

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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4/5th April, 1945	OPERATION NO. 190 - MINING OSLO - MINE LOAD - All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. Mines - All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						App. 59 60
	"D" NG, 456	Capt. P/O MITCHELL and Crew	J.35941	1920	0220	This A/C deposited mines at position 5926.22N. 1029.33E at 23.16 hrs. from 10,000 ft. heading 184 T.A.S. 170 knots. 8/10th cloud with tops at 5000 ft., visibility good. Satisfactory trip. R/C saw mines go down. Tactics were good. Met. not as briefed. Crew brought A/C down safely at Base on return.	A.2061
4/5th April, 1945	"G" NG, 277	Capt. P/O Reynolds and Crew	J.35860	1922	0231	This A/C deposited mines at position 5926.22N. 1029.33E at 23.16 hrs. from 10,000 ft. heading 180 at 170 knots. 9/10th SC cloud with tops at 5000 ft., visibility good. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2062
4/5th April, 1945	"Q" NG, 348	Capt. P/L Thomas and Crew	J.7975	1915	0223	This A/C deposited mines at position 5926.22N. 1029.33E at 23.14 hrs. from 10,000 ft. heading 197. T.A.S. 170 knots. 9/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 to 5,000 ft., visibility above fair. Very good trip. Tactics very good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2063
4/5th April, 1945	"M" ME, 458	Capt. P/O Chumsh and Crew	J.89616	1918	0211	This A/C deposited mines at position 5926.22N. 1029.33E at 23.10 hrs. from 10,000 ft. heading 190 at 172 knots. 8/10 strato cumulus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. No difficulty identifying target area - too cloudy for visual. Saw mines leave A/C. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2064
4/5th April, 1945	OPERATION NO. 191 - BOMBING MINSBURG - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 4 x 500 lb. and 6 x 250 lb. bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						App. 61
	"A" RF, 148	P/L SANDERS (CAPT) and Crew	J.27679	1752	0302	This A/C bombed target at 22.50 hrs. from 17,800 ft., heading 137, T.A.S. 176. 10/10th cloud with tops at 8000 ft. Visibility good above. Bombed centre of sky marker concentration, which was plentiful and accurate. Saw ground markers on leaving target area which could be checked by River Scale. Saw one large whitish-orange explosion at 22.50 hrs. Small glow developed on cloud. Master Bomber poorly rec'd. due to jamming. Tactics good. A fair prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2065
4/5th April, 1945	"F" NG, 451	Capt. P/O Molroy and Crew	J.90555	1816	0326	This A/C bombed target at 22.51 hrs. from 18,800 ft., heading 137, T.A.S. 180 knots. 8-9/10 strato cumulus with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 ft. Visibility good. Saw glow of red ground markers. Sky marking and bombing both well concentrated. Tactics good. More cloud than briefed. Master Bomber heard but not clearly enough to receive instructions. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2066

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4/5th April, 1945	"C" RA.578	Capt. F/O Beckett and Crew	J.37209	1751	0334	This A/C bombed target at 22.51 hrs. from 18,100 ft. heading 137 at 175 knots. 8-10/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 8000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed centre of two clusters of red and green Wanganui. Heard Master Bomber's instructions at 22.50. Saw cookie explosion in target indicators on first run up. Target obscured by cloud on run. Concentration of A/C on target not good. Marking late. Necessary to orbit due to absence of markers. Red & green T.I.s 5-6 miles to port. Tactics and met. okay. Difficult to assess results. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2067
4/5th April, 1945	"J" NG.446	Capt. F/L King & Crew	J.25379	1754	0312	This A/C bombed target at 22.49 hrs. from 16,900 ft. heading 137 at 180 knots. 8/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 9-10,000 ft. Visibility good above. Marking plentiful and concentrated but appeared 3 mins. late. A few fires had started in target area. Heard Master Bomber through static. No concentration of A/C at target. Tactics satisfactory. Another raid about 7-10 miles NW of our target started about 22.38 hrs., using red and green T.I.s. Considerable bomb flashes. Looked very inviting. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2068
4/5th April, 1945	"I" NG.484	Capt. F/L Taylor and Crew	J.26844	1801	0337	This A/C bombed target at 22.51 hrs. from 18,400 ft. heading 140 at 180 knots. 10/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 7-8000 ft. Red flares with greens well concentrated as were bomb bursts. Saw large orange explosion lasting about one minute. Flak moderate to heavy. Fwty searchlights in area. Met. not as briefed at target area. Tactics good. Good prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2069
4/5th April, 1945	"M" RA.504	F/L Matheson & Crew	J.16230	1757	0300	This A/C bombed target at 22.53 hrs. from 17,900 ft. heading 150 at 180 knots. 10/10 cloud with tops at 6000 ft. Visibility good over cloud. Bombed glow of fires. Red and green flares died out on run-up. Glow of fires and some large explosions seen, especially one orange one at 22.54 hrs. Target marked late but it seemed to be a well concentrated attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at Silverston on return. Diversion due to icing conditions.	A.2070
4/5th April, 1945	"O" NG.279	F/O MACDONALD & Crew	J.29040	1803	0307	This A/C bombed target at 22.52 hrs. from 16,000 ft., heading 185 at 180 knots. 8/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft. Visibility fair. Bombed centre of green T.I.s but no specific instructions received from Master Bomber who was heard indistinctly. Marking sloppy and poorly timed. Mixed red and green T.I.s and yellow illuminating flares scattered 15 miles NW of target. Poor concentration of A/C on target. Fair concentration of bomb bursts on Wanganui. More cloud than briefed on outward route. Some large explosions below. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2071

