T.I. seen cascading at 2304 hours and this was the only one seen going down. Greens were seen falling close to Reds giving good concentration. Built-up area could be clearly identified and Markers were in centre of this. Later smoke obscured Aiming Point and after bombing Master Bomber heard "Bomb centre of smoke". Marking and bombing were very good and concentrated. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37774 F/O Atkinson W.G.	NAV				
		J.36887 F/O Lynch D.K.	A/B				
		R.207424 F/O Andrews B.F.	WOP				
		R.265012 F/S Farrish J.W.	A/G				
		J.93983 F/O Hall E.	A/G				
		1816211 SGT Weatherill A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'X' PB 267	R.88372 W/O Campbell B.C.	Pilot	1908	0215	" X " VISUAL ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Dropped 4 x 1,000 MC at 2310.7 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of Green T.I.s on ground with Red T.I. in centre. Master Bomber not heard. Bombing well concentrated. Smoke from bombing covered area. Several fairly large explosions seen. Decoy marking with Red-Green T.I.s and Illuminator Flares seen 15 miles Northeast of the target. 10 x No. 3 CP White brought back, owing to bombsight u/s for flares. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.40899 F/O Robinson R.R.	NAV				
		J.40521 F/O Wilson W.L.	A/B				
		J.43689 F/O Wilson D.E.	WOP				
		R.251126 F/S Heath G.L.	A/G				
		R.196667 F/S Ray J.O.	A/G				
		R.263177 SGT Westoby N.V.	F/E				
		J.28504 F/O Gray G.H.	V/B/A				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'H').					
	'E' SW 260	J.29080 F/L Cormier P.J.	Pilot	1906	0159	" E " BLIND MARKER:- Clear with slight haze on ground and good visibility. Load dropped at 2307.5 hours from 15,000 feet by H2S. At 2303.5 hours, Red T.I. cascading. Other Reds started to drop just as we bombed. Master Bomber clearly heard "Basement Flight Plan", "Illuminators drop", "Bomb the Red Greens". Marking was well concentrated and Greens undershot the Reds a little. Many bomb bursts were seen well concentrated on T.I.s. Three large explosions seen after we started our orbit. We dropped our Markers as there was only one Red T.I. visible when we ran up. This was probably the 5 group raid on Chemnitz. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36833 F/L Steer R.E.	NAV				
		R.158333 F/O Allan W.E.	A/B				
		J.88588 P/O Brearly J.E.	WOP				
		R.198884 W/O Gray J.G.	A/G				
		R.178879 W/O Stroich N.W.	A/G				
		1895640 SGT Kanka S.E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 7 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 2 x 250 T.I. Green (Ord), 2 x 250 T.I. Green (LB).					

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April 10, 1945.	Lancaster III 'M' PB 681	J.10101 F/L MacGregor H.C.	Pilot	1443	2053	Bombing Attack On "LEIPZIG" (Continued)	A-49
		J.4054.2 F/O Miller C.G.	NAV			"M" SUPPORTER:- Clear sky with very good visibility. Bombed centre of smoke on Master Bomber's instructions at 1801.2 hours from 17,000 feet. First T.I.s Red seen cascading at 1758 hours, second T.I.s went down at 1800 hours. T.I.s could be seen on sheds in Marshalling Yard and were well concentrated. Aircraft did an orbit before bombing and could see bomb flashes on Aiming Point. Large explosion with black smoke at 1800 hours. Master heard "Overshoot one second and bomb slightly to port", and at 1801 hours "Bomb centre of smoke". Aircraft returned to base.	
		R.186457 W/O Slimon R.D.	A/B				
		J.92050 F/O Lee H.A.	WOP				
		R.270107 F/S Moriarty E.T.	A/G				
		R.270119 F/S Nicholl J.S.	A/G				
		1826142 SGT Mawhall J.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 18 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'G' ND 709	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	1442	2056	"G" SUPPORTER:- Clear with very good visibility. Bombed centre of Red T.I.s seen through smoke at 1802.2 hours from 18,000 feet. At 1757.8 hours, first markers Red T.I.s fell. These were followed by others all well on the Marshalling Yards. Master Bomber heard clearly "Bomb Red T.I.s" "One second overshoot" "one second over to port" "3 seconds overshoot on Reds or on smoke". Many bomb bursts seen in Marshalling Yard. Area of yards was well covered by smoke, heavy black. Aircraft landed base.	
