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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1st MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 173- BOMBING MANNHEIM - All Lancaster Mk. 1, A/C		BOMB LOAD -	All 28	A/C	carried 1 x 4000 lb bomb and 1350 x 4 lb incendiary bombs.	App. 38.
	"C" NG. 457	CAPT. FL. SANDERS & CREW	J. 27679	1148	1857	This A/C bombed target at 15.17 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 091 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud to 9,000 ft. visibility good. Aimed at one blue puff as ordered by Master Bomber. Target obscured completely by cloud. No congestion. Should be fair effort but bombing somewhat scattered. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1887
1st MARCH, 1945	"D" NG. 456	CAPT F/O RECKETT & CREW	J. 37209	1141	1854	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs. from 18,500 ft. heading 091 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 16,000 ft. Bombed nearest of 5 smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Target obscured by cloud. M/B heard calling for markers. Tactics sound. Good fighter cover. Should be effective effort if marking one. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1888
1st MARCH, 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW	J. 35941	1150	1844	This A/C bombed target at 15.18 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 091 and I.A.S. 165. 10/10th alto stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 to 10,000 ft. Bombed centre of 14 blue smoke puffs on instructions from Master Bomber. Smoke puffs punctual and concentrated. No visual results. A/C concentrated well but not crowded. Difficult to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1889
1st MARCH, 1945	"H" NG. 458.	CAPT F/O McINROY & CREW	J. 90555	1147	1849	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs from 17,800 feet, heading 092 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th ss cloud with tops from 12,000 to 15,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of four blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking sufficient, and concentrated and easily visible. No results could be seen. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1890
1st MARCH, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	J. 35869	1151	1824	This A/C bombed target at 15.17 hrs. from 17000 feet, heading 091 and I.A.S. 175. 10/10th cloud with tops at 14,000 ft. visibility above cloud, very good. Bombed estimated centre of two blue smoke puffs. Marking was sufficient and fairly well concentrated. No results could be seen. Master Bomber heard clearly. Tactics good. Difficult to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1891

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1st MARCH, 1945.	"O" NG. 279	CAPT. S/L GREEN & CREW 2nd Plt. P/O ROGERSON	J. 11327	1154	1853	This A/C bombed target at 15.16 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 feet., visibility good. Bombed centre of three blue smoke puffs. Marking appeared to be insufficient but fairly concentrated. Tactics were good. Results not visible due to heavy cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1892
1st MARCH, 1945.	"E" NG. 347	CAPT P/O SANDERS & CREW	J. 89293	1137	1859	This A/C bombed target at 15.16 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 15,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of one blue smoke puff, on instructions of Master Bomber. Tactics good. No results seen. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1893.
1st MARCH, 1945.	"U" NG. 280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW	J. 89816	1145	1902	This A/C bombed target at 15.18 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 091 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 12,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs. Marking was sufficient and fairly well concentrated. No results could be seen due to cloud. Tactics were good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1894
1st MARCH, 1945	"H" NG. 346	CAPT F/L LUNDEN DFM & CREW	J. 17601	1139	1847	This A/C bombed target at 15.15 hrs from 17,500 feet, heading 091 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of concentration of 5 blue smoke puffs, on instructions of Master Bomber. One 'sour crew' seen on run up. A/C well concentrated over target and if marking accurate should be a good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1895
2nd MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 174 BOMBING COLOGNE. - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 4 x 250 lb., and 12 x 500 lb bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						App. 39.
	"O" NG. 457	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW	J. 7975	0715	1314	This A/C bombed target at 10.13 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 160. Clear, no cloud. Visibility excellent. Bombed on 'Pickwick' fires on instructions of Master Bomber. No T.I.'s seen due to smoke. Saw own bombs light on 'Pickwick' fires. Bombing seemed concentrated in T/A. Should be excellent effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1896

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2nd MARCH, 1945.	"D" No. 156	CAPT P/O BUCKETT & CREW.	J.27679	0710	1316	This A/C bombed target at 10.09 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 155. 5/10th stratus cloud with some breaks. Visibility good. Bombed on 'pickwick' of 200 yards on 'pickwick' fire on instructions of Master Bomber. Outskirts of City visible, balance covered by cloud or smoke. Appeared to be very effective bombing. 1 x 500 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned (safe) in allotted area in North Sea. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1897
2nd MARCH, 1945.	"E" No. 777	CAPT P/O MCINROY & CREW.	J.20555	0736	1329	This A/C bombed target at 10.11 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 087 and I.A.S. 160. 5-7/10ths stratus cloud with tops at 12,000 feet, visibility good. Bombed centre of built-up area. No markers were seen and Master Bomber not heard. Bombing was concentrated and smoke was rising. 1 x 250 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back, could not jettison. Good concentration of A/C and a good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1898
2nd MARCH, 1945	"G" No. 455	CAPT P/O SANDERS & CREW.	J.27679	0705	1302	This A/C bombed target at 10.12 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 099 and I.A.S. 160. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed on 'pickwick' fire as instructed by Master Bomber. Built up area clearly visible through clear patches in smoke. Concentrated bombing. Route and tactics good. Target well and accurately bombed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1899
2nd MARCH 1945.	"H" No. 458	CAPT P/O ROSS & CREW.	J.8165	0655	1305	This A/C bombed target at 10.11 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 092 and I.A.S. 155. 4/10th cloud with tops at 4-6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.s in centre of built up area. T.I.s sufficient and accurate. Checked visually by shrine and Cathedral. Bombing was fairly concentrated and smoke and dust were rising. Allied front line markers were clearly visible. Violent evasive action had to be taken to avoid falling bombs. Tactics were good & good 'prang'. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1900
2nd MARCH 1945.	"I" No. 459	CAPT P/O KIRKING & CREW.	J.35869	0709	1322	This A/C bombed target at 10.12 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 155. 2/10th cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed on 'pickwick' fire. No markers were seen. Checked visually by railroad and Cathedral. Bombing was fairly concentrated in T.I.s of City and smoke was rising. Tactics were good and there was a good concentration of A/C over target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1901

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2nd MARCH 1945.	"C" HQ.279	CAPT F/C SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.89293	0700	1254	This A/C bombed target at 10.13 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 155. 3/10th cloud with tops at 11,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed on built-up area partly obscured by smoke. No ground markers seen as A/C checked visually by Rhine and Geo. Bombing fairly well concentrated and smoke was rising rapidly. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1902
2nd MARCH 1945.	"B" HQ.204	CAPT F/C FACHE & CREW.	J.37944	0713	1319	This A/C bombed target at 10.12 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 093 and I.A.S. 160. 4/10th cloud and hazy, visibility good above. Bombed last of 2 blue smoke puffs, heard M/B direct 'Pickwick'. Unable to distinguish cloud from smoke. Assume our bombs fell close to west bank of river. Good fighter cover. 1 x 250 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned (safe) at 52.10H. C.I.P. from 10,000 ft. at 11.22 hrs. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1903
2nd MARCH 1945.	"A" HQ.346	CAPT F/L HERRMAN DEM. & CREW.	J.17601	0658	1257	This A/C bombed target at 10.11 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 060 and I.A.S. 160. Nil cloud over target area, visibility excellent. Bombed on 'Pickwick' flare as instructed by Master Bomber. Target covered by smoke. Some fires seen on edge of A/P. Good concentration bombing. Should be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1904
2nd MARCH 1945.	"F" HQ.347	CAPT S/L GREEN & CREW.	J.11327	0730	1314	This A/C bombed target at 10.12 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 087 and I.A.S. 160. Clear, no cloud, visibility good. Bombed 'Pickwick' flares on instructions of Master Bomber. No T.I.'s seen. Saw explosion of bombs. Good concentration bombing. Tactics excellent. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1905
2nd MARCH 1945	"G" HQ.348	CAPT F/L MACLEAN & CREW.	J.16733	0714	1309	This A/C bombed target at 10.12 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 070 and I.A.S. 160. 2/10th broken cloud, visibility good. Bombed visually exact A/P, saw bombs burst. No T.I.'s seen. Very little smoke at time of bombing, no fires. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1906
2nd MARCH 1945	"E" HQ.400	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW.	J.26991	0703	1311	This A/C bombed target at 10.13 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 088 and I.A.S. 160. 3/10th cloud with good breaks, visibility excellent. Bombed on built-up area south of A/P. Master Bomber not heard. Several explosions seen. Good concentration of A/C over target. Should be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1907

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2nd MARCH 1945	"B" No. 458	2nd Lt. JACKER DPO & CREW	J. 37424	0720	1508	This A/C bombed target at 10.11 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 092 and I.A.S. 155. Clear, good visibility. Bombed "Pilsener" plant on instructions of Master Bomber. Saw no f.f.'s but 2 smoke puffs. Saw several explosions thought to be bombs. Target area almost obscured by smoke. Bombing seemed concentrated. At 10.12 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. in target area. A/C received about 3 or 4 flak hits in A/C were predicted by heavy flak. Evasive action taken. No injuries were received by any of the crew who brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A. 1908
2nd MARCH 1945	"B" No. 280	CAPT. P/O CHIRCH & CREW	J. 39816	0712	1518	This A/C bombed target at 10.13 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 092 and I.A.S. 155. 3-5/10th cloud with top at 7,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed centre of up-wind edge of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber. No marking was seen but checked visually by Rhine River and Cathedral. Bombing was concentrated mostly in South Central Section. A lot of smoke rising. At 10.15 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. in target area. A/C was predicted by heavy flak with very slight damage resulting. No injuries to crew and they brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A. 1909
3rd MARCH 1945	OPERATION NO. 175 - MINING - KRISTIANSTAD - MINE LOAD - 6 x 1500 lb. Mines. "B" No. 451	CAPT. W/O MARSHALL & CREW	C. 1205	0004	0600	This A/C deposited mines at position 5809N. 08.0247E at 05.30 hrs. from 14,000 ft. heading 158 and I.A.S. 200. No cloud, moonlight. Orbited once as angle of moon created shadow in "Garden" area. A/C straight and level when camera turned. Tactics good. Shutes seem to open. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	App. 40 A. 1910
5th/6th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 176 - BOMBING CHEMNITZ - BOMB LOAD - All A/W carried 1 x 4000 lb., 4 x 250 lb. and 5 x 500 lb. bombs. All Lancaster ME. I A/C	"B" No. 897 CAPT. F/L SANDERS & CREW 2nd Lt. P/O POLAN	J. 37679	1637	0222	This A/C bombed target at 21.46 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud to 8,000 feet, visibility good. Bombed centre of up-wind edge of smoke. Bombing seemed concentrated. At 21.46 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. in target area. A/C was predicted by heavy flak with very slight damage resulting. No injuries to crew and they brought A/C safely down at base on return.	App. 41 A. 1911

