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4.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED857	P/L I. Vardon-Roe, W/L G. P. Georgeon, W/L Pritchard, T. J., Sgt Stewart, J. G., P/O Banks, E. W., P/O H. P. Jolley, Sgt Harrison, E. G.	Bombing Raid.	2228	0420	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0112 hrs from 18000 ft. by T.I. Reds. T.I.'s were in bombight and a/e slightly overshot as ordered. Own bombs were not seen to explode, but believed to have fallen in concentration of T.I.'s. Moderate amount of heavy flak in target area, mostly accurate. Two aircraft were seen falling in flames over target. One photo attempted. Bomb loads - as above. (Landed at BRAMP).	
	LANCASTER 111 ED856	P/L A. S. Cooke, P/O Wright, H. J., Sgt Coyde, M. J., Sgt Cartwright, D. A., Sgt McWhirter, G. F., Sgt Marjago, H. G., Sgt Lockley, C. A. J.	Bombing Raid.	2240	0419	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0115 hrs from 20000 ft by Green and Red T.I.'s. Bombs clearly seen. Red T.I.'s were in bombight as bombs fell but they were not seen to explode. Several good fires seen south of Red T.I.'s. On way in to target a very large explosion was seen as though petrol tanks had been hit, and flames rose to approx. 200 feet. Four aircraft were seen shot down in flames over the target area. Raid was developing well as a/e left the target area and fires were visible from the DUTCH COAST on return. One photo attempted. Landed at MARHAM. Bomb loads - as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED863	W/O Busby, D. C. G., P/O Osbald, D. H., P/O Howman, P., Sgt Linsley, G., Sgt Balaban, R. C., Sgt Murray, G. H., Sgt Kerrigan, A. H.	Bombing Raid.	2234	0417	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0140 hrs from 17000 feet by Green T.I.'s. One T.I. Red was seen to burst and other bombs were seen to fall in centre of T.I. Reds but these were not seen to explode. Aircraft seen to explode in mid-air and T.I. Reds were seen falling from it. Several good fires were seen and attack appeared to be developing well as we left the target. On run out five large explosions were observed - each bursting with orange flames. One photo attempted. Landed at MARHAM. Bomb loads - as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 ED774	P/O Sgt Stewart, E. G. P., Sgt Howard, M. A., Sgt Handley, G. H., Sgt Thompson, P., Sgt Harlow, A. G., Sgt Mills, D. A., P/O C. P. Hosmer.	Bombing Raid.	2238	0429	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0116 hrs from 20000 feet by Green T.I.'s. T.I.'s were in bombight but own bombs were not seen to explode and unable to state location owing to ground haze. Moderate amount of heavy flak in the target area co-operating with a/e's. Aircraft seen to explode over target area at 0118 hrs. One photo attempted. Landed at HIGH BRIDGE. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 WA913	Sgt Miller, R. B., P/O Wright, J. H., Sgt Thomas, J., Sgt Shepherd, H. P., Sgt Love, H., Sgt Rust, G., Sgt Fisher, P.	Bombing Raid.	2236	0419	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0120 hrs from 19000 ft by Green T.I.'s. Green T.I.'s were in bomb sight but bombs not seen to explode. Several good fires were seen and in the light of one very large explosion, a built-up area was seen. Moderate heavy and slight flak seen several a/e's. A/C seen falling over target at 0116 hours. One photo attempted. Landed at HIGH BRIDGE. Bomb Loads - as above.	

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4.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED774	P/O J. P. Thomson, Sgt Wilkin, P. J., Sgt Burham, J. E., Sgt Howe, W. J., Sgt Hamilton, G. F., Sgt Baxter, J. G., Sgt Crighton, J.	Bombing Raid.	2212	0424	Task DORCHES. Target identified by red T.I.'s going down and attacked at 0132 hrs from 18000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode but bombs fell in centre of fires. A very large explosion was seen amongst the fires followed by dense smoke, and one minute later a second explosion occurred. These explosions lit up the whole area. Moderate to intense heavy flak and little light firing into a/e's. A/C seen falling in flames and exploding on hitting the ground over target at 0142 hrs. One photo attempted. Landed at WHITCHURCH. Bomb Load as above.	133
	LANCASTER 1 WA922	Sgt Kay, R. L. W., P/O R. M. Bryant, Sgt Drake, W. J., Sgt Reteliff, R. B., Sgt Bauman, D. C., Sgt Osbald, V. H., Sgt Forster, W.	Bombing Raid.	2213	0424	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0133 hrs from 20000 ft by Green T.I.'s. Bombs fell in centre of fires but were not seen to explode. The Green T.I.'s were well concentrated but the Reds were going down slightly to the West. Many fires were seen well concentrated, and one very large explosion seen from the turning point on run-in. On the run-out an other large explosion was observed. Moderate amount of heavy flak experienced in target area. A/C was seen coast by a/e and hit down by flak, over target at 0143 hrs. One photo attempted. Landed at HIGH BRIDGE. Bomb Load as above.	APP 148
	LANCASTER 1 WA947	Sgt Sullivan, M. A., P/O Loder, G. A., P/O Ritchie, E. W., Sgt Knox, G. H., P/O Gimney, V. J., Sgt Mason, G. E., P/O Hocking, W. L.	Bombing Raid.	2245	0451	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0133 hrs from 18000 ft. by Green T.I.'s. Green T.I.'s were in bombight as bombs fell but bombs were not seen to explode. One very large fire was seen when T.I.'s were falling. Intense heavy flak was encountered in the target area, fairly accurate. A/C seen shot down over the target at 0130 hrs. One photo attempted. Landed at HIGH BRIDGE. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED860	P/O R. F. Smith, P/O W. J. Smith, P/O R. P. Goodwin, Sgt Marshall, B., P/O J. W. Philips, Sgt Jones, L. J., P/O H. Hayes.	Bombing Raid.	2253	0454	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0141 hrs from 18000 ft. by T.I. Greens. Own bombs were not seen to explode due to smoke haze. Main concentration of fires were in the N. & E. part of the town. Several explosions were seen which appeared to be oil or petrol tanks, causing a tremendous sheet of flame. Intense heavy flak at the on-coming of the attack. A/C seen to burst into flames and red T.I.'s fall from it as it crashed to ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Loads - as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED859	P/L D. J. Moir, P/O H. G. Innes, Sgt Brunley, G., Sgt Pollard, H. J., Sgt Field, R. H., Sgt Haslegrave, M., Sgt MacKinlay, W. B.	Bombing Raid.	2245	0355	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0108 hrs from 18000 ft by Red T.I.'s. Own bombs were not seen to explode. The target was well alight and fires were well concentrated. A/C seen to burst into flames over target and red T.I.'s were seen to fall from it as it went down. One photo attempted. Bomb loads - 4 X 1000 lbs., 1 X 4000 lb. G., 6 X 500 lb. G., and 2 X 250 lb. G. (Landed at BRAMPFLEET).	

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4.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED815	Sgt Harson, J.A. Sgt Edwards, G.A. Sgt Otter, J.A. Sgt Bowman, E.A. Sgt Willett, E.A. Sgt Shacklady, A. Sgt Brown, W.	Bombing Raid.	2221	0350	Task DORHEIM. Target attacked at 0109 hrs from 20000 ft by Green T.I.s. Flashes and explosions were seen but cannot say whether they were from our own bombs. Green T.I.s were in bombight as bombs fell. The T.I.s were well concentrated, and several good fires especially one very large fire in centre of target with smoke pouring from it. 3/4s were heavy working in cones. One photo attempted. Landed at HANBURY. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 W.902	P/O Goldham, P.A. P/O Rastman. Sgt Blund, A.A. Sgt Cole, G.H. P/O Robinson, G.R. Sgt Warwick, W. P/O Piscoe, B.H.	Bombing Raid.	2222	0400	Task DORHEIM. Target attacked at 0107 hrs from 17000 ft by T.I. Green flames. No results of own bombing seen owing to smoke haze. The T.I. Yellows were well positioned and a good aid to navigation. Fires had not taken such a hold when our 4/4s had left the target but the raid must have developed as fireglow could be seen from the DUTCH COAST on journey home. One photo attempted. Landed at HANBURY. Bomb Load as above.	R.P.P. 148
	LANCASTER 111 ED995	W/O Brown, L.V.F. Sgt Howell, A.V. Sgt McEwan, J. Sgt Bradley, L.H. Sgt Worthington, R.F. Sgt Easton, C. Sgt Gilbert, R.	Bombing Raid.	2225	0350	Task DORHEIM. Target attacked at 0110 hrs from 15000 ft by Red & Green T.I.s, which were in bombight as bombs fell. Own bombs were seen to explode slightly east of T.I. markers. The markers were well concentrated with exception of one load of rods which were about 3 miles North of T.I. Greens. As we left the target many fires were seen starting up. A/C seen come over target and hit by flak and wing caught flak. A/C was not seen to explode. One photo attempted. Landed at HANBURY. Bomb Load as above.	
