FORM 1767

ROYAL AIR FORCE

NAVIGATOR'S, AIR BOMBER'S AND AIR GUNNER'S FLYING LOG BOOK

Name DAVIES D C

No. 61 SQUADRON

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Instructions.

1. This log book is an official document and the property of H.M. Government.

2. Observers and air gunners will maintain an accurate and detailed record of all flights undertaken on service aircraft.

3. Results of ab initio courses will be recorded on either pages 2, 3, 4 or 5, for which purpose a rubber stamp is available.

4. Proficiency assessments will be recorded on the appropriate page at the back of the book annually on 31st December, on posting or on attachment to another unit for flying duties.

5. Bombing and Air Gunnery records will be entered in the appropriate pages at the back of the book annually on 31st December.

6. Monthly totals will be entered on a single line in red ink and initialled by the Commanding Officer or his deputy.

(20281lM.) Wt. 4987. 50M. 10/42. W. & S. Ltd. T. 3741.

Certificates of Qualification.

(to be filled in as appropriate)

1. This is to certify that DAVIES. D.C. 1304355
has qualified as A/C 2 WIRELESS OPERATOR. MORSE 25 W.P.M.
with effect from 14.1.41. Sgd. F/Lt pp
Date 14.1.41. Unit No 2 E & W.S. YATESBURY

2. This is to certify that 1304355 DAVIES. D.C.
has qualified as SGT. AIR GUNNER
with effect from 13.9.41 Sgd. F/Lt pp
Date 13.9.41 Unit 5 A.O.S JURBY.

3. This is to certify that 1304355 DAVIES. D.C.
has qualified as AIR BOMBER
with effect from 26.7.42. Sgd. F/Lt pp
Date 26.7.42. Unit 61 SQDN SYERSTON

4. This is to certify that 1304355 DAVIES. D.C.
has qualified as AIR BOMBER INSTRUCTOR
with effect from 27.3.44 Sgd. F/Lt pp
Date 27.3.44 Unit 1 AAS MANBY.

5. This is to certify that 176218 F/O DAVIES. D.C.
has qualified as BOMBING LEADER CAT 'B'
with effect from 20.4.45.
SGD. G MORTOUGH. S/Ldr
DATE. 20.4.45. UNIT. 1 EAAS MANBY

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RESULTS OF AB INITIO COURSES AND REMARKS

Harwell Box. Exercises S.P. Set.

From 30.7.41 to 15.8.41.

	HRS.
D/F LOOP EXERCISES	6.00
DAILY INSPECTIONS.	1.00
FAULT FINDING.	1.00
X SIGS. COIL CHANGING. BACK TUNING	3.45
PROCEDURE. X. SIGS. SYKO.	4.45.
X. COUNTRY PROCEDURE.	1.30
	18.00. HRS

DATE. 19.8.41.

No 2 E & W.S.

AIR OPERATING. SECTION.

RESULTS OF AB INITIO COURSES AND REMARKS

RESULTS OF AB. INITIO SUNNERY COURSE

STATION. No 5 AIR OBSERVORS ~~COURSE~~ SCHOOL

PERIOD OF COURSE 24.8.41 – 13.9.41.

EXERCISE	RDS FIRED	HITS.	AIRCRAFT TYPE
200 YDS RANGE	600	N/A	N/APP
NIGHT	100.	N/A	N/APP
AIR TO GROUND	600	N/ASS	BLENHEIM
BEAM	200	14.5%	"
BEAM R.S.	200	14%	"
UNDER TAIL	400	4.5%	"
FRQT	—	—	—
NIGHT.	—	—	—

EXAM MARKS 69.3%

COURSE FLYING TIME 3.40.

REMARKS PASS AVERAGE.

J. Cottingwood F/L.

FOR O.C. No. 5 A.O.S.

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No. 2 E & W.S. YATESBURY

NOV 1940 to JULY 1941.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Time carried forward :—		
					Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		DOMINIES					
		PROCTORS					
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS		
					No 2 E & W.S.	800	
					Total Time ...	8.00	

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No 5 A.O.S. JURBY. ISLE OF MAN

SEPT. 1941.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	8·00	
		BLENHIEM					
1·9·41	14.50	7158	F/LT FRANKLIN	FRGG.	200 RDS FIRED	·30	
1·9·41	1740	7075	SGT SPORNY	"	"	·30	
4·9·41	08.45	7158	SGT LOWNDES	FRBY	" 29 HITS	·55	
4·9·41	8020	8693	SGT PACHOICYZX	FRGG	"	·20	
4·9·41	11·10	8597	SGT ROYALE	FRBST.	" 28 HITS	·25	
10·9·41	0940	7158	F/O BROGOWSKY	FRUT.	" 9 HITS	·30	
10·9·41	1230	1171	SGT IVEY	FRUT.	" DROGUE LOST	·30	
					TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED 1400		
					TOTAL HITS 66		
					TOTAL FLYING TIME	3·40	
					TOTAL TIME ...	11·40	

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25 · O·T·U. FINNINGLEY. 'A' FLIGHT. OCTOBER 1941.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	11·40.	
		ANSON					
21·10·41	09·30	9605	P/O SPROULE	W/OP	DR II	1·45	
21·10·41	14·00	4913	F/LT PENMAN	"	DR III	2·25	
		WELLINGTON					
24·10·41	10·20	9612	SGT WILLETT	W/OP	LOCAL	1·25	
		ANSON					
24·10·41	18 35	4913	F/LT HIRONS	"	DR VIII		2·20.
25·10·41	1420	5115	F/SGT SLEIGHT.	"	LOCAL LANDED YORK	1·25.	
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR OCTOBER	7·00	2·20
					RUSSELL S/L OC 'A' FLIGHT.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	18·40	2·20

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25 O.T.U. "C" FLIGHT.

NOVEMBER 1941

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		WELLINGTON					
7.11.41	1240	1074	F/S ESHELBY	W/OP	INSTRUMENT FLYING.	1.35	
		ANSON					
17.11.41	0955	138	P/O LUMB	"	BASE - BALDERTON	.20	
17.11.41	10.15	"	"	"	BALDERTON - BASE	1.45	
		WELLINGTON					
25.11.41	14.45	1074	F/S ESHELBY	"	LOCAL	.45	
		OXFORD					
26.11.41	1300	V4043	F/O OSBOURN	"	B.A.T FLIGHT.	1.00	
26.11.41	1400	"	"	"	"	1.00	
		WELLINGTON					
27.11.41	0945	1454.	F/S WILMOT	"	N.F.T. LOCAL	2.55	
30.11.41	0955	"	SGT SMITH	"	AIR FIRING LANDED DRIFFIELD	1.50	
					TOTAL HOURS NOVEMBER	11.10	
					RUSSELL S/LDR		
					OC "C" FLIGHT.		
					Time carried forward :—	18.40	2.20.
					Total Time ...	29.50	2.20

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25 O.T.U. 'C' FLIGHT

DECEMBER 1941

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		OXFORD					
4·12·41	1040	V 4044	S/L EDMONDS	W/OP	B.A.T. LANDED BIRCOTES PORT ENGINE ON FIRE	·45	
		WELLINGTON					
7·12·41	0510	9636	S/L RUSSELL	W/OP	BOMBING. HIGH LEVEL GLIDE.		2·20.
		OXFORD					
9·12·41	1045	V 4035	S/L EDMONDS	"	B.A.T.	1·00	
9·1241	11·45	"	"	"	"	1·00	
		WELLINGTON					
12·12·41	17·10	1504	F/S ESHELBY	"	RAID 07		2·30
14·12·41	11·25	1075	"	"	RAID III	2·45	
15·12·41	0955	9636	SGT BACHELOR	"	H.L.G. BOMBING	1·45	
16·12·41	1040	1521	F/S HUGGETT	"	AIR FIRING.	1·25	
17·12·41	1600	1074	P/O ANDREWS	"	AIR TEST.	·15.	
					TOTAL DECEMBER FINNINGLEY	8·55	4·50
					RUSSELL S/LDR. O.C. 'C' FLIGHT.		
					Time carried forward :—	29·50	2·20
					TOTAL TIME ...	38·45	7·10

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25 OTU. BIRCOTES

'B' FLIGHT.

DEC. 1941.

