

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

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FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
4/5th	LANCASTER ED.718.	W/C. W.M. PENMAN. SGT. C.F.H. SMITH. F/L. E.W. MITCHELL. SGT. R.H. LUCAS. SGT. V.J. CHORLEY. SGT. S.R. HUGHES. SGT. L. HEALEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.59	02.41	<u>ATTACK ON DORTMUND. MET: Clear.</u> W/C PENMAN had an excellent trip and reported much searchlight activity. He attacked the target by the green T.I. markers from 22,000 ft. and obtained a photo. of marshalling yards two miles W.N.W. of aiming points A & B.	A. 1274
	LANCASTER R.5618.	P/O. E.A. FROST. SGT. T.A. HARRIS. P/O. B. LAING. F/O. R.H. WILLIAMS. SGT. F.S. HULLAND. F/S. H. FARMER. F/S. J. GRAHAM. SGT. G.J. BATE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. 2ND PILOT. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.02	02.51	P/O. FROST reported heavy predicted flak, attacked green and red markers from 29,000 ft. and obtained a photograph of the Northern edge of DORTMUND, three miles N.W. of aiming point "A".	
	LANCASTER W.4236	SGT. H.R. MADGETT. SGT. H. ROBINSON. SGT. S.G. PALK. SGT. K.S. BARKER. SGT. R. BRADLEY. SGT. J.J. WAKEFIELD. SGT. A.W. SOUTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.09	03.24	SGT. MADGETT reported big explosions and scattered fires in the target area, attacked green markers from 19,000 ft. and obtained a photograph of fires and smoke.	
	LANCASTER W.4269.	SGT. P.H. ALDERTON. SGT. S. LUPTON. SGT. T.E. SLOAN. P/O. J.V.O. WOOD. SGT. W. REID. SGT. G.D. WHITEHALL. SGT. SGT. J. THOMAS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.08	03.41	SGT. ALDERTON was coned while attacking short of red markers from 20,000 ft. and had to take violent evasive action. Photograph. Fires, searchlights and ground detail unplotted.	
	LANCASTER W.4357.	SGT. M.C. LOWE. SGT. G.E. MOFFITT. F/O. R.J. CLARK. SGT. M.W. MCPHAIL. SGT. B.A. TURNER. SGT. F.G. DOW. SGT. A.W. DEARDEN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.14	03.20	SGT. LOWE reported good concentration and attacked red marker from 21,000 ft. Photograph:- Fires and smoke.	
	LANCASTER W.4830	F/S. G.H. LANCASTER Sgt. F. Jackson. F/O. C.H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J.C. CLIFFORD. SGT. H.S. WHITE. SGT. J. MCCREDIE. SGT. F.S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.15	00.57	F/S. LANCASTER after jettisoning 1 x 4000 lb. H.C. in position 5400N 0145E, returned early with the remaining bomb load because of inability to maintain height and speed	

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4/5th	LANCASTER ED. 314.	P/O. F.G. DUNDAS. SGT. A. JONES. SGT. A.G. LESLIE. F/O. F. CRAVEN. SGT. H.B. WILLIAMSON. SGT. B.V. FROST. SGT. G.W. CULHAM. SGT. H. COLE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. 2ND. PILOT. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.10	04.10	P/O. DUNDAS encountered a chapter of ill luck. With the Port Inner engine U/S because of an oil leak, he found the bomb release mechanism faulty, but managed to get rid of his load from 18,000 ft. over the target area and obtained a photograph plotted eight miles NORTH of the Aiming Point.	A. 1274
	LANCASTER W. 4798.	SGT. A.W. PULLAN. SGT. B. BRIDGE. SGT. G.T. DUDLEY. P/O. J.R. BELL. SGT. J. NUTFALL. SG. P.F. COTTLE. SGT. R.S. MORLEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.16	03.59	SGT. PULLAN reported plentiful night fighter activity and, obtaining GEE fixes over the target, attacked red markers from 20,000 ft. Photograph:- Fires and Smoke.	
	LANCASTER ED. 782.	SGT. F.G. ALLCROFT. SGT. H. COLES. SGT. H. READMAN. SGT. G.S. PEMBERTON. SGT. R.H.G. REYNOLDS. SGT. A. MC DONALD. SGT. S. HARGREAVES. P/O. MORTON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. NAV.	22.00	03.33	SGT. ALLCROFT after an attacking enemy aircraft had been evaded off the enemy coast, had trouble with the Port Inner engine, bombed a green marker from 18,000 ft. The Port Outer engine then developed trouble so the aircraft was brought back on the two Starboard engines. A photograph obtained was plotted 6,000 yards NORTH of the aiming point.	
	LANCASTER W. 4934.	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS. SGT. B. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A.E. WHITE. SGT. C.D. BROWN. SGT. R. FOSTER. SGT. R.A. HUNTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.18	04.50	SGT. PHILLIPS returned early from position 5312N 0332E after the Port Outer engine had caught fire. 1 x 4000 H.C. and 1080 x 4 incendiaries were jettisoned in position 5255N 0320E.	
	LANCASTER W. 4279.	SGT. H.M. ELLIS. SGT. D. HILLYER. SGT. G.G. BEALE. SGT. J. MANN. SGT. J. HODGSON. SGT. G. BOSWELL. SGT. D.G. PARKER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.17	04.12	SGT. ELLIS, after obtaining a GEE fix short of the target attacked green markers from 20,000 ft. and observed a large explosion in the target area. Photo. Fires and slight ground detail.	
	LANCASTER	F/O. M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. V.A. VALE. F/L. E. TAYLOR. SGT. M. JAMES. SGT. D.G. SHRA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SGT. E.G. SMITH. P/O. HODGKINSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. NAV.	22.20	03.37	F/O. CHIVERS had an uneventful trip and attacked green markers from 19,500 ft. Photo:- Fires.	