		J.2504.7 F/O Weir G.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 F/O Pauley I.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.C.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Korell P.	A/G				
		J.95881 F/O Smith W.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'M').					
April 10/11 1945.	'H' PB 513	J.7344 F/L Barsby E.E.	Pilot	1900	0208	Bombing Attack On "LEIPZIG" - 2 A/C Detailed (Night)	A-50
		J.4053 F/O Miller J.B.	NAV			"M" BLIND INDICATOR:- Clear with good visibility. 9 x No. 3 CP White released at 2303.9 hours from 15,000 feet by H2S. 4 x 1,000 MC released at 2310.4 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of Red and Green T.I.s on ground. At 2302 hours, first Red T.I. seen cascading. Master Bomber not heard. Illuminator flares dropped on H2S on starboard of Red T.I.s. Some smoke beginning to rise as we bombed. After bombing, large amount of smoke seen rising. 1 x No. 3 CP White Flare brought back owing to hang up. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.27128 F/O McClean G.W.	A/B				
		R.201763 F/S Batts M.F.	WOP				
		R.269582 F/S McCombe J.R.	A/G				
		R.155843 F/S Young S.	A/G				
		1826449 SGT Peters G.M.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 10 x No. 3 CP 7 White 11/P.					
	'W' PB 628	J.28935 F/O Weitendorf W.H.	Pilot	1901	0213	"W" BLIND INDICATOR:- Clear sky with good visibility. Flares dropped at 2304.5 hours from 15,000 feet and bombs at 2309.5 hours from 15,000 feet on T.I.s Red on ground. First Red T.I.s seen to cascade at 2304 hours, followed by another Red at 2305 hours, overshooting first by approximately 100 yards. T.I.s were seen to be in Marshalling Yards. Bomb flashes could be seen on markers. Master Bomber heard to instruct at 2306 hours "Bomb Red T.I.s down" and "Bomb centre of smoke". Three large explosions seen, oh leaving target area. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37205 F/O Glowacki W.A.	NAV				
		J.95121 F/O Kirkham J.W.	A/B				
		R.148690 F/S Porter R.W.	WOP				
		R.254213 W/O Marsden R.H.	A/G				
		R.196860 F/S Stavenhard H.	A/G				
		1250580 SGT Gane G.E.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'M').					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY		TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
April 18, 1945.	Lancaster III						Bombing Attack On " HELIGOLAND " (Continued)	A-54
	'D' PB 253	J.85239 F/L Harmon L.E.		Pilot	1116	1501	" D " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear. Bombs dropped at 1322.6 hours from 18,000 feet on Aiming Point. Smoke seen rising from target as we arrived and most had drifted clear of Aiming Point. At 1322.6 hours, first Red T.I. seen cascading. Bomb bursts seen straddling the Aiming Point and a fairly large fire was started just after we bombed. The fire was slightly South of Aiming Point. Smoke seen on the Southeast end of the main island. Could not pick up Master Bomber. Flares brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		14997 P/O Davies K.J.		NAV				
		J.89486 P/O Bolen J.E.		A/B				
		J.89752 P/O Van Metre R. DFC		WOP				
		1350317 W/O Robb A. GGM		A/G				
		1815518 F/S Whitworth J.F.		A/G				
		1894729 SGT Potter M.A.		F/E				
		Bombload:- INCENDIARY.						
		8 x No. 29 Blue SP Cap. U/L.						
		4 x No. 29 Blue SP Cap. U/L.						
		4 x 500 MC. TD .025.						
