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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
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1/9/42.	Z.1221.(Y).	Sgt. J. F. Kavanagh, Sgt. F. S. Conway, Sgt. F. A. Larson, Sgt. D. Anderson, Sgt. W. J. North.	Saarbrücken.	2335	0611	Bomb load :- 1 x 1000 lb.G.P., 3 x 500 lb.G.P. - Camera carried. One photograph attempted at bombing. Bombed from 9000 feet. Bombed built-up area in south of town - Bursts not seen. Whole town one red glow from fires. No cloud - ground haze - smoke from fires - Saw Pathfinder flares - Identified R-Saar and woods North East of town - A successful trip but weather very bad from French Coast on homeward journey. Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Bombed from 9000 feet - Bursts seen through smoke just North West of Aiming Point. Very large fire seen in built-up area just south of river going out - Columns of smoke and fires also concentrated around Aiming Point. No cloud - quantities of smoke from fires drifting west. A/C and white flares seen from distance - river folded up to target - Bend obscured by smoke but two bridges over river seen by light of flares. Bursts seen through smoke just North West of Aiming Point. Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted at bombing - Bombed from 9000 feet - O.K. four bursts seen believed 1/2 mile North East of Aiming Point. Extensive fires well scattered in target area, with palls of black smoke. Fires seen 60 miles on exit. Very small patches of low cloud. Clear visibility. Loop in river Saar and railway line running North West clearly seen, also white and coloured flares in confirmation on approach. Successful trip with extensive fires at target. Flares helpful in confirming location. Bomb load :- 8 x 500 lb.G.P. - No camera carried - Bombed from 6000 feet - At least five bursts seen believed in centre of target area - Widespread fires seen at 7500 feet 60 miles after leaving target. No cloud - clear visibility - river seen, also identification flares and incendiaries clearly seen. Excellent trip and there appeared to be very large and extensive fires. Pathfinding force did a good accurate job.	
	Z.1420.(P)	W/O A. C. Bray, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. K. K. Delacroix, Sgt. E. W. Banks, Sgt. J. C. Southey.	-do-	2336	0621		
	Z.1414.(W)	F/O G. S. Smith, Sgt. W. J. Whitewood, Sgt. E. W. Salmon, Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L. F. Marnewicke.	-do-	2339	0615		
	Z.1340.(A)	F/O H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H. E. J. Wilkinson, Sgt. Sgt. J. B. Glover, Sgt. W. F. S. Roe.	-do-	2341	0642		
	Z.1466.(L)	Sgt. H. E. Heath, Sgt. M. Alford, Sgt. C. O. D. Fraser, Sgt. H. B. Hill, Sgt. C. E. Hagen.	-do-	2344	0606		
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1/9/42 (CONT'D).	Z.1315.(C)	Sgt. I. C. Lamont, Sgt. H. T. Balkwill, Sgt. A. Roy, Sgt. F. W. Baker, Sgt. R. W. Culp.	Saarbrücken.	2340	0602	Bomb load :- 2 x 1000 lb. G.P. 23 x 500 lb. G.P. No camera carried - Four bursts seen, believed in target area - Many extensive fires fairly well concentrated. One high column of black smoke - Fires and smoke seen over 80 miles on exit. Bomb load :- As above - Camera carried - Flare Chute extension would not come out. Flare not dropped but camera turned with bombing - Bombed from 5500 feet - Bursts seen 1/2 mile south of Aiming Point. Fires covered whole area. Concentrated in North East of town. No cloud - Slight smoke haze - Visibility good. R/G Flares acted as guide to target area - Light from fires illuminated target on arrival and bend in river clearly identified. Completely satisfactory trip - no opposition. Bomb load as above - Camera carried - No photographs attempted on account of turning back early. When 10 miles West of Ostend at about 0100 hours at 10,000 feet Port Engine cut and Rear Gunner reported seeing oil on Port Tailplane. Captain decided to abandon task and return to base and three minutes after turning port engine stopped completely. As aircraft was losing height bombs were jettisoned five miles East of Orfordness at about 0110 hours at a height of 4000 feet and Captain decided to land at Wattisham, but could not identify Aerodrome owing to cloud being too low. Aircraft actually passed over Wattisham at 100 feet and was in and out of cloud. Aircraft was losing height and Captain decided to crash land and did so at position sheet 86.1. MAP 490627 at 0140 hours. Aircraft badly damaged and crew only suffered slight injuries. Bomb Load :- As above - No camera carried - Bombed from 9500 feet - Bursts seen 1/2 mile South West of Aiming Point. Entire target area well ablaze. Fires visible 40/50 miles away. No cloud - visibility excellent. Slight smoke haze from fires. Ground detail very clearly visible. R/G Flares as guide to target area and white flares illuminating Aiming Point, clearly pin-pointed by bend in river and shape of built-up area. Whole area one mass of flames. Very concentrated attack of the Cologne category.	
	Z.1318.(K)	Sgt. T. A. Julian, P/O. A. G. Edwards, Sgt. A. L. Weller, P/O. R. E. Harvey, Sgt. F. Salvage.	-do-	2345	0625		
	Z.1482.(B)	Sgt. R. J. Dolan, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. S. J. Shippen, Sgt. W. S. Moore, Sgt. T. D. McEown.	-do-	2350	0140		
	Z.1469.(H)	P/O. W. R. Brooks, Sgt. J. W. Oldham, Sgt. S. M. Chadwick, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. A. Johnson.	-do-	2342	0539		

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1/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1477.(Z)	P/Sgt. W.T. Bent, Sgt. C.A. Smith, Sgt. A. Sinclair, P/Sgt. I. Kennedy, Sgt. C.F. Moore.	Saarbrücken	2348	0550	Bomb load 1 x 1000 lb.G.P., 3 x 500 lb.G.P. Camera carried - one attempt at bombing - Bombed from 7500 feet - O.K. in south of town - Bursts not seen - Several big fires in south of town and one in vicinity of aiming point. Big spiral of black smoke on leaving target area. No cloud - slight ground haze and smoke. Pathfinder flares seen approximately 50 miles before reaching target. Identified River Saar and built-up area to south of it. One whistling incendiary fell in St. Quentin area. Pathfinder flares were of great assistance in guiding aircraft to target - could be seen from a distance of 50 miles. APPENDIX A.54.	
2/9/42.	Z.1420.(P).	W/O. A.G. Bray, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. R.R. Delaroche, Sgt. E.W. Banks, Sgt. J.C. Southey.	Karlsruhe.	2241	0600	Bomb load 1 x 1000 lb.G.P., 3 x 500 lb.G.P. No camera carried - Bombed from 9000 feet - Bombs seen to burst approximately 1/2 mile south east of aiming point. No cloud - visibility good - slight haze - much smoke from fires - Pathfinder flares seen - Rhine and loop in river south of town and Marshalling Yards identified and built-up area North West of it. Very big fire in south west part of town - the whole town seemed ablaze. An extremely successful trip.	