12.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED822	W/O D.W. Donaldson, S/L K.J. Lammie, P/O Gilmour, G.R. Sgt Lammie, G.H. P/O Thompson, R.F. P/O Waterhouse, V. P/O D. Mackie.	Bombing Raid.	2331	0346	Task DULBERG. Target was identified by T.I. Red and visual signals on RHINE and built up area. Bombed at 0202 hrs from 17000 feet. It was too early in the attack to see any fires burning but one huge explosion was seen at 0207 hrs which sent up a great pall of smoke. Moderate to intense heavy flak experienced, working with 3 or 4 4/4s cones of 30/40 bombs in each. About the time that the Yellow warning flare was seen an H.E. 110 was seen on reciprocal approx 500 ft above. No action resulted. On 3 occasions aircraft were seen falling to the ground in flames. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X 4000 H.C., 6 T.I. Green, 4 X 1000 G.P., 2 X 500 H.C.	R.P.P. 149
	LANCASTER 111 ED844	W/O J.H. White, P/O R. Roberts, Sgt Stewart, J.C. Sgt Wilkin, W. Sgt Otter, J.A. P/O K.H. Thompson, Sgt Silverman, D.L.C.	Bombing Raid.	0007	0355	Task DULBERG. Bombed at 0209 hrs from 18500 ft. Target was identified by concentration of rods and ground and with these in bombight our own greens were seen to explode in the same area. A number of fires and two large explosions were seen in the target area although the attack seemed to be falling a little to the North. Over DUTCH COAST at 0218 hrs an H.E. 109 passed on the starboard 50/100 feet above on reciprocal, no action. SEVERAL AIRCRAFT 0123 hrs an aircraft thought to be a fighter seen to be falling very slowly in flames but did not explode on hitting ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- as above.	

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12.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED857	P/L L. Verdon-Roe, W/O Giles, F. P/O Pritchard, T.J. Sgt Stewart, J.C. P/O Banks, E.W. P/O H.P. Jolley. Sgt Harrison, R.G.	Bombing Raid.	0013		Task DULBERG. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb Load:- 6 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., & 4 X 1000 G.P., 2 X 500 H.C.	139
	LANCASTER 1 ED734	Sgt Stewart, R.G.F. P/O J.M. Hudson. Sgt Harvard, D.A.S. Sgt Handley, C.M. Sgt Thorington, F. Sgt Mackenzie, B.R. Sgt Mills, B.A. P/O C.F. Horner.	Bombing Raid.	0009	0435	Task DULBERG. Target was identified by T.I. Red and with these in bombights bombed at 0218 hrs from 18500 ft. Own bombs were seen to explode on T.I. Red whilst other explosions and a number of fires were seen round T.I. Greens. These appeared to fall short of rods by about 1/2 mile. One large explosion was seen on the runway and on way home glow of fires could be seen from DUTCH COAST. Two aircraft were seen falling in flames near the target. 1 X 4000 G.P. was jettisoned - fused (hung up over target). Bomb doors were damaged. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- As above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED837	Sgt Vandon, W.H. Sgt Mackenzie, E.S. Sgt Williams, C.A. Sgt Asham, C. P/O Mason, M.R. Sgt Wynn, R.G. Sgt Johnston, A.C.	Bombing Raid.	0021		Task DULBERG. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb Load:- As above.	R.P.P. 149
	LANCASTER 111 ED883	S/L G.F. Grant, Sgt Dobson, R.F. P/O W. Walker, Sgt Hillier, V.P. Sgt McCarthy, T.H. Sgt Irwin, A.J. Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid.	0015	0421	Task DULBERG. Identified by T.I. Red and with these in bombight bombed at 0218 hrs. from 19500 ft. Own T.I. Greens were seen to fall on the rods already down, but actual bombing seemed a little to the north of the markers. One very large explosion was seen at 0217 hrs and as we left the target good fires were burning which could be seen from the DUTCH COAST on homeward journey. Three aircraft were seen to fall in flames along the route. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- As above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED919	P/L A.S. Cook, P/O Wright, R.J. Sgt Gayle, H.J. Sgt Cartwright, H.A. Sgt Macdonald, H.A. Sgt Marriage, W. Sgt Lockley, C.A.	Bombing Raid.	2357	0428	Task DULBERG. Target identified by T.I. Red and attacked at 0221 hrs from 16000 ft. Own bombs were not seen to explode but T.I.s were in bombight as bombs were released. Visibility was good - no cloud except slight patches to East of town. The attack was well concentrated and the T.I.s and good fires were burning. One very large explosion was seen at 0207 hrs followed immediately by two small explosions. Glow from fires was clearly seen from the DUTCH COAST on return trip. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- As above.	

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12.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED863	W/O Busby, D.C.C. P/O Crookard, D.H. P/O Newman, P. Sgt Lanley, G. Sgt Baldwin, R.C. Sgt Murray, G.H. Sgt Kerrigan, A.R.	Bombing Raid.	0024	0359	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by Red T.I.s and attacked at 0210 hrs from 18000 ft. Red T.I.s were in bombight but bombs not seen to explode. On the run-in, two loads of incendiaries were seen, one east and one west of the T.I. red concentration. Several fires were seen burning and on the run out bomb explosions and fires appeared to be under shooting. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED874	P/O J.C. Thomson. P/O J.C. Prichard. Sgt Wilkin, P.J. Sgt Barnham, J.F. Sgt Ross, W.J. Sgt Hamilton, C.F. Sgt Barker, J.G. Sgt Craighed, J.	Bombing Raid.	0019	0450	Task DUISBERG. Visibility was good, with some ground haze, and target was identified by red and green T.I.s and was attacked at 0227 hrs from 19000 ft. T.I.s were in bombight but bombs not seen to explode. Large fires were seen, well concentrated around the T.I.s and some incendiary fires were seen slightly around the north. One very large explosion with large volume of smoke was seen at 0216 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED859	P/O D.T. Moir. P/O H.C. James. Sgt Bramley, G.H. Sgt Pollard, H.J. Sgt Webb, R.H. Sgt Haslegrave, H. Sgt Smithey, W.B.	Bombing Raid.	0027	0459	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by green T.I.s and attacked at 0236 hours from 18500 ft. Bombs were seen to explode and it is thought they fell well in the concentration. Several very good fires were seen on run out, and they were still visible fifty miles from the target. Aircraft seen falling in flames in the target area at 0248 hrs. One photograph attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	H.P.P. 149
	LANCASTER 111 ED842	W/O Brown, L.P.T. Sgt Howell, A.V. Sgt Malpas, J. Sgt Bradley, L.H. Sgt Worthington, R.F. Sgt Easton, C. Sgt Gilbert, R.	Bombing Raid.	0031	0507	Task DUISBERG. Target attacked at 0238 hrs from in good visibility, no cloud. T.I. Reds were in bombight when bombs were released but own bombs were not seen to explode. Yellow T.I. Flares were seen on track at 0210 hrs. Target area appeared a mass of fires and explosions, and as we left it was obvious raid was a success. BUISER 0217 hrs a/s seen falling in flames 4 miles to starboard and T.I. green flares were falling from it. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED840	P/O L.R. Crompton. P/O E.V. Lee. P/O W.L. Page. Sgt Leader, L.J. P/O J.H. Crowley. Sgt Scott, A.S. P/O H.W. Woodcock.	Bombing Raid.	2339	0238	Task DUISBERG. Task abandoned at 0121 hours at 19000 feet, owing to rear gunner's oxygen being U/S. Bombs jettisoned safe at 0123 hrs from 17000 feet. Bomb Load- 1 X 4000 H.G. 3 X 1000 G.P. and 2 X 500 H.G.	

