

Jack (John) Thompson

Jack (John) Thompson was posted to RAF 226 Squadron in August 1944 (about 2 months after D-Day on 6 June, 1944) and, after completing a tour of operations (50 missions), was posted from the Squadron in January 1945. They were initially operated from Hartford Bridge, England but in mid-October moved operations to Vitry, France. The Squadron flew Mitchell bombers

Month/Year	Number of Missions
August 1944	14
September 1944	15
October 1944	9
November 1944	3
December 1944	8
January 1945	1
TOTAL	50

The following records of missions flown by John Thompson are taken from the records of 226 squadron in the UK National Archives.

August 5, 1944

1944,	MITCHELL, II	S/L. CAMPBELL, G.	RAMROD OPERATION, 17.10	19.40.	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 Squadron were detailed to attack the railway yard at VERNEUIL. 11 aircraft attacked at 1825/6 hours from 12000 feet with 88 x 500 lb M.C.T.D. .025 secs bombs. Bombs fell N & E of the target area. 1 aircraft returned early owing to oil pressure and port engine trouble.
AUG	"P" FW146.	F/O. STACK, P.J.	ON RAILWAY YARD		
5th.		F/S. BOYCE, W.H.M.	AT VERNEUIL.		
		F/O. PURCELL, G.			
		F/O. SHARP, A.L.			
	"E" FW196.	F/O. WRIGHT, B.C.		17.10. 19.40	

	"C" FW105.	F/O. THOMPSON, J.N.		17.10	19.40.
		F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H.			
		F/S. BARR, W.E.			
		F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.			

August 6, 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW		DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT
					Up	Down	
1944. AUG 6th	MITCHELL, II "P" FW146.	F/L. BETTS.	J. M.	RAMROD OPERATION ON AMMUNITION DUMP AT LIVAROT.	10.40.	12.40.	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON in company with 36 Mitchells from 139 Wing, were detailed to attack the ammunition dump at LIVAROT. 6 aircraft (1st Box) attacked at 1141 hours from 10400 feet with 48 x 500 lb T.D. .025 secs bombs. Results were unobserved. 6 aircraft (2nd box) did not bomb, as the target was obscured by cloud. All bombs were brought back.
		F/O. PEGRUM.	V. M.				
		F/S. LEGGE.	N. E.				
		W/O. GOUGEON.	J. L. H.				
	F/S. LOUGH.	H. G.					
	"V" FW152.	F/O. FOWLER.	R. H.		10.40.	12.40.	
		F/O. HUNTER.	C. R.				

1944. AUG 6th	MITCHELL, II "C" FW105.	F/O. THOMPSON.	J. N.	AS OVER	10.40	12.40.	AS OVER.
		F/S. WHEATLEY.	K. H.				
		F/S. BARR.	W. E.				
		F/S. EASDOWN.	R. W.				

August 6, 1944 (Second raid)

1944.	MITCHELL, II.	F/O. JERRED, B.A.	RAMROD OPERATION	18.55.	21.00	18 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON in company with 56 MITCHELLS from NO. 139 WING were detailed to attack the tank harbour 6 miles S.E. of THURY HARCOURT (T986413). All aircraft attacked at 2004 hours from 10500/13000 feet with 144 x 500 lb. T.D. .025 seas bombs.
AUG	"D" FW956.	F/S. WALES, J.	ON TANK HARBOUR			
6th.		F/S. BOYCE, W.H.M.	6 m S.E. of			
		W/O. JONES, A.G.T.	THURY-HARCOURT.			
		F/S. BANKS, D.A.				All bombs fell well within the target area, with concentrations on the centre and the northern, southern and eastern positions. Very intense, accurate heavy, flak was encountered from the target area. All aircraft were damaged by flak. 6 aircraft landed on air-fields in the beachhead.
	"E" FW196.	F/O. WRIGHT, B.C.		18.55.	21.00	
		SGT. POWELL, E.H.				
		SGT. OUELLETTE, J.A.				
		F/O. HINES, C.D.				

1944.	MITCHELL, II.	F/O. THOMPSON, J.N.	AS OVER	18.55	21.05	AS OVER?
AUG	"S" FW216.	F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H.				
6th		F/S. BARR, W.E.				
		F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.				

August 11, 1944

1944. AUG 11th	MITCHELL, II. "C" FW105.	F/L. ORPEN. R. G.	RAMROD OPERATION	18.30.	20.20.	6 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON in company with 12 MITCHELLS from 139 WING were detailed to attack the mortar and Rocket battery on the CAEN-FALAISE road. 5 aircraft reached B.R.V. early, made a circuit, without at any time seeing the two leading boxes, the first of which was heard to bomb minutes early. The 5 aircraft abandoned task 4 miles N of CAEN. 3 of these aircraft brought their bombs back and the remaining two aircraft jettisoned their bombs in the sea. 1 aircraft "C" abandoned task at B.R.V. owing to technical failures, and jettisoned its bombs in the sea.
		F/O. WELLS. E. A.	ON MORTAR AND			
		F/O. FRANCIS. M. A.	ROCKET BATTERY			
		S/L. FIELD (PASSENGER)	ON CAEN - FALAISE			
		W/O. STOYCHEFF R.M.P.	ROAD.			
		F/S. GILCHRIST. W. R.				
	"A" FW183.	F/O. WRIGHT. B. C.		18.30	20.20.	
		SGT. FOWELL. E. M.				
		SGT. OUELLETTE. J. A.				
		F/O. HINES. C. D.				

"J" FV989.	F/O. THOMPSON. J. N.	18.30	20.20.
	F/S. WHEATLEY. K. H.		
	F/S. BARR. W. E.		
	F/S. EASDOWN. R. W.		

August 12, 1944

1944 AUG 12th,	MITCHELL, II	F/O. DOUBLE, W. I. A.	NIGHT OP.	23.50	02.25	13 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON were detailed to harass in area bounded by U0036-0132-U0818-1951, and where practicable to make precision attacks by light of flares against bridges at the following points. (1) 198533 (2) U000314 (3) 1979261 (4) U025290 (5) U036282 (6) U049271 (7) U073237 (8) 1032A.
	"A" FW183.	F/O. BASS, E.	TO HARASS IN			
		F/O. READ, J. A.	ARE A BOUNDED			
		F/S. SMART, J.	BY U0036-0132- U0818-1951.			
	"B" FW230.	F/O. DAVIES, J. H.		23.55	02.20	3 aircraft dropped flares and 10 aircraft dropped 60 x 500 lb. M. C. T. D. .025 secs bombs, and fired 300 M. G. rounds. Very little movement was seen, and results were generally unobserved. Aircraft bombed roads, bridges and flames and one aircraft saw a large explosion after bombing. A moderate amount of light flak was encountered and 1 aircraft was slightly damaged.
		SGT. STANCHUK, J. A.				
		SGT. JOHNSTON, J. S.				
		F/S. BRACH, L. A.				
	"C" FW105.	F/O. ALLEN, C. K.		00.05	02.50	
		F/O. MOLINEUX, J. M. P.				
		W/O. SANTON, W.				
		F/S. HUNT, E. W.				
	"W" FW127.	F/S. THOMPSON, J. N.			00.55	02.55
		F/S. WHEATLEY, K. H.				
		F/S. BARR, W. E.				
		F/S. EASDOWN, R. W.				

August 14, 1944

1944 AUG 14th.	MITCHELL, II "D" FW146.	B/L. LYLE, W.	RAMROD OPERATION	10.40	12.30.	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON in company with 12 Mitchells from No. 139 Wing were detailed to attack the Strongpoint at U145469 (S. E. of FALAISE). 10 aircraft attacked at 11.45 hours from 10000/12500 feet with 80 x 500 lb. MC nose inst. bombs. Bombs from the 1st box burst right across the S.W. end of the village N.W. of the centre of the target area. Bombs from the 2nd box burst immediately N of the centre of the target area, and immediately N.E. of the 1st box, thus again falling across the N.W. end of the village. 2 aircraft did not bomb. (1 returned early and the other would not release) Moderate heavy flak was encountered from the target area.
		F/O. FIELD, G. A. H.	ON STRONGPOINT			
		F/O. FRANCIS, M. A.	AT U145469.			
		W/O. CLARKE, R. E.				
		F/O. COLBEY, P.				
	"T" FW111.	F/L. SLATTER, J. P. S.		10.40	12.30.	
		F/O. WASEY, W. H.				
		F/O. TOLLIDAY, A. J.				
		F/L. WADEY, D. P.				
	"V" FW152.	F/O. FOWLER, R. H.		10.40	10.55.	
		F/O. HUNTER, C. R.				
		W/O. SPANCOCK, W. A.				