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4/5th	LANCASTER W.4900.	SGT. W.C. PARSONS. SGT. A.G. MULLINS. SGTL R.S. DYSON. SGT. F.J. POOLE. SGT. A. CLARK. SGT. C.D. TOWSE. SGT. G.A. ISAACS. SGT. HETTINGWAY.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. A.B.	22101	03.00	SGT. PARSONS attacked green markers from 18,000 ft. and observed 3 explosions in the target area.	A.1274.
	LANCASTER ED.613.	S/L. G. HALL. SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE. W/O. F. BARKER. SGT. D.L. THOMSON. F/O. R.E. HOLGATE. F/O. K.G. KENWARD. SGT. E.G. HAWKINS.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.06	02.58	S/L. HALL after a timed run from yellow markers which coincided with the green markers perfectly, attacked the latter from 22,000 ft. A large explosion in the target area was observed, producing flames to 1500 ft.	
12/13th	LANCASTER ED.613.	S/L. G. HALL. SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE. W/O. F. BARKER. SGT. D.L. THOMSON. F/O. R.E. HOLGATE. F/O. K.G. KENWARD. SGT. E.G. HAWKINS.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.48	03.45	<u>AIRPACK ON DUISBURG.</u> MET: Clear, slight ground haze. S/L. HALL ran in over the target behind a Mesquite to bomb the first red marker from 20,000 ft. In the light of the photo-flash, a built up area and docks, revealed in his photo. of aiming point "D", was clearly visible and big explosions in the target area were observed.	A.1275.
	LANCASTER ED.636.	F/L. E.G. BENJAMIN. SGT. K.J. STEPHENSON. F/O. H.L. HEWITT. SGT. W. STEED. SGT. R.D. DINSDALE. SGT. J. FRAWLEY. SGT. S.R. MATTICK.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.19	05.06	F/L. BENJAMIN, found GEE coverage throughout the sortie and attacked a red marker from 21,000 ft. Photo: - Fires.	
LANCASTER W.4236.	P/O. D.S. OLDHAM. SGT. D.E. ATTWOOD. SGT. D.T.N. SMITH. SGT. E.G. SAMPSON. SGT. J.H. LEES. SGT. E.F. EMERSON. SGT. M. ROOT-REED.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.17	04.22	P/O. OLDHAM arriving over the target 15 minutes early attacked a concentration of green and red markers from 18,000 ft. Photo: - Fires.		
LANCASTER W.4763.	F/S. G.H. LANCASTER. SGT. F. JACKSON. F/O. C.H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J.G. CLEFORD. SGT. H.S. WHITE. SGT. J. MCCREDIE. SGT. P.S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.55	04.49	F/S. LANCASTER attacked a red marker from 19,000 ft. Photo: - Fires and Smoke.		

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	LANCASTER ED.722.	SGT. H.R. MADGETT. SGT. H. ROBINSON. SGT. S.G. PALK. SGT. K.S. BARKER. SGT. R. BRADLEY. SGT. J.J. WAKEFIELD. SGT. A.W. SOUTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.10	04.42	SGT. MADGETT labouring under a timing misapprehension arrived early over the target and bombed a cluster of green markers from 20,000 ft. Photo:- Fires and Green flashes.	
	LANCASTER W.4357.	SGT. M.C. LOWE. SGT. G.E. McFFETT. F/O. R.J. CLARK. SGT. M.W. MCPHAIL. SGT. B.A. TURNER. SGT. F.G. DOW. SGT. A.W. DEARDEN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.16	04.45	SGT. LOWE reported a good concentration and observed two explosions before attacking a red marker from 21,000 ft. Photo:- Fires and smoke.	
	LANCASTER ED.718.	S/L. R.A.V. G-CECIL. SGT. H. LAWRENCE. F/L. E. MITCHELL. F/O. L.G. DAVIS. F/L. W.C. NEATH. SGT. G.W. CULHAM. F/S. L. SAY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.49	04.12	S/L. GASCOYNE-CECIL reported a successful sortie and rather spasmodic defences and bombed a red marker from 16,500 ft after a timed run from position "X" Photo:- Flash and slight detail of built up area.	
	LANCASTER W.4766.	F/O. M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. V.A. VALE. F/O. J. HODGKINSON. SGT. M. JAMES. SGT. D.C. SHEA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SGT. E.G. SMITH.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.08	05.05	F/O. CHIVERS attacked a red marker from 20,000 ft. Photo:- Fires.	
	LANCASTER ED.314.	P/O. F.G. DUNDAS. SGT. A. JONES. F/O. F. CRAVEN. SGT. H.B. WILLIAMSON. SGT. B.V. FROST. SGT. D. CRAGGS. SGT. H.H. COLES.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.53	04.17	P/O. DUNDAS attacked a red marker from 19,000 ft. Photo:- Fires and Flash.	

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	LANCASTER W.4798	SGT. H.M. ELLIS. SGT. D. HILLYER. SGT. G.G. KEALE. SGT. J. MANN. SGT. J. HODGSON. SGT. D.G. PARKER. SGT. G. BOSWELL.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.21	05.11	SGT. ELLIS reported large cones of searchlights and attacked a red marker from 20,000 ft. Photo:- Fires & Smoke also River Rhine.	
	LANCASTER. W.4934.	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS. SGT. E. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A.E. WHITE. SGT. C.D. BROWN. SGT. R.A. HUNTER. SGT. R. FOSTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.07	04.39	SGT. PHILLIPS attacked a red marker from 19,000 ft after observing a large explosion. Photo:- Fires and Built up area and the River Rhine.	
	LANCASTER W.4279.	SGT. F.G. ALLCROFT. SGT. H. COLES. SGT. H. READMAN. SGT. G.S. PEMBERTON. SGT. R.H.G. REYNOLDS. SGT. A. McDONALD. SGT. S. HARGREAVES.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	00.09	05.24	SGT. ALLCROFT attacked a red marker from 20,000 ft.	
13/14th	LANCASTER ED. 718.	W/C. W.M. PENMAN. SGT. H. LAWRENCE. F/L. E.W. MITCHELL. F/O. L.G. DAVIS. F/L. W.C. NEATH. F/L. C.W. INGHAM. F/S. I. SAY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.28	04.37	ATTACK ON PILSEN - SKODA WORKS. MET. Clear. Slight Ground Haze. W/C. PENMAN despite an U/S rear turret from the outset had a successful trip and attacked a red marker from 10,000 ft in a built up area. Photo:- Plotted 2 miles N.W. of the target.	A.1276.
	LANCASTER ED. 613.	S/L. G. HALL. SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE. W/O. F. BARKER. SGT. D.L. THOMSON. F/O. R.E. HOLGATE. F/O. K.G. KENWARD. SGT. E.G. HAWKINS. Sgt. GRAHAM.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. PILOT.	21.49	05.01	S/L. HALL, revised his flight plan except for re-routing because of a leak in the oxygen system. He encountered moderate flak and searchlights and attacked a red marker from 10,000 ft. Photo:- Plotted 2 miles N.W. of the target.	

