

## Operational Debriefings:

18/19-11-43. BERLIN.

LM 306 Simpson, Hiscock, Mower, Highman, Winterborn, Wheeler, Walker.  
1717-0100hrs.

Berlin 2120hrs, 21000 ft, vis above cloud good. Fires seen through clouds. Flak damage to wind screen and starboard wing tip. Starboard outer engine used a great deal of petrol which eventually caused a shortage of fuel.

Landed at Manston.

2/3-12-43. BERLIN.

DV 166 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Laws.  
1639-0007hrs

Berlin 3rd wave, 2020hrs, 21000 ft. Concentrated fires seen burning in target area in southerly direction. Hit by heavy flak on port inner engine. Burst port tyre. PFF seemed to have marked south of target but bombing concentrated on markers

29/30-12-43. BERLIN.

JB 399 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1659-0012 hrs.

Berlin 2019hrs, 20000 ft, 5th wave, 10/10ths cloud. Centre of 2 Wanganui flares in sights. PFF excellent. Very concentrated raid. Seemed to be slightly south of centre of city.

1/2-1-44. BERLIN

JB 466 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
0014-0650hrs.

Standel 0255hrs, 20000 ft. Berlin not reached. Leakage in port inner petrol system.

Returned on 3 engines. One gun of mid upper also u/s.

Jettisoned and returned to base.

2/3-1-44. BERLIN.

JB 399 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2353-0716hrs.

Berlin 0250hrs, 20000 ft, 3rd wave. Bombed early. Few fires seen. PFF concentrated in bunches - scattered. 10/10ths cloud. Good vis: above.

H2s u/s after Harwich.

20/21-1-44. BERLIN

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1635-2352.

Berlin 1943, 21000 ft, 5th wave. 10/10ths cloud. Centre of cluster of Wanganui flares in sights. Fires well under markers and converging to make one big conflagration. Target well marked. Good route in and out with little flak.

21/22-1-44. MAGDEBURG synthetic oil plant (main) and BERLIN (spoof).  
ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2006-0251.

Magdeburg 2314, 21000 ft, 5th wave. 3-4/10ths cloud. 1 green T.I in sights. Many fires well concentrated. No explosions seen. Bombing on T.I's good except for about 20 bomb loads S.E and S of target.

27/28-1-44. BERLIN.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Highman, Hiscock, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1738- 0229.

Berlin 2040, 20500 ft, 3rd wave. H2S confirmed PFF well on target.

1 Wanganui flare, green with red stars, in sights. Indication of fires beneath very thick cloud

28/29-1-44. BERLIN.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
0031-0835.

Berlin 0327, 21000 ft, 5th wave, 9/10ths cloud at 12000 ft. Red & green stars in sights. Good concentration of fires seen through cloud. Bombing seemed accurate. Excellent result.

30/31-1-44. BERLIN.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1723-2347.

Berlin 2028, 21000 ft, 3rd wave. 10/10ths cloud at 10000 ft. Good vis above. Cloud too thick to see results. Route very good. Markers again very helpful.

15/16-2-44. BERLIN.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1731-0039.

Berlin 2130, 22000 ft, 4th wave. 10/10ths cloud to 8000 ft. Vis: above good.  
Dropped load in centre of 4 Wanganui flares. Glow in cloud seen. Main force  
seemed to hit target pretty well.

24/25-2-44. SCHWEINFURT.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn, Highman.  
1830-0205.

Schweinfurt 2315, 23000 ft, 1st wave. 2 red T.I's surrounded by salvo of red  
T.I's.

Load dropped in centre of salvo. 4 major fires seen for 100 miles after leaving  
target. Good route except for flak at Saarbrucken which was very accurate.

25/26-2-44. AUGSBURG.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1834-0211.

Augsburg 2240, 23000 ft. Supporter - 1st phase. Bombed 1 green T.I. No  
results seen. Seemed to be concentrated bombing on markers which were  
positioned N.W of target.

1/2-3-44. STUTTGART.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2332-0722.

Stuttgart 0307, 24000 ft, 10/10ths cloud, tops 14000 ft. 2nd wave. Good route  
and plan. Weather prevented results of bombing being seen. Glow of fires on  
cloud.

10/11-3-44. OSSUN. (Airfield and Factory)

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2018-0418.