	Z.1416.(W)	Sgt. L. Hewitt, Sgt. W.J. Olde, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. A.G. Pettitt, Sgt. E. Aggiles.	-do-	2246	0543	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted. Bombed from 9500 feet - O.K. - Believed to have bombed approximately 1/2 mile south west of aiming point. No cloud - visibility good - Pathfinders flares - Rhine and Docks west of town identified and built-up area of town seen. Many fires in centre of town - glow of fires could be seen 30 minutes after leaving target area. 6 whistling bombs (Incendiaries) dropped over Karlsruhe. A very successful trip - Flares from Pathfinders of great assistance.	
	Z.1221.(Y)	Sgt. J.P. Kavanagh, Sgt. F.S. Conway, Sgt. F.A. Larsen, Sgt. D. Anderson, Sgt. W.J. North.	-do-	2250	0527	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted at bombing - Bombed from 9000 feet - Bomb believed to have fallen in West of town - No cloud - smoke from fires - Flares from Pathfinders - Rhine and Docks west of town identified and built-up area south of palace seen. Many fires in centre of town. Fires and black smoke seen 20 minutes after leaving target area. A good trip - Flares a great help in guiding to target.	
	Z.1477.(Z)	P/O. G.S. Smith, Sgt. W.J. Whitewood, Sgt. E.W. Salmoh, Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L.P. Marnewecke.	-do-	2257	0536	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted - Bombed from 9000 feet - Bombs believed to have fallen in target area - No cloud - slight ground haze - Rhine and fork-shaped Docks seen - Flares and fires seen as confirmation. Large concentrations of fires with clouds of smoke seen 70 miles on exit. Successful trip, believed better show than Saarbrücken.	75 P.T.O.

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2/9/42 (CONT'D)	Z.11466.(L)	Sgt. H.E. Heath, Sgt. D. Alford, Sgt. C.O.D. Fraser, Sgt. H.B. Hill, Sgt. C.E. Hagen.	Karlsruhe.	2244	----	Bomb load as above - Failed to return - No news after take-off.	
	Z.1315.(C)	Sgt. I.C. Lamont, Sgt. H.T. Balkwill, Sgt. A. Roy, Sgt. F.W. Baker, Sgt. R.H. Culp.	-do-	2248	0048	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Starboard motor cylinder head temperature erratic. - Oil pressure falling - Turned back at 52°24' N, 02°32' E at 2347 hours.	
	Z.1318.(K)	Sgt. T.A. Julian, P/O A.G. Edwards, Sgt. A.L. Weller, P/O R.E. Harvey, Sgt. F. Salvage.	-do-	2314	0548	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted - Bombed from 7500 feet - Bombs believed to have fallen slightly south of Aiming Point. No cloud - much smoke - Rhine and Fork-Shaped Docks identified - Confirmed by three ordinary coloured flares. No results observed owing to smoke. Many fires concentrated in two areas over target with much smoke for 50 miles on exit. Successful trip. Many fires and immense pall of smoke, two areas of fires, one in western area and one over Marshalling Yards area.	
	Z.1340.(A)	P/O H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H.E.J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J.B. Glover, Sgt. W.P.S. Rae.	-do-	2259	2312	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Feathering switches jumped into "Off" position. Mission abandoned - circled aerodrome and landed immediately.	
						APPENDIX A.55.	
4/9/42.	Z.11469.(H)	S/Ldr. J.F.H. Booth, P/Sgt. E.H. Stewart, P/Sgt. A.A. Purdom, Sgt. W. Gilroy, Sgt. J. Howarth DFM.	Bremen.	2356	0623	Bomb load :- .810 x 4lb. incendiaries. Camera carried - one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed burst ½ mile North West of Aiming Point. Own fires not seen but other fires burning very well.	
	Z.1315.(C) Z.1315.(C)	Sgt. I.C. Lamont, Sgt. H.T. Balkwill, Sgt. A. Roy, Sgt. F.W. Baker, Sgt. R.H. Culp. Sgt. I.C. Lamont, Sgt. H.T. Balkwill, Sgt. A. Roy, Sgt. F.W. Baker, Sgt. R.H. Culp.	-do-	2357	----	Bomb load as above - Missing - No news after take-off.	
	Z.1318.(K)	Sgt. T.A. Julian, P/O A.G. Edwards, Sgt. A.L. Weller, P/O R.E. Harvey, Sgt. F. Salvage.	-do-	0002	0518	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed burst on Aiming Point, or in immediate vicinity.	
	Z.1340.(A)	P/O H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H.E.J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J.B. Glover, Sgt. W.P.S. Rae.	-do-	0012	0515	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs seen to burst approximately ½ mile North West of Aiming Point.	
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4/9/42 (CONT'D)	Z.1420.(P)	W/O.A.C. Bray, Sgt.J. May, Sgt.R.R. Delaroche, Sgt.E.W. Banks, Sgt.J.C. Southey.	Bremen.	0005	0528	Bomb load as before - No camera carried - Own bursts not seen but believed North West of Aiming Point.	
	Z.1221.(Y)	Sgt.J.P. Kavanagh, Sgt.F.S. Conway, Sgt.F.A. Larsen, Sgt.D. Anderson, Sgt.W.J. North.	-do-	0003	0425	Bomb load as before - Crash landed at Oulton - Rear Gunner killed by flak - Wireless Operator and Navigator wounded.	
	Z.1416.(W)	P/O.S. McHugh, Sgt.G.C. Hyde, Sgt.K.H. Reddish, Sgt.K.O. Bower, Sgt.I.F.W. Young.	-do-	0010	0524	Bomb load as before - Camera carried, one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed burst approximately one mile North West of Aiming Point.	
	Z.1219.(V)	P/O.B.S. Smith, Sgt.W.J. Whitewood, Sgt.E.W. Salmon, Sgt.J. Edwards, Sgt.L.P. Harnewecke.	-do-	0013	0522	Bomb load as before - Camera carried - one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed burst in built-up area in vicinity of Aiming Point.	
	Z.1414.(O)	Sgt.L. Hewitt, Sgt.W.J. Olde, Sgt.A. Elliott, Sgt.A.G. Pettitt, Sgt.E.A. Giles.	-do-	0015	0435	Bomb load as before - Camera carried, one photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed burst North of River Weser.	
6/9/42.	Z.1342.(T)	Sgt.L. Hewitt, Sgt.W.J. Olde, Sgt.A. Elliott, Sgt.A.G. Pettitt, Sgt.E.A. Giles.	Duisburg.	0014	0304	APPENDIX A.56. Bomb load :- 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries - Camera carried - No photograph attempted - O.K. Returned early owing to Engine trouble.	
	Z.1340.(A)	P/O.H. Stower, Sgt.H. Peake, Sgt.H.E.J. Wilkinson, Sgt.J.B. Glover, Sgt.W.P.S. Rae.	-do-	0045	0507	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing - O.K. Bombs fell approximately 1/2 mile west of aiming point. Large fires seen.	
	Z.1318.(K)	Sgt.T.A. Julian, P/O.A.C. Edwards, Sgt.A.L. Weller, P/O.R.E. Harvey, Sgt.F. Salvage.	-do-	0053	0510	Bomb load as above - O.K. Landed at Martlesham Heath.	P.T.O.

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6/9/42 (CONT'D)	Z.1420 (F)	F/Sgt. J. C. Heddon, Sgt. J. C. Holmes, Sgt. R. S. Taylor, Sgt. M. F. Noble, Sgt. T. B. Treble.	Duisburg.	0047	0612	Bomb load as before - Aircraft did not carry camera - O.K. Believed bombs fell 4 miles South of Aiming Point. Bombs jettisoned due to intense Flak.	
