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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.657	Sgt. Adams, H. J. ¹¹⁰⁷ P/O Hyden, P. ^{NAV.} Sgt. Hurrell, S. B. ¹⁰⁵⁴ Sgt. Price, O. J. ^{W. O. P.} Sgt. Clarke, M. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Reed, S. J. ^{AG.} Sgt. James, P. F. ^{R.A.C.}	Bombing ST. NAZAIRE.	1923	0212	Target was attacked at 22.30 hours and was bombed from a height of 16000 feet. Identified by red and green markers which were in bombsight at time of release. Own bomb bursts were not observed and no fires were seen whilst over the target, but the glow of two large fires could be seen later after the aircraft had left the T/A. Good photograph taken showing Docks and T.I. markers. Weather - clear-No. cloud.	
2/4/43	Halifax II. DT.771	Sgt. Dane, G. H. ^{Pilot} Sgt. Goddard, R. G. ^{NAV.} Sgt. Adams, L. ¹⁰⁷⁸ Sgt. Pople, J. W. ^{W/O P.} Sgt. Mimmitt, A. C. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Beatson, A. ^{AG.} Sgt. Webb, F. W. ^{AG.}	Bombing ST. NAZAIRE.	1924	0206	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 22.27 hours, being identified by PFF red and green markers. Centre of Red T.I. Markers in bombsight when bombing was carried out and own bombs believed to have fallen close to the markers. No fires were burning whilst over the target but were observed later as the aircraft was proceeding on the homeward journey, about 20 minutes after leaving the T/A. Low thin cloud hung over the target area, may have been smoke. This aircraft was hopelessly lost at one time owing to a probable combination of faulty navigation and a possible steering of the wrong course by the pilot, but came within "Gee" range again and landed safely at base.	
2/4/43.	Halifax II. DT.768	Sgt. Illingsworth, W. W. ^{Pilot} Sgt. Lacey, A. C. ^{NAV.} P/O Dixon, H. D. ¹⁰⁷⁸ Sgt. Thomas, E. G. ^{W/O P.} Sgt. Woodhall, R. F. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Watkins, D. A. ^{AG.} Sgt. Patton, G. W. ^{AG.}	Bombing ST. NAZAIRE.	1922	0133	Target was attacked and bombed at 22.23 hours from a height of 14000 feet. Identified by T.I. Red and Green markers and also visually by the river. Red markers were in the bombsight when bombs were released and own bombs seen to burst near the stern red marker. Aircraft arrived early over the target and no fires had been set alight but after leaving the target area two fires were seen. One was much larger than the other and the glow of the flames could be seen when leaving the North French Coast. Successful photograph taken showing smoke screen and T.I. markers. No Cloud- slight haze over target area.	

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2/4/43	Halifax II. DT.775	Sgt. Bragg, R.E. CAPT Sgt. Farrell, J.M. NAV Sgt. Gell, H.E. NAV Sgt. Matchee, R.E. NAV Sgt. Williams, H. NAV Sgt. Reed, V.A. NAV Sgt. Kew, A.A. NAV	Bombing ST. NAZAIRE.	1935	0144	Target was attacked and bombed from 15000 feet at 22.23 hours, being identified by HE green markers and visually by the Estuary. Markers were in the bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. Two fires were seen both having quite a good hold. Successful photograph taken showing open country and ground detail around the docks area. Clear with good visibility.	
3/4/43	Halifax II. HR.659	P/L. Mortenson, G. CAPT S/L. McGiffin, (2nd Pilot) P/O. Fry, R. NAV P/O. Fisher, H.G. NAV Sgt. Steven, A. NAV Sgt. Bell, J. NAV P/L. Short, S. NAV Sgt. Minshaw, L. NAV	Bombing	1939	0043	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2153 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Ident. by red and green markers, and bombs were dropped in centre of shattered concentration of green markers. As aircraft left T/A at 2300 hours, large explosion seen N. of base and scattered fires in T/A. Weather: Heavy ground haze, clear.	
3/4/43	Halifax II HR.657	P/L. Read, R. CAPT S/L. Shalfoon, (2nd Pilot) Sgt. Freeman, J. NAV Sgt. Baldwin, H. NAV Sgt. Lewis, H. NAV Sgt. Giddings, J. NAV Sgt. McQueen, J. NAV Sgt. Waite, A. NAV	Bombing	1938	0024	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2154 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Ident. by red and green markers, Bombed on red ground markers. Own results not observed. A number of fires seen catching hold as A/C left for base, with a pall of smoke rising 1000 feet. Fires concentrated in vicinity of ground markers. Weather: NO cloud, industrial haze. Successful photo taken.	
3/4/43	Halifax II JE.656	Sgt. Wright, T. CAPT Sgt. Mackie, S. NAV Sgt. Matthews, H. NAV Sgt. Dingle, R. NAV Sgt. Jackson, S. NAV Sgt. Robson, T. NAV Sgt. Berrington, W. NAV	Bombing	1940	0109	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2158 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Ident. by red and green markers. Bombed on red and green markers close together. One HE seen to explode. About a dozen fires counted in area marked by HE and one large red explosion seen in T/A at 2211. Weather: Clear with slight haze. Successful photo taken showing ground detail.	
3/4/43	Halifax II DT.775	P/S. Marshall, O. CAPT P/O. Gibbon, B. NAV P/O. Reid, W. NAV Sgt. Sanson, J. NAV Sgt. Abbott, D. NAV Sgt. Bell, H. NAV Sgt. Lee, B. NAV	Bombing	1944	0059	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2205 hours from a height of 19500 feet. Target located by 3 green and 2 red markers and by large fires. Owing to being held in cone of S/Ls. bombs were released short of A/P. Large fires seen as A/C was leaving T/A. A number of bursts, possibly 8000lb. seen in built up area. Weather: Clear, no haze.	

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2/4/43.	Halifax 11. JB.845.	E/L. Richardson, T. 127293. F/O. Allberry, O.R. NAV. 1338395. Sgt. Kornick, T. 12818. 42298. F/O. Shadwell, L. 1411. R. 70006. Sgt. Dunlop, R. 1282253. Sgt. Webb, P. 539591. Sgt. McCormick, J.R. A/N.	Bombing CAPT.	2000		This aircraft after took off at 2000 hours. Since that time nothing further has been heard of either aircraft or crew it is therefore presumed missing.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11. W.7937.	125685. P/O. Forster, T. 122588. Sgt. Sandall, G. 122559. P/O. Jamieson, H. 122222. Sgt. Drury, E. 212431. Sgt. Hodgson, W. 1213920. Sgt. Wayne, O. 1545156. Sgt. Thornton, M.V. A/N.	Bombing CAPT.	1945		This aircraft was airborne from BIRTON at 1945 hours. Since that time no further news has been heard of either aircraft or crew. It is therefore presumed missing.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11. JB.857.	Sgt. Williams, P. P/O. Hyden, P. Sgt. McCarty, T. Sgt. Spencer, W. Sgt. Mitchell, B. Sgt. Goods, D. Sgt. Swoffer, R.	Bombing NAV. A/N. A/N. A/N. A/N.	1957	0115	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2205 hours from a height of 20500 feet. Target ident. by TI ground markers. Bombed on these but own results not observed. One large fire seen as A/O was on bombing run. Many scattered fires seen over T/A. Attack concentrated. Intense flak encountered. Weather no low cloud. Good vis. with ground haze. photo taken showing faint ground detail.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11. W.7928.	Sgt. Cobb, J. P/O. Coles, A. Sgt. Russell, S. Sgt. Collinge, T. Sgt. Beech, P. Sgt. Robertson, J. Sgt. Fisher, M.	Bombing CAPT. NAV. A/N. A/N. A/N.	1936	0000	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2151 hours from a height of 20000 feet. Ident. by PFF red-TI markers and bombed these. Own results not observed. Two fires seen approx. 2 miles S of T/A. Some incendiaries dropped away from markers but bombing chiefly around markers. Weather: No cloud, very slight haze.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11.	22222. Sgt. Bennett, S. W. Hargrave, S. Sgt. Hatfield, P. Sgt. May, P. Sgt. Righteen, E. Sgt. Evans, H. Sgt. Barrett, S. Sgt. Osler, T.	Bombing CAPT. (and Pilot) NAV. BOMB. A/N. A/N. A/N.	1941	0055	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 2158 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Target located by PFF markers and bombed on green and red TI markers. A number of good fires were seen catching hold as A/O left T/A and they appeared to be in vicinity of ground markers. Glow seen from Dutch coast on return. Large explosion seen at 2200 hours and another at 2221 hours. Weather: No cloud, usual Thur haze.	