1944	MITCHELL, II.	F/O. THOMPSON, J. N.	AS OVER	10.40	12.50	AS OVER.
AUG	"G" FW171.	F/S. WHEATLEY, K. H.				
14th		F/S. BARR, W. E.				
		F/S. EASDOWN, R. W.				

August 15, 1944

1944, AUG 15th.	MITCHELL, II "P" FW146.	W/C, MITCHELL, A. D. F/O, FARQUHAR, D. G. F/O, MOYER, A. A. F/L, TOLPUTT, G. B. W/O, HODSON, W. W/O, VENN, E.	RAMROD OPERATION ON CONCENTRATION OF TANKS AND TRANSPORT IN WOOD 4 MILES N. E of FALAISE AT U205 408.	17.30 19.10	18 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON, were detailed to attack the concentration of tanks and transport in a wood 4 miles N. E of FALAISE at U205408. All aircraft abandoned task at 1824/7 hrs when approximately 3/4 way across channel after being recalled by ground station. Recall was necessary as Germans put down red smoke on our troop positions before time on target.
	"E" FW196.	P/O, HARVEY, T. S. W.		17.30 19.05.	

	"J" FV989.	F/O, THOMPSON, J. N. F/S, WHEATLEY, K. H. F/S, BARR, W. E. F/S, EASDOWN, R. W.		17.30 19.05.	
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August 17, 1944

1944.	MITCHELL, II	F/O. JERRED, B.A.	RAIROD OPERATION	15.00	17.00	6 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 Squadron, in company with 30 Mitchells from No. 139 Wng, were detailed to attack the fuel dump at LA MAILLERAYE sur SEINE.
AUG	"P" FW116.	F/S. WALES, J.	ON FUEL DUMP			
17th		F/O. FRANCIS, M.A.	AT LA MAILLERAYE			
		F/O. JONES, A.G.T.	SUR SEINE.			
		F/S. BANKS, D.A.				
		A/C. ATCHERLEY (PASSENGER)				4 aircraft attacked using special navigational equipment with 32 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs bombs. Bombs fell immediately north of the target area.
	"P" FW186.	F/O. EAGLESON, J.I.		15.00	17.00.	Aircraft "T" did not bomb owing to not hearing broadcast of the bombing run. Aircraft "W" was hit by flak in the bomb bay during the bombing run. Two parachutes were seen to open and a further two black objects fell from the aircraft before it disappeared into cloud.
		F/O. LOUDON, J.A.				
		F/S. CATTO, S.G.				
		F/O. IRVINE, S.H.				
	"T" FW111.	F/O. TAYLOR, J.E.		15.00	17.00.	Moderate, very accurate, heavy flak was encountered from T/A, and 3 aircraft received minor damage.
		F/O. DOBARTI, W.F.				
		SGT. PRYCE, L.D.				
		F/S. SPAINING, I.W.				

	"T" FW989.	F/O. THOMPSON, J.N.		15.00	17.00.
		F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H.			
		F/S. BARR, W.E.			
		F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.			

August 23, 1944

1944.	MITCHELL, II	P/O. DAVIES, J.H.	NIGHT OPERATION	22.35.	00.40.	<p>12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON were detailed to drop flares at to illuminate crossing over the RIVER SEINE at QUIQUEBEUF, CANDEBEC & DUCLAIR, to enable attacks to be made by Mosquito aircraft.</p> <p>6 aircraft dropped 267 flares from 8/11000 feet between 2327$\frac{1}{2}$/0213 hours on the above pin points. 9 flares hung up, but otherwise, flares were dropped successfully.</p> <p>3 aircraft did not take off - A/C "G" did not get off in time, A/C "Z" had trouble with CYRO & A/C "T" fouled an obstruction on the airfield. Aircraft "Q" crashed on take-off the crew being uninjured. 2 aircraft returned early. Aircraft "H" with starboard engine trouble and aircraft "S" owing to engine failure.</p>
AUG.	"B" FW230.	F/S. SIANCHUK, J.A.	FLARE DROPPING			
23rd.		SGT. JOHNSTON, J.S.	TO ILLUMINATE			
		F/S. BEACH, L.E.	CROSSINGS OVER			
	"J" FW989.	F/O. HOLLINGSHEAD, G.H.	THE SEINE AT	22.45.	00.45.	
		F/O. FAHEY, J.P.	QUIQUEBEUF &			
		SGT. NORMAN, W.E.	DUCLAIR, &			
			CANDEBEC.			
	"G" FW171.	F/O. HENNING, J.A.	DID NOT TAKE OFF			
		SGT. PETERKIN, F.D.				
		SGT. MATTHEWS, D.J.				
		SGT. SWARTZ, M.				
	"D" FW958.	F/O. KELLY, R.A. /		00.50	03.05.	
	"S" HD303.	F/O. THOMPSON, JN.			23.30	
		F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H.			01.50.	
		F/S. BARR, W.E.				
		F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.				

August 25, 1944

1944. AUG 25th.	MITCHELL, II	S/L. LYLE. W.	RAMROD OPERATION	11.30	13.40	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 Squadron, were detailed to attack the P.O.L. Dump at CLERMONT. ALL aircraft attacked from 12500/13500 feet at 1236/38 hrs with 96 x 500 lbs. G.P. T. D. .025 secs bombs. Bombs from the 1st box fell on the N.E. corner of the target area Bombs from the 2nd box burst from the N.E. corner of the railway yards right across the N.W. end of the Railway Yards severely damaging the gathering lines of these sidings.
	"F" FW146.	F/L. THOMAS. T.C. F/O. FRANCIS. M.A. F/O. LEES. G.H. F/O. COLBEY. P.	ON P.O.L. DUMP AT CLERMONT.			
	"V" FW152.	F/O. FOWLER. R.H. F/O. HUNTER. C.R. W/O. STANGER. W.A. SGT. O'BRIEN. J		11.30	13.40.	

	"D" FV958.	F/O. THOMPSON. J.N. F/S. WHEATLEY. K.H. F/S. BARR. W.E. F/S. EASDOWN. R.W.		11.30	13.50.	
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August 25, 1944

1944, AUG 25th.	MITCHELL, II. "F" FW336	S/A. WOOD, H.F. P/O. CARLEY, R.C. F/S. BOYCE, W.H.M. F/O. LYSACK, P. F/O. DONNELLY, J.M.	NIGHT OPERATION ON PORTIONS OF BEAUVAIS-ROUEN ROAD.	22.25.	00.45.	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON were detailed to patrol portions of the BEAUVAIS-ROUEN Road (i) M8007 to M6015 E - W (ii) M6015 to M3416 E to W and drop flares. 5 aircraft dropped flares from 9000 feet on the road from M8007 to M6015 at intervals 23.36 to 02.06 hrs.
	"E" FW196.	F/O. HARVEY, T.S.W. F/S. HUNCE, L.E. W/O. HAMMILL, C.R. F/O. TOLLIDAY, A.J. F/S. CHINELL, J.F.		22.35.	00.45.	6 aircraft dropped flares from 9000 feet on the road from M6015 to M3416 at intervals, 23.44 to 02.44 hours. Many fires were seen in ROUEN area. 1 aircraft encountered intense inaccurate light flak, coupled with flares fired from the ground on crossing the coast between TRETAT and FOCAMP. 1 aircraft abandoned task owing to inter-com failure.
	"W" FW106.	F/O. WYJAD, M.		22.55	01.05.	