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13/14th	LANCASTER ED. 636.	F/L. E.G. BENJAMIN. SGT. K.J. STEPHENSON. F/O. H.L. HEWITT. SGT. F.W. STEED. SGT. R.D. DUNSDALE. SGT. J. FRAWLEY. SGT. S.R. MATTICK.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.45½	05.26	F/L. BENJAMIN also obtained a photograph plotted 2 miles N.W. of the target after attacking a concentration of red markers from 10,000 ft.	A.1276.
	LANCASTER W.4736.	F/S. G.H. LANCASTER. SGT. F. JACKSON. F/O. C.H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J.C. CLIFFORD. SGT. H.S. WHITE. SGT. J. MCCREDIE. SGT. F.S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.46	05.23	F/S. LANCASTER attacked red markers from 10,500 ft. and obtained a photo. of the SKODA WORKS and the centre of PILSEN.	
	LANCASTER ED. 722.	SGT. H.R. MADGETT SGT. H. ROBINSON. SGT. S.G. PALK. SGT. K.S. BARKER. SGT. R. BRADLEY SGT. J.J. WAKEFIELD. SGT. A.W. SOUTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.38	04.59	SGT. MADGETT's photo. was plotted 2 miles N.W. of the target after he had attacked red markers from 10,000 ft. A large explosion was observed after bombing.	
	LANCASTER W.4357.	SGT. M.C. LOWE. SGT. G.E. MORITT. F/O. R.J. CLARK. SGT. M.W. MCPHAIL. SGT. B.A. TURNER. SGT. F.G. DOW. SGT. A.W. DEARDEN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.45	05.38	SGT. LOWE obtained a photo. 1½ miles W. of the aiming point and while attacking a concentration of red markers from 10,000 ft. observed a Lancaster coned over the target with navigation lights on and smoke pouring from the Port outer engine.	
	LANCASTER W.4236.	F/O. D.S. OLDFHAM. SGT. D.E. ATTWOOD. SGT. D.T.N. SMITH. SGT. E.G. SAMPSON. SGT. J.H. LEES. SGT. E.F. EMERSON. SGT. M. ROOT-REED. F/O. LAING.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. LT/PILOT.	21.47	05.32	F/O. OLDFHAM obtained a photo. of the SKODA WORKS after attacking a red marker to Port of the main concentration from 9,000 ft. Chimneys were seen at the time.	
	LANCASTER W.4279.	F/L. G.R. COOPER. SGT. C. HAMILTON. F/O. E.W. LE SIEUR. F/O. A.W. MILES. SGT. A.A. NICHOLS. SGT. J.G. HODCKINS. SGT. F.G. HOMEWOOD.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.34	04.46	F/L. COOPER's photo. was plotted 3 miles N. of the target. He reported a smoke screen over the target and attacked red markers from 10,000 ft.	

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	LANCASTER W.4766	F/O. M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. V.A. VALE. F/O. J. HODGKINSON. SGT. M. JAMES. SGT. D.C. SHEA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SGT. B.G. SMITH.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.30	05.31	F/O. CHIVERS attacked a red marker from 10,000 ft. Photo. Fields, Fires and smoke.	
	LANCASTER ED.314.	F/O. F.G. DUNDAS. SGT. A. JONES. F/O. F. CRAVEN. SGT. H.B. WILLIAMSON. SGT. B.V. FROST. SGT. D. CRAIGS. SGT. H.H. COLES. F/O. TAYLOR.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. NAV.	21.32	05.13	F/O. DUNDAS attacked red markers from 9,500 ft. and observed a large explosion later. Photo. 1 1/2 miles N.W. of the target.	
	LANCASTER W.4900.	SGT. W.C. PARSONS. SGT. A.G. MULLEN. SGT. R.C. DYSON. SGT. A.G. LESLIE. SGT. A. CLARKE. SGT. G.A. ISAACS. SGT. C.D. TOWSE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.36	05.03	SGT. PARSONS also obtained a photo. 1 1/2 miles N.W. of the target after attacking a red marker from 8,800 ft.	
	LANCASTER W.4934.	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS. SGT. E. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A.E. WHITE. SGT. C.D. BROWN. SGT. R.A. HUNTER. SGT. K. FOSTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.50	05.41	SGT. PHILLIPS's photo. was plotted 2 miles N.W. of the target after attacking a red marker from 10,000 ft. A large explosion was observed in the target area.	
	LANCASTER R.5609.	SGT. F.G. ALLCROFT. SGT. H. COLES. SGT. E. REAMEN. SGT. G.S. PEMBERTON. SGT. R.H.G. REYNOLDS. SGT. A. McDONALD. SGT. S. HARGREAVES.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.51	00.45	SGT. ALLCROFT returned from position 5314N 0252E because of engine trouble. 1x 8,900lb was jettisoned in position 5335N 0344E. (Sortie not completed)	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
23/24th	LANCASTER ED. 718.	W/C. W.M. PENNAN. SGT. C.F. SMITH. F/O. W.H. MCDOWELL. SGT. R.H. LUCAS. SGT. V.J. CHORLEY. SGT. S.R. HUGHES. SGT. E. HEALEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.58	03.17	ATTACK ON DORTMUND. MET: No cloud, Hazy.  W/C. PENNAN despite his inability to gain height because of a U/S Port Outer engine throttled back East of the ZUIDER ZEE and feathered for the return journey. Attacked a red marker from 15,000 ft. Photo. was plotted 2,000 yards N.N.W. of the target aiming point.	A. 1277
	LANCASTER ED. 613.	S/L. G. HALL. SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE. F/O. F. BARKER. F/O. D.L. THOMSON. F/O. R.E. HOLGATE. SGT. E.D. HAWKINS. SGT. E.G. ATKINS. SGT. GRAHAM.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. 2ND PILOT.	22.01	03.14	S/L. HALL reported excellent concentration, many searchlights but flak light in density. He attacked red marker from 22,000 ft. 2 seconds after T.T.A. in a timed run from the yellow markers and obtained a photo. of Fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 4279.	G.R. COOPER. F/O. SGT. G. HAMILTON. F/O. B.W. LE SIEUR. F/O. A.W. MILES. SGT. CLARKE. 144. SGT. J.C. HODGKINS. SGT. F.G. HOMEWOOD.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.00	03.25	F/O. COOPER observed two large explosions, and two smoke columns to 5,000 ft. before bombing. He attacked the starboard of a red marker from 20,000 ft. and obtained a photo. of fires. He reported that the concentration of incendiaries appeared to be N.E. of T.I. markers.	
	LANCASTER. W. 5002.	F/O. E.A. FROST. SGT. T.A. HARRIS. F/O. R.H. WILLIAMS. SGT. F.S. HULLAND. F/SGT. H.S. FARMER. F/S. J. GRAHAM. SGT. G.J. BATE. F/O. NORTON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. UT. NAV.	22.01 1/2	03.05	F/O. FROST had a quiet trip and attacked a red marker from 22,000 ft. observing several bursts around the T.I. marker. Photo: - Roads and canals and searchlights was plotted 4,000 yards N.W. of the aiming point.	
	LANCASTER W. 4236	F/O. D.G. OLDFAM. SGT. D.E. ATWOOD. SGT. D.T.N. SMITH. SGT. E.G. SAMPSON. SGT. J.H. LEES. SGT. E.F. EMERSON. SGT. M. ROOT-REED. F/S. WILSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. 2ND PILOT.	22.03	02.59	F/O. OLDFAM's photo. of Fires and Marshalling yards - observed at the time, was plotted 3,000 yards N.W. of the aiming point, after a timed run from the Yellow markers. he attacked a red marker from 20,000 ft. and later observed two large explosions.	
	LANCASTER W. 4900	F/O. W.C. PARSONS. SGT. A.G. MULLINS. SGT. R.S. DYSON. SGT. F.G. POOLE. SGT. A. CLARKE. SGT. G.A. ISAACS. SGT. G.D. TOWSE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	24.59	03.02	F/O. PARSONS attacked a red marker from 48,800 ft. Photo. Bomb flash.	



