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(*4572) Wt. 2256—95 60,000 3/42 T.S. 700
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2.4.43	LANCASTER 1, ED622	Sgt Genow, H.B. Sgt Dean, J.O. Sgt Rowe, H.D. Sgt Muirhead, M.M. P/O M. Anastasiades. Sgt Boyd, J. Sgt Corley, L.R.	Bombing Raid.	2000	0010	Task ST. NAZAIRE. No cloud, good visibility. Bombed with T.I. in bomb sight at 2215 hrs from 15,500 ft., but 4 X 1000 G.P. would not release over the target although jettison action was taken. Bombs were eventually jettisoned but 2 X 1000 G.P. hung up and had to be brought back. Bombs were seen to burst on the target. Evacuee flak with a few 3/L's. A JUBA was sighted, but after 3 bursts from Rear Gunner it turned away and was not seen again. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: - 6 X 1000 G.P., 8 X 500 G.P. Rear Gunner is sure enemy aircraft was damaged.	121
	ED474	Sgt Byass, R.H. P/O C.J. Black. Sgt Trigwell, R.S. Sgt Evans, D.H. Sgt Thurecht, N.H. Sgt Robertson, D.L. Sgt Crooks, S.R.	Bombing Raid.	2005	0055	Task ST. NAZAIRE. No cloud. Bombed at 2220 hrs from 15,500 ft. On leaving 2 large fires were seen East of aiming point and at 2235 hrs a large explosion was seen 5 miles East of aiming point. 6 X 1000 G.P. hung up over target and were jettisoned fused at 2300 hrs. Inaccurate light and heavy flak firing in to 3/L cones. F.A. seen on reciprocal course 20 miles S.E. of ST. NAZAIRE. No action. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: - 6 X 1000 G.P., 8 X 500 G.P.	
	W4902	Sgt Lay, K.L.W. P/O R.H. Bryant. Sgt Drake, W.J. Sgt Ratcliff, R.E. Sgt Gaudery, V.H. Sgt Webb, P.D. Sgt Forster, V.	Bombing Raid.	2010	0110	Task ST. NAZAIRE. Bombed with concentration of T.I.'s in bomb sight at 2222 hrs from 15000 ft., bombs were not seen to explode. Several fires were seen on return journey. 2 X 1000 G.P. was jettisoned at 2310 hrs and 3 X 1000 G.P. were brought back as they hung up over the target. Very little flak with about 20 ineffective 3/L's. At 2225 hrs 5 miles N.E. an ME109 passed 50 yds astern. No action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: - 6 X 1000 G.P., 8 X 500 G.P.	
	W4845	Sgt Miller, R.B. P/S Wright, J.H. Sgt Treadie, J. Sgt Sheppard, H.F. Sgt Love, H. Sgt Baldwin, D.T. Sgt Fisher, R.	Bombing Raid.	2012	0112	Task ST. NAZAIRE. Good visibility. Enabled built up area to be identified visually. Bombs were dropped at 2219 hrs from 13000 ft. but were not seen to explode. 2 X 1000 G.P. hung up over target and were jettisoned safe at 2256 hrs. Moderate heavy and light flak experienced. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: - 6 X 1000 G.P., 8 X 500 G.P.	
3.4.43	W4851	F/L R.S.D. Kearns. P/O J.F. Garbach. P/O W.J. Barclay. Sgt Barnham, F.H. Sgt Evans, D.H. F/S Moller, J.A. Sgt Dowman, H.J. F/S Crankshaw, R.A.	Bombing Raid	1935	2355	Task ESEN. Sighted preliminary warning flares 16 miles short of target area, and bombed on Red T.I.'s from 17000 ft at 2155 hrs. No cloud or haze. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak firing into 3/L's cones and only light flak. On run into target at DORSTEN an a/c was seen to go down and explode on the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: - 4 X T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P.	

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4.4.43	LANCASTER 1. ED615	S/L R. Grimston. P/O K. Gifford. P/O A. B. Marsh. P/S Portch, A. L. S. Sgt Woodward, T. J. P/S Volante, S. J. P/S Haxelwood, R. H. P/S Stafford, G. C.	Bombing Raid.			Task KIEL. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb Load: 2 X T.I., Yellow, 4 X T.I., Green, 5 X 4 Flares White, 1 X 4000 H.C.	
	W4902	P/O Taylor, H. F. M. Sgt Cooper, G. S. Sgt Reed, J. H. P/S McGee, J. Sgt Drinkwater, R. C. Sgt Gooding, R. H. P/S Haxelwood, R. H. P/S Woolhouse, W. O.	Bombing Raid.	2030	0140	Task KIEL. 10/10 cloud, good visibility above. Target attacked at 2306 hrs from 18,000 ft. by Red T.I.'s. No fires were seen. Red T.I.'s were scattered all around the aiming point. Moderate fairly accurate flak, but very few S/L's and ineffective owing to cloud. At 2303 hrs over KIEL an a/c believed to be PFF, seen to catch fire and fall to the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 4 T.I., Green, 6 X 4 Flares White, 1 X 4000 H.C.	
	W4851	P/L R. S. D. Kearns. P/O W. J. Barclay. Sgt Barham, J. R. Sgt Evans, D. H. P/S Moller, J. A. Sgt Downham, E. J. P/S Crankshaw, K. A.	Bombing Raid.	2030	0135	Task KIEL. Cloud 10/10, good visibility above. Target attacked at 2306 hrs from 18,000 ft. but bombs were not seen to explode. Centre of T.I.'s in bombight as bombs were released. Fairly intense heavy flak, and little light and no S/L's. At 2303 hrs over KIEL a/c seen to catch fire and fall to the ground. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	
	W4891.	P/O C. H. Womersley. P/O C. Boye. P/S Giles, P. P/O H. Cooke. Sgt Hammond, R. A. C. P/S Elcoate, A. W/O Greaves, E. H. S/LB. G. W. Swenson.	Bombing Raid.	2030	0200.	Task KIEL. Target attacked at 2308 hrs from 19,000 ft. Centre of T.I.'s in bombight but bombs were not seen to explode. Some heavy flak and large tracer fired up to 19,000 ft. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	
	W4840.	S/LD. D. W. Donaldson. S/LD. K. J. Larson. P/S Swinney, C. R. Sgt Lawrence, G. H. P/LI. H. H. Porter. P/S Waterhouse, V. P/O D. Macfie.	Bombing Raid.	2035.	0150.	Task KIEL. Target attacked at 2306 hrs from 18,000 ft. by Red T.I.'s. Bombs were dropped in middle of T.I.'s. Apart from this, nothing else was seen. Fair amount of heavy and light flak but no S/L's. a/c seen to burst into flames over target at 2304 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	
	W4850.	P/O C. H. Davies. P/S Holderness, J. R. P/S Rixon, A. Sgt Taylor, R. W. P/S McHugh, E. T. Sgt Baker, A. R. Sgt Grimwood, P. J. W.	Bombing Raid.			Task KIEL. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	