	"B" FW230.	F/O. THOMPSON, J.N. F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H. F/S. BARR, W.E. F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.			23.40	02.00
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August 26, 1944

1944, AUG 26th	MITCHELL II	S/L. LYLE, W.	RAMROD OPERATION	16.50	18.15.	18 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON were detailed to attack
	"P" FW146.	F/L. THOMAS, T.C.	ON CONCENTRATIONS			concentrations of transport on the south bank of the RIVER
		F/O. FIELD, G.A.H.	OF TRANSPORT			SEINE at ROUEN.
		F/O. LEES, G.H.	ON S. BANK OF			17 aircraft attacked at 1801/2 hrs from 11/13000 feet with 136
		F/O. COLLEBY, P.	RIVER SEINE			x 500 lb. G.P. W inst bombs. Bombs fell in a large concentration
	"J" FW989.	F/O. WYJAD, M.	AT ROUEN.	16.50	18.45.	in the target area, from which fires and large columns of black
		F/S. HUTTON, F.G.				smoke were seen. Aircraft "P" abandoned task over channel, owing
		F/S. LINDSAY, C.R.				to starboard engine trouble, and returned to base with bombs.
		F/S. ROSS, C.J.				Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered from the target
	"V" FW152.	F/O. FOWLER, R.H.		16.50	18.45.	area and aircraft "E" was hit in the starboard engine. This
		F/O. HUNTER, C.R.				aircraft left the formation and made a crash landing in allied
		W/O. STANGER, W.A.				territory in FRANCE. One member of the crew was injured. A further
						4 aircraft received minor damage.

	"D" FW958.	F/O. THOMPSON, J.N.		17.00	18.50.
		F/S. WHEATLEY, K.H.			
		F/S. BARR, W.E.			
		F/S. EASDOWN, R.W.			

August 26, 1944

1944, AUG 26th.	MITCHELL, II	P/O. DAVIES,	J. H.	NIGHT OPERATION	23.10	01.20.	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 SQUADRON were detailed to attack an area on the south bank of the River SEINE at ROUEN, containing German transport, with the aid of target indicators dropped by Mosquito aircraft. All aircraft attacked visually between 2358/0010 hours from 4000/5600 feet with 96 x 500 lb. H. inst bombs. All bombs fell in the target area, with concentrations in the area of the railway bridge. Numerous fires were burning on the south bank of the river, with a large explosion. The results of this attack were spectacular and most outstanding. Meagre, inaccurate, heavy flak was encountered from the target area.
	"C" FW105.	F/S. STANCHUK,	J. A.	ON AREA ON S.			
		F/S. JOHNSTON,	J. S.	BANK OF SEINE			
		F/S. BEACH,	L. E.	AT ROUEN.			
	"F" FW155.	F/O. DOUBLE,	W. I. A.	CONTAINING	23.05	01.00	
		F/O. BASS,	E.	GERMAN TRANSPORT.			
		F/O. READ,	J. A.				
		F/S. SMART,	J.				
	"J" FW989.	SGT. WRAITH,	R. G.		23.05	01.50.	
		SGT. SLIPP,	R. M.				
		F/S. SWIFT,	H. E.				
		SGT. LAMOND,	C.				
	"D" FW958.	F/O. THOMPSON,	J. N.		23.15.	01.30.	
		F/S. WHEATLEY,	K. H.				
		F/S. BARR,	W. E.				
		F/S. HASDOWN,	R. W.				

August 28, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, II	S/L CAMPBELL, G.	RAMROD OPERATION	19.10	MISSING	12 Mitchell II aircraft of 226 Squadron were detailed, in company with 36 from 139 WING, to attack the Ferry at DUNCLAIR. All aircraft attacked from 13500/14500 feet at 2021/2022 hrs. with 90 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D. .025 secs bombs. 6 bombs hung up in aircraft "U" and were subsequently jettisoned live on a gun position. 4 miles S.E. of CANDEBEC with unobserved results. Bombs fell in S.W. part of target area among fires started by previous Mitchell attacks. Moderate, very accurate flak was experienced from the target area, and 6 aircraft were hit. One of these aircraft "C" was hit just after bombing, and was heard to call up one of the Normandy strips. No further news has been heard and this aircraft is still outstanding.
AUG	"C" FW105.	F/O STACK, R.J.	ON FERRY AT			
28th		F/S BOYCE, W.H.M.	DUNCLAIR.			
		F/O PURCELL, L.G.				
		F/O SHARP, A.L.				
	"G" FW171.	F/O HOLLINGSHEAD, G.H.		19.10	21.10.	
		F/O FAHEY, J.P.				
		F/S ROSS, D.C.				
		F/S NORMAND, W.E.				
	"D" FW958.	F/O ALLEN, C.K.		19.10	21.10.	
		F/O MOLYNEUX, J.M.P.				
		W/O SAXTON, W.				
	"F" FW153.	F/O THOMPSON, J.N.				
		F/S WHEATLEY, K.H.				
		F/S BARR, W.E.				
		F/S EASDOWN, R.W.				
				19.10	21.10.	

September 1, 1944

Date 1944	Aircraft Type & Number	Crew	Duty	Time		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT
				Up	Down	
Sept. 1.	S. PW. 216.	S/L BERTS	Operation	07.15.	09.05.	18 MICHUELS led by S/L BERTS were dispatched to attack the troop concentrations near ANNEVILLE together with aircraft of 138 wing. All aircraft attacked from 10,500 to 13,000 feet at 08.10 - 08.15 hours with 26 x 500 lbs G.F. bombs, nose inst. Cloud made target difficult to locate but some bombs were seen to burst N.E. of wood.
		F/O ROUSE	Troop			
		F/S LOUGH	concentration			
		F/O FIELD	in wood N.E.			
Q. PW. 238.		F/S LEGG	of ANNEVILLE	07.30	MISSING	Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered over target and 3 aircraft were hit. One aircraft G, piloted by F/O BARNESON was seen to loose height after being hit in tail fin and rudder and disappeared in cloud under control while heading towards the beach-head.
		F/O BARNESON				
		F/O LOUGH				
		F/O IRVING				
Y. PW. 163.		F/S GATC		07.15.	09.05.	Weather S/10, Clouds Sc. Tops at 10,000. vis 8-10 miles
		F/O WYJAD				
		F/S HUTTON				
		F/S LINDSAY				
		F/S BOSS				

	H. PW. 192.	F/O THOMPSON		07.15	09.10
		F/S WHARLEY			
		F/S BARR			
		F/S HASTON			

September 1, 1944

1944	MITCHHELL. 11.					
Sept. 1.	M.F.W. 174.	F/O JERRED, F/L BOPWITE F/L KADNY W/O BRIDSON F/O MOYER	Operation RANROD Target. Rail centre at GIVERT	18.55	21.45.	12 MITCHELLS led by F/O JERRED were despatched to attack the rail centre at GIVERT. 11 aircraft attacked from 12,000 - 13,500 feet at 20.30 hours with 58 x 500 lbs G.P. H.O. at 0.025 sec. lunge. Bombs from both boxes were seen to straddle the target, which was enveloped in smoke and flames. Aircraft 3 did not take off owing to mechanical trouble. Moderate heavy flak was encountered 2 miles north of NIENPORT.
	M.F.W. 230.	F/O WRIGHT F/O POWELL Sgt MUMS F/O HINES		18.55	21.30.	Weather. No cloud. Vis. 5-10 miles.

	J.F.V. 989.	F/O THORPSON F/S HEATLY F/S HARR F/S EASTON		18.55	21.55.	
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September 8, 1944

1944.	147th CG Squadron 147th Bombardment Group					
Sept. 8	F.F.W. 145	S/L LYLE P/O FRANCIS	Operation RANGED: Target, Heavy strong point at SOULIGNY 577482.	18.35	20.10	18 MITCHELLS led by S/L LYLE were despatched to attack a strong point at SOULIGNY. 16 Aircraft attacked from 10,000 to 15,000 feet at 19.25-22 hours with 121 x 500 lbs bombs G.F.T.D. 0.025 sec. Results were unobserved owing to cloud. Intense heavy fire was observed but this was not aimed at this squadron. Aircraft K developed engine trouble soon after leaving base and made a successful belly landing near DUNROD. The gunner was slightly injured. Aircraft L landed at GARDICE with engine trouble. Seven bombs in aircraft P hung up.
	F.F.W. 163.	P/O FOWLER P/O HUNTER W/O SPANGLER Sgt O'BRIEN		18.35.	20.10.	