Time carried forward :— 38.45 | 7.10

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		MANCHESTER					
24.12.41	1020	7494	P/O HUGHES	W/OP	CIRCUITS AND BUMPS	1.15	
26.12.41	1425	7482	..	..	..	.25	
27.12.41	1020	5794	F/L GARDENER DFC.	..	..	.45.	
					TOTAL DEC. BIRCOTES.	2.25.	
					BURTON GYLES S/L.		
					OC. 'B' FLIGHT		
					Total Time ...	41.10	7.10

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25 OTU BIRCOTES

JANUARY 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		MANCHESTER			Time carried forward :—	41·10	7·10
2·1·42	1030	7420	SGT. BUSBY	W/OP	BROKEN TAILWHEEL. LOCAL	·20	
3·1·42	1100	7420	..	..	LOCAL	·45	
4·1·42	1410	..	..	..	..	·35	
4·1·42	1455	..	P/O CLARK D.F.M	..	..	1·10	
6·1·42	1055	..	..	..	.. ONE ENGINE FLYING.	1·45.	
9·1·42	1330	..	SGT BUSBY	..	.. C & L.	2·00.	
10·1·42	1145	..	F/O FOX	..	.. ONE ENGINE FLYING.	·55	
10·1·42	1240	..	P/O CLARK D.F.M.	..	..	2·00	
15·1·42	1125	7469	..	..	RAID II BOMBING. STURT FLATS.	3·40	
15·1·42	1800	7469	P/O CLARK DFM	W/OP	C & L.		2·00
17·1·42	1230	7420	..	..	LOCAL. HYDRAULIC FAILURE	·20	
17·1·42	2230	7469	..	..	C & L		2·00
19·1·42	1535	7467	..	..	N. F. T.	·30	
22·1·42	1100	7429	SGT BUSBY	..	C & L	1·45	
25·1·42	1445	7467	F/L GARDINER DFC	..	C & L	1·30	
26·1·42	1605	7376	P/O CLARK DFM	..	N. F. T.	·40	
26·1·42	19·15	..	..	..	RAID 25/07		1·35
31·1·42	1130	5829	F/L GARDENER	..	C & L	1·20	:
31·1·42	1830	7376	..	..	..		1·35
31·1·42	2050	5829	..	..	..		·30
					TOTAL TIME ...	60·25	14·50

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Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty

Time carried forward :— 60·25 | 14·50

Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Night
TOTAL FOR 'B' FLIGHT	21·40	7·40
TOTAL FOR 25 OTU.		
MANCHESTER	21·40	7·40
WELLINGTON	14·40	4·50
ANSON	7·40	2·20
OXFORD	4·45	
TOTAL.	48·45	14·50
W/C LYNCH-BLOSS		
C.I 25 OTU.		
TOTAL TIME ...	60·25	14·50

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61 SQUADRON WOOLFOX

FEBRUARY 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	60·25	14·50
		MANCHESTER					
16·2·42	1830	5832	P/O CLARK DFM	A/G. W/OP			
18·2·42	1920	7480	"	W/OP	X- COUNTRY		4·15
20·2·42	1220	7458	"	"	X- COUNTRY		1·50
24·2·42	11·40	7475	"	"	N.F.T	·45	
24·2·42	1845	7497	"	MID.GUNNER W/OP	N.F.T.	1·30	
					(1) OPERATIONS. PARIS. NICKELS. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 10,000'. Leaflets dropped from 11,000' on E.T.A. No defences.		4·50
27·2·42	11·55	7475	"	W/OP	N.F.T.	·45	
28·2·42	13·40	5832	"	A/G.	N.F.T.	·30	
28·2·42	1900	5832	"	W/OP	X- COUNTRY.		1·40
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS FEB.	3·30	12·35
					TOTAL TIME ...	63·55.	27·25

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1485 STF SCAMPTON

MARCH 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		WELLINGTON					
17.3.42	0930	N3013	S/LDR MACKINTOSH	A/G	FIGHTER AFFILIATION	1.00	
17.3.42	1500	N3013	F/LT HILTON	A/G.	" BROKEN TAIL WHEEL LANDED KIRTEN LINDSAY	2.30	
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1485 FLIGHT SCAMPTON	3.30	
					J.C.MACKINTOSH S/LDR OC. G.T.F.		
					Time carried forward :—	63.55	27.25
					TOTAL TIME ...	67.25	27.25.

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61 SQUADRON WOODFOX

MARCH 1942

Time carried forward :— 67·25 | 27·25

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		MANCHESTER					
1·3·42	1355	7475	P/O CLARK D.F.M.	W/OP/A.G.			
3·3·42	1445	7497	F/SGT NOBLE	"			
3·3·42	15·35	7458	P/O CLARK D.F.M	W/OP			
8·3·42	14·55	5786	"	"			
9·3·42	0220	5786	"	MID GUNNER 2ND W/OP			
					BASE - WITTERING - BASE	·45	
					BASE - N. DUFFENHAM	·15	
					DUFFENHAM - BASE	·30	
					N.F.T.	1·10	
					(2) OPERATIONS - LORIENT - MINE-LAYING. LOAD 4 x 1500 lbs MINES No cloud over target. Dropped 3 mines on first run. Went around again and whilst dropping No 4 engaged by accurate light flak from enemy ships and medium flak from mainland. A few search lights were not effective. Good trip.		5·50
					N.F.T	1·00	
10·3·42	1420	7470	P/O CLARK D.F.M.	W/OP			
10·3·42	2045	7516	"	MID GUNNER - W/OP	(3) OPERATIONS - ESSEN. LOAD 1 x 4000 lb H.C. 4 x 500 lb G.P. Took off late, climbed to 15,000' over Holland. Reaching target area 10 mins late, bombed fires from 14000' through thick haze whilst		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON WOOL FOX

MARCH 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	71.05	33.15
					being engaged by heavy flak and search lights. Coned for several mins. Flak ~~stoke~~ hole in B/A's compartment. Dummy fire to south. Returning via GIVET, ORFORDNESS. Base closed down due to visibility being nil. Landed WADDINGTON.		5.25.
		MANCHESTER					
12.3.42	1535	7516	P/O CLARK D.F.M	W/OP	N.F.T WADDINGTON - BASE	.35	
13.3.42	1215	7454	"	"	N.F.T	.40	
13.3.42	2000	7454	"	MID GUNNER-W/OP	(4) OPERATIONS. COLOGNE. 6x1000lb. G.P. Low cloud over continent but this broke and cleared to give perfect bombing conditions in target area. Target accurately identified. Bombed in level attack from 11000'. Defences moderate. Did not give us any trouble		6.15
24.3.42	1105	7454	F/LT G. CECIL	W/OP	AIR TEST	1.00	
24.3.42	1210	7454	SGT LINCOLN	"	PILOTS FIRST SOLO	.50	
25.3.42	1720	5786	P/O CLARK DFM	"	N.F.T.	.20	
					TOTAL TIME ...	74.30	44.55

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61 SQUADRON WOOLFOX

MARCH 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
26·3·42	1335	7532 MANCHESTER	F/LT G. CECIL	W/OP	LOCAL. FIRST LANCASTER ON 61 SQDN.	3·00.	
28·3·42	1450	5786	P/O CLARK DFM	W/OP	N. F. T.	·30.	
28·3·42	21·35	5786	"	MID GUNNER-W/OP	(S) OPERATIONS - LÜBECK. 6 x 1000lb G.P. Had difficulty in maintaining height until we jettisoned two bombs in North Sea. Bombed from 5,600' in shallow dive. The whole town ablaze, hardly a building not on fire. Excellent raid. Defences negligable.		7·35.
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS. MARCH.		
					DAY	10·35	
					NIGHT		25·05.
					TOTAL TIME ...	78·00	52·30

Time carried forward :— 74·30 | 44·55

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61 SQUADRON WOOL FOX

APRIL 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		MANCHESTER					
8.4.42	1930	L7471	P/O CLARK D.F.M.	W/OP	N.F.T	.20	
8.4.42	2230	"	"	MID GUNNER-W/OP	(6) OPERATIONS - HAMBURG. 1 x 4000 H.C. BLOHM AND VOSS SHIPYARDS. 6 x 500 G.P. Clambed through cloud at 10,000' to reach tops at 15000'. Static in cloud. Oxygen failed so descended to 10,000' before bombing. Bombed from 8000' in shallow dive meeting very concentrated heavy flak. Numerous searchlights. Shaky trip		6.15.
					CEASED OPS. WHILST CONVERTING TO LANCASTER I AIRCRAFT.		
		LANCASTER					
10.4.42	1445	R5540	P/O CLARK DFM	W/OP A.G.	LOCAL FLYING.	1.45	
12.4.42	11.35	"	"	"	"	.30	
15.4.42	16.50	R5544	"	"	"	.50	
18.4.42	1820	"	"	"	BASE. WADDINGTON - BASE	1.50	
20.4.42	12.35	R5846	"	"	LOCAL FLYING.	.40.	
22.4.42	1430	"	"	"	BASE - N. LUFFENHAM - CONINGSBY - BASE	2.30	
22.4.42	2205	"	"	"	C & L.S		1.00
					TOTAL TIME ...	86.45	59.45

Time carried forward :— 78.00 52.30

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61 SQUADRON WOOLFOX

APRIL 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
24·4·42	2005	R5543	P/O CLARK D.F.M	W/OP A/G.	N.F.T.	·35	
25·4·42	1535	R5545	"	"	"	·45	
25·4·42	0300	"	"	"	C & L's LANDED WADDINGTON		2·35
26·4·42	10·30	R5491	F/O SEARBY	"	WADDINGTON - BASE	·20	
28·4·42	1930	R5540	P/O CLARK DFM	"	BASE - WADDINGTON	·30	
28·4·42	2135	R5843	F/O TOFIELD	"	WADDINGTON - BASE	·30	
29·4·42	0310	R5491	P/O CLARK DFM.	"	X- COUNTRY. BASE - SHREWSBURY - WELLINGTON - NEWBURY - BASE		3·00
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS APRIL		
					DAY	10.55	
					NIGHT		12·50
					TOTAL TIME ...		

