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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
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1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Q' LV.942.	J.25923 P/O MacKeracher, W. - Capt.		1605.	2313.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th Stratus- cumulus cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis. fair above. Attacked primary at 1937.5 hrs., from 19000 ft., heading 0627, 155mph. Bombed centre of red and green Wanganui. P.P.P. late, but well concentrated. A fair attack but hard to give an accurate assessment. A walled fire-site was seen operating but was quite ineffective as far as misleading the bombing. It made a good direction finder for the target proper.	8. A.
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' LV.133.	J.27798 P/L Smart, J.F. - Capt.		1555.	2311.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th thin cloud, 9. A. tops 6000 ft., vis. clear above. Attacked primary at 1937.4 hrs., from 19500 ft., heading 0607, 155mph. Bombed centre of two red flares with green stars. P.P.P. late and not backed up. A large red glow was seen reflected on cloud after leaving T/A. A/G concentra- tion poor over target.	
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'T' ME.942.	J.23070 P/L Gould, E. - Capt.		1601.	2302.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 10. A. 10000 ft., vis. clear above. Attacked primary at 1933.7 hrs from 20000 ft., heading 0607, 155mph. Bombed centre of Waga- nui Red and Green. Could only see the glow of I.B's on the cloud at the target. A fire site was operating but had no effect on bombing. Owing to other nearby targets and the fact that P.P.P. was late, the situation was very confusing. Hard to assess the success of the raid.	
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'U' LV.130.	J.28712 P/O Millard, P.W. - Capt.		1559.	2320.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 11. A. 10000 ft., medium cloud, vis., good above. Attacked primary at 1940.0 hrs. from 18700 ft., heading 0607, 150 mph. Bombed centre of three sky markers. Sky marking was insufficient, late, and scattered. Fires were scattered but burning well. All of our navigational aids were U.S.	
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'X' ME.941.	J.21276 P/L Walker, M.W. - Capt.		1619.	2255.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 9/10th cloud, tops 12. A. 5000 ft., thin cloud, vis. good above cloud. Attacked primary at 1938.3 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 0607, 160mph. Bombed red flare with green stars. Marking was U.S. A good con- centrated glow had developed in the target area.	
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Y' LV.996.	J.20385 P/L Towne, W.E. - Capt.		1544.	2249.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 9/10th broken thin 13. A. cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis. good above. Attacked primary at 1935.2 hrs from 19300 ft., heading 0607, 155 mph. Bombed centre of the space between two Wanganui. Some incendiaries seen burning, but no great amount of fire. Few bomb bursts were noted after we turned off target. A/G concentration appeared to be very good.	
1st Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Z' ME.422.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J. - Capt.		1540.	2101.	Target: MAINZ. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Abandoned mission 14. A. at 2114N, 0035W, 1745 hrs., 5000 feet. Starboard engine (inner) went O/S for reasons unknown. Necessary to feather because engine was surging 1000 R.P.M. and backfiring badly. Jettisoned whole bomb load at 5408N, 0138E, 1945.7 hrs., 7000 ft., safe.	

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2nd/3rd Feb. 1945.	Halifax. III. 'P' ME.288.	J.89647 P/O Wilson, W.R. - Capt.		1953.	0157.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, 10 x 5000N TD.025. + 6 x 250 GP. RR. T.I. 10/10th cloud, tops 4000 ft., vis. hazy. Attacked primary at 2318.8 hrs., from 20000 ft., heading 087 true, 150mph. Bombed on GEE, unable to assess results. Bad icing conditions over base made aiming difficult. Seemed unnecessary to maintain such high altitude for whole trip.	1. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' ME.432.	J.26757 P/O Tagardine, G.M. - Capt.		1946.	0207.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 2. B. tops 6000 ft., vis. poor. Attacked primary at 2319.5 hrs from 19500 ft., heading 082 T., 153mph. No visibility thru cloud, but a reflected glow was seen over the area. There was a large explosion in T/A at 2320.1 hrs. Original tactics would have been perfect.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' ME.956.	J.20845 P/L Storme, J.L. - Capt.		1950.	0225.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 3. B. tops 8000 ft., vis. hazy. Attacked primary at 2318.5 hrs., from 19000 ft., heading 084T., 153mph. Nothing seen over target area. Not not as briefed. The raid appeared to be scattered, but hard to assess. Tactics good, not away off.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'T' ME.423.	J.10123 P/L MacKay, A.R. - Capt.		2057.	0201.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 4. B. tops 3 to 10000 ft., vis. clear above. Attacked primary at 2317.5 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 890T., 153mph. No markers seen, many scattered bomb flashes were seen, but unable to assess results due to cloud.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'U' ME.823.	J.5819 P/L Collins, O.O. - Capt.		1959.	0220.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 5. B. tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis. hazy above cloud. Attacked primary at 2319.4 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 087T., 153mph. Red flares disappearing in cloud at 2318 hrs. On run up 3 very large explosions seen slightly to port. These explosions were very bright and lit up the whole area. Tactics were very good. Concentration of bomb bursts seemed to be good.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'V' ME.171.	J.22001 P/L Look, A.R. - Capt.				Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. This A/G swung on take-off, and was therefore a non starter.	6. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'W' ME.947.	G.1082 S/L Malvhill, J. - Capt.		1945.	0158.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 7. B. tops 5000 ft. Attacked primary at 2323.5 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 082T., 150 mph. Many bomb bursts in T/A reflected on clouds. No P.P.P. seen, tactics caused higher fuel consumption than would have been normally used.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'X' LV.996.	J.20385 P/L Towne, W.E. - Capt.		1955.	0219.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 8. B. tops 10000 ft., vis. hazy. Attacked primary at 2318.7 hrs. 19000 ft., heading 085 T., 153mph. No markers were seen. 3 very large orange explosions seen at 2320 hrs. Thought it unnecessary to climb so quickly on the first six legs. A/G concentration in stream was good.	
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Y' LV.988.	J.22769 P/L Murphy, J.M. - Capt.		2000.	0222.	Target: WAINZ KICKER. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud 9. B. tops 8000 ft., vis. hazy above. Attacked primary at 2318.5 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 090 T., 153mph. Bomb bursts seen in the T/A. Tactics O.K. except for maintaining height.	

