



Debrief

Date	24-25 July 1943
Mission	Hamburg

Airbase	Norwich	
Aircraft Type	Lancaster	Bakers Dozen

Aircraft Crew				
			Missions flown	Crew Health
Pilot	FLTLT	Bainbridge	4	NFF
	FLTLT	Houdini		
Navigator	PLTOFF	Beacon	2	
Flight Engineer	FSGT	Meys	1	LW
Bomb Aimer	FLTOFF	Horner	7	LW
Wireless/Gunner	FSGT	Alker	7	
Mid Upper Gunner	SGT	Tyndall	7	
Tail Gunner	FSGT	Lightfoot	3	LW

Take Off	Weather
Good	Good

Payload "Arson"	
Maximum Load	3,304 lb
Number of Bombs	X 14
Bomb Type	14 SBC, each with 236 x 4 lb. Incendiary and Explosive Incendiary bomblets

Navigation Map



Zone 2:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *Operational*

Navigation: *On Course*

Rumour of a Me-110 G-4 lurking in the vicinity. No contact was made.

Zone 3:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *Operational*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 4:

Weather: *50% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *Operational*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 5:

Weather: *100% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *Pilot Oxygen out*

Ventral gun inoperable

Bomb Bay door inoperable (Bombing off Target)

Port Landing gear inoperable (-3 to landing)

Navigation: *On Course*

JU-88 appeared out the darkness and made 2 passes from the rear causing damage to a variety of aircraft Systems.

Engine #1 sustained superficial damage. FSGT Meys reported that the engine would be monitored.

The Port wing root and Port Rudder also took hits.

FSGT Meys inspected the Bomb bay after it took 2 hits and reported that the doors were inoperative, though the bombs could still be released.

PLTOFF Horner sustained minor damage to the forehead when a bullet shattered the turret Perspex and

showered him with glass fragments. He confirmed that he was able to continue the mission.

Zone 6:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

Zone 7:

Weather: *50% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

Zone 8:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

Baker's Dozen was hit by a beam of light on the bombing run but a successful corkscrew manoeuvre managed to shake the searchlight.

Encountered Medium AAA inbound to target. Baker's Dozen was bracketed by 3 explosions only one of which resulted in FSGT Meys sustaining minor injuries to the shoulder.

Night Fighter activity increased with FSGT Lightfoot detecting a Ju-88 C-6 and FW-190 A-5. Fortunately the enemy failed to make contact.

PLTOFF Horner reported “bombs away” and Baker’s Dozen shuddered as the bombs tore through the closed bomb bay doors.

On Target (Inbound):

Altitude	<i>Low</i>				
Lights	Yes	<i>Yes</i>	illuminated	Yes	
	No			No	<i>No</i>
AAA	Light		Notes – <i>Bomb Bay doors destroyed when bombs released</i>		
	Medium	<i>Yes</i>			
	Heavy				

Navigator/Bombardier:

Target Visibility	<i>Totally Obscured</i>
Bombing Run	<i>Off</i>
Bombing Accuracy	<i>0%</i>

On Target (Outbound):

Altitude	<i>Low</i>				
Lights	Yes	<i>Yes</i>	illuminated	Yes	
	No			No	<i>No</i>
AAA	Light		Notes:		
	Medium	<i>Yes</i>			
	Heavy				

Outward bound Baker’s Dozen was again hit by AAA. The Starboard Outer and Inner wing fuel cells were hit but thanks to the self-sealing membrane no addition leakage was reported by FSGT Meys.

The tail Turret took damage and FSGT Lightfoot was slightly wounded in the legs by shrapnel.

Screaming obscenities after getting injured, and then detecting a ME-110 trying to sneak up low from behind, FSGT Lightfoot fired off a burst in frustration.

Frustration turned to elation as rounds were seen striking the cockpit area seriously wounding the enemy Pilot.

Shortly afterward there was an explosion when the ME-110 was seen to hit the ground.

Zone 7:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 6:

Weather: *100% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

2 x Me-110 failed to detect Bakers Dozen.

Zone 5:

Weather: *50% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 4:

Weather: *50% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 3:

Weather: *100% CC*

Alt: *Low*

System: *Nose Turret inoperable*

Intercom System inoperable

Oxygen System inoperable

Auto Pilot inoperable

Navigation: *On Course*

Baker's Dozen encountered a DO 217 N-2 that successfully attacked twice before disengaging.

Baker's Dozen took additional Systems damage and a fire in the front Centre area was successfully extinguished.

Zone 2:

Weather: *GF/Haze*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Zone 1:

Weather: *Poor*

Alt: *Low*

System: *No further damage*

Navigation: *On Course*

No enemy contact

Landing	Weather
<i>Baker's Dozen wrecked</i>	<i>Poor</i>

Rolled a 5

-3 landing Gear inoperable

-1 Weather Poor

-1 Navigator landed plane

Result 0- Crew safe, but Baker's Dozen is wrecked.

Intelligent Officer's Report:

Crew of Baker's Dozen transitioned well to the Lancaster.

FLTLT Bainbridge suffered a serious abdomen wound that ended his flying career. FLTLT Houdini has been posted in as a replacement.

FLTLT Bainbridge, FLGOFF Horner, and FSGT Meys wounds were minor and all are available for the next mission. Awards were recommended but denied.

PLTOFF Beacon and FSGT Lightfoot were mentioned in dispatches.

FSGT Lightfoot Aerial Victory was presented to the Award Board for action. The shooting down of the ME-110 was approved and fully credited.

The crew of Baker's Dozen took delivery of a replacement Lancaster and FSGT Lightfoot was given the honour of christening it - Minced Pie.

I.B. Smart

FLTLT

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Codename	Type of raid or target	Bomb load
"Arson"	incendiary area bombing	14 SBC, each with 236 x 4 lb Incendiary and Explosive Incendiary bomblets, total 3,304.
"Abnormal"	factories, railway yards, dockyards	14 x 1,000 lb GP/HE bombs using both impact and long delay (up to 144 hours) fuses.
"Cookie"—or—"Plumduff"	Blast, demolition and fire	1 x 4,000 lb impact-fused HC bomb. 3 x 1,000 lb GP/HE bombs, and up to 6 SBCs with 1,416 incendiary bomblets.
"Gardening"	Mining of ports, canals, rivers and seaways	6 x 1,850 lb parachute mines.
"No-Ball"	V-1 flying bomb launch sites	1 x 4,000 lb impact fused HC and up to 18 x 500 lb GP bombs, with both impact and delay fusing.
"Piece"	Docks, fortifications and ships	6 x 2,000 lb short-delay fused AP bombs, plus other GP/HE bombs based on local needs or availability.
"Plumduff-Plus"	Heavy industry	1 x 8,000 lb impact or barometric fused HC and up to 6 x 500 lbs impact or delay fused GP/HE bombs.
"Usual"	Blast and incendiary area bombing	1 x 4,000 lb impact-fused HC bomb, and 12 SBCs with a total of 2,832 incendiary bomblets.
no code name given	Medium-range low altitude tactical raids	6 x 1,000 lb short and long delay fused GP/HE bombs, additional 250 lb GP/HE bombs sometimes added.
no code name given	Submarines	(up to 1942): 5 x 250 lb short delay fuse SAP bombs for surfaced <u>U-boats</u> ; (post-1942): 6 x 500 lb and 3 x 250 lb anti-submarine depth charge bombs.