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3/4/43.	Halifax 11 DT.771.	Sgt. Bragg, R. <i>CAPT</i> Sgt. Farrell, J. <i>NAU</i> Sgt. Gell, H. <i>SO/TS</i> Sgt. Matches, R. <i>W/O</i> Sgt. Williams, H. <i>ENG</i> Sgt. Reed, V. <i>A/G</i> Sgt. Row, A. <i>A/G</i>	Bombing	1943	0115	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0208 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Target ident. by PFF green markers. Green markers in bomb sight at time of release but own results not seen. Mass on incends. seen starting to burn in 1st over target. Large fires seen burning from Dutch coast on return. Slight damage to Starboard wing by flak. Weather: Fair visibility with slight ground haze. Successful photo take showing smoke from markers and bomb falling.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11 DT.780.	<i>W/O</i> Blach, G. <i>CAPT</i> 1235128 Sgt. Cooper, E. O. <i>NAU</i> S/L Bouchier (2nd Pilot) 1265116 Sgt. Ingles, W. <i>SO/TS</i> 1255426 Sgt. Howard, H. <i>W/O</i> 1259540 Sgt. Parker, A. <i>ENG</i> 987354 Sgt. Wright, A. <i>A/G</i> 1238453 Sgt. Stas, L. <i>A/G</i>	Bombing	1943		This aircraft was airborne at 1948 hours. Since that time no further news has been heard of either aircraft or crew.	
3/4/43.	Halifax 11 DT.777.	F/L. Dourse, A. P. <i>CAPT</i> Sgt. Kerchaw, J. <i>NAU</i> Sgt. Thompson, H. E. <i>SO/TS</i> Sgt. Langford, P. <i>W/O</i> Sgt. Slater, P. <i>ENG</i> P/O Orr, A. N. <i>A/G</i> Sgt. Hoare, A. <i>A/G</i>	Bombing	1943	0108	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0204 hours from a height of 18000 feet. Ident. by PFF markers and bombed on concentration of 3 red markers close together. Half dozen good fires getting good hold seen and some light scattered bombing in 3/4s area to N. of T/A. Weather: Clear, some haze. Successful photo taken.	
4/4/43.	Halifax 11 DT.659.	F/L. Mortenson, G. <i>CAPT</i> Sgt. Adams, H. J. (2nd Pilot) P/O Fry, K. <i>NAU</i> P/O Preece, W. G. <i>SO/TS</i> Sgt. Steven, A. <i>W/O</i> Sgt. Bell, J. <i>ENG</i> P/O Barnes, E. W. <i>A/G</i> Sgt. Minshaw, L. <i>A/G</i>	Bombing	0059	0049	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0324 hours from a height of 18000 feet. Target located by Red and green T.I. ground markers seen through cloud. Bombed on estimated position of green T.I. markers through cloud. Fire seen through cloud. Weather: 10/10 cloud.	
4/4/43.	Halifax 11	<i>W/O</i> Marshall, S. <i>CAPT</i> P/O Gibson, B. <i>NAU</i> P/O Reid, W. <i>SO/TS</i> Sgt. Sanders, P. <i>W/O</i> Sgt. Abblett, D. <i>ENG</i> Sgt. Bell, H. <i>A/G</i> Sgt. Lee, D. <i>A/G</i>	P. Bombing	0044	0050	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0324 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Target was located by PFF green T.I. markers which were seen to disappear through cloud. Glow of incendiaries seen burning through cloud. Weather: 10/10 cloud, low and thin.	

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4/4/43	Halifax 11	Sgt. Bragg, R. <i>CAPT</i>	Bombing	1943	0115	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0208 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Target ident. by PFF green markers. Green markers in bomb sight at time of release but own results not seen. Mass on incends. seen starting to burn in 1st over target. Large fires seen burning from Dutch coast on return. Slight damage to Starboard wing by flak. Weather: Fair visibility with slight ground haze. Successful photo take showing smoke from markers and bomb falling.	

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4/4/45.	Halifax II HR.857.	F/L. Read, R. CAPT Sgt. Tillingworth, W. (2nd. Pilot) P/O. Dennis, W. NAV. Sgt. Laidlaw, H. BOMB Sgt. Lewis, R. W/O. Sgt. Goodwin, J. F/ENG Sgt. McQueen, A/G Sgt. Waite, A. A/G	Bombing	2036	0217	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0216 hours from a height of 12500 feet. Target was located by red TI marker which had gone out by the time the aircraft arrived at W/P. Bombs released on estimated position of markers. No results observed. 10/10 cloud. Weather: 10/10 cloud.	
4/4/45.	Halifax II JB.855.	Sgt. Wright, T. CAPT Sgt. Macleod, S. NAV Sgt. Mathews, R. BOMB Sgt. Dingle, W/O. Sgt. Jackson, S. F/ENG Sgt. Robson, T. A/G Sgt. Hamilton, T. A/G	Bombing	2057	0240	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0239 hours from a height of 20000 feet. Target was located by green TI markers seen through cloud. Glow of red marker seen through cloud. Bombed on estimated position of green TI markers, going in through cloud. No results were observed. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 14000 feet.	
4/4/45.	Halifax II W.7926.	P/O. Riggs, B. CAPT Sgt. Macleod, J. NAV Sgt. Adams, J. BOMB P/O. Kovacsovich, T. W/O. Sgt. Reid, D. F/ENG Sgt. Edwards, J. A/G P/S. Gallery, L. A/G	Bombing	2045	0235	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0231 hours from a height of 19000 feet. Target was located by green PFF markers. Estimated position of green TI marker, which had disappeared into cloud, in bomb sight when bombs released. On leaving T/A. 3 glows of fires observed. Weather: 10/10 cloud, tops about 3000 feet.	
4/4/45.	Halifax II W.7935.	Sgt. Williams, F. CAPT P/O. Dejarzinski, T. NAV Sgt. McCarthy, T. W/O. Sgt. Spencer, W. F/ENG Sgt. Mitchell, D. A/G Sgt. Goode, D. A/G Sgt. Goffar, R. A/G	Bombing	2055	0153	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0215 hours from a height of 14500 feet. Target was located by green PFF sky markers. Green sky marker in bomb sight when bombs released but own bombs not seen to burst. Six fires, one very large fire under concentration of markers. Weather: 10/10 cloud, low stratus.	
4/4/45.	Halifax II BT.773	F/L. Dowse, A. CAPT Sgt. Kershaw, J. NAV Sgt. Thompson, H. BOMB Sgt. Matcford, P. W/O. Sgt. Slater, P. F/ENG P/O. Orr, A. R. A/G Sgt. Moore, A. A/G	Bombing	2057	0201	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0200 hours from a height of 18000 feet. Target was located by two red glows and row of 6 to 8 white lights possibly PFF. Bombed on estimated position of markers but own bomb bursts not observed. Two fires observed. Weather: 10/10 cloud, tops 3-10,000 feet.	
4/4/45.	Halifax II BT.774	Sgt. Bennett, M. CAPT Sgt. Hill, H. NAV Sgt. May, P. BOMB Sgt. McIntosh, S. W/O. Sgt. Evans, H. F/ENG Sgt. Leverett, J. A/G Sgt. Galar, T. A/G	Bombing	2048	0251	The primary target was attacked and bombed at 0235 hr from a height of 12000 feet. Located by PFF green TI markers. Bombed on est. posn. of green TI marker which had disappeared below cloud. Glows from three seen. Weather: 10/10 cloud. Tops 5000 ft.	

