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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1st FEB. 1945.	OPERATION NO. 259 - BOMBING LUDWIGSHAVEN - BOMB LOAD - All Lancaster Mk.I. A/C					A/C "A", "C", "D" & "G" carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1484 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. A/C "B", "K", "M", and "J" carried 1 x 500 lb. and 1 x 1000 lb. bombs and 1484 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.	A.p.16
	"O" No.457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J.7975	1522	2307	This A/C bombed target at 1920 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 069 and I.A.S. 160. 6/10th stratus cloud to 4,000 - 5000 ft. visibility above excellent. On run up sky markers well placed and plentiful. Bombed middle of three sky markers. Red explosion seen at time of bombing. Other bombs going down seen going into target through hole in cloud. Seemed like good attack and bombs seemed on target. Crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1780
1st FEB. 1945.	"P" No.456	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW.	J.37944	1519	2321	This A/C bombed target at 1916 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 074 and I.A.S. 160. Heavy low cloud to 5,000 ft. Visibility good above. Bombed glom of single red T.I. below cloud. Other bombing at this early stage seemed on A/P. Incendiaries seemed catching after bombing. Seemed good attack at this early stage. Some predicted flak encountered and took evasive action. No other difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.1781
1st FEB. 1945.	"R" No.451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1536	2305	This A/C bombed target at 1919 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 065 and I.A.S. 160. Heavy low cloud to 6 to 9,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed centre of two red T.I.'s. Had a good hole in cloud and red T.I.'s were concentrated in centre of large area of fire. Bomb bursts were numerous and target was well ablaze. Seemed like a pretty good effort and target well bombed. On leaving target A/C was attacked by a JU.88. When this A/C was in act of cork-screwing, fighter opened fire next scoring a hit with cannon-shell on the nose of the Lancaster. Rear gunner attempted to fire but found all four guns U/S. In this attack as well as the subsequent ones the MU-Upper was unable to bring his guns to bear. The fighter made four attacks in all firing each time but apart from his first hit on the nose, the fire was inaccurate and no further damage was caused. The R/A/C was finally lost on evasive action and was not seen again. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1782

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1st FEB. 1945	"G" MG-277	CAPT F/L KING <del>IFC</del> & CREW. 2nd Flt. P/O NICHOL	J.25379	1528	2254	This A/C bombed target at 1919 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 078 and I.A.S. 165. Low broken stratus cloud. Bombed centre of 3 flares. Explosion of bomb bursts seen and several fairly large explosions on run up lighting up cloud base. Assessment difficult due to cloud. Should be fair attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1783
1st FEB. 1945	"K" MR-456	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29010	1527	2316	This A/C bombed target at 1917 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 073 and I.A.S. 160. 6/10th broken stratus cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s which were well concentrated. By visual check of river, T.I.'s appeared to be on A/P. No large explosions seen. Good route and tactics. Crew brought A/C down safely on return.	A.1784
1st FEB. 1945	"M" RA-504	CAPT F/L LUNDEEN & CREW.	J.17601	1530	2303	This A/C bombed target at 1917 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 078 and I.A.S. 155. Heavy low cloud, visibility above excellent. Bombed on only sky marker visible. Other bombing seemed well grouped and incendiaries seemed to have caught hold. No large explosions seen. Bombing seemed accurate. Good effort and no difficulties encountered. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1785
1st FEB. 1945	"J" MR-336 146	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW.	J.90555	1609	2252	This A/C bombed target at 1917 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 078 and I.A.S. 160. Low stratus cloud to 5,000 ft. visibility good. Red T.I.'s were seen very well concentrated on run up also flares. Cloud covered T.I.'s and we bombed glow. Fires were now burning as large glow was seen on cloud. Encountered heavy flak in target area at 1920 hrs. at 17,000 ft. Looked like a pretty good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at base.	A.1786
1st FEB. 1945	"A" PR-899	CAPT F/O SANDERS & CREW.	J.27679	1524	1809	Shortly after take-off, starboard inner engine caught fire and had to be feathered. Pilot then proceeded to sea and jettisoned entire bomb load (safe) and returned and landed safely on three engines at R.C.A.F. Station, Middleton-St. Georges.	A.1787

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2nd/3rd FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 169 - BOMBING WIESBADEN - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1484 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.						App. 17
	All Lancaster MC.I A/C						
	"I" NG. 441	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J. 35943	2026 0329	0329	This A/C bombed target at 23.47 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 150. Thin wispy cloud with tops at 19,000 feet, visibility fair. Bombed on "Gee" as briefed. Bomb bursts and red glow seen through clouds. Cloud condition better than briefed. Difficult to assess raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1788
2/3rd FEB. 1945	"H" NG. 458	CAPT F/S COZENS & CREW.	U.199230	2053	0305	This A/C bombed target at 2350 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 095 and I.A.S. 155. 9/10th cloud, visibility fair. Bombed on "gee" co-ordinate as briefed. Red glow seen through clouds. Met. winds higher than briefed. Very difficult raid to assess. Crew brought A/C back and landed safely at base.	A.1789
2/3rd FEB. 1945	"K" NG. 455	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW.	J. 37209	2055	0317	This A/C bombed target at 23.41 hrs. from 20,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 150. Cirrus above, 10/10th stratus cloud below with tops at 20,000 ft. Bombed on "Gee". Bomb bursts seen below seemed to be in line with "Gee". Very difficult to assess and results uncertain. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1790
2/3rd FEB. 1945	"C" NG. 457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J. 7975	2028	0310	This A/C bombed target at 23.37 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 170. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10 to 12,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed on "Gee" fix. Target obscured by cloud. Continuous glow seen under cloud. Twofold fair, met. out on WIND speed. Very difficult to assess results. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1791
2/3rd FEB. 1945.	"L" NG. 484	CAPT F/O FACHE & CREW.	J. 37944	2030	0327	Due to heavy icing conditions and being unable to maintain height this crew abandoned trip at position 4555N-0533E. at 2322 hrs. whilst flying at 14,000 feet. Met. not as briefed flying in cloud when climbing to height upward and homeward. Jettisoned 1 x 4000 lb. bomb at position 5111N. 0200E. at 02.25 hrs. from 10,000 ft. (safe) but saw explode. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1792
2/3rd FEB. 1945	"M" RA. 504	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW.	J. 90555	2035	0346	This A/C bombed target at 23.56 hrs. from 13,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin cloud to 16,000 feet, visibility fair. Bombed on "gee" co-ordinate as briefed. Saw 7 or 8 bomb flashes. Cloud and wind not as briefed. Fair concentration bombing. A/C steady on run. Very difficult to assess results. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1793