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12.5.43	LANCASTER 1 WA933	Sgt Miller, R.R. P/O Wright, J.R. Sgt Twaddie, J. Sgt Sheppard, H.P. Sgt Love, H. Sgt Rust, G. Sgt Fisher, R.	Bombing Raid.	2355	0456	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by Red T.I.s and bombed at 0225 hrs from 19000 ft. Own bombs were not seen to explode but it is believed that they fell close to the concentration of T.I. Reds. As we arrived over the target at 0220 hrs, one very large orange explosion was seen lasting for to seven seconds and two greenish explosions just North East of this large explosion. On way out from the target 2227 hrs area appeared a mass of fire and explosions. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- 1 X 4000 H.G., 3 X 1000 G.P., and 2 X 500 H.G.	140
	LANCASTER 111 ED995	P/O A.R.A. MacLachlan. P/O W.A. Kerry. Sgt Dalton, A.C. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/O H.H. Carter. Sgt Casday, V.H. Sgt Deant, L.	Bombing Raid.	0002	0402	Task DUISBERG. Target attacked at 0209 hrs from 17000 ft. by Red and Green T.I.s. River RHINE was also seen on the run up. Own bombs not identified but explosions, which may have been ours, were observed very close to the Red T.I.s. Not many fires seen as we ran up to the target, but later attack appeared to be developing. Yellow T.I.s were seen on track at 0154 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 WA902	P/O Goldham, P.A. P/O P. Stevens. Sgt Bland, A.A.P. Sgt Coles, G.H. P/O Robinson, G.R. Sgt Warwick, N. P/O Maccos, G.H.	Bombing Raid.	2346	0442	Task DUISBERG. Target attacked at 0205 hrs from 17500 ft. and identified by T.I. Reds. Own bombs were not seen to explode, but T.I.s were in bombight when bombs fell. On the way out several incendiaries were seen to fall slightly short of Red T.I.s. The whole concentration of T.I. Reds was very good. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	H.P.P. 149
	LANCASTER 111 ED885	Sgt Karson, J.A. Sgt Edwards, G.A.P. Sgt Otley, J.A. Sgt Bowen, R.F. Sgt Willett, P.J. Sgt Timothy, A. Sgt Brown, W.	Bombing Raid.	2354	0447	Task DUISBERG. Target attacked at 0212 hrs from 20000 ft. Red T.I.s were just going out and we bombed on the centre of T.I. Green. River RHINE was clearly seen on the run up on the starboard side. Own bombs were not identified but several explosions were seen, some of which may have been ours. The attack appeared well concentrated on the run in, with large red glow from fires which had just started. One very large explosion which lit up the sky, was observed at 0215 hrs, and it appeared to be an oil fire. One photo attempted. Bomb Load- as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 WA943	Sgt Overton, L.W. Sgt Clements, D.P. Sgt Awood, J.W. Sgt Cable, T. Sgt Davies, D.M. Sgt Sunderland, P. Sgt Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid.	0005	0445	Task DUISBERG. Target attacked at 0206 hrs from 16000 ft. having been identified by Red & Green T.I.s. Band of river with inlet near aiming point was clearly seen. Bombs were seen to explode on the concentration of Red T.I.s. Several large explosions were seen, particularly as we left the target, when 3 or 4 large explosions were observed though petrol tanks had been hit. Several good fires were observed and number seen starting up round the T.I.s. Two further explosions were seen at 0225 hrs. A/C with petrol tank on fire was seen falling and it finally exploded and Green T.I.s fell from it. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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11.5.43	LANCASTER 1 WA937	Sgt Wallace, D.M. Sgt Harvey, T.H. Sgt Moore, W.H. Sgt Jackson, A.J. Sgt Peim, R.J. P/O Ross, D. Sgt Lister, R.A.	Bombing Raid.	2358	0411	Task DUBBERG. Yellow T.I.s seen on track at 0209 hours and they were a great help and check to navigation. Target attacked at 0207 hrs from 18000 ft, identified by Red & Green T.I.s. They were in bombight as bombs were released but own bombs were not seen to explode. Plenty of other bomb explosions were seen and a large orange glow was seen on target on run in at 0205 hours. Mod rate amount of heavy flak burning at various heights from 2000 ft to 16000 feet. ASST 0136 hours height 20000 ft, some heavy flak was encountered working with large cone of S/Ls. One photo attempted. Bomb load as over.	APP 149
13.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED822	W/O D.W. Donaldson. S/L K.J. Lawson. P/O Sullivan, G.R. Sgt Lawrence, C.H. P/O Thompson, R.F. P/O Waterhouse, V. P/O Mackie, D.	Bombing Raid.	2136	0507	Task PILLAR. On run in to target weather was nil cloud, half moon, good visibility with slight haze. Target identified visually on first run across but factory could not be seen owing to smoke screen. With T.I.Red in sights bombed at 0424 hrs from 13000 ft, our flares having been dropped 8 mins before from same height. Own bombs not seen to burst, but estimated they fell on target. One lot of T.I.Greens were dropped North of the town, and subsequently other T.I.s were rather scattered over an area of 8 to 10 miles. The factory was included in this area. Moderate heavy separate flak was experienced with only slight light flak. About 50 S/Ls were in operation, but ineffective. One ASST at 2355 hrs an aircraft was seen to fall in flames, and one parachute was seen to open. One photo attempted. Bomb load 5 X 4000 H.G., 2 T.I.Red., 2 T.I.Red 1/2s, 1 X 4000 H.G. and 3 X 500 H.G.	APP 150
	LANCASTER 111 ED841	S/L J.H. White. P/O R. Roberts. Sgt Stonaway, H.J.R. Sgt Wilkinson, W. Sgt O'Hara, J.G. P/O Thompson, R.H. Sgt Silvester, D.H.G.	Bombing Raid.	2139	0449	Task PILLAR. Target identified by built up area and River. The factory was not seen owing to smoke screen. Bombed at 0420 hrs from 12000 ft., but cannot state exactly where bombs fell. Only 4 or 5 large bomb bursts were seen on the Red T.I.s. Very little predicted flak encountered over PILLAR with moderate light flak firing into the S/L cones. Four aircraft were seen shot down in flames on the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: as Above.	
	LANCASTER 1 ED754	Sgt Stewart, R.G. P/O J.H. Hudson. Sgt Howard, D.A.S. Sgt Handley, C.H. Sgt Thorington, F. Sgt Bartramp, R.R. Sgt Mills, D.A. P/O C.F. Horner.	Bombing Raid.	2140	0447	Task PILLAR. Identified visually by river junction and ED822 WOBES. One large shed was in sights when we bombed at 0415 hrs from 13000 ft. THE 4000 H.G. was seen to explode but not quite sure of exact location. Target was well illuminated by flares and only one lot of T.I.Greens were seen on bombing. It was too early to give any account of fires but several big bomb bursts were seen in factory area on leaving. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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13.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED883	S/L G.F. Grant. Sgt Deacon, R.F.A. P/O W. Wallace. Sgt Salkin, V.P. Sgt McCarthy, T.V. Sgt Irwin, A.J. Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid.	2141	0442	Task PILLAR. On the run in target was visually identified by river, and works were clearly seen. Bombing perimeter was pierced by flak on run in, but bombed at 0420 hrs from 13200 feet. It is thought that own bombs may have overshot owing to the barbed wire being hit in the face by fractured perimeter. We made two more runs over target and on the third ASST was obscuring results but some of the ASST definitely fell on the SKIDA W.B.S. In the target area a S/L unidentified P/A was seen 1000 ft. below to S/W dodging light flak, no action. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 5 X 4000 H.G. (White) 2 T.I.Red, 2 T.I.Red 1/2s, 1 X 4000 H.G. and 3 X 500 H.G.	141
	LANCASTER 111 ED855	Sgt Miller, R.H. P/O Wright, J.R. Sgt Trowell, J. Sgt Sheppard, H.P. Sgt Love, H. Sgt Rust, G. Sgt Fisher, R.	Bombing Raid.	2200	0530	Task PILLAR. Target attacked at 0420 hrs from 13000 ft. by aid of Red T.I.s. Rear Gunner also saw bend in tributary of River by light of the moon just prior to bombing. Bombs were not seen to explode but it is believed they fell in concentration of Red T.I.s. One Red T.I. was seen on the run in with one Green T.I. on either side - approx. 1 mile to S.W. and S.E. The concentration of T.I.s were very good. A smoke screen was thought to be in operation over the target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 2 T.I.Red 1/2s, 2 T.I.Yellow, 1/2s, 2 T.I.White, 1 X 4000 H.G. and 4 X 500 H.G.	APP 150
	LANCASTER 1 WA947	P/O A.R. Macintosh. P/O W.A. Kenny. Sgt Dalton, A.C. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/O H.H. Carter. Sgt Gillingham, W. Sgt Doat, L.	Bombing Raid.	2202	0106	Task PILLAR. Task abandoned. Rear Gunner of P.4 and D.R. Compasses U/D. 4 X 4000 H.G. jettisoned into at position 53,02 N. 014,3 E. 0024 hrs, from 8,900 ft. All T.I.s and 4 X 500 H.G. brought back. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 WA902	P/O Colburn, T.A. P/O P. Stevens. Sgt Blund, A.A.P. Sgt Colon, G.H. P/O Robinson, G.R. Sgt Wardick, E. P/O Pascoe, G.H.	Bombing Raid.	2207	0532	Task PILLAR. Target was attacked at 0425 hrs height 12500 ft. by aid of Red T.I.s. Bombs were seen to explode amongst the concentration of Red T.I.s, and according we bombed the correct concentration raid must have been successful. Moderate heavy flak in target area with intense light flak in S/W cones. ASST smoke screen thought to be in operation over target. Aircraft seen to catch fire and blow up over target at 0419 hrs and Green T.I. FLARES seen to fall from it. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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13.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED860	Sgt Overton, L.W. Sgt Clements, D.P. Sgt Arns, J.A.H. Sgt Cable, T. Sgt Davies, D.M. Sgt Sunderland, P. Sgt Bennett, A.	Bombing Raid.	2210	0532	Task PLENN. Target was attacked at 0125 hrs from 13000 feet by aid of Red T.I.s. T.I.s were in bombight and bomb flashes seen but no definite results could be ascertained. On the run in some Green T.I.s were seen but they had gone out by the time that we made our bombing run. On the actual bombing run a good cluster of five or six Red T.I.s were seen with two more approx. one and half to two miles away. Only two fires were seen of moderate size in a built-up area and do not consider it was the factory. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2 T.I.Red 1/2, 2 T.I.Yellow 1/2, 2 T.I.White, 1 X 4000 H.C. and 4 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED840	F/O L.R.Crompton F/O E.V.Lee F/O H.L.Bagg Sgt Leader, L.J. F/O J.W.Cressley Sgt Scott, A.B. F/O H.W.Woodward	Bombing Raid.	2249	0503	Task PLENN. Target attacked at 0118 hrs from 13000 ft. Visually - on the junction of the rivers, built up area of the town, and SKODA WORKS - bombs were seen to explode, but cannot say definitely that they were on the target, but factory buildings were in bombight as bombs rebounded. Run over target at 0111 hrs and only flares and one Green T.I. were down. We therefore did a circuit, came round again and visually identified the Airing Point. On leaving the target several T.I.s were seen to drop and a good group accumulated which appeared to be in the target area. No fires seen. Moderate amount of heavy flak which was clearly accurate chiefly in the south of the target. Very little light flak. HEIGHT 2355 hrs height 16000 ft., aircraft seen coming in 4/16 hit with heavy flak and down in flames. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 1 X 4000 H.C., 6 X 500 H.C.	APP. 150
	LANCASTER 111 ED919	F/L A.G.Gee F/S Wright, H.J. Sgt Copley, H.J. Sgt Cartwright, D.A. Sgt Macdonald, C.P.T. Sgt Marriage, H.M. Sgt Lockley, C.A.J.	Bombing Raid.	2154	0540	Task PLENN. Nil cloud enabling target to be identified visually - river with railway bridge over it. Concentration of Red T.I.s in sights, and bombed at 0122 hrs from 14000 feet. On bombs not seen to burst although several others were seen in the earlier concentration, which was quite good. A smoke screen was in operation making it impossible to identify the SKODA WORKS. Three aircraft were seen to fall in flames along the route. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 5 X 4 Flares (White), 2 T.I.Red, 2 T.I.Red 1/2, 1 X 4000 H.C. and 3 X 500 H.C.	