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5/6th MARCH, 1945	"P" NH. 777	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW	J. 90555	1641	0140	This A/C bombed target at 21.45 hrs from 17,000 feet, heading 154 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th heavy cloud. Bombed with 12 seconds overshoot on sky markers as instructed. Master Bomber not heard. Average raid but assessment impossible due to heavy clouds. Some glow seen below clouds. Some glow seen below clouds. Crew brought A/C down safely at Waterbeach on diversion.	A. 1913																																																
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT F/L THOMAS & CREW	J. 7975	1638	0234	This A/C bombed target at 21.57 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud to 12/14,000ft. visibility fair. Bombed glow under cloud on instructions of Master Bomber. Orbits twice. First orbit to identify flares and second on account of Master Bomber changing his instructions. Tactics good outward, poor on return due to Met. Cloud made assessment difficult. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1914																																																
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"M" RA. 504	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW	J. 37944	1639	0219	This A/C bombed target at 21.48 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 155 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud to 9/10,000 ft. visibility good. Bombed sky markers plus 12 second delay, on instructions of Master Bomber. Sky markers red with green stars were concentrated. Good concentration of A/C over target. Difficult to observe effect due to clouds. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 1915																																																
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"H" NG. 458	CAPT F/L ROSS & CREW	J. 8165	1642		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:	A. 1916																																																
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5/6th MARCH, 1945	"J" ME. 446	CAPT P/O LIGHTHALL & CREW.	J. 41135	1644	0224	This A/C bombed target at 21.46 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 158 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed on red flares with 12 second overshoot. Flares well concentrated. Many bomb bursts seen under cloud base. Tactics good except for Met. conditions. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1917
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"G" ME. 277	CAPT P/L WALKER, PFC & CREW. 2nd Plt P/O SKEENE	J. 87424	1651	0205	This A/C bombed target at 22.01 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th heavy low cloud. Bombed centre of glow as instructed by Master Bomber. Considerable glow seen below clouds. Would appear to be somewhat scattered raid. One ME. 440 seen in target area but never came in range of this A/C. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at Waterbeach on diversion.	A.1918
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"F" ME. 354	CAPT P/O SANDERS & CREW.	J. 89293	1659	0135	This A/C bombed target at 22.00 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th low cloud. Bombed centre of glow as instructed by Master Bomber. Glow seen below cloud and explosions. Met. not as briefed. Believe somewhat scattered raid. Some slight flak in target area. Crew brought A/C down safely on diversion at Waterbeach.	A.1919
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"Q" ME. 348	CAPT P/L MACLEAN & CREW.	J. 16733	1640	0123	This A/C bombed target at 21.45 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 160 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombs on target and no markers seen. Master Bomber not heard as bombed on ME2. Air speed indicator 0/5 caused timing to be wrong. Sky markers seen when bombs released and seemed to confirm that our bombing was on target. Encountered icing conditions below 9,000 ft. on way in and out. Crew brought A/C down safely at Upper Heyford on diversion on return.	A.1920
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"H" ME. 400	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW.	J. 26991	1624	0158	This A/C bombed target at 21.56 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 170. 10/10th cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Bombed on markers overshoot by 22 seconds on instructions of Master Bomber. Glow and explosions seen below cloud. Immediately after bombing at position 50.47N, 12.16E, at 21.58 hrs. the pilot saw traces passing over his cockpit and immediately overscrewed to starboard. M/U Gunner immediately saw the enemy aircraft and recognised it as a JU.88 and opened fire. He fired 150 rounds and saw hits on the starboard mainplane and pieces flying off it. There was only one attack and the M/U was not seen again. The Fishpond was U/S at this time as it had been throughout the entire trip. On return crew brought A/C down safely on diversion at Waterbeach.	A.1921

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5/6th MARCH, 1945	"T" ME-458	CAPT S/L GROSSE & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O MURRAY	J.11327	1650	0255	This A/C bombed target at 22.08 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 155 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good. No flares on bombing run and Master Bomber not heard. Big orange glow under cloud base so bombed on this. Good trip outward, poor on way back due to heavy cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1922
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"U" ME-280	CAPT F/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	1633	0251	This A/C bombed target at 21.52 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud. Bombed on centre of sky markers. Bright orange glow seen below cloud. Very difficult to assess effort. A JU.88 was seen in target area but not within combat distance. Crew brought A/C down safely at Waterbeach on diversion.	A.1923
5/6th MARCH, 1945	"T" ME-281	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J.39812	1629	0107	This A/C bombed target at 21.50 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 153 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th low heavy cloud. Bombed on red and green stars. Sky markers quickly disappeared into cloud. Two unidentified A/C sketched as seen shot down over target. Assessment of raid difficult due to cloud. Encountered electrical storms on return route. Crew brought A/C down safely at Waterbeach on diversion.	A.1924
7/8th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 177 - BOMBING DESSAU - All Lancaster Mk.I A/C.		BOMB LOAD - A/C "T" and "T" carried 1 x 1000 lb. bomb and 1484 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. All other A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 742 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.				App.42
	"B" PL-897	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW.	J.27679	1652	0126	This A/C bombed target at 22.11 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 183 and I.A.S. 160. 5-6/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Red and green "Wanganui" seen but better visually so bombed centre of fires. Target a mass of incendiary fires. Master Bomber not heard. Cloud just moving off target on our approach. Good concentration bombing. Excellent effort. Due to shortage of petrol landed on return at Ford on diversion.	A.1925
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"C" ME-457	CAPT F/O POLEY & CREW.	J.41166 R.267629	1646		This A/C and crew failed to return from this operation. It is presumed that the bomb load was dropped on target. The crew and particulars are, as follows: P. F/O POLEY, T.L. J.41166 TRIPS PTS. RES. N. F/O ROBINSON, D.V.B. J.40915 NIL W/A F/O STANNFIELD, D.A. J.39910 NIL W/C F/O LAWRENCE, T.S. J.43739 NIL F/E SGT KILBY, J. R.105664 NIL W/C SGT ROSE, S. R.274046 NIL A/C SGT SEAMAN, K.F. R.267629 NIL	A.1926

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7/8th MARCH, 1945	"F" NO. 777	CAPT P/O MCINROY & CREW	J. 90555	1659	0138	This A/C bombed target at 22.10 hrs. from 15,700 feet, heading 181 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 10-12,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed near centre of 4 sky markers. Markers only fair but seemed well placed. M.B. not heard on either set. Other bombing seemed well concentrated. Fires seemed to be making headway. Good attack. Route and tactics O.K. No difficulties except some congestion at target. Crew brought A/C down safely at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1927																																
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"G" NO. 277	CAPT P/O EDMERSON & CREW	J. 92101	1658	0158	This A/C bombed target at 22.09 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 179 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 8-10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of two sky markers. Markers adequate at time of bombing and seemed well placed. M/B heard faintly but instructions concise. Other bombing seemed well concentrated and fires going well. Good attack. Route and tactics O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely on petrol diversion at Ford.	A. 1928																																
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"J" NO. 446	CAPT P/O HEYNOLDS & CREW	J. 58869	1656	0130	This A/C bombed target at 22.08 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 183 and I.A.S. 160. 7/10th light stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed near distance between two "Wanganui". Marking plentiful on run up. Large orange explosion seen on run up and glow seen for 30 miles downwind. Hit better than briefed. Tactics sound. Good concentration bombing. Target well hit. On return landed at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1929																																
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"L" NO. 484	CAPT P/L MATTHESON & CREW	J. 16230	1655	0154	This A/C bombed target at 22.13 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 183 and I.A.S. 160. 8/10th cloud with tops at 9,000 ft., visibility above excellent. Bombed centre of fires. Sky markings was sufficient and constant but burned out before we arrived so we missed the fires. The fires were burning well all over the city and black smoke was rising above the cloud. Tactics good. Excellent 'prang'. Crew brought A/C down safely at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1930																																
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"N" NO. 346	CAPT P/O LIGHTHALL & CREW	J. 41115	1645		This A/C and crew failed to return from this operation. It is presumed that the bomb load was dropped on target. The crew and particulars are as follows:	A. 1931																																
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7/8th MARCH, 1945	"P" NG. 347	CAPT F/L WALKER & CREW	J. 67424	1647	0127	This A/C bombed target at 22.07 hrs from 15,000 feet, heading 183 and I.A.S. 160. 8/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility very good. Bombed between two "Wanganui" flares. Numerous incendiary fires seen. Bombing well concentrated and fires spreading West. Tactics sound. Target area well bombed. On return crew brought A/C safely down on petrol diversion at Ford.	A. 1932
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"O" NG. 279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J. 29010	1642	0146	This A/C bombed target at 22.15 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 185 and I.A.S. 180. 6-7/10th stratus cloud with good breaks. Visibility good. Bombed centre of concentration of fires. "Wanganui" had faded out but excellent visual check on target. Numerous incendiary fires burning. M/B not heard. Sound tactics. Good concentration bombing. On return crew brought A/C down safely at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1933
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"V" NF. 128	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J. 89293	1706	0152	target This A/C bombed at 22.01 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 183 and I.A.S. 160. 9/10th wispy stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of cluster of "Wanganui" flares. Markers plentiful and fairly concentrated. Large bluish explosion seen just prior to bombing. Bombing well concentrated. xxxxx Fires seen for 40 miles on return. Trim tabs on neutral position and necessary to exert full pressure on right leg for entire trip. "Gee" also U/S. Good effort. On return crew brought A/C down safely at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1934
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"X" NG. 284	CAPT F/O SKENE & CREW.	J. 49075	1651	0205	This A/C bombed target at 22.20 hrs. from 16,000 feet, heading 185 and I.A.S. 160. 8/10th stratus cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Visibility good above cloud. Bombed centre of fires. Markers were seen as we passed over the target first but had burned out by the time of bombing run. The City was burning well and smoke was rising through the cloud. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up at target and could not be jettisoned so it brought back. Tactics satisfactory. On return crew brought A/C down safely at Ford on petrol diversion.	A. 1935
7/8th MARCH, 1945	"Y" NN. 780	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J. 39142	1649	0106	This A/C bombed target at 22.04 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 180 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th thin stratus cloud with tops 6-10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed visually on I.L.'s in centre of 1/2 checked on ground labels. Other bombing xxxxx accurate and well concentrated about A/P. Fires were burning well. Excellent attack. Crew brought A/C down safely on petrol diversion landing at Ford.	A. 1936