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2/3rd FEB. 1945	"K" NC.459	CAPT F/L KING DFC & CREW.	J.25379	2031	0301	This A/C bombed target at 2339 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 103 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th layered alto stratus cloud with tops at 15,000 feet. visibility good. Bombed on "Gee" fix. No marking and bomb flashes seen below through cloud. Flashes somewhat scattered. Tactics were out because of prevailing Met. conditions - unable to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1794
4th/5th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 161 - BOMBING BOMB - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb and 1584 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						App.18
	"C" NC.457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J.1975	1728	2352	This A/C bombed target at 2048 hrs. from 14,500 feet, heading 053 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed red flare with green stars. Large orange explosion seen below cloud lighting the whole area momentarily. Raid should be fair as good "Gee" check and bomb bursts indicated a fair concentration. Starboard outer engine went W/S shortly after take-off. Continued on and followed tactics as closely as possible. Couldn't gain height. A/C was straight and level for bombing. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1795
4/5th FEB. 1945	"D" NC.456	CAPT F/O SANDERS & CREW.	J.27679	1722	2357	This A/C bombed target at 2046 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 052 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 4,000 ft. visibility good. Five red T.I.'s were dropped in a string and five seconds later green T.I.'s went down same position as red so we bombed main centre as they cascaded. P.F.P. about 5 minutes late. Glow could be seen for 80 miles on route home. Raid uncertain. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1796
4th/5th FEB. 1945	"E" NC.451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1740	2358	This A/C bombed target at 2051 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 065 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 9-10,000 ft. Haze above. Made orbit and then bombed centre of red glow beneath cloud checked on Gee co-ordinate. Markers late and not plentiful but disappearing in cloud. Red glow seen in clouds for about 20 minutes after target. No other difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.1797

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4th/5th FEB. 1945	"G" NG.277	CAPT F/S COZENS & CREW.	U.199230	1727	2345	This A/C bombed target at 20.38 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 053 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th flimsy cloud to 17,000 feet, visibility good. Bombed on single "Wanagumi" flare. Bomb flashes seen and red glow below cloud. Marking inadequate and light. Fair concentration of A/C. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1798
4th/5th FEB. 1945	"J" NG.446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	1725	2339	This A/C bombed target at 20.48 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 053 and I.A.S. 170. 10/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. visibility very good. Bombed near A/P between two groups of red T.I.'s to port and starboard. Glow of T.I.'s seen below cloud. White flashes of exploding glow seen for 90-100 miles. P.P.P. late. Fair concentration of A/C on target. Crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1799
4th/5th FEB. 1945	"K" MR.456	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29010	1726	0003	This A/C bombed target at 20.48 hrs. from 20,000 feet, heading 053 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th cloud (stratus) with tops at 5,000 ft. wispy cloud above to about 20,000 ft. Bombed on one red flare. T.I.'s were not plentiful but those that followed were in same position as first. Red glow seen in sky over target for 30 miles. Good attack. On way from target at 21.12 hrs. immediately after three engines had cut, causing this A/C to swing off track and away from the stream, a M.E.109 carrying navigational and a dim white nose light was sighted slightly above to starboard. Mid-Upper opened fire and fighter put out lights and came into attack, closing to 300 yards without firing and then broke away. Started to close in again to about 500 yards and then dropped back and finally lost to sight. No claim is made. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1800
4th/5th FEB. 1945	"L" NG.484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	1735	2346	This A/C bombed target at 20.45 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft. Bombed on "Gee" flm. Barely on target no other bombing seen. R/C saw red glow in target area for about 1/2 hrs. through cloud after bombing. Good trip. Tactics and route O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1801
4th/5th FEB. 1945	"M" BA.504	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW.	J.37209	1720	2347	This A/C bombed target at 20.50 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 12,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of a large of flares which checked with "Gee" but bombing results not seen due to cloud. Glow could be seen for 45-50 miles after target. Very difficult to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1802

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7/8th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 162 - BOMBING GOCH - BOMB LOAD - All All Lancaster Mk. I A/C					A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 10 x 500 lb. and 6 x 250 lb. bombs.	App. 19
	"C" NC. 457	CAPT P/L THOMAS & CREW.	J. 7975	1856	0112	This A/C arrived in target area at 2218 hrs. There was fairly heavy low cloud with tops at 6 to 8,000 ft. visibility good. Heard Master Bomber give instructions to bomb on mixed red and green T.I.'s but these were not seen so made orbit and was about to bomb at 22.22 hours when Master Bomber was heard calling raid off. Other bombing seemed a bit scattered but some on A/P. Jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs at 00.25 hrs. from 5,000 ft. at position 5303N. 0039 E. at to reduce load for a safe landing weight. Disappointing effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1803
7/8th FEB. 1945	"D" NC. 456	CAPT P/L MOIR & CREW.	J. 27003	1858	0122	This A/C arrived in target area in very good visibility, thin low cloud to 4,500 ft. Unable to identify target T.I.'s so made orbit and came in at 4,500 ft. at 22.29 hrs. only to hear Master Bomber call off raid. Glow of fires and flashes of explosions seen through cloud. Crew brought back full bomb load and landed safely at base on return.	A. 1804
7/8th FEB. 1945	"F" NC. 777	CAPT P/O SANDERS & CREW.	J. 27679	1903	0107	This A/C arrived over target in good visibility although there was 10/10th thin cloud with tops at 6,500 ft. Master Bomber only heard over target. Made orbit and as we were making another run M/B called raid off. Brought full bomb load back and landed safely at base on return.	A. 1805
7/8th FEB. 1945	"H" NC. 458	CAPT W/O MARSHALL & CREW.	C. 1205	1857	0057	This A/C bombed target at 22.16 hrs. from 4,500 feet, heading 047 and I.A.S. 165. 10/10th low cloud but visibility good above. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s which were very well concentrated. Bulk of bombing on T.I.'s. No fires seen but bombing appeared to be on building area. 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back. Tactics good and adhered to. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1806
7/8th FEB. 1945	"J" NC. 446	CAPT P/O KETTERLES & CREW.	J. 35869	1901	0053	This A/C bombed target at 22.18 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 165. 8/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft. visibility excellent. Bombed centre of one green and three red T.I.'s. Flashes on run up seen and also glow under cloud. Heard Master Bomber distinctly. Satisfactory marking. Target obscured, difficult to assess results. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1807