	Z.1469 (H)	Sgt. W. A. Gill, Sgt. F. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W. E. Moore, Sgt. T. D. McKeown.	-do-	0051	0627	Bomb load as before - Aircraft carried camera - one photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. Bursts seen, believed in vicinity of aiming point. Many fires observed.	
	Z.1325 (M)	F/O J. Stohells, Sgt. L. A. Ding, Sgt. B. E. Shaver, F/O G. K. Pickering, Sgt. J. L. McDonald.	-do-	0056	0624	Bomb load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Bursts seen but not pin-pointed. Good concentrations of fires around Aiming Point.	
						<u>APPENDIX A.57</u>	
7/9/42	Z.1416 (W)	F/O H. W. Goule, ag Sgt. V. P. B. Hill, Sgt. A. G. Alton, Sgt. A. Higgins, F/O D. J. Smallwood.	Gardening.	2005	0129	Bomb Load :- 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables - No camera carried - Could not pin-point - Mines brought back - Mission abandoned at presumed St. Malo at 2234 hours. Navigational error - Unable to locate any pin-point again for resuming journey, fell into Flak at presumed St. Malo.	
	Z.1414 (O)	F/O G. S. Smith, Sgt. W. J. Whitewood, Sgt. E. W. Salmon, Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L. P. Marnewecke.	-do-	2000	0324	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Mines laid in allotted area - Mines dropped from 500 feet - No cloud - Visibility good - Belle Island, Kimber Peninsula identified - Time run made from latter pin-pointed. Two parachutes seen to open in allotted planting area - Wizard trip.	
	Z.1469 (H)	F/O W. A. Brooks, Sgt. J. W. Oldham, Sgt. S. M. Chadwick, Sgt. M. W. Sloan, Sgt. A. Johnson.	-do-	2001	0423	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Laid in allotted area - Mines laid from 700 feet - No cloud - Visibility excellent Several definite pin-points made on outward journey - Vannes Defences and Morbihan Bay clearly seen - Two parachutes seen to open in allotted dropping area. Perfect trip - "Piece of Cake".	
	Z.1342 (T)	Sgt. L. Hewitt, Sgt. W. J. Olde, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. A. C. Pettitt, Sgt. M. A. Gilsey	-do-	2010	2108	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Returned early owing to near Turret being u/s, intercommunication and W/T u/s.	
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7/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1340. (A)	P/Sgt. W.T. Bent, Sgt. C.A. Smith, Sgt. A. Sinclair, P/Sgt. I. Kennedy, Sgt. C.P. Moore.	Garaging	2006	0229	Bomb load as before - no camera carried - O.K. Laid in allotted area - Both parachutes seen to open. Mines dropped from 800 feet - No cloud - visibility excellent - Vannes, Morbihan Bay and Islands clearly seen. Castelli Point and Grosie Point identified. Two parachutes seen to enter water in allotted dropping area. Perfect trip with weather conditions ideal for vegetable planting.	
	Z.1325. (M)	W/O. A.C. Bray, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. R. Deleacoe, Sgt. R.W. Banks, Sgt. J.C. Southey.	-do-	2011	0327	Bomb load as before - no camera carried - O.K. Mines laid in allotted area - Landed at Cottismore.	
8/9/42.	Z.1340. (A)	P/O. H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peaks, Sgt. H.E.J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J.B. Glover, Sgt. W.P.S. Rae.	Frankfurt.	2018	0313	<u>APPENDIX A.58.</u> Bomb load :- 810 x 4lb. incendiaries - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. In North West part of town - Scattered fires seen in target area - Bombed from 8500 feet - 4/10ths cloud - at 7000/8000 feet - Visibility good moderate - Pathfinder flares and blobs and main and built-up area to North of it identified. Scattered fires in target area - Two whistling incendiaries at Frankfurt - One hole on Starboard side of fuselage from Heavy Flak at Frankfurt - Pathfinders seemed rather late on target, flares becoming useful after allotted bombing period. I.F.F. Warning Switch very effective.	
	Z.1325. (M)	P/Sgt. J.H.E. Marriott, Sgt. D. Udell, Sgt. W. W. Wear, Sgt. L.E. Holland, Sgt. W. Davis.	-do-	2020	0305	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. in western part of town between Aiming Point and Marshalling Yard. Big red fire with much black smoke seen in Dock Area and several other fires in Built-Up Area north of river Main in vicinity of Aiming Point. Bombed from 12000 feet. No cloud - industrial haze - four whistling incendiaries at Frankfurt - A successful attack - Pathfinders of great assistance.	
	Z.1414. (O)	P/Sgt. P.F. Woolfand, Sgt. K.S. Nicholls, Sgt. M.H. Bastow, Sgt. J.R. Brind, Sgt. K.L. Partington.	-do-	2024	0310	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing, O.K. Believed target area - No results observed - Bombed on D.R. position - confirmed by many flares up to 50/60 scattered - one or two fires appeared to be starting on exit. Bombed from 18000 feet - 7/10ths to 8/10ths cloud tops at 7000/8000 feet with some haze - quiet trip but a load of cloud prevented any ground identification and not much result observed.	
X	Z.1342. (T)	P/Sgt. Headon. J.C., Sgt. J.C. Holmes, Sgt. R.S. Taylor, Sgt. M.P. Noble, Sgt. T.B. Treble, Sgt. L.A. Sedmark, Sgt. K. Lind, Sgt. N.T. Byrne, Sgt. A. Trewin, Sgt. W.J. Godly.	-do-	2023	0420	Bomb load as above - Carried Camera - O.K. Engines failed on return journey - Ditched in English Channel - Crew, with exception of Rear Gunner picked up at sea. Rescued at 1130 hours.	
	Z.1416. (W)		-do-	2027	0337	Bomb load as above - Camera carried - O.K. Bombs fell in eastern part of Aiming Point. Many good fires seen - Landed at Boscombe Down.	
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8/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z. 1469. (H)	Sgt. W. A. Gill, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W. E. Moore, Sgt. T. D. McKenna.	Frankfurt.	2022	0313	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs fell in eastern part of town and bursts seen - No established fires seen but incendiaries from other aircraft were seen to have fallen in city area North and South of the river. landed at waterbeach. Bombed from 9000 feet - No cloud but some haze - Thin cloud at 12000 feet to north of Frankfurt. Rhine identified and later the Main and Docks at Frankfurt in light of flares. Town seen in bomb-sight. Incendiaries fell in eastern part of old town and bursts seen. No established fires seen but incendiaries from other aircraft were seen to have fallen in city area north and south of river. Pilot's Compass suspected to be faulty. Distributor Arm of Bombing Panel sticks. Main effort was probably somewhat behind time.	