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8/4/43	Halifax II. HR.659	S/L. Mortenson, G. CAPT P/O. Dermis, W. MAJ P/O. Fisher, W.G. MAJ Sgt. Steven, A. WO1 Sgt. Bell, J. WO1 Sgt. Pitman, D.A. WO1 Sgt. Minshaw, L. WO1	Bombing DUISBURG.	2126	0311	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 19500 feet at 23.34 hours. Identification was impossible as no PFF markers could be seen owing to 10/10 cloud up to 20,000 feet. Photograph taken shows flash exposure only and owing to weather conditions this raid appears to have been rather unsuccessful.	
8/4/43	Halifax II. W.7959	S/L. Chapple, J.H. CAPT P/O. Campbell, B.A. MAJ P/O. King, H.J. MAJ Sgt. Blackwell, E.K. WO1 Sgt. Hillary, R. WO1 Sgt. Legge, D. WO1 Sgt. James, P.F. WO1	Bombing DUISBURG.	2128	0058	This aircraft returned early, operations being abandoned owing to extreme icing conditions. All bombs safely at DR. position 52.59 N. - 03.05 E. from a height of 15000 feet at 22.41 hours. This aircraft landed at Pocklington.	
8/4/43	Halifax II. W.7926	P/O. Riggs, B. CAPT Sgt. Lascelles, J. MAJ Sgt. Adamson, J. MAJ P/O. Covacevitch, T. MAJ Sgt. Reid, D. WO1 P/S. Malloy, L. WO1 Sgt. Winter, K. WO1	Bombing DUISBURG.	2140	0254	Target was believed to have been attacked and bombed from a height of 18000 feet at 23.34 hours. owing to Cloud target was not identified and no markers could be seen as 10/10 cloud reached up to 18000 feet. Bombing was done on E.T.A. Photographic reports show film blank and it appears that this raid was unsuccessful, under trying weather conditions.	
8/4/43	Halifax II. JB.784	P/O. McClelland, D. CAPT P/S. Beals, J. WO1 P/O. Tingley, E.E. MAJ Sgt. Currie, E.J. WO1 Sgt. Ackroyd, E. WO1 P/O. Stevenson, G.C. MAJ Sgt. Brown, J.R. WO1	Bombing DUISBURG.	2131	2310	This aircraft returned early, operation being abandoned owing to W/T being U/S. Furthest point reached was 55.33 N. 01.16 E. and bombs were jettisoned in position 53.33 N. 01.16 E. at 22.22 hours from a height of 14700 feet. 7 SBC (90x4) were brought back. The Aircraft crashed on landing at base but crew were uninjured.	

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8/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.855	E/S. Marshall, O.P. CAPT P/O. Gibson, D. NAV P/O. Reid, W. BOYD Sgt. Sanson, J. W/O.P. Sgt. Abblett, D. F/ENG Sgt. Bell, H. A/G Sgt. Lee, D. A/G	Bombing DUISBURG.	2127	0259	Target was believed to have been attacked and bombed at 23.39 hours from a height of 20600 feet. Identification was not possible and no PFF markers could be seen in the target area owing to cloud. Bombing was carried out on E.T.A. as 10/10 cloud reached up to a height of 20000 feet. Photographic report shows blank film and raid was carried out under very difficult conditions.	
8/4/43.	Halifax II. Dt.771	E/S. Mills, J. CAPT E/S. Morton, C.L. NAV E/S. Bird, J. BOYD E/S. Dockendorf, E. W/O.P. Sgt. Davis, F. F/ENG Sgt. Moran, L. A/G E/S. Ashworth, W. A/G	Bombing, DUISBURG.	2136	0014	This aircraft returned to base early, operation being abandoned owing to severe icing conditions and thick cloud encountered from 13000 feet upwards. Bombs were jettisoned at position 52.50 N. 03.05 E., furthest point reached, from a height of 13000 feet. All incendiaries were brought back and aircraft landed away from base at Pocklington.	
10/4/43.	Halifax II. W.79 33	S/L. Chapple, J.H. CAPT P/O. Campbell, B.A. NAV P/O. King, H. BOYD Sgt. Blackwell, E. W/O.P. Sgt. Hillary, R. F/ENG Sgt. Legge, D. A/G Sgt. James, P. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2352	0714	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15500 feet at 03.00 hours, being identified by red glow of believed fires below cloud. Red glow in bombsight at time of release, but own bomb bursts were not seen. Apart from T.I. markers on run in and out no PFF were seen. 10/10 cloud covered the target area reaching up to a height of 8000 feet, making weather conditions very difficult.	
10/4/43	Halifax II. HR.659	E/L. Mortenson, G. CAPT P/O. Knight, L.H. NAV P/O. Dennis, W. BOYD E/O. Fisher, W.G. Sgt. Steven, A. W/O.P. Sgt. Bell, J. F/ENG Sgt. Pitman, A. A/G Sgt. Minshaw, L. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	23.40	0729	Target was attacked and bombed at 02.53 hours from a height of 17000 feet. Steady green flares and yellow ground markers were seen at TRIER and OPPENHEIM and a D.R. run was made from latter to the target area. Red markers were in bombsight when bombs were released which were seen through gap in cloud. own bomb bursts were not observed. Incendiaries seemed to be well concentrated where red markers were seen. 10/10 cloud was topping 10000 feet in the Target Area.	

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10/4/43	Halifax I. W.7926	Sgt. Williams, F. CAPT P/O. GREGSON, W. W/OP Sgt. McCarthy, T. CAPT P/S. KIMMON, L. W/OP Sgt. Mitchell, D. CAPT Sgt. Goode, D. A/C Sgt. Swaffer, R. A/C	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2341	0645	target was attacked and bombed from a height of 18000 feet at 02.51 hours. Steady green and yellow flares were observed North of TRIER and OPPENHEIM from which a 6 minute run on D.R. was made to the target area. Bombed glow of what looked like red markers or possibly glow of red fires. Results of own bombing could not be seen owing to cloud etc. 10/10 cloud topped 12000 feet making raiding conditions difficult and clear assessment of results difficult also.	
10/4/43	Halifax II. DT.773	P/O. Riggs, B. CAPT Sgt. Spooner, R. W/OP Sgt. Lascelles, J. CAPT Sgt. Adamson, J. W/OP P/O. Covacevitch, I. W/OP Sgt. Reid, D. CAPT Sgt. Edwards, J. A/C P/S. Malloy, L. A/C	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2350	0716	Target was attacked and bombed at 02.53 hours from a height of 18000 feet, being identified first by track markers North of OPPENHEIM and then by red glow of T.I. markers. Centre of red glow of T.I. markers in bombsight at time of release but results of own bombing could not be seen owing to cloud. 10/10 cloud reached from 8/10000 feet and owing to poor visibility general results of the raid were not discernable.	
10/4/43	Halifax I. W.7930	P/O. McClelland, D. CAPT P/O. Irwin, W. W/OP P/S. Beals, W. W/OP P/O. Tingley, B. B. W/OP Sgt. Currie, E. W/OP Sgt. Mackroyd, D. CAPT P/O. Stevenson, G. W/OP Sgt. Brown, R. A/C	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2336	0623	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 17500 feet at 0253 hours, being identified by red and green T.I. markers. Red markers were in bombsight at time of release but results of own bombing were not observed. General results could not be seen as the target area was engulfed by 10/10 cloud which topped 12/13000 feet making raiding and bombing conditions extremely difficult.	
10/4/43	Halifax II. Dt.771	P/S. Mills, J. CAPT Sgt. Arter, A. E. W/OP P/S. Morton, C. L. W/OP P/S. Bird, J. W/OP P/S. Dockendorf, E. W/OP Sgt. Davis, E. CAPT Sgt. Moran, L. W/OP P/S. Ashworth, W. A/C	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2344	0632	Target was attacked and bombed at 02.47 hours from a height of 18000 feet. Target was located by green and yellow sky markers seen 7 miles North of OPPENHEIM from which a D.R. run was made to the target area. Red glow of T.I. markers were in bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. Glow of about ten fires could be observed through the cloud. 10/10 cloud topped 5000 feet and weather conditions generally were found to be all against obtaining good results.	

