

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

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

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1/2 Sept.	HALIFAX II					<b>118TH OPERATION</b> <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON SAARBRUCKEN 7 A/C Detailed</b>	
	"H"	W/O Ferrier W.R. and Crew.				<b>CANCELLED</b>	
	"H"	Sgt CAMPBELL J.T., P/O Urquhart R.J., 2nd Pilot; P/Sgt Park W.L.; Sgt's Burke J.R.P., Nutt A., P/O Lepage J.L.P.; Sgt's Morgan D.A.B, Barnicoat, R.E.		2259	0527	<b>Bombed:</b> 6 x S.P.C. (90 x 4 lbs.) and 6 S.B.C. (8 x 30 lbs.) All A/C carried two packets nikels G-41 and, cameras.	
	"H"	Sgt. DUNCAN W.H., Sgt's Fairless A., Laing A.J., Sheward L.R., Kucharyk T., Clenny H., Poosok J.J.		2300	0248 N.S.	Five Captains reached the target in good visibility and dropped their bombs in the area. All crews very enthusiastic at result of attack which appeared to be highly concentrated on town. Very many fires seen in built up areas both North and South of river Saar. No one found any difficulty in identifying the river and as additional aid to coloured marker flares and the P.F.F. incendiaries were seen at and near aiming points.	
	"L"	P/O SHOCKLEY H.G., Sgt's Kirpatrick W.W., Holland P., P/Sgt Turnbull, P/O Palmer A.G., Sgt's Henderson A.G., Henderson G.O.		2258	0614	"W" (P/S Rea) Reached target area in clear visibility and could make out individual houses. Found flares burning and fires galore. Target in bombight. Bombs released at 0202 hours from 12,000 feet. Own incendiaries not seen but others accurate and concentrated. Fuel tank leaking doubtful as to cause. Good trip, very effective, all happy about the show.	
	"A"	P/Sgt PALMER C.W., P/O Olsen E.O., 2nd Pilot; Sgt's Johnston W., Gravelot-Chapman J.R., Hamilton A.G., Lauckner IL, P/Sgt Taylor J.L.S., Sgt. Anderson H.J.		2256	0544	"U" (Sgt Campbell) Reached target area and saw river and bridge also red and green flares. Although several lots of bombs and incendiaries were seen own released at 0205 from 12,000 feet were not distinguished. Some fires seen burning, looked as though it would be a good show.	
	"D"	Sgt McKENZIE N.A., P/O L.B. Mason, Sgt's Alexander J.R., Dawdy L.D., Eagles G.S., Stone H., Kaucharik J.A.		2303	Crashed 2358	"S" (Sgt Duncan) with upper turret guns U/S left gun in rear turret U/S returned half way over English Channel after jettisoning bombs 5420 North by 0004 West.	
	"W"	F.S. Rea H.D. (Pilot); F.S. Money K.P. (2nd); Sgt MITCHELL S.E. (B/A); Sgt BESWICK W.B. (WOP/AG); Sgt MAQUILL S.J. (U/A); F.S. WILKINSON G.A. (P/L); Sgt. BLT KW (P/O)		2300	0615	"A" (P/S Palmer) Identified target by line of river. Target in bombight attacked at 0200 hours from 14,000 feet. Saw fires spreading after observing that there were no fires in the area at arrival. Successful trip in good conditions.	
						"W" (W/O Ferrier) CANCELLED. Technical failures. "D" (Sgt McKenzie) Port outer engine caught fire at 2344 hours just over English coast. Captain ordered crew to bail out when aircraft apparently out of control. P/O Mason and Sgt's Kaucharik and Alexander bailed out and were picked up slightly injured although P/O Mason had to swim almost two hours to shore. The A/C crashed at chapel St. Leonard's at 2358 hours and burnt out. Three members of the crew 113 Sgt McKenzie, N.A. Captain; 536 Sgt Eagles G.S., A/G; 726 Sgt Stone H., A/G; were killed. 329 Sgt Dawdy L.D. is missing.	
						"L" (P/O Shockley) Identified target by light of pathfinder flares and visually by clear sight of river and marshalling yards. Bombs released over aiming point at 0207 hours from 10,000 feet but too many fires to identify own bursts. Fires seen 75 miles away. Landed at Stradihall.	
						<b>GENERAL REMARKS:</b> Raid was highly successful from point of view of concentration and accuracy of bombing. No difficulty experienced. Only one or two early arrivals complained of any flack at all and it would appear to have been completely saturated. No searchlights. Nine packets Nikels G-41 18X.39 3XG.44 dropped in target area.	