Time carried forward :— 86·45 59·45

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

MAY 1942.

Time carried forward :— 88·55 | 65·20

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
5·5·42	1250	R5846	F/SGT WILLIAMS	PASSENGER	WOOLFOX TO SYERSTON - SQUADRON MOVE	1·30	
8·5·42	1535	R5844	W/C WEIR	W/OP AG.	FORMATION FLYING	1·45.	
					TOTAL FLYING MAY		
					DAY	3·15	
					TRAINING AS AIR BOMBER.		
					Total Time ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

JUNE 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		MANCHESTER					
5.6.42	1145	7458	F/SGT HOBSON	W/OP	HIGH LEVEL BOMBING	2.30	
8.7.6.42	1210	7477	"	MAP READING	BASE - THIRSK - CARLISLE - PT OF KNAPP		
		LANCASTER			ABERFELDY - DUFRIES - THIRSK - BASE	4.35	
14.6.42	1415	R5616	F/SGT GREGORY	BOMB AIMER	LOW LEVEL BOMBING 500' WAINFLEET	2.00	
14.6.42	1850	R5663	F/SGT MEYER	"	"	1.40	
16.6.42	1145	R5618	SGT STEWERT. T.A.	"	L.L.B. - 2000' . WAINFLEET	1.15	
17.6.42	1730	R 5560	F/LT DEAS DFC	"	"	1.15	
19.6.42	1545	R5662	SGT JOSLIN	"	"	1.00	
23.6.42	1545	R5615	SGT FENNER	"	HIGH LEVEL BOMBING 10,000 "	2.20	
24.6.42	1410	"	F/SGT WILLIAMS	"	" 5000' "	1.55	
27.6.42	0130	R5853	F/SGT SHRINER	W/OP	LOCAL C & L		2.15
		MANCHESTER					
28.6.42	1515	L7477	F/SGT KEANE	MAP READING	LOCAL	.30	
		LANCASTER					
30.6.42	1605	R5618	F/O BEARD	BOMB AIMER	H.L.B. DNCO	.30	
					TOTAL FLYING. JUNE 1942		
					DAY	19.20	
					NIGHT		2.15
					Time carried forward :—	92.10	65.10
					TOTAL TIME ...	111.30	67.35

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON & ST EVAL

JULY 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
1.7.42	1130	R5866	F/LT DEAS DFC	BOMB AIMER	H.L.B. 6000' WAINFLEET	2.00	
1.7.42	1705	R5605	SGT STEWERT. IA.	"	" "	2.15	
6.7.42	0840	"	F/SGT STEWERT. J.G.	"	" FORMATION FLYING	2.00	
6.7.42	1045	R5866	F/LT DEAS DFC	"	BASE - CONINGSBY.	.45	
6.7.42	1240	R5888	F/SGT STEWERT. JG.	"	CONINGSBY - BASE	.30	
6.7.42	1825	R5605	"	"	H.L.B. FORMATION FLYING	1.50	
7.7.42	0835	R5618	"	"	"	2.10	
7.7.42	1325	"	"	"	"	1.20	
8.7.42	1600	R5853	F/SGT HAYNES	W/OP AG.	N.F.T. & LOCAL	.45	
8.7.42	2330	"	"	W/OP AG.	X-COUNTRY		2.20
10.7.42	1015	R5605	F/SGT STEWERT	BOMB AIMER	H.L.B. FORMATION FLYING.	1.05	
12.7.42	1640	R5866	F/S KEANE	"	" WAINFLEET	2.00	
		MANCHESTER					
14.7.42	1500	7477	F/S DALE	"	HIGH LEVEL BOMBING D.N.C.O	.55	
		LANCASTER					
19.7.42	1100	R5605	F/SGT TURNER	"	SYERSTON TO ST EVAL	2.05.	
23.7.42	0805	"	"	"	OPERATIONS ANTI-SUB PATROL NORTH ATLANTIC. 25° WEST NOTHING SEEN. 12x250lb DC 2x500lb AS.	9.10	
					Time carried forward :—	111.30	67.35
					TOTAL TIME ...		69.55

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61 SQUADRON. SYERSTON AND ST. EVAL.

JULY 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			12 × 250 lbs GC 2 × 500 lbs MS.		
26.7.42	0700	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. ANTI-SUB PATROL. NORTH ATLANTIC. NOTHING SEEN.	8.40	
28.7.42	1030	"	"	"	ST. EVAL TO SYERSTON	1.55	
29/30.7.42	0010	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. SAAR BRUCKEN. LOAD:- 1 × 4000 lb. 6 × 500 lbs. 2 × 250 lbs. TOTAL. 8000 lbs. Homed on instruments to target area. Obtained visual pinpoint on river Saar. Intense fires observed in town. Bombed from 4,500' and bombs burst in town south of river. Opposition slight.		5.15.
31.7.42	0120	"	"	"	OPERATIONS DUSSELDORF. Visually identified target by pinpointing on river Rhine. (1 × 4000 lb. 6 × 500 lb. 2 × 250 lb. TOTAL 8000 lbs) Bombed from 15000' and saw bomb burst in centre of town. Defences: Numerous searchlights and some heavy flak. Good Trip.		4.00.
					TOTAL TIME ...	151.45	79.10

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

AUGUST. 1942.

Time carried forward :— 151·45 | 79·10

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
12·8·42	1530	R5866	S/LDR FORSYTHE	PASSENGER	SYERSTON TO ST EVAL.		
13·8·42	0950	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS ANTI-SUB. CONVOY ESCORT. NORTH ATLANTIC. 12×250 DC. 2×500 A.S. Escorted convoy for two hours. Weather very bad. No enemy seen.	9·40	
15·8·42.	0700	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. ANTI-SUB PATROL N. ATLANTIC. NOTHING SEEN. 12×250lb DC. 2×500lb A.S.	9·40	
18·8·42	0635	R5606	F/SGT STEWERT. T.	MID GUNNER.	OPERATIONS. ANTI-SUB PATROL N. ATLANTIC. NOTHING SEEN. 12×250lb DC. 2×500 lb. A.S.	9·00.	
19·8·42	1535	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER FRONT GUNNER	OPERATIONS. SHIPPING STRIKE. ENEMY TANKER. ALTMARK CLASS 10,000 TONS. OFF SPANISH COAST. Altered course on receiving sighting report from another aircraft. Sighted ship after long search including flying over Northern Spain. Bombed from 3000' in shallow dive and scored.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON & ST EVAL. AUGUST 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—		
12					two hits on stern of target.		
13					During the run, engaged by heavy concentrated flak from all types of guns. 1,500 rounds from front turret and 4000 rounds from rear silenced most of the lighter guns, but a 4" shell burst inside port wing causing a very large hole. Other small holes all over the aircraft.		
15							
18					This occurred 35 miles North West of Cape Gretaga. The aircraft although badly damaged was brought safely back to base and made a good landing.	6.40	
19					Pilot, Navigator, Air Bomber, W/op and rear gunner received D.F.M.		
		LANCASTER	S/L FORSYTHE				
22.8.42	0930	R5618	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER.	ST EVAL TO SYERSTON	1.50	
					TOTAL TIME ...	192.20	79.10