	Z. 1477. (Z)	P/O J. Stchells, Sgt. L. A. Ding, Sgt. B. E. Shaver, P/O G. K. Pickering, Sgt. J. L. MacDonald.	-do-	2030	0324	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. Believed 1/2 mile south of main flare concentration. No ground detail seen. Some other incendiary sticks seen on bombing but appeared to be early, for many fires which were starting on exit. Fires seen for 50 miles on exit. Bombed from 8000 feet - 10/10ths cloud base at 9/10,000 feet - Visibility clear and slight ground haze. No ground detail seen - Bombed on concentration of flares. Route appeared very full of defences, mostly Searchlights - No large blitz observed when actually over target, although fires were observed burning well on exit. Flares appeared too late and too high.	
10/9/42.	Z. 1219. (V)	P/O G. S. Smith, Sgt. W. J. Whitewood, Sgt. E. W. Salmon, Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L. P. Mayneweoke.	Dusseldorf.	2029	0125	APPENDIX A. 59. Bomb load :- 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombs fell approximately on Aiming Point. Three particularly good fires seen at Aiming Point. Bombed from 9500 feet - No cloud - Ground haze - visibility good - River Rhine and Docks seen by aid of fires. Quite a good trip - damage appeared to be extensive - Scattered incendiaries seen over wide area.	
	Z. 1416. (W)	Sgt. D. A. Seemark, Sgt. R. Lind, Sgt. H. T. Byrne, Sgt. A. Trowin, Sgt. J. J. Godly.	-do-	2056	0114	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted. O.K. Incendiaries seen to ignite - location unknown, but believed near Aiming Point. Bombed from 12000 feet - No cloud, haze or smoke - Visibility poor - By identification flares River Maas previously pin-pointed. Very scattered, several sticks of incendiaries seen to fall on dummy four miles South West of Aiming Point. Quite a successful trip - fires were scattered - no particular concentration.	
	Z. 1477. (Z)	P/O S. McHugh, Sgt. G. C. Hyde, Sgt. H. H. Reddish, Sgt. K. Q. Bower, Sgt. E. A. Giles, W/O A. C. Bray, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. R. E. Delaroche, Sgt. E. W. Banks, Sgt. J. C. Southey.	-do-	2030	----	Bomb load as above - Missing - No news after take-off.	
	Z. 1315. (S)		-do-	2031	0149	Bomb load as above - O.K. Believed bombs fell in South west of town - Many large fires seen in vicinity of Aiming Point. Bombed from 13000 feet - No cloud - haze and smoke - By Pathfinder Flares loop in Rhine seen in light of flares and built-up area East and West of it. Many fires concentrated in target area - Scattered ones on west bank of Rhine - A successful trip - Pathfinders useful in guiding aircraft to target.	

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10/9/42 (Cont'd).	Z. 1414. (Q)	Sgt. H. J. Green, Sgt. K. S. Nicholls, Sgt. E. H. Bastow, Sgt. J. R. Brind, Sgt. R. H. Partington.	Dusseldorf.	2033	0100	Bomb load :- as before - One photograph attempted. O.K. Incendiary stick seen to ignite believed 1/2 mile South West of Aiming Point. Bombed from 16000 feet. - No cloud, very slight ground haze - Sharp bend in river seen and red and green flares when 30 miles short of target. Many concentrated fires burning well particularly one very large one at approximately the Point of Aim with volumes of black smoke. Flares seen for 60 miles on exit. Wizard show, quite on thousand scale. - Target markers accurate and on time.	
	Z. 1220. (B)	P/O. J. P. Berry, P/O. G. S. Cary, Sgt. L. H. Mantell, Sgt. G. S. Davenport, Sgt. J. Webster.	-do-	2048	0141	Bomb load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Bursts seen in south end of Aiming Point. Several really big fires seen. Bombed from 12000 feet. - No cloud - haze - Visibility good. Town seen - Attack very scattered but some good fires seen.	
	Z. 1469. (H)	Sgt. W. A. Gill, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. H. Child, Sgt. W. E. Moore, Sgt. J. L. MacDonald.	-do-	2037	0136	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted - O.K. Incendiary stick seen to explode in believed target area between two fires. Bombed from 5700 feet - No cloud - Some thick haze or smoke - Many red and green flares seen, also ordinary coloured ones, confirmed by Rhine contours. Quite a number of fires just getting going appeared to be in railway station area. Much black smoke, also some fires on West Bank of Rhine. Successful trip, marker flares, excellent smoke and haze prevented any pin-pointing. Fires seen 50 miles on exit.	
	Z. 1325 (H).	P/Sgt. J. H. E. Marriott, Sgt. D. Udell, Sgt. J. W. Wheat, Sgt. L. E. Holland, Sgt. W. Davis.	-do-	2036	0120	Bomb load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Aimed between two large fires in believed target area. Bombed from 12000 feet - No cloud - slight ground haze - River Maas believed seen, Rhine seen 20 miles before target was reached. confirmed by red and green flares seen 20 miles away - No ground detail seen. Many fires just started and appeared very concentrated - some fires on western bank of Rhine - Glow in sky seen on reaching Dutch Coast on return. A successful trip. Better than Frankfurt - No blebs seen, Flares helpful, accurate and on time but bursting at all heights - no ground detail shown up.	
	Z. 1340 (A).	P/O. H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H. E. J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J. B. Glover, Sgt. W. P. S. Rae.	-do-	2042	0109	Bomb load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Bombs fell in town on East Bank of river - Six fires seen. Bombed from 9000 feet - No cloud haze - Saw Pathfinder Identification flares bend in Rhine River and built-up area east of it by light of flares and big fire. Much smoke in target area - One hole in Port Wing and one in Starboard Elevator caused by Heavy Flak at Dusseldorf. A very successful trip - good scale and good Navigation - I.F.F. Switch very effective and Pathfinders of great assistance.	
	Z. 1342. (J).	Sgt. T. A. Julian, P/O. A. G. Edwards, Sgt. B. E. Shaver, P/O. R. E. Harvey, P/Lt. V. J. D. Johan.	-do-	2035	0130	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted and camera turned over. Four times. O.K. Bombs fell in built-up area seen in light of flares. 3 or 4 big fires seen. Bombed from 12000 feet - No cloud - ground haze - By Pathfinder Identification Flares - Built-up area seen in light of flares. Ten fires seen in believed target area. A very successful trip. Pathfinder flares useful P.I.U.	18

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	Z.1318.(K)	P/Sgt.J.H.E.Marriott, -do- Sgt.D.Udell, Sgt.J.W.Whear, Sgt.L.E.Holland, Sgt.W.Davis.	-do-	0016	0516	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. Believed target area, but no ground detail seen, except fires. Two large fires burning with dull glow and smoke and some others. Glow seen for 30/40 miles on exit. Bombed from 9000 feet - Much ground haze - No ground Pin-Points obtained - glow of fires seen 30 miles before arrival, bombed on fires. Incendiary stick believed target area. Hazy conditions made any ground detail impossible but fires still burning led us to the presumed target.	
	Z.1219(V)	P/O.G.B.Smith, Sgt.W.J.Whitehead, Sgt.H.W.Saunders, Sgt.J.Edwards, Sgt.L.P.Marnebecke.	-do-	0019	0520	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. Town not seen, but bursts seen between two fires in built-up area. Extensive fires appeared to be burning strongly. Bombed from 11500 feet - No cloud - hazy and very dark. Disappointing owing to inability to identify target.	