	'E' SW 260	J.28080 F/L Cormier P.J.		Pilot	1117	1507	" E " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear. Bombs dropped at 1317.6 hours from 17,500 feet on smoke covering Aiming Point area. Arrived and 'E' u/s so bombed on arrival. Aiming Point area was covered with smoke, like oil smoke. No markers seen cascading until after bombing. Oil fire seen just South of Aiming Point. Master Bomber heard on time check at 1312 hours and "Bomb Red T.I.s". and "Basement 14,000 feet". Flares brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.36835 F/L Steer R.E.		NAV				
		R.158353 W/O Allan W.E.		A/B				
		J.88588 F/O Brearley J.E.		WOP				
		R.198884 W/O Gray J.G.		A/G				
		J.94185 F/O Strvich N.W.		A/G				
		1855640 SGT Kanka S.E.		F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').						
	'A' SW 225	J.28735 F/O Lindsay J.B.		Pilot	1115	1524	" A " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear. Visually identified Aiming Point. Bombs dropped at 1326.8 hours from 17,500 feet on upward edge of smoke as instructed by Master Bomber. No markers seen at target. A/P area identified which was covered in smoke. Fourth wave Master Bomber ordered "Bomb upwind edge of smoke" and those instructions followed. Own Master Bomber not heard. Big oil fire near Aiming Point. Own bombs seen to straddle island at upwind edge of smoke 500 yards North of Aiming Point. Flares brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38771 F/O McLean W.G.		NAV				
		J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A.		A/B				
		J.93015 F/O Smith W.G.		WOP				
		J.93021 F/O Cameron J.R.		A/G				
		J.93070 F/O Patterson P.J.		A/G				
		188675 F/O Horner E.		F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').						
	'X' PB 267	J.89628 F/O Maxwell R. CGM		Pilot	1121	1507	" X " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear with thin cloud at 14,000 feet. Load released at 1326.6 hours from 13,800 feet on Northern edge of the smoke. Black smoke covered the Southeast of the island as we ran up. Master Bomber gave: "Basement 1400 at 1309 hours. Bomb the Reds. Bomb the Yellows cascading. Bomb the Yellows down. Bomb the smoke. Bomb the North edge of smoke. Warned about undershooting.". At 1320 hours, first Red T.I.s seen followed within one minute by Yellow T.I.s. Our bombs dropped about 300 yards North of Aiming Point. Yellow explosion seen as our bombs struck. Flares brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.29856 F/O Laidlaw K.C.		NAV				
		J.89617 F/O Cathres H.W.		A/B				
		J.89709 F/O Pashby J.C.		WOP				
		J.93579 F/O Allan D.		A/G				
		J.89636 F/O Chisholm K.H.		A/G				
		543144 F/S Jones H.		F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'D').						

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April 22, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " BREMEN " 9 A/C Detailed (Daylight)	A-55
	'F' ME 370	C.985 G/C Newson W.F.M. DFC & BAR	Pilot	1536	1949	" K " MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive. 9/10th's cloud with odd breaks, tops 10,000 feet. Ran over target and no ground detail seen. Asked Deputy if he could drop and he replied "No". "Abandon mission" ordered at 1758 hours and repeated. Bombload brought back owing to 10/10th's cloud. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.28702 F/L Cope J.L.	NAV				
		127850 F/L Martin C.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A.405405 F/L Giblin L.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		J.86844 F/O Burton H.J. DFM	A/G				
		A.411091 S/L McLeod L.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867791 F/S Catlin R.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Naylor W.K. DFC	W/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Ord), 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (IR), 4 x 500 MC. TD .025.					
	'G' PB 965	C.1639 S/L Mossells O.H.	Pilot	1535	1951	" G " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive. 6 to 7/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 5 to 6,000 feet with good visibility. Target obscured by smoke. Bombload brought back as instructed by Master Bomber. Aircraft returned to base.	
		188493 P/O Tempest R.L.	NAV				
		188718 P/O Emmr Young F.	A/B				
		R.178080 W/O Larrimore J.L.	WOP				
		J.39043 F/O Bowser G.F.C.	A/G				
		J.87917 F/O Oliver C.W.	A/G				
		185421 F/O Ryan C.	F/E				
		154608 F/O Dooley J.P.	W/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'F').					
	'B' ME 379	J.91180 S/L Bennett C.W.	Pilot	1536	1947	" B " SUPPORTER:- Abortive. 7 to 8/10th's cumulus nimbus cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet with good visibility. Target could be seen but large cloud over Aiming Point. All bombs brought back to base as instructed by Master Bomber.	