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7/8th FEB. 1945	"F" ME.456	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29010	1902	0059	This A/C bombed target at 22.19 hrs. from 5,000 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 160. Heavy low cloud. Bombed centre of mixed red and green T.I.'s, which were well grouped over T/A. Master Bomber heard through interference and instructions understood. Bombing seemed well on A/P or close by. Very good raid. Instrument failure necessitated switching intermittently between bomb sight and Pilot's instruments to keep both active. No other difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A11881 A.1808
7/8th FEB. 1945	"I" NG.484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	1905	0214	This A/C arrived in target area at 22.18 hrs. in good visibility, some low cloud with tops at about 5,000 ft. Heard Master Bomber saying bomb centre of red and green T.I.'s and orbited and <del>hearing</del> heard M/B say bomb green T.I.'s not glow. Started to orbit again to bomb below cloud when M/B was heard calling raid off. Returned and landed safely at base bringing back full bomb load.	A11888 A.1809
7/8th FEB. 1945	A33 SQDN. "M" ME.493	CAPT F/L KING DEC & CREW.	J.25379	1944	0116	This A/C arrived in target area in good visibility. Was not positively able to identify target on 1st run up so dropped to 6,000 ft. and made second run. Then heard instructions from Master Bomber at 22.25 hrs. to abandon effort. Many flashes of bomb bursts seen. Jettisoned 1 x 4000 lb. bomb at position 5301N. 0035E. at 0027 hrs. from 8,000 ft. for safe landing weight. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return. Remainder of bomb load was brought back.	A11889 A.1810
13/14th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 163 - BOMBING DRESDEN - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. 4 x 250 lb. and 5 x 500 lb. bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						A.1820
	"K" RA.504	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW. 2nd P/O F/O LIGHTHALL	J.27679	2139	0711	This A/C bombed target at 0132 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 004 and I.A.S. 24 160. H/L cloud directly over target, visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s. Streets lit up by incendiaries on edge of target. Whole city lit up by illuminating flares. Numerous fires and billows of smoke up to 15,000 ft. Fires flares seen on homeward route for 120 miles. Target well marked. Splendid effect.	A11889 A.1811
13/14th FEB. 1945	"C" NG.457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J.2975	2110	0738	This A/C bombed target at 0128 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 042 and I.A.S. 155. Clear over target, visibility 15 to 25 miles. Overshot centre of green T.I.'s by two seconds on instructions of Master Bomber. Fires from previous raid were well started and lit up the target area. Entire bend of river ablaze. Fires seen for over 100 miles on return route. Very good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A11890 A.1812

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13/14th FEB. 1945	"F" No. 456	CAPT F/O HACKETT & CREW.	J.2331 J.37209	2111	0650	This A/C bombed target at 0131 hrs. from 18000 feet, heading 069 and I.A.S. 155. Nil cloud, visibility good. Aimed at Western edge of fire and overshoot of two seconds as directed by Master Bomber. Target well illuminated. Fires going well and several explosions seen. Area of fires quite extensive. M/B heard clearly. Glow in sky seen for 100 miles on homeward journey. Target appeared to be well and truly bombed. Due to shortage of petrol crew brought A/C down safely on return at Burbuck.	A1812 A.1813
13/14th FEB. 1945	"G" No. 277	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	2122	0654	This A/C bombed target at 0128 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 078 and I.A.S. 160. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of mass of fire. T.I.'s smothered in fire and smoke. Green T.I.'s cascading where bombs aimed. Two large orange explosions seen. Master Bomber heard after bombs gone. Target well lit up with illuminating flares and target well hit. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A1813 A.1814
13/14th FEB. 1945	"H" No. 453	CAPT. F/L ROSS & CREW.	J.8165	2125	0714	This A/C bombed target at 0132 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 070 and I.A.S. 150. Clear, visibility excellent. Bombed on instructions of Master Bomber. T.I.'s were slightly late but accurate and plentiful. Other bombing well on target and whole area a mass of flames. Results of first attack still visible from 50-60 miles on run up and attack results seen for 100 miles. 1 x 250 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back. Excellent attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C back safely to base on return.	A1811 A.1815
13/14th FEB. 1945	"K" No. 456	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29010	2112	0710	This A/C bombed target at 0127 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 062 and I.A.S. 160. Scattered broken low cloud, visibility good. Bombed visually on section of City immediately S.W. of bend in river which was not burning. Area of target North of river bend and Western section saturated with flames. Target well lit up by flares and fires. Fires seen 40 miles outward and about 70 miles homeward. M/B clearly heard. Was necessary to orbit target due to Nav. watch failure and arrived ahead of M/B. Very effective effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A1815X A.1816



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13/14th FEB. 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT W/C MARSHALL & CREW.	C.1205	2137	0703	This A/C bombed target at 0132 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 060 and I.A.S. 150. Clear, visibility good. Bombed with 4 second <del>XXXXXX</del> overshoot on green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers on time. Only green at time of bombing. Other bombing well concentrated. First attack going well could be seen for 100 miles and T.I.'s to left hand side of previous attack. M/B heard clearly from about 3 minutes before target. Excellent attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALIRIA A.1817
14/15th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 164 - BOMBING CHEROKEE - BOMB LOAD - A/C "C" AND "E" carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 900 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C carried 1 x 1600 lb. bomb and 1500 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.						App.21
	"C" NG. 457	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	1655	0135	This A/C bombed target at 2104 hrs. from 20,000 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th cloud with tops at 15-17,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed estimated position and glow of one green flare and red stars. Target obscured in cloud. Markers scores. M/B heard giving instructions to bomb on sky markers. Other bombing, glow and incendiaries seen below but results not assessed. Target seen after bombing and incendiaries covered most of built up area. Good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ACBCK A.1818
14/15th FEB. 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT S/L GREEN & CREW.	J.11327	1658	0136	This A/C bombed target at 2105 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th cloud with tops at 15,000 feet, visibility good above. Bombed centre of glow beneath cloud with incendiaries on ground through hazy cloud. No sky markers at time of bombing. T.I.'s seen cascading at about 2103 hrs. M/B heard but instructions were not given at this time. Fair attack. Fair concentration of fires seen after bombing. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ACBCK A.1819
14/15th FEB. 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT P/O STUART & CREW.	J.35648	1652	0137	This A/C bombed target at 2104 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 054 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th very light cloud with tops at 17,000 ft. Visibility very good. Bombed centre of 6 flares. Good concentration of flares seemed well on target. M/B heard clearly and instructed to bomb sky markers. Other bombing seemed well grouped over a large area around A/P and incendiaries burning. Good attack. No difficulties beyond Nav. aids U/S. and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALIRIA A.1820

