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The following note was written by Dr. B.C. Dickins, Officer-in-Charge of Bomber Command O.R.S. from September 1941 to September 1945.

This monograph describes the main work carried out by the operational Research Section, Bomber Command, from its inception in September 1941, to the end of the war. It has been prepared from contributions by various members of the branch at all levels. It is important to stress that the Section functioned as an integral part of the Command and worked in the closest collaboration with the other branches of the Headquarters. Thus, although this monograph describes the actual investigations undertaken, it is pointed out that the results achieved were in many cases the outcome of teamwork between the Service and scientific staffs. In fact, it is not too much to say that such success as was achieved by the Section was as much due to the receptiveness of the Service as to the efforts of the scientists.