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4.4.43	LANCASTER 1. W4930.	Sgt Wenden, W. W. Sgt Mackenzie, E. S. Sgt Williams, G. A. Sgt Ashman, C. P/S Mason, H. R. Sgt Lynn, R. G. Sgt Johnston, A. C.	Bombing Raid.	2050	0210.	Task KIEL. Cloud 10/10. Target attacked at 2320 hrs from 18,000 ft on EEA as the Red T.I.'s were out when we reached the target. Some heavy flak was encountered, with a little light flak but no S/L's. a/c seen to burst into flames over target at 2304 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	123
	W4854.	P/O Anderson, H. T. P/O K. W. Borycody. P/O P. Smith. Sgt Brougham-Paddy, P. L. P/S Paterson, W. Sgt Stephens, J. T. Sgt Love, W. J.	Bombing Raid.	2045.	0210.	Task KIEL. Bombed at 2322 hrs from 19,000 ft by Red T.I.'s. impossible to identify visually. One bomb was not seen to explode. Fair amount of heavy flak. a/c seen to burst into flames and crash at 2319 hrs. No fire glow observed over target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	
	ED622.	P/LT. L. Vardon-Roe. P/LT. J. D. Mitchell. Sgt Fitchard, T. J. Sgt Stewart, J. C. P/S Banks, H. P/O H. P. Jolley. Sgt Harrison, R. C.	Bombing Raid.	2045.	0155.	Task KIEL. Target attacked at 2310 hrs from 19,500 ft. One Red T.I. was in bombight as bombs fell. Moderate to light heavy flak a/c seen to burst into flames up in target area at 2307 hrs. Red T.I.'s were scattered in a line 20/30 miles across the target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 2X T.I., yellow, 4X T.I., green, 6X 4 flares white, 1X 4000 HC.	
	W4931.	Sgt A. Ivan, V. A. P/S Toon, G. S. Sgt Rikman, L. W. Sgt White, S. P/S Kinney, V. J. Sgt Jackson, A. J. P/S Fielding, R. W.	Bombing Raid.	2025.	0255.	Task KIEL. Cloud 10/10, clear above. Target attacked at 2313 hrs from 20,000 ft by T.I. reds, but bombs were not seen to explode owing to cloud, no results of the raid could be seen. Slight heavy flak, fairly accurate and small amount of light. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1X 4000 HC, 4X 500 GP, 2X 500 LD, 1X 1,000 GP.	
8.4.43	W4930	P/L A. S. Cook. P/S Riggall, H. J. Sgt Boyle, H. J. Sgt Hartwright, D. A. Sgt Mcweeney, E. B. T. Sgt Leach, G. J. Sgt Marriage, R. C.	Bombing Raid.	2130	0210	Task DUISBURG. Bombed on release point flares seen through cloud at 2316 hrs from 17,000 ft. Owing to 10/10 cloud no results were observed. 2 X 1000 G.P. long delay hung up over the target and were jettisoned over MUNCHEN GLADBACH at 2322 hrs. Intense accurate flak and our a/c was hit by a burst of heavy which blew off the S/L's observation blister. Only 2 S/L's were seen. One photo attempted. Bomb Load: 4 T.I. Red, 5 X 1000 G.P. (2 fused long delay)	

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8.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. W4851.	P/O J.F. Thomson. Sgt. Wildin, P.J. Sgt. Farnell, H.A. Sgt. Rowe, H.J. Sgt. Hamilton, C.E. Sgt. Baxter, J.C. Sgt. Craighead, J.	Bombing Raid.	2130.	0235.	Task, DUISBERG. No markers seen owing to 10/10 cloud, so bombed on DR run at 2334 hrs from 20,000 ft. 4x1.1. reds were brought back owing to weather conditions. Moderate predicted flak, and only the reflections of 3/L's on the clouds could be seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 4x1.1. red, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, (2 fused long delay).	
	W4937.	Sgt. Sullivan, M.A. P/S. Lecher, G.B. Sgt. Ritchie, R.E. Sgt. Knox, C.E. P/S. Oivney, V.J. Sgt. Mason, G.E. P/S. Rickling, W.L.	Bombing Raid.	2130.	0225.	Task, DUISBERG. Weather was 10/10 cloud, so bombed on DR run at 2339 hrs from 20,000 ft. No T.I.'s were seen and no results of any bombing observed, so 4 T.I. reds were brought back. 3/L's were ineffective owing to cloud. One photo attempted. Bomb load 4x1.1. red, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP (2 fused long delay).	
	W4902.	Sgt. Lay, K.L.W. P/O R.N. Bryant. Sgt. Drake, H.J. Sgt. Ratcliff, R.E. Sgt. McCarthy, T.V. Sgt. Webb, F.D. Sgt. Forster, W.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0235.	Task, DUISBERG. No markers seen owing to 10/10 cloud, so bombed on DR run at 2326 hrs from 20,000 ft. No results of any bombing were seen. No light flak or 3/L's seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP (2 fused long delay).	
	W4245.	Sgt. Miller, R.B. P/S. Wright, J.T. Sgt. Twissie, J.F. Sgt. Sheppard, H.F. Sgt. Love, H. Sgt. Baldwin, D.T. Sgt. Fisher, S.	Bombing Raid.	2115.	0210.	Task, DUISBERG. No markers seen, so bombed on DR run at 2326 hrs from 18,000 ft. No results observed. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP (2 fused long delay).	
	W4943.	Sgt. Gones, H.B. Sgt. Dean, H.G. Sgt. Rowe, H.D. Sgt. Muirhead, M.A. P/O M. Anastasiades. Sgt. Boyd, J. Sgt. Cooley, L.E.	Bombing Raid.	2126.	0214.	Task, DUISBERG. No markers seen, so bombed on DR run at 2324 hrs from 20,000 ft. No T.I.'s were seen, nor any results of bombing. 1x1,000 GP brought back, hung up over the target. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP (2 fused long delay).	
	W4049.	Sgt. Overton, L.F. Sgt. Clements, D.F. Sgt. Arscott, J.A.M. Sgt. Cable, T. Sgt. Davies, D.M. Sgt. Sunderland, F. Sgt. Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid.	2155.	0235.	Task, DUISBERG. No sky or ground markers seen so bombed on DR run about 2 miles NE of ESSEN. No results seen owing to 10/10 cloud. Intense heavy flak, our A/C was hit by a burst at 2345 hrs at 15,000 ft. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP (2 fused long delay).	

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(10012-10013) W/L 2025-26 20,000 ft. T.S. 200

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8.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. ED622.	P/S Younger, R.G. P/S Ferguson, N. P/S Flett, H.H. Sgt. White, S. Sgt. Stopford, H.G. Sgt. Grace, J.P.M. Sgt. Jackson, A.V.	Bombing Raid.			Task, DUISBERG. This aircraft failed to return.	124 89
10.4.43.	W4933.	W/C G.H. Womersley. W/O Giles, F. P/O H. Cooke. Sgt. Hammond, H.A.C. P/S Elcote, A. W/O Greaves, B.M. P/S Young, L.F.W.	Bombing Raid.	2350	0100	Task, FRANKFURT. Abandoned, returned early owing to failure of P.D.G. Trouble first experienced whilst circling drome prior to setting course. 4,000 lb bomb and 1x1,000 LD jettisoned safe at 20,000 ft. 2x1.1. green, 3x1.1. yellow, 4x1.1. red, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	
	LANCASTER.111. ED902.	S/LD D.L. Donaldson. P/LD K.J. Lawson. P/LD Sumner, C.R. Sgt. Lawrence, C.H. P/S Thompson, R.F. P/S Watkinson, V. P/O W. Macle.	Bombing Raid.	2354.	0534.	Task, FRANKFURT. Cloud 10/10. Target attacked at 0234 hrs from 15,000 ft by red T.I. flares. T.I.'s were in bombsight but bombs were not seen to explode. Markers were very scattered. Predicted heavy flak, no light. A/C seen to blow up over target at 0305 hrs and fall below the clouds. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x1.1. yellow, 4x1.1. green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	
	W4951.	S/LD B.L. Puigan. W/C Alabaster. P/O J.C. Fode. Sgt. Drysdale, R. P/O D.J. Drake. Sgt. Dawson, L. P/LD C.A. Rogers.	Bombing Raid.	2355.	0545.	Task, FRANKFURT. With red T.I.'s in bombsight bombed at 0237 hrs from 14,000 ft. One bomb not seen to explode owing to cloud. One green T.I. brought back as it hung up. Moderate to heavy flak over target. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x1.1. yellow, 4x1.1. green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	
	W4943.	P/LD H. Cock. P/O H. W. J. Sgt. Gwyll, J. Sgt. Cartwright, P.A. Sgt. Madams, J. Sgt. Lockley, C.A.J. Sgt. Marriage, W.G.	Bombing Raid.	2359.	0549.	Task, FRANKFURT. With red and green T.I.'s in bombsight bombed at 0237 hrs from 17,500 ft. Flash of bursting bombs were seen, but cannot state location owing to 10/10 cloud. Moderate heavy flak. Predicted flak, with very little light also a few ineffective 3/L's. 2 A/C were seen to fall in flames and blow up. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x1.1. yellow, 4x1.1. green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	

