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ham Market.	1942. 2nd.Oot.		There was considerable ground haze over the target area and visual identification was impossible.	
			Navigational aid failed and P.F.F. flares and fire blobs were bombed. Many small fires and	
	-		three or four large ones were observed. The attack was considered rather scattered.	
			35,360 lbs. of bombs were dropped during this operation,	
	3rd.Oct.		WEATHER Pair.	
			VISIBILITY 8 miles.	
			F. L. 12,000!	
			TRAINTING. I sircraft flew for I hour today. He operations took place and nothing of	
			importance to relate.	
	4th.Oat.		WEATHER, Pine,	
	-		VISIBILITY. 500 yards becoming 2 miles.	
		41.0010	F. L. 11,000 feet.	
			TRAINING. 2 sircraft engaged in fighter afflication for 2 hours. 5 air tested for 3-4 hrs.	
			No operations took place and nothing of importance to relate.	
	5th.Oct		WEATHER, Oloudyo-rain,	
			VISIBILITY. Foggy becoming 6 miles.	
			F. L. 10,000 feets	
			TRAINING, The usual pre-operational training took place today	
			OFERATIONS. 8 Grews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They ware:-	A.233
			E. F/S. Wood, K. F/S. Pettit, S. Sgt. Jerrones.	
The second second			F. Sgt. Hall, P. Sgt. Cough. U. P/O. Studd.	
			J. F/O. Corser, R. F/O. Bickenson,	A State of the second s
. Filese	- 534C	1.1100	OPERATIONAL SUBMARY. Aachen was the target which 5 orews attacked. Electrical atoms were	
			experienced over England clearing in the Channel and in the terget area where there was slight	
and a straight from			ground haze. The target was not definitely identified although several fires were asen in the	
George Rooms 24			North East Industrial area, One large Gas Helder was thought to have expleded, 2 Aircraft returned early having jettisoned and 1 aircraft, "F" Sgt Hall orashed at Mildenhall after take-of	1

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wnham Market	5th Oct.		all the orew being killed. 53880 lbs of bombs were dropped during this operation.	
	6th Oot.		WEATHER, Pair,	
			VISTBILITY, 4 Miles,	
			F. L. 10000 feet.	
	-		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
			OPERATIONS. 6 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A.234
	1 North States		"J" FZO, Corsar, "R" Spt Hill,	
	•		"K" 7/S. Pettit. "S" Sct. JERTORES.	
			"P" Set, Couch, "U" P/0. Studd.	
			OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. Osnabrusk was the target. 5 orews attacked, 1 jettisoned and returned.	
			early. Then stratus at 4000 feet made pin-pointing difficult and whilst 2 crews identified	
			the marshalling yards to the South East the others could only report having seen extensive built	
	0		up areas. 2 particular big fires were observed in what appearded to be the Magapart of the	
			al freak, 2 but ficture by fires were doubted in many spreak and it was considered	
			a successful operation, 41660 lbs of bombs were dropped during this operation.	
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			WEATHER. Cloudy, rain later. VISTBILITY, 2 miles.	
			VISIBILITY. 2 miles. F.L. 10000 feet.	
			F.B. 10000 Feet. TRAINING. 2 siroraft were encaged on local night flying for i bour. No operations took	
			the second se	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	0		place and nothing of importance to relate.	
	8th Oct		WEATHER, Wet, VISIBILITY, 4 miles,	
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wnham Market.	Sth Oct.	TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
		OFFRATIONS. 5 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A.235.
		"A" E/S. Rothschild, "J" E/Lt. Spear, "S" Sgt Hill,	
		"E" Sgt Higgott, "E" Sgt, Biohards,	
		OPERATIONEL SUMMARY. The effort was Cardening, 4 Planters sewed their seeds in the allotted	
		positions. 1 - F/S. Rothschild returned early, having jettisoned, 40500 lbs of seeds were	
		sewn during this operation.	
	9th Dot.	WEATHER, Fair, Rain later.	
		VISIBILITY. / 6 miles.	
		F.L. 3000 - 8000 fest.	
		TRAINING, 2 aircraft flew on air tests and odrouits and landings, 2 hours. No operations	
		took place and nothing of importance to relate,	
	10th Oot.	WEATHER. Olondy.	
		VISIBILITY, 12 miles,	
		F.L. 8000 feet.	
		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
		OFERATIONS. 3 orews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A. 236
		"B" F/O. Corser, "U" S/Idr Samson, "S" Sgt Jerromes.	
		OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. The effort was sgain Cardening. All Planters successfully carfied out	
		their duty, 18000 lbs of seeds were sewn in this operation,	
	11th Oct.	WEATHER, Ping,	
		VISIBILITY, 12 miles.	