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14/15th FEB. 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW.	J.37944	1651	0150	This A/C bombed target at 21.05 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 055 and I.A.S. 155. 1/10th cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Bombed centre of concentration of group of red and green T.I.'s, which seemed well placed. M/B heard well on Marconi but not very helpful. Glow of bombing seemed over target area and <del>was</del> seen for about 40 miles on homeward route. Good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1822 A.1821																																								
14/15th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 145 - MINING POMERANIA BAY - MINE LOAD - All Lancaster 12-I A/C					All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. mines.	App. 22																																								
	"A" PB. 899	CAPT F/L ALDORTH & CREW.	J.13051	1758		This A/C failed to return from this operation. It is presumed that the mine load was deposited in the allotted area. The crew and particulars are, as follows:	A.1822 A.1822																																								
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14/15th FEB. 1945	"H" NG. 456	CAPT F/L LUNDEN & CREW.	J.17601	1735	0058	This A/C abandoned trip at position 55.24N. 04.42E. at 1916 hrs. as H2S unserviceable. Had been briefed not to do a visual. Worked on H2S for some time to make serviceable but negative results. Crew brought full mine load back and landed safely at base.	A.1822 A.1823																																								
14/15th FEB. 1945	"H" NG. 458	CAPT F/L PEARSON & CREW.	J.87605	1805	0045	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.5.55N. 13.21.12E. at 2116 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 156 and I.A.S. 201. 10/10th clouds with tops of 5 - 8,000 ft. Visibility good above. Good run in. Pin points good on H2S. Chutes seem to open. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1822 A.1824																																								
14/15th FEB. 1945	433 SQDN. "C" PB. 893	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	1806	0110	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.46.0 N. 13.08.45E. at 21.30 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 290 and I.A.S. 203. 10/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. visibility good above. Good trip. Tactics O.K. Made 3 orbits to get on right track. Chutes seem to open. Crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1822 A.1825																																								

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14/15th FEB. 1945	"K" ME.456	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW.	J.26991	1743	0053	This A/C deposited mines at position 5444.22N. 1308.40E. at 21.13hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 173 and I.A.S. 201. 10/10th thick cloud, good horizontal visibility. More cloud than anticipated. Felt all mines leave A/C and consider mines laid as briefed. Good trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1824
15/16th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 166 - MINING OSLO FJORD - MINE LOAD - All Lancaster Mk.I A/C.			All A/C carried		6 x 1500 lb. mines.	App.23
	"E" ME.451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35943	1632	2339	This A/C deposited mines at position 5950.55N. 1037.48E. at 20.38 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 024 and I.A.S. 200. 10/10th cloud, visibility fair. Rear Gunner saw chutes open and crew felt mines leave. Tactics sound. Consider mines laid in allotted area. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at Charter Hall on diversion.	A.1824
15/16th FEB. 1945	"J" ME.446	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J.7975	1631	2129	This A/C abandoned mission at positi position 5618N. 0502E. at 18.25 hrs. due to H23 being unserviceable. Brought full mine load back and landed safely at Charter Hall on diversion.	A.1824
15/16th FEB. 1945	"K" ME.456	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW.	J.8165	1634	0013	This A/C deposited mines at position 5950.55N. 1037.48E. at 2105 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 023 and I.A.S. 200. 10/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. visibility good. Good trip. Engineer saw mines leave bomb bay and all chutes open. Tactics sound. Assume mines laid in allotted area. Crew brought A/C down safely on diversion at Charter Hall on return.	A.1824
18th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 167 - MINING KATTESAT - MINE LOAD - All Lancaster Mk.I A/C.			All A/C carried		6 x 1500 lb. mines.	App.24
	"H" ME.458	CAPT F/L WALLER & CREW.	J.89424	1554	2203	This A/C deposited mines at position 5725.40N. 1039.20E. at 1900.12 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 187 and I.A.S. 206. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Good trip. Tactics good and adhered to. Good route. A/C level at time of release of mines. Chutes not seen to open. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1830 A.1831
18th FEB. 1945	"K" ME.456	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW.	J.26991	1553	2150	This A/C deposited mines at position 5725.40N. 1039.20E. at 1859 hrs. from 12,000 ft. heading 187 and I.A.S. 200. 10/10th stratus cloud, visibility poor. Tactics good. Met. inaccurate. Flying level when mines dropped. Chutes not seen to open. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1830