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2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'M' LV.942.	J.39385 P/O Wall, R.C.	- Capt.	1944.	0025.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. At 5129N. 0230E. 2020 hrs. 12000 ft. Fort outer engine out and we couldn't maintain height or speed. Jettisoned safe. All bomb load at 5201N. 0245E. 2231 hrs. 12000 ft. Returned to base on 3 engines.	10. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'H' ME.133.	J.35266 P/O Wagar, T.C.	- Capt.	1978.	0200.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud, tops 20000 ft., vis good above the cloud, but poor during bombing. Attacked primary at 2318.5 hrs from 20000 ft., heading 084 T., 150 mph. Some fires were started and one huge deep orange explosion was seen at 2317.6 with four smaller explosions immediately afterwards. Wet winds were not as briefed. The tactics were adverse due to poor met.	11. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'S' ME.133.	J.27798 P/L Smart, J.P.	- Capt.	1954.	0215.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud, tops 19500 ft., vis fair above cloud. Attacked primary at 2318.7 hrs from 19500 ft., heading 088 T., 150mph. Bombed near edge of reflection of fires on cloud. Huge explosions seen.	12. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'P' ME.942.	J.23070 P/L Gould, R.P.	- Capt.	1955.	0214.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8000 ft., vis. very hazy. Attacked primary at 2316.5 hrs from 19000 ft. heading 088 T., 155 mph. Bombed near edge of red glow. No markers were seen. We saw a few bomb bursts in the red glow. Think it a good raid.	13. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'U' L. ME.130.	J.37990 P/O Kaye, V.D.	- Capt.	2048.	0237.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th thin cloud, tops 9000 ft., vis clear above. Attacked primary at 2317 hrs., from 18500 ft., heading 153T., 160 mph. Bombed centre of glow of fires. Some scattered fires and bomb flashes. The whole raid appeared to be scattered.	14. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'W' ME.355.	J.28712 P/O Millard, R.W.	- Capt.	1951.	0205.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th thin cloud, tops 13000 ft., vis. hazy, fair above. Attacked primary at 2309.4 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 090 T., 160 mph. Could not discern anything except bomb flashes in the T/A. A large explosion seen at 2321.5 hrs. Raid appeared to be well concentrated and should prove quite successful.	15. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'X' ME.941.	J.87777 P/O Thomson, I.S.	- Capt.	1948.	0203.	TARGET: WARREN KICKEL. Bomb load, same as 'P'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis. nil thru cloud. Attacked primary at 2323.9 hrs from 20000 ft., heading 090T., 150mph. No. 11's seen, red glow seen on cloud in T/A. This coincided with GEE at time of bombing. Consider target area would have been clear had raid been one half hour later.	16. B.
2nd/3rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'K' ME.148.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	XXX	XXXX	Failed to take off. Engine trouble <i>Run way 4/6</i>	17. B.

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4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'T' ME.942.	J.27798 P/L Smart, J.P.	- Capt.	1700.	2215.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35294 (4days) + 0716 25560 + 0726 80562 + 0726 80561 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV) 10/10th Stratuscumulus cloud tops 8000 ft., vis. clear above. Mined at 200228 hrs. from 15000 ft., heading 184 T., 195 mph. Released mines at 534119N., 080500E. One of the best B23 runs we have had. Tactics good. (wt of mines, 1800 lbs each)	1. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'P' ME.148.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	1734.	2233.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35175 + 0716 25711 + 0716 25906 + 0726 80404 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV, 1800 lbs each) 10/10th stratus cloud, tops 3000 ft., vis hazy. Mined at 200400 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 184T., 195mph. Released mines at 534154N., 080415E. Tactics were very good, also a good mining run.	2. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'T' LV.988.	J.22769 P/L Murphy, J.M.	- Capt.	1727.	2227.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35285 + D406 96974 + 0716 25713 + 0726 80411 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV, 1800 lbs each) 10/10th medium cloud, tops 3000 ft., some haze above the tops of the cloud, but clear above. Mined at 200042 hrs. from 15000 ft., heading 184T., 195mph. Mines released at 534119N., 080500E. A very successful trip. Met. was good, tactics were quite satisfactory.	3. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'Q' ME.814.	J.26757 P/O Tagardine, G.M.	- Capt.	1703.	2225.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35181 + D406 96978 + 0716 25728 + A114 24857 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV, 1800 lbs each) 10/10th cloud, tops 3000 ft., vis good above. Mined at 195848 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 184T., 195mph. Released mines at 534900 N., 080626E. Good tactics and good mining run.	4. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'X' ME.941.	J.35266 P/O Wagar, T.C.	- Capt.	1659.	2228.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35283 + 0716 25751 + 0716 25765 + 0726 30798 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV, 1800 lbs each) 10/10th Stratuscumulus cloud, tops 4 to 6000 ft., good vis above cloud. Mined at 200830 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 174T., 195mph. Mines released at 534900 N., 080626E. Very excellent mining run. Tactics good.	5. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'P' ME.288.	J.2619 P/L Collins, G.C.	- Capt.	1702.	2223.	TARGET: GARDENING (YOUNG YAMS): Mine load, B230 35295 + 0716 25821 + 0726 80409 + 0726 80711 (all 'Q' Res. Mk. IV, 1800 lbs each) 10/10th Stratuscumulus cloud, tops 6000 ft., with haze up to 14000 ft., clear above. Mined at 200120 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 174 T., 195mph. Mines released at 534900N., 080728E. A very good trip with fine tactics. Met quite good.	6. C.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'B' ME.171.	J.20133 W/O Canderton, V.P.	- Capt.	1719.	2340.	TARGET: OSTERFIELD. Bomb load, 1 x 500 MC.HR. + 7 x 500 ANM 64 TD.025 + 8 x 250 GR. 10/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis perfect above. Attacked primary at 2104 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 080T., 150mph. Bombed on GEE. Appeared to be a fair effort judging by the fire glow. Tactics were very good. 1 x 250 hung up and jettisoned safe at 2215N., 0227 E., 2210 hrs., 6500 ft.	1. D.

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4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'G' HQ.347.	J.17000 P/L Stewart, R.C.	-Capt.	1716.	2345.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2105 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 068T., 155mph. Flare on the T/A seemed to be well concentrated according to glow on the cloud. Cannot assess raid. Tactics O.K.	2. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' HQ.472.	G.1052. S/L Balvill, J.	-Capt.	1711.	2322.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 2104.0 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 062 T., 160mph. T.I.'s were seen at 2101 hrs but disappeared thru' cloud. Concentrated bomb flashes were seen and they appeared very bright. Tactics would be more suitable for daylight raid. Good raid.	3. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'H' HQ.317.	J.22001 P/L Look, A.E.	-Capt.	1717.	2334.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8000 ft., vis hazy above. Attacked primary at 2105 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 069T., 160 mph. Bombed centre of glow. Two large spurts of flame were seen and several bomb reflected bomb flashes. Appeared to be a good attack.	4. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' HQ.823.	J.23070 P/L Gould, R.F.	-Capt.	1720.	2327.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, 8 x 500 AM. TD025 + 8 x 250 HR. T.Inst. 10/10th thick cloud, tops 7 to 8000 ft vis. nil. Attacked primary at 2104.8 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 077T., 160mph. Bombed near edge of red glow. Several bomb flashes but nothing else visible other than the red glow which appeared to be a T.I. Hard to assess, but bomb flashes seemed concentrated.	5. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' HQ.133.	J.20385 P/L Towne, W.E.	-Capt.	1725.	2317.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, 1 x 500 HQ.HR. + 9 x 500 AM. TD.025. + 4 x 250 HR. T.Inst. 10/10th cloud, tops 3 to 4000 ft. vis. hazy but fair. Attacked primary at 2105.3 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 072T., 155mph. Bombed red glow through cloud. Tactics very good.	6. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'J' HQ.956.	J.20845 P/L Storme, J.L.	-Capt.	1718.	2321.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2104.4 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 068T., 155mph. Bombed near side of white glow. No markers were seen. GHS fix checked with the large white glow on the cloud. Explosions seen reflected on cloud. A good raid, but lacked P.F.P.	7. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'I' HQ.977.	J.10123 P/L MacKay, A.E.	-Capt.	1713.	2319.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis fair above. Attacked primary at 21036 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 069T., 160mph. Bombed on GHS. Tactics good, but doubtful effort due to cloud.	8. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'W' HQ.422.	J.38385 P/O Hall, R.G.	-Capt.	1724.	2330.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 14000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2105.4 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 070T., 175mph. Considerable fire seen but only one good concentration visible.	9. D.
4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'W' HQ.355.	J.28712 P/O Millard, P.W.	-Capt.	1722.	2337.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 15000 ft., vis fair. Attacked primary at 2104.3 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 070T., 160mph. A huge glow of fires reflected on the cloud. Two large explosions noted after we left the target area. The attack was well concentrated, flak was most accurate yet encountered. Tactics very good.	10. D.