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10.4.45.	LANCASTER, 1. W4902.	W/O Taylor, H.F.M. Sgt Hood, J.R. Sgt Walsh, J. Sgt Drinkwater, R.C. Sgt Gooding, S.N. P/S Hawksley, H.W. Sgt Woolnough, W.O.	Bombing Raid.	0005.	0535.	Task, FRANKFURT, with red S/L's in bombsight bombed at 0243 hrs from 14,500 ft. Flash of bomb explosion seen but unable to state location owing to 10/10 cloud over the target area, no fires were seen through the clouds. Flares on route were well concentrated and a good aid to navigation. Moderate to intense heavy flak, no light and no S/L's. At 0158 hrs a flash was seen in mid air with object thought to be a fighter falling in flames. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3xT.I., yellow, 4xT.I., green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	
	W4954.	W/O Anderson, H.R. Sgt Cooper, G.S. P/O R.S. Burdyscott. Sgt P. Smith. Sgt Broughan-Paddy, P.L. P/S Paterson, F. Sgt Stephens, F.T. Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid.	0001.	0605.	Task, FRANKFURT, with T.I. greens in bombsight, bombed at 0251 hrs from 14,500 ft, but bombs not seen to explode. 4xT.I., greens were brought back, as the captain so no point in dropping them. At 0230 hrs saw tracers hit an unidentified A/C which caught fire, flew on for five minutes, and then crashed. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3xT.I., yellow, 4xT.I., green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP.	
	ED734.	Sgt Stewart, R.G.F. Sgt Havard, D.A.S. Sgt Handley, C.H. Sgt Thorington, F. Sgt Partridge, R.W. Sgt Mills, D.A. P/O C.F. Horner.	Bombing Raid.	0010.	0605.	Task, FRANKFURT, Bombed on DE run at 0249 hrs from 16,000 ft on green flare. Bomb was seen to explode on a built up area, high explosion occurred which shook A/C. Fires seen through 10/10 cloud, were rather scattered. Moderate heavy flak, no S/L's. Two A/C were seen falling in flames on route, one at 0159 hrs and another at 0228 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3xT.I., yellow, 4xT.I., green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP.	PPR 140
	W4930.	P/O R.P. Smith. P/O W.V. Smith. P/O R.H. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, B. P/O J.A. Phillips. P/O S. Hayes. Sgt Jones, L.J.	Bombing Raid.	0015.	0245.	Task, FRANKFURT. This A/C returned early owing to failure of hydraulic system. All bombs and flares jettisoned at turning point. Bomb load 3xT.I., yellow, 4xT.I., green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	
	W4937.	Sgt Sullivan, M.A. P/S Loder, G.B. Sgt Ritchie, E.W. Sgt Knox, C.W. P/S Givney, V.J. Sgt Mason, G.S. P/S Rickling, H.L.	Bombing Raid.	0020.	0615.	Task, FRANKFURT, Bombed on ETA on run in from sky markers seen at 0220 hrs. Target identified by green steady with red stars and bombed at 0257 hrs from 17,000 ft. CWA bombs not seen to explode. Although a large number of other bomb explosions were seen, but no fires. T.I., greens and yellows were brought back. Slight heavy flak but no S/L's seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3xT.I., yellow, 4xT.I., green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x1,000 LD.	

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15.4.45.	LANCASTER, 1. W4945.	W/C G.H. Somersley. W/O Giles, F. P/O H. Cooke. Sgt Hammond, H.A.C. P/S Elcombe, A. W/O Greaves, H.M. P/S Young, I.F.W.	Bombing Raid.	2050.	0645.	Task, SPEZIA. No cloud, moderate visibility. Target attacked at 0136 hrs from 12,000 ft and bombs believed to have fallen in vicinity of aiming point, but bombs were not seen to explode. Seaplane base at GADIMARE visually identified. Several incens were seen burning in the hills to west and north of the town. Slight heavy and light flak with 8 ineffective S/L's. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 green flares, 2xwhite flares, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 white flares, 1 flare green internally.	125
	W4140.	S/LD B.L. Dalgan. S/LD Price. P/O J.C. Rade. Sgt Drysdale, R. P/O D.J. Drake. Sgt Dawson, R.B. P/LT J.A. Rogers.	Bombing Raid.	2105.	0605.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0148 hrs from 13,000 ft. Bombs were seen to explode in built up area in SW of town. Several explosions and incens in built up area. Slight inaccurate flak, and little light which died out as the attack developed. S/L's were ineffective. A/C seen to ignite and explode on hitting the ground at position north of target. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 green flares, 2xwhite flares, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 white flares, 1 flare green internally.	PPR 141
	LANCASTER 111. ED822.	S/LD D.W. Donaldson. S/LD K.J. Lawson. P/S Swinney, C.R. Sgt Lawrence, C.H. P/S Thompson, R.F. P/S Waterhouse, V. P/O D. MacKie.	Bombing Raid.	2050.	0550.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0144 hrs from 12,500 ft visually. Own bombs were not seen to explode owing to smoke screen. The docks were clearly in bombsight as bombs were released. Dummy factory was lit up 2 miles SW of target. Smoke screen prevented much being seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 green flares, 2x white flares, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	
	LANCASTER 111. ED 841.	S/LD J.H. White. P/O A. Roberts. Sgt Stoney, W.J.E. Sgt Wilkinson, W. Sgt Otter, J.C. P/O E.W. Thompson. Sgt Silverman, D.M.C.	Bombing Raid.	2100.	0600.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0140 hrs from 13,000 ft. Pinpoint obtained on ISLE PALMARIA and coast line. The docks were clearly seen and the commercial port identified. Bombs were not seen to explode. On the run in some scattered incens were seen and one large explosion in dock area NW of target. Smoke screen seen in operation. The black out over S. FRANCE was very poor. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 green flares, 2x white flares, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	

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13.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. W4851.	P/Lt R.S.D. Kearns, W/C T.S. Rivett - Carnac. P/O W.J. Barclay, Sgt Barnham, J.S. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/Lt H.H. Foster, P/S Crankshaw, R.A. Sgt Downham, M.O.	Bombing Raid.	2105.	0620.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0144 hrs from 13,000 ft, visually identified west and east coast of SPEZIA GULF. Own bombs fell in centre of town, but were not seen to explode. On the run in some scattered incense were seen. One large explosion seen when A/C was 18 miles on return route. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 flares green, 2x flares white, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	
	ED734.	Sgt Stewart, R.G.P. Sgt Havard, D.A.S. Sgt Handley, C. Sgt Thorington, F. Sgt Bartrop, D.R. Sgt Mills, D.A. P/O C.F. Horner.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0630.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0156 hrs from 12,500 ft. Pinpoint obtained on west side of SPEZIA GULF. Bombs fell among fires in town but were not seen to explode. One very large fire in centre of town. Fires were getting a good hold as our A/C left. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 flares green, 2x flares white, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	
	W4849.	P/O J.M. Horan, P/S Atkin, R.J. P/S Past, E.P. Sgt Chapman, J.C. W/O Saunders, D.C.A. Sgt Forbes, G.G. P/O R.A. McKinna.	Bombing Raid.	2115.	0635.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0200 hrs from 13,000 ft. Target identified visually by mole. Bombs were not seen to explode owing to smoke screen. Several fires were seen on NW and E side of the target, and concentration of flares was very good. Moderate light and very weak heavy flak, with about 3/5 S/L's. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 flares green, 2x flares white, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	APP 14
	W4933.	P/S Hudson, R.J. Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brook, T.S. Sgt Jones, H. Sgt Barlow, T. Sgt Richards, K. Sgt Adams, R.C.C.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0610.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0153 hrs from 13,000 FT, visually identified west coast of SPEZIA GULF and then crossed to the east coast and CADIMARE seaplane base. was seen on the bombing run. Bombs were not seen to explode, but believed they fell very near to the aiming point. Several fires were seen, one very large in the town area. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 flares green, 2x flares white, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	
	W4937.	Sgt Overton, J.W. Sgt Clements, D.B. Sgt Arcari, J.A.M. Sgt Cable, J. Sgt Davies, D.M. Sgt Sumterland, F. Sgt Barnett, S.	Bombing Raid.	2115.	0615.	Task, SPEZIA. Target attacked at 0150 hrs from 14,000 FT, own bombs were not seen to explode owing to smoke screen. Large fires seen in docks and a few smaller ones in built-up areas, also several explosions. One very large fire was seen in Commercial port. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x2 flares green, 2x flares white, 3x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1 flare green internally.	