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8/9th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 178 - MINING HELLIGLAND BIGHT - MINE LOAD - All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. mines. All Lancaster Mk.I A/C						App.43
	"D" NG. 456	CAPT P/O BECKETT & CREW.	J.37209	1822	0003	This A/C deposited mines at position 5351.00N.0854.00E. from 15,000 ft. at 21.37 hrs. heading 130 and I.A.S. 200. 8/10 low cloud with tops at 40,000 ft., visibility good. Engineer made visual check at time of release. All mines dropped as briefed. Orbitted target to make recheck on H2S. Good trip and 'clites seen to open. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1937
8/9th MARCH, 1945	"M" RA. 504	CAPT P/O PAGEE & CREW	J.37944	1824	0033	This A/C abandoned mission over enemy territory at position 54.00N. 08.35E. at 21.23 hrs. whilst flying at 15,000 ft. H2S was U/S and it was impossible to get any response from it. Brought back complete mine load and landed safely at base.	A.1938
8/9th MARCH, 1945	"Q" NG. 348	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	1827	2352	This A/C deposited mines at position 53.54N. 08.54E. at 21.28 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 130 and I.A.S. 199. 8 to 9/10th thin stratus cloud with tops at 9-10,000 ft., visibility good above. Good H2S response. Engineer made visual check of mines leaving A/C and Clites were seen to open. Routes and tactics good. Mines dropped as briefed. On return crew brought A/C down safely at base.	A.1939
8/9th MARCH, 1945	"R" NG. 400	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW	J.26991	1831	2347	This A/C deposited mines at position 53.54N. 08.54E. at 21.26 hrs. from 15,000 ft., heading 130 and I.A.S. 199. 5/10th low cloud with tops 5 to 6,000 ft., visibility fair. Mines dropped as briefed but a visual check was made when they left A/C. Period H2S turned on too brief. S/L's on both sides of area and taking avoiding action on camera run. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1940
8/9th MARCH, 1945	"T" NG. 458	CAPT P/L CHURCH & CREW.	J.11327	1833	2357	This A/C deposited mines at 53.54N. 08.54E. at 21.27 hrs. from 15,000 feet, heading 130 and I.A.S. 199. 7/10th low clouds with tops at 4,000 ft. visibility good above. Mines dropped as briefed. Good H2S pin points. Visual check of mines leaving A/C. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1941
11th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 179 - BOMBING ESEN - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4,000 lb., 4 x 250 lb. and 12 x 500 lb. bombs. All Lancaster Mk.I A/C						App.44

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11th MARCH, 1945	"D" NG. 456	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW	J. 37209	1120	1807	This A/C bombed target at 15.15 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 010 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed on two blue smoke puffs with 20 second delay. Hydraulic failure of bomb doors so used emergency release causing the 20 second delay. Good concentration of smoke puffs, target well marked. Tactics excellent and very heavy concentration of A/C over target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1942
11th MARCH, 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW	J. 35941	1123	1738	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs from 18,700 feet, heading 046 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent - sunlight. Bombed on split centre of two smoke puffs. Marking very good. A few scare crows and flak bursts seen in target area. Would say raid very successful. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1943
11th MARCH 1945	"F" NG. 777	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW	J. 30555	1129	1735	This A/C bombed target at 15.15. hrs from 18,600 feet, heading 044 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud to 10,000ft., visibility good. Bombed on blue smoke puff to port of concentration on instructions of Master Bomber. Target well marked. Smoke rising through clouds as we left. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1944
11th MARCH 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	J. 35869	1125	1729	This A/C bombed target at 15.16 hrs from 18,100 feet, heading 061 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed midway between two blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. 3 scarecrows seen in target area. Marking good. Effective raid if markings on. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1945
11th MARCH 1945	"L" NG. 48	CAPT W/O MARSHALL & CREW 2nd Plt F/O MOULD	C. 1205	1122	1728	This A/C bombed target at 15.15 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 047 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops 7-9,000 ft., visibility good. Overshot blue smoke puff to left on bombing as instructed by Master Bomber. Occasional flak bursts and 3 scarecrows seen in target area. Good concentration of A/C on A/P. Target obscured by cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1946

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11th MARCH 1945	"M" BA. 504	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW	J.37944	1121	1736	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 7,800 ft., visibility good. Bombed on four blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Concentration good in target area. Difficult to assess effort due to cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1947
11th MARCH 1945	"O" NC.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW	J.29010	1141	1734	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs. from 17,200 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed port puff of 3 blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. No results seen due to cloud. Seemed like good raid. Some congestion over target necessary to dodge bombs from above. No other difficulties and crew brought A/C safely back to base on return.	A.1948
11th MARCH 1945	"P" NC. 347	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW	J.39142	1137	1722	This A/C bombed target at 15.15 hrs from 17,000 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed group of blue smoke puffs on port side on instructions of Master Bomber. Target well marked. Cloud over target with dark shadow from smoke, no other results seen. Good raid. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1949
11th MARCH 1945	"Q" NC.348	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW	J. 89293	1146	1731	This A/C bombed target at 15.13 hrs from 19,000 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed one blue smoke puff. Target well marked with smoke puffs. Saw smoke rising through cloud after leaving. Tactics good but concentration suffering on crowding. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1950
11th MARCH 1945	"R" MR.458	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW	J.35517	1143	1815	This A/C bombed target at 15.18 hrs from 18,700 feet, heading 045 and I.A.S. 158. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 5,000 feet, visibility excellent. Bombed one blue smoke puff to left of three. Markers at well placed and sufficient. No results seen other than smoke rising through cloud. Good raid. Somewhat congested over target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1951

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11th MARCH 1945	"U" NC. 280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW	J.89816	1143	1740	This A/C bombed target at 15.15 hrs from 18,400 feet, heading 046 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of 7 blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers numerous and well placed. No results seen except smoke rising to above 6,000 ft., Good raid. No difficulties and crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	A.1952
11th MARCH 1945	"W" NF.150	CAPT P/O EDMONDSON & CREW	J.92101	1145	1800	This A/C bombed target at 15.19 hrs. from 18,100 feet, heading 040 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 5-7,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed near centre of red and blue smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Results not seen. Some congestion over target but good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1953
11th MARCH 1945	"X" NC.281	CAPT P/O SHERRE & CREW	J.19075	1144	1754	This A/C bombed target at 15.17 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 044 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 5-6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed a group of four sky markers, on instructions of Master Bomber who was clearly heard. Cloud hid all ground detail and no assessment possible. Tactics were good and concentration also good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1954
11th MARCH 1945	"Y" NN.780	CAPT P/L LUNDEN DPM & CREW 2nd Plt P/O MORRISON	J.17601	1139	1733	This A/C bombed target at 15.14 hrs from 17,500 feet, heading 046 and I.A.S. 150. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed blue smoke on instructions of Master Bomber. Good concentration of markers and smoke seen rising through clouds as A/C left T/A. Nose of A/C was slightly damaged over target area at 15.15 hrs. when A/C struck by fragment of scarecrow. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1955
12th MARCH 1945	OPERATION NO 180 - BOMBING DORTMUND - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 4 x 250 lb and 12 x 500 lb bombs. All Lancaster Mk.1. A/C						App.45.
	"B" FB.897	CAPT P/O MORRISON & CREW	J.42966	1256	1937	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility unlimited. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs. Marking concentrated and continuous and sufficient. Large patch of reddish brown smoke seen rising through cloud. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1956