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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
23/24th	LANCASTER E.D. 630	F/L E.G. BENJAMIN SGT J.K. STEPHENSON F/O H.L. HEWITT SGT F.W. STEED SGT R.D. DENADALE SGT J. FRAWLEY SGT S.R. MATTICE	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2230	0334	F/L BENJAMIN observed a large explosion and with a U/S A.S.I. and altimeter, attacked the proximate position of a red marker from 22,500 feet. photo fires.	A.1277
	LANCASTER W.4830	F/L D.C. THOMAS SGT G. BURRELL SGT R.F. LEWIS SGT R.N. WATFORD SGT J.C. POLLITT SGT L.G. DAVIS SGT J. LITTLE	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2216	0411	F/L THOMAS reported a good concentration and attacked a cluster of green markers from 20,000 feet. Photo - fires and gun flashes.	
	LANCASTER E.D. 664	F/O LAING, B.F. SGT HOLMAN, T.A. F/O FOX, R.H. SGT BURN, R.H. SGT ARDROON, W.E. SGT MORTIMER, S.H. SGT CRATT, W.A.	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2230	0347	F/O LAING attacked a red marker from 21,000 feet. Photo - fires.	
	LANCASTER W.4765	F/S G.H. LANCASTER SGT F. JACKSON F/O C.H. CLEVELAND F/O G.H. CLEVELAND F/S J.C. CLIFFORD SGT H.S. WHITE SGT J. MCCREDIE SGT F.S. WILLIAMS	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG, A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2233	0333	F/S LANCASTER reported many searchlights and a good concentration and attacked a red marker from 20,000 feet. A camera failure is being investigated.	
	LANCASTER E.D. 722	SGT H.R. MADGETT SGT H. ROBINSON SGT S.G. PALK SGT FREETH SGT R. BRADLEY SGT J.L. WAKEFIELD SGT A.W. SOUTER	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2229	0350	SGT MADGETT reported many orange fires and attacked a green marker from 20,500 feet. Photo fires.	
	LANCASTER W.4357	SGT M.C. LOWE SGT G.E. MOFFITT F/O R.J. CLARK SGT M.W. MCPHAIL SGT B.A. TURNER SGT F.G. DOW SGT A.W. DEARDEN	CAPTAIN FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.C.1. A.C.2.	2226	0400	SGT LOWE reported a good concentration and attacked a red marker from 21,000 feet. Photo - built up area and fields, plotted 3 miles 1600g from aiming point.	

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23/24th	LANCASTER 4899	F/L WELLBURN D.C. SGT. WATSON. SGT. FORREST. J.R. SGT. LESLIE. A.G. SGT. BLACKETT. J. F/O JOYCE. T.F. SGT. PATERSON. A.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2224	0416	F/L WELLBURN coned over the target, took successful evasive action and attacked to starboard of a green marker from 18,000 feet. Photo - fires.	A.1277.
	LANCASTER W.5000.	F/O M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. V. A. VALE. F/O J. HODGKINSON. SGT. J. JAMES. SGT. D.G. SHEA. SGT. S. A. WHITE. SGT. E.G. SMITH.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2241	0130	F/O CHIVERS returned early from 5356 No 208G because of engine trouble jettisoning 1 X 4000 H.C. and 1080 X 4lb incendiaries. Landed at WITTERING (Sortie not completed)	
	LANCASTER R.5677	F/O T. A. STEWART. F/L TALBOT. SGT. L.R. LOVITT. F/L R.E. DAVIES. SGT. R. A. BUNYAN. SGT. THOMPSON. F/S R. K. BUXTON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2252	0420	F/O STEWART reported a column of smoke over the target to 15000 feet and attacked red and green markers from 20000 feet (0137 hrs) Photo - fires, smoke and haze.	
	LANCASTER W.4798.	SGT. A. W. PULLAN. SGT. B. BRIDGE. SGT. G. T. DUDLEY. P/O J. H. BELL. SGT. J. NUTTALL. SGT. P. F. COTTLE. SGT. R. S. MORLEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2231	0413	SGT. PULLAN reported a column of smoke to south of the target to 12000 feet (0140 hrs. approx) and attacked a red marker from 20000 feet. Photo - fires and smoke.	
	LANCASTER W 4935.	SGT. J. M. PHILLIPS. SGT. E. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A. E. WHITE. SGT. C. D. BROWN. SGT. R. A. HUNTER. <del>SGT. R. FOSTER.</del> SGT. R. FOSTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG A.G. 1. A.G. 2. A.G. 2.	2225	0344	SGT. PHILLIPS attacked green markers from 18500 feet. Photo - fires.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25/26th	LANCASTER. E.D. 613	W.C. W.M. PENMAN. SGT. G.F. SMITH. F/O. W.H. MCDOWELL. SGT. R.H. LUCAS. SGT. V.J. CHORLEY. SGT. S.R. HUGHES. SGT. L. HEALEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2305	0336.	ATTACK ON DUSSELDORF. MET. 10/10 Sc to 22000 feet.  W/C PENMAN AFTER A TIMED RUN FROM THE YELLOW MARKERS, saw no target markers and circled the target area for twenty minutes. Returning to the yellow markers he carried out a second timed run at the end of which he saw and attacked a green marker from 22000 feet (0148 hrs) <del>made</del> observation impossible. Photo-fires, gun flashes.	A.1278
	LANCASTER E.D. 630.	F/L. E.C. BENJAMIN. SGT. K.J. STEPHENSON. F/O. H.L. HEWITT. SGT. F.W. STEED. SGT. R.D. DUNDALE. SGT. J. FRAWLEY. SGT. JONES. F/S WILSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. (2nd PILOT)	2312	0346	<del>made</del> observation impossible. Photo-fires, gun flashes.  F/L BENJAMIN thought it a disappointing and scattered raid. A green marker was attacked from 23000 feet and the photo revealed some fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 5002.	P/O. E.A. FROST. SGT. T.A. HARRIS F/O. R.H. WILLIAMS. SGT. F.S. HULLAND. F/S H. FARMER. F/S J. GRAHAM. SGT. G.J. BATE. P/O B. JAMES. S/L WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. (2nd PILOT)	2306	0341.	P/O FROST after a timed run from the yellow markers, bombed from 23000 feet. The river was sighted on the run up and fires were shown in the photo.	
	LANCASTER W. 1830.	F/L D.C. THOMAS. SGT. G. BURRELL. SGT. R.F. LEWIS. SGT. R.N. WATFORD. SGT. J.C. POLLETT. SGT. L.G. DAVIS. SGT. J. LITTLE.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2311 1/2	0351.	F/L THOMAS attacked a green marker at the end of a timed run from the yellow markers from 21000 feet and on leaving the target sighted the river. photo-fires.	
	LANCASTER 9664.	F/O. B. LAING. SGT. T.A. HOLMAN. F/O. B. FOX. SGT. R.H. BURN. SGT. W.F. ARDRON. SGT. S.H. MORTIMER. SGT. W.M. GRANT.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2315.	0359.	F/O LAING bombed to port of a red marker (0201 hrs) from 24000 feet. Photo-fires and cloud.	
	LANCASTER W. 4236.	P/O D.G. OLDHAM. SGT. D.E. ATTWOOD. SGT. DEN. SMITH. SGT. E.G. SAMPSON. SGT. J.H. LEES. SGT. E.F. EMERSON. SGT. M. ROOT-REED. SGT. EAGER.	CAPTAIN. FLT/ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. (2nd PILOT)	-H/H- 2328.	0353.	P/O OLDHAM ignored a red marker released near the yellow track markers and attacked green markers from 20000 feet. He reported scattered fires and a disappointing effort.	