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13.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED863	F/O Busby, D.C.C. F/S Orchard, D.H. F/S Newbold, P. Sgt Lamley, G. Sgt Balodon, R.C. Sgt Murray, G.M. Sgt Kerrigan, A.B.	Bombing Raid.	2145	0557	Task PLENN. Target identified by T.I.Red and with these in sights, bombed at 0118 hrs from 14000 ft. On bombs not seen to burst although a few 4000 H.C. were seen to explode near the Reds. No incendiaries or fires were seen. Very little heavy flak encountered over the target and only moderate light. About 30 4/16 were operating singly. One aircraft was seen to fall in flames along the route at 2322 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 2 T.I.Red 1/2, 2 T.I.Yellow 1/2, 2 T.I.White, 1 X 4000 H.C. and 4 X 500 H.C.	142
	LANCASTER 111 ED874	F/O J.P.Thomson F/O J.C.Prichard Sgt Wilkin, P.J. Sgt Barnham, J.E. Sgt Rowe, W.J. Sgt Hamilton, G.F. Sgt Baxter, J.C. Sgt Craighead, J.	Bombing Raid.	2152	0526	Task PLENN. On run-in the weather was nil cloud with some haze, and a pinpoint was obtained on the lake N.E. of the town. With good concentration of Red T.I.s in sights bombed at 0123 hrs from 14000 ft. On bombs were seen to explode among the T.I. Reds already down, and as we left, T.I.Greens were seen to go down onto these. There appeared to be too many flares illuminating the target. Approx. 40 4/16 were seen in cones and a few working independently. Over PLENN at 0016 hrs about 40 searchlights were seen in operation. Two aircraft were seen shot down in flames, one at 2342 hrs and another at 2357 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 2 T.I.Red 1/2, 2 T.I.Yellow, 2 T.I.White, 1 X 4000 H.C. 4 X 500 H.C.	APP. 150
	LANCASTER 111 ED859	F/L D.T.Moir F/O H.G.Dimes Sgt Bramley, G.W. Sgt Holland, H.J. Sgt Wedd, R.H. Sgt Macgregor, M. Sgt Mackinlay, W.B.	Bombing Raid.	2158	0513	Task PLENN. Target identified by T.I.Red and River seen also. Cluster of Reds in sights, bombed at 0121 hrs from 15000 ft. On bombs not seen to burst and success of raid depended entirely on the accuracy of the markers, as there was obscured by smoke screen. Over the northern end of PLENN and aircraft was seen to fall in flames, and continue burning on the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED922	F/O Brown, L.P.T. Sgt Newell, A.V. Sgt Kalpas, J. Sgt Bradley, L.H. Sgt Worthington, R.P. Sgt Baston, G. Sgt Gilbert, R.	Bombing Raid.	2205	0523	Task PLENN. Target identified by T.I.Red and with these in sights bombed at 0120 hrs from 12000 ft. On bombs were seen to burst approx. 1 mile East of T.I.Red as Red T.I.s were lost to sight for a moment on bombing run. No fires or large explosions were seen but columns of smoke were rising soon after the attack started. A little heavy flak was co-operating with approx. 50 4/16 over PLENN, no light flak seen. Three aircraft were seen shot down along the route. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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13.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED885	Sgt Marston, J.A. Sgt Edwards, G.A.P. Sgt Otter, J.A. Sgt Brown, R.A. Sgt Willett, P.W. Sgt Blackley, A. Sgt Brown, W.	Bombing Raid.	2256	0517	Task PILLER. Target attacked at 0420 hrs from 13000 ft. by aid of T.I. Red. T.I.s were in sight but our bombs not seen to explode. Two bursts of 4000 lbs bombs were seen soon after we had bombed. Red T.I.s were visible in an area of 4-5 miles. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 1 X 4000 H.C. and 6 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 1 W4943	Sgt Ballance, D.A. Sgt Harvey, G.H. Sgt Moore, W.H. Sgt Jackson, A.J. Sgt Tinsley, R.F. P/O Ross, M. Sgt Lister, H.A.	Bombing Raid.	0003	0509	Task BOGHEE. Target was identified by Red T.I.s and attacked at 0204 hrs from 18000 ft. Omin. to activity in target area bombs were not seen to explode. Many fires were seen burning the glow from which could be seen on return journey from the target Omin. One T.I. Yellow was seen on track at 0500 hrs. Intense heavy flak in barrage form in the target area at 0204 hrs. together with a moderate amount of light flak, which was fired up between the S.I. cones. Aircraft seen shot down in flames over target at 0510 hrs. height 15000 ft. No flak or S.I.s. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 1 X 4000 H.C. 3 X 1000 G.P. 8 X 500 H.C.	APP 150
23.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED863	W/O Babay, D.C.G. P/O Orchard, D.H. P/O Newson, P. Sgt Linsley, G. Sgt Boland, R.C. Sgt Murray, G.H. Sgt Kerrigan, A.B.	Bombing Raid.	2235	0308	Task DORCHES. On route a believed JUBB was sighted on reciprocal course about 50' away at 0044 hrs. 18500 ft. Target identified by the only T.I. Red visible on run up, and with this in bombight our A/C attacked at 0400 hrs from 19000 feet. Cloud was 2/10 to 21000 ft. with some ground haze. Bombs not seen to explode but are believed to have dropped about 2/300 yds short of Red T.I. On leaving target after bombing, a further Green was seen to fall slightly N.W. of our T.I.s and later Green T.I.s appeared to be slightly overshoot. Incasds were seen burning between the Green and Red T.I.s but A/C was too early on target to assess the raid. Defences were heavy and intense but with little light flak. Very large S.I. concentrations. One Photo attempted. Bomb Load - 1 T.I. Green (L/D), 4 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P. 2 X 1000 G.P. (L/D).	APP 151
	LANCASTER 111 ED822	W/O D.E. Donaldson. S/L K.J. Jackson. P/O Sainsbury, D.R. Sgt Lawrence, D.H. P/O Thompson, R.F. P/O Waterhouse, V. P/O D. Mackie.	Bombing Raid.	2245	0315	Task DORCHES. Saw first T.I. Yellow placed very accurately. Two loads of Red T.I. fell before attack opened with incasds on top of first Green S.I.s at 0401 hrs. Good visibility above ground haze with nil clouds. Target identified by Red T.I.s on T.I. seen. Bombs not seen to explode overhead Red T.I.s about 400 yds. extreme edge of Red T.I.s seen in bombight. Green T.I.s accurately placed, as we arrived first incasds appeared to be falling short. Time of bombing 0402 hrs from 18000 ft. Attack was wedge shaped with apex on Red T.I.s and base 4 to 5 miles short on track. Defences heavy and accurate. Very slight 1/2 up to 16000 ft. 2/2 raining off in accuracy and intensity. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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23.5.43	LANCASTER 1 W4950	S/L B.L. Dalgle. P/O B.H. Hood. P/O J.G. Bode. Sgt King, P.E. Sgt Rutherford, H.L. S/L G.H. Swanson. P/O Young, I.F.W.	Bombing Raid.	2327	0343	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0459 hrs from 18000 ft by Red T.I.s. Fires were well concentrated around the T.I. clusters. One Green T.I. seen 10/15 miles away, obviously jet-powered, but attracted no bombing. The main fires were burning to the south of the target point. Very little flak in target area, but 1/4s swept the targets. Yellow T.I.s were seen on track, but no time taken. Many good fires were seen developing as we left. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 1 X 1000 G.P., 3 X 1000 G.P. (L/D) 7 X 500 H.C.	143
	LANCASTER 111 ED840	P/O L.R. Crompton. P/O E.V. Lee. P/O W.H. Bagge. Sgt Leader, L.W. P/O J.V. Crossley. Sgt Scott, A.B. P/O H.W. Woodland.	Bombing Raid.	2322	0402	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0458 hrs from 17000 ft. Red T.I.s first seen when 7 mins from target. Bombed the centre of Green T.I. area but bombs not seen to explode, owing to haze and smoke from burning fires. The area of attack was pear shaped with narrow end to North, about 4 miles from the centre of Green T.I. area. Large fires covered the town area with huge plume of smoke. No Yellow T.I. seen on track. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP 151
	LANCASTER 1 W4933	P/O Coldham, P.A. P/O P. Stevens. Sgt Bland, G.A.P. Sgt Coles, G.H. P/O Robinson, G.R. Sgt Warwick, M. P/O Pascoe, G.H.	Bombing Raid.	2319	0346	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0438 hrs from 18900 ft. Red T.I.s were seen on run-in but were later lost in fire. Green T.I.s were in bombight and it is believed that our bombs fell in centre of concentration, but they were not seen to burst. Many fires were seen, and the main area of fire was egg-shaped and covered an area of approx. 1/2 to 2 miles long. Our A/C seen falling in flames at 0059 hrs and explode on hitting ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED829	P/L G.L. Henderson. P/O Atkin, H.J. P/O East, R.P. Sgt Chapman, J.G. W/O Saunders, H.C.A. Sgt Forbes, G.C. P/O Knight, T.H.	Bombing Raid.	2259	0353	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0409 hrs from 19000 ft by Red T.I.s. Our 4000lb. bomb was seen to explode near T.I. Red. Attack was very concentrated and Red T.I.s were well together and the Greens were going down amongst the Reds. Defences took a good hold round the concentration of T.I.s. Moderate heavy flak over North of the town, and small amount of light flak over target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED919	Sgt Baccardine, J.J. Sgt Bellmore, H.W. Sgt O'Brien, J.P.W. Sgt Dickson, T.H. Sgt Walker, J.A. Sgt Budge, R. Sgt Archibald, J.	Bombing Raid.	2251	0354	Task DORCHES. Target attacked at 0409 hrs from 17500 ft. by Red T.I.s. We bombed the centre of the pattern of T.I. Greens but bombs not seen to explode. Incasds were seen burning well around the T.I.s. As we turned to leave the target a large explosion occurred in the centre of Red T.I.s and a huge fire broke out. The Yellow T.I.s appeared to be down on position at 0051 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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23.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED841	S/L T. Mackintosh, P/L H. C. Mitchell, P/S Woodcock, P., Sgt Drinkwater, R. C., Sgt Moore, R. F., Sgt Ledman, L. G., Sgt Candy, V. H.	