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12th MARCH 1945	"G" NG.277	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW	J. / 37209	1253	1922	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of four green smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking plentiful. Smoke seen rising through cloud. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1957
12th MARCH 1945	"F" NN.777	CAPT F/O MAINROY & CREW	J.90555	1300	1931	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 17,200 feet, heading 032 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8/10,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed on centre of four green smoke puffs on instructions of Master Bomber. Good marking. Domes of smoke seen rising through cloud. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1958
12th MARCH 1945	"J" NE.446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	J.35869	1301	1916	This A/C bombed target at 16.50 hrs from 16,800 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 175. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 4,000 ft., visibility good, bright sun. Bombed two green puffs overshoot mean centre by 10 seconds as instructed by Master Bomber. Nil seen but fast flak bursts and sky marking. Tactics sound. Concentration of A/C good in depth but spread. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1959
12th MARCH 1945	"L" NG.484	CAPT F/O MOULD & CREW	J.86694	1257	1928	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 5-6000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of two green smoke puffs in line as per Master Bomber. Only black smoke pushing up through cloud and sky marking seen. Concentration over target good. Marking ample and well concentrated. Results obscure. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1960
12th MARCH 1945	"M" RA.504	CAPT F/O FACHE & CREW	J. 37944	1258	1930	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 030 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of 4 green puffs with overshoot of 5 seconds as per Master Bomber. Only saw sky markings and odd flak burst solid cloud. Marking plentiful and concentrated. Bombing dead on markers. Should be good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1961

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12th MARCH 1945	"O" NG.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW	J.29040	1248	1932	This A/C bombed target at 1649 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility excellent, bright sun. Bombed green smoke puff centred by 5 other blues as directed by Master Bomber. Markers well grouped. Cloud obscured target. Bombing well concentrated. Unable to assess effort. 1 x 250 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned manually at position 5135N. 0728E. at 1951 hrs. from 17,700 ft. (live). Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	EC0957 A.1962
12th MARCH 1945	"P" NG.347	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW	J.85095	1244	1825	This A/C bombed target at 1652 hrs. from 14,700 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 5-6,000 ft. visibility excellent. Flew through smoke puffs and bombs released. Only markers and flak puffs and circle of black smoke coming up through cloud seen. Tactics sound. Port outer engine went I U/S at 12.45 hrs. unable to maintain briefed height or air speed. Feathered motor and set course 10 minutes early. On return landed at Manston due to petrol shortage and having only three engines.	EC0958 A.1963
12th MARCH 1945	"Q" NG.348	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW	J.89293	1254	1921	This A/C bombed target at 1649 hrs from 17,100 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 5 to 6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of blue and green puffs with overshoot of 10 seconds on direction of Master Bomber. Markers well concentrated. Could see smoke rising through clouds. Tactics good but A/C crowded over target. Results not observed due to cloud. Crew brought A/C back and landed safely at base.	EC0959 A.1964
12th MARCH 1945	"R" NG.451	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW	J.35317	1255	1943	This A/C bombed target at 1651 hrs. from 16,800 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 162. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 5,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs as directed by Master Bomber. Marking sufficient, concentrated and continuous. Target area covered with dark grayish smoke. Unable to assess effort due to heavy low cloud. Crew brought A/C back and landed safely at base.	EC0960 A.1965
12th MARCH 1945	"U" NG.280	CAPT F/O CHURCH & CREW	J.89816	1262	1940	This A/C bombed target at 1649 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of green smoke puffs. Marking sufficient and concentrated. Checked with H2S. Big black patch of black smoke coming up through clouds over T/A. If markers on would be excellent raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EC0961 A.1966

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12th MARCH 1945	"H" HP.150	CAPT P/O BRIGGS & CREW.	J.92101	1242	1948	This A/C bombed target at 16.50 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 5-6,000 ft., visibility excellent. Bombed near centre of three blue smoke puffs fading out. Markers ample and concentrated. Black pool of smoke breaking up through clouds over A/P. Necessary to move to starboard on run up to avoid other A/C. Results obscure. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	REF 201 A.1967
12th MARCH 1945	"X" NG.280	CAPT P/O SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	1250	1935	This A/C bombed target at 16.40 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 155. 10/10th stratus cloud to 5/6,000 ft., visibility very good. Bombed green smoke puffs just bursting on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers good and concentrated. Nothing seen but smoke discolouring and lifting cloud. Results good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	REF 201 A.1968
12th MARCH 1945	"E" ME.400	CAPT P/L LUNDEN DFC & CREW. 2nd Plt P/O HAMILTON	J.18061	1246	1927	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 031 and I.A.S. 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed green smoke puffs then overshot five seconds on M/B instructions. Marking sufficient and concentrated. Black smoke started to mushroom through the cloud at 16.55 hrs. Results obscure due to cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	REF 201 A.1969
12th MARCH 1945	OPERATION NO. 181 - MINING KATTWAT - MINE LOAD - 6 x 1500 lb. Mines. "H" ME.458 LANCASTER MK.I	CAPT P/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1745	2343	This A/C deposited mines at position 56.04N. 110.02E. at 21.02 hrs. from 8,000 ft., heading 226 and I.A.S. 196. Many some high cloud otherwise clear, visibility fair. Mines satisfactorily laid in allotted area. Good trip, route and tactics O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	App. 46 REF 201 A.1970
12th MARCH 1945	OPERATION NO. 182 - BOMBING ZWETTERBUCKEN - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 4 x 250 lb. and 11 x 500 lb. bombs. "E" PR.897	CAPT P/O MOUND & CREW.	J.86694	1628	2330	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 14,000 feet, heading 087 and I.A.S. 170. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of green S.I.s on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers well concentrated. Many fires burning and smoke rising. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	App. 47 REF 201 A.1971

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14th MARCH 1945	"X" NG.451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1625	2322	This A/C bombed target at 20.15 hrs. from 13,700 feet, heading 095 and I.A.S. 165. Slight haze, visibility fair. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s as per instructions of Master Bomber. Visual check on target by river and W/Yds. Heavy smoke and target well lit up - could be seen for 60 miles. Should be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1972
14th MARCH 1945	"F" NG.777	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW.	J.90555	1633	2346	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 13,600 feet, heading 099 and I.A.S. 165. No cloud, slight haze, visibility fair. Bombed on centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.F.P. very concentrated. Bombing dead on T.I.'s. Two large explosions seen in T/A at 2021 and 2022 hrs. Good effort. On return to base when A/C was in great circuit controls would not respond and A/C kept turning to port and lost height fast and it was necessary for Skipper to crash land at Miahforth. The Air Bomber and Wireless Op. received minor injuries but the remainder of the crew escaped uninjured in the landing. The A/C is Cat. E. An investigation is being made to determine the cause.	AL1973
14th MARCH 1945	"U" NG.277	CAPT F/O EMERSON & CREW.	J.92101	1632	2346	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 13,100 feet, heading 105 and I.A.S. 160. Slight haze below, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking ample and well concentrated. Many bomb explosions seen in A/P. Bombing appeared to be dead on markers. Effective trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1974
14th MARCH 1945	"L" NG.484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	1631	2321	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 12,500 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 170. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s as instructed by Master Bomber. Marking effective and well timed. Target well illuminated and billows of smoke pouring up. Two large explosions seen on leaving target. Excellent trip and should be effective effort.	AL1975
14th MARCH 1945	"M" RA.504	CAPT F/O WACHE & CREW.	J.37944	1627	2320	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 12,500 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 170. Slight haze, visibility very good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Markers were well concentrated. Saw bomb explosions and some fires in T/A and many others bombing accurately. Tactics good. Fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1976

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14th MARCH 1945	"O" HQ.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW. 2nd Flt F/O HAMILTON	J.29040	1638	2318	This A/C bombed target at 2015 hrs. from 12,200 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 170. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed on centre of red T.I.'s. Markers well concentrated and plentiful. Fires and smoke seen in T/A. Bombing seemed right on markers. Tactics very good. This should be an excellent raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1977 A.1977
14th MARCH 1945	"R" HQ.400	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J.83095	1636	2311	This A/C bombed target at 20.15 hrs. from 11,300 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 170. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s as per instructions of Master Bomber. Target visually identified by built-up area and heavy concentration of T.I.'s. Two large explosions seen on leaving target. Smoke seen. Tactics good. Start of best raid yet. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1978 A.1978
14th MARCH 1945	"T" HQ.458	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	1640	2324	This A/C bombed target at 20.15 hrs. from 12,200 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 160. Haze but vertical visibility fair. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Remarkably good concentration of markers. Bomb explosions and one large explosion (yellow) and persisting fires seen in target area. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1979 A.1979
14th MARCH 1945	"U" HQ.280	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	1646	2326	This A/C bombed target at 20.14 hrs. from 12,500 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 170. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of a large concentration of T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. One large explosion seen and many fires and smoke rising when we left target. Very good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1980 A.1980
14th MARCH 1945	"V" HQ.128	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.83293	1642	2317	This A/C bombed target at 20.15 hrs. from 12,800 feet, heading 087 and I.A.S. 165. Slight haze, visibility excellent. Bombed centre of heavy concentration of red and green T.I.'s as per directions of Master Bomber. Markers well placed and timed. Saw several large explosions on leaving target. Excellent trip, presume effective effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1981 A.1981
14th MARCH 1945.	"X" HQ.281	CAPT F/O SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	1645	2331	This A/C bombed target at 20.16 hrs. from 13,000 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 165. Slight haze below, visibility fairly good. Target readily identified and well marked. Bombed on red T.I.'s in centre of greens. Smoke hung over target and glow and explosions seen after leaving target. Tactics sound. Excellent trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	AL1982 A.1982