	J.F.W. 389	P/O THOMPSON P/S WHEATLY P/S BARR P/S RASTDOWN		18.40	20.20	
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September 8, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, 11.					
Sep. 8.	A.F.W. 183.	F/O JENKES F/O MYER F/O SOPWITH W/O HEDGON W/O BURHAM	Operation RAISKO Enemy strong point at BOULOGNE 677482	19.05	20.40	12 MITCHELLS led by S/L LYLE were despatched to attack the enemy strong point at BOULOGNE. Six aircraft attacked from 12,000 feet at 20.00 hours dropping 48 x 500 lbs G.P. 2.D. C.25 bombs. The target was sighted late and bombs overshoot to N.E. Five aircraft did not bomb as the target was obscured by cloud. Aircraft 1 did not bomb, returning early owing to suspected fire in rear of aircraft. Meagre light and heavy flak was encountered over the target area.
	E.F.W. 196	F/O HARVEY F/S HUNCE F/S CHINELL		19.05	20.40	
	J.F.W. 989	F/O DAVIES F/S BIANCHUK F/S JOHNSON F/S BRACH		19.05	20.40	Weather: - A wall of cloud from 6,000 to 12,000 was encountered just off the French coast with gaps over the coast line.

	C.F.W. 105	F/O THOMPSON F/S WHEATLY F/S BARR F/S EASTDOWN		19.05	20.40	
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September 12, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, II.			Up	Down	
Sept. 12	Y.FW. 165	S/L DEWYS P/O PERRAN W/O HUDSON Sgt LAMOND P/S LEGGIE P/O COLEBY	Operation RANGOD Target, S. - end of Cause- way between MIDDLEBURG and mainland (D 213301)	18.05	20.55	12 MITCHELLS led by S/L DEWYS were despatched to attack the target. All aircraft attacked at height of 12,000 to 13,500 feet at 19.30 - 35 hours with 96 x 500 lbs G.P.Z.D. G.025 neu. bombs. The target was difficult to identify owing to extremely poor visibility due to haze and dazzle from sun. Bombs were seen to burst N. of target.
	V.FV. 905	P/O POWLER P/O HUNTER W/O STANGER Sgt O'BRIEN		18.05	20.55	Wentre light & heavy inaccurate flak were encountered in target area.
	X.FW. 276	P/O WYJAD P/S HIPPON		18.05	20.55	Weather. No cloud. Very hazy.

	Y.FW. 165.	P/O THOMPSON P/S WHEATLEY P/S DARR P/S KARDON		18.05	20.55	
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September 13, 1944

DATE	TYPE & NUMBER	PILOT	OPERATION	START	END	REMARKS
Sept 13	I.FW. 136	S/L NETTS P/O FERRIS W/O GUNSON P/S LOUGH P/O COLONY P/S LEGG	RAMROD Operation against target CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SWID REVE-LAND AND DITCH MAINLAND	17.40	20.00	19 MITCHELLS led by S/L NETTS were dispatched to attack this target. All aircraft attacked from height of 12,000 to 12,500 feet at 19.55 hours, using 26 x 500 lb G.P.F.D. 5,000 succ. delay bombs. Bombs from the first box overshot target in North, but those from the second box fell across the target, scoring direct hits on the road and railway.
	I.FW. 276	P/O WYJAD P/S HUTTON W/O LINDSAY P/S BOSS		17.40	20.00	No flak was encountered. Weather:- No cloud below, haze reduced visibility to 5-6 miles.

DATE	TYPE & NUMBER	PILOT	OPERATION	START	END	REMARKS
1944	MITCHELL, 11.					
Sept 13.	I.FW. 150.	P/O THOMPSON P/O WHEATLEY P/S PARR P/S BARDON			17.40	20.00

September 14, 1944

1944	MITCHHELL, 144					
Sept 14	A.M. 230	W/O FRENK P/O PHILLIPSON P/O DENYUN P/O CRUTON P/S LEGGE P/O COLNER	Operation. RAIDED Against STANGE POINT NORTH OF BULOCH.	13.15	14.45	12 MITCHELL aircraft led by P/O FRENK were despatched to attack this target. All aircraft attacked from 10,500 feet at 14.05 hours with 26 x 500 lb. G.P. L.D. G.O.25 sec. bombs. Bombs were seen to fall across the marker shells right on the target. No more heavy flak was encountered from N.E. part of BULOCH.
	A.M. 186	P/O TAYLOR P/O THOMSON		13.15	14.45	Weather: - 5/10 aloft at 12,000. Vis. 8 miles

	P.M. 153	P/O WHEATSON P/S WHEATSON P/S BAER P/S BARDON		13.15	14.50	
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September 15, 1944

1944	BIRMINGHAM, AL.					
Sept. 15	A.M. 230.	W/C FERR F/O PHILLIPSON F/O DUSTON F/O LANGE F/O GILBERT	Operation RANDOM. Against target FERRY AT BIRMINGHAM HULLAND.	10.35.	13.05.	12 BIRMINGHAM led by F/C FERR were dispatched to attack the FERRY AT BIRMINGHAM. All aircraft attacked from 12,000 feet at 13.00 hours with 26 x 500 lbs M.C.T.D. 0.025 sec. bomb. Bombs from the first box straddled the target, but the leader of the second box mistook the target owing to cloud, and the bombs fell 3 miles S.E. of aiming point, causing fire and explosions.
	A.M. 254.	F/O HARVEY F/S HITCH F/O LEESE F/S CHINELL		10.35.	13.05.	Very heavy inaccurate flak was encountered in the FLIGHTING AREA.
	A.M. 253.	F/O THOMPSON F/S WHEATLEY F/S BARR F/S BASKOVY		10.35.	13.05.	Weather - 3-4/10 Strato. cumulus at 5,000 feet.

September 16, 1944

Year	Type & Number	Personnel	Operation	UF	LDWS	Remarks
1944	MICHELL, 11.					
Sept. 16.	1. FW. 183.	W/O. WOOD P/O. GARNEY P/S. BOYCE P/O. LESAGE P/O. DANIELLY	Operation CANNED. Against strong point at FORT DE LA GROUPE. N. of BOULOGNE.	18.45.	20.15.	12 BOMBERS led by W/O WOOD were despatched to attack the strong point at FORT DE LA GROUPE. All aircraft attacked with 50 x 500 lb. H.C. T.D. B.C. bombs, at 19.37 hours from height of 11,500 - 12,500 feet. Bombs from the first two straddled target and many direct hits were scored on the FORT. Those of the second box slightly undershot to W. S.W. and S. of target. No hits were scored on the target itself.
	2. FW. 186.	P/O. FOWLER P/O. HINCHER W/O. STAMMER Sgt. O'BRIEN		18.45.	20.15.	Heavy moderate concrete flak was encountered in the target area. Two aircraft were slightly damaged.
	T. NO. 336.	P/O. BOND P/O. GAYE		18.45.	20.15.	Weather:- Slight cloud over target. Visibility 8-10 miles.

1944.	MICHELL, 11.					
Sept. 16.	J. FW. 180	P/O THOMPSON P/S WHEATLEY P/S GARR P/S EASDOWN			18.45.	20.20.

September 17, 1944

Date 1944	Aircraft Type & Number	Crew	Duty	Time		Details of Sortie on Flight
				Up	Down	
Sept. 17.	D. FW. 217	S/L CASPARI	Operation RANGROD. Against BARRAGES at BBS HOLLAND in support of allied air- borne invasion of HOLLAND.	12.35	15.00	12 BOMBERS led by S/L CASPARI were dispatched to attack the BARRAGES at BBS in support of the allied airborne invasion of HOLLAND commenced on this date. All aircraft attacked with 96 x 500 lb. H.C. E.D. G.OE5 sec. bombs. from 8,000 to 9,200 feet at 14.20 hours, making two circuits of the target owing to clouds obscuring the view of the target. Bombs from the second box which attacked first overshot 300 yards into a wood N.W. of target area. The first box dropped their bombs right across the target area and scored direct hits on 3 large and 7 small buildings.
		F/O FIELD				
		F/S POTTS				
		W/O HUDSON				
E. FW. 245		F/O HARVEY		12.35	15.00	Weather:- C-S/30 Cumulus at 6,000 - 8,000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.
		F/S HUNCE				
		W/O DOUGSON				
		F/S CHIFFELL				
J. FW. 153		F/O THOMPSON		12.35	16.00	The first box encountered moderate accurate heavy flak over CORINCHEN on the way home.
		F/S WHITLEY				
		F/S BARR				
		F/S HADSON				
G. HD. 304		F/O MARSHALL		12.35	16.00	
		F/S [unclear]				