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18th FEB. 1945	"G" NG-277	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW.	J.8165	1557	2230	This A/C deposited mines at position 5726.10N. 1042.40E. <del>at 1922 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 187 and I.A.S. 200. 10/10th stratus cloud, visibility poor. Trouble free trip. Tactics good. A/C level at time of release of mines. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.</del>	A. 1832 1/2
20/21st FEB. 1945	<del>"G" NG-457</del> OPERATION NO. 169 - BOMBING DORTMUND	<del>CAPT W/C MARSHALL</del> - BOMB LOAD -	<del>J.1205</del>	<del>2124</del>	<del>0420</del>	A/C "C" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S" "T" "U" carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1500 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. A/C "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S" "T" "U" carried 1 x 1000 lb. bomb and 1950 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.	App. 25
20/21st FEB. 1945	"C" NG-457	CAPT W/C MARSHALL C.O.W. & CREW.	C.1205	2124	0420	This A/C bombed target at 0105 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 020 and I.A.S. 175. 10/10th stratus cloud to 5/6,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed on near side of glow of red and green T.I.'s. Glow of T.I.'s well concentrated. Burst of bombs and glow of fires seen to cover an area ten-miles square. Tactics good. One fighter flare seen coming down. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1832
20/21st FEB. 1945	"E" NG-451	CAPT E/O BECKETT & CREW.	J.57209	2129	0423	This A/C bombed target at 0105 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 160. 8/10th stratus cloud to 10,000 ft. visibility good. Only faint glow of T.I.'s seen so bombed on center of 5-6 green and red sky markers. Bombing seemed good and around glow of T.I.'s. Good trip and should be fair effort. Rather early to assess. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A. 1834 <del>A. 1832</del>
20/21st FEB. 1945	"P" NI-777	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	2125	0431	This A/C bombed target at 0103 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 032 and I.A.S. 155. 8/10th stratus cloud with small breaks. Visibility good. Bombed center of about ten cascading red and green sky markers. Glimpses of fire and a flash of bombs seen through breaks in cloud. Target readily identified and marking plentiful. Considering earliness on target, bombing results good. Crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A. 1835 <del>A. 1834</del>
20/21st FEB. 1945	"G" NG-277	CAPT E/O STUART & CREW.	J.35648	2127	0413	This A/C bombed target at 0100 hrs. from 19,100 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 10,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed one green flare and red star. On run up only one flare in sky. After bombing more flares came down ahead of us. The last flares by Gee check nearer A/P. Good tactics and route O.K. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1836 <del>A. 1835</del>

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20/21st FEB. 1945	"H" No. 458	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW	J.8165	2139	0419	This A/C bombed target at 0105 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 165. 10/10th strata cloud with tops at 4,000 ft., visibility fair. Bombed concentration of green T.I.'s. Bomb bursts were quite numerous and all around A/P. Some incendiary fires starting and after leaving target seemed to be burning well. A large explosion seen at 0101 hrs. lighting up whole area. If markers on should be a very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1836 A.1837																																								
20/21st FEB. 1945	"J" No. 446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	2131	0411	This A/C bombed target at 0110 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 175. 8-9/10th low cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of three "hangars". Orange coloured explosion seen beneath cloud and also glow of fires. Several decoy fires surrounding target. Markers appeared scattered but plentiful. Good trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1838																																								
20/21st FEB. 1945	"K" No. 456	CAPT F/S COZENS, W.J.	U.199230	2136		This A/C failed to return from this operation. It is presumed that the bomb load was dropped on target. The crew and particulars are, as follows: <table><tr><th></th><th></th><th>TRIP</th><th>ETA</th><th>Hrs.</th></tr><tr><td>P. F/S COZENS, W.J.</td><td>U.199230</td><td>4</td><td>14</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>N. F/O KEE, G.D.</td><td>J.40924</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>R/A F/O RUBENSTEIN, H.</td><td>J.36232</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>W/O BUTLER, J.</td><td>R.185909</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>F/E SGT KUBIN, J.R.</td><td>R.202518</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>M/O SGT SKETT, A.T.</td><td>R.212287</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>A/G SGT REYNOLDS, F.J.</td><td>R.278536</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>13</td></tr></table>			TRIP	ETA	Hrs.	P. F/S COZENS, W.J.	U.199230	4	14	26	N. F/O KEE, G.D.	J.40924	2	7	13	R/A F/O RUBENSTEIN, H.	J.36232	2	7	13	W/O BUTLER, J.	R.185909	2	7	13	F/E SGT KUBIN, J.R.	R.202518	2	7	13	M/O SGT SKETT, A.T.	R.212287	2	7	13	A/G SGT REYNOLDS, F.J.	R.278536	2	7	13	A.1839
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20/21st FEB. 1945	"M" No. 504	CAPT F/O PACHS, J.E. & CREW.	J.37944	2143	0404	This A/C bombed target at 0108 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 165. 9/10th stratus cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed centre of group of green T.I.'s with one group red T.I. in centre. Markers on time, plentiful and seemed well placed. Other bombs seen bursting across target. Glow from target seen for about 20 miles on return route. Seemed like good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1840																																								

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20/21st FEB. 1945	"C" NG.279	CAPT P/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29010	2130	0408	This A/C bombed target at 0107 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 030 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 7,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. T.I.'s were easily identified and well concentrated although green's were somewhat scattered. Small explosions seen in target area. Fires could be seen for 50 miles after leaving target. Tactics very good and route O.K. A fair raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1841
20/21st FEB. 1945	"P" NG.347	CAPT P/O NICHOL & CREW.	J.90435	2141	0451	This A/C bombed target at 0112 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 023 and I.A.S. 175. 10/10th thin stratus cloud to 10,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of 5 flares. T.I.'s could not be positively identified so bombed centre of flares. Numerous bomb bursts seen below. Incendiaries seemed to be burning well and covering large area. A big reddish coloured explosion seen at 0107 hrs. Should be good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1842
20/21st FEB. 1945	"S" RA.507	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW.	J.26991	2145	0450	This A/C bombed target at 0114 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 040 and I.A.S. 160. 9/10th thin cloud, visibility good to excellent. Bombed centre of cluster of red T.I.'s on ground. 2 huge explosions seen at 0113 hrs. Heavy side of cloud aglow with fires and incendiaries. Many dummy fire sites going around target. Target appeared well hit. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1843
20/21st FEB. 1945	"T" ME.458	CAPT P/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.89493	2135	0450	This A/C bombed target at 0115 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 026 and I.A.S. 155. 9/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of sky markers which were well concentrated. Many fires seen through breaks in cloud, appeared to be in built-up area. Many fighters seen appeared to be awaiting us. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1844
20/21st FEB. 1945	"U" NG.280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	2137	0457	This A/C bombed target at 0115 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 155. 8/10th low stratus cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of one of two "wingman" flares which seemed to be over flares. Target well lit up by fires - numerous incendiaries. Hit by 1st flak in target area at 0117 hrs. at 17,000 ft. and small flak holes in starboard fin resulted. At position 51.10N. 0705E. at 0106 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. a fighter flare was dropped and trace observed immediately after by both gunners. Gunners opened fire at trace but A/C was not seen and no claim is made. H2S unserviceable on homeward trip. Difficult trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1845