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

AUGUST 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :—	192·20	79·10
24·8·42	1400	W 4136	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	N. F. T.	1·00.	
24·8·42	2125	"	"	"	OPERATIONS FRANKFURT. LOAD 1 x 4000lb 10 SBC 90 x 4lb. TOTAL WT. 80001bs Picked up the river Maine at Weisbaden before passing over 10/10ths cloud. This broke to 9/10ths over target and bombing run was made on 270° at 12000'. Cookie was seen to burst between two large fires already alight in the town. Cloud and haze prevented visual identification but built up area was attacked on E.T.A worked out from Weisbaden a few miles distant. Defences:- Numerous searchlights and accurate flak. heavy.		5·35.
25·8·42	1845	R5724	"	"	N. F. T.	·30	
27·8·42	2058	R5560	"	"	OPERATIONS. KASSEL. TOTAL 1 4000lb 10 SBC 90 x 4lb 8000lb. REAR turret U.S. sortie abandoned Jettisoned 4000lb HE of bombs returned.		2·10
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

AUGUST 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :—		
28·8·42	2058	R 5560	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. NUREMBERG. LOAD 1×4000lb 10SBC 12×30. TOTAL 8000lbs. Due to a faulty pinpoint, flew into the defences at Mannheim, caught in box barrage. In an attempt to escape them, turned south and flew over Karsruhr and Stuttgart, meeting heavy accurate flak at all three places after a long search for target, bombed a built up area among heavy flak and searchlights from 12000'. Returning south of track, followed river Danube for about 100 miles, flew over lake Constance and finally obtained a fix near Paris. Backplot proved that the built up area bombed was Munich. Very shaky with.		8·00
31·8·42	1550	R 5679.	"	"	N. F. T.	1·00.	
					TOTAL TIME ...	194·50	94·55

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

SEPTEMBER 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :—	194.50	
1.9.42	0020	R 5679	F/SGT. TURNER	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS SAARBRUCKEN 1x4000 lb 10 SBC 12x30lb. TOTAL 8000lbs Attack large fires in built up area from 9000', cookie seen to burst in town centre later proved to be SAARLOUIS. FLAK negligable		5.15.
2.9.42	1500	"	"	"	N.F.T.	1.00	
2.9.42	2330	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. KARLSRUHR. 1x4000lb 10SBC 9Dx4lbs. TOTAL 8000lbs Visually identified docks. Bombed from 16,200'. Smoke from fires in western half of town rose to 5000'. Numerous searchlights and moderate flak		6.20
4.9.42	1500	"	"	"	N.F.T.	1.00.	
4.9.42	0030	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. BREMEN. FOCK WULFE WORKS. 5x1900lbs TOTAL 10,000lbs. Identified F.W. factory by light of flares. Attacked from 14,000' and saw bombs burst in factory buildings. Defences very concentrated. Big fires in town and		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

SEPTEMBER 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—		
		LANCASTER			along whole length of docks. Opposition too heavy on return route so returned via Enkhuisen. Good trip.		4.20.
6.9.42	1330	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T. H.L.B. WAINFLEET. 8 BOMBS.	1.30	
6.9.42	0517	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. DUISBURG. 6 x 1900lbs TOTAL 12000lbs. Pinpointed on river and docks immediately North of A.P. Bombed from 15000', saw bombs burst on A.P. and obtained excellent photograph. Some fires as much as 20 miles North. One big column of white flame rose to two or three thousand feet and lit up whole area. Defences: A large number of search lights and heavy flak		4.20
8.9.42	11.30	W4136	"	"	N.F.T.	.20	
8.9.42	20.50	W4173	"	"	OPERATIONS. FRANKFURT. LOAD 1 x 4000lb 12 SBC 90 x 4 TOTAL 8,500lbs. Arrived at target area which was being attacked and flew about for a long time trying to identify visually		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON. SYERSTON

SEPTEMBER 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—		
					Unable to do so. Bombed built up area believed to be KONIGSTATEN. from 15000'. Routed over the Rhine at OPPENHIEM and then N/E to target Vast searchlight defences bounded the villages of RUSSELHIEM, BAUSCHEIN, ASTHIEM, NAUHIEM AND KONIGSTATEN.		7.05
					approx. 15 miles south west of target. Misled by these defences, existance previously unknown, every one bombed the villages of the area they enclosed.		
		LANCASTER					
10.9.42	15.45	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T.	.30	
10.9.42	20.20	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. DUSSELDORF.		
					1 x 4000 lb. 10 SBC 12 x 30 TOTAL 8,000 lbs.		
					Pinpointed on loop in the RHINE. Running up on a Northerly heading an aircraft immediately in front received a direct hit from heavy flak and blew up 50 yds ahead, blazing wreckage completely surrounding us.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

SEPTEMBER 1942

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—		
					as it fell to earth. This affected our run up A/c being brightly illuminated at 15000'. Bombs dropped in south east corner of town 2 miles from A/p. Photo obtained.		4·20
		LANCASTER			Defences. Very heavy flak. About 200 searchlights.		
11·9·42	1530	R5679	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T.	·30	
13·9·42	1400	"	"	"	N F T. LANDED SWINDERBY	1·40.	
13·9·42	2318	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. BREMEN		
					LOAD 1x4000 lb. 12x90x4 TOTAL. 8,500 lbs		
					Pinpointed on bend in river. Built up area seen on each side. Flares enabled us to pinpoint on river south east of bridges in central city area. A/P in sights from 14,000'. Fires visible 80 miles away on return journey. Flak concentrated heavy and light guns with searchlights		4·30
					N·F. T.	·40	
14·9·42	1650	R5866	"	"			
					TOTAL TIME ...	202·00	131·05

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

SEPTEMBER 1942

Time carried forward :— 202·00 131·05

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
16·9·42	1200	R5511	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T.	1·00	
16·9·42	2015	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. ESSEN. LOAD. 1 4000lb. 12 x 90 x 4lb TOTAL 8,500lb. Arrived over target area on E.T.A. Pinpointed on river Ruhr by light of flares. Defences concentrated and spread over large area. Bombed from 15000' on Southerly heading. Bombs fell in built up area on North bank of river Ruhr. Fires visible from Belgian coast.		6·00.
18·9·42	1500	R5560	G/C WALKER DSO DFC.	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T. & LOCAL	·45	
30·9·42	1445	R5759	F/SGT TURNER	"	N.F.T.	·40	
					TOTAL TIME ...	204·25	137·05

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

OCTOBER 1942.

Time carried forward :— 204.25 137.05.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASYER					
1-10-42	1800	W4233	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. WISMAR.		
					DORNIER WORKS.		
					1 x 4000lb 12 x 90 x 4. 8500lbs		
					Frontal cloud over target with		
					small breaks. Attacked from		7.15
					8000' on D.R. No. Checked by		
					pinpoint on coast. 10 searchlights		
					Not much flak. Landed DREM.		
					SCOTLAND.		
2.10.42	1300	"	"	"	DREM — BASE.	2.00	
4.10.42	1300	W4256	"	"	AIR TEST. X-COUNTRY	2.45	
5.10.42	1440	W4233	"	"	NFT.	1.00	
5.10.42	1905	W4233	"	"	1 4000lb 12 x 90 x 4. TOTAL 8,500lbs		
					OPERATIONS AACHEN		
					Flew through terrible weather over		
					route which cleared over target.		
					Bombed built up area from 10,000'.		6.10.
					Town burning fiercely around		
					industrial area. Flak moderate.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON

OCTOBER 1942.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :---		
10.10.42	1200	W 4233	F/SGT TURNER	AIR BOMBER	LOW LEVEL FORMATION FLYING.	4.30.	
12.10.42	1745	W4269	"	"	OPERATIONS. WISMAR. DORNIER WORKS. TOTAL 5,500 lbs. TOTAL 1H x 90x 4lb. Identified target by light from burning A/c shot down ahead. Hotly engaged over target by accurate flak from 10,000'. Bombed from 10,000' in steep dive. Skipper completed tour.		7.25.
21.10.42	1210	R5760	S/LDR DEAS D.F.C.	"	N.F.T.	.30.	
22.10.42	1800	R5760	"	"	OPERATIONS - SENOA. TOTAL. 5000lbs. LOAD 2 x1000lb. 7 SBC 90x 4lb. Had great difficulty in gaining and maintaining height and A/S. At 2135, five mins after target time we were still 180 miles from target. Jettisoned over alps and returned to base.		7.30
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON. OCTOBER 1942.