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10/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.634	F/S. Marshall, P. CAPT P/O. Gibson, D. NAV P/O. Reid, DW. ROYAL Sgt. Sanson, J. W/O Sgt. Abblett, D. F/ENG Sgt. Bell, H. A/G Sgt. Lee, D. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2358	0725	target was attacked and bombed from 17700 feet at 02:49 hours, being identified by two sets of red paramatta flares. Flares were in centre of bombsight at time of bombing but own bursts were not observed. orange flashes could be seen below cloud around the Paramatta flares. 10/10 cloud hung over the target area obscuring a proper picture of the results of this raid.	
10/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7932	Sgt. Hemmings, F. CAPT Sgt. Stone, J. NAV Sgt. Poole, W. ROYAL Sgt. Shaw, A. W/O Sgt. Muir, J. F/ENG Sgt. Darriel, T. A/G Sgt. Montgomery, D. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2347	0719	target was attacked from 16000 feet at 03:09 hours. green flares were seen at OPPENHEIM and run was timed and plotted from there to the target area. Bombing was carried out with Green Wanganui flares in centre of bombsight but own results were not observed. No results of the raid were seen as the weather was generally all against good results being achieved. 10/10 cloud covered the whole target area to a height of 10/12000ft.	
10/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.855	Sgt. Bragg, R. CAPT Sgt. Ferrell, J. NAV Sgt. Gell, H. ROYAL Sgt. Matches, R. W/O Sgt. Williams, H. F/ENG Sgt. Kew, A. A/G Sgt. Reed, V. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2351	0730	target was attacked and bombed from a height of 18500 feet, at 02:57 hours. identified by green track markers and then Wanganui just after bombing. Bombed on reflection coming through clouds, but own results were not observed. one green T/I marker seen just going out as running in to bomb. 10/10 cloud covered the target area up to a height of 10000 feet.	
10/4/43	Halifax II. Dt. 725 924035 1330737 515994 1338707 988200	1330122 Sgt. Adams, J. CAPT P/O. Hyden, P. NAV Sgt. Hurrell, E. V. ROYAL Sgt. Price, C. W/O Sgt. Clarke, M. F/ENG Sgt. Reed, B. G. A/G Sgt. Enright, M. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2334		This aircraft took off at 2334 hours and nothing further has been heard of it or the crew since. it is therefore presumed missing.	
10/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.6E7	Sgt. Dane, G. H. CAPT Sgt. Goddard, R. NAV Sgt. Adams, L. ROYAL Sgt. Pople, J. W/O Sgt. Minnitt, A. F/ENG Sgt. Beatson, A. A/G Sgt. Webb, F. W. A/G	Bombing FRANKFURT.	2343	0636	Target was attacked and bombed from 18000 feet at 02:51 hours, being identified by green and red markers in cloud. These were in bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. owing to cloud. 10/10 cloud engulfed the whole target area up to 12000 feet making raiding conditions very difficult.	272

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14/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.669	F/L. Mortenson, E.G. <i>CAPT.</i> P/O. Dennis, W. <i>NAV.</i> P/O. Fisher, W.G. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Steven, A. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Bell, J. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Pitman, A. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Minshaw, L. <i>NAV.</i>	Bombing STUTTGART	2053	0525	target was attacked and bombed at 0103 hours from a height of 16500 feet. identified by P.F.F. markers which marked the target continuously throughout. Bombed centre of three green T.I markers but own bursts were not observed. Town was well ablaze, one very large fire being seen. raid was well concentrated in the target area, and appeared successful. No Cloud, ground haze and smoke.	
14/4/43	Halifax II. JB.903	F/O. Sells, A. <i>CAPT.</i> Sgt. Rogers, D. <i>NAV.</i> P/O. Kelt, B. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Simpson, G. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Greenless, S. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Ferris, K. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Hardcastle, W. <i>NAV.</i>	Bombing STUTTGART.	2101	0502	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 0108 hours, being identified by PFF ground markers. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release and own bombs were seen to burst in centre of green flares. Whole towns was covered with fires and two very large ones were seen in centre of the area. Successful photo taken showing slight ground detail, fire tracks and tracer. Visibility good apart from slight haze.	
14/4/43.	Halifax II. DT.777	F/O. Riggs, B. <i>CAPT.</i> Sgt. Maccelles, J. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Adamson, J. <i>NAV.</i> P/O. Kovadevitch, T. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Reid, D. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Edwards, J. <i>NAV.</i> P/S. Mallory, M. <i>NAV.</i>	Bombing STUTTGART.	2103	0102	This aircraft returned early owing to rudder on the starboard side having been damaged by another Halifax which passed from starboard to port. This accident happened as aircraft was over the French Coast and A/C was so jarred bombs had to be jettisoned and the operation abandoned. Furthest point reached 50.05 N.- 01.16 E. and bombs were jettisoned live at 23.25 hours in position 50.15 N.-01.22 E. from 14,000 feet.	
14/4/43.	Halifax II. DT.780	S/L. Chapple, J.H. <i>CAPT.</i> P/O. Campbell, A. <i>NAV.</i> P/O. King, H. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Blackwell, E. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Hillary, H. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Legge, D. <i>NAV.</i> Sgt. Winter, K. <i>NAV.</i>	Bombing STUTTGART.	2057	0509	Target was attacked from 16500 feet at 0102 hours being identified by green and yellow ground markers and visually by straight stretch of river to N.E. of main railway station. Bombed centre of two lots of green markers but own bursts were not observed. One very large fire seen in centre of built up area and many smaller ones were also burning in the T/A. Photograph on 4th frame shows fire tracks, smoke and flares. no cloud, slight haze.	

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14/4/43.	Halifax II.	P/O. McClelland, D. <i>CAPT.</i>	Bombing	2059	2311	This aircraft returned early and ...	

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14/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7929	P/O. McClelland, D. ^{CAPT} P/S. Beals, W. ^{NAV} P/O. Tingley, E. E. ^{NAV} Sgt. Currie, E. ^{W/OP} Sgt. Ackroyd, E. ^{F/ENG} P/O. Stevenson, G. ^{A/G} Sgt. Brown, H. ^{A/G}	Bombing STUTTGART.	2059	2311	This aircraft returned early and operation had to be abandoned owing to Starboard Outer Engine being W/S - oil pressure trouble. Furthest point reached was 52.42 N - 00.12 W. Bombs were jettisoned safely at 22.16 hours 5.500 feet in position 53.03 N - 00.30 E.	
14/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7926	Sgt. Williams, H. ^{CAPT} P/O. Gregson, W. ^{NAV} Sgt. McCarthy, T. ^{STUTTGART.} Sgt. Spencer, W. ^{W/OP} Sgt. Mitchell, D. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Woods, L. ^{A/G} Sgt. Swaffer, R. ^{A/G}	Bombing STUTTGART.	2055	0524	Target was attacked and bombed at 0108 hours from a height of 15500 feet. Identified by PFF markers and green ground markers were in centre of bomb sight at time of release. Own bomb bursts were not observed but one very large fire was seen burning in the centre of the town, also about 20 other fires were well alight in the target area, said appeared to be well concentrated over the area. Pff accurately predicted. One photo taken shows Daimler Benz Works. visibility good.	
14/4/43.	Halifax II. BT.771	P/S. Mills, J. ^{CAPT} P/S. Morton, C. L. ^{NAV} P/S. Bird, J. ^{BO/AB} P/S. Dockendorf, H. ^{W/OP} Sgt. Davis, R. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Moran, L. ^{A/G} P/S. Ashworth, W. ^{A/G}	Bombing STUTTGART.	2052	0536	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 0104 hours. Identified by green markers which were in bomb sight at time of release. Own bomb bursts were not observed but one large explosion was seen in the target area. Aircraft was attacked by enemy fighter at 0116 hours and replied with 3 long bursts. Tracer seen striking S/A which disappeared. Own aircraft was badly damaged. Successful photograph taken showing much fire and smoke over the target area.	
14/4/43	Halifax II. DT.768	P/S. Marshall, O. P. ^{CAPT} P/O. Gibson, D. ^{NAV} P/O. Reid, W. ^{BO/AB} Sgt. Hanson, J. ^{W/OP} Sgt. Ablett, B. ^{F/ENG} Sgt. Bell, H. ^{A/G} Sgt. Lee, H. ^{A/G}	Bombing. TUTT GART.	2058	0455	target was attacked and bombed from a height of 17000 feet at 0103 hours. Identified by PFF flares and visually by large bend in river 5 miles N.E. of target. Concentration of green TT Markers were bombed but own results were not observed. Many fires were seen burning in the target area, three large ones were well alight. Raid was very successful by all appearances. successful photograph taken showing faint ground detail, fire tracks and smoke. Visibility good, no cloud.	

