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(Air Gunner)

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve



No 78 Sqn

Royal Air Force Bomber Command



Operation No 1

26th April 1943: Halifax Mk BII JB927 EY-N

This particular aircraft was one of a batch built and delivered to the RAF by the English Electric Company, Salmesbury, Preston, Lancashire. It was subsequently transferred to 1658 HCU and was lost when it crashed nr RAF Ricall, North Yorkshire whilst making a three-engined approach on 13th May 1944.

The crew were amongst eleven 78 Sqn crews briefed to attack Duisburg. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0036 Hrs.

The primary target area was attacked and bombed from a height of 19,000ft at 0241 Hrs and was identified by Red & Green TI Markers. Green TI Markers were in Bombsight at time of release but own bursts were not observed. Attack was well concentrated around the markers and many fires could be seen in the target area. Weather, clear over target area, no cloud, slight smoke.

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt R. Spooner</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt E. Fox</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>P/O W. Breckell</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O J. Anderson</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt J. Spence</i>
<i>Mid Upper Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt R. Webb</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust</i>

The ATA of the aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0517 Hrs.

561 Bomber Command aircraft; 119 Halifax's, 215 Lancaster's, 14 Mosquito's, 78 Stirling's and 135 Wellington's took part in this Op. 7 Halifax's, 3 Lancaster's, 2 Stirling's and 5 Wellington's were lost.

The raid was not a success. Post attack Photo Reconnaissance revealed most bombing fell NE of Duisburg. Nevertheless, some damage was caused and the death toll was between 130 to 210 people.

Eleven 78 Sqn aircraft reached and attacked the target. One aircraft returned to base early; Halifax JB855 EY-S with an Escape Hatch blown open and unable to close due to damaged hinges.

NB Sgt Goldflust appears to have flown this Op as a Spare Gunner for another crew as his own crew were not on Ops on this date.



Operation No 2

27th April 1943: Halifax Mk BII JB 973 EY-?

This particular aircraft was one of a batch built and delivered to the RAF by the English Electric Company, Salmesbury, Preston, Lancashire. It subsequently failed to return from Ops Dortmund on 03rd - 04th May 1943.

The crew were amongst six 78 Sqn crews briefed to conduct Gardening Ops. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0135 Hrs.

The primary target was attacked and Vegetables were planted as ordered from a height of 2,100ft at 0321 Hrs. Visual pin-point on W end of Terschelling. Both parachutes seen to open. Weather, 4/10 thin cloud.

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt G. E. Schubert</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt R.E. Goodyear</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Sgt D.C. Oliver</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O A.B. Orme</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt P.J. Wood</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust</i>

The ATA of the aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0514 Hrs.

160 Bomber Command aircraft; 58 Halifax's, 46 Lancaster's, 25 Stirling's and 31 Wellington's took part in this Op, the largest of its type so far during the war. 1 Lancaster was lost.

A total of 458 Vegetables were planted in areas from the Bay of Biscay, Brittany to the Frisian Islands.

Four 78 Sqn aircraft attacked the designated target area and planted their Vegetables as ordered. Two aircraft, Halifax W7929 EY-P and Halifax JB903 EY-? failed to locate their targets and returned early to base with their Vegetables.



*Operation No -- **

30th April 1943: Halifax Mk BII W7926 EY-P

This particular aircraft was one of a batch built and delivered to the RAF by Handley-Page Ltd (Cricklewood & Radlett). It subsequently failed to return from Ops Dortmund on 23rd - 24th May 1943.

The crew were amongst twelve 78 Sqn crews briefed to attack Essen. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0012 Hrs.

The Op was abandoned due to falling oil pressure in the Starboard Inner Engine. Furthest point reached was PSN 5400N 0001E at 0140 Hrs, where the Bombs were jettisoned safe from a height of 20,000ft.

** This Op was subsequently classed as DNCO*

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt G.E. Schubert</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt R.E. Goodyear</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Sgt D.C. Oliver</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O A.B. Orme</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt P.J. Wood</i>
<i>Mid Upper Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt W. Ashley</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust</i>

The ATA of the aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0225 Hrs.

305 Bomber Command aircraft; 105 Halifax's, 190 Lancaster's and 10 Mosquito's took part in this Op. 6 Halifax's and 6 Lancaster's were lost.

Widespread damage was caused by this raid. The Krupps factory was hit again disrupting production. 52 people were killed.

Eight 78 Sqn aircraft attacked and bombed the target. One aircraft, Halifax W7926 EY-P returned early with a U/S Starboard Inner Engine. Halifax HR748 EY-K returned early after encountering severe icing. Halifax DT777 EY-T returned early with an Oxygen supply fault to the Mid Upper Gunner. Halifax W7929 EY-S had been intercepted and attacked by a Night-Fighter over the target area and severely damaged. Returning on two engines, it attempted to make an emergency landing at RAF Docking Norfolk, but crashed at 0447 Hrs. Five of the crew were killed, two were injured.



Operation No 4

12th – 13th May 1943: Halifax Mk BII JD122 EY-A

This particular aircraft was one of a batch built and delivered to the RAF by the English Electric Company, Salmesbury, Preston, Lancashire. It subsequently failed to return from Ops Dortmund on 23rd -24th May 1943.

The crew were amongst eleven 78 Sqn crews briefed to attack Duisburg. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 2332 Hrs.