Bombing Raid.	2257	0324	Task DOWNED. Target identified by Red T.I.s and attacked at 0117 hrs from 18000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode, but they should have fallen amongst the Red T.I.s. The main concentration of T.I.s was very good, and all bombs were on aim and concentration. Three very good fires were seen burning West of the town and attack was going very well as we left. Yellow T.I.s were seen at 0024 hrs. Heavy flak in target area and approx. 800/300 4/4s which appeared to fade out as attack developed. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 1 X 1000 G.P., 3 X 1000 G.P. (L/D), 7 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 W4924	Sgt Sloper, J. L., Sgt Thorne, J. G., Sgt Woolmer, R. J., Sgt Gibb, B., Sgt Coy, S. D., Sgt Johnson, G. G., Sgt Milburn, G.	Bombing Raid.	2258	0334	Task DOWNED. Target attacked at 0113 hrs from 19000 ft by aid of Red T.I.s. Red T.I.s were in sight but bombs were not seen to explode. On run-in 5 Red T.I.s were down and 3 Greens. One very large explosion seen at 0114 hrs, height 19000 ft. Several good fires were observed and incense burning over a wide area. Two small holes in 4/4s undamaged from burst of heavy flak over HURSTON at 0048 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED599	P/O Ryan, H. J., P/O E. G. Gentile, Sgt Rose, K. D., Sgt Hedges, V. A., P/S Stringer, G., Sgt Grant, A., P/S Waters, L. J.	Bombing Raid.	2352	0419	Task DOWNED. Visibility was good - some smoke haze. Target attacked at 0147 hrs from 18000 ft by Red T.I.s. Own bombs were not seen to explode, but believed to have fallen on T.I.s. First T.I. Red was seen about 2 mins prior to bombing. Several good fires seen and many small explosions over target. Aircraft seen to be falling in flames 2 miles North of target but was not seen to hit the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	APP 151
	LANCASTER 111 ED660	P/S Wallace, D. L., Sgt Harvey, T. H., Sgt Moore, W. H., Sgt Jackson, R. J., Sgt Quinn, R. J., P/S Ross, D., Sgt Lister, M. A.	Bombing Raid.	2355	0524	Task DOWNED. Nil cloud - good visibility. Target attacked at 0107 hrs from 18000 ft. Red T.I.s were in sight but bombs were not seen to explode. One Red & two Greens were down as we went in to bomb. Fires were well concentrated and covered large area. One very large explosion was seen at 0104 hrs about 1 mile N.E. of T.I. Red. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED665	P/L R. E. Young, P/O T. Barger, Sgt Hedges, R. G., Sgt Calton, J. H., Sgt Nease, T. E., Sgt Goodman, J. H., Sgt Boynton, J. W.	Bombing Raid.	2346	0415	Task DOWNED. Target identified by T.I. Red and with these in sight bombed at 0143 hrs from 17600 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst but it is thought they must have fallen close to T.I.s. Main attack was concentrated around T.I.s but it tailed off to North about 4 to 5 miles. Green initiation flares were fired by the enemy about 15 miles N.W. of target but these were a poor effort and only lasted 2 to 3 secs. Complete failure of air pressure affected the S blower and so our A/C was late over target and below operational height. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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23.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED883	S/L G. F. Green, Sgt Dobson, R. F., P/O W. Wallace, Sgt Salter, V. F., Sgt McGarity, G. V., Sgt Irwin, A. J., Sgt Love, W. J.	Bombing Raid.	2244	0315	Task DOWNED. Target attacked at 0109 hrs from 20000 ft. by Red T.I.s. Own Green T.I.s and 4000 H.C. was seen to explode just N.W. of T.I. Red. T.I. Red was in bombight at bombs were released. Light to moderate heavy flak in target area but as our aircraft left all flak had ceased. Two large cones of 4/4s were seen, one East and one West of target, also several burning separately. Bomb load 1 T.I. Green (L/D), 4 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., and 2 X 1000 G.P. (L/D).	144
	LANCASTER 111 ED74	P/O J. F. Thomson, P/O J. G. Prichard, Sgt Wilkin, W. B., Sgt Barnham, J., Sgt Johnson, L. J., Sgt Hamilton, G. P., Sgt Baxter, J. C., Sgt Craighood, J.	Bombing Raid.	2340	0136	Task DOWNED. abandoned owing to rear turret being O/S. 1 X 4000 H.C., 1 X 1000 G.P., 2 X 1000 G.P. / B jettisoned safe. 3 X 1000 G.P. and 5 T.I. Green flares brought back.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED598	P/L B. P. Smith, P/O W. J. Smith, P/O R. E. Goodwin, Sgt Marshall, B., P/O Philips, J. A., Sgt Jones, L. A., P/S Holding, W. L.	Bombing Raid.	2349	0350	Task DOWNED. Target attacked at 0145 hrs from 18000 ft. by aid of T.I. Greens which were in bombight as bombs fell. Own bombs not seen to explode but believed to have fallen in the concentration of T.I. Greens. Considerable fires were seen which were well alight and throwing off large yellow flames. These fires were visible several miles after leaving target. T.I. Yellows were well positioned but not of great use owing to fires burning in target area. One photo attempted. Bomb Load - 1 T.I. Green (L/D), 4 T.I. Green, 4 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 2 X 1000 G.P. (L/D).	APP 151
	LANCASTER 111 ED566	P/L A. S. Cook, P/S Wright, H. J., Sgt Coyle, H. J., Sgt Cartwright, D. L., Sgt Macweeney, G. R. M., Sgt Hargrave, W. C., Sgt Lockley, G. A. J.	Bombing Raid.	2343	0413	Task DOWNED. Target attacked at 0159 hrs from 19000 ft. by T.I. Greens. Own bombs not seen to explode owing to smoke. Considered Green T.I.s already down were undrains as they were on the northern fringe of fires. Fires were seen for an area of approx. 5 miles, and a further 7 miles East incense were seen scattered. No Red T.I.s were seen on run in or out, no 4/4s but some were seen working independently from the West. Very little heavy flak in target area. Aircraft was seen falling in flames at 0156 hrs over target. Bomb load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 W4922	P/S Lay, K. A. W., P/O R. H. Bayliss, Sgt Drake, W. J., Sgt Macoliff, T. E., Sgt Bannan, D. G., Sgt Curtis, J. R., Sgt Forster, H.	Bombing Raid.	2355	0407	Task DOWNED. Target attacked at 0153 hrs from 18000 ft. No T.I.s were visible therefore bombed centre of fires. Bombs not seen to explode owing to smoke. Attack was well concentrated and spread over an area of 5 miles. The whole target was covered by smoke. Yellow T.I.s seen at 0130 hrs, well on track. Very weak heavy flak encountered in target area, and approx. 4 cones of 20 searchlights. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	

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25.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED812	P/O A.E.A. MacEachlan P/O W.A. Kerry Sgt Dalton, A.C. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/O H.H. Garter Sgt Chamberlain, W.E. Sgt Dooat, L.	Bombing Raid	2325	0357	Task DORCHESTER. Target identified by Red & Green T.I.s and attacked at 0140 hrs. Unable to identify the explosion of any bombs. Incendis were seen burning up to 3 miles North of target. Several good fires seen burning, and one very large fire was observed on the south of the target. Yellow T.I.s were seen on the run-in at 0120 hrs and on run-out at 0143 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X 4000 H.C., 1 X 1000 G.P., 5 X 1000 G.P. (1/3) 7 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED858	P/S Hudson, R.J. Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brock, W.L. Sgt Jones, R. Sgt Barlow, A.W. Sgt Richards, K. Sgt Adams, K.C.C.	Bombing Raid	2335	0317	Task DORCHESTER. Target identified by Red T.I.s and attacked at 0133 hrs, from 19500 ft. Bombs were not seen to explode. Red T.I.s were accurate and concentrated and several good fires were seen around the T.I.s. Moderate heavy flak in target area. Little light flak. Aircraft seen come by 4/5 and hit by flak and shot down. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED943	Sgt Overton, L.W. Sgt Clements, D.P. Sgt Aroosh, J.A.H. Sgt Cable, T. Sgt Davies, R.H. Sgt Sunderland, P. Sgt Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid	2352	0310	Task DORCHESTER. Target attacked at 0147 hrs from 18500 ft. by aid of Red T.I.s. Bombs were seen to explode in the proximity of Red T.I.s. On way out our Rear Gunner saw 4/5 Green T.I.s go down on the target and estimated they dropped in the H.E. area. Many good fires were seen and they appeared to be more concentrated in the H.E. area. Moderate amount of heavy flak and very little light in target area and very few 1/5s. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP. 151
	LANCASTER 111 ED659	P/L D.F. Moir P/O H.G. James Sgt Rowley, G.H. Sgt Folland, H.J. Sgt Wedd, R.H. Sgt Haalgrave, H. Sgt MacKinley, W.B.	Bombing Raid	2330	0310	Task DORCHESTER. Target identified by Red & Green T.I.s and attacked at 0131 hrs from 19000 ft. Bombs were not seen to explode, but bombs believed to have fallen in centre of T.I.s which were in sights as bombs were released. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED926	P/O R.G.P. Stewart Sgt Howard, D.A. Sgt Handley, C.H. Sgt Thrington, P. Sgt Barlow, A.T.	Bombing Raid	2357	0355	Task DORCHESTER. Target attacked at 0150 hrs from 18000 ft. by Red T.I.s. Bombs were seen to explode around the T.I.s. Bombs but cannot say they were definitely ours. Many fires were seen well concentrated, and the greatest appeared to be covering the centre H.W. of the target. Yellow T.I.s were first seen at 0143 hrs but they did not appear to burn for more than one or two minutes. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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25.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED822	W/C D.W. Donaldson P/L K.J. Lawson P/S Swinney, C.H. Sgt Lawrence, C.H. P/S Thompson, R.F. P/S Waterhouse, V. P/O D. Mackie	Bombing Raid	2310	0332	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0139 hrs from 16000 ft. Bombs were not seen to explode but believed they fell in middle of three loads of incendiary. Red T.I.s not visible owing to cloud formations, but one load of Green T.I.s seen falling and one load of Green T.I.s seen burning on ground. Slight heavy flak - very active on run-in but died down later. Very few 1/5s over target area but ineffective owing to cloud. DUNDELOFF 0147 hrs, height 16000 ft. aircraft seen in flames and disappeared through cloud. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P.	M5
