

Avro Lancaster And Manchester Bomber Aircrew Losses: May 1942

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Date: 01 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** L7529

Service History: Started out as Manchester MkI, A&AEE Boscombe Down del'd 15-11-41, A.V. Roe & Co. Ltd., (modified for Glider Towing), Ringway del'd 3-42

Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** England

Target/Tasking Trails

Crew Names: Not On File

Date: 01 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5545

Service History: 61 Sqn QR-?

Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** North Luffenham, Rutland

Target/Tasking Training

Crew Names: Sgt. T.A. Stewart, RNZAF; F/Sgt. S.W. Osman, RNZAF

Date: 03 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7399

Service History: Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, Rolleston Aviation del'd 15-5-41, Still in storage at Rolleston (awaiting modifications) 31-12-41, 106 Sqn del'd 26-4-42 ZN-X

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Lilholt, Denmark

Target/Tasking Forget-Me-Not

Crew Names: F/Sgt. W.L.J. Young +; Sgt. G. Wale +; W/O A.C. Bryce +; Sgt. R.G. Davies +; Sgt. H. Kendall pow; Sgt. A.E. Hanks pow; Sgt. H. MacLean +

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Date: 03 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night
Type: Manchester **Serial No:** R5840
Service History: Avro Manchester MkIA fitted with 33'-0" span tail and twin fins, A.V. Roe & Co. Ltd., Woodford del'd 7-2-42, 61 Sqn del'd 28-2-42 RQ-?, 106 Sqn del'd 28-2-42 ZN-?
Classification: Shot Down **SOC/Crash Site:** Pellworm, Germany
Target/Tasking Forget-me-not
Crew Names: F/Sgt. L.O. Hurd pow; Sgt. W.H. Fixter pow; P/O A.W. Simpson pow; F/Sgt. D. MacCallum pow; Sgt. R.L. Dotrice; Sgt. T.B. Morris; Sgt. W.S. Stephen

Date: 05 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night
Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5553
Service History: 97 Sqn OF-S
Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire
Target/Tasking Stuttgart
Crew Names: F/O D.J.H. Maltby; F/Sgt. Lancey; Sgt. M.R.H. Smith; Sgt. Rouse; Sgt. Grimwood; F/Sgt. Legace; Sgt. Humphrey

Date: 09 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night
Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** L7533
Service History: Started out as Manchester MkI, 44 Sqn del'd 28-12-41KM-K, KM-J
Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Unknown
Target/Tasking Warnemünde
Crew Names: W/O N.P.J. Lamb, DFM +; P/O P. Gardiner +; Sgt. A.S. Morrow +; Sgt. L.R. Webster +; F/Sgt. C.R.D. Hunt +; Sgt. K. Evans +; Sgt. R. Holman +; Sgt. R.H. Jones +

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Date: 09 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7489

Service History: Avro Manchester MkIA fitted with 33'-0" span tail and twin fins, 97 Sqn del'd 14-9-41 OF-T, 50 Sqn del'd 12-2-42 VN-?

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Store Lind, Denmark

Target/Tasking Warnemünde

Crew Names: Sgt. M. Gruber +; Sgt. S. Garbutt pow; P/O H.F. Avery, RCAF pow; Sgt. J. Pearce pow; Sgt. D. Broadhead pow; Sgt. R. Solomon pow; Sgt. K.G.R. Johnson pow

Date: 09 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5555

Service History: 44 Sqn KM-P

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Lambrechtshagen, Germany

Target/Tasking Warnemünde

Crew Names: W/C P.W. Lynch-Blosse, DFC +; P/O D.G. MacKay +; P/O R.V. Beatson, RNZAF +; F/L C.S.C. McClure, DFC +; P/O J.McF.W. Sommerville +; Sgt. J.B. Gower +; P/O D.G. McLaren +; F/Sgt. J. Rogers

Date: 09 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5557

Service History: 44 Sqn del'd 24-4-42 KM-G

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Unknown

Target/Tasking Warnemünde

Crew Names: W/O P.O. Jones, DFM +; Sgt. L.E. Evans +; Sgt. J.C. Drennan +; P/O M.H.D. MacDonald, RCAF +; F/Sgt. P.H.H. Thirkell, DFM +; Sgt. J.H. Miller +; F/Sgt. C.H. Ship +; F/Sgt. A.H. Bolus +

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Date: 09 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night
Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5568
Service History: 44 Sqn del'd 30-4-42 KM-T
Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Lambrechtshagen, Germany
Target/Tasking Warnemünde
Crew Names: F/O G. Maclagen +; P/O H.J.S. Sturgess +; P/O F.W. Belton +; Sgt. W.McD. Crane +; Sgt R.D. Oliver +; Sgt. B.L. Nesbitt +; Sgt. G.W. Hough +; Sgt. T.D. Moore pow

Date: 13 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**
Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7519
Service History: Avro Manchester MkIA fitted with 33'-0" span tail and twin fins, 61 Sqn del'd 20-10-41 QR-?, 50 Sqn del'd 13-4-42 VN-?
Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** Thurlby, Lincolnshire
Target/Tasking Training
Crew Names: F/Sgt. P.J.W. Blake +; P/O A. Bartlett +; F/Sgt. R.L. Cunningham +; LAC W.S. Stevens +; AC1 L. Harrison +

Date: 19 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**
Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7417
Service History: Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, RAF Cranage del'd 20-5-41 (for engine change), A.V.Roe del'd 25-2-42 (for modifications), 207 Sqn EM-Y, 61 Sqn QR-?, 106 Sqn del'd 19-3-42 ZN-V, 106 Sqn CF del'd 19-5-42 ZN-?, 1660 HCU del'd 20-10-42, SOC 9-11-43
Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** Unknown
Target/Tasking Training
Crew Names: Not on file

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Date: 19 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7418

Service History: Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, RAF Crange del'd 20-5-41 (for engine change), A.V.Roe del'd 13-2-42 (for modifications), 83 Sqn del'd 26-2-42 OL-?, 106 Sqn del'd 27-3-42 ZN-?