September 25, 1944

1944	TYPE & NUMBER			Up	Down	
Sept. 25.	D. FW. 217	W/O FERR P/O PHILLIPSON P/S LEGER P/O IREYON P/O LEEB P/O CLUTTON	Operation RANGE. Target- Mortar & Gun position near ANHIM E. 736779.	15.20	18.40	18 MINUTEMEN led by P/O FERR were despatched to attack Mortar and Gun Position near ANHIM in support of the airborne army. All aircraft attacked at 16.58 - 17.00 hours from 9,500 - 10,800 feet with 142 x 500 lbs M.O. nose inst. bombs. Bombs fall in 3 groups. One immediately N. of target area and the other two groups N.W. and N.N.E. of target area respectively.
	G. FW. 171	P/O ALLEN P/O MELTHBY W/O SAKTON P/S HUNT		15.20	18.50	Moderate to intense inaccurate heavy and light flak was encountered in the target area and two aircraft received minor damage. Approximately 8 F.W. 190's were seen in the target area some of which were seen attacking aircraft of No 139 Wing. Aircraft of 225 squadron were however not attacked.
	I. FW. 205	P/O DAVIES P/S SIANGRUK P/S JOHNSON P/S BRICH		15.20	18.50	Weather:- 1/10 cloud with tops up to 7-9,000 feet. Visibility 7-10 miles
	J. FW. 180	P/O THOMPSON P/S WHEATLEY P/S BARR P/S BASKOW		15.20	18.50	

September 26, 1944

1944	MICHELLE II.					
Sept. 25	R.F.W. 220	W/O KERR F/O PHILLIPSON F/O DENNEN F/O CLAYTON F/O LEE F/S LEWIS	Operation RAKOD, TAKSI. PORT at WISKENS	08.50	11.05	12 MICHELLES led by W/O KERR were dispatched to attack the PORT at WISKENS in conjunction with 139 Wing. 11 aircraft attacked the PORT with 80 x 500 lbs. V.C.T.D. 0.025 sec. bombs from 10,500 - 12,000 feet at 10.02 hours. Bombs fell in a group immediately E.N.W. of a large building near the centre of the target with a further concentration S.W. of the area. Aircraft was returned a few minutes after take off due to technical trouble with fuel pumps.
	T.F.W. 163	F/O POWLER F/O HUNTSMAN F/O STANLEY SGT O'BRIEN		08.50	11.05	Moderate heavy and light mist was encountered in the target area.
	X.F.W. 276	F/O WYJAD F/S HUGHES F/O LINDSAY		08.50	11.05	Weather: 1/10 cumulus at 7,000 feet. Visibility 15 miles.

	X.F.W. 180	F/O THOMPSON F/S WHEATLEY F/S LARR F/S HADGWIN		08.50	11.30	
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September 28, 1944

1944	MISSION NO.	PILOTS	OPERATION	START	END	REMARKS
Sept. 28	B.F. 230	W/O ADAMS P/O FIELD P/O IRIS P/L WASEY P/L WASEY P/O COLONY	Operation RAJCO. Against 5- road junction at DORCHON, R. 973604.	15.05	16.40	12 WITNESSES led by P/O ADAMS were despatched to attack the road junction at DORCHON. 11 aircraft attacked at 16.30 hours from 11,500 - 11,000 feet with 88 x 500 lbs M.C. T.D. 0.025 sec. bombs. The bombs fell in two concentrations on built up areas to E and N.W.E. of the cross roads. Moderate to intense fairly accurate heavy flak from W. of DORCHON, and from the CLAYE AND GOON areas was encountered, and 2 aircraft received damage from hits.
	B.F. 245	P/O ALLEN P/O HOLYBAUX P/O SAXTON P/S BENT		15.05	16.40	Aircraft #7 was unable to keep in formation in the approach to the target, and turned back to bomb the fort at WESSING (alternative target) at 17.30 hours from 11,000 feet with 8 x 500 lbs. 0.025 sec. bombs. The bombs were seen to fall among buildings to the N. part of the fort and along the sea shore. Aircraft 7 was hit in the starboard engine which commenced to disintegrate when near base on return. The aircraft made a successful belly landing at base.
	A.F. 153	P/O THOMPSON P/S SHAWLEY P/S DARR P/S TARDON		15.05	16.40	
	P.F. 153	P/O DOWLEN P/O DASS P/O BRAD P/S HEIDICH		15.05	16.40	

September 29, 1944

1944	TYPE & NUMBER			Up	Down	REMARKS
Sept 29,	RITCHIE, 11.					
	P. PW. 145.	S/L CAMPBELL	Operation	All aircraft		12 RITCHIES led by S/L CAMPBELL were despatched to attack
		F/L WASKY		took off at		the Marshalling yard & railway centre at BRIDGEMAN in
		F/O PARQUER	Target -	07.25 landing		in conjunction with 139 Wing.
		F/L WADEY	Marshalling	at BRIDGEMAN at		21 Aircraft dropped 88 x 500 lbs. H.C. T.D. C.025 sec. bombs
		F/O WELLS	Yards at	10.35.		at 06.55 - 58 hours from height of 13,000 - 13,700 feet.
			BRIDGEMAN.	Left BRIDGEMAN at		Cloud made it impossible to identify the target until it
	P. PW. 105	F/L EDWARDS	A.017307.	14.10 landing		was too late to bomb accurately.
		F/O OAPS		at BRIDGEMAN at		Bombs from the first box fell across and beyond the
		F/O ALLEN		14.20.		railway east of the town, and those of the second box are
		F/O MARTIN		F/L EDWARDS		believed to have fallen south of the railway Junction.
		F/S LEWIS		landed at		south of the town. All bombs on W hung up and were brought
				15.00.		back.
	U. HD. 324	F/O KELLY		Total times.		All aircraft experienced severe heavy inaccurate flak in
		F/O HURRAY		3.30		the target area but none were hit.
		F/O BAILEY		F/L EDWARDS		
		F/O PETERSEN		3.40		All aircraft were directed to BRIDGEMAN on return owing
	P. HD. 335	F/O COLLINS				to weather conditions and proceeded to base later in the
		F/O COLEMAN				afternoon.
		F/O HITCHCOCK				
		F/O BRADY				Weather:- 10/10 cumulus with small gaps over target.

	D. PW. 217	F/O THOMPSON			
		F/S WHEATLEY			
		F/S PAIR			
		F/S SANDERS			

September 30, 1944

DATE	TYPE & NUMBER		TIME	TIME	
1944	MITCHELL, 22,				
Sept 30	D. FW. 217	F/L ODFE F/O WELLS F/L WASSY F/L WADEY W/O STONHAMPT F/S GILCHRIST	RAJCOB.	15.05	18.25
			Target: Railway at COCH. E. 912425.		
					12 MITCHELLS led by F/L ODFE were dispatched to attack the railway at COCH. E. 912425. The primary target was located late owing to cloud but six aircraft attacked from 11,000 - 12,500 feet at 16.44-46 with 48 x 500 lbs G.P. C.025 H.D. bombs. The main concentration of bombs fell to the east of the S end of target but a few hits were scored on the S end of the railway yard. 5 aircraft attacked a small railway yard S of UDENS with 40 x 500 G.P. T.D. C.025 bombs but bombs were seen to burst to S of target in fields. Aircraft M did not bomb owing to Selection failure.
	O. HD. 334	F/O WRIGHT F/O POWELL F/S GULSTIE F/O HINES		15.05	18.25
	D. FW. 230	F/O DAVISS F/S STANSHUR F/S JOHNSON F/S BRACH		15.05	18.25
					No flak was encountered. Cloud 9-10310 with tops up to 7,000 feet.