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4th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' HQ.175.	J.25794 P/O AYRES, L.J.	-Capt.	1726.	2337.	Target: OSTERSFELD. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 15000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 2105.5 hrs, from 19000 ft. heading 068T., 155mph. Widespread reddish yellow glow seen reflected on the cloud. Tactics good, no assessment possible.	12. D.
7th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'O' HQ.814.	J.20385 P/L Towne, W.E.	-Capt.	1854.	0119.	Target: GOCH. Bomb load, 8 x 250 GP.TI. + 8 x 500 AM. TD025. 10/10th cloud, tops 5 to 6000 ft., vis. good above. Unstable. Attempted to identify on first run, completed half orbit then master bomber called off the attack. Considerable jamming of the master bomber frequencies. He was first heard calling us down to 5000 ft., then code for cease bombing. Brought back full bomb load.	1. E.
7th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' HQ.171.	J.5102 S/L LAMOR, R.J.	+Capt.	1839.	0121.	Target: GOCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 7000 ft., vis good above. Target not identified. M.B. not heard on Marconi on 1196. He was heard to order us down to 5000, then, part way through our orbit he called it off. Brought back full bomb load.	2. E.
7th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'E' HQ.452.	J.26757 P/O Tegardine, G.M.	-Capt.	1842.	0115.	Target: GOCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. Clear cloud, bases 5200 ft., vis. good. Attacked primary at 2218.5 hrs from 5000 ft., heading 051 T., 165mph. Bombed centre of cluster of red and green target indicators. T.I.'s were well concentrated but there appeared to be considerable overshooting. The M.B. was heard to instruct the crews to aim at the centre of T.I.'s but to be certain not to overshoot. M.B. was loud and clear but there was too much time lost between instructions. Four-est M.B. yet heard by this crew. The attack appeared to be very good as far as it progressed.	3. E.
7th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'P' HQ.288.	J.87674 P/O WILSON, W.R.	-Capt.	1844.	0058.	Target: GOCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 8/10th cloud, tops 5500 ft., vis. fair. Attacked primary at 2219.2 hrs from 5000 ft., heading 057T., 155 mph. Some markers and at least one stick of bombs were noted to be short of the target. 2 large fires were noted spreading well in the immediate area of the markers. Bomber stream well concentrated. M.B. was unsatisfactory due to meagre instructions.	4. E.
7th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'G' HQ.347.	J.17000 P/L STEWART, R.C.	-Capt.	1843.	0140.	Target: GOCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 7000 ft., vis good above. Target not identified. M.B. not heard on Marconi clearly in target area. Believe he should have repeated his instructions. Got the 'cease bombing' at 2220 hrs. Fair amount of early bombing. Full load brought back as ordered. Believe time of take-off one hour later would have made it a successful target.	5. E.

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7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'H' NZ.317.	J.5819 P/L OBLINE, D.C.	- Capt.	1845.	0120.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis clear above. Bomb drops were spaced. Heard instructions from W/B. At this time W/B was ordered to bomb on fire. An orbit to be made. When this orbit was about 1/4th completed W/B was heard giving instructions to call of attack. Believe that if rain had been a little later the area would have been clear. Cloud encountered about 10 mi. short of target. Brought back full bomb load.	6. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'J' NF.956.	J.20845 P/L STORMS, J.L.	- Capt.	1840.	0122.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good above. Target not identified. W/B very faintly heard on Button G. not heard until 2225 instructing us to cease bombing when we were orbiting. Not heard to order A/O below cloud. Full bomb load brought back as ordered. Attacked on homeward trip by an E/AG, believed to be jet propelled. This E/AG is claimed as destroyed.	7. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'L' NF.957.	J.10123 P/L MacKAY, A.E.	- Capt.	1843.	0136.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis good above. Instructed by W/B not bomb so we returned to base with a full bomb load. Some bombs seen to explode and target was covered by large dull red glow. Starboard engine failed at 2045 hrs. Tactics satisfactory, but master bomber could not be heard.	8. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.423.	J.35282 P/O Roberts, W.E.	- Capt.	1848.	0115.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 7 to 8/10th cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis good above cloud. Identified target by GDS and glow over target. Bomb flashes seen, seemed fairly concentrated. We were instructed not to bomb. Tactics were satisfactory, but master bomber could not be heard until one minute before bombing time. Brought back full bomb load. Attacked on homeward trip by an enemy PW.190. This E/AG is claimed as destroyed.	9. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'P' LY.988.	J.22769 P/L Murphy, J.M.	- Capt.	1914.	0058.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 9/10th cloud, tops 7000 ft., vis. good above. Attacked primary at 2220.5 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 045T., 150mph. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s seen through hole in cloud. Master bomber jammed on both frequencies, but was heard to instruct to bomb on concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Unable to assess results. Colors of the day seen in channel.	10. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.14304 P/L Shaw, R.H.	- Capt.	1850.	0139.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 9/10th strata cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis. good. P.F.W. was accurate and plentiful, bombing seemed concentrated and accurate. Tactics satisfactory except we were ordered not to bomb except on W/B instructions. Did not receive instructions on time so did not bomb. returned to base with full bomb load. Attacked by enemy JRB on homeward route. Evasive action was taken and both gunners opened fire. No claims made.	11. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'S' LW.133.	J.25794 P/O Ayers, L.J.	- Capt.	1849.	0055.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 8/10th broken cloud, tops 7000 ft., vis. good above. Master Bomber not heard so brought back all bombs as ordered. There was a terrific amount of noise jamming. OUCH was off time. T.I.'s that were seen were very scattered.	12. E.

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7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'T' NF.942.	J.23070 P/L Gould, R.M.	- Capt.	1847.	0116.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 9000 ft., vis. poor. Target not identified. W/B heard to give instructions to bomb only on red and green T.I.'s. later in orbit he gave instructions to come down to 5000 ft. to bomb, then he was heard to call the raid off so we abandoned the mission. Brought back all bombs to base as ordered.	13. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'U' LW.130.	J.35266 P/O Wagar, T.C.	- Capt.	1907.	0056.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, bases 4 to 5000 ft., vis good beneath cloud. Identified target by T.I.'s, visually, and by GDS. Attacked primary at 2220.5 hrs from 4000 ft., heading 045T., 150 mph. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Marking plentiful and accurate. Bombing was accurate and concentrated. Smoke was rising to 2000 ft. above W/A. Tactics very good, an excellent attack.	14. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'W' NZ.355.	J.28712 P/O P.W. Millard.	- Capt.	1848.	0205.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, bases 4 to 5000 ft. Made two orbits in an endeavour to bomb the red or green T.I.'s as instructed by W/B but could not positively identify the T.I.'s. Raid called off. A few fires were seen, but there were absolutely no T.I.'s visible. Met was not as briefed. Brought back all bombs to base.	15. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'X' NF.943.	J.28286 P/L W.B. Brittain.	- Capt.	1841.	0207.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 9/10th to 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis. good above. Attacked primary at 2220.8 hrs from 12000 ft. heading 045T., 150mph. Bombed T.I.'s through a small break in the cloud. What bombing occurred appeared to be well placed. Tactics good. Encountered Flying Wing on route homeward which is claimed as destroyed by both gunners.	16. E.
7th. 8th. Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'Z' NF.148.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	1853.	0157.	Target: OUCH. Bomb load, same as 'O'. 10/10th cloud, tops 9 to 10000 ft., vis. good above. Raid was called off by the W/B who appeared to be late and was not at all clear. Tactics were satisfactory. Brought back all bombs to base.	17. E.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.22001 P/L Look, A.E.	- Capt.	1802.	0204.	Target: BOHEM. Bomb load, 1 x 1000 W. HE, TD.025 + 10 500 W. HE, TD.025. 9 to 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 2203.7 hrs from 20000 ft., heading 084T., 150mph. Bombed glow of T.I.'s green. Saw lots of dummy T.I.'s about 10 miles before reaching T/A. Saw one very large explosion at 2205 hrs through cloud. Immersion pumps in overload tanks went u/s. Landed at Juvincourt through shortage of petrol. Tactics were good.	1. E.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' NF.171.	J.5102 S/L Lawlor, R.J.	- Capt.	1755.	0144.	Target: BOHEM. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 7000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2202.5 hrs from 19800 ft., bombing 090T., 150mph. Bombed near edge of T.I.'s green. Bear Gunner saw large fires building up when we were 30 to 40 miles away from T/A homeward. Impossible to assess the raid. Landed away at Rye.	2. E.

