

Operational Debriefs:

7/8-2-45. LADBERGEN.

Lancaster SW 274 EA-G Eltis F A428385, Sgt Wood R.J, F/S Howland B, Sgt Read , F/S Perfect C, Sgt Greaves J. (6 crew only shown) 2108-0340hrs. Bombed from 11900 ft at 2359hrs. No results seen owing to 10/10ths cloud.

8/9-2-45. POLITZ.

Lancaster SW 256 EA-C Eltis, Wood, Howland, Warwick, Read E.A, Perfect, Greaves. 1655-0219hrs. Bombed from 12000ft at 2117hrs. Bombs seen to explode on target. Good concentration.

13/14-2-45. DRESDEN.

SW 256 EA-C Eltis, Wood, Howland, Mulligan J A432651, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1816-0411hrs. Bombed from 13700 ft at 2217hrs. Steady glow of incendiaries seen through cloud.

14/15-2-45. ROSITZ. (Oil refinery)

SW 256 EA-C F/O Eltis F A428385, Sgt Wood R.J, Sgt Howland G, F/S Mulligan J A432651, Sgt Read E.A, F/Sgt Perfect C, Sgt Greaves J. 1653-0219. Bombed from 10000 ft at 21081/2. Good attack. Thick black smoke rising to about 10000 ft.

19/20-2-45. BOHLEN

SW 274 EA-G Eltis, Wood, Howland, Milligan, Read E.A, Perfect, Greaves. 2331-0737. Bombed from 9800 ft at 0420hrs. No results seen due to cloud. Successful.

21-2-45. GRAVENHORST.

PB 797 EA-K Eltis, Wood, Howland, Mulligan, Perfect, Read, Greaves. 1709-1937. Early return. Gee receiver caught fire soon after take-off. In putting out the fire, the navigator was badly splashed with extinguisher fluid. No knowing what effect this would have, decided to jettison & returned to base. Sortie not completed.

23/24-2-45. HORTEN.

PB 791 EA-V Eltis, Wood, Barlow, Mulligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1723-0021. Bombed from 10000 ft at 2048. Along the coast, big fires. 500 yards from M/P (? Marker Point) big explosion, dark red at 2047 1/2. Successful.

14-3-45. LUTZKENDORF. (Wintershall synthetic oil plant)

SW 265 EA-B Eltis, Wood, Howland, Milligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1653-0220. Bombed from 9000 ft at 22041/2. Large yellow/orange explosion at 2205. Fires seen. Landed at Gaydon. Successful sortie.

16/17-3-45. WURZBURG.

SW 265 EA-B Eltis, Wood, Howland, Mulligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1755-0203. Bombed from 8200 ft at 21361/2. Markers on West side of river. Ground detail seen and fire on eastern side seen to cover whole area. Big explosions, orange red at 2138.

20/21-3-45. BOHLEN.

SW 265 EA-B Eltis, Wood, Howland, Milligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 2331-0801. Bombed from 15000 ft at 03461/2. Not considered a success. Bombing not concentrated and some bombing on dummy T.I's.

23/24-3-45. WESEL.

PB 349 EA-H Eltis, Wood, Barlow, Mulligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1917-0116. Bombed from 8500 ft at 2230. Marking very accurate but a little early. Bombing also early and concentrated. Successful.

4-4-45. NORDHAUSEN.

RF 215 EA-E Eltis, Wood, Howland, Mulligan J, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 0613-1231. Bombed from 15000 ft at 0919, edge of smoke from previous bombs. No T.I's seen. Big red explosions with lots of black smoke. Successful.

7-4-45. MOLBIS

RF 215 EA-E Eltis, Wood, Howland, Mulligan, Read, Perfect, Greaves. 1831-0240. Bombed from 13200 ft at 23041/2. Fires seen and black smoke. Thick belt of s/lights around target and west of it. Successful

16-4-45. PILSEN.

PB 226 EA-F Eltis, Wood. Howland, Mulligan, Read E.A, Perfect, Greaves. 2349-0734.

Bombed from 12600 ft at 0405. River detail seen before bombing but target obscured by smoke. Bombing generally concentrated. Big deep yellow explosion at 0405. Fires seen in target area for 70 miles. Landed Boscombe Down.

4-5-45. 12 a/c ready for operation "Exodus"

1450-1501 - 12 airborne.

2014-2118 - 12 returned to base.

"Q" S/L Walker. "A" F/L Williams. "D" F/L Hammond.

"E" F/L, Dow. "F" F/O Hawkins. "H" F/L Mellor.

"N" F/O Soutar. "R" F/L Dickson. "T" F/O Corley.

"U" F/O Le Marquand "G" F/O Eltis. "P" F/O Binns.

All proceeded to Brussels, Melsbroek airport, and landed 288 Ex POWs at Wing.

All a/c returned to base, the last landing at 2118.