	D. FW. 275.	F/O THOMPSON F/S WHEATLEY F/S BARR F/S RANDOWN		15.05	18.30

October 2, 1944

1944		TYPE OF MISSION					
		MITCHELL, II.					
Oct.	2	W.	FW1B1	F/L EDMOND, R.	Operation,	15.25	16.50
				F/L WASEY, W.H.	RAMROD,		
				F/L WADEY, D.P.	Target - troop		
				F/O CAPR, R.J.	concentration,		
				F/O ALLEN, C.R.	S.E. of ANNHEN		
				F/O MARTIN, R.	787665.		
<p>6 MITCHELLS led by F/L EDMOND and 18 BOSTONS from 88 and 32 Squadrons were despatched to attack troop concentrations near ANNHEN. All MITCHELLS attacked from 12,500 - 13,000 feet at 17.05 hours with 41 X 500lbs M.G. T.B.O.025 bombs. 7 bombs hung up in ^{the} the bombs fell about 500 yards N.E. of the Target. Meagre ⁱⁿ heavy flak was encountered in the target area.</p>							

		E.	FW245	F/O THOMPSON, J.N.		15.25	18.45	
				F/S WHEATLEY, K.				
				F/S BARR, W.E.				(N.B. One box only)
				F/S RAMDOWN, R.W.				

October 5, 1944

1944 Oct. 5.	MITCHELL. 11 D. FW217	F/L ORPEN. R. F/O WELLS. E.A. F/S LEGG.	Operation RAMROD. Target- Troop	07.40	11.20	12 MITCHELLS led by F/L ORPEN were despatched to attack troop concentrations near ARNHEM. 6 aircraft attacked from 7,900 feet at 09.30 hours with 48 x 500 lbs M.C. T.D. 0.025 bombs. Bombs fell 400 yards W.N.W. of aiming point. One aircraft T returned early owing to failure of pilots helmet, the remaining 5 aircraft in the box made four runs over the target but were unable to bomb owing to cloud obscuring the ground.
	A. P.W. 239	F/O WRIGHT. E.O. F/O POWELL. P.M. SPT. OULETTE. J.A. F/O HINES. G.D.	concentrations S. E. of ARNHEM	07.40	11.20	Moderate fairly accurate light and heavy flak was encountered in the target area.
	J. FW180	F/O DAVIES. J.H. F/S SIANCOUR SGT BEACH. L.R. SGT JOHNSON. J.S.		07.40	11.20	Weather 9/10 cloud with tops at 11,000 Feet. Base 8,000 Feet.
	P. FW153	F/O THOMPSON. T.N. F/S WHEATLEY. E.H. F/S BARR. W.R. F/S BASKOWN. R.W.		07.40	11.20	

October 7, 1944

Date	Aircraft Type & Number	Crew	Remarks	Off	On	Remarks
1944	MITCHELL 11					
Oct. 7.	W. PW181	F/L EDMOND, R. F/L WISKEY, W.H. P/O CAPE, N.J. P/O ALLEN, C.R. P/O MARTIN, E.	Operation. RANBOD. Target-Strong Point near ANDENBURG. D. 013056.	10.25	12.55	12 MITCHELLS led by P/L EDMOND were despatched to attack a strong point near ANDENBURG. All aircraft attacked at 11.49 hours from 10,500 feet with 96 x 500 lbs M.C. T.D. 0.025 bombs. Bombs fell to N.W. of target and N. of village of ANDENBURG. No flak was encountered.
	T. HD336	P/O WYJAD, M.		10.25	12.55	Weather 3/10 cloud at 8000 feet. Vis. Good with slight haze.

	J. PW180	P/O THOMPSON, J.N. P/S WICKATLEY, F.H. P/S HARR, W.H. P/S BASHORN, B.W.		10.25	12.45	
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October 13, 1944

1944	TYPE OF OPERATOR	NAME		OPERATION	UP	DOWN	REMARKS
	MITCHELL, 11.						
Oct. 13.	B. FW230	W/C KEHR, H.F.	Operation.	14.55	18.10		<p>17 MITCHELLS led by W/C KEHR were despatched to attack the Railway centre at AMERSFOORT, MAP Ref: E. Y79977. 16 aircraft attacked at 1625/36 from 12,000 feet with 64 x 1,000 lb W.C. 0.025 bombs.</p> <p>Bombs fell across the railway yards with bursts on tracks and goods wagons and further bursts to the North, some bombs falling on the Railway Workshops. At least 12 tracks have been severed.</p> <p>No flak - No enemy aircraft.</p> <p>Aircraft "X" turned back just before reaching fighter rendezvous owing to starboard engine trouble. Aircraft "M" was damaged when nose wheel collapsed on landing at MANSION. The crew were unhurt.</p> <p>Owing to bad weather at base all aircraft landed at MANSION at 1745/1810 and returned to base the following morning 14/10/44. 0715/0835.</p> <p>Weather 5/10 On. at 10,000. Vis. 10 miles</p>
		F/O PHILIPSON G.	RAMROD,	07.15	08.00		
		F/L WASKY, W.H.	Railway				
		F/O DENTON, D.H.	Marshalling				
		F/O CLUTTON, W.J.	Yard. at				
			AMERSFOORT.				
	A. FW239	F/O TAYLOR, J.R.		14.55	18.10		
		F/O DOHERTY G.H.		07.15	08.00		
		F/S FRIGG, H.D.					
		F/S SPALDING J.W.					
	C. ED304	F/O DAVIES, J.H.		14.55	18.00		
		F/S BLANCHUK.		07.28	08.10		
		F/S BEACH, L.R.					
		F/S JOHNSTON, J.H.					
	G. FW171	SGT WRAITH W.G.		14.55	18.00		
		SGT SWIFT H.E.					
		SGT SHEPP, M.					
		SGT LAMOND, G.					
	J. FW180	F/O THOMPSON, J.H.		14.55	18.10		
		F/S WREATHLEY, F.H.		07.15	08.00		
		F/S BARR, W.H.					
		F/S BASDORN, R.W.					

October 14, 1944

1944.	TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	OPERATION	START	END	REMARKS
Oct. 14	B. FW230	S/L HETTS. J.M. F/O FARQUHAR D.G. F/L WASSY. W.H. W/O DOUGHERN, J.L.H. SGT LOUGH. H.G.	Operation. RAMROD. Bridge over river at MUTPHEN.	14.20	17.55	12 MITCHELLS led by S/L HETTS were despatched to attack the River Bridge at MUTPHEN. RAF Ref: B940953. All aircraft bombed at 15.53/54 from 11,500-12,000 feet with 48 x 1000 lb. M.C. T.D. 0.025 bombs. The first box straddled the target but the bridge did not seem to have collapsed when the smoke had cleared. Bombs from the second box overshoot to the S.E. and fell among buildings at the Rivers edge. Photographs show that the bombs fell on the bridge and on the town E of the Target.
	A. FW239	F/O DOUBLE. W. F/O READ. J.A. F/O BASS. R. F/S SMART. J.		14.20	17.55	Flax; Meagre inaccurate heavy flax was experienced from the AMUTPHEN area.
	J. FW180	F/O THOMPSON J.H. F/S WHEATLEY E.H. F/S BARR W.E. F/S RASDOWN. R.W.		14.20	17.55	Weather: 4-6/10 broken Cu. at 7/11,000. Visibility: 10 - 20 miles.

October 15, 1944

1944	Mitchell. 11					
Oct. 15.	B. FW230	W/C KERR. H.M. P/O PHILLIPSON. G. F/L WASKY. W.H. P/O DENYON. D.H. P/O CLUTTON. W.J.	Operation. RAMROD. Target. Railway Bridge at DEVENTER. E.913076.	07.15	11.00	12 MITCHELLS led by W/C KERR were despatched to attack the Railway Bridge at DEVENTER, being briefed to land at VITRY EN ANTOIS the new base. Owing to bad weather conditions in that area the aircraft returned to base.
	A. FW239	P/O DOUBLE. W. L. A. P/O BASS. E. P/O HEAD. J. A. P/S SMART. J.		07.15	11.00	All aircraft attacked dropping 48 x 1,000 lbs M.C. T.D. G.025 bombs from 10,000 feet at 08.55 hours. Bombs from the first box slightly under-shot onto the bank. The second box made two bombing runs. On the first run one aircraft released its bombs and claimed to have hit the Bridge. On the second run it was believed that a stick of bombs straddled the Bridge. Aircraft "W" (W/C TURNER) did not return, and the crew were believed to have baled out over enemy territory. The aircraft was hit by flax. There was no flax over the target, but considerable heavy accurate flax was encountered 8 miles N.E. of NIEUNEN and several aircraft were hit.
	J. FW160	P/O THOMPSON. J. N. P/S WHITLEY. K. H. P/S BARR. W. E. P/S EASDOWN. R. W.		07.15	11.00	
	K. FW230	P/O SOLINSKY. T. H. P/O STEWART. J. R. SGT OGDEN. J. SGT O'BRIEN.		07.15	11.00	Weather: 3/10 strato. Cu. tops at 5,000 feet over target area.