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4/5th April, 1945	"p" NG.347	Capt. S/L Green & Crew	J.11327	1810	0327	This A/C bombed target at 22.52 hrs. from 19,000 ft. heading 135 at 175 knots. 6-7/10th strata cumulus cloud with tops at 7000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed mean centre of two groups of red and green flares. Saw large reddish explosion to port of T.I.s. Saw numerous explosions and T/A well lit up on departure. Eng Wanganui good, although some wanganui and numerous T.I.s 20-25 miles NE of target. Tactics sound. A/C concentration fair. Marking ample and well grouped. Cloud higher than predicted. Good effort but difficult to assess. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2072																																
4/5th April, 1945	"p" NG.400	Capt. P/L Sillars & Crew	J. 26991	1805	0327	This A/C bombed target at 22.47 hrs. from 17,200 ft. heading 137 at 181 knots. 10/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 9,500 ft. Visibility fair. Sky marking nil at time of bombing. Saw bomb bursts and glow under cloud, using these as markers. Eff. late. Tactics good. Weather not as briefed. Difficult to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2073																																
4/5th April, 1945	"w" RF.150	Capt. P/O Watson & Crew	J.41735	1808	0220	This A/C crashed near High Wycombe, Bucks. on returning from this operation and all crew members were killed. It is presumed the target area was bombed. The crew and particulars are as follows: <table><tr><th></th><th>NAME</th><th>PTS.</th><th>HOURS</th></tr><tr><td>P.</td><td>P/O WATSON, J.W.</td><td>4</td><td>16 26</td></tr><tr><td>N.</td><td>P/O ROCHFORD, E.</td><td>2</td><td>8 14</td></tr><tr><td>A/B</td><td>P/S ARMSTRONG, C.N.</td><td>2</td><td>8 14</td></tr><tr><td>W/O</td><td>WO. THOMSON, S.</td><td>2</td><td>8 14</td></tr><tr><td>P/S</td><td>SGT ARDROW, K.T.</td><td>2</td><td>8 14</td></tr><tr><td>M/C</td><td>P/S ROBINSON, S.J.</td><td>3</td><td>12 20</td></tr><tr><td>A/C</td><td>P/S HOWSE, G.J.</td><td>2</td><td>8 14</td></tr></table>		NAME	PTS.	HOURS	P.	P/O WATSON, J.W.	4	16 26	N.	P/O ROCHFORD, E.	2	8 14	A/B	P/S ARMSTRONG, C.N.	2	8 14	W/O	WO. THOMSON, S.	2	8 14	P/S	SGT ARDROW, K.T.	2	8 14	M/C	P/S ROBINSON, S.J.	3	12 20	A/C	P/S HOWSE, G.J.	2	8 14	A.2074
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4/5th APRIL, 1945	"x" NG.281	CAPT P/L SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	1813	0356	This A/C bombed target at 22.50 hrs. from 18,400 ft., heading 137 and T.A.S. 178 knots. 8/10 cloud with tops at 6/7,000 ft., visibility good. Only one sky marker seen. Large bluish explosion at 22.50 hrs. reflected on cloud and then consistent white glow developed. Master Bomber heard. Tactics satisfactory. A/C lost one engine over target but crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2075																																
4/5th APRIL, 1945	"v" RF.128	CAPT P/O SAINTERS & CREW.	J.89293	1815	0317	This A/C bombed target at 22.46 hrs. from 17500 ft. heading 137P at T.A.S. 183 Ks. 9/10 strata cumulus cloud with tops at 9,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed on red flares and green stars as instructed by Master Bomber. Fair concentration. Glow under clouds and flashes of bomb bursts. Even though early in attack, bombing seemed well concentrated. Tactics good. More cloudy than briefed. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2076																																



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4/5th APRIL, 1945	"B" PB.897	CAPT F/O MILLIN & CREW	J.35317	1831	0324	This A/C bombed target at 22.53 hrs. from 17,200 ft. heading 125T. and TAS 182 K. 8/10th cloud with tops at 9-10,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed red and green ground markers which were on time and sufficient but fairly scattered. A yellowish-orange glow developed on cloud. Heard Master Bomber. Tactics good. Let down on leaving target was very effective with existing met. conditions. Fair attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2077
8/9th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 192 - BOMBING HAMBURG - All Lancaster Mk. I A/C		BOMB LOAD - All	A/C carried 1 x		4000 lb., 10 x 500 lb. and 6 x 250 lb. bombs.	APP. 58 & 62
	"A" RP.148	CAPT F/O ANN & CREW.	J.41165	1933	0133	This A/C bombed target at 22.31 hrs. from 16,900 ft. heading 198T at 165 knots. 10/10 thin strata cumulus cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Visibility good. White flares visible but no ground markers. Bomb bursts seen. White flares seemed to obliterate ground marking. Marking sufficient. Tactics good. Difficult to assess. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2078
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"B" PB.897	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW.	J.42966	1921	0137	This A/C bombed target at 22.34 hrs. from 17,500 ft. heading 190 T. At 135 knots. Thin layer 10/10 stratus with tops at 2,000 ft. Visibility clear above. Bombed centre of cluster of R.P. flares. Sky marking well concentrated with many explosions occurring in target area. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2079
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"C" RA.578	CAPT F/O MACDONALD & CREW.	J.29040	1918	0127	This A/C bombed target at 22.35 hrs. from 17,800 ft. heading 180T at 178 knots. 10/10 thin stratus cloud with tops at 4,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber who was hard to hear. Saw large, orange-coloured explosions. Good concentration of both marking and bombing. Tactics good. Flak prevalent. Searchlights couldn't penetrate cloud. Looked like good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2080
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"H" PA.286	CAPT F/O SAUNDERS & CREW.	J.89293	1930	0126	This A/C bombed target at 22.30 hrs. from 17,200 ft. heading 190T at 181 knots. Thin stratus cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed red glow of red T.I.'s. Target area well illuminated and good red glow in sky. Heard Master Bomber. No results seen. Fighter flares in area. Tactics good. Good prang. Flak moderate. Searchlights couldn't penetrate cloud. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2081