	Z.1342.(J)	Sgt.T.A.Julian, P/O.A.G.Edwards, P/O.A.J.Wingood, Sgt.A.L.Waller, P/O.R.E.Harvey, P/O.T.M.Watt.	-do-	0023	0459	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs seen to burst alongside fire on east side of river, believed near Aiming Point. Large fires seen, close to river on east side. Bombed from 12000 feet - 6/10ths cloud to 6000 feet - hazy - visibility good. River seen by glare of fires. Owing to cloud - impossible to make definite observations but extensive fires were seen.	
	Z.1220.(G)	P/O.J.Etchells, Sgt.L.A.Ding, Sgt.B.E.Shaver, P/O.G.K.Pickering, Sgt.J.L.MacDonald.	-do-	0030	0444	Bomb load as above - No photograph attempted. Returned from 5307 N. 0506 E - Caught in light and heavy flak at Groningen. Flak followed aircraft down to 7000 feet. Oil temperature and cylinder head temperature high - exhaust pipes hot.	
	Z.1478.(U)	Sgt.J.May, Sgt.R.R.Dalarocha, Sgt.E.W.Banks, Sgt.J.G.Southey.	-do-	0021	0542	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted at bombing. O.K. No ground detail seen. Several incendiary sticks but bombed between fires. Several incendiary sticks seen to explode. Many fires burning well with much smoke - in particular two areas of fires. Bombed from 12000 feet - Much ground haze and smoke. Glow of fires seen 30 minutes before arrival - believed river seen but no positive ground detail seen - Bombed on fires burning. Very good show, fires appeared to be widespread and still burning well.	(CONTINUED.)

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13/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1414.(O)	F/Sgt. P.F. Woolland DFM, Sgt. A.N. Jensen, Sgt. K.S. Nicholls, Sgt. R.H. Eastow, Sgt. J.R. Brind, Sgt. R.M. Partington.	Bremen.	0027	0547	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted at bombing - O.K. in North West of city - 20 to 25 fires seen in target area - Fires could be seen for 50 miles before reaching Bremen. Bombed from 12000 feet - No cloud but slight ground haze - Believed River Weser and Docks seen and built-up area - Hole in Bomb Doors in front on port side caused by heavy flak at Bremen. A very successful operation but some indiscriminate bombing to South West of target area.	
	Z.1315.(S)	Sgt. L. Hewitt, Sgt. W.J. Olde, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. A.C. Pettitt, Sgt. J. Webster.	-do-	0034	0512	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Returned from Bremen. Bomb Aimer's Firing Switch u/s: Bombs found to be hung up on return - three areas seen with glow of fires through haze. Glow could be seen 20 miles after leaving target. 7/10ths to 9/10ths cloud tops 8000/9000 feet - hazy. Thought Bremen area bombed by glow of fires seen but weather made pin-pointing impossible.	
	Z.1325.(M)	Sgt. W.A. Gill, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W.E. Moore, Sgt. G.S. Davenport.	-do-	0026	0452	Bomb load :- 72 x 50 lb. Incendiaries. No camera carried. Believed Bremen. Identified by fires and Estimated time of arrival. Glare through haze suggested extensive fires. Several High Explosives seen to burst. Bombed from 14000 feet - Thick haze to 9000 feet - Visibility good - Fires and bursts seen - location unknown. Haze prevented definite identification.	
	Z.1469.(H)	Sgt. L.A. Seaham, Sgt. R. Lind, Sgt. N.T. Byrne, Sgt. A.G. Travin, Sgt. W.J. Godly.	-do-	0037	0632	Bomb load :- 810 x 4lb. Incendiaries - One photograph attempted at bombing - O.K. Bombed on area hit by burning fires. Bombs seen to burst - Many fires burning well, two large ones in particular. Fires seemed concentrated. Fire glow seen for 100 miles on exit.	
	Z.1416.(N)	S/Ldr. D.E. Barnard, P/O. A.H. S. Sandom, P/O. R.E. Glensor, F/Sgt. A.T. Buckell, Sgt. R. Forster, Sgt. H.M. James.	-do-	0039	0130	Bomb load :- 1 x 4000 lb. H.C. - No photograph attempted. Returned from 53025' N. 00050' E - Generator burned out causing complete electrical failure. Bomb jettisoned.	
14/9/42	Z.1478.(U)	P/O. J. Etchells, Sgt. L.A. Ding, Sgt. B.E. Shaver, P/O. G.K. Pickering, Sgt. J.L. MacDonald.	Wilhelmshaven	2003	0104	APPENDIX A.61. Bomb load :- 810 x 4 lb. Incendiaries - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed to burst immediately N.E. of Aiming Point. Bombed from 11500 feet - 4/10ths to 5/10ths cloud in patches - hazy tops 7000 feet. Submarine building yards seen by aid of pathfinder flares after bombing. Started fires, some heavy High Explosives seen bursting just after. Pretty good show - attack medium to concentrated.	

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14/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1318.(K)	F/Sgt. J.H.E. Marriott, Sgt. D. Udell, Sgt. J.W. Whelan, Sgt. L.E. Holland, Sgt. W. Davis.	Wilhelmshaven.	2001	0045	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombs seen to burst on believed Aiming Point 1 to 1 mile West of Aiming Point. Many scattered fires seen. Bombed from 10000 feet - No cloud - Slight ground haze - Shape of north western coastline of Jade Busen, Bauhafen and believed parallel submarine pens seen. Some incendiaries seen 4/5 miles west and two miles north of Aiming Point. 3/4 fires and a large explosion seen some time after exit. Flak damage to bomb doors - too much cloud in vicinity of target for a concentrated blitz. Pathfinders of no use and late.	
	Z.1342.(J)	Sgt. T.A. Julian, P/O A.G. Edwards, Sgt. A.L. Weller, P/O R.E. Harvey, P/O T.M. Watt.	-do-	2002	0023	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombed on E.T.A. and Pathfinder flares. Fires seen through cloud on exit. Bombed from 12000 feet. 10/10ths cloud in layers - visibility good. Bursts not seen - location unknown. No fires on arrival - Glare seen through gap in cloud on exit. Bombed by the aid of believed - One photograph attempted - Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombs believed to fall immediately south and west of Aiming Point. Heavy bomb seen to burst in Dock Area. Bombed from 12000 feet - Scattered thin cloud - visibility good. Jade Bay Dock and River to North - Target in sight. Bursts seen - Fires seen approximately 3 miles South West of town. Flares illuminating fields 1 1/2 miles west of town. Identified target and bombed it. General attack scattered.	
	Z.1340.(A)	Sgt. W.A. Gill, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W.E. Moore, Sgt. C.B. Davenport.	-do-	2000	0054	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombs believed to fall about 1/2 mile east of Bauhafen. Many large fires seen on exit. Bombed from 12000 feet - No cloud - moderate ground haze - Back of Jade Busen Bauhafen and dummy on East Bank of Jade busen seen. Several incendiaries seen on arrival and on exit saw very large explosion followed immediately by large fire - believed 4000 lb. incendiary. Suspected Flak holes near Raar Turret. Quite a good trip - Wilhelmshaven was having it, but no signs of extensive blitz up to time of leaving.	
