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FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST**, 19**42**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
				Up	Down		
4/5/42	HALIFAX II	Sgt Palmer, P/O Hensby, Sgts. Andrews, Sheldon, Clusamy, P/S Taylor, Sgt Holland.		0052	0559	<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON BRISBANE (CONTINUED)</p> <p>"A" (P/S Mizard) Attacked target area in 10/10 cloud from 16000ft at 0302 hrs about 6 delivered bomb bursts seen reflected on cloud all believed in target area. No results of own bombing seen.</p> <p>"B" (Sgt Pughy) Reached primary area at 0300 hrs and after dropping bombs from 19000ft experienced heavy flak. Port outer caught fire without warning when over target, was put out by fire extinguisher and propeller was feathered.</p> <p>"C" (Sgt Ferrier) Port outer temp. up to 150° after surging badly at 0345 hrs aircraft carried on to position 0450E, 35217N. at 0322 hrs where propeller was feathered. Jettisoned bombs in sea and turned back. Inner port and inner struts temperature rose to 105° on return and on landing safely at base had glycol leaks were found.</p> <p>"A" (Sgt Palmer) Reached target area and bombed at 0311 hrs. from 16000ft. Results were not seen but flashes either bomb burst or heavy gunfire were observed. Heavy flak hole in outboard of struts inner and port struts below mid turret cut rudder in half.</p> <p>GENERAL RESULTS: A light intensity of heavy flak was experienced in target area. S/Ls though seen appearing were useless owing to clouds. "A", "B", "C", "A", each dropped 3x242 Nichols after bombing and attempted photographs with bombing but no results of latter are available.</p>	
6/7/42	HALIFAX II	S/L Thiele, Lt. P. E/L Baldwin, W.E. Sgts. Glade, S.J. Shum, H.A. Garrity, J.J. P/S Taylor, J.L.S. Sgt. Canning, R.L.		0057	0517	<p>114th OPERATIONS A/C Detached.</p> <p>BOMBING ATTACK ON DUISBURG</p> <p>Bombload: 5x1000 U.S. 1250 R.C. (8x30) All A/C carried 3x242 Nichols and comms.</p> <p>Five of the Captains bombs primary without being able to identify ground features owing to industrial haze. They were unable to observe the results of their own bombing but Captains reported that numerous but scattered fires were left burning and bombing appeared to be spread over a wide area. Glow of fires was visible for at least 30 or 40 miles on return journey.</p> <p>"A" (S/L Thiele) Found no cloud at primary but very heavy haze obscured ground features even with aid of flares. Spook of incendiaries seen to burst across S.W. of target after bombing at 0247 hrs. from 15000ft. Six small fires observed over large area.</p> <p>"B" (Sgt Campbell) Bombs and haze prevented seeing any ground detail of target area and bombed on t.e. from 15000 ft. at 0249 hrs. Bomb bursts were seen but a very few fires only were observed and these well separated. Encountered 2/3s without engagement.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE)</p>	
				0038	0511		
				CANCELLED			
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			0040	0540			

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8/7/42	HALIFAX II	Sgt Pudney, G. Sgts Mearns, J. D. M. Duff, T. L. E. Taylor, K. E. Ryan, A. M. Lynch, L. L. MacDonald, R. H.		0044	0547	BOMBING ATTACK ON DUISBURG (CONTINUED). *P (P/S HIGGINS) CANCELLED. No air pressure. *P (Sgt Ferrier) CANCELLED. Engine trouble. *P (P/S HIGGINS) Attacked target area from 16000 ft. at 0259 hrs. Flak and fires seen. Six fires seen over a large area, could be distinguished from dumps. Crashed on landing after colliding with two Wellingtons dispersed on ground. No casualties.		
				0045	0556			*P (Sgt Pudney) Dropped bombs in target area at 0252 hrs. from 14000 ft. but saw nothing of results. Observed many fires in target area. *P (Sgt Palmer) Bombed primary on 1.2.2. flx at 0256 from 14500 ft. Bomb bursts not seen but red glow observed later. Many scattered fires observed.
				0046	0556			*P (P/L Bain) Oxalant gauges of inner port failed one at 0100 and the second at 0130 hrs. Turned back after jettisoning 5400 lbs x 0214 hrs. at 0205 hrs. GENERAL REMARKS: Heavy flak of Mod intensity mainly inoperative was experienced. There was only a small amount of light flak-3/4s were few in target area. Night balloons at 10000 ft. Two A/C shot down in flames in target area and another near OSS. Mikals: 12 packages G-42 dropped in target area. Five A/C each attempted one photo at time of bombing. The produced ground detail but not yet plotted.