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15 /16th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 183 - BOMBING HAGEN - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb and 1650 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs. All Lancaster Mk.I A/C						App. 48
	"J" Mk. 446	CAPT F/L THOMAS JFC & CREW.	J.7975	1620	2327	This A/C bombed target at 20.32 hrs. from 13,700 feet, heading 330 and I.A.S. 155. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on centre of red and green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. By visual check markers right in T/A and bombing seemed well concentrated on T.I.'s. Bomb explosions seen and one large sea coloured explosion seen at 20.31 hrs. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Ex 1983 A.1983
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"F" Mk. 456	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW.	J.82966	1627	2335	This A/C bombed target at 2031 hrs. from 17,300 feet, heading 344 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Early on target, very few fires seen. Good concentration, no congestion. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Ex 1984 A.1984
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"G" Mk. 277	CAPT F/O MOULD & CREW.	J.86694	1639	2359	This A/C bombed target at 20.35 hrs. from 13,300 feet, heading 348 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Master Bomber heard faintly and bombed on his instructions on centre of smoke. By visual check bombing in built-up area and many fires observed. On take off port inner engine went U/S. Feathered the engine over base and went on to target. On way back our own S/L illuminated route for B/A/G. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Ex 1985 A.1985
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"F" RF. 150	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.89293	1650	2329	This A/C bombed target at 20.32 hrs. from 13,400 feet, heading 325 and I.A.S. 155. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.P.F. slightly late but concentrated and plentiful. Target covered with string of incendiaries and starting to take good hold. Tactics good and no congestion. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Ex 1986 A.1986
15/16th MARCH, 1945.	"L" Mk. 484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	1624	0002	This A/C bombed target at 20.31 hrs. from 13,100 feet, heading 350 and I.A.S. 155. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Marking well concentrated and plentiful. Visually marking seemed accurate. Saw reddish orange explosion in T/A at 2032 hrs. 150 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Ex 1987 A.1987

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15/16th MARCH, 1945	"M" RA.504	CAPT F/O EMMERSON & CREW.	J.92101	1625	2334	This A/C bombed target at 20.30 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 345 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed on green and red T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. A/P checked with HES and E.T.A. P.F.P. hang on and bombing concentrated on markers. Suitable tactics. Good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1985 A.1988
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"O" NR.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29040	1636	2340	This A/C bombed target at 20.32 hrs. from 18,400 ft., heading 335 and I.A.S. 155. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Markers well concentrated and very accurate. Many fires seen in T/A and one large orange explosion with black smoke. 300 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1989 A.1989
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"R" NR.400	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J.83095	1626	2317	This A/C bombed target at 20.31 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 350 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.F.P. very concentrated. By visual check T.I.'s appeared to be in built up area and bombing on T.I.'s. One large explosion seen at 20.42 hrs. Visual check would seem to make this a very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1990 A.1990
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"U" NR.280	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	1638	2324	This A/C bombed target at 20.31 hrs. from 18,700 feet, heading 350 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s. P.F.P. plentiful and concentrated. By visual check on built up area. Many fires around markers. Should be very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1991 A.1991
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"X" NR.281	CAPT F/O SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	1634	2330	This A/C bombed target at 20.31 hrs. from 16,850 feet, heading 344 and I.A.S. 160. Slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s on direction of Master Bomber. Marking well concentrated and plentiful. Fires and smoke in target area. Very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1992 A.1992
15/16th MARCH, 1945	"Y" NR.780	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	1632	2342	This A/C bombed target at 20.31 hrs. from 17,200 feet, heading 341 and I.A.S. 160. No cloud slight haze, visibility fair. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Markers plentiful and on target by visual check. Many small fires around T.I.'s. One troops using T.I.'s to illuminate us and helping E/A/C. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	KL1993 A.1993

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15/16th MARCH, 1945	"B" NG-451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1621	2336	This A/C bombed target at 20.30 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 005 and I.A.S. 155. Clear, some smoke, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Good concentration and plentiful marking which appeared very accurate. Many bomb bursts and fires seen after leaving target area. Tactics good. Would say fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX-1994 A.1994
16th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 184 - MINING HELIGOLAND - MINE LOAD - Both A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. mines. Lancaster Mk. I A/C.						App-49
	"Q" NG-348	CAPT F/L THOMAS RFC & CREW.	J.7975	1750	2246	This A/C deposited mines at position 5400N. 0751E. at 20.15 hrs. from 9,000 ft., heading 115 and I.A.S. 196. 9/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Mines laid successfully. Good trip, route and tactics O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX-1995 A.1995
16th MARCH, 1945	"D" NG-456	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	1754	2232	This A/C deposited mines at position 5400N. 0808E. at 20.12 hrs. from 8,500 ft., heading 113 and I.A.S. 203. 9/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Mines laid successfully. Good trip and tactics of climb too close to garden. No diff- entered and crew brought A/C down safely at	EX-1996 A.1996
16/19th March/45. A/C "D" NG-456	TARGET - LONDON SWEEPSTAKE		T.U.	T.D.			
Lancaster Mk. I			22.22	06.02	This A/C successfully reached Sweep- stake Target (4721N. 0700E.) at 02.16 hrs. Somewhat cloudy but visibility good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.		
P 4 F/O Morrison, R.L.	J.42966						
N F/O Pellatt, R.W.	J.41618						
B/A F/O Sims, R.G.	J.41553						
W/G Sgt. Sarson, A.L.J.	R200656						
F/E Sgt. Barch, K.A.	R219144						
M/G W/O Browne, W.A.	R181292						
A/G W/O Paterson, G.W.	R182277						
16/19th March/45 A/C "P" NG-547	TARGET - LONDON SWEEPSTAKE		T.U.	T.D.			
Lancaster Mk. I			22.20	06.18	This A/C successfully reach Sweep- stake Target (4821N. 0700E.) at 02.16 hrs. Fairly heavy cloud but visibility good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.		
P 1 F/O Hamilton, D.J.	J.92040						
N F/O Stanger, G.T.	J.40816						
B/A F/O Mills, E.J.	J.40350						
W/G Sgt. Pobock, E.E.	R.194636						
F/E F/O Hutehinson, J.J.J.	R.48763						
M/G F/S Jopp, A.D.	R.107719						
A/G Sgt. Lavack, G.A.	R.58745						
						bed target at 04.34 hrs. from 10,000 feet, and I.A.S. 183. Nil cloud, visibility fair- kwink flare as directed by M/B. Marking dly in attack but brought under control by explosions seen emitting billows of black- es spreading from them. Very effective raid. A/C down safely at base on return.	EX-1997 A.1997
						bed target at 04.33 hrs. from 9,700 feet, and I.A.S. 183. No cloud, slight haze, vi- sibility good. Bombed on port side of red and green T.I.'s of Master Bomber. T.I.'s somewhat scattered. One large explosion seen at 04.33 hrs. with bill up area visible. Glow of fires seen 50 miles away. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX-1998 A.1998

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15/16th MARCH, 1945	"E" ME.451	CAPT F/O	16	This A/C bombed target at 20.30 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 005 and I.A.S. 155. Clear, some smoke, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Good concentration and plentiful marking which appeared very accurate. Many bomb bursts and fires seen after leaving target area. Tactics good. Would say fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1994
				50 lb. mines.	App.49
				This A/C deposited mines at position 5400N. 0751E. at 20.15 hrs. from 9,000 ft., heading 115 and I.A.S. 196. 9/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Mines laid successfully. Good trip, route and tactics O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1995
		J.35941	1754	2232 This A/C deposited mines at position 5400N. 0808E. at 20.12 hrs. from 8,500 ft., heading 115 and I.A.S. 205. 9/10th stratus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Mines laid successfully. Good trip and tactics O.K. except point of climb too close to garden. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base.	A.1996
21st MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 185 - BOMBING HAMBURGSTEIN - HOME LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 6 x 250 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs.				App.50
	All Lancaster Mk.I A/C				
	"A" ME.148	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O WATSON.	J.27679	0126 0727 This A/C bombed target at 04.34 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 039 and I.A.S. 185. Nil cloud, visibility fair. Bombed on Pickwick Flare as directed by M/B. Marking scattered early in attack but brought under control by M.B. 5 large explosions seen emitting billows of black smoke and fires spreading from them. Very effective raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1997
21st MARCH, 1945.	"B" PR.897	CAPT F/O MOULD & CREW.	J.86694	0140 0725 This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 9,700 feet, heading 067 and I.A.S. 185. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed on port side of red and green T.I.'s on direction of Master Bomber. T.I.'s somewhat scattered. One large explosion seen at 04.35 hrs. with built up area visible. Glow of fires seen 50 miles away. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1998

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21st MARCH, 1945	"E" HQ-451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	0124	0731	This A/C bombed target at 04.34 hrs. from 9,100 feet, heading 035 and I.A.S. 186. Bombing clear, visibility fair. Bombed centre of port red and green T.I.'s as per M/R. Marking scattered but M/B directed attack. Numerous explosions, flames and smoke seen. Could feel bomb bursts over target and could see glow for 50 miles on return. Target well and truly bombed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.1999
21st MARCH, 1945	"G" HQ-277	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW.	J.37209	0121	0742	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 8,800 feet, heading 046 and I.A.S. 185. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed North of Village and South of A/P visually. Master Bomber not heard. Saw three large explosions in T/A at 04.34 hrs. Appeared to be very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2000
21st MARCH, 1945	"I" HQ-484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	0143	0733	This A/C bombed target at 04.34 hrs. from 8,500 feet, heading 070 and I.A.S. 185. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed visually on oil storage tanks. Approximately six large explosions seen from 04.33 hrs. to 04.34 hrs. No congestion. Should be very successful effort by visual check. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2001
21st MARCH, 1945	"M" RA-504	CAPT F/O BACHE & CREW.	J.37944	0123	0710	This A/C bombed target at 04.30 hrs. from 8,200 feet, heading 036 and I.A.S. 184. Few wispy clouds, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s and explosion. Master Bomber not heard. Several large explosions seen emitting yellowish flames also one huge one at 04.33 hrs. which bumped A/C. Very effective raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2002
21st MARCH, 1945	"O" HQ-279	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	0153	0736	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 7,900 feet, heading 065 and I.A.S. 195. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed left hand side of cluster of red and green T.I.'s on direction of Master Bomber. Markers very concentrated except one salvo. One large explosion seen at 04.35 hrs. Rump of explosion felt. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2003