Ossun 0001. 8000 ft, 1st wave, vis: good. Bombed visually, buildings in sights.  
Bombs dropped in 4th run. Actual target buildings believed to be on fire. Raid  
seemed pretty good but not helped any by spot the spot fires.

24/25-3-44. BERLIN.

ND 383 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1906-2313. Early return due to starboard inner engine being u/s.

26/27-3-44. ESSEN

JB 421 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
1945- 0046.

Essen 2207, 20500 ft, 2nd wave. Glow of 1 red T.I in sights. 1 large explosion seen at 2202, otherwise 10/10ths cloud obscured observations. Route good, no congestion. PFF not good in backing up aiming point.

30/31-3-44. NURNBERG.

JB 421 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2204-0538.

Attacked Nurnberg as supporter. Bombs dropped at 0108 from 21000 ft. 9/10ths cloud. Confirmed by H2S. Pretty good route. No difficulties encountered.

5/6-4-44. TOULOUSE. Aircraft Factory

ND 695 Simpson. Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2030-0340.

Toulouse 0021, 11250 ft. Mainforce. Bombed green T.I cascading 0017. H2S confirmed. No explosions seen. Marking of target by T.I was deterrent to visual identification. Route excellent.

9/10-4-44. MINING IN THE GULF OF DANZIG. AND KONIGSBERG CANAL

ND 787 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Roostan. Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2118- 0633.

Map read into the Canal and started mining run as briefed. Immediately engaged accurately by about half a dozen guns which forced us to go down to zero feet under cover of one of the islands. We were coned on this side and again engaged by accurate flak causing us to abandon the effort. Mines were jettisoned live. Considered a successful sortie.

10/11-4-44. TOURS - Marshalling yards. Load 12,000lb

ND 695 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Roostan, Wheeler, Walker, Winterborn.  
2245-0509.

Due to W/T instructions, we returned home. Congestion at datum point to a degree of suicide. Behaviour of crew very good considering the trying circumstances.

Operation stood or fell on the W/T messages which were very slow in coming through.

Sucessful sortie.

18/19-4-44. MINING IN POMERANIAN BAY and JUVISY  
LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Weller (*probably Walker D.E.*),  
Winterborn.

2111-0444.

Pomeranian Bay, Geranium 1 - 0043, 15000 ft. Horizontal vis poor, extremely dark, coastline clear. Very uninteresting trip. Good for H2S fixes. Route good.

20/21-4-44 LA CHAPPELLE. (Marshalling yards) Load 12,000lb  
LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2207- 0250.

4/10ths cloud - tops 6000 ft. Gee to target. Crew unable to definitely identify target due to smoke. Fires appeared concentrated. Large explosion seen at 0022.

Coned by 4 s/lights on starboard beam. Engaged by accurate flak. Dived to starboard and did dummy run. On 2nd run up, bomb aimer not satisfied.

22/23-4-44. BRUNSWICK. Load 9,600lb  
LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn,  
with P/O Graves-Hook as 2nd pilot.

2320-0311.

Brunswick 0206, 22000 ft, 1st wave, clear but very dark. Appeared to be 2 separate concentrations when we went over the target.

Fires did not appear to be developing as rapidly as usual. Red spot fires did not burn long enough and could be backed up better.

24/25-4-44. MUNICH.  
LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn.  
2102- 0640.

Munich 0153, 17000 ft, 1st wave, no cloud, vis: good. H2S confirmed red spot fire cascaded at 0150. Many fires all around the markers were taking hold. S/lights a great difficulty and formed a solid belt of about 300 from target to Augsburg.

26/27-4-44. SCHWEINFURT.

LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn, 2126- 0545.

Schweinfurt 0226, 21000 ft, "A" Force. No cloud, good vis: Defences at Romilly very accurate and several a/c hit. No congestion and flak over target very poor.

Operation seemed very successful.

28/29-4-44. OSLO (KJELLER) - Aircraft factory.

LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn. 2119- 0420.

Oslo - Kjeller 1st force, 0127, 7000 ft, good vis: no cloud. Operation very well planned. Target seen by light of flare.

1/2-5-44. TOULOUSE.

LL 912 Simpson, Mower, Hiscock, Highman, Walker, Wheeler, Winterborn, F/Sgt Carrington A415761 as 2nd pilot. 2135 -0548 Toulouse 0138, 7200 ft, 1st wave. No cloud, good vis: Bombed green T.I visually. Very good