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14/4/43.	Halifax I.I. HR.587	Sgt. Lane, G.H. CAPT Sgt. Goddard, R.G. WAF Sgt. Adams, J. WAF Sgt. Pople, J.W. WAF Sgt. Mimmitt, A.C. WAF Sgt. Beatson, A. WAF Sgt. Webb, E.W. WAF	ART Bombing STUTTGART.	2056	0505	target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 0107 hours, being identified by PFF green ground markers. Bombed on concentration of these markers but own bursts were not observed. Many large fires were seen in the target area and attack was well concentrated in the area. one successful photograph taken showing fire tracks and smoke. Visibility good, no cloud.	
14/4/43.	Halifax I.I. W.7932	Sgt. Hemmings, F. CAPT Sgt. Stone, J. WAF Sgt. Foale, J. WAF Sgt. Shaw, A. WAF Sgt. Muir, J. WAF Sgt. Daniel, T. WAF Sgt. Montgomery, D. WAF	Bombing STUTTGART.	2100	0510	target was attacked and bombed at 0108 hours from a height of 16500 feet. identified by green TI markers and visually by bend in the river while approaching target. Green markers were in centre of bomb sight at time of release but no results of own bombing were observed. many fires were seen in the target area and one large fire was seen burning in the built up area of the town. Successful photograph was taken showing ground detail, bombs falling fires and smoke. No Cloud, slight haze.	
14/4/43	Halifax I.I. DT.773	Sgt. Bragg, H. CAPT Sgt. Ferrell, J. WAF Sgt. Gell, H. WAF Sgt. Matches, H. WAF Sgt. Williams, H. WAF Sgt. New, J. WAF Sgt. Reed, V. WAF	Bombing STUTTGART.	2105	0447	target was attacked and bombed at 0109 hours from a height of 16900ft., being identified by green TI markers, built up areas & fires. Green TI markers were in centre of bomb sight at time of release and own bombs were seen to in centre of target area close to markers. there was a good concentration of fires in the target area on arrival of aircraft over target, PFF markers were good at both target and turning point enabling the attack to be pressed home thoroughly. One photograph taken showing fire tracks and smoke. Visibility good, no cloud.	

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16/4/43	Halifax II HR.384	S/Ldr. Neal, R.J. CAPT F/O Conlon, R. W. W/O Sgt. Bailey, F.W. W/O F/O Pledger, T.O. W/O F/O Coonan, R.S. W/O Sgt. Winter, R. W/O Sgt. White, R. W/O	Bombing	08:55	08:43	The target was attacked from a height of 7,000 feet at 08:43 hrs having been identified by River South of the Par at Area. Cathedral built up area and factory. Bombs fell on factory sheds. Before PFF. after flares went down scattered bombing was seen in built up area but after the appearance of flares bombing appeared to be concentrated. Weather clear.	
16/4/43	Halifax II DT.782	F/Sgt. Marshall, G. CAPT F/O Gibson, R. NAV F/O Reid, W. NAV Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. Ablett, D. W/O Sgt. Bell, H. W/O Sgt. ... D. W/O	Bombing	05:00	05:45	The sheds of the SODA works were located and bombs were dropped from a height of 8,300 feet but no result of the attack were observed. No green marker flares were seen. The attack appeared well concentrated. Aircraft landed at Stanton Harcourt on return.	
16/4/43	Halifax II W.7932	Sgt. ... CAPT Sgt. Stone, J. NAV Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. Shaw, A. W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O	Bombing	06:53	06:52	The target was located and attacked from a height of 9,500 feet. It was located by PFF. Corner of factory area. Most of factory was seen. also bend in the river. Bombs were seen to burst close to A/P. Several sections of the factory were on fire. Visibility good.	
16/4/43	Halifax II DT.777	Sgt. Dano, G.H. CAPT Sgt. ... R.C. NAV Sgt. Adams, L. W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O	Bombing	07:57	07:00	The target was attacked from a height of 6,000 feet at 07:57 hrs having been located by PFF. Green marker flares, and visually by ... corner of the SODA works. Bombs were dropped on industrial centre of T/A. Large columns of smoke were seen rising. 4/10 clouds.	
16/4/43	Halifax II xxx.7926	Sgt. Bragg, R. CAPT Sgt. Ferrell, J. NAV Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O Sgt. ... W/O	Bombing	08:48	08:39	The target was attacked from a height of ... it was identified by ... Cathedral and factory buildings. No green markers were seen until after bombing. Weather clear, good vis.	

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16/4/43	Halifax II JB.828	P/O Gells, J. CAPT Sgt. Rogers, D. NA P/O Holt, E. BOYB Sgt. Simpson, G. W/O Sgt. Greenhalgh, S. GENR Sgt. Ferris, R. A/G Sgt. Dandridge, T. A/G	Bombing	08:50	06:50	The target was attacked from a height of 5:000 feet at 01:42 hrs. It was identified by white smoke and bombs were dropped on one of the factory buildings west of the A/P. No other results were observed. as A/O was early on the target. A/O was leaving explosives were seen by the Rear Gunner.	
16/4/43	Halifax II JB.828	P/O McClelland, D. CAPT P/O Deale, J. NA P/O Tinsley, R. BOYB Sgt. Currie, R. W/O Sgt. Ashford, R. GENR P/O Stevenson, G. A/G Sgt. Brown, R. A/G	Bombing	08:50	06:57	The target was reached and attacked at 01:40 hours from a height of 9:000 feet. It was visually identified by Cathedral in Square hrs. of Skoda Works. Green Ground markers were dropped after bombing. Bombs were believed to have fallen on the factory area. Many seen catching hold as the aircraft left. 4/10 cloud clear vis.	
16/4/43	Halifax II DT.773	28025 P/O. Dewar, A.P. Captain. R/70743 P/Ogt. Desjardins. NA 655336 Sgt. Thompson, H. BOYB RZ/418343 Sgt. Longford. W/O 194800 Sgt. Slater, T. GENR 181341 P/O Ort, A.R. A/G 1401354 Sgt. Moore, A. A/G		01:00	=	Nothing heard after take off. Presumed as M.I. 3 S-I-N-G.	
16/4/43	Halifax II HR.659	117434 P/O Robertson, L.C. CAPT 141800 P/O Dennis, W. NA 122498 P/O Fisher, W.G. BOYB 1275424 Sgt. Steven, A. W/O 1010574 Sgt. Bell, J. GENR 1572341 Sgt. Pitt, R. A/G 1291083 Sgt. Minster, I. A/G		08:51	=	Nothing heard from this aircraft since take off. Presumed as missing.	
16/4/43	Halifax II W.870	W/Cdr. G. Warner. CAPT P/O. Blythe, J. NA P/O King, M. BOYB P/O Parson, W. W/O P/O Leslie, J.D. A/G Sgt. Harries, I.F. A/G Sgt. Bailey, G.I. GENR	Bombing	08:58	08:35	The target was identified and attacked from a height of 7:500 feet at 01:45 hours. It was identified by the Cathedral and large factory buildings. Bombs were aimed at estimated centre of factory buildings. This was partly concealed by smoke. Bombing appeared scattered at first. but more concentrated after PFF markers were dropped. 5 Heavy bombs were seen to hit SKODA Works. Photographs were taken of built up area.	

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15/4/43	Halifax II JB.987	Sgt. Spooner, R. CAPT P/O Anderson, J. NA Sgt. Spence, J. NA Sgt. Fox, W.C. NA Sgt. Webb, R. NA	Bombing.	01:21	04:28	The target was attacked from a height of 14,500 feet, and was located by Green P.F.F. markers, and visually in bomb sight when the bombs were released. When leaving target very large fire was seen, with high column of black smoke. No cloud, bright moonlight.	
15/4/43	Halifax II JB.981	Sgt. Illingworth, W. CAPT Sgt. Wood, C.G. NA 195845 P/O Dixon, H. NA 1770871 Sgt. Thomas, R.C. NA 995589 Sgt. Woodhall, R. NA 138443E Sgt. Patton, G. NA 1659270 Sgt. Watkins, D. NA	Bombing.	01:15	---	Nothing heard from this aircraft since take off. Presumed as missing.	
16/4/43	Halifax II JB.982	Sgt. Clay, G.E. CAPT Sgt. O'Reilly, J.P. NA Sgt. Harriott, B.L. NA Sgt. Coates, W. NA Sgt. Mason, J. NA Sgt. Perry, W.C. NA Sgt. Rodan, J.A. NA	Bombing.	01:16	04:27	The operation was abandoned owing to the A/C being cornd and hit by heavy flak. A/C was held in cone of search lights. Height was lost to 2,000 feet. Bombs were jettisoned N.W. of Scarborough. From 2,000 feet and A/C returned to base without further incident.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.982	F/S: Mills, J. CAPT Sgt. Endicott, A.G. NA F/S: Morton, C.L. NA F/S: Bird, J. NA F/S: Dockendorf, B. NA Sgt. Davis, F. NA F/S: Ashworth, W. NA Sgt. Winter, K. NA	Bombing. STETTIN.	01:11	05:17	Target was attacked and bombed at 01.04 hours from a height of 16000 feet, identified by PFF flares and also visually by Dammscher Zee Flares were in bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. PFF flares were very good and well predicted. On leaving the target area many large fires were seen, two large ones being very prominent, the glow of which could be seen about 100 miles away from the target. Fires were also seen at Rostock on the way out. No. Cloud slight haze, good visibility.	