	LANCASTER 111 ED883	S/L G.P. Grant Sgt Dobson, R.P.A. P/O W. Williams Sgt Selter, V.P. Sgt McCarthy, T.V. Sgt Irwin, A.J. Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid	2323	0314	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0132 hrs from 20000 ft. No Red T.I.s seen owing to cloud, but one Green T.I. was seen to burst on leaving target. Incendis and bombs burning among them. Raid appeared scattered. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED856	P/L A.S. Cook Sgt Coyte, H.J. Sgt Wright, H.J. Sgt Cartwright, D.A. Sgt McGowan, G.B.T. Sgt Marriage, W.C. Sgt Lockley, C.A.J.	Bombing Raid	2328	0345	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0150 hrs from 16000 ft. No T.I.s visible but pattern of incendiary seen through haze. Glow of several good fires seen through the cloud. In the target area some moderate heavy flak was encountered, but very few 1/5s in operation. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP. 152
	LANCASTER 111 ED829	P/O R.P. Smith P/O W.J. Smith P/O R.T. Goodwin Sgt Marshall, R. P/O J.L. Phillips Sgt Jones, L.J. Sgt Forbes, G.C.	Bombing Raid	2356	0344	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0212 hrs from special equipment. Red T.I.s were dropped on run-in where Yellow T.I.s should have gone - followed by a number of incendiary. Then 5/6 miles further N. about three reds went down - followed by more Greens. Bulk of attack fell south of target and was spread over 12 miles. Some incendiary were seen to fall in target area. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X T.I. Yellow, 5 X 500 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P., and 1 X 4000 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED922	P/S Lay, K.L.W. P/O R.H. Bryant Sgt Drake, W.J. Sgt Bateliff, H. Sgt Batten, D.C. Sgt Curtis, W. Sgt Forster, W.	Bombing Raid	2358	0317	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0144 hrs from. Bombight was 4/5 and bombs not seen to explode. Owing to 10/10 cloud nothing was seen on run-in apart from Yellow T.I.s at position "A". Slight glow could be seen through cloud over target and this was observed to be brighter as far as BUNCH 0042. No camera carried. Bomb Load 1 X T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 5 X 1000 G.P. and 1 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 4000 H.C.	

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25.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED842	P/O A.R. A. MacLachlan, P/O W.A. Remy, Sgt Dalton, A.G. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/O H.H. Carter, Sgt Chambers, W.L. Sgt Doherty, L.	Bombing Raid	2331	0356	Task DUNDELOFF. Centre of pattern of Green T.I.s in bomb sight when target was attacked at 0154 hrs from 16500 ft, but bombs were not seen to explode. Three Green T.I.s were down on run-in three to four miles between outside limits and they fell in a line east to west. Raid very scattered and bombs fell over an area of 10 miles. Four mins after leaving target area at 0158 hrs 2 Red T.I.s were seen to fall 1/2 miles apart. No photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X T.I. Yellow, 4 T.I. Green, 5 X 1000 G.P. and 1 X 1000 G.P. 1 X 4000 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 W4950	S/L B.L. Daigles, P/O A.H. Willetts, P/O B.H. Hood, P/O J.G. Rade, Sgt King, E.H. Sgt Rybridge, R.H. Sgt Ledman, L.G. P/S Young, I.W.W.	Bombing Raid	0009	0350	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0150 hrs from 17000 ft. by aid of Green T.I.s which were in bomb sight as bombs were released, but were not seen to explode. Incendiary sticks could be seen through the cloud. No fires of any size seen. Very slight heavy flak, no light flak, and no flak in target area. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED860	P/S Wallace, R.H. Sgt Harvey, T.H. Sgt Moore, W.H. Sgt Jackson, R.J. Sgt Tudin, R.J. P/S Ross, D. Sgt Lister, H.A.	Bombing Raid	2350	0424	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0203 hrs from 18500 ft. by aid of T.I. Green. The centre of T.I. Green was in bomb sight but bombs were not seen to explode. As we ran out of the target area fires were getting a good hold and appeared more concentrated than at first. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C. 3 X 1000 G.P. 1 X 1000 G.P. (L/D) 8 X 500 M.C.	APP 152
	LANCASTER 111 ED863	P/O Busby, D.C.C. P/S Orbell, D.H. P/S Neumann, F. Sgt Lanley, G. Sgt Balaban, R.C. Sgt Murray, G.H. Sgt Kerrigan, A.R.	Bombing Raid	2358	0402	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0206 hrs by Red T.I.s which were in bomb sight as bombs were released. Bombs not seen to burst. Several T.I. Green were dropped around 0200 hrs but impossible to estimate their position. On actual bombing run only one Red T.I. was seen. Bombs fired seen - rather scattered. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 T.I. Yellow, 4 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P., and 1 X 4000 G.P. (L/D).	
	LANCASTER 111 ED858	P/S Balcan, R.J. Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brook, W.J. Sgt Jones, H. Sgt Balfour, A.T. Sgt Richards, K. Sgt Adams, K.C.C.	Bombing Raid	0001	0402	Task DUNDELOFF. Red & Green T.I.s were in bomb sight as bombs were released but they were not seen to explode. Three Green T.I.s were seen in form of a triangle close together. Red T.I.s had burned out when we reached target and first Green seen to fall near Red T.I. position. A/C seen to explode in the air and fall to the ground. No camera carried. Bomb Load as above.	

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25.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED885	P/L H.E. Young, P/O T. Burgess, Sgt Hodges, R.C. Sgt Galton, J.L. Sgt Evans, T.H. Sgt Goodson, J.S. Sgt Bayntun, J.W.	Bombing Raid	2312	0336	Task DUNDELOFF. On bombs, released from 20000 ft. at 0133 hrs, not seen to explode. Just after bombs fell the reflection of flames could be seen through cloud. Moderate amount of light and heavy flak in the target area and a few S/Ls. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 1 X 1000 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P. (L/D), 8 X 500 M.C.	146
	LANCASTER 111 ED919	Sgt Howardine, J.J. Sgt Dallimore, L.W. Sgt Callan, J.P.W. Sgt Robinson, T.H. Sgt Walker, J.A. Sgt Bunkle, R. Sgt Archibald, J.	Bombing Raid	2326	0359	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0152 hrs by the aid of T.I. Green. It is believed that bombs fell in centre of area of T.I. Green, but they were not actually seen to explode. On the first run-in nothing was seen, but as A/C turned away T.I. Green were seen to go down at least 10 miles west of the target, and then incendiary were dropped approx 3 miles east of these T.I. Green. One very large incendiary seen on run out at approx. 2/3 miles N.W. of the target area. T.I. Yellow seen to go down well placed at 0215 hrs. Aircraft seen to explode and burst into flames in the target area at 0418 hrs height 18000 ft. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP 152
	LANCASTER 111 ED926	P/S Ryan, M.J. P/O R.C. Gendle, Sgt Ross, R.D. Sgt Ridge, V.A. P/S Stringer, G.W. Sgt Walker, R. P/S Waters, L.J.	Bombing Raid	2328	0359	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0140 hrs from 17000 ft. by the aid of Red T.I.s. Bombs were not seen to explode but it is believed they fell in the centre of the concentration of incendiary. Bombing very scattered round the T.I. area - to an extent of 10 square miles. Aircraft seen to explode in mid-air at 0134 hrs. ED885 - 8 miles S.W. aircraft seen to burst into flames and crash to ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 W4924	Sgt Sliper, J.L. Sgt Thorn, R.C. Sgt Woolmer, R.J. Sgt Gobb, S. Sgt Coy, S.H. Sgt Johnson, G.C. Sgt Milburn, G.	Bombing Raid	2324	0311	Task DUNDELOFF. No T.I.s seen, therefore bombed at 0133 hrs from 20000 ft. Bombs not seen to explode owing to cloud. On the way out from target at approx. 10/12 miles away incendiary could be seen spread over a wide area. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED999	P/O H.A. Sullivan, P/S Loder, G.H. Sgt Ridge, E.H. Sgt Knox, G.W. P/S Conway, V.J. Sgt Mason, G.R. P/S Hickling, W.L.	Bombing Raid	0004	0406	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0206 hrs from 20000 ft. by aid of Green T.I.s. Bomb sight was U/S and unable to say where bombs dropped. Attack was very scattered and fires did not seem particularly large. None observed within 3 miles East A/C seen falling in flames at 0200 hrs height 20000 ft. ED885 at 0145 hrs from 20000 ft. A/C seen falling in flames on port quarter. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 1 T.I. Yellow, 1 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 4000 G.P. (L/D), 8 X 500 M.C.	5

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15.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED859	P/L D.T. Miller, P/O R.V. Innes, Sgt Bramley, G.W., Sgt Pollard, H.J., Sgt Wadd, R.H., Sgt Haselgrove, H., Sgt MacIntyre, W.B.	Bombing Raid	0011	0409	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0215 hrs from 18000 ft by Red T.I.s. After over-shooting Green T.I.s by 3 seconds bombs were released and 400-lb. bomb was seen to explode. Fires in centre of Green T.I.s covered an area of about 1 mile, the remainder of attack covered an area of 6 miles West to East and 10 miles South East to North West. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X W.L. Yellow, 1 X T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P.s and 1 X 1000 G.P. (1/D).	