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13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'E' NZ.452.	J.26757 P/L Tegardine, G.M.	- Capt.	1753.	0215.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, 8 x 5000 lb. ER. TD.025 + 4 x 3500 lb. ER. TD.025. 10/10th cloud, tops 7000 ft. Identified target by green glow reflection on Aloué target area. Attacked primary at 2204.5 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 078T., 170mph. Bombed green glow as instructed by the M/B. One explosion seen at 2202 hrs. and a huge orange explosion seen at 2205. TI's scattered over large area. Tactics excellent. Diverted to EYE.	3. P.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'J' NZ.956.	J.20845 P/L Storms, J.L.	- Capt.	1757.	0205.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 10000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2204 hrs. from 18500 ft., heading 100 true, 155mph. Bombed near edge of the glow of the Green TI's. on instructions from the M/B. Many Dummy TI's seen. A large bluish white explosion seen at 2206 hrs. A fair attack. Tactics very good. Landed at EYE.	4. E.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'L' NZ.957.	J.28296 P/L Archer, G.W.	- Capt.	1758.	0152.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 9/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 2205.6 hrs. from 19000 ft., heading 076T., 164 mph. Bombed near edge of glow on M/B's instructions. Marking was on time, but not sufficient and scattered. No results could be seen.	5. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.423.	G.35282 P/O Roberts, H.R.	- Capt.	1803.	0215.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 10/10th medium cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2204.4 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 075T., 155mph. Bombed near side of the glow of the fires on the instructions from the M/B. Large blue-white explosions seen at 2205.5 hrs & 2206 hrs. Nothing else to report during bombing. A/C stream seemed to be a little scattered. Diverted to EYE.	6. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'N' NZ.422.	J.25816 P/L Britton, W.B.	- Capt.	1759.	0227.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 10/10th med. cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis fair. Attacked primary at 2204.3 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 086T., 160mph. Bombed centre of flow of TI's red. M/B heard clear enough to understand his instructions. P.F.F. were scattered all over. Very difficult to assess raid. Tactics good. Diverted to EYE.	7. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Q' LV.942.	J.17000 P/L Stewart, R.O.	- Capt.	1817.	0223.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8000 ft., vis fair above. Attacked primary at 2203.9 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 078T., 155mph. Bombed near side of green glow as instructed by M/B. Bomb bursts seen, huge explosion at 2205 hrs. Raid appeared concentrated. Tactics fair. Diverted to EYE.	8. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' NZ.752.	J.35266 P/O Wagar, T.O.	- Capt.	1754.	0157.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis. moderate above cloud. Attacked primary at 2204.5 hrs from 19500 ft., heading 080T., 150mph. Bombed near edge of brightest orange glow on the cloud. Marking was punctual but scattered. Too much cloud to assess damage. Tactics didn't coincide with met. A very poor raid. Diverted to EYE.	9. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' LW.133.	J.25794 P/O Ayers, L.J.	- Capt.	1756.	0201.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 10/10th cloud, tops 7 to 8000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 2203 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 073T., 155mph. Bombed near edge of glow on M/B's instructions. Markers were spread over a 20 mile radius. Tactics were excellent. Landed at EYE.	10. F.

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13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'U' LW.130.	J.37990 P/O Mays, P.D.	- Capt.	1811.	0216.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis. slightly hazy above. Attacked primary at 2203.7 hrs. from 18500 ft., heading 064T., 155mph. Bombed centre of glow of green TI's on M/B's instructions. Marking was on time, but it was very scattered. A large amber explosion lasting 8 seconds seen at 2207 hrs. No other results could be seen. Tactics were very good. Diverted to EYE.	11. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'H' NZ.317.	J.28712 P/O Millard, P.W.	- Capt.	1801.	0220.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis fair above. Attacked primary at 2204.3 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 081T., 160mph. Bombed near edge of glow of green TI's on M/B's instructions. Many bomb flashes were seen also two vivid orange explosions at 2206 & 2207. The attack appeared to be fairly scattered. Hard to assess but feel that results will not be very satisfactory. Diverted to EYE.	12. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'K' NZ.941.	J.20385 P/L Towns, W.R.	- Capt.	1805.	0226.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 8 to 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 9000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 2210.5 hrs. from 17500 heading 127T., 160 mph. Bombed near edge of glow on instructions from M/B. No results seen except a pale orange explosion at 2206 hrs., lasting 8 seconds. Tactics were very good. Diverted to EYE.	13. F.
13th. 14th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Z' NZ.148.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	1815.	0157.	Target: BOHLER. Bomb load, same as 'E'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis. good above. Attacked primary at 2205 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 087T., 160 mph. Bombed near edge of glow of fires. Fires and explosions were spread over an area of about 5 miles. Considering the met, tactics were very good. Unless chance bombs fall on the designated A/P., it is thought the raid was a failure. Diverted to EYE.	14. F.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'P' NZ.171.	J.5819 P/L Collins, C.C.	- Capt.	1749.	0050.	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load, B.244 258329 + B.244 25844 + F.638/26 34502 + F.638/26 34507. (all U Res. 1000 lbs. each) 9/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft. Good vis. Mined at 2113 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 186T., 160mph. Released mines at 344357H., 125801H. Tactics very good. Only troubles experienced were met.	1. G.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'P' NZ.288.	J.10123 P/L MacKay, A.R.	- Capt.	1747.	0049.	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load, B.244 25835 + B.244 25838 + F.638/26 34502 + F.638/26 34520 + F.638/26 34523. (all U Res. 1000 lbs. each) 10/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft. Mined at 2110.2 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 182T., 160mph. Released mines at 344357H., 125801H. Tactics good.	2. G.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'O' NZ.814.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- Capt.	1748.	0115.	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load, B.244 25832 + B.244 25831 + F.638/26 34503 + F.638/26 34523 (all U Res. All 1800 lbs.) Mined at 2117.6 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 186T., 201 mph. released mines at 3443.45H., 1254.08H. Met was off. Tactics very good.	3. G.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'E' NZ.452.	J.26757 P/L Tegardine, G.M.	- Capt.	1748.	0115.	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load, B.244 25832 + B.244 25831 + F.638/26 34503 + F.638/26 34523 (all U Res. All 1800 lbs.) Mined at 2117.6 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 186T., 201 mph. released mines at 3443.45H., 1254.08H. Met was off. Tactics very good.	4. G.