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20/4/43.	Halifax II. Dt.768	W/O. Marshall, O.P. <i>AP</i> Sgt. Mellor, H.B. <i>AP</i> P/O. Gibson, D. <i>NAI</i> P/O. Reid, W. <i>AC 18</i> Sgt. Sanson, J. <i>W. 22</i> Sgt. Abblett, D. <i>P. 24</i> Sgt. Bell, H. <i>A. G.</i> Sgt. Lee, D. <i>A. G.</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2053	0617	Target was attacked and bombed from 14000 feet at 01.06 hours, being identified visually by the river and island just North of prong shaped dock and also by PFF green TI markers. Markers were in bomb sight at time of bombing but own results were not observed. Numerous large fires were seen in the target area as the aircraft left and a pall of thick black smoke was hanging over the target. No cloud, clear visibility. Good Moon.	
20/4/43	Halifax II. W.7932	Sgt. Hemmings, F. <i>AP</i> Sgt. Stone, J. <i>NAI</i> Sgt. Foals, W. <i>AP</i> Sgt. Shaw, A. <i>W. 22</i> Sgt. Muir, J. <i>P. 24</i> Sgt. Daniel, T. <i>A. G.</i> Sgt. Montgomery, D. <i>A. G.</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2103	0655	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 16500 feet at 0108 hours. Identified by PFF markers and also visually by dock area. Bombed on Green TI markers nearest A/P and other Green markers were in a long line along the river running N. to S. Own bomb bursts were not seen but considered to fall close to A/P. Large fires were burning in the target area and many incendiaries were scattered over the town. The attack was well concentrated and the glow of the fires could be seen about 100 miles away from the target area.	
20/4/43	Halifax II. W.7939	Sgt. Dane, G.H. <i>CAW</i> Sgt. Goddard, G.H. <i>NAI</i> Sgt. Adams, I. <i>AC 18</i> Sgt. Pople, J. <i>W. 22</i> Sgt. Minnitt, A.C. <i>CAW</i> Sgt. Bentson, A. <i>A. G.</i> Sgt. Webb, F. <i>A. G.</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2054	0655	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 14000 feet at 0108 hours, being identified by green TI markers and also by the river. Green markers were in the bomb sight at time of release but own bursts were not observed. Target area was a mass of fires and 3 large ones in particular were seen, the glow of the fires could be seen roughly 100 miles from the target. PFF markers were very good and attack appeared to have been very successful by results observed. Photograph taken showing slight ground detail. Visibility clear, no low cloud, slight haze.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.88E	Sgt. Rudd, J.C. <i>CAW</i> Sgt. Wilson, E.J. <i>NAI</i> Sgt. Pike, R.J. <i>CAW</i> Sgt. Mason, H. <i>W. 22</i> Sgt. Davies, R. <i>P. 24</i> Sgt. Oldroyd, W. <i>A. G.</i> Sgt. Rashbrook, J. <i>A. G.</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2057	0655	Target was attacked and bombed at 01.15 hours from 11500 feet. Identified visually by river and by PFF green ground markers. Concentration of green markers were in bombsight at time of bombing but own results were not observed. About 25 fires were counted in the target area, and clouds of smoke were also visible. Starboard inner engine hit by light flak but continued on to target on 3 engines and carried out mission. Photograph taken showing faint ground detail. Visibility clear.	

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20/4/43	Halifax II.	Sgt. ...	Bombing.	2058	0612	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of	

and carried out mission. Photograph taken showing faint ground detail. Visibility clear.

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20/4/43	Halifax II. HR.667	Sgt. Tinniswood, B.H. <i>AP</i> P/O. Bear, H. <i>WAP</i> P/O. Dorman, R. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Wallace, G.J. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Chaffey, E.H. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Mander, J.C. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Harries, E.F. <i>WAP</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2058	0612	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 13500 feet at 01:15 hours, being identified by PFF markers and visually by the river. Green markers were in centre of bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. 20 fires were seen burning fiercely with clouds of smoke and flames, the glow of which could be seen 100 miles away from the target on the return journey. Attack was pressed home successfully around the markers which were well predicted. Visibility clear, no cloud.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.916	Sgt. Chapple, J.H. <i>WAP</i> P/O. Campbell, A. <i>WAP</i> P/O. King, H. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Blackwell, A. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Hillary, R. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Legg, D. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. James, P.F. <i>WAP</i>	Bombing. STETTIN	2112	0705	Target was attacked and bombed at 01:07 hours, from a height of 14500 feet. Identified by PFF markers and visually by boat shaped stretch of river Oper. Built up area was in bomb sight at time of release but own bomb bursts were not observed. 16 large fires were seen to be well alight in the target area. Visibility very clear, 10/15 Miles, no low cloud, slight ground haze.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. DT.777	Sgt. Clay, G.E. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. O'Reilly, G.E. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Marriott, D.E. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Coates, E.A. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Jakes, L. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Perry, W.J. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. McLaren, G.C. <i>WAP</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2108	0619	Target was attacked and bombed at 01:09 hours, from a height of 15000 feet, being identified visually by waterways and also by PFF Green markers. Bombed centre of three green markers and own bombs were seen to burst close to A/P. Several H.E. bursts were observed in the target area, one large oil fire believed to be the cause about 1 mile South East of A/P. Many smaller fires were also seen starting. No Cloud, clear sky.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.926	P/O. Sells, A. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Rogers, D. <i>WAP</i> P/O. Kelt, E. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Simpson, G. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Greenless, S. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Ferris, K. <i>WAP</i> Sgt. Hardcastle, W. <i>WAP</i>	Bombing. STETTIN.	2109	0558	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 01:09 hours. Identified visually by Dammscher See and triangle of rivers to West of target, also by PFF green ground markers. Concentration of green markers in bombsight at time of release but own results were not observed. incendiaries were seen burning in the target area and when A/C abreast of target on return leg fires were seen to have a good hold. Visibility very good slight haze.	278

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20/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7928	P/O. McLelland, D. <i>CAF</i> P/O. Rawlinson, G. <i>CAF</i> P/S. Beals, W. <i>NA</i> P/O. Tingley, E.H. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Currie, E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Ackroyd, E. <i>CAF</i> P/O. Stevenson, G.C. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Brown, R. <i>CAF</i>	Bombing <i>STETTIN.</i>	2106	0617	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 0105 hours, being identified by PFF flares and visually by town and waterways, also large railway junction. Green ground flares and junction were in bombsight when bombs released, but own results were not observed. Many H.E. bursts were seen in the target area, also 5 large fires and 20 smaller fires, all well alight. Raid appeared to be very successful. Visibility good, clear sky.	
20/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7926	P/O. Bennett, H. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Hatfield, E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. May, T. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Figheten, E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Evans, H. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Osler, H. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Leverett, U. <i>CAF</i>	Bombing <i>STETTIN.</i>	2105	0603	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 14500 feet at 0107 hours, being identified by means of PFF Green flares and also visually by waterways. Bombed centre of 3 T.I. markers which were believed to be a little N. of A/P. Three good fires were seen to be burning fiercely, in the T/A, also one big one from which much white smoke rose in the North part of the town. Large explosion was observed at 01.19 hours, followed by orange fires. Fires were well alight when A/C left the target area and could be seen many miles from the target. No cloud, slight haze, bright moonlight.	
20/4/43	Halifax II. JB.927	Sgt. Spooner, R. <i>CAF</i> P/O. Breckell, W. <i>CAF</i> P/O. Anderson, J. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Spence, J. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Fox, E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Webb, R. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Mogg, M.U. <i>CAF</i>	Bombing <i>STETTIN.</i>	2056	0625	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 15000 feet at 0106 hours, being identified visually by river and Dammscher See, also green T.I. markers. Bombed on concentration of 3 of these, but own results were not observed. Many fires were seen in the target area, all well alight and could be seen as far away as Rostock. Successful photograph showing faint ground detail. No cloud, quite clear, moonlight.	
20/4/43	Halifax II. JB.903	Sgt. Leppard, A.C. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Moody, C. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Boydell, E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Mellish, T.E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Mellish, T.E. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Brown, D. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Lewis, G. <i>CAF</i> Sgt. Moore, F. <i>CAF</i>	Bombing <i>STETTIN</i>	2107	0728	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 14000 feet at 01.15 hours, being located by PFF FLARES, also visually by waterways and docks. Bombed centre of concentration of 5 green markers, 2 sheds also in bombsight at time of release, one of which was already on fire. Own bombs were seen to burst between the sheds. Many concentrated fires were seen burning in the target area along the river bank and docks. S/S outer engine u/s cause unknown. Visibility good, no cloud.	