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8/9th APRIL, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/L MOIR & CREW.	J.27003	1917	0121	This A/C bombed target at 22.32 hrs. from 18,100 ft. heading 170°. at 180 knots. 10/10 low thin stratus. Visibility good. Bombed sky marking <del>area</del> and red glow. Bomb sight U/S so used emergency system. Bombing seemed well concentrated. White flares made bombing difficult on the red ground markers. Tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2082
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"M" RA. 504	CAPT F/O MANN & CREW.	J.43008	1920	0128	This A/C bombed target at 22.31 hrs. from 19,000 ft. heading 195° and 174 knots. 10/10 cloud with tops at 3-4,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed sky marking centre of two attacks. Sky marking good - red and green glows plainly visible. Tactics and PFF good but Master Bomber not heard. Not able to assess effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2083
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"Q" NG. 348	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	1929	0116	This A/C bombed target at 22.32 hrs. from 18,400 ft. heading 160° at 180 knots. 10/10 thin stratus about area with tops about 2-3,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed red T.I.'s. Two large explosions followed fires. Good concentration of red T.I.'s. Tactics and PFF good. Master Bomber heard only at beginning of attack. Good prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2085
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"R" NG. 400	CAPT F/L SILLERS & CREW.	J.26991	1931	0155	This A/C bombed target at 22.30 hrs. from 19,000 ft. heading 160° at 174 knots. 10/10 thin stratus cumulus with tops at 3-4,000 ft. Visibility good. Target well marked with both ground and sky marking. Bombed red T.I.'s. Master Bomber not heard until after bombs dropped. Tactics good. No results visible. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2085
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"U" NG. 280	CAPT F/L KING JEC & CREW.	J.25379	1925	0132	This A/C bombed target at 22.32 hrs. from 18,700 ft. heading 188° at 180 knots. 10/10 thin stratus with tops at 3,000 ft. Visibility good. Good sky marking but ground marking obscured. Bomb bursts seen in well concentrated bombing. Fighter flares seen in target area. Heavy flak but flak seemed to drop to sky markers' height when "Wan-ganui" cascaded. Tactics very good - fighters foxed. Good effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2086
8/9th APRIL, 1945	"X" NG. 281	CAPT W/O MORRIS & CREW.	C.994	1933	0117	This A/C bombed target at 22.32 hrs. from 18,700 ft. heading 190°. Bombed red with green stars sky marking. Red T.I.'s obscured by illuminating flares. No results seen. Flak heavy. Holed with five flak holes in starboard side while over T.I. Tactics good. Weather as briefed. Crew brought A/C down safely at Little Harwood due to weather diversion on return.	A.2087

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9/10th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 195 - MINING - KIEL BAY - MINE LOAD - All Lancaster Mk. I A/C.					All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. mines.	App. 63
	"E" NG. 451	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW.	J. 37209	1934	0115	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.30N. 10.54.30E. at 22.40 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 029T and TAS 170. Clear, visibility good. Felt mines leaving A/C. Very successful effort. Tactics excellent. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 2088
9/10th APRIL, 1945	"G" NG. 277	CAPT F/L LUNDEN & CREW.	J. 17061	1932	0121	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.30N. 10.54.30E. heading 027T and T.A.S. 169, at 22.37 hrs. from 12,000 ft. 3/10th low stratus cloud, visibility fair. Mines successfully laid. Good trip, tactics and route O.K. Good definition on HES. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 2089
9/10th APRIL, 1945	"I" NG. 484	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J. 27844	1937	0110	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.25.30N. 10.52E. at 22.32 hrs. from 12,000 ft. heading 044T. and T.A.S. 170 knots. 3/10th low stratus cloud with tops at 1,000 ft. visibility hazy. Felt mines leave A/C. Good trip, tactics and route O.K. Datum point fair on HES. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 2090
9/10th APRIL, 1945	"M" ME. 458	CAPT F/L SKENE & CREW.	J. 19075	1941	0109	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.30N. 10.54.30E. at 22.38 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 028T and TAS 169 knots. 3/10th stratus cloud with tops at 1,000 ft., visibility good above. Mines released successfully. Good trip, route and tactics good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A. 2091
9/10th APRIL, 1945	"V" ME. 128	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J. 35869	1942	0111	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.30N. 10.54.30E. heading at 22.37 hrs. from 12,000 ft. heading 028 and TAS 170. Kts. Visibility poor, general haze over "Garden" area. Mines successfully laid. On return trip at 23.40 hrs. rear turret caught fire apparently due to electrical failure so turned towards France when possibility of ditching seemed out. Resumed course on fire being extinguished and crew brought A/C down safely at Woodbridge on return.	A. 2092
9/10th APRIL, 1945	"Y" NW. 780	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW.	J. 37944	1949	0134	This A/C arrived over "Garden" area at 22.40 hrs. but was unable to deposit mines due to HES failure. There was 3/10th stratus cloud with tops at 1,000 ft., visibility good above. Seemed a very good show, tactics and route were good. Crew brought full mine load back and landed safely at base on return.	A. 2093



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10th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 194 - BOMBING LEIPZIG All Lancaster 194. 1 A/C.		BOMB LOAD - All			A/C carried 1 x 4000 lb., 6 x 250 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs.	A.2094
	"A" RA.148	CAPT F/O MOULD, DEC & CREW.	J.86694	1330	2137	This A/C bombed target at 17.59 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 130T and TAS 183. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of M/Yds., also red T.I.'s as per M/B orders. Marking very good. Bomb explosions, fires, much smoke, and one large white explosion seen right in M/Yds. M/B heard clearly about 20 minutes before bombing. Very good attack, tactics and route good. Fighter cover good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2094
10th APRIL, 1945	"C" RA.578	CAPT F/O AMM & CREW.	J.41165	1316	2148	This A/C bombed target at 17.59 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 100T and I.A.S. 176. Clear, visibility unrestricted. Bombed to port of red T.I.'s with one second delay on instructions of M/B. Markers exceedingly well placed on A/P, checked with ground detail. Other bombing right on M/Yds. No under or overshoots. Clouds of smoke rising to 4-5,000 ft. as target left. Route and tactics O.K. Excellent attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2095
10th APRIL, 1945	"B" PR.897	CAPT F/O MANN & CREW.	J.43008	1326	2139	This A/C bombed target at 18.00 hrs. from 16,200 feet, heading 120T and TAS 180. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of M/Yds. as instructed by Master Bomber. Ground detail clear. Marking good and plentiful. Bombing seemed accurate. Bomb explosions and fires seen in M/Yds. Very good trip. Route and tactics good. Fighter cover good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2096
10th APRIL, 1945	"H" PA.286	CAPT F/L MOIR & CREW.	J.27003	1318	2145	This A/C bombed target at 17.59 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 120T and TAS 176. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s with one second overshoot on instructions of Master Bomber. Good ground markers. Ground detail clear. Many bomb explosions and fires seen with smoke rising to 10,000 ft. Excellent bombing. Very good attack. Route and tactics O.K. Good "Gaggle" and A/C well concentrated over target area. Fighter cover good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2097