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14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "P" LV.988.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V. - Capt.		1759.	2235.	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load. B244 27848 + B244 2837 + P638/26 34525 + P638/26 34514 + P638/26 34527. (All U Res. 1000 lbs. each). Abandoned mission at 2110 hrs. 0850Z, 2018 hrs., 10000 ft. due to unserviceability of B.2.S.	5. G.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "M" ME.422.	J.28286 S/L Brittain, W.B. - Capt.		1801.	???	Target: MINING. (Willow-One). Mine load. B244 27819 + B244 27799 + P638/26 34541 + P638/26 34515 (All Mk VII, U Res., 1800 lbs.). This crew and A/G failed to return from this operation.	6. G.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "M" ME.422.	J.23287 S/O Inch, W.A. - Capt.		1646.	0045.	Target: CHEMITEZ. Bomb load, 1 x 2000 HQ.NI. + 8 x no. 14 mk. 1 clusters. 10/10th cloud, tops 19000 ft., vis good above. Abandoned mission at 2111 hrs from 19700 ft., heading 345°. Attacked primary at 2111 hrs from 19700 ft., heading 345°, 157mph. M/B heard to instruct us to bomb Wanganui, but no flares of any kind could be seen so bombed the center of several fires. Tactics satisfactory. Landed at Hailworth.	1. H.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "M" ME.422.	J.26214 S/O Roy, W.S. - Capt.		1649.	???	Target: CHEMITEZ. Bomb load, same as "M". Failed to return from this operation.	2. H.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "E" ME.777.	J.21276 P/L Walker, W.M. - Capt.		1647.	0325.	Target: CHEMITEZ. Bomb load, same as "M". 10/10th patchy cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., hazy above cloud. Attacked primary at 2107.4 hrs from 20000 ft., heading 050°, 150mph. Bombed estimated position of Wanganui that was just disappearing in clouds. Marking on time, but insufficient. Fires were plentiful in target area. Tactics were good.	3. H.
14th. 15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "E" ME.452.	J.25816 P/L Britton, W.B. - Capt.		1645.	2322.	Target: MINING. (Oslo Fjord). Mine load. 1 x B230 + 1 x 0726 + 2 x B406 (all Q Res. 1800lbs each) Mined at 2020.2 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 358°, 157mph. 10/10th cloud, tops 4000 ft., vis good above cloud. Released mines at 202400Z, 102820Z. Landed at Charter Hall.	1. I.
15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "B" ME.171.	J.11076 P/L Garvin, E.J. - Capt.		1639.	2354.	Target: MINING. (Oslo Fjord). Mine load. 1 x 0726 + 1 x B230 + 2 x B406 (all Q Res. 1800 lbs. each) Mined at 2057.6 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 354°, 157mph. 9/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis good above cloud. Released 792401Z, 102820Z. Diverted to Charter Hall.	2. I.
15th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "E" ME.942.	J.35266 P/O Wagar, T.O. - Capt.		1641.	2318.	Target: MINING. (Oslo Fjord). Mine load. 1 x B230 + 1 x 0726 + 2 x B406. 10/10th cloud, tops 2 to 4000 ft., vis good above. Mined at 2021 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 353°, 157mph. Released mines at 202430Z, 102830Z. Tactics very good. We were diverted to Charter Hall.	3. I.
17th. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "P" ME.289.	J.26757 P/L Fogardine, G.M. - Capt.		1125.	1728.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, 7 x 500 GP. HR. TD.025 + 1 x 500 GP. HR. TD.025. 4 x 250 GP. HR. TD.025. 10/10th cloud above out height which was 29000 ft. Received orders from M/B to abandon mission at 1455 hrs. Jettisoned 4 x 250 + 1 x 500 at 1521Z, 0310Z, 1525.5 hrs from 5000 ft. Brought back 7 x 500lb. bombs. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	1. J.

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17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "O" ME.347.	J.37990 P/O Rye, P.D. - Capt.		1131.	1758.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, 8 x 500 GP. HR. TD.025 + 4 x 250 GP. HR. TD.025. 10/10th cloud, tops 15 to 18000 ft., vis nil. Master bomber ordered us to abandon the mission. Brought back the full bomb load. Hydraulics leaking, U/S. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	2. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "J" ME.976.	J.20845 P/L Stornes, J.L. - Capt.		1149.	1719.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, tops 8000 ft., vis fair. M/B issued order to abandon mission at 17000 hrs. Brought back 8 x 500 GP. + 4 x 250 GP. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	3. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "K" LV.966.	J.20383 P/L Towns, W.B. - Capt.		1146.	1738.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 10000 ft., vis poor. Received order to abandon mission from M/B. Landed on 3 engines, went through fence and tore off H2S blister. Brought back full bomb load as ordered. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	4. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "L" ME.971.	J.28296 P/L Archer, G.W. - Capt.		1133.	1717.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "P". 10/10th cloud, vis. nil. At 1458 hrs. M/B gave the order 'Abandon Mission'. Jettisoned 4 x 250 lb. and 1 x 500 lb. LD. EXCEED at 1518Z, 0311Z, 1523.5 hrs from 10000 ft. Brought back 7 x 500 lb. Landed at Middleton St. George.	5. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "M" ME.423.	J.10123 P/L MacKay, A.E. - Capt.		1147.	1725.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, tops 19000 ft., vis good. M/B called off raid. Jettisoned safe at 1520Z, 0310Z, 1625 hrs. from 10000 ft. BX 4 x 250 lb. brought back 8 x 500 lb. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	6. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "O" ME.814.	J.28787 P/O Inch, W.A. - Capt.		1142.	1730.	Target: WESSEL. BOMB Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, vis nil. Attack called off by M/B at 1500 hrs. Brought back all bombs as ordered. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	7. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "P" LV.988.	J.23070 P/L Gould, R.M. - Capt.		1149.	1737.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, vis was poor. Master bomber called off raid. All bombs jettisoned safe in jettison area at 1557 hrs from 4000 ft.	8. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "E" ME.777.	J.28712 P/O Millard, P.W. - Capt.		1135.	1802.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "O". 10/10th cloud, vis. poor. Master bomber called off the attack at 1500 hrs. All bombs brought back. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	9. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "S" ME.133.	J.26232 P/O Bell, J.I. - Capt.		1151.	1758.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "P". Abandon mission received at 1508 hrs. Jettisoned 1 x 500 GP + 1 x 500 LB at 1521Z, 0308Z, 1605 hrs from 8000 ft. Diverted Middleton St. George.	10. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "X" ME.941.	J.21276 P/L Walker, W.M. - Capt.		1140.	1754.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "P". 10/10th cloud, tops 19000 ft., vis good above. Master bomber called off attack. 4 x 250 lb. jettisoned in jettison area at 1557 hrs 6000 ft. Remainder of bomb load brought back.	11. J.
17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. "Z" ME.148.	J.3695 P/O Mulholland, J.V. - Capt.		1139.	1747.	Target: WESSEL. Bomb load, same as "P". 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft and above. vis. nil. Attack called off by M/B. Jettisoned 4 x 250 lb., 1 x 500 LB. at 1521Z, 0320Z, 1556 hrs from 6000 ft., remainder of load brought back.	12. J.