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14.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. ED734.	W/O Anderson, H.R. P/O K.W. Borysott, P/O P. Smith, Sgt Brougham-Paddy, P.L. Sgt McCarthy, T.V. Sgt Stephens, J.T. Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid.	2140.	0350.	Task, STUTTGART. With red T.I. in bombsight bombed at 0046 hrs from 13,000 ft. T.I. seen to burst, but not bomb, and it was too early to see the results of any other bombing. Moderate heavy predicted flak, with some semi flashless flak. No S/L's were seen. 2 A/C were seen shot down in flames between MANNHEIM and KARLSRUHE, one of these was a STIRLING attacked by two ME 210's, and was seen to crash and explode. The ME was last seen in a vertical dive. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 3xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green, 1x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	126
	LANCASTER.111. ED841.	S/Lt J.H. White, P/O R. Roberts, Sgt Stonelay, W.J.B. Sgt Wilkinson, W. Sgt Otter, J.C. P/O R.M. Thompson, Sgt Silverman, D.M.C.	Bombing Raid.	2145.	0345.	Task, STUTTGART. Visually identified bend in river NECKAR and marshalling yards, but owing to a fault in the distributor own bombs did not drop, they were jettisoned at LICHTENAU at 0111 hrs from 14,000 ft, it is thought that they fell in a wood. Flares were brought back, slight heavy flak over target. Over BOCHINGEN at 0056 hrs approx 10 S/L's held our A/C for 1 1/2 minutes. At five different places on route, A/C were seen to fall in flames, but could not be identified. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 3xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green, 1x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	APP 142
	LANCASTER.1. W4843.	P/O J.M. Horan, P/S Atkin, R.J. P/S Past, E.P. Sgt Chapman, J.C. W/O Saunders, D.C.A. Sgt Forbes, G.G. P/O R.A. McKinna.	Bombing Raid.	2150.	0400.	Task, STUTTGART. Identified visually by river NECKAR and built up area. Bombsight was U/S but bombed at 0052 hrs from 11,000 ft, and bombs were seen explode near T.I. Greens which were well concentrated around marshalling yards. One huge explosion was seen at 0102 hrs. At 2340 hrs an S/A was seen over HUMMELT no action resulted. At 2350 hrs an S/A was seen to burst into flames. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 3xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green, 1x2,000 AP, 5x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	
	W4947.	P/O J.E. Thomson, Sgt Wilkin, F.J. Sgt Farnell, M.A. Sgt Rowe, W.J. Sgt Hamilton, C.P. Sgt Baxter, J.C. Sgt Craighead, J.	Bombing Raid.	2145.	0355.	Task, STUTTGART. On run in pinpoint was obtained on river, and bombed at 0052 hrs from 15,000 ft, bombs dropped between T.I., green and red. On leaving several explosions were seen around aiming point, and good fires were starting up. Slight heavy flak and moderate light, but no S/L's. Over WIESBADEN at 0039 hrs attacked JU 88 but no results seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 2xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	

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14.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. W4937.	Sgt Sullivan, W.A. P/S Loder, G. B. Sgt Ritchie, E. W. Sgt Knox, C. W. P/S Givney, V. J. Sgt Mason, G. S. P/S Hickling, S. J.	Bombing Raid.	2145.	0355.	Task, STUTTGART. Pinpoint obtained on river, and bombed with T.I. greens in sights at 0058 hrs from 15,000 ft. T.I. green and 4,000 HC were seen to burst and T.I. in aiming point, 3 miles S of LA FARGE at 2335 hrs. E/A was sighted but after evasive action was lost, again over AMTZI at 0220 hrs. a ME 110 persisted in following, but after violent weaving evasive action lasting 10 minutes was lost. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 2xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green LB, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	
	4849.	Sgt Lay, K. L. R. P/O R. M. Bryant. Sgt Drake, W. J. Sgt Ratcliff, A. E. Sgt Bauman, D. C. Sgt Webb, F. D. Sgt Forster, S.	Bombing Raid.	2155.	0415.	Task, STUTTGART. With T.I. greens in bombsight, bombed at 0109 hrs from 15,000 ft. Bombs were not seen to explode, but T.I.'s ignited in centre of those already down, and good fires were getting a hold. Moderate heavy and light flak, but no S/L's. 10 miles SW of ST. GEMINIS a JU 88 approached, but no action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 2xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	APP 142
	W4935.	P/S Hudson, R. J. Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brook, W. S. Sgt Jones, H. Sgt Barlow, A. T. Sgt Richards, K. Sgt Adams, K. G. C.	Bombing Raid.	2215.	0410.	Task, STUTTGART. River NECKAR identified on run in and bombed at 0118 hrs from 14,000 ft. in conditions of nil cloud and good visibility with some haze. Target was well ablaze on leaving columns of heavy black smoke were floating over the town to the south. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 2xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green LB, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	
	LANCASTER.111. ED842.	P/O B. F. Smith. P/O W. J. Smith. P/O R. E. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, B. P/O J. A. Philips. Sgt Jones, L. J. P/O S. Hayes.	Bombing Raid.	2205.	0415.	Task, Stuttgart. Pinpointed on river NECKAR with T.I. red in bombsight, bombed at 0113 hrs from 14,000 ft. Bombs were seen to explode and many others, incoming and HE bursts were seen. Over REMELING at 0028 hrs saw unidentified E/A, no action also one seen over HAILBRONN at 0110 hrs, no action. One photo attempted. Bomb load 2xT.I. yellow, 2xT.I. green, 1xT.I. green LB, 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	
	LANCASTER.1. W4140.	Sgt Gomez, H. B. Sgt Dean, J. C. Sgt Rowe, R. D. Sgt Harkness, M. M. P/O M. Anastasiades. Sgt Boyd, J.	Bombing Raid.	2140.	0415.	Task, STUTTGART. Target identified visually by river NECKAR and built up area. Bombed at 0056 hrs from 15,000 ft. Bombs seen to explode SW of main station, numerous fires seen near aiming point. A/C seen shot down over HAINHORN at 0028 hrs. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 4x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	

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14.4.43.	LANCASTER.1. W4851.	Sgt Cooper, G. S. Sgt Goulson, K. Sgt Edwards, D. R. Sgt Harrison, R. Sgt Vaulkhard, J. J. Sgt Robinson, N. O. Sgt Kley, A. E.	Bombing Raid.	2155.	0425.	Task, STUTTGART. Target identified by T.I.'s and with these in bombsight bombed at 0109 hrs from 14,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst owing to large amount of activity in target area, but all was well ablaze. In CHALLONS area at 0216 hrs a S/E E/A was sighted, evasive action was taken, and was not seen again. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 3x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP (screamer).	APP 142
16.4.43.	W4943.	P/LT A. G. Lang. Sgt Harrison, E. W. P/LT R. M. Gray. P/S Ridings, D. G. Sgt Clark, J. L. P/S Lee, R. J. Sgt Wood, M. H. P/S Venn, F. W.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0550.	Task, PILSEN. Could not identify visually, and made 3 runs over target, then bombed with T.I. green in sights at 0149 hrs from 15,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst, but a number of flares were seen burning. Only very moderate light and heavy flak with about 12 ineffective S/L's. At BEAUVAIS at 2224 hrs A/C held in 4 S/L's from an aerodrome, also over ROGER at 0408 hrs when rear gunner extinguished a S/L. A/C suffered no damage from accompanying flak. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	
	LANCASTER.111. ED822.	P/O J. M. Moran. P/S Atkin, R. J. P/S East, E. P. Sgt Chapman, J. C. P/O Saunders, D. C. A. Sgt Forbes, G. G. Sgt Curtis, J. H.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0535.	Task, PILSEN. Identified visually by light of flares. With built up area in bombsight bombed at 0145 hrs from 13,000 ft. No markers seen. Flares were seen. Moderate heavy predicted flak, with about 30 S/L's, and approx 7 balloons on west side of SHODA works. At 0112 hrs a JU 88 was sighted, no action resulted. One photo attempted. Marshalling yards and 20/30 GIAT furnaces seen working at MEIZ, considered to be a good target. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	APP 143
	LANCASTER.1. ED715.	S/LD B. L. Duigan. S/LD Mackintosh. S/LD H. C. Mitchell. P/O J. C. Eade. Sgt Hammond, H. P/O D. J. Drake. Sgt Dawson, K. E. P/LT J. A. Rogers.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0555.	Task, PILSEN. On arrival the target was identified visually during the 4 runs made over it and bombed at 0137 hrs from 9,000 ft. Own bombs were not seen to burst owing to great concentration of others, some fires had started. Moderate accurate heavy and light flak with about 12 S/L's which were very tenacious. At 0152 hrs an A/C was seen to explode in mid air. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1xT.I. red, 4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	