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10th APRIL, 1945	"J" NC.446	CAPT P/O EDMERSON & CREW.	J.92101	1324	2117	This A/C bombed target at 17:59 hrs. from 16,500 feet, heading 112 and T.A.S. 175 K. Clear, visibility excellent. Bombed with overshoot of one second on port Red T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers very good. All bombing appeared concentrated. Smoke rose 5000 ft. Route and tactics O.K. Gaggles good. Excellent raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2098
10th APRIL, 1945	"M" RA.504	CAPT P/O MULLIN & CREW	J.35317	1320	2138	This A/C bombed target at 1800 hrs. from 16,200 ft., heading 120, T.A.S. 180 K. Clear, visibility good. Bombed aiming point plus red T.I. concentration on Master Bomber's instructions. Marking good. Ground detail very clear. Bombing seemed accurate. Master Bomber heard clearly and early. Bomb explosions, fire and smoke to 12000 ft. seen. Tactics and route O.K. Gaggles good and concentrated. Fighter cover good. Very excellent attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2099
10th APRIL, 1945	"P" NG.347	CAPT P/O NICHOL & CREW	J.90455	1331	2143	This A/C bombed target at 17:59 hrs. from 16,800 ft., heading 120 at 177 K. Clear-visibility unrestricted. Bombed buildings just abtd. of aiming point which were clearly seen and checked by red T.I. Markers two minutes late in going down although very accurate. Four T.I.s at time of bombing were placed in concentration around the M/TB and buildings to south. Other bombing seen at this early time was well on M/TB. No under- or overshoots seen. Smoke billowing to 10,000 ft. when target left. Master Bomber clearly heard-said T.I.s were bang on. Gaggles spread out throughout. No congestion at time of bombing. Route and tactics satisfactory. Very good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2100
10th APRIL, 1945	"Q" NG.348	CAPT P/O SAINIERS & CREW	J.89293	1333	2131	This A/C bombed target at 17:59 hrs. from 16,500 ft., heading 125 at 172 T.A.S. Clear-visibility good. Bombed centre of T.I.s in middle of M/TB on instructions from Master Bomber, who was heard early and clearly. Marking very accurate. Many bomb explosions right in M/A. Only one bomb seen to go wide. Fire and smoke seen up to 12,000 ft. Attack seen accurate. Tactics, route and fighter cover good. Gaggles good but inclined to be early at concentration points. Best effort yet. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2101
10th APRIL, 1945	"R" NG.400	CAPT P/L SILLERS & CREW	J.26991	1332	2150	This A/C bombed target at 17:59 hrs. from 16,200 ft., heading 120 at 174K. Bombed mean centre of four groups of red T.I., checked visually on A/R seen in centre. Other bombs all in concentration of T.I. Markers well placed and plentiful. Checked well on map illustration. Volumes of smoke rose to 5,000 ft. at time of bombing, then to 10,000 later. Gaggles was strung out but flew below net. Air-speed making A/C control difficult in slip stream. No congestion over target. Route good. Very good prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2102



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10th APRIL, 1945	"O" NG-279	CAPT F/L KING IFC & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O SUELL	J.25379	1334	2136	This A/C bombed target at 17.59 hrs. from 16,800 feet, heading 120 and TAS 176. Clear, visibility excellent. Bombed visually on A/P clearly seen in centre of W/Yds. adjacent to round house. Master Bomber clear and good instructions. He said "T.I.'s are right on go after them". Other bombing very good. Smoke rising to about 10,000 ft. after target left. Very good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2103
13/14th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 185 - BOMBING KIEL - BOMB LOAD - All A/C carried 1 x 5,000 lb., 4 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C.						App. 65
	"P" NG-456	CAPT F/O BECKETT & CREW.	J.37209	2006	0226	This A/C bombed target at 23.30 hrs. from 11,900 feet, heading 200 and T.A.S. 177. 10/10th cloud with tops at 2,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed centre of three green T.I.'s ascending as per Master Bomber. Markers seen under cloud. No ground detail visible, some bomb explosions seen. Looked on T.I.'s. Good attack at marking accurate. Route and tactics O.K. On return crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough due to weather diversion.	A.2104
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"R" NG-451	CAPT F/O MOULD IFC & CREW.	J.86694	2022	0233	This A/C bombed target at 23.32 hrs. from 17,000 feet, heading 180 and TAS 176. 10/10th thin cloud with tops at 2,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of glow of green T.I.'s. Marking sufficient, concentrated and prompt. Checked well with H2's. No results seen. Tactics were good. A/C were firing colours of the day 30 miles before English Coast on return for no apparent reason. Crew brought A/C down safely on weather diversion at Desborough on return.	A.2105
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"O" NG-277	CAPT F/O AMM & CREW.	J.41165	2008	0218	This A/C bombed target at 23.29 hrs. from 16,900 feet, heading 185 and T.A.S. 173. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 2,000 ft. visibility good above. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s as per instructions of Master Bomber. Markers early and plentiful. No ground detail visible. Some bomb explosions seen on markers. Very good attack if markers accurate. Whilst over target area, Rear Gunner saw E/A/C on parallel course which he identified as a JU-88. E/A/C was outpined against two fighter flares, he opened fire at 300 yards but when flares extinguished he lost sight of A/C. At 23.53 hrs. on return journey an unidentified E/A/C came in to attack and Rear Gunner and Engineer fired on it but no claim is made. Crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough on weather diversion.	A.2106

