

Flight records DECEMBER 1943					
"G for George" Aircraft no. W4783 of RAAF 460 Squadron, Binbrook, Lincs					
Date	No. of Aircraft in sortie	Target	Crewmen flying G for George	Notes	Notes on other aircraft in the sortie and notes on casualties
2.12.43	25	BERLIN	F/S Godwin K.J. Sgt Bowse I.V. F/S Dellitt V.W. F/S Bishop K.C. F/S Hennessey F.A. F/O Morris J.N. Sgt Clarkson F.	BERLIN was attacked at 20.49 hrs. from 20,000 ft. Weather: clear with light haze. Target identified by Red/Green skymarkers. Bombed fires in target area. Fires plentiful but scattered. The Pilot reported that "Fires appeared scattered, not such a good concentration as the last attack."	19 (34 airmen missing plus 2 journalists) 5 aircraft missing - no news of crew or aircraft 1 aircraft landed at Ludford Magna & crashed after overshooting the runway – carrying crew of 7 - no casualties
3.12.43	16	LIEPZIG	F/S Douglass R.A. Sgt Burton W.T. F/S Carr F.A. F/S Burridge F. F/S Tinedale H. Sgt Bryant Sgt Gatward R.	LEIPZIG was attacked at 04.05 hrs. from 21,000 ft. Target identified by Green T.I.'s and Red/Green flares. Bombed cluster of Red/Green flares, 2 Green T.I.'s burst just above cloud at same time. On leaving target area smoke was rising through the cloud. On returning the Pilot said:- "P.F.F. were excellent and if they were on target it should have been a very good raid. Fighters on route. But defences on target not very strong".	16 1 aircraft had to jettison bombs and return to base after port outer engine cut out immediately after take off Landed safely, no casualties
16.12.43	20	BERLIN	P/O Carter H.G. Sgt Regan L.T.D. P/O Harris K.H. F/O Peters G. P/O Coveny R.C. F/O Howarth J. Sgt Worley J.F.	Berlin was attacked at 19.59 hrs. from 20,000 ft. Target identified by Red/Green Skymarkers which were bombed. After leaving target area bombing appeared to be well aimed on the correct heading under this marking. Good fires were springing up. On landing the Pilot said:- "A good route and we were free from trouble. Fighter flares were well placed by Mosquitos south of the city and attracted a good deal of "flak"."	17 (8 airmen killed) 1 aircraft hit the top of a tree on return & crashed into an ammunition dump at Market Stanton – crew of 7 - all killed 1 aircraft crash landed in a field in Normanby nr Caistor, Rear Gunner killed, Flight Engineer severely injured and the rest shaken 1 aircraft came down a few fields short of the runway – crew of 6 – no casualties 1 aircraft had to jettison bombs and return to base after starboard inner

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20.12.43	16	FRANKFURT	P/O Carter H.G. Sgt Regan L.T.D. P/O Harris K.H. F/O Peters G. P/O Coveny R.C. F/O Howarth J. F/S Brown F.G.	FRANKFURT was attacked at 19.44 hrs. from 20,000 ft. 8-10/10ths. Thin cloud up to 7/8000 ft. Target identified by fires which were bombed. On returning the Pilot said :- “Fires were only means of identification. Two T.I. Greens cascaded many miles N. of target area and were ignored. Fires covered a large area, but FFF gave a disappointing display.”	16
23/24.12.43	15	BERLIN	P/O Carter H.G. Sgt Regan L.T.D. P/O Harris K.H. F/O Peters G. P/O Coveny R.C. F/O Howarth J. F/S Brown F.G.	BERLIN was attacked at 04.03 hrs. [sic] From 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud over target area centre. Bombed Red/Green flares. Little seen of fires except good glow afterwards. Large yellow explosion at 04.25 hours. In light of Photo flash built up area clearly seen below in small cloud gap. On returning the Pilot said :- “Skymarkers were well concentrated so the attack should be good”.	15
29.12.43	22	BERLIN	F/L Wales A.W. Sgt Bowen I.J. F/O Lawton R.W. F/O Richardson I.R. F/O Moore J.W. F/O Butler H.R. F/O Saunders A.M.	BERLIN was attacked at 20.07 hrs. from 20,000 ft. target identified by Red/Green flares, which were bombed. Accurate bombing but no resulting visible through thick cloud. On landing the Pilot said :- “A promising attack, good concentration of skymarkers. Healthy glow seen from 80 miles on homeward journey, enemy fighters absolutely tied up. None seen over BERLIN”.	20 (14 airmen missing) no news of crew or aircraft 1 aircraft had to jettison bombs and return to base after starboard generator issue.
<p>Extracted from Operations Record Book 460 Squadron Dec 1943 Reference: The National Archives: AIR 27/1908/24</p>					