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17th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.25794 P/O Ayers, L.J.	- Capt.	1137.	1727.	Target: WESSER. Bomb load, same as 'G'. 10/10th layered cloud above, height at 15000 ft. Ordered to abandon mission by W.B. at 1508 hrs. Brought back entire load of bombs. Diverted to Middleton St. George.	13. J.
18th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' NZ.171.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- Capt.	1552.	2208.	Target: MINING. (Yewtree Area) Mine load, D410 + C308 + G706 + G718 (all Mk. VIII U Res., 1800 lbs.) 10/10th cloud, base about 4000 ft., vis. nil. Mined at 190100 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 1907, 187mph. Released mines at 173030N., 104200E. Tactics satisfactory except that it was difficult to find the wind at height in short time allotted.	K. K.
18th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'F' NZ.942.	J.28616 P/L Britton, W.B.	- Capt.	1551.	2157.	Target: MINING (Yewtree Area) Mine load, D410 + C308 + G706 + G718 (all Mk. VIII U Res., 1800 lbs.) 10/10th cloud, tops above 10000 ft., vis. nil. Mined at 1856 hrs from 10000 ft., heading 1907, 187mph. Released mines at 173030N., 104200E. The bearing plate on our H2S was loose. Tactics good, weather bad.	2. K.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.14304 P/L Shaw, R.H.	- Capt.	2145.	0439.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, 8 x 500 GP. MC. TD. 025. + 4 x 250 GP. TI. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 0140.3 hrs from 16000 ft., heading 2877, 157mph. Bombed centre of glow of red TI's. Marking was concentrated and sufficient. Large red explosion seen at 0146 hrs. Too early to assess results.	1. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' NZ.171.	J.10133 P/O Ganderton, F.F.	- Capt.	2143.	0505.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4000 ft., vis excellent above cloud. Attacked primary at 0141.5 hrs from 15500 ft., heading 3807, 157mph. Bombed near edge of glow from red TI's. Marking concentrated and sufficient. Bombing appeared to be close to markers.	2. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'F' NZ.288.	J.89647 P/O Wilson, W.R.	- Capt.	2144.	0429.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 0142 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 2871, 160mph. Bombed centre of concentration of red TI's, checked on GBS. One large explosion seen at 0142 hrs. Bomb bursts seen in the target area.	3. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'G' NZ.347.	J.17000 P/L Stewart, R.C.	- Capt.	2139.	0435.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th thin cloud, tops 4500 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 0140.3 hrs from 14500 ft., heading 300 true, 167mph. Bombed centre of 2 TI's red. Bombing appeared well concentrated on the markers. Explosions noted in the T/A at 0141 hrs. Tactics satisfactory.	4. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'H' NZ.317.	J.20845 P/L Storms, J.L.	- Capt.	2205.	0507.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 3 to 4000 ft., vis very clear. Attacked primary at 0141.9 hrs from 14000 ft., heading 2987, 175mph. Bombed near edge of glow from red and green TI's. Marking was sufficient and concentrated. Large white explosion lasting 5 seconds seen at 0143 hrs. Bombing was concentrated. Tactics good, good prang.	5. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.423.	J.28296 P/L Archer, G.W.	- Capt.	2142.	0426.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 8 to 10/10th cloud, tops 4000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 0139.12 hrs from 16000 ft., heading 2907, 167mph. Bombed centre of concentration of red TI's. Smoke seen rising from target. Tactics good, TI's were well concentrated.	6. L.

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20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'O' NZ.814.	J.38385 P/O Wall, R.D.	- Capt.	2150.	0437.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 10000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 0144 hrs from 15500 ft., heading 2767, 180mph. Bombed near edge of reflected glow on TI's red. Marking was plentiful and concentrated. Bombing appeared well centred on the marking. 4 or 5 large explosions noted on run up. Tactics good.	7. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'P' NZ.988.	J.20385 P/L Towns, W.R.	- Capt.	2140.	0432.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 8 to 10/10th cloud, 8. L. tops 5000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 0143.5 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 286true, 160mph. Bombed centre of concentration of red TI's. Two large orange explosions which blotted out the TI's seen at 0143 hrs and 0143.20 hrs. Bombing concentrated around TI's. Concentration of A/G good over T/A.	8. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Q' NZ.942.	J.37990 P/O Kaye, P.D.	- Capt.	2151.	0435.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4500 ft., vis clear above. Attacked primary at 0140 hrs from 14500 ft., heading 286 T., 170mph. Bombed centre of bright glow of red TI's. Marking sufficient and concentrated. Huge hollow of smoke (greyish black) seen rising through cloud from target. 4 x 500 and 4x250 hung up at target. Jettisoned safe in jettison area at 0307hrs from 6000 ft. Tactics good.	9. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' NZ.755.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- Capt.	2141.	0423.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 3 to 4000 ft., vis excellent above cloud. Attacked primary at 0148.5 hrs from 14000 ft., heading 8967, 180mph. Marking was concentrated and ample. Large explosions seen drowning out red TI's for about 20 seconds. Tactics satisfactory.	10. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' NZ.133.	J.28387 P/O Inch, W.A.	- Capt.	2152.	0435.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Attacked primary at 0141 hrs from 15800 ft., heading 2847, 157mph. Bombed near edge of glow of red TI's reflected on cloud. Checked with GBS. There was 8/10th cloud with tops 5000 ft. over target. Bomb bursts seen in the T/A. Tactics quite good.	11. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'T' NZ.942.	J.22764 P/L Murphy, J.M.	- Capt.	2147.	???	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. This A/C failed to return from this operation.	12. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'X' NZ.941.	J.21276 P/L Walker, W.M.	- Capt.	2140.	0432.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 0145.6 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 2927, 160mph. Bombed centre of glow of red and green TI's reflected on cloud. 2 large explosions seen at 0144 & 0143 hrs. Attack appeared very good. Had a combat with an unidentified enemy fighter on homeward track. This A/C is claimed as destroyed.	13. L.
20th. 21st. Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Z' NZ.148.	J.36985 P/O Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	2146.	0450.	Target: MINING. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 4 to 5000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 0147.6 hrs from 14500 ft., heading 2887, 157mph. Bombed concentration of TI's, which were plentiful and well concentrated. TI's were actually visible through thin cloud at the time of bombing. Damaged by heavy flak at 5040N., 0506E., 0158.5 hrs., 14500 ft., heading 2637, 180mph. Tactics were good, bomber stream very well concentrated.	14. L.