		J.37774 F/O Atkinson W.G.	NAV				
		J.56887 F/O Lynch D.M.	A/B				
		J.94133 F/O Andrews B.F.	WOP				
		R.265012 W/O Harrish J.W.	A/G				
		J.93985 F/O Hall E.	A/G				
		1816211 SGT Weatherill A.	F/E				
	'D' PB 288	Bombload:- 5 x 2,000 H.C. M/L					
		J.89431 F/O Mc Gregor J.W.	Pilot	1537	1959	" D " SUPPORTER:- Abortive. 7/10th's cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet, 3 to 4,000 feet thick. Ran in on track, windowed, and Master Bomber ordered "Abandon mission" at 1758 hours. No markers seen. All cloud around target with small breaks N/W of Bremen town seen through small breaks. All bombs brought back to base.	
		J.38772 F/O Pearce K.C.	NAV				
		R.172515 W/O Pratt F.E.	A/B				
		R.198163 W/O MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.268185 F/S Jeune W.H.	A/G				
		R.273692 F/S Hare D.T.	A/G				
		R.115993 SGT Frankson C.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					
	'P' PB 585	J.10101 F/L MacGregor H.C.	Pilot	1538	1953	" P " SUPPORTER:- Abortive. 5/10th's strata cumulus cloud, tops 8,000 feet with good visibility. River and railways seen but Aiming Point was obscured by smoke. All bombs brought back as instructed by Master Bomber.	
		J.40542 F/O Miller C.G.	NAV				
		R.186457 W/O Slimon R.D.	A/B				
		J.92050 F/O Lee H.A.	WOP				
		R.270107 F/S Moriarty E.T.	A/G				
		R.270129 F/S Nicholl J.S.	A/G				
		1826142 SGT Marshall J.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					

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April 22, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "BREMEN" (Continued)	A-55
	'U' ME 445	J.10991 F/L Dailey T.D.	Pilot	1540	1957	"U" VISUAL CENTRER:- Abortive. 7/10th's cloud, tops 8,000 feet, 500 to 1,000 feet thick. Ran in on track to N/W of town and A/P covered with cloud with broken cloud around target. No markers seen and Aiming Point not identified. Master Bomber ordered "Abandon Mission" at 1758 hours. All bombload brought back to base as instructed by Master Bomber.	
		J.39401 F/O Campbell H.E.	NAV				
		J.38669 F/O Ayres G.W.	A/B				
		J.43082 F/O Faucher A.E.	WOP				
		R.273796 F/S Hastings G.G.	A/G				
		R.220336 F/S Tennyson G.V.	A/G				
		852023 SGT Walker G.W.J.	F/E				
		J.40772 F/O Miller B.D.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 4 x 500 MC. TD .025, 2 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Grd), 2 x 1,000 T.I. Red (LB).					
	'T' NG 437	J.21149 F/L Mennie W.	Pilot	1538	1948	"T" SUPPORTER:- Abortive. 10/10th's patchy cloud over Aiming Point. Clear in spots and within one mile of target. Ran over target and Aiming Point cloud-covered. At 1758 hours, Master Bomber ordered "Abandon Mission". All bombload brought back owing to Master Bomber's instructions.	
		J.40502 F/O Gurevich S.	NAV				
		J.38411 F/O Sherritt S.	A/B				
		R.208032 F/S Whitworth T.L.	WOP				
		R.75477 F/S Cowell J.W.	A/G				
		R.92001 F/S Jones E.M.	A/G				
		1891524 SGT Haigh D.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					
	'Y' PB 282	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W.	Pilot	1541	1946	"Y" VISUAL CENTRER:- Abortive. 6/10th's cumulus cloud from 8 to 9,000 feet with good visibility. All bombs brought back, also flares, to base, as instructed by Master Bomber.	
		J.40433 F/O Ferguson H.	NAV				
		J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S.	A/B				
		R.121251 F/O Redinger J.A.	WOP				
		R.259831 F/S Kuhl A.G.	A/G				
		R.275911 F/S Moyes R.	A/G				
		C.19059 F/O Skebo T.H. DFM	F/E				
		142450 F/O Horsman W.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'U').					
	'W' PB 628	J.94337 F/O Campbell B.C.	Pilot	1539	1955	"W" SUPPORTER:- Abortive. 7/10th's stratus cloud, tops 9,000 feet with good visibility. Bremen identified but Aiming Point obscured by smoke. Master bomber ordered "Abandon Mission" and all bombs brought back to base.	