Time carried forward :— 215·10 165·25

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
24·10·42.	1215	W4270	S/LDR DEAS. D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. MILAN. LOAD 10×90×4. TOTAL 40001bs. Longest cross-enemy-country daylight attempted to date. 96 Lancs of 5 Group took part. Flew low level (50 feet) to French coast. Climbed to 6000' in cloud, crossed coast amid light Flak. Descended to 50' at river Loire and flew low level to foot of Alps. Saw French civilians waving. Climbed up over Alps in loose formation and came over target at 8000'. Bombed through gap in cloud. Identified railway station visually. Flak haphazard. Returned OK trouble free except for ~~stagnes~~ flak here and there. Aiming Point Photo.	10·30	
		LANCASTER II					
26·10·42	1115	DS 605	S/LDR DEAS DFC.	"	Circuits and Landings	·25	
31·10·42	1155	"	"	"	X-country DNCO	·20	
31·10·42	1425	"	"	"	X-country	3·35	
					TOTAL TIME ...	229·55	165·25

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61 SQUADRON SYERSTON — NOVEMBER 1942.

Time carried forward :— 229·25 | 165·25

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
7·11·42	1445	W4168	S/LDR DEAS D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	N. F. T.	·15.	
7·11·42.	1730	"	"	"	OPERATIONS - GENOA. 1 x 4000 lb. H.C. Bombed from 12000'. 30 S/L, numerous light guns and some heavy. General bombing excellent Numerous fires started. Smoke-screen not effective. Excellent photo secured. Landed Tempsford.		8·20.
8·11·42	1245	..	..	..	TEMPSFORD - BASE.	·30	
15·11·42	1440	..	..	..	N.F.T.	1·25.	
					TOTAL TIME ...	232·05	173·45

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61. SQUADRON STERSTON.

DECEMBER. 1942. Time carried forward :— 232·05 173·45.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot.	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
17·12·42	1630	W4236	F/O FOSYER	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS. MINE-LAYING. CADET CHANNEL. BALTIC. 4 VEG. ×15,000lb. Weather completely unserviceable Severe icing in cloud which was down to almost deck level. After 2 attempts, finally got down to 2,500'. Visibility hopeless. Brought mines back.		6·50.
20·12·42	1810	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. DUISBURG. 1×4000lb 12×360×4. 8,500lbs. Returned early from Dutch coast. Starboard inner engine U-S. Jettisoned cookie. Brought rest back.		2·15.
					COMPLETED 1ST TOUR.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	232·05	182·50

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61 SQUADRON STERSTON

JANUARY 1943.

Time carried forward :— 232.05 182.50

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER II					
1 3.1.43.	1430	DS 603	SGT SOODWIN	AIR BOMBER	BASE – SALISBURY – SHREWSBURY – OXFORD. – BASE.	3.05.	
4.1.43.	1200	DS 609	S/C JORDON P/O COLE.	"	LOCAL DEMONSTRATION	1.00.	
					POSTED TO 1485 B.A.G. FLIGHT FULBECK.		
2							
					TOTAL TIME ...	236.10	182.50.

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1485. B & G. FLIGHT. FULBECK.

FEBRUARY 1943.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	236.10	182.50
1.2.43.	1100	OXFORD.	P/O JONES DFM	PASSENGER.			
7.2.43.	1100	"	SGT DRYSDALE.	INSTRUCTOR.	SYERSTON & RETURN.	.40	
9.2.43	1430	"	F/O CHINN	"	DONCASTER AIRPORT & RETURN	.40	
13.2.43	1400	"	F/S HEARD	PASSENGER	TO SYERSTON	.20	
					TO MANBY.	1.00.	
					DETACHED MANBY. FOR AIR BOMBER INSTRUCTORS COURSE.		
					PASSED 84%.		
					D.F.M. LONDON GAZETTE 12.3.43.		
					POSTED TO 1660 CON. UNIT. AS. AIR BOMBER INSTRUCTOR.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	238.50	182.50

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1660 CONVERSION UNIT. SWINDERBY.

APRIL 1943. TO NOVEMBER

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	238·50	182·50
		MANCHESTER					
21·4·43.	0920	L 7389	S/L BOWES	INSTRUCTOR.	BOMBING. BASSINGHAM FEN	2·00.	
		LANCASTER III					
2·5·43.	2210	ED 808	F/LT SHORTHOUSE	"	X-COUNTRY - BOMBING.		2·10.
11·5·43	1330	5631	F/O YOMLIN	"	"	1·15.	
15·5·43	2230	W 4887	F/S BOWER	"	"		2·50
21·5·43	1500	ED 425	F/O TURNER DFM	"	BASE - SYERSTON - BASE.	2·10	
22·5·43	0645	W 4887.	S/L ABERCROMBIE. DFC	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. DINGHY SEARCH. NORTH SEA. 5 MLS OFF DUTCH COAST. NOTHING SEEN	4·05.	
23·5·43	1000	"	SGT BILLING.	INSTRUCTOR.	X-COUNTRY - BOMBING.	2·30.	
8·6·43	1400	"	F/O SANDISON	"	"	4·00	
16·6·43	2230	"	SGT WEATHERSTONE	"	"		2·35.
2·9·43	1615	W 4232	S/C PHILPOT	AIR BOMBER	LOCAL	1·15	
3·9·43	1850	W 4887	F/O LACE DFM & BAR	"	N.F.T.	·30	
		HALIFAX					
20·10·43	1130	F	P/O WARNOCK DFM	INSTRUCTOR.	EX 4. LOCAL	2·00	
8·11·43	1500	LANCASTER 4232	SGT PLOWRIGHT	"	EX 10 "	2·00	
9·11·43	1630	R 4383	W/O LANGDON DFM	AIR BOMBER	N.F.T. TO BALDERTON	1·00	
16·11·43	11·55	5915	"	"	N.F.T.	·40	
					TOTAL TIME ...	280·15	190·25.

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1660 CON UNIT SWINDERBY.

DECEMBER 1943.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	280.15.	190.25
		STIRLING.					
2.12.43	1955	'G'	F/LT BEARD DFC	A/B.	EX. 19.		1.55
3.12.43	1520	'D'	"	A/B	LOCAL	1.10.	
			F/L FAWKE DFC				
					POSTED TO 61 SQUADRON FOR SECOND TOUR.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	281.25	192.20.

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE

DECEMBER 1943

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER III			Time carried forward :—	281.25	192.20
20.12.43	1710	JB 138	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS. FRANKFURT. TOTAL 1x4000lb. 4x1000lb. 8x150x4lb. 13,004lbs		
					Returned early from 5217N 0250E at 1829, 17,500' owing to failure of ST. wind. Jettisoned all H.E. from 9000' at 5212N.0232E. at 1845. Returned on 3 engines.		2.50
22.12.43	1430	W4950	"	"	AIR TEST.	1.30	
23.12.43	2355	EE176	"	"	OPERATIONS BERLIN. TOTAL WT. 10,048lbs. 1x4000. 6x150x4lb. 5x12x30lb. Route Markers OK. Bombed at 0410 from 23.000'. 1 Red T.I. cascading was undershot. Large explosion observed at same time.		8.10.
					Defences:- Numerous searchlights ineffective due to cloud. Flak. heavy. Barrage stiff. Photo. Cloud and Fires.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	282.55	203.20

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE
CONINGSBY.

JANUARY 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	282.55	203.20
		LANCASTER					
2.1.44	2320	DV 397	S/LDR BEARD DFC	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS. BERLIN. TOTAL WT 9.484 lbs		
					1x4000lb. 6x150x4lb. 3x16x30lb.		
					Route markers OK. T.I's scattered. Had		
					difficulty in choosing correct one.		7.35
					Bombed centre of stick of sky mkrs. at		
					0248 from 23,000'. Defences sticky.		
					Static over N. Sea. Photo:- cloud.		
					Landed DOWNHAM MARKET.		
3.1.44.	1330	..	..	..	DOWNHAM MARKET. - BASE.	.30	
6.1.44	1430	DV 294	..	..	BASE. - COLTISHALL - BASE.	1.40	
8.1.44	1510	..	..	..	BASE - WITTERING.	.30	
9.1.44	1030	W4950	..	..	WITTERING - BASE.	.30	
13.1.44	1930	EE176	..	..	BOMBING. WAINFLEET. 6 BOMBS.		1.45.
28.1.44	0003	LL777	..	..	OPERATIONS. BERLIN. TOTAL WT. 9.48.4lbs.		
					1x4000lb. 6x150x4lb. 3x16x30lb		
					Bombed at 0315½ at 23,500'. T~~o~~		
					~~[illegible]~~. 7 good fires		7.30
					glow seen for 140 miles on return. Photo		
					cloud and fires. Landed East Kirkby.		
29.1.44	0810	LL777	..	..	EAST KIRKBY - BASE.	.10	
					TOTAL TIME ...	286.15	220.10

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61 SQUADRON. CONINGSBY.