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13/14th APRIL, 1945	"H" PA.286	CAPT F/O MANN & CREW.	J.43008	2013	0221	This A/C bombed target at 23.32 hrs. from 16,700 feet, heading 238 and T.A.S. 170. 10/10th stratus cloud, low, visibility good above. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s seen under cloud as instructed by Master Bomber. Markers early and plentiful. No ground detail seen. No explosions seen. Couldn't assess damage. Good attack, depending on accuracy of markers. Landed on diversion at Desborough due to weather on return.	A.2107
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"I" NG.484	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW.	J.42966	2018	0219	This A/C bombed target at 23.27 hrs. from 15,200 feet, heading 170 and TAS 170. 10/10th thin stratus cloud, with tops at 3,000 ft., visibility unlimited. Bombed centre of glow of red T.I.'s on port. Bombed early but red T.I.'s sufficient. Two lots of illuminating flares and two sets of red T.I.'s, was we bombed the port set. No results seen and Master Bomber not heard. Crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough on weather diversion.	A.2108
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"M" RA.504	CAPT F/L MOIR & CREW.	J.27003	2007	0215	This A/C bombed target at 23.30 hrs. from 16,700 feet, heading 230 and T.A.S. 176 knots. 10/10th thin cloud with tops at 2,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed concentration of green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. Marking punctual, sufficient and concentrated. Visible through thin cloud. A few reflected glows while over the target but on leaving many bombs seen exploding. Crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough on return on weather diversion.	A.2109
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"O" NG.279	CAPT F/L SILLERS DFC & CREW.	J.26991	2027	0230	This A/C bombed target at 23.31 hrs. from 15,800 feet, heading 195 and T.A.S. 179. 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 2,500 ft., visibility good above. Bombed centre of glow of green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Ground markers early and plentiful. Some bomb explosions seen to port of markers. No ground detail visible. Couldn't judge accuracy of bombing. Should be successful effort if markers accurate. Crew brought A/C down safely on diversion at Desborough on return due to weather conditions.	A.2110
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"T" ME.458	CAPT F/O MULLEN & CREW.	J.35317	2019	0214	This A/C bombed target at 23.29 hrs. from 16,400 feet, heading 191 and T.A.S. 182. 10/10th thin cloud with tops at 3,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed centre of glow of green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking sufficient, concentrated and on time. Bombing well placed on markers. One very large white explosion seen at 23.30 hrs. Tactics were good. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at Desborough on weather diversion.	A.2111

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13/14th APRIL, 1945	"U" NG. 280	CAPT P/L KING DFC & CREW. 2nd Plt P/O SNELL	J.25379	2019	0214	This A/C bombed target at 23.33 hrs. from 15,500 feet, heading 156 and T.A.S. 180. 10/10th cloud with tops at 2,000 ft., visibility good above. Bombed on H2S showed A/P. No ground detail visible. Explosions of bombs seen and about six greenish blue explosions. T.I.'s faintly visible. Unable to judge accuracy of bombing. Good trip and route and tactics O.K. On return landed at Desborough on weather diversion.	A.2112
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"X" NG. 281	CAPT W/C NORRIS & CREW.	C.994	2020	0225	This A/C bombed target at 23.31 hrs. from 16,400 feet, heading 175 and T.A.S. 176. 10/10th thin cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Bombed centre of glow of green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking punctual, accurate and concentrated. One very white explosion at 23.33 hrs. P.F.P. and W/S were excellent. Tactics were very good. Should be good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely on weather diversion at Desborough on return.	A.2113
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"Y" NG. 790	CAPT P/O BRADBURN & CREW.	J.92101	2028	0255	This A/C bombed target at 23.32 hrs. from 16,100 feet, heading 210 and T.A.S. 180. 10/10th cloud with tops at 3 - 4,000 ft., visibility good. Bombed left of three green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking sufficient, concentrated and prompt. Bomb bursts appeared to be right in with T.I.'s as seen through thin cloud. Tactics were good. It appeared to be a good raid with no particular difficulties. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at Desborough due to weather diversion.	A.2114
13/14th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 135 - MINING KIEL - MINE LOAD - All A/C carried 6 x 1500 lb. Mines. All Lancaster Mk. I A/C						App. 6666
	"A" NF. 143	CAPT P/O STUART & CREW.	J.35648	2026	0252	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.41N. 10.45E. at heading 128 and T.A.S. 168. 3/10th low cloud, visibility fair above. Time of dropping 23.24 hrs. from 12,000 feet. Feel mines successfully laid and should be good attack. Met as briefed. At 23.22 hrs. at position 54.33N. 00.54E. at 12,200 ft. A/C hit by flak and H2S, camera, and starboard elevator were slightly damaged. No injuries to crew. On return landed at Desborough due to weather diversion.	A.2115

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13/14th APRIL, 1945	"D" ME. 357 (433 SQN A/C)	CAPT F/L TAYLOR & CREW.	J.27844	2038	0228	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.41N. 10.45E. at 23.25 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 133 and TAS 169. 8/10th stratus cloud with tops at 2,000 ft., visibility good above. Mines in allotted area. Good trip, route and tactics O.K. On return crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough on weather diversion.	A.2116
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	2033	0208	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.36N. 1054.30 E. at 23.21 hrs. from 12,000 ft., heading 133 and T.A.S. 168. Nil cloud, visibility only fair. Mines laid in allotted area. Tactics were very good. H2S set was not too good but recognition sufficient and confident it was a satisfactory trip. Crew brought A/C down safely on diversion due to weather at Desborough.	A.2117
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"E" PB. 897	CAPT F/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89616	2100	0243	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.41N. 10.45E. at 23.23 hrs. from 12,000 ft., heading 133 and T.A.S. 183. 5/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft., clear above cloud. Mines laid in allotted area. Tactics were very good. A good mining trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at Desborough on return due to weather diversion.	A.2118
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"Q" NG. 348	CAPT F/L LINDSEY DFC DPM & CREW.	J.17061	2031	0240	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.41N. 10.45E. at 23.23 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 135 and T.A.S. 170. 3/10th stratus cloud with tops at 3,500 ft., no difficulties, and mines laid successfully in allotted area. Good trip, route and tactics O.K. Crew brought A/C down safely on weather diversion at Desborough on return.	A.2119
13/14th APRIL, 1945	"R" ME. 400	CAPT F/L SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	2034	0300	This A/C deposited mines at position 54.41N. 10.45E. at 23.27 hrs. from 12,000 ft., heading 133 and TAS 169. Slight haze over water, visibility above good. Mines laid in allotted area. Very successful gardening. H2S satisfactory, route and tactics O.K. Crew brought A/C down safely on return at Desborough due to weather diversion.	A.2120
16/17th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 147 - BOMBING SCHWANDORF - BOMB LOAD - All Lancaster ME. I A/C			All A/C		carried 1 x 4000 lb. and 11 x 500 lb. bombs.	App. 67