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20/21st FEB. 1945	"T" NG. 780	CAPT F/L LINDSEY & CREW.	J.17601	2146	0422	This A/C bombed target at 0113 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 135. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. VISIBILITY good. Bombed centre of city markers. Some bomb bursts observed under the cloud base. Tactics adhered to. Route trouble free. Turned slightly to port when camera turned. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1846
21/22nd FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 169 - BOMBING DUISBURG - BOMB LOAD - INCENDIARY BOMBS All Lancaster Mk. I A/C.					All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1200 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.	App.26
	"C" NG. 457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW.	J.7975	1917	0204	This A/C bombed target at 23.19 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 200. 2/10th thin layered cloud, good breaks, visibility good. Bombed centre of fires. Many explosions, many fires and incendiaries could see outline of streets. Target aglow. Could be seen for 35 miles homeward. H2S and Gee W/S for most of trip. Target well hit. At 23.22 hrs. Pilot observed trace coming from the starboard beam level, dived to port and nothing further was seen, no visual being obtained at any time. At 23.29 hrs. W/O warned of suspicious A/C on Pishpond. First actual indication of a hostile A/C was tracer coming from the starboard quarter down, after corkscrew trace stopped immediately and no visual obtained or breakaway noted. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1847
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"D" NG. 456	CAPT F/O HENRY & CREW.	J.37209	1904	0145	This A/C bombed target at 23.07 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 055 and I.A.S. 160. 4/10th thin cloud to 5,000 ft., visibility above good. Bombed green T.I.'s in centre of fires. Markers about a minute late but numerous and seemed well placed. Other bombing seemed good. Fires well started and glow to 40 miles after target. Good attack. No difficulties and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1848
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1921	0158	This A/C bombed target at 2307 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 185. 5/10th stratus cloud to 12,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of fires. Red T.I.'s were cascading but seemed to disappear in fires. Mass of fires on East bank of River by visual check of break in cloud. Large explosion seen at 23.08 hrs. Good trip. No congestion. Crew brought A/C safely back to base on return.	A.1849

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21/22nd FEB. 1945	"P" NW.777	CAPT F/O McINROY & CREW.	J.90555	1914	0210	This A/C bombed target at 2303 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 035 and I.A.S. 160. 9/10th thin layered cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s. Reds were good and seemed on A/P. Bombing was good grouped around T.I.'s. Not many incendiaries seen. Target well lit up and several explosions seen. Considered a good raid. No trouble and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1850
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"G" NG.277	CAPT F/O STUART & CREW.	J.35648	1905	0137	This A/C bombed target at 2304 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 15,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed centre of good concentration of green T.I.'s which were on time and well grouped. Other bombing seemed on A/P checked by bend in river seen visually. Fires seen burning to about 45 miles on return. Very good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1851
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"J" NG.446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	1919	0147	This A/C bombed target at 2309 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 155. Bombed 6-8/10th thin stratus cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of fires. The whole area around A/P was seen burning furiously and T.I.'s were not visible through the fire. Bomb bursts were concentrated and two large explosions seen at 2332 hrs. approximately 90 miles away from target area. Should be a good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1852
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"M" BA.504	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW.	J.37944	1908	0141	This A/C bombed target at 2304 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 050 and I.A.S. 180. 8/10th cloud with good breaks, tops 15,000 ft., good visibility. Bombed centre of concentration of reds with greens. Good visual check of target through cloud breaks. Many bomb bursts seen. Target easily seen from 50 miles homeward. Marking plentiful and concentrated. Appeared to be effective raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1853
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"N" NG.546	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW.	J.8165	1915	0155	This A/C bombed target at 2307 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 043 and I.A.S. 160. 9/10th thin cloud to 17,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. T.I.'s rather scattered but on time and plentiful. Through break in cloud fires placed N. and S. of port area. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1854

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"C" NO. 279	CAPT P/O MACDONALD & CREW	J. 29010	1928	0227	This A/C bombed target at 23,10 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 043 and I.A.S. 160. 8/10th stratus cloud to 7,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s which were well concentrated. Fires scattered over 3 square miles. Very good tactics and route. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1855
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"P" NO. 347	CAPT P/O NICHOL & CREW	J. 90455	1911	0151	This A/C bombed target at 23,04 hrs. from 19,500 feet, heading 030 and I.A.S. 160. Thin stratus cloud to about 10,000 ft., visibility above good. Bombed centre of smaller of two groups of red and green T.I.'s. Two compact groups of T.I.'s near A/P and other bombing seemed on T.I.'s. Fires seemed catching and were seen 50 miles from target. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely back to base on return.	A.1856
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"Q" NO. 348	CAPT P/L MACLEAN & CREW	J. 16733	1942	0152	This A/C bombed target at 23,12 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 043 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin stratus cloud, tops 15,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed slightly short of centre of green T.I.'s. A carpet of fires burning well all through the target area and cockies burning all around A/P. Reid appeared good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1857
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"S" RA. 507	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW	J. 26991	1932	0215	This A/C bombed target at 23,20 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 042 and I.A.S. 155. 9/10th thin stratus cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of fires. Late on target no T.I.'s burning. Target area burning in rectangle 2 miles wide and 6 1/2 miles long. At 23,21 hrs. A/C was attacked by a JU.88 and sustained damage from a hit by cannon shell. Gunners opened fire but no hits were seen and no claim is made. C/W R.131584 W/O Smith, G. the Wireless operator, received a slight cut on the head when this A/C was hit. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1858
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"Y" NW. 780	CAPT P/O SAUNDERS & CREW	J. 89293	1938	0206	This A/C bombed target at 23,17 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 040 and I.A.S. 160. 9/10th thin cloud, visibility fair. Could see red and green T.I.'s on run up but then cloud obscured so bombed centre of 4 fires. Cloud prevented assessment but fire seemed to cover a large area. Should be fair effort. At 23,35 hrs. an unidentified S/E enemy A/C was sighted and gunners opened fire. Fighter gave only a short burst. Rear Gunner believes he put his bullet directly into fighter which rolled over on its back and dived into the clouds, not being seen again. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1859