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25/26.	LANCASTER W.4763	F/S. G. R. LANCASTER. SGT. D. F. JACKSON. F/O. SOMERIDGE. F/O. C. H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J. C. CLIFFORD. SGT. H. S. WHITE. SGT. J. MCREDIE. SGT. F. S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. U/T PILOT. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	2339	0351	F/S. LANCASTER was fortunate to sight scattered red markers but, deciding they were too dispersed one being near a dummy to the S.E. he attacked a concentration of green markers from 20,000 ft. Photo. Fires.	A.1278
	LANCASTER W.4357	SGT. M. C. LOWE. SGT. C. E. MOFFITT. F/O. R. J. CLARK. SGT. M. W. MCPHAIL. SGT. D. A. TURNER. SGT. F. G. DOW. SGT. A. W. DEARDEN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.32	04.05	SGT. LOWE reported a disappointing trip and scattered markers and fires, he attacked a concentration of green markers from 21,000 ft. and experienced a camera failure.	
	LANCASTER. ED. 722	F/L. E. TALBOT. SGT. J. GRAHAM. SGT. J. BARR. SGT. R. FREETH. SGT. R. J. RUSSELL. SGT. E. H. WALKER. SGT. D. J. CHAPMAN.	CAPTAIN/NAV. PILOT. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.30	02.01	F/L. TALBOT's port wing dropped almost to ground level on take-off, he continued to SOUTHWOOD, but difficulty was found in trimming the A/C and holding it on a straight and level course, he therefore proceeded to position 5340N 0220E to jettison 1 x 4,000 H.C. and then returned to base via SKEGNESS, sortie not completed.	
	LANCASTER ED. 718	S/L. R. A. V. CECIL. F/S. R. J. R. DOCKER. G/C. R. V. M. ODBERT. P/O. F. BARKER. F/L. R. E. DAVIES. F/L. W. C. NEATH. SGT. W. J. ATKINS. F/S. L. R. SAY.	CAPTAIN. 2nd PILOT. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.09 1/2	03.58	S/L. GASCOYNE-CECIL reported a unsatisfactory trip, he bombed on E.T.A. after a timed run from the yellow markers from 21,000 ft. sighting green markers 1/2 minutes short of E.T.A.	
	LANCASTER. W.4279	F/L. G. R. COOPER. SGT. G. HAMILTON. S/L. STOREY. F/O. B. W. LE SUEUR. F/O. A. W. MILES. SGT. N. W. M. CLARK. SGT. J. G. HODGKINS. SGT. F. G. HOMEWOOD.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. U/T PILOT. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.09	03.04	F/L. COOPER concentrated on a green marker from a timed run and bombed from 21,000 ft. A large explosion was seen after bombing. Photo. Fires.	
	LANCASTER ED. 782	F/L. D. C. WELLBURN. SGT. J. K. WATSON. SGT. J. R. FORREST. SGT. A. G. LESLIE. SGT. J. BLACKETT. F/O. T. F. JOYCE. SGT. A. PATERSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A. B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.24	04.32	F/L. WELLBURN attacked green markers from 20,000 ft and observed a large explosion later scattered fires and little searchlight activity were reported. Photo. Fires.	