		J.40899 F/O Robinson R.R.	NAV				
		J.40521 F/O Wilson W.L.	A/B				
		J.43689 F/O Wilson D.E.	WOP				
		R.251126 F/S Heath G.L.	A/G				
		R.196667 F/S Ray J.O.	A/G				
		R.263177 SGT Westoby N.V.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'B').					

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April 25, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "BERGHTESGADEN" 2 A/C Detailed (Day)	A-56
	'K' ME 370	G.983 G/C Newman W.P.M. DFC & BAR	Pilot	0600	1257	"K" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- Clear sky. Bombs released at 0949.5 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of smoke on Master Bomber's instructions. First markers, Red T.I.s, seen going down at 0948 hours and these were well placed. Aircraft then did orbit but overshot, so made a second orbit. On return Aiming Point obscured by smoke, so dropped bombs only. Bombing was good. All T.I.s brought back owing to bomb-sight u/s. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.28702 F/L Cope J.L.	NAV				
		127850 F/L Martin C.A. DSO DFC	A/B				
		A.4.05405 F/L Giblin D.W.T. DFC	WOP				
		J.86844 F/O Burton R.J. DFM	A/G				
		A.411091 S/L McLeod L.L. DFC	A/G				
		1867791 F/S Catlin E.H.	F/E				
		J.17272 F/O Mayler W.K. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 500 MC. TD .025,					
		3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (Grd),					
		3 x 1,000 T.I. Red (LB):					
	'J' ME 304	J.28134 F/L Hartley J.H. DFC	Pilot	0612	1300	"J" VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear sky with good visibility. 4 x 500 MC and 3 x 1,000 AMM released at 0951.1 hours from 18,000 feet on edge of smoke on Master Bomber's instructions. On approach, target was completely covered by thick black smoke. No markers seen before bombing. Master Bomber ordered "Flickwick". After bombing at 0952 hours, Red T.I. seen and this appeared to overshoot. Bomb flashes seen on orbit after bombing and were well placed. Raid considered good. 4 x 1,000 T.I. Yellow brought back owing to smoke obscuring target. Aircraft returned to base.	
		1622895 SGT Dann J.	NAV				
		1795388 SGT Iggo G.R.	A/B				
		J.89390 F/O Morris H.T.	WOP				
		R.274279 F/S Battson E.J.	A/G				
		R.270086 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		1601959 F/S Newman A.J.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W.J. DFC	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 4 x 500 MC. TD .025,					
		2 x 1,000 T.I. Yellow,					
		2 x 1,000 T.I. Yellow (LB),					
		3 x 1,000 AMM .59 TD .025.					
	'E' SW 260	J.89431 F/O McGregor J.M.	Pilot	0601	1316	"E" SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load released at 0951 hours from 18,000 feet on some buildings. First Red T.I.s seen to burst on ground at 0951.5 hours. Master and Deputy appeared to be having a little trouble in identifying target at beginning of attack. Only instructions of Master Bomber heard "Bomb Flickwick". Many bomb bursts observed which were quite concentrated on Aiming Point with smoke - black smoke covering up. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38772 F/O Pearce L.G.	NAV				
		R.172515 W/O Pratt F.E.	A/B				
		R.191363 W/O MacDonald D.A.	WOP				
		R.268283 F/S Jeune W.H.	A/G				
		R.273652 F/S Hare D.T.	A/G				
		R.115993 SGT Frankson C.W.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 3 x 1,000 MC. .025,					
		4 x 1,000 AMM .59 .025.					