	Z.1414(O)	F/Sgt. P.F. Woodland DFM, Sgt. K.S. Nicholls, Sgt. E.H. Bastow, Sgt. J.M. Brind, Sgt. R.E. Partington.	-do-	2004	0058	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombed in believed built-up area. Many incendiaries but few resultant fires. Bombed from 13000 feet - Some thin cloud or fairly thick haze - Western Coast of Jade Busen seen and position confirmed by flares. - Incendiary stick seen. Bombed on believed built-up area alongside lights and fires burning. One very large explosion for 4/5 seconds appeared pale yellow in centre area. 46 x 4lb incendiaries jammed in container. Flares and incendiaries too scattered for a real blitz, too much cloud and haze in vicinity.	
	BJ.653 (R)	Sgt. L.A. Seemark, Sgt. R. Lind, Sgt. M.T. Byrne, Sgt. A.G. Trowin, Sgt. W.J. Godly.	-do-	2013	0116	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted - O.K. Bombed in believed built-up area. Many incendiaries but few resultant fires. Bombed from 13000 feet - Some thin cloud or fairly thick haze - Western Coast of Jade Busen seen and position confirmed by flares. - Incendiary stick seen. Bombed on believed built-up area alongside lights and fires burning. One very large explosion for 4/5 seconds appeared pale yellow in centre area. 46 x 4lb incendiaries jammed in container. Flares and incendiaries too scattered for a real blitz, too much cloud and haze in vicinity.	

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14/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1416.(W)	Sgt. L. Hewitt, Sgt. W. J. Oide, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. A. G. Pettitt, Sgt. I. F. W. Young.	Wilhelmshaven	2009	0040	Bomb load as before - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombed on E.T.A. - Flares and Risk - Fires seen to be commencing on exit. Bombed from 14000 feet. 6/10ths to 7/10ths cloud tops 10000 feet - very hazy - No bursts seen - location unknown. Considerable glare through cloud seen on exit. Unsatisfactory trip owing to cloud, but definitely believe was in target area.	
15/9/42	BJ.653 (R)	P/O. G. Smith, Sgt. W. J. Whitehead, Sgt. E. W. Salmon, Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L. P. Marnawode.	Gardening.	1929	0110	Bomb Load 2 x 1500 lb. Veg - No camera carried - Planted as ordered at 2220 hours at 600 feet. Gusty static conditions.	
	Z.1414.(O)	P/O. A. J. Wingood, P/Sgt. J. E. Dawes, Sgt. G. Mackenzie-Ross, Sgt. R. S. Taylor, P/O. I. M. Watt.	-do-	1955	0205	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Disappointing trip - Unable to get a pin-point. Abandoned Cuxhaven area at 2240 hours - Two 1500 lb. Veg brought back - Cyno w/s on outward journey, but improved on homeward trip.	
	Z.1220(G)	P/O. A. P. G. Sandon, Sgt. J. W. A. Bennett, Sgt. A. M. Clarke, Sgt. F. W. Darley, Sgt. G. C. Thompson.	-do-	1952	0130	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - A good trip - No cloud - Hazy below at final pin-point. Parachutes seen in allotted area - Excellent navigation. Very bad thunderstorm on homeward journey.	
	Z.1340.(A)	P/O. H. Stower, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H. E. J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J. B. Glover, Sgt. W. P. S. Rae.	-do-	1955	0234	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - Mission abandoned - Returned from Cuxhaven area at 2310 hours at 2000 feet - Unable to pin-point - Searched area from 2130 hours - 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables brought back. Disappointing trip made very difficult owing to bad weather conditions down to 1500 feet.	
	Z.1318.(K)	Sgt. A. M. Jensen, Sgt. E. E. Petersen, Sgt. A. Jowers, Sgt. F. R. Harpley, Sgt. E. Hill.	-do-	1954	0243	Bomb load as above - Camera not carried - Abandoned Sylt Island area - 2245 hours - Unable to make Pin-Point after one hour search. 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables brought back. Disappointing trip.	
	Z.1416.(W)	P/O. H. W. Goule, Sgt. W. F. B. Hill, Sgt. A. G. Alton, Sgt. A. Diggins, P/O. D. J. Smallwood.	-do-	1956	0050	Bomb load as above - Camera not carried - Pin-pointed mainland south of it and East End of Langesog Island on run up to allotment. Believed parachutes seen in allotted area - a very successful trip.	

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16/9/42.	Z.1469. (H)	P/O W. M. Brooks, Sgt. J. W. Elsham, Sgt. S. M. Chaswick, Sgt. C. Delaney, Sgt. A. Johnson.	essen.	2019	0203	Bomb Load :- 810 x 4 lb. Incendiaries. One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombs believed to have fallen in south of town. scattered fires seen on exit.	
	Z.1340. (A)	P/Sgt. I. H. Marriott, Sgt. D. Wall, Sgt. J. W. Wheat, Sgt. L. S. Holland, Sgt. W. Davis.	-do-	2020	---	Bomb load as above - Aircraft carried camera - no photograph attempted. failed to return - No news after take-off.	
	Z.1320. (B)	P/O J. P. Barry, Sgt. V. P. B. Hill, Sgt. I. L. Martell, Sgt. R. S. Mayneport, Sgt. J. Webster.	-do-	2027	0212	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted. O.K. Bombs believed to burst adjoining large fire in believed centre of city.	
	BJ.913 (G)	P/O A. H. C. Gordon, Sgt. J. W. A. Bennett, Sgt. P. W. Barclay, Sgt. A. M. Clarke, Sgt. G. C. Thomson.	-do-	2022	---	Bomb load as above - Aircraft carried camera - No photograph attempted. failed to return - No news after take-off.	
	Z.1416. (W)	S/O E. W. Opale, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. A. G. Alton, Sgt. A. Higgins, P/O D. J. Wallwood.	-do-	2025	0146	Bomb load as above - One photograph attempted. O.K. Believed bombed target area adjoining fires. Pathfinder Flares seen on arrival.	
	BJ.663. (H)	P/Sgt. W. T. Bent, Sgt. C. A. Smith, Sgt. A. Sinclair, P/Sgt. I. T. Kennedy, Sgt. C. T. Moore.	-do-	2029	0152	Bomb Load as above - One photograph attempted. O.K. Pin-Point not obtained but bombs believed to have burst in target area.	
	BF.550 (M)	S/Ldr. D. B. Barnard, P/O R. E. Glensord, P/Sgt. A. T. Buckell, Sgt. K. Worster, Sgt. H. M. James.	-do-	2044	---	Bomb Load :- 1 x 4000 lb. H.C. - Aircraft carried camera - failed to return - no news after second fix and S.O.S.	
18/9/42.	Z.1342. (J)	P/Lt. P. W. Sande, P/O G. H. Maggett, P/O C. S. S. Cary, P/O M. G. Healy, Sgt. J. L. MacDonald, P/O J. A. Tooth.	Gardening.	2036	0220	APPENDIX A.64. Bomb Load :- 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables. - No camera carried. Landed at Catross - Vegetables successfully laid - Parachutes seen to open by Rear Gunner. Intercommunication u/s.	
	Z.1326. (M)	P/O H. Stover, Sgt. H. Peake, Sgt. H. J. Wilkinson, Sgt. J. B. Glover, Sgt. W. P. S. Mac.	-do-	2012	0123	Bomb load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in garden. Pin-point made on Pellworm Island - Visibility good below cloud. Dropped vegetables from 750 feet. 10/10ths cloud base at 1500 feet. A quiet and uneventful trip.	