9/10/42	HALIFAX II	Sgt Palmer, G. W. Sgts Daggett, H. B. Johnston, W. Hamilton, W. E. French, H. B. P/S Taylor, J. L. S. Sgts Dancy, A. E. Anderson, H. J.		2354	0506	115th. O P E R A T I O N Four A/C Destroyed. BOMBING ATTACK ON - OSNABRUCK Bombload: 5 x 1000 Lb. T. and 2 S.B.C. (9000 lbs. All A/C carried cameras and 3 x G41 Mikals. Two of the Captains reached and bombed the target area with success. There was little opposition encountered and bursts were observed along with incendiaries taking hold. Good fires were left burning. In all respects it proved a successful trip. One of our A/C is MISSING.		
				2355	0200	*P (Sgt Pudney, G. Sgts Murray, W. E. Mearns, J. D. M. Teller, K. E. Ryan, A. M. Lynch, L. L. Rankin, J. J. Halkowich, J. W.		
				2356	0445	*P (Sgt Ferrier, H. E. P/O Ayles, R. J. P/O Pillingham, T. H. Sgts Stipple, J. R. Wagner, W. A. Docher, L. A. Glade, S. J.		
				2350	MISSING	*P (P/L Bain, D. J. P/O Vaughan, R. H. Sgt Morgan, T. G. P/S Gibbons, E. Sgt Gover P/S P/O Calderwood, T. H. Sgt Hill, W.		
						*P (Sgt Palmer) Spund heavy ground haze over target area but attacked from 15,300 ft. at 0231 hrs. Did not see own bomb bursts but observed incendiaries glowing. Fires were found burning on arrival and some good ones were left burning on departure.		

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9/10/42	HALIFAX II	(CONTINUED)				<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON OSNABRUCK (CONTINUED)</p> <p>"P" (Sgt Ferrier) Found no fires or other signs of activity on arrival in target area. Bombs at 0203 hours from 15000 ft and saw bursts in same area after bombing at a position 70 mls. from the English Coast on homeward journey port Dmer magnets dropped from 100 to 175. Flames begin coming out of exhaust as motor was feathered and continued to base with three engines.</p> <p>"R" (Sgt Pudney) A/C would not climb above 10000ft. reason at present unknown. All bombs were jettisoned safe 0015 from 9000 ft heading 123. Returned to base.</p> <p>GENERAL REMARKS: Irregular formations of 3/Ls reported all the way from the Dutch Coast to target area. A/C not held in time. IFF on continually. A/C received accurate burst of heavy flak after bombing which appeared to be directed. No 3/L cooperation. Little light reaching only 6000ft. Six packets of 4 mikes: 10x20 mls W. of OSNABRUCK.</p>	
11/12/42	HALIFAX II					<p style="text-align: center;">116th OPERATION. Three A/C Detailed.</p> <p>BOMBING ATTACK ON MAINZ</p> <p>Bombload: "P", "Q", 3x1000 T.D. G.025; 12 S.B.C. 8x20 lb. Incas "R" 7x 1000lb. All carried cameras and 2 packets Mikels B.19s</p> <p>Only one A/C "R" attacked primary after spotting RHINE and built up area. "P" saw good fires in area but saw no bursts. Remaining aircraft: One returned early with flying controls U/S and the other is MISSING.</p> <p>"P" (Sgt Pudney) MISSING. Nothing heard since time of take off. Crew: 659 Sgt Pudney, G. Captain, 318 Sgt Duff, T.A.S. P/Eng. 148 Sgt Mercer, J.D.M. 792 Sgt Toller, L.B. WCE/AS; 434 Sgt Ryan, A.H. WCE/AS; 659 Sgt Garrity, J.J. A/C; 381 Sgt Atkins, G. Bomb.</p> <p>"R" (Sgt Ferrier) Remained on target for 5 mts. from 0144 hours at which time bombs were dropped from 17000ft. Many fires were observed along with bomb bursts in town. Fires were ablaze when target abandoned. Apparently successful attack.</p> <p>"Q" (P/S Higgins) All flying controls went U/S and A/C dropped 5000ft. Very hard to handle on straight and level flight and flying controls had a tendency to stall on a rate 1(one) turn. Bombs jettisoned 5047m. x 0202m. At time of turn back flying controls offered no resistance.</p> <p>GENERAL REMARKS: Light flak and 3/Ls in target area with heavy concentration of 3/Ls at FRANKFORT. Intense on coast. Dummy fire 5 mls South of MAINZ. "R" dropped 2 packets each on crossing coast.</p>	