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20/4/43	Halifax II. HR.684	S/L. Neal, R.J. CAP P/O. Conlon, W. Sgt. Halliday, F. P/O. Pledger, T.O. Sgt. Tait, L. P/O. Cooper, F.	Bombing STETTIN.	20.52	0621	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 13,500 feet at 01.13 hours, being identified by boat shaped lake on shores of Stettiner Haff, by river, lakes N.W. of T/A, and large island lake opposite S/M slips, also PFF markers flares. Bombed on concentration of Green TI, markers but own results not observed. At 01.30 hours there were 20 good fires all well alight in the target area. One of these south of the town appeared to be an oil fire. Photo taken showing faint ground detail. Perfectly clear no cloud, good moon.	
26/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.962	P/O. Mills, J. CAP Sgt. Endicott, A. Sgt. Spencer, J. P/S. Bird, J. P/S. Dockendorf, E. Sgt. Davis, W. Sgt. Moran, L. P/S. Ashworth, W.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0016	0507	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 12000 feet at 0230 hours, being identified by green PFF markers. A/C coned in S/Ls on bombing run for about five minutes and bombed on estimated position of green TI. markers, but own bursts were not seen. 2 large fires were seen starting up in the target area. Visibility good. 2/10 cloud over T/A.	
26/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.855	Sgt. Bragg, R. CAP Sgt. Farrell, G. Sgt. Gell, H. Sgt. Matches, R. Sgt. Williams, H. Sgt. Kew, J. Sgt. Reed, V.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0024	0157	This aircraft returned early, owing to Escape hatch blowing open. Hinges damaged. Furthest point reached was 54.05 N-00.07 W. where bombs were jettisoned safely at 01.18 hrs. from a height of 4500 feet.	
26/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.687	P/L. Read, R. CAP Sgt. Mellor, R. P/O. Freeman, A. P/O. Laidlaw, H. Sgt. Lewis, R. Sgt. Goodwin, J. Sgt. McQueen, J. P/O. Barnes, E.W.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0013	0509	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 18500 feet at 0220. identified by Red and Green TI. markers. Bombed centre of two green and three red markers but own bursts were not seen. Attack seemed to be well concentrated around red and green markers and one large fire was seen with clouds of black smoke in the Dock area as aircraft left the target area. 7/10 cloud, tops @ 10000 feet, with gaps.	

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26/4/43.	Halifax IIZ HR.748	Sgt. Timmiswood, J. P/O. Bear, H. P/O. Donnan, R. Sgt. Wallace, G. Sgt. Chaffey, F. Sgt. Harries, E. Sgt. Hander, J.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0012	0459	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 14000 feet at 0247 hours, being identified by PFF Red and Green markers. Bombed on main point of Red markers, but own results were not observed. Large patches of the target area was covered by burning incendiaries and 5 larger fires could be seen burning fiercely in the centre of the T/A. Thin haze.	
26/4/43	Halifax II. DT.768	Sgt. Rudd, J. Sgt. Wilson, E. Sgt. Pike, R. Sgt. Hason, H. Sgt. Davies, R. Sgt. Oldroyd, W. Sgt. Rashbrook, J.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0043	0608	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 10600 feet at 0300 hours, being identified by Red and Green markers and also visually by the Dock areas and waterways. Bombed one green marker - only one seen at time, but own bursts not seen. Concentrated fires seen over a fairly large area close to area of flares. Clear over target.	
26/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.915	S/L. Chapple, J. P/O. Campbell, B. P/O. King, H. Sgt. Blackwell, E. Sgt. Hillary, R. Sgt. Legge, D. Sgt. James, P.	Bombing DUISBURG.	0010	0614	Target was attacked and bombed at 0234 hours from a height of 17000 feet, being identified by Red and Green PFF markers. Bombed concentration of markers but own bursts were not seen. Many fires were seen burning in the target area and attack was well concentrated in the T/A. Visibility clear. No low cloud.	
27/4/43.	Halifax II. DT.777	Sgt. Williams, F. Sgt. Horn, D. P/O. Gregson, W. Sgt. McCarthy, T. Sgt. Spencer, W. Sgt. Mitchell, D. Sgt. Goode, C. Sgt. Swoffer.	Gardening.	0134	0514	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 2500 feet at 03.19 hours. Pinpoint from West end of Yerschelling. all parachutes seen to open. 3/10 cloud below, 7/10 cloud above. Visibility poor.	
27/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.973	Sgt. Schubert, G. Sgt. Oliver, D. P/O. Orme, A. Sgt. Wood, P. Sgt. Goodyear, R. Sgt. Goldlust,	GARDENING.	0135	0514	Vegetables planted as ordered from 2100 feet at 03.21 hours. Visual pinpoint on West end of Yerschelling. Both parachutes seen to open. 4/10ths thin cloud.	273

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27/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.927	Sgt. Spooner, R. CAPT P/O. Bredfell, W. NAJ P/O. Anderson, J. BOHB Sgt. Spence, J. W.OP Sgt. Fox, E. F.ENG Sgt. Webb, R. A.G.	GARDENING.	0129	0507	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 1500 feet at 03.09 hours. DR from GEE fix. Parachutes were seen to open. Fairly thick haze. Aircraft returned to base safely.	
27/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.903	Sgt. Leppard, A. CAPT Sgt. Moody, G. NAJ Sgt. Boyall, E. BOHB Sgt. Mellish, T. W.OP Sgt. Brown, D. F.ENG Sgt. Lewis, G. A.G. Sgt. Moore, F. A.G.	GARDENING.	0139	0530	Vegetables brought back as unable to pinpoint Terschelling and no help from GEE. Aircraft landed safely at home base.	
27/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7929	Sgt. Rudd, J. CAPT Sgt. Wilson, E. NAJ Sgt. Pike, R. BOHB Sgt. Mason, H. W.OP Sgt. Davies, R. F.ENG Sgt. Oldroyd, W. A.G. Sgt. Rashbrook, J. A.G.	GARDENING.	0140	0519	Vegetables brought back as unable to pinpoint or get a GEE fix to identify dropping position. 9/10ths cloud. Sea Mist below. Aircraft returned to base safely.	
27/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.855	Sgt. Timmiswood, J. CAPT P/O. Bear, H. NAJ P/O. Dorman, H. BOHB Sgt. Wallace, G. W.OP Sgt. Chaffey, F. F.ENG Sgt. Harries, E. A.G. Sgt. Mander, J. A.G.	GARDENING.	0147	0535	Vegetables were planted as ordered from 2000 feet at 0342 hours. Dropping position identified from 2 pinpoints on Terschelling. 4 parachutes were seen to open. 4-7/10ths stratus cloud, base 2000 feet. Aircraft landed safely at home base.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.872	Sgt. Williams, F. CAPT P/O. Ferguson, W. NAJ Sgt. McCarthy, G. BOHB Sgt. Spencer, W. W.OP Sgt. Michell, D. F.ENG Sgt. Goode, G. A.G. Sgt. Woffler, R. A.G.	GARDENING.	0221	0352	Operation had to be abandoned and vegetables brought back as ANHOLT ISLAND could not be pinpointed, owing to unfavourable weather conditions. Island was presumed covered by cloud. Visibility poor.	