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25/26th	LANCASTER W. 5000	F/O. M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. V.E. VALE. F/O. J. HODGKINSON. SGT. JAMES, M. SGT. D.G. SHEA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SGT. E.G. SMITH. SGT. TUMMING.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. A.B.	23.40	04.19	F/O. CHIVERS reported a disappointing and scattered raid and attacked a red and green marker from 20,000 ft. Photo: - Fires.	A. 1278.
	LANCASTER W. 4766.	F/O. T.A. STEWART. SGT. L. LAWRENCE. SGT. L.R. LORETT. SGT. E.G. FRANCIS. SGT. R.A. BUNYAN. SGT. L.H. THOMPSON. F/S. R.K. BUXTON.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.18	04.30	F/O. STEWART also reported a scattered raid and the bomb sight being U/S jettisoned the bombs over green markers from 18,000 ft. Photo: - Fires and cloud.	
	LANCASTER W. 4900	F/O. W.C. PARSONS. SGT. A.G. MULLINS. SGT. R.C. DYSON. SGT. A.G. LESLIE. SGT. A. CLARK. SGT. G.A. ISAACS. SGT. B.D. TOWSE.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.26	04.21	F/O. PARSONS had a disappointing trip, saw no yellow markers and attacked a concentration of green markers from 16,500 ft. Photo: - Fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 4934	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS. SGT. E. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A.E. WHITE. SGT. C.D. BROWN. SGT. R.A. HUNTER. SGT. R. FOSTER. SGT. MAYCOCK.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. A.B.	23.31	04.50	SGT. PHILLIPS attacked a concentration of green markers from 17,500 ft. after the starboard outer engine and the mainplane had been hit 15 miles S.S.W. of the target at 20,000 ft. A good landing was made on return. Photo: - Fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 4298	SGT. A.W. PULLAN. SGT. B. BRIDGE. SGT. C.T. DUDLEY. F/O. J.H. BELL. SGT. J. NUTTALL. SGT. P.F. COTTE. SGT. R.S. MORLEY.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ANG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.36	04.38	SGT. PULLAN commented on the absence of searchlight activity. After a timed run from the yellow markers he attacked a red marker from 19,000 ft. Photo: - Fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 4899	SGT. H.M. ELLIS. SGT. D. HILLYER. SGT. G.G. BEALE. SGT. J. MANN. SGT. J. HODGSON. SGT. D.G. PARKER. SGT. G. BOSWELL.	CAPTAIN. PLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	23.29	04.34	SGT. ELLIS found similar conditions over the target, and attacked green markers from 20,000 ft. Photo: - Fires and cloud.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
27/28th	LANCASTER ED. 630.	F/L. E.G. BENJAMIN. SGT. J.K. STEPHENSON. F/O. H.L. HEWITT. SGT. F.W. STEED. SGT. R.D. DINSDALE. SGT. J. FRAWLEY. SGT. T.R. JONES. SGT. TYLER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T.	21.46	02.58	ATTACK ON ESSEN - KRUPPS WORKS. MET. 8-10/10 sc. 8,000ft. F/L. BENJAMIN bombed from slightly to port of the release point flares from 22,000 ft and reported a satisfactory sortie. Photo:- Cloud, fires and flashes.	A.1279.
	LANCASTER ED. 613.	F/L. D.C. THOMAS. SGT. G. BURRELL. SGT. R.F. LEWIS. SGT. R.N. WATFORD. SGT. J.C. POLLITT. SGT. L.G. DAVIS. SGT. J. LITTLE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.53	03.00	F/L. THOMAS also bombed slightly to port of release point flares from 22,000 ft. and reported a moderate amount of flak. Photo: Clouds and fires.	
	LANCASTER ED. 664	F/O. B. LAING. SGT. T.A. HOLMAN. F/O. B. FOX. SGT. R.H. BURN. SGT. W.F. ARDRON. SGT. S.H. MORTIMER. SGT. W.M. GRANT.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.23	03.54	F/O. LAING bombed the release point flare from 21,000 ft and reported a good concentration. A large explosion was observed in the target area. Photo:- Cloud and fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 5002	P/O. E.A. FROST. SGT. T.A. HARRIS. SGT. OGLESBY. F/O. R.H. WILLIAMS. SGT. F.S. HULLAND. F/S. H. FARMER. F/S. J. GRAHAM. SGT. G.J. BATE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. 2nd PILOT. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.47	03.06	P/O. FROST encountered heavy predicted flak while running into the target and after losing 5000 ft in the ensuing evasive action, jettisoned his bomb load from 20,000 ft. on a GEE fix i.e. BOCHUM - observing a large explosion soon after- wards. The aircraft was holed in several places.	
	LANCASTER W. 4236	P/O. D.G. OLDHAM SGT. D.E. ATTWOOD. P/O. D.T.N. SMITH. F/L. R.E. DAVIES. SGT. J.H. LEES. SGT. E.F. EMERSON. SGT. M. ROOT-REED. SGT. WALKER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. A.B.	21.48	02.56	P/O. OLDHAM had a satisfactory trip. He bombed a release point flare from 20,000 ft and the M.U. Gunner sighted a built-up area through a break in the clouds. Photo:- clouds and searchlights.	
	LANCASTER W. 4763	F/S. G.H. LANCASTER SGT. F. JACKSON. F/O. G.H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J.G. CLIFFORD. SGT. H.S. WHITE. SGT. J. MCCREDIE. SGT. F.S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.54	02.55	F/S. LANCASTER encountered accurate flak and searchlights and sustained a hit in the clear vision window, over the target He attacked to Port of release point flares from 20,000 ft. Photo:- Fires, flak and clouds.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
27/28th	LANCASTER ED. 722.	F/L. E. TALBOTT F/S. A.E. WILSON. SGT. S. MARSH. SGT. F. MELLING. SGT. H.P. ROBERTS SGT. R.M. MORRIS. SGT. F.J. PYLE. SGT. F. TOOLE.	CAPTAIN/NAV. PILOT. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.42	01.51	F/L. TALBOT experienced an engine (starboard outer) failure and despite three attempts to remedy the defect, was compelled to abandon the sortie and proceed to position 534ON O204E where 1x,000 H.E. was jettisoned before returning to base. (Not completed)	A. 1479.
	LANCASTER W. 4357.	SGT. M.C. LOWE. SGT. G.E. MOFFITT. F/O. R.J. CLARK. SGT. M.W. MCPHAIL. SGT. D.A. TURNER. SGT. F.G. DOW. SGT. A.W. DEARDEN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.34	03.44	SGT. LOWE reported heavy and accurate flak a fair concentration and several explosions over the target. After a timed run he attacked a release point flare from 21,500 ft. Photo: - Cloud and fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 4830	SGT. J.S. GRAHAM. SGT. G.A. TURNBULL. SGT. J. BARR. SGT. R. FREETH. F/S. R.J. RUSSELL. SGT. E.H. WALKER. SGT. D.J. CHAPMAN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.51	03.52	SGT. GRAHAM found com-trails at 18,000 ft. and attacked release point flares from 19,000 ft. Photo: - Failure.	
	LANCASTER W. 4279.	F/L. G.R. COOPER. SGT. C. HAMILTON. F/O. B.W. LE SUBUR. F/O. A.W. MILLS. SGT. A.A.W. NICHOLS. SGT. J.G. HODGKINS. SGT. F.G. HOMEWOOD.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.51 1/2	03.34	F/L. COOPER thoroughly enjoyed the last trip of his tour despite being hit by barrage fire over the flares. A timed run brought him on to the release point flares which were attacked from 20,000 ft. and the photo was of cloud and fires.	
	LANCASTER ED. 782.	F/L. D.C. WELLBURN. SGT. J.K. WATSON. SGT. J.R. FORREST. SGT. A.G. LESLIE. SGT. J. BLACKETT. F/O. T.F. JOYCE. SGT. A. PATTERSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.49	03.38	F/L. WELLBURN reported a good concentration and a moderate barrage. An explosion was observed before release point flares were attacked from 19,000 ft. A further explosion was seen from the ZUIDER ZEE. Photo: - Cloud and fires.	
	LANCASTER W. 5000	F/O. M.E. CHIVERS. SGT. A.E. VALE. SGT. M. JAMES. F/O. J. HODGKINSON. SGT. D.C. SHEA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SG. E.G. SMITH.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. A.B. NAV. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	21.52 1/2	03.09	F/O. CHIVERS judged the sortie successful if hectic and bombed slightly to port of release point flares from 21,000 ft. Photo: Cloud.	