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16.4.45.	LANCASTER.1. W4854.	W/O Anderson, H.R. P/O L.W. Bordenyett. P/O P. Smith. Sgt Douglas-Paddy, P.L. Sgt Gooding, B.H. Sgt Stephens, J.T. Sgt Woolnough, W.O.	Bombing Raid.			Task, PILSEN. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	
	W4851.	F/Lt R.S.D. Kearns. P/O W.J. Barclay. Sgt Barnham, J.E. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/O J.A. Collier. P/S Crankshaw, R.A. Sgt Downman, M.G.	Bombing Raid.	2125.	0545.	Task, PILSEN. Built up area visually identified. Bombed on T.I. green at 0155 hrs from 13,000 ft, but own bombs were not seen to explode. Attack was developing well as our A/C left the target, and fires were starting up. Over BRUCHSAL at 0019 hrs an A/C was seen to hit the ground and explode, another A/C was seen burning on the ground at 0010 hrs at LANDAU. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	
	LANCASTER.111. ED841.	S/LD J.H. White. P/O R. Roberts. Sgt Stoneley, M.J.E. Sgt Wilkinson, W. Sgt Otter, J.C. P/O K.W. Thompson. Sgt Silverman, D.H.C.	Bombing Raid.	2130.	0600.	Task, PILSEN. On the run in green T.I.'s were well concentrated and with these in sights bombed at 0155 hrs from 13,000 ft, own bomb not seen to burst, but good fires were seen and attack was developing quickly. Very slight heavy and light flak, but some well predicted heavy flak at MURMBURG at 0110 hrs. On five separate occasions A/C were seen falling in flames along the route and over the target. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	APP 143
	ED837.	P/O J.F. Thomson. Sgt Wilkin, F.J. Sgt Farnell, H.A. Sgt Howe, W.V. Sgt Hamilton, C.P. Sgt Baxter, J.C. Sgt Craighhead, J.	Bombing Raid.	2140.	0550.	Task, PILSEN. River identified visually by river and also by T.I. greens and with these in sights bombed at 0148 hrs from 13,300 ft. Own bomb not seen to burst, but numerous other explosions were occurring, and fires were getting a good hold in factory area. Moderate heavy flak encountered with about 20/30 S/L's. An ME 110 was seen over target at 0148 hrs but no action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	
	LANCASTER.1. ED784.	Sgt Lay, K.L.W. P/O Bryant, R.M. Sgt Drake, W.J. Sgt Ratcliff, R.E. Sgt Bauman, D.C. Sgt Webb, P.D. Sgt Forster, W.	Bombing Raid.	2150.	0540.	Task, PILSEN. With T.I. green in bombsight bombed at 0155 hrs from 14,000 ft. T.I.'s were seen to burst among the others already down, but the bomb was not seen to explode. Good fires had started up and plenty of 4,000HC were bursting around a good marker concentration. In target area at 0153 hrs an ME 210 was seen 300 yds away, no action. At 0150 hrs an A/C was seen to fall in flames with T.I.'s and flares going off. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1xT.I. red, 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	

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16.4.45.	LANCASTER.111. ED942.	P/O B.F. Smith. P/O W.J. Smith. P/O R.E. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, B. P/O J.A. Philips. Sgt Jones, L.J. P/O S. Baynes.	Bombing Raid.	2145.	0530.	Task, PILSEN. Bombsight was U/S but 4,000 HC was released and seen to burst-should have been on or near NE edge of SHODA WORKS. One really good fire was seen in centre of works area and 3 large explosions occurred in east side of works at 0148 hrs. 20 miles NE of SAARBRUCKEN T.E.A/C was seen, evasive action was taken by diving to port and then T.E.A/C came over the top and tracer passed underneath the fuselage. Not sure if it was directed at our A/C. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1xT.I. yellow, 1xT.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 1xT.I. red 1 LB T.I. red, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC.	128 APP 143
	LANCASTER.1. W4950.	Sgt Gonso, H.B. Sgt Dean, J.C. Sgt Howe, H.D. Sgt Mulhead, M.W. P/O M. Anastasiades. Sgt Boyd, J. Sgt Corley, L.E.	Bombing Raid.			Task, PILSEN. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 1x1,000 GF.	

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18.4.43.	LANCASTER, 1. W4943.	F/LT A.G. Lang. P/LT E.M. Gray. P/S Riddings, B.G. Sgt Clark, J.L. P/S Lee, R.J. Sgt Wood, W.H. P/S Venn, F.W.	Bombing Raid.	2105.	0600.	Task SPEZIA. A visual pinpoint was obtained on the town and docks. A good concentration of T.I. reds was quite good round the aiming point and with these in sight bombs at 0149 hrs from 15,000 ft. in nil cloud and excellent light conditions, saw own T.I. reds lights near aiming point and raid appeared to be quite a success. Heavy and light flak was slight and inaccurate over the target and approx 10 S/L's were endeavouring to come on the route in at 2315 hrs, an unidentified S/A with green and white lights, seen approx 600 yds astern, but no action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb load 5x4 flares white, 2x2 flares white, 2x2 flares green, 2x1 red, 5x1,000 GP.	
	LANCASTER, 111. ED842.	P/O B.F. Smith. P/O W.J. Smith. P/O R.E. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, B. P/O J.A. Phillips. Sgt Jones, L.J. P/O S. Hayes.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0605.	Task SPEZIA. Target was identified visually by town and docks, in nil cloud and good visibility. A good concentration of T.I. reds had been achieved and with these in sight bombs at 0148 hrs from 15,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode, but on leaving target fires were spreading well. Approx 20 heavy guns and 4 light were working with about 7 S/L's over the target. Light flak was being hoisted, but was quite ineffective. A very effective smoke screen was in operation at the target when our A/C arrived. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	
	ED837.	Sgt Wendon, W.W. Sgt MacKenzie, E.S. Sgt Williams, G.A. Sgt Evans, D.H. P/S Mason, N.R. Sgt Ryan, R.G. Sgt Johnston, A.C.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0510.	Task SPEZIA. Target was identified visually by built up area and docks, in nil cloud and excellent visibility. The T.I. concentration was good around the aiming point, and with red T.I.s in sight bombs at 0148 hrs from 12,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst, but many other bombs were seen to explode round the aiming point, and good fires were getting a hold. Heavy and light flak was slight and inaccurate and only 6 S/L's were in operation over the target. A very effective smoke screen was in operation, however, which almost obscured the docks. 8 parachutes were seen to open over SPEZIA at 0148 hrs, but no sign of any A/C falling at the time. Coming out of the target area at 0150 hrs a S/E A/C was seen on the S/B quarter approx 700 yds away, no action. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	PPF 144
	LANCASTER, 1. W4947.	P/O E.W. Thomson. Sgt Wilkin, P.J. P/O W.A.W. Stannan. Sgt Rowe, W.J. Sgt Hamilton, C.F. Sgt Baxter, J.C. Sgt Craighero, J.	Bombing Raid.	2130.	0555.	Task SPEZIA. Target was well identified visually by Red T.I.s which were well concentrated. Bombed at 0150 hrs from 14,000 ft. Own bombs seen bursting just north of the aiming point. Fires were beginning to spread on leaving, and it looked like being a very successful raid. Owing to our bombsight being W/S red T.I.s and white flares were brought back. Heavy flak was scattered and inaccurate and the light was ineffective over the target. The 15 S/L's which were in operation appeared to be quite hopeless. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	