October 24, 1944

DATE	Type & Number	CREW	OPERATION	Up	Down	REMARKS
1944.	MITCHELL. 11					
Oct. 24	A. FW230	W/C KERR. H.M. P/O PHILLIPSON. G. P/S LEECH	Operation. RAMROD. Target: - Gun positions at CADZAND. C98101789.	15.10	16.40	18 MITCHELLS led by W/C KERR were despatched to attack Gun positions at CADZAND. C98101789 using special navigational aids.
	L. FW246	P/O THOMPSON. J.H. P/S WHEATLEY. K.H. P/S BARR W.E. P/S HASLOWY R.W.		15.10	16.40	15 aircraft bombed from 8/10,000 feet at 16.01-25 hours, 9 visually, 6 using aid. They dropped 117, x 500 lb - M.C. P.D. 0.025 bombs. A few bombs fell in the target area and on the S.E. edge, the rest fell in fields 2000' E of the target and in the sea to the North, with a few undershots to the South. Three bombs hung up in "B" all bombs hung up in "B", and X did not bomb due to the failure of the bombight. "Y" did not bomb due to loading formation in cloud.
	M. FW204	P/O MARSHALL. J.H. P/S COULSON. D. P/S WEEVES. F.G. SGT SANDALLS. T.		15.10	16.40	No flax and no enemy aircraft were encountered.
						Weather: - 10/10 Alto Cu. en route to the target. Tops about 8000 feet, thinning in target area to 5/10 Alto-stratus. Very hazy. Visibility 4 miles.

October 28, 1944

DATE	TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUET	Up	Down	
1944	MITCHELL, 11					
Oct. 28	D. FW217	S/L CAMPBELL, G. F/L WASEY W.H. F/O WELLS E.A. F/L WASEY D.P. F/O TOLLIDAY F/O GOUGEON J.L.H.	Operation. RAMBOLD, Target:- Road/Rail Bridge at VENLO. E. 906091.	08.50	11.00	12 MITCHELLS led by S/L CAMPBELL were despatched to attack the Road/Rail bridge at VENLO. E906091. 12 Aircraft attacked at 09.59/10.08 from 11/12,400 feet with 96 x 500 lb M.D. T.D. 8,825 bombs Bombs from the first box straddled the western end of the bridge obtaining at least two direct hits and several near misses, while those from the second box fell 300 yards N.E. in the river and the town. Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered from the target area and one aircraft received minor damage.
	G. HD504	F/O DAVIES F/S SIANCRUY F/S JOHNSTON, F/S DEACH		08.50	11.00	Weather:- No cloud below bombing height. Visibility 5-10 miles. Flight haze.
	J. FW180	F/O THOMPSON, J.N. F/S WHEATLEY E.H. F/S BARR W.E. F/O OSMOND, W.E.		08.50	11.00	

October 29, 1944

1944	MICHELLE, 11			UP	DOWN	
Oct. 29	V. PW271	W/C WOOD. H.P. F/O CAHLEY K.C. F/L WASEY W.H. F/O LYBACK. F. F/O DOSSHELY. J.M. SGT OCKENDEY. S.	Operation. RANROD. Target:- Railway bridge at ROERMOND K. 773903	08.05	09.50	<p>12 MITCHELLS led by W/C WOOD were despatched to attack the Railway bridge at ROERMOND K. 773903. Five aircraft attacked at 09.03 hours with 40 x 500 lb M.C. T.D. G.025 bombs. The bombs under-shot, falling about a mile S.S.W. of the target. The 6th aircraft of the box did not bomb, as a good sight was not obtained. The second box of 6 aircraft did not bomb as the target was obscured by cloud. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak was encountered S.W. of the target. Weather:- 9-10/10 cloud in two layers, tops at 5-6,000 ft and 9-10,000 ft.</p>
	W. PW 181	F/S BINS G.H. F/L FIELD G.A.H. F/S MINNS W. F/S PROLE H.C. F/O COLEBY F.		08.05	09.50	

	K. PW215	F/O THOMPSON J.H. F/S WHEATLEY K.H. F/S PAER W.E. F/S RASDOWN R.W. F/O OSBOND W.E.		08.08	10.05
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November 5, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, 11					
Nov. 5.	B. FW230	W/O KERR. H.M. F/O PHILLIPSON G. F/O FRANCIS W. F/O LUNTON D.H. F/O CLUTTON W.J. F/O GOLBY P.	Operation RAMROD. Target:- Rail Bridge at BOERMOND. K. 77593A.	15.00	17.30	12 MITCHELLS led by W/O KERR were despatched to attack the Rail Bridge at BOERMOND K. 77593A. 11 aircraft reached the target but did not bomb owing to 10/10 cloud. One MITCHELL "X" returned early as the pilot had severe nose bleeding. Moderate accurate very heavy flak was experienced from 6 miles west of the target area and 2 aircraft ("W" & "V") were slightly damaged. Aircraft "G" landed at VHEBROEK with technical failure.
	S. HD303	F/O THOMPSON J.M. F/S WHEATLEY K.H. F/S BARR W.E. F/O SASDOWY R.W.		15.00	17.30	Weather 10/10 S Co. tops 7-8,000 feet with a clearance to the East of the target area. Hazy, visibility bad.

November 6, 1944

1944	MITCHELL 11					
Nov. 6.	D. FW217	S/L CAMPBELL G.	Operation.	14.30	16.30	12 MITCHELLS led by S/L CAMPBELL were despatched to attack the Rail Bridge at BOWENSDOWN K775934.
		F/O FARGHAR D.G.	RAMROD.			aircraft "V" did not take off due to the unserviceability of the pilots seat.
		F/L KERRY W.H.	Target:-			11 aircraft reached the target area but were unable to bomb owing to 10/10 cloud. All bombs were brought back to base.
		F/O HUDSON W.	Rail bridge at			
		F/O LYSACK P.	BOWENSDOWN,			
		F/O DONNELLY J.M.	K.775934			
	L. FW246	F/O DAVIES J.H.		14.30	16.30	Weather 10/10 Stratus with tops 7-8,000 feet.
		F/S STANCOUX				Visibility 5-10 miles.
		F/S JOHNSTON J.S.				
		F/S BRACH L.R.				
	A. FW239	F/O THOMPSON J.M.		14.30	16.30	
		F/S WHEATLEY K.H.				
		F/S BARR W.H.				
		F/O KASLOW H.W.				

November 11, 1944

1944	MITCHELL 11			OF		
Nov. 11.	R. FW230	W/O KERR H.M. P/O PHILLIPSON G. P/O HAYLIDAY J.L. P/O DENTON D.H. P/O CLUTTON W.J.	Operation. BARROD. Target:- Rail Bridge at ROXBOROUGH, E. 775934.	07.55	10.15	12 MITCHELLS led by W/O KERR were despatched to attack the Rail bridge at ROXBOROUGH E. 775934. 11 aircraft attacked the target at 08.06/7 from 12/12,500 feet, the bomb doors of the other aircraft "U" failing to open. Bombs fell S.W. AND N.W. of the bridge, hits were scored on the Railway Track and there were several near misses. A total of 44 x 1,000 lb M.C. T.D. 0.025 bombs were dropped. Moderate to intense heavy accurate flak was encountered in the target area and five aircraft were slightly holed.
	V. FW271	P/O THOMPSON J.M. P/S WHEATLEY K.H. P/S HARR W.E. P/O BARDOWN R.W.		07.55	10.15	
	J. FW180	P/O MARSHALL J.R.		07.55	10.15	Weather:- No cloud. Visibility 10 miles.