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27/28th	LANCASTER W.4766	F/O. T.A. STEWART.	CAPTAIN.	21.50	02.24	F/O STEWART encountered barrage fire over the target which holed the perspex above the pilot and the M/U A.G. he attacked slightly to port of the release point flare from 20,000 ft. Photo: - Failure.	A. 1279
		SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE.	FLT. ENG.				
	SGT. L.R. LOVETT.	NAV.					
	SGT. WALKER.	U/T.					
	SGT. R.A. BUNYAN.	WT/AG.					
	SGT. L.H. THOMPSON.	A.G. 1.					
	LANCASTER W.4900	F/S. R.K. BUXTON.	A.G. 2.	21.51	03.16		
	F/O. W.O. PARSONS.	CAPTAIN.					
	SGT. A.G. MULLINS.	FLT. ENG.					
	SGT. R.C. DYSON.	NAV.					
SGT. F.J. POOLE.	A.B.						
SGT. A. CLARKE.	WT/AG.						
SGT. G.A. ISAACS.	A.G. 1.						
SGT. C.D. TOWSE.	A.G. 2.						
SGT. FULLOCK.	U/T.						
LANCASTER ED. 718.	F/S. R.J.R. DOCKER.	CAPTAIN.	22.39	04.43	F/S. DOCKER suffered hits in the fuselage and port outer engine while attacking slightly to port of release point flares from 18,500 ft. Photo. Cloud, fires and bursts.		
SGT. L. LUCAS.	FLT. ENG.						
SGT. R. LAUGHTON.	NAV.						
SGT. E.G. FRANCIS.	A.B.						
SGT. S.W. JAMES.	WT/AG.						
SGT. R.R. URQUHART.	A.G. 1.						
SGT. P.W. MITCHELL.	A.G. 2.						
LANCASTER W.4934	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS.	CAPTAIN.	21.52	03.02			
SGT. E. HARBOUR.	FLT. ENG.						
SGT. PETTM.	U/T.						
SGT. C. MORROW.	NAV.						
SGT. A.E. WHITE.	A.B.						
SGT. C.D. BROWN.	WT/AG.						
SGT. R.A. HUNTER.	A.G. 1.						
SGT. R. FOSTER.	A.G. 2.						
LANCASTER W.4798.	SGT. A.W. PULLAN.	CAPTAIN.	22.41	03.27	SGT. PULLAN reported barrage fire and a large explosion in the centre of the target area, obtaining GEE fixes continuously he attacked a release point flare from 20,000 ft. Photo. cloud and fire.		
SGT. B. BRIDGE.	FLT. ENG.						
SGT. C.T. DUDLEY.	NAV.						
F/O. J.H. BELL.	A.B.						
SGT. J. NUTTALL.	WT/AG.						
SGT. P.F. COTTELE.	A.G. 1.						
SGT. R.S. MORLEY.	A.G. 2.						
LANCASTER W.4899	SGT. H.M. ELLIS.	CAPTAIN.	21.55	03.40			
SGT. D. HILLYER.	FLT. ENG.						
SGT. G.G. BEALE.	NAV.						
SGT. J. MANN.	A.B.						
SGT. J. HODGSON.	WT/AG.						
SGT. D.G. PARKER.	A.G. 1.						
SGT. G. BOSWELL.	A.G. 2.						



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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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27/28th	LANCASTER ED. 314	SGT. W.H. EAGER. SGT. L. LAWRENCE. SGT. H.T. PETTS. SGT. F.R. STONE P/O. E.L. HEWISH SGT. F.R. SHARRARD SGT. L.S. VANNER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. WT/AG. A.B. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.38	03.55	SGT. EAGER observed an excellent concentration also and attacked release point flares from 22,000 ft. Photo. Cloud and fires.	A.1279
29/30th	LANCASTER ED. 630	F/L. E.G. BENJAMIN. SGT. K.J. STEPHENSON F/O. H.L. HEWITT. SGT. F.W. STEED. SGT. R.D. DINDALE. SGT. J. FRAWLEY. SGT. T.R. JONES.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.40	03.59	ATTACK ON WUPPERTAL - MET: No. cloud, considerable smoke. F/L. BENJAMIN reported a good concentration that was a cause for suspiciousness of the route, encountering flak most of the way. Flak from the English coast seemed to come from a convoy. Smoke obscured the target which was identified by green markers. - attacked from 21,000 ft. Photo: - Fires and smoke.	A.1280
	LANCASTER ED. 643	F/L. D.C. THOMAS. SGT. G. BURRELL. SGT. R.F. LEWIS. SGT. R.N. WATFORD. SGT. J.C. POLLITT. SGT. L.G. DAVIS. SGT. J. LITTLE. SGT. READMAN.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T.	22.29	03.50	F/L. THOMAS observed an aircraft shot down over the target and much fighter activity. Green markers were attacked from 20,000 ft. Photo: - Smoke and fires.	
	LANCASTER ED. 664	F/O. B. LAING. SGT. T.A. HOLMAN. F/O. B. FOX. SGT. R.H. BURN. F/L. R.E. DEVISS. SGT. W.F. ARDRON. SGT. S.H. MORTIMER. SGT. W.M. GRANT.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B./U/T. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.26	04.06	F/O. LAING reported smoke but little flak over target and observed a large explosion emitting smoke to 10,000 ft. Green markers were attacked from 20,000 ft. Photo: - Fires and slight ground detail.	
	LANCASTER ED. 722	P/O. E.A. FROST. SGT. T.A. HARRIS. F/O. R.H. WILLIAMS. SGT. F.S. HULLAND. F/S. H. FARMER. SGT. S.R. HUGHES. SGT. G.J. BATE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.17	03.26	F/O. FROST had a quiet trip, attacked green markers from 22,000 ft, and obtained a photograph plotted 3,000 yds. N.W. of the aiming point. Bombs were seen to burst in a built up area.	
	LANCASTER W.4763	F/S. G.H. LANCASTER. SGT. F. JACKSON. F/O. G.H. CLEVELAND. F/S. J.C. CLIFFORD. SGT. A. CLARK. SGT. J. MCCREDIE. SGT. F.S. WILLIAMS.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.38	03.48	F/S. LANCASTER reported a good concentration and a smoke pall over 10,000 ft. After a timed run from yellow markers he attacked a green marker from 19,000 ft. Photo. Smoke, Fires.	