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15/17th APRIL, 1945	"A" RF.113	CAPT F/O MORRISON & CREW.	J.42966	2301	0755	This A/C bombed target at 04.02 hrs. from 11,700 feet, heading 130 and T.A.S. 174. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green glow as per instructions of Master Bomber. Marking excellent. Bombing very accurate in relation to markers. Many bomb bursts and much smoke seen. Very fine effort. No difficulties and A/C well concentrated. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2121
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"C" RA.578	CAPT F/L SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	2253	0759	This A/C bombed target at 04.01 hrs. from 9,300 feet, heading 119 and TAS 166. Clear, visibility good. Bombed starboard edge of green T.I.s on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers plentiful and concentrated. Bombing looked accurate in relation to T.I.s. Air turbulent due to bomb explosions. Very good raid. Route and tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2122
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"D" NG.456	CAPT F/O MANN & CREW.	J.43008	2254	0814	This A/C arrived over target at 04.02 hrs. flying at 10,800 feet, heading 170 and T.A.S. 176 but was unable to drop bomb load due to electrical failure in bomb-tit. Markers were on time, plentiful and well placed. Master Bomber was heard clearly. Bombing appeared concentrated on T.I.s and smoke was rising to 8,000 feet. Seemed a good raid. Jettisoned entire bomb load at 06.40 hours from 6,000 feet at position 50.17N. 00.08E. (Live). Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2123
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"E" NG.451	CAPT F/O McINROY & CREW.	J.90555	22.57	07.48	This A/C bombed target at 04.00 hrs. from 11,400 feet, heading 103 and T.A.S. 170. Clear, visibility good. Bombed 200 yards to starboard of green T.I.s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking concentrated and plentiful. Bombing looked accurate - right on markers. Bomb bursts and fires seen. Pretty good trip. Route and tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2124
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"G" NG.277	CAPT F/L STUART & CREW.	J.35648	22.47	07.43	This A/C bombed target at 04.00 hrs. from 10,200 feet, heading 104 and T.A.S. 169. Haze on ground, visibility good. Bombed point 200 yards starboard of green T.I.s on Master Bomber orders. River and M/Ts. stood out visually. Marking plentiful and concentrated. Bomb explosions and smoke seen. Bombing looked accurate. Very good attack. No difficulties and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2125

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16/17th APRIL, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW	A. 35869	23.21	07.37	This A/C bombed target at 04.02 hrs. from 10,500 feet, heading 100 and T.A.S. 170. Clear, slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of five clusters of green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking very plentiful, well concentrated, and on time. Other bombing seemed well concentrated around T.I.'s. Much smoke seen rising to 5,000 ft. as we left target. Very good attack. No particular difficulties and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2126
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"H" PA. 286	CAPT F/O AMM & CREW	J. 41165	2251	0801	This A/C bombed target at 04.01 hrs from 11,100 feet, heading 080 and T.A.S. 171. Clear, visibility good. Bombed on centre of two clusters of red T.I.'s cascading on instructions of Master Bomber. Marking on time, plentiful and seemed well placed. Other bombs exploding on T.I.'s and bags of smoke rising to 8,000 ft. Very good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C back safely at base on return.	A.2127
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"K" RA. 504	CAPT F/O PACHE & CREW	J. 37944	2258	0751	This A/C bombed target at 04.01 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 110 and T.A.S. 173. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of cascading red T.I.'s on Master Bomber orders. Marking good and well concentrated. Many bomb explosions seen near or on markers. Also saw several large explosions orange explosions with black smoke. Very good trip. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2128
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"N" NL. 587	CAPT F/O SMURDERS & CREW	J. 89293	2308	0757	This A/C bombed target at 04.00 hrs from 11,700 feet, heading 094 and T.A.S. 166. Very slight haze but visibility good. Bombed point 200 yards to starboard of green T.I.'s as ordered by Master Bomber. Markers seemed accurate and plentiful. Bombing seemed right on markers. Much smoke seen after leaving target area. Excellent raid. Good concentrated bombing. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2129
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"O" NG. 279	CAPT F/L MOIR & CREW	J. 27003	2255	0808	This A/C bombed target at 04.01 hrs. from 11,400 feet, heading 100 and T.A.S. 168. Clear, slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green cascading on M/B orders. Markers exceptionally well centred, plentiful and well timed. Two fairly large fires seen in T/A and one large explosion during run-up. Much smoke seen on leaving target. Very good raid. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2130



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16/17th APRIL, 1945	"P" NG.347	CAPT S/L GREEN & CREW.	J.11327	2305	0805	This A/C bombed target at 04.02 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 090 and T.A.S. 168. Clear, ground haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of base of red T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Markers well concentrated, plentiful and on time. M/B kept raid well in hand and spread raid evenly. Other bombing seen exploding amongst T.I.'s. Three medium sized explosions and clouds of smoke seen. Good raid. No particular difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2131
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"Q" NG.348	CAPT F/L KING DFC & CREW.	J.25379	2313	0739	This A/C bombed target at 04.03 hrs. from 10,500 feet, heading 074 and T.A.S. 162. Clear, visibility good. Bombed centre of many clusters of red T.I.'s cascading during run-up. T.I.'s were very plentiful and went down in continuous cascade in concentrated area. Other bombing seemed among T.I.'s with clouds of smoke billowing up. Numerous small explosions seen. Excellent attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2132
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"R" NG.400	CAPT F/L SILLERS DFC & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O KEARNS	J.26991	2307	0746	This A/C bombed target at 04.00 hrs. from 11,100 feet, heading 108 and T.A.S. 171. Clear, slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of three red T.I.'s cascading on instructions of Master Bomber who was heard clearly. T.I.'s plentiful, well placed and on time. Other bombing in centre of T.I.'s, all concentrated. Considerable smoke billowed up after bombing. Good attack. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2133
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"S" NG.458	CAPT F/O MULLIN & CREW.	J.35317	2311	0800	This A/C bombed target at 04.01 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 110 and T.A.S. 178. Clear, visibility good. Bombed mean centre of two groups of red and green T.I.'s on instructions of Master Bomber. Good marking. Other bombing all on T.I.'s. One large orange explosion seen at 04.02 hrs. with glow coming through smoke. Good raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2134
16/17th APRIL, 1945	"T" NV.780	CAPT F/O EMMESON & CREW.	J.2101	2316	0750	This A/C bombed target at 04.00 hrs. from 10,800 feet, heading 080 and T.A.S. 171. Ground haze, visibility good. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s on orders of Master Bomber. Ground marking plentiful, early and concentrated. Bomb explosions seen on A/P and much smoke billowing up. Quite good attack and should eliminate target. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2135