21802	120206	F.L. 6000 feet, and a final first fi	273 [20]0000000000
		THAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today. 3 aircraft were on	
Second of the second second	The second se	"Bullacye" exercise at night.	Salettika minana
Susally, Edmo 3160		OPERATIONS. 7 crows were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A.237.

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vnham Market,	11th Oct.	"A" F/S. Rothsohild. "K" F/S. Fettit. "U" Sct. Richards.	1.010+
	1	"B" P/O. Corser, "P" Sct. Gouch.	
		"E" Sot. Hill, "S" " Jerroned,	
		OPERATIONAL SUBSARY. Gardening was egain the effort. 1 Flanter F/S. Rothaskild raturned early	
		owing to engine trouble, and nothing was heard from aircoraft "E" Sgt Hill, after take-off. The remaining gardemers; successfully carried out their mission. 31500 lbs of seeds were used	
		in this operation,	
	12th Oot	WEATHER Fair,	
		VISIBILITY, 6 miles,	
	and the second second	F.L. SOOD feet.	
		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
and the second second second second	and the second	OPERATIONS. 4 crews were detailed and briefed for opprations tonight. They were :-	A. 238.
		"A" F/S, Higgott, "U" S/ldr, Samson,	
		"B" E/S. Pettit.	
		"S" F/S, Thomson,	
		OPERATIONAL SUBLARY. And again a Cardening trip. 3 arews planted successfully in their	
		allotted positions, F/S, Thomson returned early having jettisoned, 26000 lbs of seeds were	
		used in this operation.	
	13th Oct.	WEATHER Fair,	
		VISIBILITY, 4 miles, .	
Constant and a second to		F.L. 6000 feeta	1
		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational training took place today, 3 sirgraft on local	Contracting (Second Second Sec
11000	Date Top		A.2700
		OPERATIONS. 7 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	.200



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wnhan Market.	13th Dot.	"B" F/S. Rothschild, "R" Sgt. Richards,	
WILLIAM ADDA ADDA		"G" F/S, Higgott, "T" F/S, Thomson,	
		"P". Sgt. Cough. "U" 3/Idr. Samson.	
		OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. '1 Aircraft "S" Spt Jerromes was cancelled prior to take-off and aircraft	
		"B" F/S. Rothschild returned early. 5 arews attacked the target which was Kiel, and all reported	
		the smoke soreen in operation partially obscuring the target. The whole town was well illuminated	
		by flares, large built up area being visible as well as the fiord itself. The main fires were	
	· ····································	seen in the region of the Deutsch Werke, The Naval arsenal and the dockyard, 1 aircraft was	
		attacked three times by a fighter 3 minutesx after breaking off, these engagements he was coned	
		for 5 minutes but pressed home his attack on the target successfully. 39940 lbs of bombs were	
		Propped during this operation,	
	14th Oot.	WEATHER, Cloudy,	
	10.00 VG 64	VISIBILITY, 6 miles.	
	A Self Self	F.L. 6000 - 10000 feet.	
		TRATNING. 5 singraft flow for 5 hours today, sin test, air to seaffining, and local	
an a		circuits and landings. No operations took place, and nothing of importance to relate.	
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		VISTBILITY, 12 miles,	
	-	F.L. 12000 feet decreasing to 7000 feet.	
		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
annand Sarahad*	Statem St. 2"	OPERATIONS. 8 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A. 240.
		"A" F/S, Rothschild, "C" F/O, Bickenson, "O" Sgt. Richards.	
10499	Dittan (1994)	"B" P/S. Hageott, "J" F/S. Thomson, "P" Set. Gough. "K" Set. Cerromes. "U S/IPE SAMSON.	10 Traditioner
main, program toma		OPERATIONAL SUBJARY. Cologne was the target which 6 crews sitacked. 2 sircraftheving raturned	<u>6. (1723)</u>
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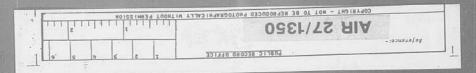
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to make the raid rather scattered. Some crews claim to have seen and bombed built up areas in

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			city, others report 8-10/10 cloud, flak and searchlight defence was moderate. 56500 lbs of	
Downham Market.	15th Oct	<b></b>		
			bombs were dropped during this operation.	
	16th Oct	•	WEATHER, Oloudy,	
			VISIBILITY, 6 miles.	
			F.L. 8000 feet.	
			TRAINING. 4 aircraft for 5 hours on air tests etc, and 1 aircraft on night cross country,	ana ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang
			duration 3 hours. No operations took place and nothing of importance to relate.	
	17th Oot		WEATHER, Cloudy, Slight Rain,	
			VISIBILITY, 6 miles,	1.000000000000000000000000000000000000
			F.L. 9000 feet.	
	1390		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational training took place today. 1 aircraft on night flying	
			practice for 1 hour,	
			OPERATIONS, 7 orews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A. 241.
