

Sgt Louis Leslie Davis Operations

- 1. 25/26 May 43 Dusseldorf (Sgt Marks)**
- 2. 28/29 May 43 Wuppertal (Sgt Marks) *shown as A.***
- 3. 16/17 Jun 43 Cologne (F/L Covington)**
- 4. 22/23 Jun 43 Mulheim (F/L Wareing)**
- 5. 24/25 Jun 43 Elberfeld (F/L Moore) *KIA***

From 97 Squadron Operations Book

1/2. 25.5.43 16 aircraft detailed for ops – Dusseldorf. Weather was poor and hazy. All aircraft returned safely to base. 6 aircraft acted as Path Finders.

25/26 May 1943 Dusseldorf – Bomb Load 6 x TI, 1 x 4000lb, 6 x 1000lb unless stated

ED870T Sgts D.J.Marks, D.C.Fentiman, F/O C.W.Hammond, Sgts J.A.Dunbar, D.McDonald, L.L.Davis, P.H.Unwin. Up 2256 Down 0326. 1 x 4000lb, 4 x 1000lb, 8 x 500lb. Target Dusseldorf attacked. 17,000'. 9/10ths cloud. Bombs seen to explode below cloud. No green or red markers observed. Made run from Position A and dropped bombs at end. No results seen except for glow under cloud.

3. 16.6.43 13 aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. All aircraft returned safely to base except one which returned early owing to oxygen failure. Results of bombing show they were scattered due to bad visibility. Many enemy fighters reported, S/L Burns DFC being attacked by three FW190s, putting his aircraft category AC. One other aircraft was damaged by flak. One aircraft carried out night cross country.

16/17 June 1943 Cologne – Bomb Load 1 x 4000lb 12 SBC

ED923V F/L I.W.Covington, Sgt J.L.Thomas, F/Sgt J.Dunn, Sgts R.J.Goad, G.T.Ambrose, Davis, G.Partos. Up 2242 Down 0256. Cologne attacked. 7/10ths cloud. 20,000'. Made timed run from green steady flares. Red and green skymarkers in sight when bombs released. Nothing seen.

4. 22.6.43 17 aircraft detailed for ops. Target was Mulheim. Raid was quite successful and several large explosions were reported. Weather was good. 1 aircraft, Captain P/O Armstrong, failed to return. No news received after aircraft left base.

22/23 June 1943 Mulheim – Bomb Load 5 x TI, 1 x 4000lb, 6 x 1000lb unless stated

ED866G F/L S.Wareing, Sgts Ramsay, H.F.Daniels, D.W.Burt, H.Bryson, E.F.Bryan, L.L.Davis. Up 2318 Down 0344. Target Mulheim bombed. Rising moon, thin stratos. Visibility good. 19,000'. Bombs released on concentration of three green TI markers. Very large fires observed in target area.

5. 24.6.43 14 aircraft detailed to attack Elberfeld. Sgt Montgomery returned early – ASI u/s. Remiander bombed target, large fires developed which were reported to be seen from the Dutch coast. A dark night but visibility was good with little cloud. 1 aircraft, F/L Moore is missing. No news received. The Squadron Navigation Officer was in the missing aircraft. 24/25 June 1943 Elberfeld – Bomb Load 5 x TI, 1x 4000lb, 6 x 1000lb unless stated

ED953Y F/L J.L.Moore, F/Sgt R.A.Karckhove, S/L J.P.McMillin, P/O W.J.Stephen, F/Sgt A.Tomlinson, Sgts J.W.Darroch, L.L.Davis. 1 x 4000lb 12 SBC. Up 2245 Down 0314. Aircraft and crew missing.