	'G' MD 709	J.20958 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	0611	1301	"G" VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear. Load released at 0953 hours from 18,000 feet on smoke. Only instructions from Master Bomber were to bomb "Flickwick". No T.I.s observed. Main Force were not on track and were late on target. Could not see any ground detail but many concentrated bomb bursts observed through thick brown smoke. Jettisoned 1 x 1,000 AMM .59 TD .025 47.59 N. 11.00 E. at 1019 hours from 16,500 feet owing to hang up. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.25047 F/O Weir C.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 F/O Pauley J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.C.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Korell E.	A/G				
		J.93851 F/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		J.28504 F/O Gray C.H.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'J').					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
April 25, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " BERCHTESGADEN " (Continued)	A-56
	'B' ME 379	J.9180 S/L Bennett G.W. J.37774 F/O Atkinson W.G. J.36887 F/O Lynch D.K. J.94133 F/O Andrews B.F. R.265012 W/O Farrish J.W. J.93983 F/O Hall E. 1816211 SGT Weatherill A. Bombload:- 7 x 1,000 GP. .025.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	0604	1247	" B " SUPPORTER:- Clear. Load dropped at 0950.8 hours from 17,400 feet on centre of smoke. First Red T.L.s at 0946.8 hours. Only Master Bomber's instructions heard were to bomb "Pickwick". Once in area, target easily identified. Several craters observed around building No. 6 from previous attack with earth upturned on snow. Main Force arrived late and went quite a way past the turning point making a very wide orbit and bombing in the general direction of 300°. Many bomb bursts observed which appeared fairly concentrated. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'P' PB 585	J.10101 F/L MacGregor H.C. J.40542 F/O Miller G.G. R.186567 W/O Slimon R.D. J.92050 F/O Lee H.A. R.270107 F/S Moriarty E.T. R.270119 F/S Nicholl J.S. 1826142 SGT Marshall J. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E	0603	1259	" P " SUPPORTER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombed at 0950 hours from 15,000 feet on upper edge of smoke on Master Bomber's instructions. On arrival at target, at 0943 hours, target was clearly identified but no markers down. Aircraft orbitted and on second run Master Bomber instructed "Bomb Pickwick" as target was completely covered by smoke with periodical explosions coming from the smoke. Bombing was fairly well concentrated. 2 x 1,000 GP ~~xxxxxxxx~~ jettisoned 47.45 N. 11.15 E. at 0910 hours from 13,500 feet owing to aircraft losing height when port inner U/S. Aircraft returned to base.	
	'U' ME 445	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G. J.93859 F/O Smith G.A. J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M. R.151199 W/O Charron J.A. R.211664 F/S Abram J.F. R.225230 F/S Harrington W.O. R.192699 SGT McMurdo R. R.168249 W/O Pickavance J. Bombload:- (Same as 'J').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	0607	1254	" U " VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Load released at 0950.9 hours from 18,000 feet on smoke and fires where Yellow T.L.s had burst previously, on Master Bomber's instructions. On arrival, no markers seen so aircraft did an orbit on return. Yellow T.L.s seen cascading at 0948 hours and these fell into smoke which obscured Aiming Point and most of the building. Numerous fires seen and heavy smoke. Most of bombing was concentrated. Master Bomber's instructions were "Pickwick, bomb upper edge of smoke". "Do not overshoot". Aircraft returned to base.	
	'Y' PB 282	J.12499 F/L Walkey D.W. J.40433 F/O Ferguson H. J.38419 F/O Farmer W.S. R.121251 W/O Redinger J.A. R.259831 F/S Kuhl A.G. R.275911 F/S Moyes R. 50951 F/L Hope V.G. DFC 142450 F/O Horsman W.H. Bombload:- (Same as 'J').	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	0605	1243	" Y " VISUAL CENTRER:- Clear sky, slight haze and good visibility. Load released at 0947.5 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of Square. First Red T.L. seen cascading at 0947 hours and this overshot Aiming Point by approximately 4 to 500 yards. Aircraft bombed immediately and saw own bombs overshoot slightly to North. Bombing at first fell short, but on Master Bomber's instructions, bombing improved. Master heard "Bomb Reds, but bomb visually if you can". "Bomb smoke". "Bomb ~~xxxxx~~ edge of smoke". Aircraft returned to base.	