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Celtic Sea off Pembrokeshire Co

Target/Tasking Training

Crew Names: Sgt. A.J. McHardy +; Sgt.F. Chapman +; Sgt. K.J. Gill +; F/Sgt. R.A. Post, RCAF +; Sgt. R.E. Warren, RAAF +

Date: 20 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** L7581

Service History: 44 Sqn del'd 3-42 KM-R

Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** Waddington, Lincolnshire

Target/Tasking Air Test

Crew Names: W/O E.W. Wright and crew

Date: 24 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid**

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5617

Service History: 207 Sqn del'd 19-5-42 EM-V

Classification: Crashed **SOC/Crash Site:** Standon Hill, Tavistock, Devon

Target/Tasking Training

Crew Names: Sgt. T.K. Paul, RNZAF inj; Sgt. A.P. Paterson +; Sgt. R.L. Mellish, RCAF +; Sgt. C.A. Pankhurst +; F/Sgt. L.M. Smith +; F/Sgt. T.A.M. Whiteman inj

Date: 31 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Lancaster **Serial No:** R5561

Service History: 61 Sqn del'd 27-4-42 QR-?

Classification: Shot Down **SOC/Crash Site:** Niederaussem, Germany

Target/Tasking Cologne

Crew Names: P/O J.B. Underwood +; P/O B. Usher, RNZAF +; Sgt. A. Williamson +; F/Sgt. R.G. Fawkes +; F/O P.F.B. Bluett +; P/O J.D. Patey, RCAF +; F/Sgt. J.H. Charles, RCAF +

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Date: 31 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7456

Service History: Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, Retrofitted with twin fins and designated Manchester MkIA, A.V. Roe & Co. Ltd., del'd 12-7-41 (for engine change), 6 MU del'd 26-11-42, 25 OUT del'd 16-12-41, 106 Sqn del'd 7-5-42 ZN-D, 106 Sqn CF ZN-T, 50 Sqn (on loan) ZN-T

Classification: FTR **SOC/Crash Site:** Düsseldorf-Lobhausen Airfield,

Target/Tasking Cologne

Crew Names: Sgt. J.B. Wilkie pow; F/Sgt. C.H. Tobias, RACF pow; Sgt. A.M. Bee +; Sgt. A.C. Benn, RAAF pow; Sgt. D.W. Baird +; Sgt. J.W. Campbell pow; Sgt. E.W. Finch +

Date: 31 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7301

Service History: Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, 27 MU del'd 21-12-40, A.V. Roe & Co. Ltd., del'd 18-3-41, 106 Sqn del'd 28-4-42 ZN-D, 106 Sqn CF ZN-D, 50 Sqn del'd 30-5-42 (on loan retained codes)

Classification: Shot Down **SOC/Crash Site:** Bree, Belgium

Target/Tasking Cologne

Crew Names: F/O L.T. Manser +; P/O R.J. Barnes pow; Sgt. L.H. Baveystock evd; P/O R.M. Horsely evd; Sgt. S.E. King evd; Sgt. A.McF. Mills evd; Sgt. B.W. Naylor evd

Date: 31 May 1942 **Night/Day Raid** Night

Type: Manchester **Serial No:** L7290

Service History: Avro Manchester MkI initially equipped 28'-0" span tail and triple fins (not retrofitted with 33'-0" span tail until late 1942), 27 MU del'd 17-10-40, 207 Sqn del'd 21-12-40, 97 Sqn del'd 26-2-41 OF-?, A.V. Roe & Co. Ltd., del'd 11-6-41, 1654 HCU del'd 24-5-42, 49 Sqn del'd 25-5-42 EA-?

Classification: Shot Down **SOC/Crash Site:** Mülheim-Oberhausen, German

Target/Tasking Cologne

Crew Names: P/O P.N. Floyd +; Sgt. D.E. Randall, RAAF pow; Sgt. J.R.McK. Valentine pow; Sgt. J. Smith +; Sgt. F.E. Woodrow, RNZAF pow; Sgt. J.F. Wright pow; Sgt. E. Probert pow

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Type:	Manchester	Serial No:	L7429
Service History:	Avro Manchester MkI fitted with 33'-0" span tail and triple fins, Retrofitted with twin fins and designated Manchester MkIA, 25 OTU del'd 12-6-41, 97 Sqn del'd 21-10-41, 25 OTU del'd 31-12-41, 49 Sqn del'd 28-4-42 EA-?, 49 Sqn CF del'd 18-5-42 EA-?		
Classification:	FTR	SOC/Crash Site:	North Sea
Target/Tasking	Cologne		
Crew Names:	F/Sgt. J.P Carter +; F/Sgt. D. Block +; Sgt. G.C. Haynes +; Sgt. J.C. Ramsey +; Sgt. L.J. Yeates +; Sgt. A.G. Welch, RAAF +; Sgt. M.S. Ash +		