	"P"	Sgt Pudney, G. Sgt Duff, T.A.S. Sgt Mercer, J.D. Sgt Toller, L.B. Sgt Ryan, A.H. Garrity, J.J.		2205	MISSING		
	"R"	Sgt Ferrier, W.B. Sgt Slade, S.J. P/O Ayles, R.J. P/O Fillingim, T.D. Sgts Burke, M.K. Stipple, J.W. Decher, K.A.		2207	0429		
	"Q"	P/S Higgins, G.H. Sgts McGeehan, R.J. Johnston, W. B. Mohr, L.J. Gradlock, P.O. Wagner, W.A. Morris, M.W.		2206	0145		

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28/29/5	HALIFAX II "0"	F/S Bca, M.D. Sgts Meary, L.F. Mitchell, G.E. Bawick, W.H. McGuire, J.J. S/Witherick, G.A. Sgt Kit, L.W.			1956	<p align="center"><u>117th OPERATION SIX A/C DETAILED.</u></p> <p><u>BOMBED ATTACK ON BRANDBURGH "A".</u> Bombload: 2x1000; 4x S.B.C. (6x30) 4x B.C. (90st.)</p> <p>Four Captains reached target area but fog obscured grd. detail although all but one A/C identified and saw built up area of town. Bomb bursts and explosions seen in target area and a big fire already well alight was observed. Incendiaries were held to light up. General results of Operation good.</p> <p>"0" (F/S Bca) Cloud of fog obscured grd. detail continually. River SAAR identified but target not actually identified. Target not in bomb sight but bombs released at 2229 hrs. from 12000ft. were seen to burst but probably not in built up area. Large incendiaries seen glowing but no fires seen. Landed at WATERBRACH.</p> <p>"1" (Sgt Buman) Identified target by river bend S.E. of target and marshalling yards seen. Target seen in bomb sight and bombs dropped at 2312 hrs. from 14000ft. Two explosions seen by W/O and the glow of the incendiaries shortly after. Hit three encounters with W/O and shot at twice but with no damage. Landed at WATERBRACH.</p> <p>"2" (Sgt Webb) CANCELLED. TECHNICAL FAILURES.</p> <p>"3" (Sgt McKemie) Identified built up area in huge good visibility and attacked at 2316 hrs. from 10000ft. and bombs seem to fall in middle of town in a huge fire already burning. Landed at WATERBRACH.</p> <p>"4" (W/O Shockley) Found target in little or no cloud but with grd. houses, river SAAR and marshalling yards seen. Built up area seen in bomb sight and bombs released at 2316 hrs. from 10000ft. Bombs seem to explode by rear gunner but no results of own bombing seen although large fire left behind. Just a straight forward trip. Landed at WATERBRACH.</p> <p>"5" (F/S Ferrough) Hit speed indicator W/S. No attack made. Jettisoned at 2133 hrs. 5140x 0200x. Bare and turned back. Landed at ROCKINGTON.</p> <p><u>GENERAL REMARKS:</u> Flak defences showed little or no increase since previous raid. Heavy flak seen mainly west of town; light more in evidence up to 14000ft. CHARGES 2212 13000ft. one balloon clearly seen at 10/12000ft. For S/L. Five dummys counted to East, South, and N. West of town.</p> <p align="center">Twelve packages Nickels 6-41 dropped over target areas.</p>	
	"1"	Sgt Duncan, W.H. Sgts Fairless, A. Long, A.A. Stewart, L.R. Dasher, R. E. Glenny, H. Pooock, J.J.			1955		
	"2"	Sgt. Webb and CREW.			CANCELLED		
	"3"	Sgt McKemie, W.L. F/O Munch, L.D. Sgts Alexander, J.R. Dwyer, L.D. Bogles, G. Lewis, G.E. Kucharick, J.A.			1952		
	"4"	F/O Shockley, M.C. Sgts Kitchin, W.H. Hiland, F. F/S Turnbull, B.L. F/O Palmer, W.H. Sgts Henderson, J. Henderson, G.C.			1953		
	"5"	F/S Ferrough, R.G. F/O Hensby, S.A. Sgt Atkins, G.A. Johnston, P. Duncanson, Eyerley, M.D. Mulligan, B.H.			1954		

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