FEBRUARY 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
2·2·44	1435	EE 176.	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	LOCAL. AIR-FIRING.	1·30	
15·2·44	1735	LM 454	"	"	OPERATIONS. BERLIN. TOTAL WT. 10,712 lbs. 1x4000lb. 7x150x4lb. 1x16x30lb. 4x12x30lb. Scattered T.I.s. Bombed centre of sky markers. at 2118 from 23,000'. Too early too observe results. New type of flak encountered. 2 flashes on ground and about 10 burst in sky. Extremely accurate. Brought down 9 a/c in approx. same position Photo cloud only.		6·20.
19·2·44	2350	EE 176	"	"	OPERATIONS. LEIPZIG. TOTAL WT. 10,912 lbs. 1x4000lb. 8x150x4lb. 3x16x30lb. 1x12x30lb Bombed at 0402 from 23500 centre of sky markers. Defences very heavy over whole route. 79 a/c missing. Photo sky markers and cloud.		7·30.
21·2·44	1130	..	..	..	BASE - COLTISHALL.	·30	
21·2·44	1530	SB 138	..	..	MATLASK - BASE.	·30	
					Time carried forward :—	286·15	220·10.
					TOTAL TIME ...	288·45	234·00

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61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY.

FEBRUARY 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	288·45	234·00
		LANCASTER					
24·2·44	2030	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS. SCHWEINFURT.		
					5 x 2000lb. H.C. 1 x 500mc. TOTAL 10,500lbs.		
					PATHFINDER BACKERS UP.		
					River and built up area identified.		8·00
					N. W. Town. Fires concentrated and visible		
					from French coast on return. 325 miles away		
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT.		
28·2·44	1530	LM 359	"	"	AIR TEST	·30	
28·2·44	1600	JB 138	"	"	AIR TEST	·30	
29·2·44	1415	JB 129	"	"	BOMBING. 6 BOMBS. 11.000'. 71 yds.	2·15.	
					TOTAL TIME ...	292·00	242·00.

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61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY. MARCH 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	292·00	242·00
		LANCASTER					
1·3·44.	2325	EE 186.	S/LDR BEARD. D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS:- STUTTGART.		
					3x2000lb H.C. 4x1000mc. TOTAL 10.000lbs.		
					PATHFINDER BACKERS UP.		
					Bombed centre of well concentrated sky		8·15.
					markers at 0302 from 22,500'.		
					Incendiaries catching on ground. Fires		
					turning red. Flak moderate.		
					PHOTO. FIRES and CLOUD.		
3·3·44.	2030	ME 596	"	"	LOCAL X-COUNTRY.		2·00
7·3·44	1945	LM 359	"	"	SPECIAL EXERCISE.		3·00.
10·3·44	2015	DV 397	"	"	OPERATIONS. CHATEAUROUX		
					AIRCRAFT FACTORY.		
					MARKER AND DEPUTY LEADER.		
					1x4000lb. 2x150x4lb. 3. RSP. 6x12x30lb. TOTAL 10,000 lbs.		
					Bombed at 2250 from 7,500'. Target		
					identified visually. First datum point		
					markers dropped 3 miles North.		
					Waited for remarking and then dropped		
					own Red Spots in correct position. Target		
					marked accurately by another R.S.F.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY

MARCH 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Target completely saturated by incendiaries and H.E. Very successful		5.15.
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT.		
24.3.44	1835	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS BERLIN. TOTAL 11,648 lbs.		
					1 x 4000 lb. 8 x 150 x 4 lb. 6 x 12 x 30 lb		
					Bombed from 22,500' at 2234		
					red T.I. in sights. Defences over		7.20.
					whole route very heavy. Winds		
					140 mph. Very heavy losses for		
					unsuccessful raid. Landed Downham MKT.		
					PHOTO. CLOUD.		
25.3.44	1100	"	"	"			
27.3.44	1400	"	"	"	DOWNHAM MARKET – BASE	.30	
			S/LDR BEARD DFC		BASE – DIGBY.	.25	
27.3.44	1630	"	A/com. SHARPE	"			
28.3.44	1430	"	S/LDR BEARD DFC	"	DIGBY – BASE & LOCAL C.F.L.	1.20	
29.3.44	1500	R5856	"	"	LOCAL AIR-FIRING.	2.05	
					N.F.T.	.30	
					TOTAL TIME ...	296.50	267.50

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61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY SKELLINGTHORPE

APRIL 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :—	296·50	267·50
5·4·44.	2035	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC.	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS. TOULOUSE. BLAGNAC AERODROME. ASSEMBLY. FACTORY. 10 x 1000lb MC. TOTAL WT. 10,000lbs. Raid very successful. Red shot fires accurate. Many explosions though a few bombs undershot. Identified visually. Bombed at 0029 from 12,250'. Defences negligable.		8·15
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT. LANDED LITTLE HARWOOD		
6·4·44	1200	"	"	"	LITTLE HARWOOD – BASE.	·40	
7·4·44	1500	"	"	"	LOCAL – AIR-SEA FIRING.	1·30	
9·4·44	1500	LM732	S/LDR WOODROFFE.	"	LOCAL – AIR TEST.	·50	
10·4·44	2230	EE176	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	"	OPERATIONS. TOURS MARSHALLING YARDS. No 1 TARGET · MARKER. 14000 HC. 8 x 150 x 4. 6 x 250 RED SPOT FIRES. Identified visually. Made 1st run at 0104 hours. 3 dummy runs at 2min intervals. Then 2 Red shots on separate runs. 1st estimated 125 yds N.W. of A/P, 2nd Bang on. Cookie released on 6th run 6000', incendiaries 7th run 6000', 0150hrs. Flares interfered		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY SKELLINGTHORPE

APRIL 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Time carried forward :—	
						Flying Times Day	Night
					with marking. Bombing excellent.		
					Light flak, too close to be comfortable.		6.10
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT and FIRES.		
		LANCASTER					
12.4.44	1515	ME 725	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	BOMBING. AIR-FIRING.	2.00	
19/20.4.44	1400	EE 176	"	"	BASE - WITTERING - BASE	1.30	
20.4.44.	2255	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. PARIS.		
					LA CHAPPELLE RAILWAY STATION.		
					4x1000lb. 12x500lb. TOTAL 10,460lbs.		
					Weather. Hazy with cloud and smoke		
					from previous attack. Bombed R.S.F.		
					at 0126 from 2,500'. Attack concentrated		4.50
					Northern A/P blazing well. Smoke interfered		
					with bombing run. Flak. Accurate, light.		
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT.		
22.4.44	2255	"	"	"	OPERATIONS BRUNSWICK.		
					1x2000lb. 12x500lb. 5 TYPE CLUSTERS.		
					NEW INCEND BOMB. 1ST TIME USED TOTAL 8,490lbs.		6.05
					Bombed 2 R.S.F. at 0157 from 16,200'		
					1 stick dropped before zero hour-undershot. S.W		
					ME. 109 seen.		
					PHOTO. AIMING POINT.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE

APRIL 1944.

Time carried forward :—

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
26·4·44	2120	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD D.F.C.	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS SCHWEINFURT. HW 1 x 4000 HC 2 x 16 x 30lb. 10 x 12 x 30. TOTAL 8.500lbs Bombed 2 R.S.F. at 0227 from 20,000'. MKRS scattered early but concentrated later. Bombing well concentrated but too far south west. Good fires. Flak accurate. PHOTO. AIMING POINT.		8·55
29·4·44	2230	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. EXPLOSIVES WORKS. ST. MEDARD-EN-JALLES. BORDEAUX. 10 x 1000lb. 1 x 500lb TOTAL 11,000lbs No cloud. Bombed visually at 0224, 6,300'. A/P in sights by light of explosions. Huge explosions at 0227, 0230½. 15 explosions altogether Seen from Northern French coast Complete success. PHOTO AIMING POINT.		7·30
					TOTAL TIME ...	303·20	309·35

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE. MAY 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
2·5·44	11·30	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC & BAR	AIR BOMBER	LOCAL AIR TEST	1·00	
13·5·44	14·05	"	"	"	AIR-SEA FIRING LOW LEVEL BOMBING. FIGHTER AFFIL.	2·05	
18·5·44	14·30	ND 865	"	"	FORMATION. AIR FIRING. LOCAL	1·45	
30·5·44.	1450	EE 176	"	"	N.F.T. LOCAL	1·00	
31·5·44	23·40	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. SAUMUR MARSHALLING YARDS. TOTAL 11 x 1000lb SAP 4x500 GP 13.000lbs No cloud. Slight haze. Bombed at 0233 6,250'. Bombs seen to burst over bridge and railway yds. Attack concentrated at first but smoke interfered later. Flak moderate. Fighters turned up late in attack. PHOTO. AIMING POINT		5·15
					Time carried forward :—	309·20	309·35
					TOTAL TIME ...	309·10	314·50