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21st MARCH 1945	TRF "P" NG-347	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J.86095	0158	0708	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 048 and I.A.S. 184. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. T.I.'s scattered in two large bunches with bombing divided between them. Saw two large explosions at 04.34 hrs. with orange flames and black smoke billowing into sky. Fires seen 75 miles away. Good effort. Crew brought A/C safely down at base on return.	Mc2000 A.2004
21st MARCH 1945	"V" HP.128	CAPT F/L THOMAS INFU & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O Gracie	J.7975	0155	0735	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 9,400 feet, heading 022 and I.A.S. 204. Clear, good visibility. Bombed on centre of red and green T.I.'s to port as directed by Master Bomber. Several large explosions seen emitting orange flames at 04.30 hrs. Especially large fires seen for 40 miles. M/B had raid well under control. Very good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2000 A.2005
21st MARCH 1945	"Q" NG-348	CAPT F/O SCHEU & CREW.	J.19075	0150	0741	This A/C bombed target at 04.35 hrs. from 9,700 feet, heading 020 and I.A.S. 182. Very slight haze, visibility good. Bombed on centre of concentration of red T.I.'s as directed by Master Bomber. Saw two oil tanks blow up, glow seen for 75 miles. Felt bumps of explosions. Master Bomber had raid well under control. Very effective effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2000 A.2006
21st MARCH 1945	"R" NG-400	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	0157	0746	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 9,400 feet, heading 066 and I.A.S. 187. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on centre of red and green T.I.'s as directed by M/B. T.I.'s scattered in early part of raid. One huge explosion seen just after bombing. Glow seen for 60 miles on way homeward. Violent shocks on A/C from explosions. M/B had raid well under control. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2000 A.2007
21st MARCH 1945	"U" NG-280	CAPT F/O BRADSHAW & CREW.	J.92101	0159	0720	This A/C bombed target at 04.33 hrs. from 9,100 feet, heading 069 and I.A.S. 187. No clouds, slight haze. T.I.'s scattered in two bunches, bombed green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Three large explosions seen at 04.33 hrs. with black smoke billowing up into sky. Master Bomber heard clearly. Very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2000 A.2008

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21st MARCH 1945	"W" HP.150	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW	J. 42996	0142	0738	This A/C bombed target at 04.32 hrs. from 8,800 feet, heading 040 and I.A.S. 190. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Bombed to port of concentration of red and green T.I's. Markers scattered in two bunches with bombing on both bunches. One large explosion seen at 04.33 with black smoke up to 8,000 ft. Assesses as excellent effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2009
21st MARCH 1945	"Y" HP.700	CAPT F/S COZENS & CREW	J.199230	0201	0718	This A/C bombed target at 04.31 hrs. from 8,500 feet, heading 073 and I.A.S. 185. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of salvo of green and red T.I's. Adequate marking. M/B had complete control. Many scattered fires seen after leaving target. Target well bombed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2010
21st MARCH 1945	"X" HP.281	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW	J.26991	0147	0730	This A/C bombed target at 04.34 hrs. from 8,200 feet, heading 060 and I.A.S. 184. No cloud, slight haze, visibility fair. Bombed to port of red and green T.I's on direction of Master Bomber. Markers in two bunches. Master Bomber very clear. At 04.35 hrs. saw several large explosions. Excellent effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2011
22nd MARCH 1945	GENERATION NO. 186 - BOMBING HILLESHEIM. BOMBS LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 2000 lb bomb and 1950 x 4lb. incendiary bombs.						App-51
	All Lancaster Mk. 1 A/C						
	"A" HP. 148	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW 2nd Flt F/O GRACE	J.27679	1855	1708	This A/C bombed target at 14.10 hrs. from 14,800 feet, heading 102 and I.A.S. 202. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of smoke. Bombing concentrated on A/B. Black and brown smoke up to 15,000 feet and seen 150 miles away. M/B very clear and helpful. Spread the raid by different instructions all over target. Excellent effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2012
22nd MARCH 1945	"B" HP.897	CAPT F/S COZENS & CREW	J.199230	1101	1707	This A/C bombed target at 14.09 hrs. from 15,100 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 207. Nil cloud, visibility excellent. Marking obscured by smoke. Identified target visually by road and built up area in North part of town. Bombed centre of the smoke on M/B instructions who was heard clearly. Bombing well concentrated. Fires were well started in the centre of the town. Fighter cover very good. A definitely "good prize". Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2013

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22nd MARCH, 1945	"C" NG. 457	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW	J. 35317	1100	1701	This A/C bombed target at 14.05 hrs. from 14,800 feet, heading 105 and I.A.S. 210. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Target obscured by smoke except S.E. End. Bombs falling in built up area, and smoke rising 4/5,000 ft. Should be very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXPOS A.2014
22nd MARCH, 1945	"D" NG. 456	CAPT F/O BENNETT & CREW	J. 37209	1057	1706	This A/C bombed target at 14.08 hrs. from 14,800 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 196. Nil cloud, visibility excellent. Identified target visually by roads and railroads. No marking seen because of the smoke. Bombed centre of smoke over town on M/B instructions. Bombing was concentrated in the centre of the town and no misses seen. Fires had taken hold. Large yellow smoke explosion lasting about 10 seconds seen in the centre of town at 14.07 hrs. Very successful attack and smoke visible for 100 miles. Good fighter cover. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXPOS A.2015
22nd MARCH, 1945	"G" NG. 277	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW	J. 42966	1102	1725	This A/C bombed target at 14.07 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 120 and I.A.S. 209. Nil cloud, visibility excellent. Identified target visually by railroad and Western limits of town. No markers seen. M/B clear, encouraging and easy to follow. On his instructions bombed 200 yards before near edge of smoke. Bombing very well concentrated and target covered by smoke and fires. Exceptional fighter cover. Excellent 'pre-raid' Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXPOS A.2016
22nd MARCH, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/O SCENE & CREW	J. 19075	1058	1718	This A/C bombed target at 14.06 hrs. from 15,100 feet, heading 120 and I.A.S. 196. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed on centre of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber. Bombing on A/P by visual check. Smoke rising up to 10,000 feet. Tactics good. Should be very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXPOS A.2017
22nd MARCH, 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW	J. 27844	1103	1713	This A/C bombed target at 14.09 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 105 and I.A.S. 208. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Built up area completely obscured by smoke rising to 14,000 feet. Bombing on A/P Tactics O.K. Very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXPOS A.2018

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22nd MARCH, 1945	"P" NO. 347	CAPT P/O COMAN & CREW	J. 85095	1108	1651	This A/C bombed target at 14.10 hrs. from 14,200 feet, heading 112 and I.A.S. 195. Clear, visibility excellent. Marking obscured by smoke and dust but M/B heard clearly and on his instructions bombed estimated 200 yards short of the centre of the smoke. Target identified visually by railroads and highways. The bombing was well concentrated in the centre of the town and many fires had started. Fighter cover exceptionally good. Altogether exceptional effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2019
22nd MARCH, 1945	"Q" NO. 348	CAPT P/O HAMILTON & CREW	J. 92040	1109	1719	This A/C bombed target at 14.07 hrs. from 15,100 feet, heading 108 and I.A.S. 212. Clear, visibility good. Target obscured by smoke and no markers seen. Bombed on centre of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Bombing mostly in smoke. Smoke rising to 15,000 ft. when 150 mile away. Fighter cover good. Terrific effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2020
22nd MARCH, 1945	"V" NO. 128	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW 2nd Flt P/O WATSON	J. 26991	1107	1714	This A/C bombed target at 14.07 hrs. from 14,800 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 210. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on centre of smoke on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly and placed bombing all over target. No T.I's seen. By visual check bombing concentrated on A/P. 300 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs jettisoned (safe) at position 51.50N. 03.20E. at 15.44 hrs. from 8,000 ft. No congestion. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2021
22nd MARCH, 1945	"U" NO. 280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW	J. 89816	1113	1700	This A/C bombed target at 14.06 hrs from 14,800 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 194. Nil cloud and excellent visibility. Identified target visually by railroad and M/Y in Northern Quarter. Markers were obscured by smoke. Bombed centre of smoke on instructions of M/B who was heard very clearly. Bombing was well concentrated in the centre of town and many fires had started. Route was too close to Ems-Weser Canal as flak was very active there. Fighter cover was very good. Town was well and truly 'pranged'. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2022

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2nd MARCH 1945	"O" NG.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW	J.29040	1104	1700	This A/C bombed target at 1407 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 200. No cloud, visibility excellent. No T.I's seen at time of bombing. Bombed 'Pickwick' on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Target obscured by smoke but bombing on A/P by visual check. Smoke in target area up to 12,000 ft. seen for 125 miles away. Fighter cover very good. 50 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs hung up and were brought back. Very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALP2023
22nd MARCH, 1945	"W" NF. 150	CAPT F/O BRODERSON & CREW	J.92101	1111	1729	This A/C bombed target at 1409 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 120 and I.A.S. 216. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on green T.I. on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Smoke rising up to 10,000 feet, and bombing definitely on A/P. Fighter cover good. Very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALP2024
22nd MARCH 1945	"T" NH.780	CAPT F/O MATHESON & CREW	J.16230	1112	1715	This A/C bombed target at 1405 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 210. Nil cloud, perfect visibility. Identified target visually by railroad running into West of town. No markers could be seen. Bombed centre of smoke and fires on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Bombing was well concentrated in the centre of town and many fires were burning. Heat of fires formed a large cumulus cloud with base at 8-10,000 ft. and tops at 20,000 ft. Tactics good except route took us over active flak area just North of Cologne. Fighter cover was good. Good effort. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	ALP2025
24th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO.187- BOMBING MATHIAS STINNES WORKS, BOITRE- BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 12 x 1000 lb. and 1 x 500 lb bombs. All Lancaster Mk. 1. A/C						App.52
	"A" NF.148	CAPT F/S COZINS & CREW	U.199230	1310	1903	This A/C bombed target at 16.46 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 204. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on "gee" co-ordinate. Bomb sight U/S, visual check on oil tanks. Oil explosion just prior to bomb release. Attack just starting. No difficulty in way reading. Appeared to be start of good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALP2026
24th MARCH, 1945	"E" NG.451	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW	J.85095	1309	1846	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 088 and I.A.S. 204. Slight haze, visibility fairly good. Bombed on small village "gee" co-ordinate. No marking seen and no instructions from M/B until after bombs released. Scattered bombing on looking back. Assess as poor attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	ALP2027