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21/22nd APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 193 - MINING KATSEBAT All Lancaster Mk. I A/C		MINES LOAD - All	A/C	carried 6 x	1500 lb. mines.	App. 68
	"C" No. 348	CAPT S/L LUNNEN & CREW.	DEM J.17061	2002	0228	This A/C deposited mines at position 57 degs. 51°20'N. 11 degs. 00°00'E. at 23.40 hrs. from 10,000 ft., heading 063 and T.A.S. 165. 2/10th cloud to 10,000 ft., visibility good above. Mines successfully laid in allotted area. Quite a good trip, route and tactics O.K. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2136
21/22nd APRIL, 1945	"L" No. 684	CAPT F/O REYNOLDS & CREW.	J.35869	2008	0236	This A/C deposited mines at position 57 degs. 51°00'N. 10 degs. 55°00'E. at 23.43 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 066 and T.A.S. 174. 7/10th cloud to 10,000 ft., visibility good above. One mine hung up and orbit was made to try and drop it but to no avail and it was brought back. All other mines were laid successfully in the allotted area. Good trip. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2137
21/22nd APRIL, 1945	"M" RA-504	CAPT F/L STUART & CREW.	J.35648	2007	0225	This A/C deposited mines at position 57 degs. 51°00'N. 10 degs. 55°00'E. at 23.42 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 061 and T.A.S. 166. 3/10th cloud to 8,000 ft., visibility fair. Mines successfully laid. Good effort. Route and tactics good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2138
21/22nd APRIL, 1945	"T" No. 281	CAPT F/L SKENE & CREW.	J.19075	2009	0224	This A/C deposited mines at position 57 degs. 51°20'N. 11 degs. 00°00'E. at 23.41 hrs. from 10,000 feet, heading 069 and T.A.S. 167. 4/10th cloud with tops about 12,000 ft., visibility good. Mines successfully laid in allotted area. Good trip. A/C concentrated in "Garden" area. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2139
21/22nd APRIL, 1945	"U" No. 280	CAPT F/O CHURCH & CREW.	J.89816	2005	0221	This A/C deposited mines at position 57 degs. 51°20'N. 11 degs. 00°00'E. at 23.41 hrs. from 11,000 feet, heading 067 and T.A.S. 170. 5/10th cloud to 11,000 ft., visibility fair. Mines successfully laid. Good trip. Route and tactics Good. No difficulties encountered and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2140
22nd APRIL, 1945	TAX OPERATION NO. 199 - BOMBING BRUMBY All Lancaster Mk. I A/C		BOMB LOAD - All	A/C	carried 1 x 4000 lb., 6 x 1000 lb. and 7 x 500 lb. bombs.		App. 69

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
22nd APRIL, 1945	"A" RP. 148	CAPT P/O MOULD RPO & CREW	J. 86694	1611	2138	This A/C arrived over target at 18.45 hrs. and heard M/B give orders to abandon effort. There was 8/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,900 ft., visibility good. Saw T.M's and two fires burning in target area. At 20.09 hrs. from 10,000 ft. at position 55.47N. 00.25E. jettisoned (safe) 7 x 500 lb. bombs. Brought remainder of bomb load back and landed safely at base.	A.2141
22nd APRIL, 1945	"C" RA. 578	CAPT. P/O SNELL & CREW	J. 41721	1604	2135	This A/C arrived in target area only to hear Master Bomber at 18.51 hrs. give order to abandon mission. There was 8/10th stratus cloud with tops at 10,000 ft., visibility was good. Nothing seen in target area. Jettisoned 3 x 500 lb. bombs at 20.07 hrs. from 16,000 ft. in allotted area (safe). Brought remaining remainder of bomb load back and landed safely at base on return.	A.2142
22nd APRIL, 1945	"E" NG. 451	CAPT P/O McINROY & CREW	J. 90555	1602	2139	This A/C abandoned effort at 18.52 hrs. over target area on instructions of Master Bomber. There was 10/10th stratus cloud with tops at 12,000 ft., visibility was good. Jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs (safe) in jettison area at 20.07 hrs. from 14,000 ft. Brought back balance of bomb load and landed safely at base.	A.2143
22nd APRIL, 1945	"G" NG. 277	CAPT P/O PACHE & CREW	J. 37944	1610	2137	This A/C arrived over target and was able to see visually parts of built up area and docks but was unable to identify A/R. The Master Bomber heard at 18.32 hrs. giving wind check but not there after. Abandoned effort. At 20.03 hrs. in allotted area, jettisoned from 12,000 ft., 3 x 500 lb. bombs and at 20.59 hrs. from 8,000 ft. at position 5420N. 01.00E. jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs. Brought remainder of bomb load back and landed safely at base.	A.2144
22nd APRIL, 1945	"H" RA. 286	CAPT P/O AMM & CREW	J. 41165	1559	2131	This A/C arrived over target and could see some of built-up area of City and river visually. There was 7/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good above. Master Bomber not heard so abandoned effort. Jettisoned 3 x 500 lb. bombs in allotted area (safe). Brought back remainder of bomb load. Weather ruined a good attack. Route and tactics good. Good concentration of A/C over target. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2145
22nd APRIL, 1945	"J" NG. 446	CAPT P/O KEARNS & CREW	J. 19591	1608	2144	This A/C arrived over target and could see visually built-up area and river but A/R obscured by cloud. 7/10th cloud with tops at 5,600 ft., visibility good otherwise. Master Bomber not heard. Jettisoned 2 x 500 lb bombs (safe) in allotted area at 20.08 hrs. from 19,000 ft. Brought remainder of bomb load back. No difficulties encountered except cloud and crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2146