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE — JUNE 1944

Time carried forward :— 309·10 | 314·50

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
3·6·44.	2310	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC BAR	AIR BOMBER.	OPERATIONS. FERME D'URVILLE. RADIO STN. NR. CHERBOURG. 1 4000lb 16x500lb TOTAL 12,000lb. No cloud, slight haze. Bombed concentration of red and green T.I.s. at 0130, 6,250'		3·30.
					Nearly hit twice by photo flashes on bombing run. Dangerous. Felt all explosions from 4000lb bombs. PHOTO AIMING POINT.		
6·6·44	0250	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. ST. PIERRE DU MONT. SUN POSITIONS. TOTAL 11 x 1000 lb 4x500lb 13.000lbs.		
					D-DAY. Clear below 8,000' T.I.'s accurate. Indentified visually and bombed from 8000' at 0500 HRS. Bombs seen to hit A/P. Invasion fleet seen to be standing off coast. PHOTO AIMING POINT		4·10

TOTAL TIME ... 309·10 | 322·30

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE

JUNE 1944.

Time carried forward :— 309·10 | 322·30

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
16·6·44	2336	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC BAR	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS - ARGENTAN ROAD JUNCTOON		
					2x1000mc 14x500lb. TOTAL 9.000lbs.		
					DEPUTY CONTROLLER		
					Vis. good No cloud below 6000'.		
					Bombed at 0130, 5,500'. Bombing		4·00
					concentrated. Recco'ed at 1500'		
					last few sticks of bombs fell short.		
					PHOTO AIMING POINT.		
19·6·44.	2218	"	"	"	OPERATIONS. BUZZ BOMB BASE		
					NR. ST OMER.		
					Recalled owing to target having		1·50.
					been demolished by another attack.		
					11x1000lb 4x500lb TOTAL 13.000lb.		
21·6·44	1500	ND 987	"	"	BASE - DRIFFIELD - BASE.	1·15	
					TOTAL TIME ...	310·25	328·40

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE

JULY 1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	310·25	328·40
		LANCASTER					
11·7·44	1415	PD 199	S/LDR BEARD DFC BAR	AIR BOMBER	LOCAL	1·30	
14·7·44	1120	ND 988	F/LT SIMMONS	"	" BOMBING.	2·00	
15·7·44	1120	LL 911	F/O CHURCH	"	BOMBSIGHT CHECK	·25	
18·7·44	0337	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC + BAR	"	OPERATIONS. CAEN. 11 x 1000lb 4 x 500lb 13,500 lbs. Close support of army. Object. to destroy enemy strongpoint, namely Caen steelworks. Nearly 2000 A/c out on different targets. Bombed from 6000' amid artillery barrage and saw bombs burst across aiming point. Raid complete success and allied armies broke through. AIMING POINT. PHOTO. secured.	3·30	
24·7·44	1430	WH 940	"	"	BASE - TERNHILL	1·00	
24·7·44	1530	JA 872.	"	"	TERNHILL - BASE	·45	
24·7·44	2235	PA 162	"	"	OPERATIONS DONGES OIL STORAGE TANKS. NR. ST. NAZAIRE. 11 x 1000 SAP 4 x 500 GP TOTAL 13,751 lbs. Bombed from 6000'. Defences heavy. S/Light cones working well. Bomb release gear stuck jettisoned OK on A/P. Operated camera manually. • PHOTO AIMING POINT		5·15
					TOTAL TIME ...	319·35	333·55

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61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE

AUGUST 1944

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER			Time carried forward :—	319·35	333·55
3·8·44	11 40	EE 176	S/LDR BEARD DFC *BAR	AIR BOMBER	OPERATIONS TROSSY-SAN-MAXIMIN. LOAD 11x1000lb 4x500lb TOTAL 13,000 lbs. FORMATION LEADER OF 61, 9, 50 SQUADRONS. Bombed in fifth wave under difficult conditions. Smoke and cloud over target Bombs dropping all around. Flak accurate and hitting us. A/C about 50yds ahead hit by bombs and went out of control crashing without anyone getting out. 25 holes in A/C Very rough trip. A/P PHOTO.	4·30	
					SECOND TOUR. 61 SQUADRON.		
					No. OF TRIPS 22.		
					TOTAL OF HOURS 142·30 mins.		
					POSTED TO 1660 CONV UNIT SWINDERBY AS AIR BOMBER INSTRUCTOR.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	324·05	333·55
					GRAND TOTAL	658·00	

1660 CONVERSION UNIT SWINDERBY

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
1944.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	324.05	333.55
		STIRLING					
23.9.44	1155	LJ 635	P/O HICKS F/S CRAIG.	A. B. I.	HIGH LEVEL BOMBING. FENTON. 16 BOMBS.	2.50	
25.9.44	1140	EF 400	P/O LUPTON	A.B. I.	" " " BASSINGHAM. 8 BOMBS	1.45	
26.9.44	1205	EF 239	P/O LEACH P/O NELSON	A.B. I.	" " " " 16 BOMBS	4.30	
13.10.44	1155	LR 535	W/O GALLICANO	A.B.I.	" " " FIGHTER AFFIL.	3.20	
18.10.44	1110	LM 639	F/LT POND F/S SKIPWORTH	A.B. I.	" " " BASSINGHAM 8 BOMBS	2.40	
13.11.44	1030	"L"	F/LT. LEEMING	A.B.I.	" " "	1.40	
4.12.44	1845	LK 539	F/LT JEAVONS D.F.C. F/O BABB	A.B.I.	EX. 14. 15. BOMBING. FIGHTER AFFIL.		3.10
					TOTAL FLYING 1660 C.U. 1944		
					DAY. 16.45.		
					NIGHT. 3.10.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	340.50	337.05

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1660 CONVERSION UNIT. SWINDERBY

JANUARY
FEBRUARY 1945

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	340·50	337·05
		STIRLING					
7·2·45	2230	?	F/S MAY	ABI.	EX 15 HIGH LEVEL BOMBING.		3·45
		LANCASTER	S/LDR LACE DFC. DFM. AFC.				
18·2·45	1000	W 4114	COL. WESTRING (SWEDISH AIR FORCE)	A.B.	LOCAL	·30	
23·2·45	1200	W 4114	F/O GIBBERD DFC. F/S GOODALL	ABI	EX 4. BOMBING.	1·40	
		STIRLING					
24·2·45	1400	K.	F/S TUOHY	ABI.	EX 5 BOMBING.	2·00	
28·2·45	1100	OXFORD	F/LT MATHERS DFC SELF	DUAL (½ HOUR)	BASE - CAMBRIDGE - BASE.		
					JIMMY GIBBERD'S FUNERAL.	1·30	
					DETACHED TO 1 AAS MANBY FOR BOMBING LEADERS COURSE 17·3·45.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	346·30	340·50

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No1. EMPIRE AIR ARMAMENT SCHOOL. MANBY

MARCH
APRIL 1945

687·20

Time carried forward :— 346·30 340·50

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
17·3·45	1100	X 7135 OXFORD	F/LT. JEAVONS DFC	PASSENGER	BASE- FINNINGLY- MANBY.	1·05	
		WELLINGTON					
4·4·45	0850	40	F/S BLACKHALL	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 4000' NORTH. THED. 6 BOMBS. 90 YDS.	2·10	PASS.
4·4·45	1345	42	F/S SLADE	AIR BOMBER	L.L.B. 400' YARBORO' 6 BOMBS 26 YDS	1·00	PASS
6·4·45	1000	40	F/O BOSWELL	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 5000' SOUTH DONNA. 6 BOMBS 90 YDS	1·30	PASS.
6·4·45	1430	21	F/LT JANSINSKI	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 2000' NORTH THED. 6 BOMBS 59 YDS	1·25	PASS.
8·4·45	1300	27	F/S SPENCER	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 1500' SOUTH. THED. 6 BOMBS 78 YDS	1·15	PASS.
8·4·45	1615	42	F/S STEEDMAN	AIR BOMBER	L.L.B. 400' YARBORO' 6 BOMBS 6 YDS	·50	PASS.
9·4·45	1315	21	F/S BOWEN	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 7000' SOUTH DONNA 6 BOMBS 44 YDS	1·30	PASS.
11·4·45	1515	23.	F/S NEILSON	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 8000' SOUTH DONNA 6 BOMBS 95 YDS	1·50	PASS.
13·4·45	1015	A'50'	P/O SCOTT	AIR BOMBER	L.L.B. 400' YAR BORO'. 6 BOMBS 16 YDS	1·05	PASS
13·4·45	1430	30	F/S NICHOLS.	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 6000' NORTH THED 6 BOMBS 32 YDS	1·30	PASS.
					TOTAL FLYING. No 104 B. L. C.		
					14 HOURS 5 MINS.		
					G. MURTOUGH. S/LDR.		
					C.C. B. L. COURSES.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	361·40	340·50