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28/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.915	S/L. Chapple, J. P/O. Campbell, B. P/O. King, H. Sgt. Blackwell, E. Sgt. Hillary, R. Sgt. Legg, B. Sgt. James, P.	GARDENING.	2023	0341	vegetables planted as ordered at 23.52 hours from a height of 3000 feet. D.R. run made from pinpoint on ANHOLT ISLAND which was clearly visible, to the dropping area. Unable to see parachutes open as aircraft was in cloud at the time of actual dropping. Visibility clear up to 2 miles of dropping area.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.903	P/O. McClelland, D. Sgt. Spencer, J. P/O. Beveridge, A. Sgt. Currie, E. Sgt. Ackroyd, E. P/O. Stevenson, G. Sgt. Brown, J.	GARDENING.	2030	0305	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 3000 feet at 23.54 hours. Dropping area identified from pinpoint made on South end of ANHOLT ISLAND. Both parachutes were seen to open. No cloud - see mist.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.926	P/O. Sells, G. Sgt. Rodgers, D. P/O. Kelt, J. P/O. Bradford, D. Sgt. Greenlees, S. Sgt. Ferris, J. Sgt. Hardecastle, J.	GARDENING.	2028	0346	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 23.55 hours from a height of 2450 feet. Pinpointed centre of ANHOLT ISLAND and run to dropping area was made from there. four parachutes were seen to open as the aircraft left the dropping area. No cloud below aircraft over the minelaying area.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. W.7932	Sgt. Hemmings, P. Sgt. Stone, J. Sgt. Poole, B. Sgt. Shaw, A. Sgt. Muir, J. Sgt. Daniel, T. Sgt. Montgomery, D.	GARDENING.	2026	0403	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.20 hours from a height of 3000 feet. identified ANHOLT ISLAND visually, and made D.R. run from there to the dropping area. Parachutes were not seen to open as aircraft had entered cloud. Visibility clear but slight broken cloud.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. JB.962	Sgt. Bragg, R. Sgt. Farrell, J. Sgt. Gell, H. Sgt. Matches, R. Sgt. Williams, H. Sgt. Reed, V. Sgt. Winter, K.	GARDENING.	2029	0357	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.01 hours from a height of 2800 feet. pinpointed the centre of ANHOLT ISLAND and made D.R. run from there to the dropping area. Three parachutes were seen to open as the aircraft completed its run. 1/10th broken cloud at 2000 feet.	
28/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.657	P/O. Read, R. P/O. Freeman, A. P/O. Laidlaw, H. Sgt. Lewis, R. Sgt. McQueen, J. Sgt. Baxter, D.	GARDENING.	2025	0319	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.01 hours from a height of 3000 feet. Visual pinpoint on ANHOLT ISLAND and D.R. run made from there to dropping area. Mines were dropped and two parachutes were seen to open. Visibility clear. 3/10ths clouds	279

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30/4/43	Halifax II. JB.962	P/O. Mills, J. CAPT P/O. Bakewell, T. W/O P/O. Bear, H. W/O P/S. Bird, J. W/O P/S. Dockendorf, E. W/O Sgt. Davis, W. F. ENG Sgt. Moran, L. A.G. P/S. Ashworth, W. A.G.	Bombing	0004	0522	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 21500 feet at 0241 hours, being identified by red flares and green star PFF markers. Bombed on concentration of red and green T.I. markers which were in bombsight at time of release. Two large explosions were seen in the target area close to the markers. PFF flares were very scattered throughout the target area. 10/10 cloud.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. JH.865	Sgt. Bragg, R. CAPT Sgt. Farrell, J. W/O Sgt. Gell, H. W/O Sgt. Natches, R. W/O Sgt. Williams, H. F. ENG Sgt. Reed, V. A.G. P/L. Short, S. A.G.	Bombing	2359	0515	target was attacked and bombed at 02.48 hours from a height of 18200 feet. identified by Red and later by green tracing markers. Bombed on timed run from red markers, checked by green tracing markers. Flare of 2000 lb. bomb seen below cloud. No other results were observed owing to thick cloud hanging over the target area. Vis. poor 10/10 cloud.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. HR.743	P/L. Read, R. CAPT P/O. Freeman, A. W/O P/O. Laidlaw, M. W/O Sgt. Lewis, R. W/O Sgt. Goodwin, J. F. ENG Sgt. McQueen, J. A.G. Sgt. Baxter, D. A.G.	Bombing	2354	0343	this aircraft returned early, operation being abandoned owing to severe icing conditions which affected the engines, 17500 to 22000 feet. furthest point reached was 52.49 N - 04.40 E. at 02.10 hours. Bombs jettisoned safely in position 52.46 N. - 04.36 E. from a height of 20000 feet.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. JB.973	Sgt. Hennings, P. CAPT Sgt. Stone, J. W/O Sgt. Roale, W. W/O Sgt. Shaw, A. W/O Sgt. Muir, J. W/O Sgt. Daniel, T. A.G. Sgt. Montgomery, D. A.G.	Bombing	0025	0447	target was attacked and bombed from a height of 20000 feet at 02.48 hours, being identified by red and green sky markers, white steady flares at release point and DR. run from both track indicators. White steady flares in bomb sight at time of release but own results were not observed. no other results could be seen in the target area owing to 10/10 cloud. Tops 18000 feet.	

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30/4/43.	Halifax II. HR.884	J/L. Neal, R.J. CAPT P/O. Conlon, W. NAI Sgt. Hailey, R. BOB ESSEN. P/O. Pledger, T. W/O P. P/O. Cooper, R. A/G Sgt. Winter, N. A/G Sgt. Tait, D. F/ENG.	Bombing	2347	0456	target was attacked and bombed at 02.46 hours from a height of 20000 feet. Identified by red and green wanganui at release point also steady white flare. BR. run from 2 track markers (green). Bombed on white flare but own bursts were not observed. Glow of fires in the target area could be seen reflected in the clouds. 10/10 cloud over target area.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. HR.926	M/L. Sells, A. CAPT P/O. Marshall, C. 2nd Pilot Sgt. Rodgers, D. NAI ESSEN. P/O. Kelt, E. BOB P/S. Robins, J. W/O P. Sgt. Greenless, S. F/ENG Sgt. Ferris, K. A/G Sgt. Hardcastle, W. A/G	Bombing	2356	0450	target was attacked and bombed from 18000 feet at 02.43 hours, being identified by Wanganui TT. markers which were in bomb sight at time of release. Own bursts were not seen and no other results could be observed owing to the difficult weather conditions. Visibility poor 10/10 cloud.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. JB.903	Sgt. Leppard, A. CAPT Sgt. Moody, G. NAI Sgt. Boydell, E. BOB ESSEN. Sgt. Brown, D. W/O P. Sgt. Lewis, G. F/ENG Sgt. Moore, P. A/G Sgt. Mellish, P. A/G	Bombing	2358	0445	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 18000 feet at 02.31 being identified by Red and Green PFF markers. Bombed on mean point of impact of concentration of 3 green and 6 red and 2 white flares. Own bursts were not observed and no other results could be seen owing to thick 10/10 cloud.	
30/4/43.	Halifax II. Q.JB.872	Sgt. Williams, F. CAPT P/O. Gregson, W. NAI Sgt. McCarthy, C. BOB ESSEN. Sgt. Spencer, W. W/O P. Sgt. Mitchell, D. F/ENG Sgt. Goode, C. A/G Sgt. Swaffer, R. A/G Sgt. Horn, B. 2nd Pilot.	Bombing	0003	0507	Target was attacked and bombed from a height of 21000 feet at 02.49 hours being identified by red, green and white PFF markers. Bombed on white flares - mean point of impact of several red and green thus coincided with ETA on BR run from red markers at turning point. Terrific explosion in the target area was reflected in the clouds. No other results seen owing to thick 10/10 cloud over the target area. 10/10 cloud tops 21000 feet.	
30/4/43	Halifax II. W.7928	P/O. McClelland, B. CAPT P/O. Campbell, B. NAI P/L. Beveridge, A. BOB ESSEN. Sgt. Currie, E. W/O P. Sgt. Ackroyd, E. F/ENG P/O. Stevenson, G. A/G Sgt. Brown, R. A/G	Bombing	0001	0511	Target was attacked and bombed at 02.46 hours from a height of 19800 feet. Identified by red green and white markers. Bombed on white PFF flares which were in bombsight at time of release. Own Bombing results were not seen and no other results could be seen in the target area owing unfavourable weather conditions. 9/10 cloud engulfed the target area.	280

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