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18.4.43.	LANCASTER, 1. W4933.	F/S Hudson, R.J. Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brook, W.S. Sgt Jones, H. Sgt Barlow, A.T. Sgt Richards, R. Sgt Adams, K.C.C.	Bombing Raid.	2140.	0645.	Task SPEZIA. Target identified visually in nil cloud and good visibility, and with centre of 3 well concentrated T.I. reds in sight bombs at 0153 hrs from 12,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst, but there was a good concentration of fires just NW of the aiming point. Heavy and light flak was moderate, and approx 12 S/L's were in operation over the target. A very effective smoke screen was covering the harbour. Over GEM at 0359 hrs, two barges were spotted and the rear gunner opened up on them. Two guns (thought to be machine guns) then started to fire at our A/C. The rear gunner turned his fire on to the W/C post and it ceased fire, no other results were seen. One photo attempted. Bomb load 5x4 flares white, 2x2 flares white, 2x2 flares green, 2 T.I. red, 5x1,000 GP.	130
	ED734.	Sgt Lay, K.L.W. P/O R.A. Bryant. Sgt Drake, W.J. Sgt Ratcliff, R.E. Sgt Bauman, D.C. Sgt Webb, D.D. Sgt Forster, W.	Bombing Raid.	2125.	0630.	Task SPEZIA. Target was identified visually by built up area and docks. A good concentration of T.I. reds was seen and bombed on these at 0150 hrs from 12,500 ft. Owing to the smoke screen in operation, own bombs were not seen to burst, but a fair number of fires were burning. Two of these were especially large, and white flares were brought back as it was thought unnecessary to drop them. Moderate heavy flak and very little light encountered over SPEZIA with approx 8 ineffective S/L's. In the GULF of GENOA, a S/E S/A was sighted about 1000 ft below on reciprocal, no action resulted and the S/A was not seen again. In the target area at 0150 hrs, a S/E unidentified S/A was seen approx 10,000 ft below on S/B on reciprocal, no action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb load as above.	PPF 144
	4140.	Sgt Miller, R.B. P/S Wright, J.R. Sgt Tweedie, J. Sgt Sheppard, R.F. Sgt Love, H. Sgt Baldwin, D.T. Sgt Fisher, E.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0615.	Task SPEZIA. On the run in to SPEZIA, the target could be identified visually and T.I. reds were well concentrated. With T.I. reds in sight bombs at 0156 hrs from 12,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst, but on the whole it was a well concentrated attack, and fires had a good hold. Light and heavy flak was slight over the target with approx 15 ineffective S/L's. A CR 42 came over our fuselage on the port bow and turned astern without opening fire. Gunner opened fire as he turned, but no strikes were observed, and the CR 42 climbed above our A/C and turned into the attack from astern, opening fire at 300 yds range. Our A/C turned to port and the enemy tracer passed us. Strikes were observed on the S/A in the form of blue flashes. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x2,000 AP.	

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18.4.43.	LANCASTER, 1. W4924.	S/LD G.P. Grant. Sgt Dobson, R.F.A. P/O N. Walker. Sgt Selter, V.F. Sgt McCarthy, T.V. Sgt Irwin, A.J.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0650.	Task, SPEZIA. On the run in, in nil cloud and good visibility the target was identified visually by the docks. One lot of T.I. reds were well concentrated round the aiming point but building silhoues were in sight on bombing run, bombed at 0147 hrs from 18,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode. The glow of numerous fires was seen through the smoke screen, and on leaving the R/Gunner reported a number of bomb bursts. Moderate accurate heavy flak and some light flak encountered over the target with approx 12 ineffective S/L's. On crossing the FRENCH coast at 2236 hrs a JU 88 seen flying 1,000 ft above approx. Over ORLHANS at 0407 hrs our A/C was hit by light flak on the port main plane. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x2,000 AP.	
	W4937.	Sgt Overton, L.W. Sgt Clements, D.F. Sgt Arcari, J.A.M. Sgt Cable, T. Sgt Davies, D.M. Sgt Sunderland, F. Sgt Barnett, A.	Bombing Raid.	2115.	0630.	Task, SPEZIA. On the run in, in nil cloud and bright moonlight, visually identified coast line along west of SPEZIA GULF. T.I. concentration was good, and with T.I. red in bombights bombed at 0157 hrs from 12,000 ft. Own bursts could not be picked out among the many others seen. Fires were spreading rapidly, and aiming point was one huge mass of flames, a well concentrated attack. A/A was sighted on three different occasions during the journey at 2331 hrs, 0157 hrs and 0451 hrs, no action resulted from any of these sightings. One photo attempted. Bomb load 3x2,000 AP.	
	W4949.	Sgt Cooper, G.S. Sgt Coulson, K. Sgt Edwards, P.R. Sgt Harrison, R. Sgt Vaukward, J.J. Sgt Robinson, N.O. Sgt Riley, A.K.	Bombing Raid.			Task, SPEZIA. This aircraft failed to return. Bomb load 4x1,000 GP.	
20.4.43.	ED715.	S/LD B.L. Dugan. P/O J.C. Bado. Sgt Drysdale, R. P/LT H.H. Foster. Sgt Dawson, K. P/LT J.A. Rogers.	Bombing Raid.	2110.	0515.	Task, STETTIN. On run in target was identified visually by docks, and by red in clear weather with slight haze, bombed at 0104 hrs from 14,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode but the attack was developing well, and incense and HE were numerous round the A/P. Own from fires was seen 100 miles after leaving the target. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak and very slight light flak with approx 20/30 S/L's coming round the town, 15 miles NW of the target on the run in. An HE 109 seen 1800 yds circumference, our A/C took purposeful evasive action and the A/A was not seen again, no action. An HE 110 was seen shot down by flak over the target, it burst into flames, two A/C were seen falling in flames along the route. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x1,1, yellow, 4x1, green, 1 LB T.I. green, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC, 2x500 GP.	

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20.4.43.	LANCASTER, 111. ED841.	S/LD J.H. White. P/O R. Roberts. Sgt Stoneley, H.J.E. Sgt Wilkinson, W. Sgt Otter, J.C. P/O E.M. Thompson. Sgt Silverman, D.M.C.	Bombing Raid.	2120.	0520.	Task, STETTIN. On run in target was identified visually by river ODER and lake DAMISCHE. In conditions of nil cloud and bright moonlight, bombed at 0108 hrs from 14,000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode, but huge fires were burning and one particularly large explosion was seen at 0128 hrs right in the centre of the town. Very little heavy, mostly light flak over the target, with approx 8/9 S/L's cooperating. A number of flak ships were situated along the route in the Baltic, six A/C were seen falling in flames along the route. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x1, yellow, 4 T.I. green, 1 LB T.I. green, 4x4 flares white, 1x4,000 HC, 2x500 GP.	131
	ED860.	P/O J.H. Moran. P/S Atkin, R.J. P/S East, R.P. Sgt Chapman, J.C. P/O Saunders, D.C.A. Sgt Forbes, G.G. Sgt Curtis, J.N.	Bombing Raid.	2135.	0455.	Task, STETTIN. On run in, in nil cloud and bright moonlight, target was visually identified by docks, with good concentration of T.I. green in sight and bombed at 0108 hrs from 13,000 ft. Own bombs were seen to burst on the A/P, and the attack appeared to be very concentrated, fires being entirely confined to the town itself. Slight heavy flak, and moderate light encountered over STETTIN, with about 6 S/L's working independently. Heavy flak was encountered over POLICE, through a smoke screen, and from 7 miles NW of that town, right along the route, many enemy A/C were seen falling in flames along the route and only on one of these occasions was an exchange of tracer evident. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x4,000 HC, 2x1,000 GP, 1x500 GP.	
	ED842.	P/O B.F. Smith. P/O W.J. Smith. P/O R.E. Goodwin. Sgt Marshall, B. P/O J.A. Philips. Sgt Jones, L.J. P/O S. Hayes.	Bombing Raid.	2130.	0500.	Task, STETTIN. Target was identified by river ODER and by green T.I.'s and in conditions of good visibility, with full moon bombed at 0109 hrs from 15,500 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst, but good fires did start in the centre of the town, and the T.I. concentration was very good. Moderate light flak and small amount of heavy coming from the north of the town, with 4 or 5 S/L's which were not effective. At 2344 hrs a JU 88 attacked from astern and below. Our A/C made a steep dive, and the A/A was next seen above on the S/B quarter exposing its undersurface. Both of our gunners fired 100 rounds each, and the A/A is believed to have been damaged, 10 miles NW of the target an incendiary type dummy seen in operation. One photo attempted. Bomb load 1x1, yellow, 5 T.I. green, 1x4,000 HC, 2x1,000 GP.	