			"B" F/S. Rothschild. "J" F/S. Wood. "U" F/O. Studd.	
			"G" F/O, Bickenson, "L" F/S, Thomson,	
		•	"K" F/3. Higgott. "O" Sct. Richards.	
			OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. The effort was Cardening and in good weather the Planters carried out	
			their duties successfully except siroraft "M" F/S. Thomson who jettisoned his vegetables safe	
			and returned early. 31500'lbs of seeds were planted during this symmetry effort.	
	18th Oct		WEATHER . Cloudy;	
	- Communi	,	VISIBIET, 6 miles.	
			F.L. 10000 feet.	
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	-		nothing of importance to relate.	00
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ownham Market.	19th Oot	WEATHER, Oloudy,	
-		VISTBILITY. 11 miles,	
		F.L. 11,000 feet.	
		TRAINING. Very little flying. 2 mircraft flew for 1 hour. No operations took place and	
		nothing of importance to relate,	
	20th Oct.	WEATHER, Fair, but rain later,	
		VISIBILITY, 4 miles,	
		F.L. 10,000 fest.	
		TRAINING. 3 aircraft on fighter affiliation 3 hours, 1 sircraft cross country, 3 hours,	
		7 aircraft air tested, 6 hours. No operations took place and nothing of importance to relate.	
	21st 0c1.	WEATHER, Cloudy,	
		VISIBILITY, 6 miles,	
		F.L. 5.000 feet.	
	1958 (M. 1	TRAINING. The usual pre-operational training took place today,	
		OPERATIONS. 2 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight, They were :-	A.242.
		"M" P/O. Marshall, "P" Sgt. Smith.	
		OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. This was also a Cardening effort and in excellent weather both Planters	
		pimpointed their gardens and dropped their seeds in allotted positions. 18,000 lbs of seeds	Earline
	Non In .	were planted during this operation.	
	22nd Oct		
MARK DELLES	A COMPANY	VEATHER. Rain, cloudy. VISIBILITY. 6 miles.	
		F.L. 10,000 feet.	
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		4 hours, 2 aircraft on circuits and landings 2 hours. No operations took place, and nothing	
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	-	were reported burning on arrival some bursts of H/E bombs were seen, 29280 lbs of bombs were	
		dropped during this operation.	
	25th Oct.	WRATHER, Pair,	
		VISIBILITY, 12 miles,	
		F.L. 4,000 feet.	
		TRAINING. 2 aircraft engaged in night and cross country, duration 5 hours. No operations	
		took place and nothing of importance to relate.	
	26th Oct.	WEATHER, Pair, wet.	
		VISIBILITY, 6 miles,	
		F.L. 4,000 feet,	
		TRAINING. The usual pre-operational air tests took place today.	
		OPERATIONS. 7 orews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :-	A.245.
		"A" F/S, Wodd "H" S/Ldr. Hickling.	
		"B" Sgt. Jerromeš, "P" Sgt. Gough.	
		"G" P/O. Hiles. "T" Sgt. Smith.	
		"J" P/S. Pettit.	
		OFERATIONAL SUMMARY. Another Gardening mission, Weather was good at first deteriorating to	
		squally rain and light sea fog, 42,000 lbs of seeds were successfully planted in their allotted po	aitiona,
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	-	F.L. 4,000 feet.	COLODAWS!
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		3 hours, No operations took place and nothing of importance to relate.	6
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mham Market.	28th Oot		F.L. 5,000 feet.		
			TRAINING. 1 siroraft on Blind Approach, 1 hour, and 3 siroraft engaged on "Bullseye" exercises		
			at night for 15 hours. No operations took place, and nothing of importance to relate.		
	29th Oat.		WEATHER, Wet, cloudy.		
			VISIBILITY, 6 miles,		
			P.L. 6,000 feet.		
			TRAINING. No flying took place today. A complete stand-down was the order. No operations		
			took place and nothing of importance to relate,	Antonia Antonia on	
	30th Oct		WEATHER, Cloudy,		
			VISIBILITY. 6 miles,		
			F.L. 5,000 feet.		
			TRAINING, 10 aircraft on air test and testing guns for 8 hours. No operations took place		
			and nothing of importance to relate,		
	31st Oct		WEATHER, Drigsle and cloudy,		
			VISIBILITY. 6 miles.		
			F.L. 5,000 feet.		
			TRAINING. 8 aircraft flew 6 hours on air tests etc.		
			OPERATIONS, 2 crews were detailed and briefed for operations tonight. They were :=	A. 246.	
			"B" F/S. Cozens. "I" P/O. Marshall.		
			OPERATIONAL SUMMARY. The effort was Cardening and both planters successfully carried out		
			their duties, 12,000 lbs of seeds were planted in this operation.		
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