December 5, 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT
				Up	Down	
1944 Dec 5	MITCHELL, 11. F.W. 239	F/O J.R. MARSHALL, DFM F/S D. COULSON F/S F.G. WEEKES SGT J. SANDALLS F/L S. E. WILKS F/L J.W. MOORE DFC.	Operation. RAMROD on DREMME. Ammo-dump and troop concentrations	08.35	10.40	Twelve MITCHELLS of the squadron took off and brought their bombs back owing to the target being obscured by cloud which was 9/10 strato-cumulus between 6,000 and 8,000 feet. Visibility through clear patches was 2 miles. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak was encountered from the Northern and Western part of the target area.
	F.W. 204	F/O J.N. THOMSON F/S K.H. WHEATLEY F/S W. E. BARR P/O R.W. EASDOWN		08.35	10.40	

December 6, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, 11.					
Dec. 6.	F.W. 233	F/L R. EDMOND, DFC, AFC, P/O N. J. CAPE, SGT J. H. DUTTON, F/O C. R. ALLEN, F/O H. A. NEWTON, F/O W. H. CLUTTON	Operation, RAMROD on Marshalling Yards at WESSEL	12.10	15.00	Eleven aircraft reached the target, which was obscured by cloud, and were unable to bomb owing to the G.H. signals fading out. F/O NISBET abandoned the task in the ARNHEM area owing to a turret failure which jammed the gunner in the turret. Cloud 10/10 with tops at 6,000 feet. No enemy opposition was experienced.

	F.W. 239	F/O J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY F/O J. W. MURRAY P/O R. W. BASDOWN W/O W. E. BARR		12.15	15.00	
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December 11, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, 11.					
Dec. 11	F. W. 239	S/L. W. LYLE, D.F.C.	Operation.	08.45	10.50	All aircraft abandoned task at 09.51 owing to adverse weather conditions. From BRUSSELS onwards weather deteriorated. At turning point cloud was up to 16,000 feet. No enemy opposition was experienced.
		F/L. T. C. THOMAS, DFC	RAMROD on			
		F/L. J. W. MOORE, DFC	Lock Gates at			
		F/O M. S. LUND SGT J. H. DUTTON	ZUTPHEN.			
	F. W. 204	F/O J. N. THOMSON		08.45	09.20	
		F/S K. H. WHEATLEY				
		P/O R. W. EASDOWN				
		F/S J. W. DAVIES				

December 15, 1944

1944	MITCHELL II.					
Dec. 15	F.W. 233	S/L W. LYLE D.F.C. F/L T. C. THOMAS D.F.C. SGT. J. H. DUTTON F/L J. W. MOORE D.F.C. F/O M. S. LUND CPT S. T. J. W. CASSELEY	Operation. RAMROD on Rail Bridge at DEVENTER	10.40	13.30	Twelve MITCHELLS were despatched, 4 of which attacked the target, with 12 X 1,000 lb T.I. and 4 x 1,000 lb .025 from 12,500 feet. Bombs were seen to fall in river and on north bank just north of midway between the two bridges. Six aircraft of the second box did not bomb owing to unsatisfactory bombing view. One bomb of aircraft "L" fell out over target area and damaged the bomb doors. SGT TOWLSON had mechanical trouble before take off and took off too late to catch up with the formation. F/O TAYLOR returned early owing to VHF failure. P/O MASON landed at BRUSSELS after bombing owing to technical failure in port engine. Moderate heavy flak was experienced over the target. No cloud, hazy. Visibility 4-5 miles.
	F.W. 213	F/O J. E. TAYLOR F/O W. H. MURRAY F/S L. D. PRYCE F/S J. W. SPALDING		10.40	12.10	
	F.V. 950	F/S H. S. LORKIN SGT S. SIMPLE W/O A. R. HOSKING		10.45	13.40	
	MITCHELL. 111					
	H.D. 354	F/O J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY W/O W. E. BARR P/O R. W. EASDOWN				10.45 - 13.50
	MITCHELL I 11					

December 22, 1944

1944.	MITCHELL, II.					
Dec 22	F.W. 233	S/L. R. EDMOND, DFC, AFC. P/O N. J. CAPE F/O. G. P. ALLEN F/O. R. A. NEWTON. F/O. W. J. DUTTON F/S A. A. FRANK	Operation, RAMROD, Troop Concentrations at HEINBACH. (F. 108274)	14.00	16.15	Eleven of the twelve aircraft detailed attacked on G.H. from 11,000 to 14,000 feet with 88 x 500 lb M.C.T.D. .025 Results were not observed owing to 10/10 cloud with tops at 4,000 feet. No enemy opposition was encountered.

	MITCHELL, III.					
	H.D. 354	F/O. J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY W/O. W. E. BARR P/O. R. W. EASDOWN SGT. J. H. DUTTON. F/S. C. LAMOND			14.00	16.20

December 23, 1944

1944	MITCHELL 11.					
Dec 23.	F.W. 222	W/C. H. F. WOOD F/O. G. PHILLIPSON F/O. P. LYSACK F/O. J. M. DONNELLY. F/O. D. H. DENTON	Operation. RAMROD on Troop Concentrations at L. 040958.	-	-	Twelve aircraft were detailed although only eleven became airborne. W/C. H. F. WOOD had a mechanical failure and did not take off. Four aircraft attacked the target with 32 x 500 lb m.c.t.d. .025 bombs which were seen to fall amongst buildings in the S. E. part of the target area. The remaining seven aircraft were all abortive owing to technical failure or flak damage. Moderate to intense fairly accurate heavy flak was experienced in the target area and in places from the target to a point 20 miles W. of target. Six aircraft sustained minor damage.
	F.W. 217	F/O. J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY P/O R. W. EASDOWN W/O. W. E. BARR		12.55	15.15	No cloud. Visibility 10 miles.
	F.W. 201	P/O W. G. WATSON		12.55	15.15	

December 24, 1944

1944	MITCHELL, 111,					
Dec. 24	H. D. 354	W/C. H. F. WOOD F/O G. PHILLIPSON. F/O D. H. DENTON. F/O P. DONNELLY, F/O J. M. LYSACK, SGT J. H. DUTTON	Operation RAMROD on GEMUND.	10.10	12.10	Twelve aircraft attacked the target from 13,000 to 14,000 feet at 11.21 hours with 96 x 500 lb M.C.T.D. .025 bombs 88 of which fell in target area but some undershot to N of target. The bombs of aircraft "F" pilot F/S HUGHES, hung up and were jettisoned S of target area. No opposition over target though 2 F.W. 190's and 1 ME 109 were sighted.
	MITCHELL, 11, F. W. 245	F/O J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY. W/O W. E. BARR P/O, R. W. EASDOWN.		10.10	12.10	Moderate inaccurate heavy flak 6 miles SW of GEMUND. No cloud. Visibility 10 miles.

December 31, 1944

1944	MITCHELL 11.					
Dec 31.	F.W. 222	S/L R. EDMOND DFC AFC P/O N. J. CAPE F/O C. R. ALLEN F/O R. A. NEWTON F/S A. A. FRATE F/O W. J. CLUTTON	Operation on Road Junction at VIERSELM	11.55	13.45	Twelve aircraft were despatched to attack the road junction. As bombing was on GH the first box was followed by two boxes of 88 Squadron BOSTONS and the second box by two boxes of 342 Squadron BOSTONS. The attack was made from 12,000 feet at approx 13.05 hours. Results were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud. 96 x 500 lb T.I. bombs were dropped. Vertical visibility was nil and below cloud there was heavy snow and rain storms. No enemy opposition was experienced.
	F.W. 181	F/O J. E. TAYLOR W/O W. H. WISBY		11.55	13.45	

	H.D. 348	F/O J. N. THOMSON F/S K. H. WHEATLEY W/O W. E. BARR. P/O R. W. EASDOWN			12.00	13.45
	MITCHELL 11					

January 1, 1945

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	R
				UP	DOWN		
1945	MITCHELL, 11.						
Jan. 1.	FW 233	F/O, J. E. TAYLOR F/L. W. H. WASEY F/S. L. D. PRYCE F/S J. W. SPALDING SGT. J. K. DUTTON F/O, J. M. DONNELLY.	RAMROD on Road-bridge at ZALTBOMMEL.	14.25	16.05	All aircraft bombed the target with 48 X 1,000 lb M.C. T.D. .025 at 15.26 hours from 12,000/12,500 feet. No hits were scored on the target. Intence heavy accurate flak was experienced and three aircraft received minor damage. Visibility 10 miles. No cloud. F/O DONNELLY received super-ficial face injuries.	

	HD 304	F/O. J. N. THOMPSON F/S. R. M. SLIPP P/O. R. W. EASDOWN				14.40	16.55	
	MITCHELL, 111							