

ROYAL AIR FORCE

No 5 GROUP BOMBER COMMAND

617 SQUADRON R.A.F STATION WOODHALL SPA

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GUERRE.

THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE CREW OF
LANCASTER I J
ON THEIR RETURN FROM BOMBING AND SINKING
OF THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP " TIRPITZ" ON THE
MORNING OF 12 NOVEMBER 1944.

THE CREW HAD FIRST ATTACKED THE TIRPITZ ON
29 OCTOBER 1944 FLYING FROM :-
WOODHALL TO LOSSIEMOUTH 28/10/44 2hrs 05min
LOSSIEMOUTH-TROMSO-SKATSKA(RUSSIA) 29/10/44
(RETURNING WITH THEIR TALLBOY) 12hrs
SKATSKA TO LOSSIEMOUTH 29/10/44 1hr 15min
LOSSIEMOUTH TO WOODHALL 30/10/44 2hrs 30min

THE SECOND ATTACK WAS PLANNED FOR THE
5 NOVEMBER 1944 BUT BAD WEATHER OVER THE
TARGET PREVENTED THIS AND THE CREWS
RETURNED TO WOODHALL FROM LOSSIEMOUTH.

FINALLY ON THE 11 NOVEMBER 1944 THEY TOOK
OFF FROM WOODHALL:-
10-00hrs WOODHALL TO LOSSIEMOUTH 11/11/44
1hr 55min
02-15 hrs LOSSIEMOUTH-TROMSO FIORD-
LOSSIEMOUTH 12/11/44 12hrs 15min (TIRPITZ SUNK)
15-00hrs LOSSIEMOUTH TO WOODHALL 13/11/44
1hs 40min

CREW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

SID GRIMES

KEN GILL

CHARLIE RANDON

JACK PENSWICK

EDDY BARNETT

BARNEY GUMBLEY

WIRELESS OPERATEUR

NAVIGATOR

BOMB AIMER

GUNNER

ENGINEER

PILOT



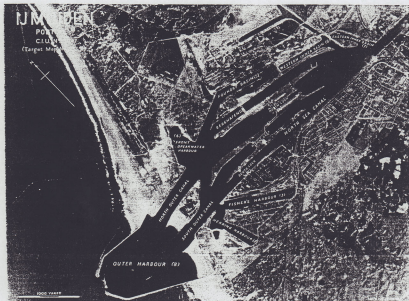
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No 617 SQUADRON RAIDS TOOK PLACE ON THE
15/12/44 AND 30/12/44.

BELOW IS THE TARGET MAP OF THE PORT AND
TWO PHOTO'S OF BOMB DAMAGE, ONE SHOWING
E & R BOAT PENS BEFORE COMPLETE DEMOLITION
AND THE OTHER SHOWING A CRATER PRODUCED
BY A TEN TON BOMB.



BIELEFELD : VIELESIBLE VIADUCT

No 617 SQUADRON RAIDS TOOK PLACE ON THE
6/02/45, 14/02/45, 22/02/45, 13/03/45 AND THE
VIADUCT WAS FINALLY DESTROYED ON 14/03/45.

THE PHOTO BELOW WAS TAKEN BY F/O GILL'S
LANCASTER ON 22/02/45 IT SHOWS THE IMPACT OF
TALLBOY BOMBS DROPPED FROM 13700FT.
ON THIS RAID TWO PIECES OF THE VIADUCT WERE
DESTROYED, BUT TOTAL DESTRUCTION WAS NOT
ACHIEVED UNTIL 14/03/45.

