

Lancaster I (IL)C.PD.370	F/L.A.C. HOLME F/S. SELWYN J.S. F/S. G.J. ARBOTT F/S. W.J. LAWSON SGT. FOUNDER W.G. SGT. BROWN G.J. SGT. WILLIAMS B.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber WOP/Air Mid-Upper Rear Gunner Flt.Eng.	1403	1643	Carried 4 and dropped 4 blocks. weather poor on way out better on return. 3 bags hung up. Excellent drop in area, many Dutchmen waving.
Lancaster I (IL)E.PB.757	F/L.F.H. GRAHAM (J.39104 RCAF) F/O.R.S. VALENTINE (J.40502 RCAF) F/O.H.B. TIMS (J.39393 RCAF) F/S. HAIGH J. SGT. DUBOIS W.H. (R272986 RCAF) SGT. GEISEL R.J. (R.299797 RCAF) SGT. SQUIRES D.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber WOP/Air Mid Upper Rear Gunner Flt.Eng.	1400	1637	Carried and dropped 4 blocks. Good concentration in dropping area. Guns seen patrolling coast.
Lancaster I (IL)H.PB.756	F/O.B.J. DOUCETTE (J.41814 RCAF) F/S. CHAFFIELD R. F/S. D. SUTTER (R.122614 RCAF) SGT. ASHFORD B.B. SGT. HONE G.R. SGT. COPP C.A. F/S. CRAVEN R.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber WOP/Air Mid Upper Rear Gunner Flt.Eng.	1405	1635	Carried and dropped 4 blocks. Weather on route rain squalls. 5 bags were seen to fall from our aircraft over the sea and one over land. Dropping looked good all over the field.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
30th April	Lancaster I (KO)A.PA.181	F/O.A.H. GIBBINS SGT. K.H. BARNARD F/O.R. STRELCHEK (J.40408 RCAF) F/O.J. CAKEBRAD SGT. MURPHY J.T. SGT. LESTER J.T. SGT. G.L. PARSLOE	Captain Navigator Air Bomber WOP/Air Mid Upper Rear Gunner Flt.Eng.	1639	1927	Dropped 3 blocks. Weather poor especially on Dutch coast - low cloud and rain. Two main centres of dropping on the cross and to south west of cross to west of lake. turning house to starboard of track.	

### Jim Murphy 115th Sqn. 3rd Group RAF

When we were told that we were to drop food, a big cheer went up in the Briefing room, every member of our Squadron was delighted and we eagerly went on this mission. After we took off from our Airfield in Witchford we first had to get used to flying much lower than normal. Once over Holland I remember seeing people, people and more people. They were everywhere. The streets were crowded, some were on the roofs, holding on to chimneys, leaning out of windows and all were waving with handkerchiefs and sheets.



*This is Jim Murphy and the other members of his crew from left to right: Navigator, Pilot, Mid-Upper Gunner, Wireless-Operator, Bomb Aimer, Flight Engineer and Rear Gunner (Jim Murphy). (photo courtesy, Jim Murphy)*

Then suddenly I saw a railway station and to my astonishment I was able to read the name ROTTERDAM MAAS. That was the moment that I realized how low we were flying. Next thing was the drop area; to me it looked very much like a race-course. We came lower still so the food would not be damaged too much. I could not believe my eyes when I saw people running onto the field at the same moment we were dropping the bags. They just did not think of the danger. They must have been very hungry.

When all the bags had been released we circled to clear the drop area. I then saw a message in white sheets, it just said "GOD BLESS YOU R.A.F.". My eyes had been teary throughout this mission but that message made the tears flow. When we got back to our Sqd. all seven guys in our crew were red eyed.

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a photo montage