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18/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1220.(B)	P/O J.F. Berry, Sgt. V.F. S. Hill, Sgt. J.J. Mantell, Sgt. G.S. Davenport, Sgt. J. Webster.	Gardening.	2006	2252	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - returned early owing to W/T failure, and inability to obtain loops. Turned back at 53° 49' N, 03° 19' E. at 2103 hours.	
	Z.1411.(M)	Sgt. A.M. Jensen, Sgt. A.P. Petersen, Sgt. A. Jowers, Sgt. F.H. Marples, Sgt. A. Hill, P/O G. Smith, Sgt. W.J. Whitewood, Sgt. E.W. Selmon, Sgt. J. Edwards,	-do-	2024	0357	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - Landed at Binbrook.	
	Z.1219.(V)	Sgt. L.P. Marneswecke, P/O A.J. Wingood, P/Sgt. J.E. Jones, Sgt. G. Macmillan-Moss, Sgt. A.S. Taylor, P/O T.M. Watt.	-do-	2011	0815	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - Vegetable brought back owing to inability to pin-point owing to clouds. Searched area from 2210 to 2315 hours. A disappointing trip.	
	Z.1416.(W)	Sgt. J. Edwards, Sgt. L.P. Marneswecke, P/O A.J. Wingood, P/Sgt. J.E. Jones, Sgt. G. Macmillan-Moss, Sgt. A.S. Taylor, P/O T.M. Watt.	-do-	2016	0200	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in garden. Pin-Pointed on Schilling. Very cloudy but poor visibility. Vegetables laid from 800 feet. Satisfactory trip.	
	Z.1477.(Z)	Sgt. A.S. Taylor, P/O T.M. Watt, W/O A.C. Bray, Sgt. J. May, Sgt. E.K. Delapone, Sgt. A. Wiggins, Sgt. J.C. Southey.	-do-	2032	0319	Bomb Load :- As above - No camera carried - Unable to make Pin-Point owing to poor visibility. Vegetables brought back after 45 minutes Search in vicinity of Peter's Head Coastline searching for Pin-Points. 10/10ths cloud at 9000/1000 feet base, sometimes below visibility poor. Unable to make Pin-Point on Main Coast. Too much low cloud and poor visibility to make any certain Pin-Point on Peter Head Coastline. heavy rain for 3/4ths of return journey.	
	Z.1459.(H)	P/O W.A. Brooks, Sgt. J.W. Oldham, Sgt. S.M. Chadwick, Sgt. A. Johnson, Sgt. C. Delany.	-do-	2017	2353	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Foxal Island pin-pointed and vegetables planted in allotted garden. Dropped from 850 feet. 10/10ths cloud base at 2000 feet. Hazy below. Both parachutes seen. - A successful trip.	
	Z.1542.(T)	Sgt. L.A. Seemark, Sgt. A. Lind, Sgt. M.T. Byrne, Sgt. A. Frewin, Sgt. W.J. Godly.	-do-	2022	0040	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables planted in garden after obtaining pin-point in Schiermonnikoog area. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. 10/10ths cloud base at 1000 feet - visibility poor. Island between Ameland and Schiermonnikoog identified. Two parachutes seen to open in believed planting area. Quite a satisfactory and quiet trip.	
	Z.1655.(Y)	P/Sgt. P.F. Woolland DM, Sgt. K.S. Nicholls, Sgt. E.H. Bartow, Sgt. J.R. Brind, Sgt. E.H. Partington.	-do-	2026	0101	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - Unable to obtain pin-point in Schiermonnikoog area after 20 minutes Search. Vegetables brought back. Search abandoned at 2218 hours. Disappointing trip.	
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25/9/42.	Z.1477.(Z)	P/Sgt. W.T. Bent, Sgt. C.A. Smith, Sgt. A. Sinclair, Sgt. J.G. Hayden, Sgt. C.P. Moore.	Gardening.	1856	0027	Bomb Load :- 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables - No camera carried - O.K. Pin-Points obtained at Fano Island, and Haderslev town. Vegetables then planted in allotted garden. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. No cloud - moonlight - visibility excellent. Fano Island - Haderslev town - wind to north of it and headland to east, also Brandso Island and mainland clearly pin-pointed in moonlight. Parachutes seen to open and splash of vegetables entering sea. A perfectly successful trip with no opposition. Bomb Load as above - No camera carried. Both Vegetables brought back owing to inability to obtain a pin-point. Searched area for 45 minutes and believed pin-pointed R. Kider Estuary but could not pin-point same land areas in relation to it. Thunderstorm in area 8/10ths CU Nimbus Base 1500 feet. Patches to 600 feet. Aircraft struck by lightning at 54°33' N, 08°33' E. Trailing Aerial taken away and 3 ft. of Starboard Wing stripped off fabric. Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - Failed to return - No news after take-off.	
	Z.1414.(0)	P/Sgt. P.P. Woodland DFM, Sgt. I.S. Nicholls, Sgt. M.H. Bastow, Sgt. J.R. Brind, Sgt. R.H. Partington.	-do-	1907	0105	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in allotment. Pin-Point obtained on St. Peter's Head. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. 6 to 5/10ths cloud base at 2000 feet. A highly successful trip.	
	Z.1219.(V)	Sgt. A.A. Seemark, Sgt. E. Lind, Sgt. M.T. Byrne, Sgt. A. Trewin, Sgt. W.J. Godly.	-do-	1902	---	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in allotment. Pin-Point obtained on St. Peter's Head. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. 6 to 5/10ths cloud base at 2000 feet. A highly successful trip.	
	Z.1542.(T)	Sgt. L. Hewitt, Sgt. W.J. Oids, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. M.P. Noble, Sgt. A.C. Pettitt.	-do-	1910	0015	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in allotment. St. Peter's Head pin-pointed. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet, 8/10ths cumulus base at 3000 to 4000 feet. Visibility excellent. Inlet North of St. Peter's pin-pointed and Island to west of it. Saw Vegetables enter sea in allotment area. A very good night for gardening, also a good night for fighters if at any height.	
	Z.1469.(H)	P/O J. Nicholls, Sgt. L.A. Ding, Sgt. B.E. Shaver, Sgt. H.A. Johnson, Sgt. J.L. MacDonald.	-do-	1904	2337	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in allotment. Pin-pointed on St. Peter's Head. Vegetables dropped from 750 feet. 8/10ths cloud base at 2400 feet. Good Visibility - A successful trip.	
	Z.1325.(M)	Sgt. T.A. Julian, P/O A.C. Edwards, Sgt. A.L. Weller, P/O E.E. Murray, P/O T.M. Watt.	-do-	1900	2352	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables planted in allotment. Pin-pointing on St. Peter's Head. Vegetables dropped from 750 feet. 8/10ths cloud base at 2400 feet. Good Visibility - A successful trip.	
	Z.1416.(W)	P/O A.J. Wingood, P/Sgt. J.E. Daves, Sgt. S. Mackenzie-Ross, Sgt. A.B. Taylor, P/O G.H. Newson.	-do-	1915	2309	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables planted in allotment. Pin-Point obtained on Ameland. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. Slight scattered medium cloud - excellent visibility. Very satisfactory trip.	