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26.4.45	LANCASTER 111 ED822	W/C D.W. Donaldson, Bombing Raid P/L D.T. Moir, S/L K.J. Lawson, P/S Swinney, C.R., Sgt Lawrence, C.H., P/S Thompson, R.F., P/S Waterhouse, V., P/O Mackie, D.	Bombing Raid	0011	0422	Task DUISBERG. Target was identified visually by Red & Green T.I.'s. With centre of marker concentration in sights, bombed at 0222 hrs from 18000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode but fires were gaining a good hold as our a/c left the target. Moderate but accurate heavy flak with some light, working with approx 5 to 6 cones of S/L's which were very accurate. Over the DUTCH coast at 0309 hrs an unidentified T/E B/A passed 500 ft. above on port side, on reciprocal. No action resulted. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L.B. T.I. Yellow, 6 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C. 2 X 1000 G.P.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED841	S/L J.H. White, P/O R. Roberts, Sgt Stoneley, M.J.E., Sgt Wilkinson, W., Sgt Otter, F.G., P/O E.W. Thompson, Sgt Silverman, D.M.C.	Bombing Raid	0015	0419	Task DUISBERG. Target was recognised by Red T.I.'s and with a good concentration of these in sights bombed at 0220 from 18000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode. Target had a good hold round the T.I. Reds which were well placed and concentrated. Over the target at 0216 hrs an a/c was seen falling in flames and blew up on hitting the ground. In position 5215N, 0440E 10 miles to S/B terrific fire and explosions coming from its centre seen with flames reaching a great height. This was visible for 90 miles. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L.B. T.I. Yellow, 6 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 2 X 1000 G.P.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED857	S/L G.F. Grant, Sgt Dobson, R.F.A., P/O W. Walker, Sgt Salter, V.P., Sgt McCarthy, T.V., Sgt Irwin, A.J., Sgt Love, W.J.	Bombing Raid	0019	0427	Task DUISBERG. Nothing was visually identified so with T.I. Green in sights bombed at 0223 hrs from 19000 feet. Own bombs not seen to burst but other bombing was well concentrated and as our a/c left the target fires had a good hold with two very large ones burning. One in the north and another in the south of the town. Intense heavy flak experienced. On the N.E. outskirts of AMSTERDAM a large red glow was seen below the cloud thought a/c crashed into some buildings. At 0115 hrs at 13000 ft a/c seen with white light in tail, then 4 or 5 others followed but did not seem to be making any attacks. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X L.B. T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X L/B T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 1 X 500 M.C.	

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26.4.45.	LANCASTER 111 ED877	P/L A.G. Lang, P/L R.M. Gray, P/S D.G. Ridings, Sgt Clark, J.L., P/S Lee, R.J., Sgt Wood, H.H., P/S Venn, F.M.	Bombing Raid	0031	0410	Task DUISBERG. A pinpoint was obtained on the Rhine and T.I. Reds and Greens were seen well concentrated. Bombed at 0224 from 20,000 ft own bombs thought to have fallen close to T.I. Reds. Fires had started well and smoke was rising to a great height as aircraft left. Considerable heavy flak and intense light flak, intense heavy and light seen fired at another a/c in the NURENBERG area. At 0145 hrs at 20,000 ft unidentified T/E B/A seen 2000 ft above about 1 mile ahead, our aircraft orbited and the B/A was not seen again. Two aircraft seen burning on the ground en route. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X L/B T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 M.C.	133
	LANCASTER 111 ED860	P/O J.M. Moran, P/L G.L. Mandeno, P/S Atkin, R.J., P/S East, R.F., Sgt Chapman, J.C., P/O Saunders, D.C.A., Sgt Forbes, G.G., Sgt Curtis, J.W.	Bombing Raid	0055	0435	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by T.I. Green & Red and with centre of concentration in sights bombed at 0222 hrs from 18,900 ft. Own bombs were not seen to burst but attack had developed considerably and numerous fires were spreading well. Approx 10 balloons were seen flying at 13000 ft over DUISBERG. At 0227 hrs 10 miles before reaching the target, a S/E B/A sighted on reciprocal 200 ft below. One photo attempted. Bomb Load 1 X L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X L/B T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 M.C.	PPP 146
	LANCASTER 111 ED837	Sgt Wendon, W.M., Sgt Mackenzie, E.S., Sgt Williams, G.A., Sgt Ascham, G., P/S Mason, R.R., Sgt Tynn, R.G., Sgt Johnston, A.C.	Bombing Raid	0039	0429	Task DUISBERG. The River was seen but not pinpointed. Concentration of T.I. Greens seen and with these in sights bombed at 0225 hrs from 16000 ft. Own bombs were not seen to burst among the many others, and fires were burning well concentrated on the run out. These fires could be seen from AMSTERDAM. Intense and accurate heavy flak experienced and our own a/c was hit. Slight light flak was firing at low flying a/c. S/Ls were mostly around the target in 6 cones into which the heavy flak was firing. At 0235 hrs an unidentified a/c with a S/L in nose was sighted 1 mile on the port bow about 1000 feet above. It appeared to be searching for our a/c but its beam passed astern. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 L/B T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C. 4 X 1000 G.P. 1 X 500 M.C.	

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28.4.43	LANCASTER 111 ED842	F/S Hudson, R.J. Sgt Wallace, Sgt Brown, R. Sgt Brook, W.S. Sgt Jones, R. Sgt Barlow, A.J. Sgt Richards, K. Sgt Adams, E.C.G.	Bombing Raid.	0053	0444	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by Red & Green T.I.'s and with Reds in sights bombed at 0234 hrs from 14,500 feet. Own bombs believed fell in centre of T.I. concentration and other bombing appeared to be quite good. A few fires had started up as our a/c left the target. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 111 ED863	F/O Busby, D.C.G. F/S Orchard, R.H. F/S Beesone, P. Sgt Lawley, G. Sgt Bladen, R.C. Sgt Murray, G.M. Sgt Kerrigan, A.B.	Bombing Raid.	0048	0455	Task DUISBERG. Red T.I.'s were seen well concentrated with Reds in sights, bombed at 0238 hrs from 20,000 ft. Our bombs seen to burst approx. 300 yds from markers. Big fires had started up and bombing was well concentrated. Intense heavy flak encountered over target area with light flak firing at visual targets coned in the S/Es. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., and 1 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 1 ED734	Sgt Stewart, R.G.F. Sgt Havard, D.A.S. Sgt Handley, C.M. Sgt Thorington, F. Sgt Bartrop, D.R. Sgt Mills, B.A. F/O C.F. Horner.	Bombing Raid.	0056	0500	Task DUISBERG. Target was identified by Red & Green T.I.'s and with these in sights bombed at 0243 hrs from 20,000 feet. Fires were widespread and had a good hold and the bombing was well concentrated. Intense heavy flak but a small amount of light co-operating with approx. 100 S/Es in cones encountered over target area. An a/c was seen to jettison its bombs and catch fire falling to the ground over DUISBERG at 0240. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 1 W4851	Sgt Lay, K.L.W. F/S R.M. Bryant Sgt Drake, R.J. Sgt Ratcliff, J.R. Sgt Bauman, D.C. Sgt Webb, P.D. Sgt Forster, R.	Bombing Raid.	0112	0550	Task DUISBERG. Bomb sights were y/s so aimed our bombs as near as possible to the centre of the markers. Large fires were seen on leaving the target although they were rather widespread. Moderate to intense heavy flak experienced over DUISBERG and a/c was hit and S/Es inner engine out. Large numbers of S/Es were seen in 3 big cones round the town. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 H.C.	