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21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.14304. P/L Shaw, R.E.	- Capt.	1641.	2336.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, 1 x 2000 H.U.N.Y. + 8 x No. 15 clusters. 1. M. Attacked primary at 2041.3 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 048T., 170mph. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s. P.F.P. was about 2 min. late. Bombing was concentrated but somewhat short. Tactics were generally good.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'B' NZ.432.	J.26757. P/L Tegardine, G.M.	- Capt.	1629.	2339.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, vis. good. 2. M. Attacked primary at 2042 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 048T., 173 mph. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s with one red T.I. in the concentration. Marking concentrated and sufficient but soon obliterated by smoke and fires. Most of the bombing was fairly well concentrated. Fires were visible for 85 miles after leaving T.I.s. Attacked by enemy fighter in target area. This E/AO was identified as an ME110 and is claimed as damaged.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'P' NZ.288.	J.89447. P/O Wilson, W.R.	- Capt.	1623.	????.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Failed to return. Classified missing.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'Q' NZ.347.	J.20385. P/L Towns, W.E.	- Capt.	1620.	2333.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, vis. good. 4. M. Attacked primary at 2042 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 047T., 160 mph. Bombed centre of down wind edge of smoke and fires. T.I.'s were seen on run in, but were obscured by smoke at time of bombing. Main fires were concentrated around the markers. Tactics were good. We were attacked by an unidentified E/AO in the target area. Fighter seen to burst into flames and strike the ground. Claimed as destroyed.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'H' NZ.317.	J.28296. P/L Archer, G.W.	- Capt.	1631.	2335.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Clear cloud, slight haze, vis. good. Attacked primary at 2040.5 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 050T., 160mph. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s. Green T.I.'s were well concentrated. Concentration of bombs was just a little short of the markers. Very congested on the target, but otherwise tactics were good. Fires were burning well and should be a successful attack.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'J' NZ.956.	J.20645. P/L Storms, J.L.	- Capt.	1637.	2342.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Slight ground haze, vis. 10 to 15 miles. Attacked primary at 2038 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 043T., 190mph. Bombed centre of concentration of green T.I.'s. P.F.P. well concentrated. One large chimney seen. Fires seen to be taking hold. If P.F.P. on time, it was a very good raid. Tactics good.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'G' NZ.814.	J.28712. P/O Millard, B.W.	- Capt.	1635.	2355.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Clear cloud, vis. fair. 7. M. Attacked primary at 2040.3 hrs from 19000 ft., heading 048T., 160mph. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s. Bombing was generally concentrated, although a few incendiaries were short. Numerous fires developing well. Great deal of smoke and two large explosions at 2030 & 2032 hrs. Tactics were very good.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'K' LV.942.	J.28387. P/O Inch, W.A.	- Capt.	1631.	2352.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, vis. good. 8. M. Attacked primary at 2036.3 hrs from 18500 ft., heading 054T., 155mph. Bombed red and green T.I.'s. Marking was sufficient and concentrated. There was a large area of fire around the markers and heavy bombs seemed well concentrated. Tactics were good. A very good attack.	

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21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'R' NZ.755.	J.37990. P/O Kaye, F.D.	- Capt.	1627.	2332.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, vis. clear. 9. M. Attacked primary at 2036 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 030T., 160mph. Bombed centre of concentration of red T.I.'s red and green. P.F.P. marking was very good, it appeared accurate & bombing seemed to be well concentrated around it. On leaving target, fires with black smoke were starting to build up in the area. Tactics poor on return, a definite danger of collision existed. An unidentified enemy fighter attacked us and was claimed destroyed.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'S' NZ.133.	R.189356 P/S McRae, R.L.	- Capt.	1647.	2347.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Clear cloud, vis. good. 10. M. Attacked primary at 2036 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 047T., 155mph. Bombed red T.I.'s. Bombing was generally concentrated on the T.I.'s, although some incendiaries were undershooting. Fires were starting to develop. Tactics were good and concentration on the target was good.	
21st Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'X' NZ.941.	J.2619. P/L Collins, G.C.	- Capt.	1619.	2334.	Target: WORKS. Bomb load, same as 'A'. Slight haze, vis. 20 miles. Attacked primary at 2037 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 044T., 160 mph. Bombed centre of concentration of green T.I.'s. P.F.P. was 3 minutes late, but it was well concentrated. 2 large fires seen in the target area. Tactics very good.	
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'B' NZ.432.	J.26757 P/L Tegardine, G.M.	- Capt.	1152.	1812.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, 1 x 2000 H.U.N.Y. + 12 x No. 14 clusters. 1. N. 10/10th cloud above and below, vis 1000 yds. Attacked primary at 1507.7 hrs from 17200 ft., heading 047T., 155mph. Solid cloud, no markers seen. Other aircraft were bombing at the same time. Timing was generally poor.	
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'G' NZ.347.	J.10133 W/O Gauderton, V.F.	- Capt.	1152.	1812.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud above and below, vis poor. Attacked primary at 1508 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 048T., 155mph. No markers seen and cloud prevented any estimate of success. Gangle was very good and tactics were fine.	
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'H' NZ.317.	R.189356 P/S McRae, R.L.	- Capt.	1155.	1808.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 10000 ft. Attacked primary at 1508.4 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 030T., 160mph. Good concentration of bombs seen to cascade simultaneously. A good tight gaggle.	
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'J' NZ.956.	J.20885 P/L Storms, J.L.	- Capt.	1205.	1758.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft. Attacked primary at 1508.7 hrs from 15500 ft., heading 047T., 155mph. Good concentration of bombs seen going down. Good concentration of A/O over target. Gangle no good for this type of weather.	
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax III. 'K' LV.956.	J.26232 P/L Bell, J.I.	- Capt.	1202.	1753.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'B'. 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis poor. Attacked primary at 1508.7 hrs from 15500 ft., heading 047 true, 155mph. Nothing could be seen because of cloud. Weather seemed to be the difficulty. Gangle didn't seem to form up very well but on the target it was pretty good.	

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23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'L' NF.977.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- capt.	1152.	1806.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis poor. Attacked primary at 1510 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 047°, 160 mph. One sky marker seen but it looked very much like a Scarecrow. No fire glows seen through cloud. No smoke seen from gaggle leader and the formation was badly spread.	6. N.
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.423	J.38385 P/O Wall, R.G.	- capt.	1157.	1810.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, above 6 below. Attacked primary at 1508.5 hrs from 16700 ft., heading 050° T., 165 mph. No markers seen. Good concentration at A/C many of whom were bombing at the same time as us. No results seen. Timing generally appeared early.	7. N.
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Q' LV.942.	J.25816 P/L Britton, W.B.	- capt.	1149.	1773.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, tops 13000 ft., vis poor, heavy above cloud. Attacked primary at 1508 hrs from 16000 ft., heading 047°, 155 mph. No P.V.P. marking seen. P/A was completely obscured by cloud. Bombing results could not be assessed.	8. N.
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' NF.755.	J.28587 P/O Inch, W.A.	- capt.	1150.	1802.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis poor. Attacked primary at 1508 hrs from 16100 ft., heading 047°, 155 mph. No sky markers seen. Nothing could be seen below. Gaggle slow in forming up, but good afterwards.	9. N.
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'S' LV.133.	J.36985 P/L Mulholland, J.V.	- capt.	1154.	1757.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis poor. Attacked primary at 1508.8 hrs from 15700 ft., heading 048° T., 165 mph. Good concentration of bombs seen cascading. Gaggle leader was away off track, his timing was poor.	10. N.
23rd Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'X' NF.941.	J.21276 P/L Walker, W.M.	- capt.	1153.	1819.	Target: ESSEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th thick cloud, tops all to 12000 ft vis heavy above. Attacked primary at 1508.3 hrs from 15700 ft., heading 047°, 155 mph. Target completely obscured, but there were many A/C bombing at the same time. Tactics fairly satisfactory. Nothing seen to assess.	11. N.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NF.911.	J.14304 P/L Shaw, E.H.	- capt.	12 55	1921.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, 8 x 500 AMB4 TB.025 + 8 x 250 GP.ME. 10/10th cloud, tops 5 to 6000 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 1649.4 hrs from 16000 ft., heading 110°, 155 mph. Nothing could be seen through cloud. Tactics good. Gaggle was too tight.	1. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'B' NR.171.	J.10133 W/O Canderton, V.F.	- capt.	1238.	1410.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. Landed at Carnaby due to engine trouble. Landed on two engines.	2. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'E' NZ.432.	J.26757 P/L Tegardine, G.M.	- capt.	1248.	1815.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 7000 ft., bases 4000 ft. Attacked primary at 16000 ft., 1648 hrs, heading 121°, 155 mph. Bombing widely scattered. These raids not effective with 10/10th cloud and small targets. Fighter cover was very good.	3. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'G' EG.347.	J.17000 P/L Stewart, E.G.	- capt.	1311.	1945.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6000 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 1649.0 hrs from 16700 ft., heading 138° true, 165 mph. No results could be seen below the cloud. No other comments.	4. O.