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22nd MARCH 1945	"O" NG.279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW	J.29040	1104	1700	This A/C bombed target at 1407 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 110 and I.A.S. 200. No cloud, visibility excellent. No T.I.'s seen at time of bombing. Bombed 'Pickwick' on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Target obscured by smoke but bombing on A/P by visual check. Smoke in target area up to 12,000 ft. seen for 125 miles away. Fighter cover very good. 50 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs hung up and were brought back. Very good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	IXB211 A.2023
22nd MARCH, 1945	"W" NF. 150	CAPT F/O EDGERSON & CREW	J.92101	1111	1729	This A/C bombed target at 1409 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 120 and I.A.S. 216. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on one green T.I. on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Smoke raising up to 10,000 feet, and bombing definitely on A/P. Fighter cover good. Very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	IXB212 A.2024
22nd MARCH 1945	"I" NV.780	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW	J.16230	1112	1715	This A/C bombed target at 1405 hrs. from 15,400 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 210. Nil cloud, perfect visibility. Identified target visually by railroad running into West of town. No markers could be seen. Bombed centre of smoke and fires on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Bombing was well concentrated in the centre of town and many fires were burning. Heat of fires formed a large cumulus cloud with base at 8-10,000 ft. and tops at 20,000 ft. Tactics good except route took us over active flak area just North of Cologne. Fighter cover was good. Good effort. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	IXB213 A.2025
24th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO.157- BOMBING MATHIAS STINNES WORKS, ROTTER- All A/C carried 12 x 1000 lb. and 1 x 500 lb bombs. All Lancaster Mk. 1. A/C						App-52
	"A" NF.148	CAPT F/S COZENS & CREW	U.199230	1310	1903	This A/C bombed target at 16.46 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 204. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on "gee" co-ordinate. Bomb sight U/S, visual check on oil tanks. All explosion just prior to bomb release. Attack just starting. No difficulty in map reading. Appeared to be start of good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	IXB214 A.2026
24th MARCH, 1945	"E" NG.451	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW	J. 85095	1309	1846	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 088 and I.A.S. 204. Slight haze, visibility fairly good. Bombed on small village "gee" co-ordinate. No marking seen and no instructions from M/B until after bombs released. Scattered bombing on looking back. Assesses as poor attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	IXB215 A.2027

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24th MARCH, 1945	"G" NG. 277	CAPT F/O STUART & CREW	J. 35648	1256	1910	This A/C bombed target at 16.46 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 203. Some low haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s. Marking inaccurate. scattered bombing but appeared effective. Saw billows of black smoke and red flame. Port inner and outer and starboard inner engines hit by heavy g flak at position 513M. 070SE. at 1651 hrs. at 18,000 ft. Port outer U/S for a time and port inner feathered South of York. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	W2023 A.2028
24th MARCH, 1945	"L" NG. 484	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	J. 35869	1302	1907	This A/C bombed target at 16.47 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 089 and I.A.S. 212. Nil cloud, visibility poor, ground smoke. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s plus five seconds. Target identified visually by Autoban to North and railway to target. Marking sufficient but under-shot slightly. Bombing was concentrated in T/A and loss of black smoke came up. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back. A fairly good prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	W2024 A.2029
24th MARCH, 1945	"M" RA. 504	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW	J. 42966	1306	1859	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 088 and I.A.S. 200. Nil cloud, visibility poor and some ground smoke. Target identified visually by Railway and ovals from Gladbeck. Marking appeared late and insufficient. Bombed with overshoot on 'Pickwick' by two seconds on instructions of Master Bomber who was clearly heard. Bombing appeared fairly well concentrated on target and reddish orange explosions with black smoke seen. Was a pretty fair attack but difficult to assess with smoke and cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	W2025 A.2030
24th MARCH, 1945	"O" NG. 279	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW	J. 29040	1255	1848	This A/C bombed target at 16.45 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 087 and I.A.S. 211. Nil cloud, good visibility but ground haze. Identified target visually by Gladbeck highway and parallel railroads. Red T.I.'s sufficient but appeared to be in main plant two miles before target. On bombing overshoot T.I.'s by 25 seconds on instructions of M.B. Bombing fairly well concentrated and many explosions seen. 1 x 1000 lb bomb hung up and was brought back. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	W2026 A.2031

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24th MARCH, 1945	"T" ME.458	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW	J.85317	1251	1900	This A/C bombed target at 16.47 hrs. from 18,100 feet, heading 092 and I.A.S. 122. Nil cloud, visibility fair, smoke and haze slight on ground. Identified target visually by railway running south from Gladbeck past target. Marking sufficient and concentrated. Bombed estimated 200 yards overshoot of red and green T.I.'s on M/B instructions. Bombing was fairly well concentrated. One large red explosion in T.I. at 16.47 hrs. Lots of smoke on leaving target. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up over target and was jettisoned in jettison area, safe and clear below. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	112217 111717 A.2032
24th MARCH, 1945	"U" ME.280	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW	J.16230	1258	1915	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 17,400 feet, heading 089 and I.A.S. 206. Nil cloud, visibility good but some ground smoke. Bombed slightly to port of T.I.'s. Could not see target visually for smoke but run up checked on railways. Marking appeared late and insufficient. Bombing appeared scattered but release point checked with "gee" slightly to port of T.I.'s because of concentration of A/C. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back. Only a fair attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	112035 A.2033
24th MARCH, 1945	"W" WF.150	CAPT F/O ROBERTSON & CREW	J.92101	1249	1905	This A/C bombed target at 16.48 hrs. from 17,400 feet, heading 085 and I.A.S. 204. Slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed with overshoot on red T.I.'s to port by two seconds, buildings visible. Several bomb bursts seen short of A/P. M/B clearly heard. No bombing results visible. Unable to assess results, numerous fires around target area. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	112033 A.2034
24th MARCH, 1945	"X" ME.281	CAPT F/O HAMILTON & CREW	J.92040	1253	1856	This A/C bombed target at 16.49 hrs. from 17,700 feet, heading 100 and I.A.S. 210. Nil cloud, visibility poor, smoke and ground haze. Identified visually by railway crossing south of target and roadways. M/B instructions were not clear, the markers appeared to be to port of target. Bombed with overshoot of ten seconds on red T.I.'s. Would assess as scattered attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	112036 A.2035

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24th MARCH, 1945	"T" NW.750	CAPT F/O NICHOL & CREW.	J.90455	1308	1851	This A/C bombed target at 16.45 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 212. Slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed on Benzol plant. Only one red T.I. seen. W/B heard 'Not to undershoot'. Several bomb bursts on target and one large explosion and black smoke seen on leaving area. Marking insufficient. Would assess as good effort judged from smoke and explosions after leaving target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXTRACT 74 A.2036
25th MARCH, 1945	OPERATION NO. 108 - BOMBING HANOVER - BOMB LOAD - All Lancaster Mk.I A/C			A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1584 x 4 lb. incendiary bombs.			App.53
	"E" PR.897	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW.	J.27672	0541	1236	This A/C bombed target at 09.44 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 222. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed on A/P visually. Red T.I.'s went down after bombing and W/B only heard after bombing. Bombing was well concentrated around A/P and spreading toward W/Yds. Tactics good and no congestion over target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXTRACT 77 A.2037
25th MARCH, 1945	"F" NW.456	CAPT F/O BEECHETT & CREW.	J.37209	0556	1250	This A/C bombed target at 09.43 hrs. from 18,500 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 222. Clear, visibility good. Bombed visually on centre of A/P. No markers seen and W/B not heard until after we bombed. Bombing concentrated around W/Yds. Smoke rising up to 10,000 ft. after leaving target. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXTRACT 77 A.2038
25th MARCH, 1945	"A" RP.148	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW.	J.35941	0547	1246	This A/C bombed target at 09.44 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 090 and I.A.S. 222. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of A/P visually. T.I.'s dropped on A/P but obscured by smoke at time of bombing. Beautiful concentration of bombing on A/P. W/B heard after bombing. 106 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXTRACT 77 A.2039
25th MARCH, 1945	"L" NW.484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	0600	1243	This A/C bombed target at 09.43 hrs. from 19,000 ft., heading 032 and I.A.S. 210. Clear, visibility good. Bombed visually on briefed A/P. No markers seen around A/P. Heavy smoke rising 10/12,000 ft. and many bomb explosions seen well concentrated. W/B heard but not until after bombing. Good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXTRACT 77 A.2040