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22nd APRIL, 1945	"N" NX.587	CAPT P/O GRACIS & CREW	J.39647	1603	2142	This A/C arrived over target and was able to see some of built up area but not enough to identify. There was 8/10th cloud with tops at 7/8000 ft., visibility good above. Master Bomber was not heard as abandoned effort. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned (safe) in the allotted area and the remainder of the bomb load was brought back. Route and tactics were good and weather was the only difficulty. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2147
22nd APRIL, 1945	"O" NG.279	CAPT P/O ROBERTSON & CREW	J.92101	1600	2148	This A/C arrived over target and was able to see some of built-up area but not enough to identify. There was 8/10th cloud with tops at 7/8,000 ft., visibility good otherwise. Master Bomber heard at 8.15 giving wind check but not thereafter. Abandoned effort. At 20.12 hrs. in allotted area jettisoned 4 x 1000 lb. and 2 x 500 lb. bombs from 9,800 ft. and at 20.05 hrs. at position 5220N. 0048E. from 9,800 ft., jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs. Brought remainder of bomb load back. Would have been good trip except for weather. Route and tactics good. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2148
22nd APRIL, 1945	"P" NG.347	CAPT P/L MOIR & CREW 2nd Plt P/O Espiner.	J.27003	1555	2122	This A/C arrived over target and was able to recognize bends in river and built up area but could not locate exact A/R. There was 7/10th stratus cloud with tops at 8,000 ft., visibility good above. Much red black smoke up to 4/5,000 ft. Abandoned effort at 1851 hrs. on instructions of Master Bomber. Jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs at position 5220N. 0338E. at 20.08 hrs. Brought remainder of bomb load back. Weather spoiled good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2149
22nd APRIL, 1945	"S" RA.507	CAPT P/O SAUNDERS & CREW 2nd Plt P/L FIGARD	J.89293	1606	2124	This A/C arrived over the target but was unable to identify target visually. There was 10/10th cloud to 6,000 ft. visibility good. Master Bomber not heard. Jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs at position 5220N. 0330E. at 20.06 hrs. from 15,000 ft. after abandoning effort. Brought remainder of bomb load back. Whilst over target area at 18.52 hrs. A/C was struck by heavy flak at 17,900 ft. The centre section front spar, lower flange severely damaged. A/C doors and nacelle fairing badly holed. The A/C was considered Cat. B. (Provisional). The Pilot, Gen. J.89293, P/O P.R. Saunders was slightly injured when struck by a fragment of para ex in left eye. The remainder of the crew were uninjured. The crew brought the A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2150

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25th APRIL, 1945	OPERATION NO. 240 - BOMBING WANGEROOGE - BOMB LOAD - All Lancaster Mk. I A/C				carried	7 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs.	Appendix 70
	"Q" NG-279	CAPT W/C NORRIS & CREW.	Ex C-994	1447	1928	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 109 and T.A.S. 168. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed centre of town of Wangerooge. No markers seen. M/B heard clearly at 17.14 hrs. saying to bomb upwind edge of 'PICKWICK' but this was over sea. Target was covered by smoke and bombs well concentrated. A good attack. This A/C was hit by heavy flak at position 5347N 0745E. at 17.15 hrs. whilst flying at 12,000 ft. The Flight Engineer, CAN. J.89754 Pilot Officer J. Duggan, was slightly injured when struck in left thigh by a piece of flak. The remainder of the crew were uninjured. The A/C was only slightly damaged with minor flak holes. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2151
25th APRIL, 1945	"H" NG-456	CAPT F/L MACDONALD & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O COPP	J.29040	1459	1916	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 11,400 feet, heading 111 and T.A.S. 166K. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed on upwind edge of smoke as per instructions of Master Bomber. Smoke plume obscured half of island. Bomb bursts seen in town and large orange explosions. Tactics O.K. Looked like a good prang. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2152
25th APRIL, 1945	"F" NG-451	CAPT F/O MITCHELL & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O LEE	J.35941	1450	1914	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 11,700 feet, heading 111 and T.A.S. 167K. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed upwind edge of smoke as instructed by Master Bomber. Good concentration of bomb bursts and fires seen on run-up. Red explosions seen in town areas. Good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2153
25th APRIL, 1945	"G" NG-277	CAPT F/L STUART & CREW. 2nd Plt F/L WHEAT	J.35648	1451	1918	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 12,000 feet, heading 108 and T.A.S. 168K. Clear, visibility slightly heavy. Bombed on upwind edge of smoke as instructed by Master Bomber. Bombing seemed a bit scattered. Only one red T.I. seen. Smoke obscured view of results. Could be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2154
25th APRIL, 1945	"N" NL-587	CAPT F/O MANN & CREW.	J.43008	1500	1923	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 11,400 feet, heading 100 and T.A.S. 166. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed S.W. corner of town. No markers were seen. M/B was heard clearly. Bombing was quite well concentrated. Satisfactory effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2155

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25th APRIL, 1945	"H" PA.286	CAPT F/O MCINROY & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O MCHIEW	J.90555	1457	1941	This A/C bombed target at 17.19 hrs. from 11,500 feet, heading 111 and T.A.S. 170. Nil cloud, visibility fair. Bombed with 400 yard undershoot of "Pickwick" as per instructions of Master Bomber. Smoke obscured all detail. A few bombs were seen to burst. Tactics O.K. Should be good attack. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2156
25th APRIL, 1945	"J" NG.146	CAPT F/L MATHESON & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O RATCH	J.16320	1449	1947	When this A/C arrived about three miles before target at position 53.49N. 07.47E. at 17.19 hrs. flying at 12,000 feet, it was struck by heavy flak and the pilot was slightly injured when struck in the left eye with fragments of perspex. The A/C went out of control and the Pilot ordered bombs dropped. Pilot was able to gain control again and followed formation through and brought A/C back and made a safe landing at base. The Pilot was admitted to RAF Hospital, Northallerton, Yorks.	A.2157
25th APRIL, 1945	"R" NG.400	CAPT F/O GRACIE & CREW.	J.39647	1456	1942	This A/C bombed target at 17.21 hrs. from 11,700 feet, heading 117 and T.A.S. 172. Nil cloud, slight ground haze, visibility good. Bombed "Pickwick" on instructions of Master Bomber. No markers were seen. Bombing well concentrated. Island well covered with smoke and dust. Tactics were good. A very decent raid. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2158
25th APRIL, 1945	"A" RP.148	CAPT F/O MILLIN & CREW. 2nd Plt F/O NCHIE	J.35317	1452	1929	This A/C bombed target at 17.24 hrs. from 11,100 feet, heading 108 and T.A.S. 156 K. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed upwind edge of smoke as instructed by Master Bomber. Target was well concentrated with bomb bursts. Smoke obscured further observations. As flew direct to target on account of one engine packing up and having only three engines. Target looked well pranged. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2159
25th APRIL, 1945	"U" NG.280	CAPT F/O KEARNS & CREW.	J.18591	1458	1921	This A/C bombed target at 17.22 hrs. from 11,700 feet, heading 112 and T.A.S. 167. Nil cloud, visibility good. Bombed A/P position as briefed. No marking was seen. M/B said bomb "Pickwick" but "Pickwick" was in the sea so bombed A/P which was clear of smoke. Tactics very good. Should be fair effort. Crew brought A/C down safely at base on return.	A.2160

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