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26.4.43.	LANCASTER 1. W4937	Sgt Sullivan, W.A. F/S Leder, G.B. Sgt Ritchie, E.W. Sgt Knox, C.E. F/S Olvney, V.J. Sgt Dowman, M.G. Sgt Cawdery, V.N.	Bombing Raid.	0101	0500	Task DUISBERG. On run in, target was identified by Red T.I.'s. With these in sights bombed at 0252 hrs from 17,500 ft. Own bombs were not seen to burst but good fires were starting up, the largest concentration of these was east of aiming point although others were round it. Moderate to intense heavy predicted flak encountered over target with light firing into S/Es cones which were very numerous. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 H.C.	184
	LANCASTER 1 W4947	Sgt Millers, R.B. F/S Wright, J.R. Sgt Tweedie, J. Sgt Sheppard, R.F. Sgt Love, R. Sgt Baldwin, D.J. Sgt Fisher, R.	Bombing Raid.	0105	0510	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by T.I. Green and Reds. With Reds in sights, bombed at 0251 hrs from 16,500 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst and raid on a whole was rather scattered. Although there was a good concentration of fires to the west of aiming point, our a/c suffered flak holes in belly of fuselage and near front turret. Numerous S/Es were very active. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 L/B T.I. Yellow, 4 X T.I. Green, 2 X 1/3 T.I. Green, 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 1 X 500 H.C.	
	LANCASTER 1 W4140	Sgt Mauch, P.H. F/O L.L. Lindsey Sgt Pannell, R.E. Sgt Brown, G.C. Sgt Bonnar, G.H. Sgt Ashcroft, B.P. F/S Watters, L.H.	Bombing Raid.	0043		Task DUISBERG. This aircraft failed to return.	200 186
	LANCASTER 1 W4933	F/O L.R. Crampton. F/O F.V. Lee. F/O W.L. Bagg. Sgt Leader, L.J. F/O J.W. Crowley. Sgt Scott, A.J. F/O H.N. Woodsend.	Bombing Raid.	0050	0450	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by T.I. Red and later by a pinpoint on the docks. With Reds in sights bombed at 0251 hrs from 18,500 ft. Own bombs not seen to burst. Widespread fires had a good hold and on way out 'cockies' were going down thick and fast. Moderate amount of heavy but little light flak experienced over target. Approx. 10 cones of S/Es were in operation. 30/40 beams in each. One photo attempted. Bomb Load:- 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., and 5 X 500 H.C.	

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26.4.43	LANCASTER 111 ED395	P/O A.R.A. MacLachlan. P/O W.A. Kerry. Sgt Dalton, A.C. Sgt Laphorne, L.V. P/O W.H. Carter. Sgt Ducat, L.	Bombing Raid.	0109	0520	Task DUISBERG. Target identified by T.I. Green and Red, and bombs aimed between two concentrations of these at 0257 hrs from 17000 ft. Own bombs not seen to explode but attack appeared to be well concentrated, and a large number of fires had a good hold. The target appeared to be one large pad glow as our 3/4 left. Two aircraft were seen to fall in flames in target area, one fell to ground in pieces. One photo attempted. 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 6 X 500 M.C.	7 APP 146
30.4.43	LANCASTER 111 ED357	Sgt Marston, J.A. Sgt Edwards, G.A.P. Sgt Ottey, J.A. Sgt Bowman, E.A. Sgt Willett, F.A. Sgt Shackley, A. Sgt Brown, V.	Bombing Raid.	0040	0515	Task ESEN. Target attacked at 0304 hrs from 18,000 ft. but bombs not seen to explode owing to cloud. White flame was in bombight as bombs fell. Some heavy flak was encountered in the target area but no light. Large explosion was seen in target area at 0305 hrs, which lit up a large area around. Several smaller fires were observed glowing through the clouds. No camera carried. Bomb Load: 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 6 X 500 M.C.	7 APP 147
	LANCASTER 111 ED360	P/L D.T. Moir. P/O H.G. Innes. Sgt Bramley, G.W. Sgt Folland, H.J. Sgt Wedd, R.H. Sgt Haslegrave, W. Sgt MacKinley, W.B.	Bombing Raid.	0042	0459	Task ESEN. Target attacked at 0250 hrs from 20,000 ft., by release point flares. Owing to cloud own bombs were not seen to explode. Flares were well concentrated and glow of fires seen under cloud. ESEN 0250 hrs, height 20,000 ft intense heavy flak. Result of raid not seen owing to cloud. Red searchlights seen below cloud. No camera carried. Bomb Load: 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 6 X 500 M.C.	7 APP 147
	LANCASTER 1 W4955	P/O L.H. Crampton. P/O E.V. Sage. Sgt Leader, J.J. P/O J.R. Crowley. Sgt Scott, A.G. P/O H.L. Woodson.	Bombing Raid.	0044	0457	Task ESEN. Target attack was made at 0303 hrs from 20,000 feet by aid of marker flares. Owing to cloud own bombs were not seen to explode. Cloud obscured all detail, and also considerable icing on windscreen. Intense heavy flak experienced in target area, also a few 3/4s which were ineffective owing to cloud. No camera carried. Bomb Load: 1 X 4000 H.C., 4 X 1000 G.P., 6 X 500 M.C.	7 APP 147

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WARBOYS	1.5.43		No operations. 5 N.P.T. 1 air firing, 3 air tests and 1 bomb sight test carried out.	
			1 flight to SWINDERSBY and return.	
	2.5.43		15 aircraft detailed for operations; later cancelled. 9 N.P.T. 1 local flight and 1 air firing and ferrying to WYTON.	
	3.5.43		16 aircraft detailed for operations, but were later cancelled. 8 N.P.T. 2 air tests and 1 cross country flight. 1 to FOWBERE and return. P/S. THOMPSON (A/H) posted to 10 O.T.U. ABINGDON for Instructor duties. P/S. HAWKLEY, DEM posted to 23 O.T.U. for instructor duties.	
	4.5.43		18 aircraft detailed for operations. All took off but owing to weather conditions were unable to land at base and were diverted to various airfields in the country. One aircraft failed to return (P/L. A.G. LANG, DFC, and crew). S/L. RUTAN, DFC, and crew baled out at CHATTEIS owing to weather conditions and lack of petrol; P/L. ROGERS AND SGT. RYSDALE were injured in landing. 5 N.P.T. 1 low flying test, 6 air tests, 1 L.F.P. 1 air firing and 1 flight from KINLOSS to base.	APP. 148
	5.5.43		No operations. 1 flight to WYTON. 1 from STANTON HARBOUR, 2 from MARMAN, 3 from PRESHORE, 1 from CHENFORD, 1 from WILTONCHURCH, 2 from HIGH BRIGALL, 1 from HONEYBOURNE, 1 from SLRAP, 1 to WINTHORPE and return (air firing). 1 air test. P/O. TAYLOR, OCM. (pilot) posted to GRANGE LADGE.	
	6.5.43		No operations. 2 air tests, 1 air firing and 1 night cross country flight carried out.	
			P/O. Moller, DFM. posted to MORE-IN-THE-MARSH.	
	7.5.43		6 aircraft detailed for operations, but were later cancelled. 4 aircraft bombing practice at LAKENHEATH bombing range. 4 fighter affiliation. 2 air firing, 1 air firing and 8 N.P.T. carried out. P/S. Wood reported for flying duties from 3 A.G.S. Home, Anglesey, also P/O. Hudson (from O.A.P.U. Islanderg.	
	8.5.43		No operations. 2 low flights. 1 to WHITE WALTHAM and return.	
	9.5.43		6 aircraft detailed for operations but later cancelled. 6 flights to WYTON. P/O. MACDONALD reported for flying duties from 405 Squadron.	
	10.5.43		No flying owing to strong gale. SGT. RYAN and crew reported for flying duties from 103 Squadron. P/S. KNIGHT (A.G.) reported to the squadron for flying duties from 19 O.T.U.	
	11.5.43		19 aircraft detailed for operations, but later cancelled. SGT. SLOPER and crew reported for flying duties from 101 Squadron. 8 air firing tests, 2 N.P.T.s from WYTON to base.	
	12.5.43		18 aircraft for operations: all took off but 2 failed to return (S/L. VERDON-ROE, DFC, and crew; SGT. WENDON and crew.) 7 air firing, 6 N.P.T. and 1 flight to BLISHAM WOLD and return. P/L. KEARNS, DFC, DEM. posted to 11 O.T.U.	APP. 149

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