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29/30th	LANCASTER W.4830.	F/L. E. TALBOT. F/S. A.E. WILSON. SGT. S. MARSH. SGT. F. MELLING. SGT. H.P. ROBERTS. SGT. R.M. MORRIS. SGT. F. TOOLE. SGT. F.J. PYLE.	CAPTAIN/NAV. PILOT. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.50	04.26	F/L. TALBOT found the target obscured by smoke and, after having been coned over KREFELD and having taken successful evasive action, attacked the centre of the concentration from 19,000 ft. Photo:- Fires, smoke and slight ground detail.	A.1280
	LANCASTER W.4236	SGT. W.H. EAGER. SGT. L. LAWRENCE. SGT. H.T. PETTS. F/O. F.L. HEWISH. SGT. F.R. SPONE. SGT. F.R. SHARRARD. SGT. L.S. VANNER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.46	02.01	SGT. EAGER with a U/S rear turret returned with 1x4000 H.C. and 12 S.B.C's (8x30), to base.	
	LANCASTER ED.718.	F/L. D.C. WELLBURN. SGT. J.K. WATSON. SGT. J.R. FORREST. SGT. A.G. LESLIE. SGT. J. BLACKETT. F/O. T.F. JOYCE. SGT. A. PATERSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.33	03.58	F/L. WELLBURN reported a good concentration and heavy defences around COLOGNE and N. RHUR VALLEY, large explosions were seen in the target area and green markers were attacked from 19,000 ft. Photo. Smoke and Fires.	
	LANCASTER W.5000	F/O. M.W. CHIVERS. SGT. A.B. VALE. F/O. J. HODGKINSON. SGT. M. JAMES, SGT. D.C. SHEA. SGT. S.A. WHITE. SGT. E.G. SMITH. SGT. JOHNSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. A.B.	22.40	03.55	F/O. CHIVERS reported smoke over the target to 15,000 ft and several explosions, a red marker was attacked from 19,000 ft. Photo. Fires and smoke with slight ground detail.	
	LANCASTER W.4766.	F/O. T.A. STEWART. SGT. J.K. BURNSIDE. SGT. L.R. LOVETT. SGT. R.H. LUCAS. SGT. R.A. BUNYAN. SGT. L.H. THOMPSON. F/S. R.K. BUXTON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.30	04.10	F/O. STEWART also commented on the smoke pall over the target where green markers were attacked from 20,000 ft. Photo:- Fires.	A.1580
	LANCASTER ED.314.	P/O. F.C. DUNDAS. SGT. A. JONES. F/O. F. CRAVEN. SGT. H.B. WILLIAMSON. SGT. B.V. FROST. SGT. D. CRAGGS. SGT. H.H. COLE. SGT. OLSON.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2. U/T. NAV.	22.19	03.38	F/O. DUNDAS reported much searchlight activity, between DUSSELDORF AND COLOGNE and light flak over the target itself, where green markers were attacked from 19,000 ft. Photo:- Fires and Smoke.	A.1580

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29/30th	LANCASTER W.4900	P/O. W.C. PARSONS. SGT. A.G. MULLINS. SGT. R.C. DYSON. SGT. F.J. POOLE. SGT. A. CLARKE. SGT. G.A. ISAACS. SGT. C.D. TOWSE.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.51	03.44	P/O. PARSONS reported seeing a number of aircraft firing the colours of the period on route to the target over the NORTH SEA, possibly revealing information of value to the enemy. Over the target green markers were attacked from 16,000 ft. Photo; Fires.	A.1280
	LANCASTER ED. 782.	P/O. F.G. ALLCROFT. SGT. H. COLES. SGT. H. READMAN. SGT. G.S. PEMBERTON. SGT. R.H.G. REYNOLDS. SGT. A. McDONALD. SGT. S. HARGREAVES.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.21	03.41	P/O. ALLCROFT reported large explosions in the target area. He attacked a red marker from 20,000ft, and had a quiet trip. Photo; Fires.	
	LANCASTER W.4279.	F/S. R.H.R. DOCKER. SGT. L. LUCAS. SGT. R. LAUGHTON. SGT. E.G. FRANCIS. SGT. S.W. JAMES. SGT. R.R. URQUHART. SGT. P.W. MITCHELL.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.48	02.12	F/S. DOCKER unable to maintain <del>height</del> height over 13,000 ft jettisoned 124000 H.E. - SAFE but it exploded in position 5257N 0339E before returning to base. Sortie Not completed.	
	LANCASTER W.4798.	SGT. A.W. FULLAN. SGT. B. BRIDGE. SGT. C.T. DUDLEY. F/O. J.H. BELL. SGT. J. NUTTALL. SGT. P.F. COTTLE. SGT. R.S. MORLEY.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.43	04.08	SGT. FULLAN reported balloons over the target at 8/9000 ft concentrated fires and much smoke. A large explosion was observed before red markers were attacked from 20,500 ft. Photo; Fires.	
	LANCASTER W.4934.	SGT. J.M. PHILLIPS. SGT. E. HARBOUR. SGT. C. MORROW. SGT. A.E. WHITE. SGT. C.D. BROWN. SGT. R.A. HUNTER. SGT. R. FOSTER.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.41	02.07	SGT. PHILLIPS with low oil pressure on the starboard inner engine, returned to base after jettisoning 124000 H.E. SAFE but it exploded in position 5228N 0302E.	
	LANCASTER W.4899.	SGT. H.M. ELLIS. SGT. D. HILLIER. SGT. G.G. BEALE. SGT. J. MANN. SGT. J. HODGSON. SGT. D.G. PARKER. SGT. G. BOSWELL.	CAPTAIN. FLT. ENG. NAV. A.B. WT/AG. A.G. 1. A.G. 2.	22.44	04.16	SGT. ELLIS coned and holed in bomb doors, fuselage and tail over SOLINGEN, height 22,000 ft; jettisoned his bomb load there. Heavy outer defences were encountered. Photo; Slight fire traces.	

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