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24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'H' NZ.317.	R.189356 P/S Moras, R.L.	- Capt.	1259.	1940.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'R'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 1649.4 hrs from 17100 ft., heading 121°, 160 mph. No marking seen. On leaving P/A at 1654 hrs., black smoke mushroomed through the cloud about 1000 ft. and was still visible 15 mins. later.	5. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'J' NF.926.	J.20845 P/L Storms, J.L.	- Capt.	1317.	1925.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5 to 6000 ft., vis excellent. Attacked primary at 1649.5 hrs from 15000 ft., heading 0900 T., 155 mph. Nothing seen below the cloud. Tactics good.	6. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'K' LV.996.	J.20385 P/L Towns, W.E.	- Capt.	1302.	1926.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis good above cloud. Attacked primary at 1649.5 hrs from 15700 ft., heading 117°, 155 mph. P/A completely obscured by cloud. Instigated by W/R to bomb on Nav. side. Tactics O.K. Had to take action to avoid falling bombs.	7. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'U' NF.957.	J.38385 P/O Wall, R.G.	- Capt.	1300.	1930.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 12000 ft., vis very good above cloud. Attacked primary at 1650 hrs from 16000 ft., heading 1107°, 160 mph. No markers were seen and no results seen. Whole force appeared to be bombing at the same time. Co-ordinates showed us to be bang on the RIP.	8. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'W' NZ.423.	J.26232 P/O Bell, J.I.	- Capt.	1312.	1947.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 10000 ft. Attacked primary at 1649.5 hrs from 16700 ft., heading 1107°, 155 mph. Bombing very wide spread and not at all concentrated. A/C were dropping bombs while banking. Considered a very poor raid.	9. O.
24th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.28712 P/O Millard, P.W.	- Capt.	1319.	1942.	Target: KAMEN. Bomb load, same as 'X'. 10/10th cloud, tops 6 to 8000 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 1650 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 1107°, 155 mph. Good concentration of A/C over target. Gaggle excellent, bombing appeared concentrated, should have had a GEE line to bomb on.	10. O.
25th 26th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.5819 P/L Collins, G.C.	- Capt.	1709.	2318.	Target: Mining. (Polyanthus area) Mine load, 1 x B244 + 1 x B244 + 2 x B238 (each 1800 lbs. Mk. VII. 2 Res) Mined at 2005.30 hrs for first 3 mines, 2012.30 for fourth mine. Mined from 3000 ft., heading 248°, 175 mph. Released mines at 2026.08 hrs. 0849 hrs. Tactics good Target very difficult to identify. Nil cloud, vis clear.	1. P.
25th 26th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'L' NF.957.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- Capt.	1703.	2319.	Target: Mining. (Polyanthus area) Mine load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, Bright Moon, 3 to 5 miles visibility. Mined at 2006.30 hrs from 3000 ft., heading 242°, 184 mph. Released mines at 2026.00 hrs, 082500 hrs. Mines were seen to open and were seen falling almost to water landing in the proper places. Tactics were very good.	2. P.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25th 26th Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.823.	J.20845. P/L Sterne, J.L.	- Capt.	1647.	0005.	Target: MINING (Polyanthus Area) Mine load, same as 'A'. Mined at 201403 hrs from 3000 ft., heading 155T., 183 mph. Released mines at 201403 hrs from 3000 ft., heading 155T., 183 mph. Clear sky, visibility unlimited. Tactics and mining run was good. No orbit was necessary.	3. P.
25th 26th Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.755.	J.36985. P/L Mulholland, J.V.	- Capt.	1636.	2340.	Target: MINING (Polyanthus Area) Mine load, same as 'A'. Nil cloud, visibility unlimited. Mined visually and checked on E2S. Mined at 200003 hrs from 3000 ft., heading 165T., 185 mph. The tactics were very good.	4. P.
25th 26th Feb., 45.	Halifax. III. 'X' NP.941.	J.21276. P/L Walker, W.M.	- Capt.	1704.	2354.	Target: MINING (Polyanthus Area) Mine load same as 'A' 1 x B244 + 3 x B538. (All mk. VII. G. Res. 1800 lbs.) Clear cloud, vis. very good. Mined at 202326 hrs from 3200 ft., heading 079T., 180mph. Tactics good. Orbited several times to make sure of pin-point. Three trains seen moving into the town of Barbu at 2015 hrs.	5. P.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'A' NZ.823.	J.89878 P/O Murray, D.W.	- Capt.	1235.	1932.	Target: MAINE. Bomb load, 1 x 2000 HJ.NI. + 12 x no. 14. mk. IV clusters. 10/10th cloud, tops 5000 ft., vis good. Attacked primary at 1631 hrs from 18000 ft., heading 085T., 155mph. Bombed two green smoke puffs seen at bombing time. Route and tactics O.K. Marking could have been better. Not a good raid, but hard to assess due to cloud.	1. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'H' NZ.317.	J.22001 P/L Lock, A.E.	- Capt.	1238.	1938.	Target: MAINE. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 9000 ft., vis very good above. Attacked primary at 1631 hrs from 17500 ft., heading 102T., 155mph. Bombed centre of two green smoke puffs. Nothing seen but cloud. P.F.P. late. The M/B clearly heard to instruct to bomb green T1. Good Tactics.	2. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'M' NZ.423.	J.20385 P/L Towne, W.E.	- Capt.	1234.	1930.	Target: MAINE. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 9000 ft., vis clear above. Attacked primary at 1631 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 100T., 155mph. Bombed centre of green puffs. Nothing at all to report owing to target being completely obscured by the cloud. Tactics were quite satisfactory.	3. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'Q' LV.9 42.	J.90891 P/O Pearson, R.H.	- Capt.			Failed to take off; runway unserviceable.	4. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'R' NZ.755.	J.26232 P/L Bell, J.L.	- Capt.	1237.	1936.5	Target: MAINE. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 9000ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 1629.7 hrs from 17000 ft., heading 102T., 155mph. Bombed edge of green smoke puffs to port. M/B was low and clear. IFEX P.F.P. had dropped their green smoke puffs on time would have been good raid.	5. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'I' NP.941.	J.38385 P/O Wall, R.C.	- Capt.	1236.	1936.	Target: MAINE. Bomb load, same as 'A'. 10/10th cloud, tops 8 to 10000 ft., vis good above. Attacked primary at 1632.8 hrs from 18200 ft., heading 102T., 155mph. Bombed cluster of three green smoke puffs. Ground detail completely obscured in 1/4. Bombing concentration only considered fair. Fighter cover good.	6. Q.
27th Feb., 1945.	Halifax. III. 'L' NP.957.	J.11036 P/L Garvin, R.J.	- Capt.			Non starter, runway unserviceable.	7. Q.

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