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1660 CONV UNIT. SWINDERBY

APRIL / JUNE 1945.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					Time carried forward :—	361·40	340·50
21·4·45	1230	7135 OXFORD / LANCASTER	F/O AUKLAND DFC.	PASSENGER	MANBY TO SWINDERBY	·30	
11·5·45	1130	P.B. 801	F/LT. WILLIAMS D.F.C.	PASSENGER	CONINGSBY TO FAIRWOOD COMMON. LEAVE!!	1·00	
30·5·45	1550	TV A.	F/LT HAYLER	A B I	Ex 4 BOMBING GRIMSTHORPE PARK	2·40	
8·6·45.	1505	TV Q	W/C LYSTER. D.S.O DFC. A.F.C.	A.B.	N. F. T.	·50	
20·6·45	1110	YW M	F/O KING DFC.	A.B.I.	Ex 4 BOMBING. OWTHORPE	3·00	
28·6·45	1500	YW B.	F/LT MORRISON DFC.	OBSERVOR	TOUR OF GERMANY. BASE - SOUTHWOLD - WALCHEREN - EINDOVEN - KREFELD - ESSEN - HAMM - GRAVENHURST - MUNSTER - OSNABRUCK HANNOVER - BREMEN - HAMBURG - BREMERHAVEN - WILHELMSHAVEN - EMDEN - AMSTERDAM - YARMOUTH - BASE.	6·30	
					TOTAL FLYING. MAY JUNE 1945 DAY 14-30. NIGHT NIL.		
					Total Time ...	376·10	340·50

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1660. H. C. U. SWINDERBY

JULY AUGUST 1945.

Time carried forward :— 717-00 | 376-10 | 340-50

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		LANCASTER					
4-7-45	1505	YW H.	F/O ANDREWS DFC	A.G.I.	EX 4 NO BOMBING. WEATHER. U.S.	1-50	
19-7-45	1615	YW O	F/LT ROBERTS. DFC	F/ENGINEER	LOCAL FLYING.	1-15.	
27-7-45	0830	YW Q	F/LT. MORRISON DFC	A.B.	BOMBING.	2-00	
30-7-45	1400	YW Z	F/LT ENOCH DFC.	A.B.	BOMBING. 106YDS. 78YDS 20.000'	2-05.	
1-8-45	1430	PB 233	F/LT MORRISON DFC	A.B.	AIR TEST.	·55.	
1-8-45	2200	YW X	F/O LUMSDEN DFC	A.B.	X-COUNTRY - RADIO RANGE EXERCISE		3-15
2-8-45	2200	YW Z	F/O ANDREWS DFC	A.B.	X-COUNTRY - RADIO RANGE EXERCISE		3-00
					TOTAL FLYING 1660 HCU. JULY AUGUST. UP TO 2-8-45.		
					DAY 8-05.		
					NIGHT 6-15.		
					TOTAL TIME ...	384-15	347-05

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BOMBING DEVELOPMENT UNIT FELTWELL — AUGUST 1945.

Time carried forward :— 384·15 | 347·05

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		HALIFAX					
22·8·45	1550	J.	F/L FRENCH.	RADAR OP.	GEE - LORAN EXERCISES	1·25	
23·8·45	2055	F.	F/O BATES	RADAR OP.	BASE - LE HAVRE - BASE. GEE - H2S - LORAN		2·35
					TOTAL FLYING BDU. DAY 1·25 NIGHT 2·35 TOTAL 4·00		
					TOTAL TIME ...	385·40	349·40

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1660. H.C.U. SWINDERBY

AUGUST SEPTEMBER 1945.

735·20

Time carried forward :— 385·40 349·40

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS.		
					1660 H.C.U:		
					DAY 61·35		
					NIGHT. 15·45.		
					TOTAL 77·20.		
					TOTAL FLYING HOURS.		
					735·20.		
					R. BERCOW F/LT.		
					1660 H.C.U.		
					TOTAL TIME ...		

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SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
} 1946.

Time carried forward :— 385.40

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times Day	Flying Times Night
		ANSON.					
23.9.46	1415	NB.	W/O BARR	1ST NAVIGATOR	BASE - LICHFIELD - LANCASTER - CHICKEN ROCK - BASE	3-15.	
26.11.46	0950	MG	F/S FULLICK.	2ND —.—	BASE · MULL OF GALLOWAY - CARLISLE - BASE	2.25.	
2.12.46	1300	WELLINGTON ANSON	F/S JEFFRIES	AIR BOMBER	H.L.B. 10000' 150x "PASS"	2.15	
9.12.46	0920	NA.	P2 KOISUIK	1ST NAVIGATOR	BASE · KISH LT. - CARDIGAN · MULLOFGAR - BASE ·	3.30	
10.12.46	0920	N.U.	W/O BARR	1ST —.—	—.—	3.10	
17.12.46	1310	NB	F/S GLADZWICK.	2ND —.—	X - COUNTRY	3.20	
18.12.46	0925	N.U.	W/O BARR	2ND —.—	—.—	3.15	
					TOTAL FLYING 1946.		
					DAY 21-10.		

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BOMBING RECORD

Year	Individual ~~(Day)~~	Individual ~~(Night)~~	Average error in yards as at ~~Flt. (as leading B.A.)~~	~~Sqn. (as leading B.A.)~~	10,000 feet ~~Long Distance~~	~~Moving Target~~	Actual Error ~~Low Level~~	Cmdg. Officer's Signature and Remarks.
	YATESBURY	MANBY						
	SURBY, I.O.M.	DOWNHAM MARKET						
	FINNINGLEY	COLTISHALL						
	BIRCOTES	EAST KIRKBY						
	YORK	MATLASK						
	BALDERTON	DIGBY						
	DRIFFIELD.	LITTLE HARWOOD						
	WOOLFOX	TERNHILL						
	NORTH LUFFENHAM	PELTWELL.						
	SCAMPTON	FAIRWOOD COMMON						
	KIRTON LINDSAY							
	WITTERING							
	WADDINGTON							
	CONINGSBY							
	SYERSTON							
	ST. EVAL							
	SWINDERBY							
	DREM. SCOTLAND.							
	TEMPSFORD							
	FULBECK							
	DONCASTER AIRPORT.							

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Units at which served as Navigator, Air Bomber or Air Gunner

Unit	From	To	Unit	From	To
BLACKPOOL	TRAINING		10 ACHU BURN	14.9.45	30.10.45
COMPTON BASSETT	"		8 Sq/TT. WEETON	30.10.45	
YATESBURY	"				
SWANTON MORLEY	"				
5. A.O.S. JURBY I.O.M.	28.8.41.	13.9.41.			
25. O.T.U. FINNINGLEY	13.10.41	2.12.41			
" BIRCOTES.	2.12.41	8.2.42			
61 SQUADRON WOOLFOX	8.2.42	5.4.42			
61 SQUADRON SYERSTON	5.4.42	18.1.43			
1485 G.G.F. FULBECK	18.1.43	13.2.43			
1 AAS MANBY	13.2.43.	27.2.43			
1485 GGF. FULBECK	27.3.43	28.3.43.			
1660. C.U. SWINDERBY	28.3.43	14.12.43			
61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE	14.12.43	13.1.44.			
61 SQUADRON CONINGSBY	13.1.44	15.4.44			
61 SQUADRON SKELLINGTHORPE	15.4.44	2.9.44			
1660. C.U. SWINDERBY	2.9.44	17.3.45			
1 AAS MANBY	17.3.45	21.4.45			
1660. C.U. SWINDERBY	21.4.45	18.8.45			
BDU SW FELTWELL	18.8.45	24.8.45			
1660 HCU SWINDERBY	24.8.45	14.9.45			
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Aircraft in which flown

Type	Type	Type
D.H. DOMINIE.		
PROCTOR PERCIVAL VEGA GULL.		
BLENHIEM I		
BLENHIEM IV		
ANSON		
WELLINGTON		
MANCHESTER		
OXFORD		
LANCASTER I		
LANCASTER II		
LANCASTER III		
HALIFAX		
STIRLING.		

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