	LANCASTER 1 W4943	Sgt Overton, L.W., Sgt Clements, D.P., Sgt Aronson, J.W.H., Sgt Gable, T., Sgt Davies, D.H., Sgt Haselgrove, H., Sgt Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid	0011	0426	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0214 hrs by Green T.I.s. One bombed concentration of 4 T.I.s which were in the centre of an area of T.I. Green. No T.I. Red were visible on run-in. A terrific reddish explosion which lasted for 5 secs. was seen at 0200 hrs at Position "A". No flak or S/Ls encountered in the target area. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 ED840	P/O L.R. Grayson, P/O R.V. Lee, P/O R.L. Bagg, Sgt Lander, L.S., P/O J.W. Crowley, Sgt Scott, A., P/O R.W. Woodcock.	Bombing Raid	2307	0340	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0139 hrs, but bombs not seen to explode as it was impossible to see through cloud. It is estimated that they fell in centre of 2 T.I. Green which we obtained a glimpse of between a break in cloud. No fires seen in target area, but on return journey large plumes were seen as far away as DUNDELOFF. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P. (1/D) 8 X 500 H.C.	APP 152
	LANCASTER 1 W4933	P/S Colclough, P.A., P/O P. Stevens, Sgt Bland, A.A.P., Sgt Galloway, G.H., P/S Robinson, G.R., Sgt Worswick, K., Sgt Oudry, V.H.	Bombing Raid	2319	0334	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0135 hrs from 18000 ft. Green T.I.s seen to burst but were lost in haze just prior to bombing. Over an area of 10 miles incendiaries were seen burning. Some tracer was seen firing at an aircraft which finally fell in flames. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED474	P/O J.P. Thomson, Sgt Wilkin, F.J., Sgt Barrow, J.L., Sgt Laythorne, L.W., Sgt Hamilton, G.P., Sgt Barber, J.O., Sgt Cunningham, J.	Bombing Raid	2342	0353	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0157 hrs from 20000 ft. on cluster of T.I. Green which were seen through small break in cloud. One bomb not seen to explode. Heavy and small amount of heavy flak - incendiaries - in the target area. Aircraft seen to burst in flames and burst to ground over target at 0153 hrs and another at 0154 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X T.I. Yellow, 1 X T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P. and 1 X 1000 G.P. (1/D).	

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25.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED841	P/O J.C. Pritchard, P/O T.D. Parnell, Sgt Campbell, J.L., Sgt Johnson, L.J., P/O G.R. Norton, Sgt Grant, A., Sgt Adams, H.J.	Bombing Raid	0006	0419	Task DUNDELOFF. Target attacked at 0210 hrs from 16000 ft. by Red T.I.s. One bomb was not seen to explode, but it is believed that they fell in centre of T.I. Concentration. At 0211 several T.I. Green were seen dropped in a cluster around the position of the earlier T.I. Red. Many incendiaries were seen over wide area with fires getting a good hold. One 1000 G.P. jettisoned safe at position 5207 H. 0225 H. 0215 hrs in order to gain height. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 4000 G.P. (1/D) 1 X 500 H.C.	147 APP 152
27.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED919	Sgt Howdline, J.J., Sgt Dalrymple, L.W., Sgt Odlum, J.E.W., Sgt Dickson, T.H., Sgt Wallace, J.A., Sgt Buckle, H., Sgt Applefield, J.	Bombing Raid	2259	0339	Task BURN. Good visibility, 1/10 cloud. Target attacked at 0123 hrs from 19000 ft. Release point flares, red with green stars, and one white were seen. Through break in clouds H.I.s and incendiaries were seen falling short on what was presumed to be A/P in relation to false position. Six or seven fires seen, one very large, and one large fire H.I. of the target appeared to be an oil fire. Intense heavy flak in target area, no light flak, and one cone of S/Ls seen through break in clouds, ineffective. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P., 6 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED885	P/L R.E. Young, P/O T. Burgess, Sgt Hodges, E.G., Sgt Dalton, J.K., Sgt Evans, T.H., Sgt Goodman, J.A., Sgt Daynton, J.W.	Bombing Raid	2255	0336	Task BURN. Target attacked at 0122 hrs from 20000 ft. by preliminary warning flares and release point flares. Raid appeared very successful and well concentrated in the main with a small proportion falling short. Many good fires were observed. Windscreen was broken by heavy flak at 0122 hrs. Slight light and moderate heavy flak was experienced over target area, and very few S/Ls. A/C seen to fall and break in pieces over target at 0120. GRABBER at 0149 hrs. A/C seen to hit ground and burst into flames. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP 153
	LANCASTER 1 W4922	P/S Ryan, E.J., P/O R.G. Smith, Sgt Rose, K.D., Sgt Hodges, W.A., P/S Stinger, C.W., P/L Hinkley, W.L., P/O Waters, L.J.	Bombing Raid	2303	0334	Task BURN. Target attacked at 0118 hrs from 17000 ft. by release point flares. Markers were very accurate and sustained and the raid appeared successful. One very large fire was observed through a gap in the clouds. Heavy intense flak predicted and accurate over target area, and very little light flak. H/S inner propeller was clipped by heavy flak over target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 1 W4924	Sgt Sloper, J.L., Sgt Thorn, H.O., Sgt Woodcock, R.J., Sgt Gibb, S., Sgt Coy, J.I., Sgt Johnson, G.C., Sgt Millburn, G.	Bombing Raid	0302	0346	Task BURN. Target attacked at 0121 hrs from 17000 ft. by preliminary warning flares and release point flares. One bomb not seen to explode. They markers were seen to go down at regular intervals, well concentrated. A very large explosion was seen. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above. Many good fires were seen with one extra large one to the N.E. of concentration. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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27.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED585	P/O Wallace, D.L. Sgt Harvey, T.H. Sgt Moore, W.H. Sgt Jackson, R.J. Sgt Trimm, R.J. Sgt Ross, D. Sgt Lister, H.A.	Bombing Raid.	2311		Task BANG. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb Load:- 1 X 4000 H.C. 5 X 1000 G.P. 6 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 1 WA933	P/O J.C. Prichard. P/O T.H. Ferris. Sgt Campbell, E.L. Sgt Johnson, L.J. P/O G.H. Norton. Sgt Groat, A. Sgt Simpson, H.J.	Bombing Raid.	2250	0406	Task BANG. Target attacked at 0124 hrs from 18800 ft. by release point flares. On the way in whilst over the BRECH CREST a large orange explosion was seen over target 0043 hrs. Attack was mainly well concentrated and the glow of fires could be seen below the clouds. A/C was hit by heavy flak over target in S/W wing another Lancaster hit S/W wing tip and aerials taken away. Intense heavy flak in barrage - no light flak. One photo attempted, Bomb Load as above.	A.P.P. 153
29.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED579	P/O H.A. Sullivan. P/O Loder, G.B. P/O Ritchie, E.W. Sgt Knox, C.W. P/O Givney, V.J. Sgt Mason, G.V. P/O Hickling, W.L.	Bombing Raid.	2244	0344	Task WUPPERAL. Small amount of cloud with some ground haze. Target attacked at 0053.6 hrs from 15000 ft. on Red & Green T.I.s - bombs not seen to explode. Buildings seem to be lit up by very large fires around the concentration of T.I.s. Very little heavy flak was encountered over target; no S/Ls. One T/R B/A was sighted at 57000 ft. evasive action was taken. Raid considered most effective. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 4 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C. 5 X 1000 G.P. 1 X 1000 G.P. (1/d) 2 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED860	Sgt Overton, L.W. Sgt Glasson, R.P. Sgt Aronow, J.A.M. Sgt Cable, T. Sgt Davies, D.L. Sgt Sunderland, P. Sgt Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid.	2243	0340	Task WUPPERAL. Target attacked at 0051.6 hrs from 20000 ft. on Red T.I.s. Own bombs and T.I.s were seen to explode in the centre of T.I. Beds by the B/A. Incendiary were seen burning around the T.I.s some spreading approx. 2 miles to the South. T/R B/A was seen at 6045 hrs 19000 ft. dead stream at the same height with a red light in nose. Evasive action was taken and B/A was lost to sight. At ROSEBACH on the run-out at 20000 ft. at 0112 hrs A/C was seen to fall in flames and hit the deck. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	A.P.P. 154
	LANCASTER 111 ED969	S/L J.H. White. P/O R. Roberts. P/O McGee. Sgt Widdowson, W. Sgt Otter, J.C. P/O R.M. Thompson. Sgt Silvester, D.M.C.	Bombing Raid.	2246	0409	Task WUPPERAL. Target attacked at 0058.9 hrs from 19000 ft. by aid of Red T.I.s in bombight but own bombs not seen to explode. On the run-in 0049 hrs Yellow T.I.s were seen placed accurately. Over target Green T.I.s were well concentrated around Red T.I.s. Large explosion seen in target area at 0115 hrs. A/C seen falling in flames over GLOCHER and another one over GLOCHER at 0149 hrs. height 29000 ft. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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29.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED598	P/O R.V. and the P/O W.J. Smith. P/O R.E. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, E. P/O J.A. Philps. Sgt Jones, L.J. Sgt Durbin, J.R.	Bombing Raid.	2302	0347	Task WUPPERAL. Target attacked at 0119 hrs from 18000 ft. by aid of Green T.I.s. We bombed centre of T.I. Greens and bombs were seen to explode. On run-in about 6 T.I. Beds were seen to go down followed by T.I. Greens which were hanging on top of the beds. One huge fire was seen just slightly North of T.I. Greens. No photo taken. Bomb Load:- 2 T.I. Yellow, 4 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C. & X 4000 G.P. 4 X 1000 G.P. (1/d).	148
	LANCASTER 1 WA922	P/O Ryan, M.J. P/O R.G. Gorbie. Sgt Rose, K.D. Sgt Redden, T.A. P/O Stringer, C.W. Sgt Forster, W. P/O Watson, L.J.	Bombing Raid.	2230	0335	Task WUPPERAL. Target attacked at 0047 hrs from 18000 ft. by aid of Red T.I.s. Bombs seen to explode in centre of concentration. Many good fires were observed getting a good hold. About 5 S/Ls seen on eastern edge of target and little flak in barrage from at about 16000 ft. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 4 X 4000 H.C. 1000 X 4lb. (1.B.) 72 X 4lb. (1.B.L.).	