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21/22nd FEB. 1945	"U" NG. 280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW	J. 89816	1907	0220	This A/C bombed target at 23.09 hrs from 15,500 feet, heading 038 and I.A.S. 125. 10/10th stratus cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green 7.1's. By visual check 7.1's very near A/P. Concentration of fires and bombing South of port area. One large explosion seen at 23.08 hrs. with smoke rising to 12,000 ft. 150 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs hung up and were brought back. Tactics and route good. Should be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1860
21/22nd FEB. 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT P/L TAYLOR & CREW	J. 27844	1933	0209	This A/C bombed target at 23.13 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 175. Very thin wispy stratus cloud with tops at 16,000 ft., visibility good. Numerous incendiaries seen and target well ablaze. Glow of fires seen for 50 miles homeward. 50 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs hung up and were brought back. Excellent concentration of A/C over target. Should be effective effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1861
23/24th FEB. 1945	FREDERICKSTADT OPERATION NO. 170. - MINING <del>area</del> MINER LAID - All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. mines. All Low water Mt. L. A/C.						App. 27.
	"M" RA. 504	CAPT P/L THOMAS & CREW	J. 797	2005	0323	This A/C deposited mines at position 5906.5N. 1104.00E. at 0004 hrs. from 4,000 ft. heading 219 and I.A.S. 176. Nil cloud, visibility unlimited, tactics and met. sound. Had excellent visual and HPS check. Rear Gunner saw all chutes open. Mines laid as briefed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1862
23/24th FEB. 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT P/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J. 27844	2011	0327	This A/C deposited mines at position 5905.00N. 1107.00E. at 0004 hrs from 4,000 ft. heading 198 and I.A.S. 176. No cloud, visibility excellent. Tactics and met. O.K. Rear Gunner saw mines leave, chutes open, and hit water. Orbited once due to snow cover on pin point. Very successful effort and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1863
23/24th FEB. 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT P/O MITCHELL & CREW	J. 35941	2006	0319	This A/C deposited mines at position 5906.54N. 1104E. at 0005 hrs. from 4,000 ft. heading 227 and I.A.S. 177. Clear, visibility excellent. Good identification of pin points. Mines laid in allotted area and chutes seen to open. Good trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base on return.	A.1864

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				Up	Down		
23/24th FEB. 1945	"Q" NO. 348	CAPT F/L MUGGER & CREW	J. 16733	2019	0317	This A/C deposited mines at position 5907N.1107E. at 0006 hrs. from 4,000 ft. heading 204 and I.A.S. 177. Clear, visibility good. Good trip. Mines laid in allotted area. All chutes seem to open. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1865
23rd/24th FEB. 1945	"T" NO. 458	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW	J. 26941	2022	0314	This A/C deposited mines at position 5906.00N. 1058.42E. at 0006.53 hrs. from 4,000 ft. heading 231 and I.A.S. 176. Nil cloud, visibility excellent. Garden area readily identified. Rear Gunner saw mines drop and chutes open. Mines laid as briefed. Good trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1866
23/24th FEB. 1945	"Y" NO. 780	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW	J. 1865	2016	0324	This A/C deposited at position 5906.00N. 1058.42E. at 0028.13 hrs. from 4,000 ft. heading 234 and I.A.S. 176. Nil cloud, visibility excellent. A little difficulty in locating pin point due to ice and snow cover as did two orbits. Tactics and met good. Rear Gunner saw chutes open and followed down. Mines laid in allotted area. Good trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1867
24th FEB. 1945	SEA SEARCH						
	"P" NO. 777	CAPT F/O STUART, J. A. NAV F/O LANGLEY, G. E. R/A F/O VERRAN, J. E. W/O SGT NICHOL, G. L. W/E SGT AUBREY, F. F. M/G SGT CLYBURN, J. H. A/C SGT HAMILTON, D. C.	J. 35648 J. 40534 J. 39937 R. 209959 R. 274696 R. 277799 R. 277211	1211	1540	This A/C was detailed to patrol an area from 53.20N. to 53.40N. by 01.30E. for survivors of an A/C which was reported to have gone down in this area. Visibility was good and an intensive search was made but no sightings were obtained. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1868
24th FEB. 1945	"N" NO. 340	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS, D. R. NAV F/O PARENT, G. L. R/A SGT ANDREWS, A. E. W/O SGT LAWRENCE, G. S. W/E SGT ELLIS, E. H. M/G SGT WITMAN, A. H. A/C SGT OLIPHANT, A. S.	J. 89293 J. 38716 R. 183947 R. 131357 R. 189463 R. 201679 R. 213823	1217	1521	This A/C was detailed to patrol an area from 53.20N. to 53.40N. by 01.30E. for survivors of an A/C which was reported to have gone down in this area. Visibility was good and an intensive search was made but no sightings were obtained. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1869
24/25th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 17 - MINING BREVIK All Lancaster No. 1. A/C.		MINE LOAD. All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb mines.				App. 28.

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24/25th FEB. 1945	"C" NG.457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW	J. 7975	1707	0005	This A/C deposited mines at position 59.0°N. 10.15°E. at 20.41 hrs. from 5,000 ft. heading 125 and I.A.S. 186. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 4,000 ft., visibility good. Fuel good for visual but not for M.S. Good trip. Chutes not seen to open due to cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1870
24/25th FEB. 1945	"D" NG.456	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW	J. 55941	1714	2355	This A/C deposited mines at position 59.0°N. 10.15°E. at 20.23 hrs. from 5,000 ft. heading 137 and I.A.S. 186. 10/10th stratus cloud to 3,500 ft., visibility good. Satisfactory trip. Chutes not seen to open due to cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1871
24/25th FEB. 1945	"H" NG.458	CAPT F/L ROSSV & CREW	J. 8165	1706	0009	This A/C deposited mines at position 59.0°N. 10.15°E. at 20.27 hrs. from 5,000 ft. heading 127 and I.A.S. 186. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 3,500 ft., visibility good. Good tactics. Weather poor. Satisfactory trip. Chutes not seen due to cloud base. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1872
24/25th FEB. 1945	"F" NG.347	CAPT F/L SILLIES & CREW	J. 26691	1715	0004	This A/C deposited mines at position 59.0°N. 10.15°E. at 20.23 hrs. from 5,000 ft. heading 137 and I.A.S. 186. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 3,500 to 4,000 ft., visibility good. Weather poor. Too rough for this trip. Chutes not seen to open due to heavy cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely on return to base.	A.1873
24/25th FEB. 1945	"Y" NN.780	CAPT F/L MACLEW & CREW	J.16733	1713	1936	This A/C abandoned mission at position 55.2°N. 01.40°E. at 1809 hrs. due to intercom. being U/S. Jettisoned all mines (safe) to reduce landing weight at position 55.2°N. 01.25°E. at 1821 hrs. from 2,000 ft. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1874
25th FEB. 1945	SEA SEARCH						
	"N" NG.346	CAPT P/O NICHOLLS, G. NAV. SGT DICKIE, L.R. B/A F/O HEDDY, B. W/C SGT TILFORD, G.W. P/E SGT JARVIS, A.W. M/G SGT POTASNER, B. A/C SGT RAYMOND, J.V.	J.9045 R.188800 J.40344 R.200908 R.193842 R.271079 R.274637	0907	1522	This A/C was detailed to patrol an area at 53.3°N. 01.30°E. to 02.20°E. for survivors of an A/C which was reported to have gone down in this area. Visibility was excellent. At position 53.33°N. 01.30°E. at 10.15 hrs. a dingy was sighted which appeared to be partly deflated and covered. There was no apparent bodies in or about the dingy. Wireless action was taken immediately. Continuing on with the search at 11.15 hrs. at position 53.34°N. 01.34°E. a second dingy was sighted. This one was definitely empty. This crew then returned to area of 1st dingy to check drifting and at 12.15 hrs. dingy was again sighted at position 53.34°N. 01.37°E. Wireless action was taken in each instance. Crew returned and landed safely at base.	A.1875