	Z.1539.(D)	Sgt. A.M. Jensen, Sgt. F. Peterson, Sgt. A. Jensen, Sgt. F.K. Marples, Sgt. E. Hill.	-do-	1914	2250	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetable planted in allotment. Pin-pointed Veeland and Ameland. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. 1/10ths cumulus base at 2500 feet - Visibility excellent. Saw both parachutes open in allotment area. A very satisfactory trip. Pin-Pointing made easy by excellent weather over Frisian Islands.	

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23/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.14111. (E)	Sgt. W.A. Gell, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W. E. Moore, Sgt. M. W. Sloan.	Gardening.	1915	2243	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables planted in allotment, after Pin-Point on Tierschelling and Ameland.	
24/9/42.	Z.1525. (M)	Sgt. T. A. Julian, P/O. A. G. Edwards, Sgt. A. L. Weller, P/O. R. E. Harvey, P/O. T. M. Watt.	Gardening.	1930	0034	APPENDIX A.66. Bomb Load :- 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped in allotted area, from 700 feet. 4/10ths cloud base at 3000 feet, visibility clear: Aurum Island clearly seen and identified. Two parachutes seen to open and enter water. Trailing Aerial destroyed by lightning soon after sowing vegetables. A Quiet and successful trip - good route.	
	Z.1538. (D)	Sgt. A. M. Jensen, Sgt. R. F. Petersen, Sgt. A. Jowers, Sgt. F. R. Marplee, Sgt. R. Hill.	-do-	1942	0122	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped in allotted area. Parachutes seen to open. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. 4/10ths cloud base at 2600 feet - Visibility clear. Spilt clearly seen, Fehr and Pullmann identified. A bullet hole in Starboard wing due to light flak - A successful trip - identification helped by good breaks in rainstorm.	
	Z.1416. (W)	P/O. H. W. Gamble, P/O. B. V. Cashie, Sgt. A. G. Allen, Sgt. A. Diggins, P/O. D. J. Smallwood.	-do-	1940	0115	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped in allotted area. Parachutes seen to open. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. 6/10ths cloud base at 2/3000 feet. Visibility clear except in rain storms. Aurum identified and main coast followed to St. Peter. A successful but dull trip.	
	Z.1477. (Z)	P/O. A. J. Wingood, P/Sgt. J. E. Davis, Sgt. G. Mackenzie-Ross, Sgt. R. S. Taylor, P/O. G. H. Newsome.	-do-	1948	0059	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped in allotted area. Parachutes seen to open. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. 6/10ths to 8/10ths cloud base at 1500 to 2000 feet. Visibility good. Pin-Pointed Island west of St. Peter. A very satisfactory trip.	
	Z.1489. (H)	P/O. J. P. Berry, Sgt. V. P. B. Hill, Sgt. I. L. Mantell, Sgt. G. S. Davenport, Sgt. J. Webster.	-do-	1945	0108	Bomb Load :- As above - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped in allotted area. One parachute seen to open. Cloud obscured second. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. 10/10ths cloud base at 800 to 1000 feet with temporary break during release of vegetables. Pin-pointed St. Peter's in good visibility. A successful trip in spite of bad weather.	
26/9/42.	Z.1478. (U)	F/Sgt. P. F. Woolland DPM, P/O. G. H. Edgett, Sgt. K. S. Nicholls, Sgt. E. H. Bastow, Sgt. J. R. Brind, Sgt. R. H. Partington.	Gardening.	1900	0101	APPENDIX A.67. Bomb Load :- 2 x 1500 lb. Vegetables - No camera carried. O.K. Successful trip. Both parachutes seen to open in allotment area.	
	B.J. 653 (R)	F/Sgt. J. C. Haddon, Sgt. J. G. Holmes, Sgt. R. S. Taylor, Sgt. M. P. Noble, Sgt. W. Bullen.	-do-	1936	2318	Bomb Load as above - No camera carried - O.K. Successful trip. Two white splashes seen in water in believed allotted area. Vegetables dropped from 900 feet. 9/10ths cloud base at 1200 feet - visibility below good. Ameland identified. Successful and quiet trip. Ideal weather conditions.	P.T.O.

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26/9/42 (Cont'd)	Z.1342.(T)	F/Sgt. W.T. Bent, Sgt. C.A. Smith, Sgt. A. Sinclair, Sgt. J.G. Hayden, Sgt. C.P. Moore.	Gardening.	1932	2301	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Successful trip. Both parachutes seen to open in allotment area. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. No cloud - visibility good - Ameland and Schiermonnikoog pin-pointed in good visibility. A very successful trip.	
	Z.1416.(W)	P/O. A.J. Wingood, F/Sgt. J.B. Dawes, Sgt. G. Mackenzie-Ross, Sgt. R.S. Taylor, P/O. G.H. Newsome.	-do-	1910	2337	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - Satisfactory trip - Vegetables dropped O.K. in allotment area. Both parachutes seen to open. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. 4/10ths to 5/10ths cumulus cloud base at 2000 feet - slight haze. Ameland and Schiermonnikoog and small island between them pin-pointed. Quite a satisfactory trip.	
	N.1655.(Y)	Sgt. J.P. Kavanagh, Sgt. W.J. Olde, Sgt. A. Elliott, Sgt. A.G. Pettitt, P/O. R.A. McKinnon.	-do-	1957	0008	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Successful trip. Both parachutes seen to open in allotment area. Vegetables dropped from 800 feet. No cloud - visibility good - Ameland - Small Island to East of it and Schiermonnikoog pin-pointed. A successful trip.	
	Z.1420.(P)	Sgt. W.A. Gill, Sgt. P. Bond, Sgt. N. Child, Sgt. W.E. Moore, Sgt. M.W. Sloan, Sgt. K.E. Gaunt.	-do-	1930	2254	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. A first class pin-point. Both parachutes seen to open in allotment area. Vegetables dropped from 1000 feet. 6/10ths cloud base at 2000 feet - tops 5000 feet - Visibility good below. Pin-Pointed Ameland Island. A first-class pin-point led to a successful sortie.	
	Z.1414.(O)	Sgt. A.M. Jensen, Sgt. R.F. Petersen, Sgt. A. Jowers, Sgt. P.R. Marples, Sgt. E. Hill.	-do-	1920	2259	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Successful trip. Accurately planted. Two parachutes seen to open and enter water in allotted area. Vegetables dropped from 900 feet. 7/10ths cloud base at 2000 feet. Visibility below good. Ameland, Schiermonnikoog and Lauwerszee Bay identified. A successful trip. Moon and visibility good made accurate planting possible.	
	NF.642.(J)	P/O. J.P. Berry, Sgt. V.P.E. Hill, Sgt. I.L. Mantell, Sgt. S.S. Davenport, Sgt. J. Webster.	-do-	1951	2323	Bomb Load as before - No camera carried - O.K. Vegetables dropped - Successful trip. Both parachutes seen to open in allotment area. Vegetables dropped from 700 feet. No cloud - visibility good. Pin-pointed Ameland and Schiermonnikoog Islands. A successful trip.	
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