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April 25, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " BERCHTESGADEN " (Continued)	A-56
	'T' NG 437	J.21149 F/L Mannis W.	Pilot	0602	1303	" T " SUPPORTER:- Clear sky. Load dropped at 0952 hours from 17,400 feet on centre of smoke on Master Bomber's instructions. On arrival at 0943 hours, target clearly seen and identified visually. No markers down and a few aircraft seen to did an orbit. On second run, no markers seen but Aiming Point completely covered by smoke. Bombing was scattered and Master Bomber called "Take careful aim, bomb near edge, then bomb smoke — don't overshoot". Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.40502 F/O Gurevich S.	NAV				
		J.38434 F/O Sherritt S.	A/B				
		R.208032 F/S Whitworth T.L.	WOP				
		R.75477 F/S Owell J.W.	A/G				
		R.92001 F/S Jones F.M.	A/G				
		1891528 SGT High D.K.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 6 x 1,000 GP. .025, 1 x 1,000 MC. TD .025.					
April 25, 1945.	'O' PA 965	J.85239 F/L Larson L.E.	Pilot	1504	1841	Bombing Attack On " WANGERROOGE " 4 A/C Detailed (Day)	A-57
		144997 F/O Davies K.J.	NAV			" O " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky and good visibility. Bombs dropped at 1658.4 hours from 12,000 feet on Red T.Ls on Gun emplacement. At 1655.5 hours, first Red T.Ls seen to cascade and this fell straight on the gun emplacements and was well backed up by further Reds making a good concentration. Bombing was Southeast at first and Master Bomber ordered "Bomb on width of T.Ls to Northwest". After this, bombing was well concentrated. Later on Master Bomber gave order "Bomb downwind edge of smoke overshooting slightly". Blue Smoke Puffs brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.89486 F/O Bolen J.M.	A/B				
		J.89752 F/O Van Metre H. DFC	WOP				
		J.87917 F/O Oliver G.W.	A/G				
		1815518 F/S Whitworth J.P.	A/G				
		1894729 SGT Potter M.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 2 x No. 29 Blue Smoke Puffs, 6 x 1,000 AMM .59 .025.					
	'A' SW 225	J.28735 F/L Lindsay J.B.	Pilot	1506	1850	" A " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 1703.7 hours from 12,000 feet on upward edge of smoke. On arrival at target, smoke covered target. Either T.Ls or fires could be seen through smoke. Bombing was well concentrated. Blue Smoke Puffs brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.38771 F/O McLean W.G.	NAV				
		J.26541 F/O McKinlay J.A.	A/B				
		J.93015 F/O Smith W.G.	WOP				
		J.93028 F/O Cameron J.R.	A/G				
		J.93070 F/O Patterson P.J.	A/G				
		188675 F/O Horner R.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 10 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 2 x No. 29 Blue Smoke Puffs.					
	'X' PB 267	J.88628 F/O Maxwell R. CGM	Pilot	1503	1852	" X " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 1700 hours from 12,000 feet on Red T.Ls on ground. First Red T.Ls seen to go down at 1656 hours, followed at minute intervals by three further lots and these were close together. Bombing was to starboard of markers. Smoke was covering the target but bomb flashes could be seen through it. Master Bomber heard "Bomb Reds". Blue Smoke Puffs brought back, not required.	
		J.29856 F/O Laidlaw M.S.	NAV				
		1921658 F/O Woods G.L.	A/B				
		J.93617 F/O Burns J.C.	WOP				
		J.93579 F/O Allan D.	A/G				
		J.89636 F/O Chisholm E.D.	A/G				
		543144 F/S Jones H.	F/E				
		Bombload:- 10 x 1,000 AMM .59 .025, 2 x No. 29 Blue Smoke Puffs.					

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April 25, 1945.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On " MANGERROOGE " (Continued)	A-57
	'O' PB 555	J.20025 F/L Thompson C.A.	Pilot	1505	1845	" O " BLIND SKY MARKER:- Clear sky with good visibility. Bombs released at 1703.9 hours from 12,000 feet on T.I. Yellow. On arrival, at target, area partially obscured by thick black smoke. T.I.s could just be seen through smoke. Master Bomber ordered "two seconds overshoot on Yellow T.I.s". After bombing, heard Master Bomber "One second overshoot on upward edge of smoke". Bombing was fairly concentrated. Just prior to bombing at 1703.6 hours, two large explosions to port of T.I.s. Blue Smoke puffs brought back, not required. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.28706 F/O Gladding F.	NAV				
		J.38282 F/O Mellard J.V.	A/B				
		J.92771 P/O Callery N.F.	WOP				
		J.92834 P/O Paton H.L.	A/G				
		R.273606 F/S Barker A.J.	A/G				
		1140325 SGT Bancroft G.A.	F/E				
		Bombload:- (Same as 'A').					