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				Up	Down		
25th FEB. 1945	"O" NO. 279	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS, G. E. J. 35869 NAV F/O MACDONALD, A. J. J. 38719 W/A F/S BYERS, A. E. R. 20169 W/O SGT BARLHURST, G. W. R. 25160 F/S SGT BARONCHIE, F. G. 187129 W/O SGT CRAIG, R. W. R. 269243 A/G SGT HORTON, A. J. R. 269129	J. 35869	0906	1142	This A/C was detailed to patrol an area at 5330N. 0130E. to 0220E. for survivors of an A/C which was reported to have gone down in this area. Visibility was excellent. At 10.26 hrs. at position 53.34N. 01.40E. a partly deflated and partially covered dingy was sighted. There were no visible signs of anything in or around this dingy. Wireless action was taken immediately. Crew were given instructions to return to base and returned and made safe landing.	A.1876
27th FEB. 1945	OPERATION NO. 172. BOMBING MAINZ. BOMB LOAD. All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1584 x 4 lb incendiary bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I. A/C.						App. 29
	"C" NO. 457	CAPT F/O BUCKLEY & CREW	J. 37209	1230	1952	This A/C bombed target at 16.11 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 060 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th cloud with tops at 18,000 ft. good visibility above. Bombed green smoke puff. Markers appeared 4 minutes late and there were not enough smoke puffs. No results seen but there was a good concentration of aircraft at target. W/B heard clearly. Should be good effort. on return crew brought A/C down safely at base.	A.1877
27th FEB. 1945	"E" NO. 451.	CAPT F/O STUART & CREW.	J. 35648	1240	1929	This A/C bombed target at 16.31 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus tops to 10-12,000 ft. visibility good above. Bombed green smoke puff on instructions of Master Bomber, who was only heard when close to target. Should be fair effort. Route and tactics O.K. Fighter protection good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1878
27th FEB. 1945	"H" NO. 458	CAPT F/O MC INRY & CREW	J. 90555	1244	1930	This A/C bombed target at 16.31 hrs. from 17,300 feet, heading 070 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft. visibility good above. Bombed two green smoke puffs near centre. Markers scores at time bombs first down. Just prior bombing W/B heard but was a bit late in instructions. No results of bombing visible. Formation flying and concentration good. Fighters good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1879
27th FEB. 1945	"Y" NO. 782	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	J. 35869	1312	1926	This A/C bombed target at 16.31 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 165. 10/10th low cloud, tops 8,000 ft. visibility good very good. Bombed on mean distance between 2 smoke puffs. Smoke puffs scattered and not very plentiful. Good fighter protection. Met and tactics O.K. Necessary to do S turn or run up to correct heading for sky marking. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1880

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27th FEB 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW 2nd Pit. P/O Foley, T.L.	J. 2784	1237	1951	This A/C bombed target at 16.30 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 105 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed near centre of 2 green puffs. M/B heard. No results seen due to cloud. Fighter protection good. No difficulties encountered over target but came back on 3 engines from wash. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1881
27th FEB. 1945	"M" BA. 504	CAPT P/O FACHE & CREW	J. 37944	1236	1955	This A/C bombed target at 1632 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 165. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6 to 8,000 ft. Bombed on two green smoke puffs, one dying out. Only two markers seen. M/B heard well on Marconi. Later bombing appeared very good. Result not seen due to cloud. Good trip. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1882
27th FEB. 1945	"O" NG. 279	CAPT S/L GREEN & CREW 2nd Pit. P/O LIGHTEHALL, W.D.	J. 11327	1254	1942	This A/C bombed target at 1631 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 102 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops 7,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of two sets of green puffs. Target obscured on account of clouds. Good tactics but marking late. Very good concentration of aircraft. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1883
27th FEB. 1945	"Q" NG. 348	CAPT P/O NICHOL & CREW	J. 90455	1321	1949	This A/C bombed target at 1631 hrs. from 17,000 ft., heading 040 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 8-10,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed on one of two smoke puffs as instructed by Master Bomber. Nothing seen except green smoke puffs. Markers late necessary to alter course on run up. Marking skimping. Difficult to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1884
27th FEB. 1945	"U" NG. 280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW	J. 9986	1345	1939	This A/C bombed target at 1631 hrs from 16,500 feet, heading 093 and I.A.S. 155. Bombed centre of about 3 green puffs which were spread out as directed by M/B. Good Fighter cover. Target poorly marked. Necessary to alter course to line up markers. Difficult effort to assess. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1885
27th FEB. 1945	"W" NG. 346	CAPT F/L LUNDEN & CREW 2nd Pit. P/O SKINNER, R.A.	J. 17601	1350	2000	This A/C bombed target at 1633 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 105 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud to 8,000 feet. Bombed centre of green smoke puffs. Markers were late but sufficient. No results were seen due to cloud. Had to alter course to line up markers. Very difficult effort to assess. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1886

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