	LANCASTER 111 ED949	Sgt Newberry, J.J. Sgt Dallimore, L.W. Sgt Collins, J.F.W. Sgt Nichols, T.B. Sgt Walker, J.A. Sgt Buckle, R. Sgt Archibald, J.	Bombing Raid.	2239	0343	Task WUPPERAL. Red T.I.s were in sight as target was attacked at 0050 hrs from 18300 ft. and bombs were seen to explode in centre of concentration. FIVE 4000 H.C. BOMBS were seen to burst just before we bombed and these scattered T.I. Beds. Green T.I.s were down as we turned away and concentration was good and accurate. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	A.P.P. 154
	LANCASTER 1 WA924	Sgt Slater, J.L. Sgt Thom, H.C. Sgt Woolson, R.J. Sgt Gibb, B. Sgt Coy, S.L. Sgt Johnson, C.C. Sgt Milburn, G.	Bombing Raid.	2233	0355	Task WUPPERAL. Target was attacked at 0049 hrs from 19000 ft. and it is estimated that bombs fell on concentration of Red T.I.s but they were not actually seen to explode. We were first aircraft on target and 2 T.I.s were seen down very close together. Some very good fires were starting and one large explosion was observed at 0118 hrs. Bombs engine A/C with one engine on fire seen to jettison his bombload over target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED935	P/O J.C. Prichard. P/O T.H. Ferris. Sgt Campbell, E.L. Sgt Johnson, L.J. P/O G.H. Norton. Sgt Groat, A. Sgt Simpson, H.J.	Bombing Raid.	2241	0330	Task WUPPERAL. Target attacked at 0102 hrs from 17000 ft. but bombs not seen to explode. Red T.I.s were just going off and it is believed that our bombs fell in centre of Green T.I.s. Green markers were right on top of Beds and raid was well concentrated. No photo taken. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C. 3 X 1000 G.P. 1 X 1000 G.P. (1/d), 8 X 500 H.C.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED842	P/O A.P. MacLachlan, P/O W.A. KERRY, Sgt Dalton, L.C., Sgt Evans, H.H., P/O N.H. Carter, Sgt Chambers, W.E., Sgt Dunat, L.	Bombing Raid.	2247	0412	Task WUPPERTAL. Green T.I.s were in bombsight when target was attacked at 0059 hrs from 16900 ft. Only one green was actually seen burning as we bombed and bombs were not seen to explode. T.I.s were all very well concentrated and masses of fires and smoke covered the target. Raid appeared very successful. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 4 T.I. Green 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P. (L/D) 2 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED856	P/L A.S. Cooke, W/O T.S. Davies, P/S Wright, H.J., Sgt Oggle, H.J., Sgt Cartwright, D.A., P/O G.B. T. McWhorter, Sgt Marriago, W.C., Sgt Lockley, C.A.J.	Bombing Raid.	2249	0412	Task WUPPERTAL. Red T.I.s were in sights and actually seen to explode at 0106 hrs. Target was attacked at 0100 hrs from 18700 ft. but bombs were not seen to explode. Good fires were well concentrated round the T.I.s with smoke the largest area to the South. Flak and 4/8 mil. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED859	P/L D.T. Moir, P/O P.R. Vincents, P/O H.G. James, Sgt Bradley, G.W., Sgt Pollard, H.J., Sgt Wedd, R.H., Sgt Haslegrave, M., Sgt Macintyre, W.B.	Bombing Raid.	2254	0401	Task WUPPERTAL. Target attacked at 0115 hrs from 17000 ft. by aid of T.I. Greens. These were in bombsight as bombs were released and bombs were seen to explode. Whole of target area was covered in black smoke reaching to 5000 ft. Near Gunner saw a large explosion on run-out which appeared like a mushroom of flame and died out quickly. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	APP 154
	LANCASTER 1 ED850	W/O B.I. Daigan, P/O H.H. Hood, P/O J.G. Rada, Sgt King, P.H., Sgt Rusbridge, R.H., P/O D.J. Drake, P/S Young, L.P.W.	Bombing Raid.	2256	0352	Task WUPPERTAL. Red T.I.s were going out when we arrived therefore we bombed on Green T.I.s which were seen to explode. Bombs believed to have fallen slightly short of burning area. Many large fires were seen, and on the run-in a very large explosion was seen coming from this area of flares, time 0117 hours. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED474	P/O J.F. Thomson, Sgt Wilkin, P.J., Sgt Burnham, J.L., Sgt Lathams, L.W., Sgt Hasilton, G.P., Sgt Barber, J.C., Sgt Craighead, J.	Bombing Raid.	2306	0404	Task WUPPERTAL. Green T.I.s were in sights and seen to explode 30 seconds before we bombed which was at 0124 hrs from 20500 ft. Red & Green T.I.s were well concentrated and many fires were burning giving off large columns of smoke which covered the whole target. The attack appeared good and well concentrated. One photo attempted. Bomb Load as above.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29.5.43	LANCASTER 111 ED829	P/L G.L. Mordant, P/S Atkin, R.J., P/S Pugh, R.F., Sgt Chapman, J.C., P/O F.C.A. Saunders, Sgt Forbes, G.G., P/S Knight, T.H.	Bombing Raid.	2309	0415	Task WUPPERTAL. T.I. Greens were in bombsight as target was attacked at 0126 hrs from 18900 ft. but it is believed that bombs fell in centre of T.I.s but they were not seen to explode. Some T.I.s Red seen to go down some distance before reaching target area. Many fires seen burning through the smoke and as we left the target one huge explosion was seen just on edge of T.I.s Green. No photo taken. Bomb Load 4 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 5 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P. (L/D) 2 X 500 H.C.	149
	LANCASTER 111 ED863	W/O Brown, L.P., Sgt Mearns, A.V., Sgt Malpas, J., Sgt Bradley, L.H., Sgt Worthington, R.F., Sgt Easton, G., Sgt Gilbert, R.	Bombing Raid.	2229	0325	Task WUPPERTAL. Red T.I.s were in sights as target was attacked at 0053 hrs from 18900 ft. Bombs not seen to explode. Two lots of T.I.s Red were seen to go down while we were circling for attack to open. These were followed by more T.I.s Red than incense, all of which appeared well concentrated. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak, light flak and 4/8 mil. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 1000 X Alb (L.B.), 72 X Alb (L.B.),	
	LANCASTER 111 ED840	P/O L.R. Crumpton, P/O E.W. Lee, P/O W.L. Bagg, Sgt Leachery, L.H., P/O J.H. Crowley, Sgt Scott, R.H., P/O H.W. Woodland.	Bombing Raid.	2251	00:5	Task WUPPERTAL. Task abandoned owing to leak on regulating unit of oxygen. Turning point 51,53 N. 02,48 W. 2354 hrs height 10100 ft. 1 X 4000 H.C., fused and jettisoned at same position. 1000 X Alb incense brought back. Bomb Load as above.	APP 154
	LANCASTER 111 ED926	P/S Goldring, P.A., P/O P. Stevens, Sgt Bligh, A.A.P., Sgt Coles, G.H., P/O Robinson, G.R., Sgt Wazick, H., P/S Pascoe, G.H.	Bombing Raid.	2236	0317	Task WUPPERTAL. Red T.I.s were in sights as target was attacked at 0049 hrs from 18900 ft. and bombs were seen to explode amongst them. Three Red T.I.s were down on the runway not more than 100 yds apart and in form of a triangle. These were followed by two Green T.I.s which fell on top of Red. A 4000lb. bomb fell on top of first Red T.I.s and our bombs then fell in concentration. No photo taken. Bomb Load as above.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED885	P/L R.H. Young, P/O T. Burgess, Sgt Hodges, R.G., Sgt Calton, J.K., Sgt Evans, T.H., Sgt Gordon, J.H., Sgt Boynton, J.W.	Bombing Raid.	2234	0355	Task WUPPERTAL. Target attacked at 0048 hrs from 19000 ft. Red T.I.s were in sights and bombs were seen to explode approx 400 yds overshoot of T.I. Red. Only 2 T.I. Red were down on target on bombing run and these were approx 50 yds apart. On leaving target incense, were seen burning from the Red T.I.s but others were seen to spread back from there up to 2 1/2 miles. No flak or 4/8 mil experienced when we were over target. We had complete failure of D.R. compass before reaching target at 0059 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X 4000 H.C., 3 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 1000 G.P. (L/D), 2 X 500 H.C.	

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