April 30, 1945.						MARKING FOR SUPPLY DROPPING - HAGUE	A-58
	'B' ME 379	J.9180 S/L Bennett G.W.	Pilot	1535	1800	" B " BACKER UP:- Rain squalls and cloud base 1,000 feet. Dropped load at 1659.7 hours. The marking was fairly well concentrated in small wood near the race-course. Aircraft returned to base.	
		J.37774 F/O Atkinson W.G.	NAV				
		J.36887 F/O Lynch D.K.	A/B				
		J.94133 P/O Andrews B.F.	WOP				
		J.94380 P/O Farrish J.W.	A/G				
		J.93983 P/O Hall E.	A/G				
		1816211 SGT Weatherill A.	F/E				
		81066 S/L Boast R.S.	V/A/B				
		Bombload:- 2 x 250 lb. No. 24 T.I. Red (Less explosive candles).					
	'J' ME 304	J.28134 F/L Hartley J.R. DFC	Pilot	1545	1804	" J " BACKER UP:- Rain squalls and cloud above at 500 feet. T.I.s dropped at 1703.8 hours. Marking was well placed. Aircraft returned to base. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').	
		1622895 SGT Bann J.	NAV				
		1795388 SGT Igoe G.D.	A/B				
		J.89390 P/O Morris H.T.	WOP				
		R.274279 F/S Battson E.O.	A/G				
		R.270086 F/S Willis J.E.A.	A/G				
		1601959 F/S Newman A.J.	F/E				
		J.87461 F/O Blackburn W.J. DFC	V/A/B				
	'Y' PB 282	J.29776 F/O Ashby W.G.	Pilot	1540	1754	" Y " BACKER UP:- Good weather over target but squalls en-route. Dropped T.I.s at 1653.8 hours. Aircraft returned to base. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').	
		J.93859 P/O Smith G.A.	NAV				
		J.27265 F/O McLeod D.M.	A/B				
		R.151199 W/O Charron J.A.	WOP				
		R.211664 F/S Abram J.F.	A/G				
		R.225230 F/S Harrington W.O.	A/G				
		R.192699 SGT McMurdo R.	F/E				
		R.168249 W/O Pickavance J.	V/A/B				
	'G' ND 709	J.20938 F/L Hall J.M.	Pilot	1550	1810	" G " BACKER UP:- Cloud base 1,000 feet. Dropped T.I.s at 1708.2 hours. T.I.s down in woods just overshooting race-course. Aircraft returned to base. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').	
		J.25047 F/O Weir C.A.	NAV				
		J.37153 F/O Pauley J.	A/B				
		J.22855 F/L Mader R.C.	WOP				
		R.271401 F/S Koroll P.	A/G				
		R.93881 P/O Smith V.	A/G				
		1582932 SGT Slater H.A.	F/E				
		J.28504 F/O Gray G.H.	V/A/B				

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April 30 1945.	Lancaster III					MARKING FOR SUPPLY DROPPING (Continued)	A-58
	'U' ME 445	J.10991 F/L Dailey T.D. J.39401 F/O Campbell H.E. J.38669 F/O Ayres G.W. J.43082 F/O Faucher A.E. R.273796 F/S Hastings G.G. R.220336 F/S Tennyson G.V. 852023 SGT Walker G.W.J. J.40772 F/O Miller B.D.	Pilot NAV A/B WOP A/G A/G F/E V/A/B	1530	1752	" U " BACKER UP:- ~~[illegible]~~ Bombload:- (Same as 'B'). Rain squalls in target area. Cloud base about 1,000 feet. Dropped T.I.s at 1650.2 hours. Rain and snow squalls. Visibility very bad at times. Marking was scattered, approximately 400 yards overshoot. Aircraft returned to base.	

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