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25th MARCH, 1945	"J" BG-446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	0615	1251	This A/C bombed target at 09.44 hrs. from 19,000 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 208. Clear, visibility good. Bombed visually exact briefed A/P. Saw few few markers but off to port of A/P. Master Bomber not heard until after bombing. Bags of smoke and bomb explosions. On way out saw one large red orange explosion at 09.47 hrs. A very good attack. Good 'prang' seen on Munster with intense heavy flak. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	X12835 A.2041
25th MARCH, 1945	"H" BG-458	CAPT F/O STUART & CREW.	J.35648	0557	1232	This A/C bombed target at 09.43 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 026 and I.A.S. 206. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s. Markers plentiful and accurate. Little smoke but many fires at time of bombing but on run out saw smoke up to 8,000 feet. M/B not heard. Many bomb explosions seen. Bombing seemed accurate but some on M/Yds. Very good attack. Munster attack seen and looked good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	X12837 A.2042
25th MARCH, 1945	"K" BA-504	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW.	J.42966	0543	1238	This A/C bombed target at 09.47 hrs. from 18,000 feet, heading 030 and I.A.S. 210. Clear, visibility good. Bombed visually centre of A/P. T.I.'s seen slightly E. on A/P and M/Yds. Master Bomber heard clearly but rather confusing on account of changing his instructions. Smoke seen up to 10,000 ft. on leaving target. Some heavy flak over target at 18,000 ft. Good raid, well spread around A/P. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	X12838 A.2043
25th MARCH, 1945	"R" BG-400	CAPT F/L STILLERS & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O MANN	J.26991	0602	1254	This A/C bombed target at 09.45 hrs. from 17,200 feet, heading 022 and I.A.S. 203. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed visually on A/P. No T.I.'s seen. Master Bomber heard but not giving any instruction until after we bombed. Whatever bombing at time was slightly scattered. Good tactics although Met. condition made things difficult at first. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	X12839 A.2044
25th MARCH, 1945	"X" BG-281	CAPT F/O GRACIE & CREW.	J.39647	0559	1252	This A/C bombed target at 09.47 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 033 and I.A.S. 212. Clear, visibility good. Bombed 'Pickwick' on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers obscured by smoke. Master Bomber heard clearly. Saw bomb explosions and smoke to 13,000 ft. Some bombs going short but most looked accurate. Good attack but scattered around A/P. Munster attack seen and looked good although intense heavy flak. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	X12840 A.2045

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25th MARCH, 1945	"U" ME.280	CAPT P/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	0607	1308	This A/C bombed target at 09.43 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 205. Clear, visibility good. Bombed exact A/P as briefed. Markers were late. Little smoke at time of release but much smoke seen on run out. Very few bombs ahead of us but it seemed accurate. Very good attack. Saw good 'prang' on Master. Had to use emergency setting on Bomb Sight. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2046 A.2046
25th MARCH, 1945	"P" ME.347	CAPT P/O COWAN & CREW.	J.85095	0610	1228	This A/C bombed target at 09.44 hrs. from 17,200 feet, heading 035 and I.A.S. 205. No cloud, visibility good. Bombed on red T.I.'s with one second overshoot. P.F.P. very good and by visual check about 100 yards short of A/P. Bombing very concentrated on A/P. Smoke starting to rise. Encountered heavy flak at position 5230N. 0930E. at 0950 hrs. at 17,500 ft. Good fighter cover. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2047 A.2047
25th MARCH, 1945	"E" ME.458	CAPT P/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	0555	1233	This A/C bombed target at 09.46 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 028 and I.A.S. 212. Clear, visibility good. Bombed visually on exact A/P. No markers seen. Smoke rising to 7,000 ft. after bombing, the smoke obscured the centre of the City. Many large fires seen. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Very good attack. Notice good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2048 A.2048
25th MARCH, 1945	"W" ME.150	CAPT P/O EMERSON & CREW.	J.92101	0605	1245	This A/C bombed target at 09.44 hrs. from 17,500 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 204. Clear, visibility good. Bombed with one second overshoot of red T.I.'s. By visual check, T.I.'s very near A/P. Master Bomber head clearly. Bombing very good and Master Bomber spreading it all around A/P. Smoke rising from target seen from Rhine on way back. Looked like a very successful raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	Mc2049 A.2049
25th MARCH, 1945	"Y" ME.780	CAPT P/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	0613	0748	This A/C abandoned mission over Base due to fire in port outer engine and subsequent feathering. On instructions from base proceeded to sea and jettisoned full bomb load for safe landing weight at position 54-54N. 04-48E. at 07.09 hrs. from 4,900 ft. Crew brought A/C down safely at base.	Mc2050 A.2050

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MARCH 31st 1945	OPERATION NO. 189 - BOMBING HAMBURG All Lancaster Mk. I A/C.		BOMB LOAD -	All A/C carried 6 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs.			App. 54
	"A" RP. 148	CAPT F/L SANDERS & CREW. P/O ADM 2nd PLE	J. 27679	0620	1210	This A/C bombed target at 0907 hrs. from 18,100 feet, heading 033 and I.A.S. 212. 10/10th cloud to 10,000 ft. Bombed to port side of smoke puffs on M2. Markers plentiful but had drifted badly at time of bombing. H2S showed A/C overshoot by 2 seconds. Master Bomber had gone home when we arrived. Columns of smoke seen rising through cloud. Many W/A/C sighted just short of P/L. Met a very good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX2885X A. 2051
31st MARCH 1945	"F" PR. 897	CAPT F/O HICKETT & CREW.	J. 37209	0619	1202	This A/C bombed target at 09.05 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 021 and I.A.S. 190. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 feet, visibility above good. Bombed remnants of red smoke puff, cascaded about 08.48 hrs. Markers down about at 08.48 hrs. None later. W/B heard clearly at beginning but left at 0900 hrs. none heard after that. Bombing concentrated. No results seen. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned (live) at position 53.57N. 09.07E. at 09.28 hrs. from 17,800 feet. Some medium heavy flak encountered over target. Several attacks were made on this A/C by W/A/C and many were sighted. Both Outlines opened fire but no claim is made. No damage was sustained to this A/C. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX2885X A. 2052
31st MARCH 1945	"O" RA. 578	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW.	J. 26991	0631	1208	This A/C bombed target at 09.05 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 204. 10/10th cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility above good. Bombed one red smoke puff. One old marker seen drifting badly. No results of bombing seen. Master Bomber heard saying "cheerio" at 0858 hrs. Seemed only fair effort. Several W/A/C seen in target area but no attacks made. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX2885X A. 2053
31st MARCH 1945	"L" WL. 484	CAPT F/O GRACIE & CREW.	J. 39647	0626	1216	This A/C bombed target at 09.06 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 034 and I.A.S. 210. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 feet, visibility good above. Bombed on one red smoke puff - old and drifting. Only the one marker seen. Master Bomber heard signing off 5 minutes before bombing. Very poor effort. Several W/A/C seen but no attacks. Fighter cover not seen when needed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EX2885X A. 2054

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31st MARCH 1945	"E" NE-451	CAPT F/S COLENS & CREW.	E.199230	0624	1200	This A/C bombed target at 09.05 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 025 and I.A.S. 203. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed one red smoke puff. Markers few in number, no ground detail seen. Heard Master Bomber about 10 minutes before bombing. Not heard after this time. Pretty shaky attack. Several enemy fighters sighted but no attacks made. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return. At 09.04 hrs. this A/C was attacked by an M.E. 262, the Rear Gunner opened fire with a long burst and feels quite confident that he must have sustained hits on the E/A/C. No other attacks were made. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	RECORD 55 A.2055
31st MARCH 1945	"E" NE-400	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW.	J.16230	0634	1212	This A/C bombed target at 09.05 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 028 and I.A.S. 198. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 7-8,000 ft. Bombed remnants of smoke puffs. Last puffs down at 0850 hrs. none later. M/B heard clearly but left T/A too early and no instruction at time of bombing. Other bombing scattered over T/A. No results seen. Only fair attack. Several enemy aircraft sighted but no attacks. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	RECORD 56 A.2056
31st MARCH 1945	"U" NE-280	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29040	0627	1205	This A/C bombed target at 09.05 hrs. from 18,400 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 199. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft. Bombed remnants of smoke puffs overhot by 10 seconds. Markers down about 0849 hrs., none later. Master Bomber clearly heard but left about 0900 hrs. Results not seen. Very poor raid. Several enemy fighters seen. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	RECORD 57 A.2057
31st MARCH 1945	"W" RF.150	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.89293	0628	1151	This A/C bombed target at 09.04 hrs. from 18,100 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 196. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 ft. Bombed centre of three red smoke puffs. Marking plentiful and concentrated. Master Bomber heard about 14 mins. before bombing, nothing later. No bombing results seen due to cloud. Tactics good, very heavy concentration of A/C in T/A after E/A/C sighted. Fighter cover just fair. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	RECORD 58 A.2058

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31st MARCH 1945	EXETER "V" RF.128	CAPT F/O COWAN & CREW.	J.85095	0630	1159	This A/C bombed target at 0905 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 029 and I.A.S. 195. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops from 4 to 5,000 ft. Bombed on red smoke puff fading out. Master Bomber had left target and no instructions heard. Concentration of bombing very good. No results seen. Heavy flak encountered in target area at 09:05 hrs. Saw three A/C shot down. Enemy A/C sighted but no encounters. Very grim trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	EXETER A.2059
31st MARCH 1945	"I" No.281	CAPT F/O WATSON & CREW.	J.41735	0623	1213	This A/C bombed target at 0904 hrs. from 17,800 feet, heading 023 and I.A.S. 210. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed remnants of smoke puffs slightly to port. No recent smoke puffs at time of bombing. Drifting and fading at this time. Bombing at this time concentrated. Due to cloud, results not seen. 1 x 500 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned (live) at position 53.48N. 07.53 E. from 17,800 ft. at 09.51 hrs. Raid fair only. Starting at 0906 hrs. this A/C had three attacks by M.E. 262 A/C. Both Gunners opened fire and in the ensuing encounters a claim of having destroyed the first fighter to attack is made. The last seen of it was completely out of control going into a spiral dive and flames streaming along the underside of the fuselage. Crew brought A/C undamaged back and landed safely at base.	EXETER A.2060

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