The primary target area was attacked and bombed from a height of 19,000ft at 0129 Hrs. Identified by visual of river and Red & Green TIs. One Red TI in bombsight at time of release. When over target fires were getting hold and on leaving were seen to be going well and concentrated. One large orange explosion seen at 0216 Hrs in approximate centre of fires. Weather, no cloud, slight haze.

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt G.E. Schubert</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt R.E. Goodyear</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Sgt D.C. Oliver</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O A.B. Orme</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt P.J. Wood</i>
<i>Mid Upper Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt J. Bowden</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust</i>

The ATA of the aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0445 Hrs.

572 Bomber Command aircraft; 142 Halifax's, 238 Lancaster's, 10 Mosquito's, 70 Stirling's and 112 Wellington's took part in this Op. 9 Halifax's, 10 Lancaster's, 5 Stirling's and 10 Wellington's were lost.

The PFF marking was very accurate and Main Force bombing was extremely well concentrated, with the Port area severely damaged. 1595 buildings were destroyed and 4 of the August Thyssen Steel factories were badly damaged. 18,921 tonnes of shipping were sunk and a further 41,000 tonnes of shipping were damaged. 273 people were killed.

Nine 78 Sqn aircraft reached and attacked the target. One aircraft, Halifax W7926 EY-P returned early having been coned in Searchlights over Amsterdam. One aircraft, Halifax W7928 EY-O returned early with a U/S Starboard Outer Engine. One aircraft, Halifax DT777 EY-T landed at base, but for unknown reasons without its Mid Upper Gunner who had bailed out over the target area shortly after the aircraft had bombed.



Operation No 5

13th - 14th May 1943: Halifax Mk BII JD122 EY-A

This particular aircraft was one of a batch built and delivered to the RAF by the English Electric Company, Salmesbury, Preston, Lancashire. It subsequently failed to return from Ops Dortmund on 23rd - 24th May 1943.

The crew were amongst fourteen 78 Sqn crews briefed to attack Bochum. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 2320 Hrs.

The primary target area was attacked and bombed from a height of 18,500ft at 0223 Hrs. Identified by Red & Green Ground Markers and bombed on Red Ground Markers. Own results not observed but buildings could be seen in light of fires. Large pall of smoke seen rising as aircraft left target area. Weather, no cloud.

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt G.E. Schubert</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt R.E. Goodyear</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Sgt D.C. Oliver</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O A.B. Orme</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt P.J. Wood</i>
<i>Mid Upper Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt B. Osler</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust</i>

The ATA of the aircraft at RAF Linton on Ouse, North Yorkshire was 0443 Hrs.

442 Bomber Command aircraft; 135 Halifax's, 98 Lancaster's, 10 Mosquito's, 95 Stirling's and 104 Wellington's took part in this Op. 13 Halifax's, 1 Lancaster. 4 Stirling's and 6 Wellington's were lost.

Approximately fifteen minutes into this raid, German Decoy Flares drew much of the bombing away from the actual target area. Despite this, 394 buildings were destroyed, 716 buildings were seriously damaged and 302 people were killed.

Nine 78 Sqn aircraft attacked and bombed the target. Three aircraft, Halifax DT777 EY-T, Halifax JB873 EY-J and Halifax JB924 EY-M failed to return.



23rd / 24th May 1943: Halifax Mk BII, JD122 EY-A

Information

Built by English Electric Co (Salisbury & Preston) this particular aircraft was delivered to 78 Sqn between 22nd April and 7th May 1943.

The crew were amongst seventeen 78 Sqn crews briefed to attack Dortmund. The ATD of the aircraft from RAF Linton on Ouse, Yorkshire was 2216

JD122 EY-A was one of three 78 Sqn aircraft lost on this operation. The others were; W7926 EY-P and JD160 EY-F

It was intercepted at 5400M, 2km N of Dingden, S of Bocholt by a Night-Fighter captained by Nacht Jagd "Experten" Hptm Wolfgang Thimmig (Stab III/NJG1) and shot down at 0134 for his 18th Abschusse

The aircraft crashed onto the Provincialeweg at Zuna, 4km SE of Nijverdal, (Overijssel) Holland at 0134

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Sgt G.E. Schubert + (Age 20)</i>
<i>Flight Engineer</i>	<i>Sgt R.E. Goodyear + (Age 22)</i>
<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Sgt D.C. Oliver + (Age 24)</i>
<i>Bomb Aimer</i>	<i>P/O A.B. Orme + (Age NK)</i>
<i>Wireless Operator</i>	<i>Sgt P.J. Wood + (Age 21)</i>
<i>Mid Upper Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt J. Redman + (Age NK)</i>
<i>Rear Gunner</i>	<i>Sgt A. Goldflust + (Age 21)</i>

All are buried in Zuna General Cemetery, the Netherlands

826 Bomber Command aircraft; 199 Halifax's, 343 Lancaster's, 13 Mosquito's, 120 Stirling's and 151 Wellington's took part in this Op. 18 Halifax's, 1 Lancaster, 4 Stirling's and 6 Wellington's were lost.

Approximately fifteen minutes into this raid, German decoy flares drew much of the bombing away from the actual target area. Despite this, 394 buildings were destroyed, 716 buildings were seriously damaged and 302 people were killed.

Thirteen 78 Sqn aircraft attacked and bombed the target. One aircraft, Halifax HR657 EY-C returned early with a U/S Port Outer Engine. Three aircraft, Halifax W7926 EY-P, Halifax JD122 EY-A and Halifax JD160 EY-F failed to return.