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2/3 Sept	HALIFAX II					<u>119TH OPERATION</u> BOMBING ATTACK ON <u>KARLSRUHE</u> 6 A/C DETAILED Bombload: 6 S.B.C. (90 x 4), 6 S.B.C. (8 x 30) Nickels. "I" 2 x G-44, "I" 2 x G-41 & 2 x C-42 Remainder 4 x G-42	
	"A"	F/Sgt PALMER C.W., P/O Olsen E.O., Sgt's Johnston W., Chapman J.B., Hemilton, Lauckner L.L., F/Sgt Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson H.J.		2231	0552		
	"H"	F/Sgt REA H.D. and Crew.		CANCELLED		Three of the Captains reached and attacked primary target. Extensive fires burning in town area and spreading. Town a mass of flames which could be seen about 100 miles after leaving. Heavier opposition than anticipated in target area. Two of the A/C did not take off due to technical failures. One of our a/c is missing. Nothing heard from it after take off.	
	"H"	SET DUNCAN W.H., Sgt's Fairless A., Laing A.A., Sheward L.R., Kucheryk T., Cunningham F.L., Pocock J.J.		2238	0534		
	"H"	F/L Hillier L.D., Sgt's Roberts G.W., McGrath B.A., Ewing A.C., Mitchell K.E.M., Cutting E.J., Cowles E., Muir A.D.		2228	MISSING	"A" (F/Sgt Palmer) Identified primary target area by line of river on E.T.A. and by dock fingers. Target in bombsight and bombs released at 0159 hours from 11,000 feet. Extensive fires burning in town area. Distributor arm jammed and five S.B.C. held up. Slight damage from flack to stab'd wheel, bomb doors on port wing. Good results of attack with fires spreading.	
	"H"	W/O Ferrier W.R., and Crew.		CANCELLED		"H" (F/Sgt Rea) CANCELLED. Begged down. "H" (Sgt Duncan) Target seen in very clear visibility and in bombsight. Released bombs at 0200 hours from 12,000 feet. Rear Gunner and Flight Engineer saw fires from own incendiaries. Town a mass of flames seen 100 miles after leaving.	
	"H"	SET CAMPBELL J.C., P/O Dryhart E.J., F/Sgt Dark W.L., Sgt Burke J.R.P., Sgt Nutt A., P/O Copage J.L.P., Sgt Morgan D.A.B., Sgt Barricoot R.E.		2230	0533	"H" (F/L Hillier) MISSING. Nothing heard after take off. Crew consisted of 380 F/L Hillier L.D., Captain; 501 Sgt Roberts G.W. 2nd Pilot; 516 Sgt McGrath B.A., Navigator; 755 Sgt Ewing A.C., Bombadier; 460 Sgt Mitchell K.E.M., WOE/AG; 953 Sgt Cutting E.J., A/G; 982 Sgt Cowles E., A/G; 025 Sgt Muir A.D., E/Eng. "H" (W/O Ferrier) CANCELLED. Begged down. "H" (Sgt Campbell) Identified target area on E.T.A., docks/lips, flares and river line. Target in bombsight and bombs released at 0145 hours from 13,000 feet but no results observed. Fires burning on arrival. General Remarks: There was slight but inaccurate flack both heavy and light at target. "A" slightly damaged. Searchlights ineffective but seen in greater numbers on coast near Furnes than on previous night. Enemy aircraft evaded without engagement. A/C seen falling in flames from 14,000 feet at 0048 hours, position 5025 North by 0437 East, and continued to burn on ground. Two packages G-44, Nickels dropped in Saarbrucken area and 6 packages G-42 and two G-41 in target area.	

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				UP	DOWN		
4/5 Sept	HALIFAX II					<p align="center"><b>120TH OPERATION</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON BRISTOL 6 A/O DETAILED</b></p>	
	"B"	R/L Swainson H.H., Sgt Dennison E., P/O Moyes D.B., Sgt Morrison H.H., Sgt McDonald R.H., P/Sgt Thomas H.J., Sgt Down J.A.		2333	0556	<p>Bombload: "B", "W" 5x1000 lbs. Remainder 6 S.B.C. 90 x 4 lbs. 6 S.B.C. 8 x 30 lbs. plus 1 x 1000. All carried on main and three times G.A.S.</p>	
	"W"	P/Sgt Roe H.B. and crew.		CANCELLED			
	"A"	P/Sgt Palmer G.W., P/O Urquhart R.J., Sgt's Johnston W., Chapman J.B., Hamilton W.B., Lausker L., P/Sgt Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson H.J.		2357	0340	<p>Of the five Captains that took off from this station and carried out attacks. A/O "A" was forced to jettison his bombs at 10000 ft. and was forced to abort mission. Remaining A/O's cancelled. Attack proved a good effort on a well defended target. Fires seen and well concentrated and visible from the coast. Dark lights observed. Searchlights very bright.</p>	
	"B"	P/O Shookley H.G., Sgt's Waddle H.R., Kirpatrick W.M., Holland E., P/Sgt Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer G.W., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson G.O.		0005	0519	<p>"B" (P/O Shookley) identified target by river and coast and by marker flares. Attack carried out at 0210 hours from 15,000 feet and bombs seemed to explode in built up area immediately in coastal southerly dock. Fires well concentrated and visible from the coast. Defences very good on route and far from healthy.</p>	
	"R"	P/O Ferrier H.R., P/O Ayles K.R., Sgt Decher K.A., P/O Pillingham T.A., Sgt's Burke H.K., Skiple J.R., Slade S.J.		2340	0445	<p>"R" (P/O Ferrier) target identified by river and marker flares. Bombs dropped at 0240 hours from 15,000 feet but no results were observed. One fire started in area of river. Defences very good over target and had to do very violent evasive action. A good effort on a well defended target.</p>	
	"S"	Sgt Campbell J.T., P/O Olsen E.O., P/Sgt Dark W.L., Sgt Burke J.R.F., P/O Campbell H.J., P/O Lepage J.L.F., Sgt's Moran S.A.B., King L.R.		2355	0208	<p>"S" (P/O O'SHEA) identified town by river and coast, well illuminated by S.F. Bombs released from 15,000 feet at 0220 hours believed to have dropped in built up area N. of river although they were not seen to explode. Really good piece of work by the crew.</p> <p>"S" (Sgt Campbell) identified horizon and coast by S.F. Jettisoned safe in sea 5420 ft. by 0400 ft. at 0130 hours.</p> <p>"S" (P/O Palmer) jettisoned load at 3315 ft. by 0220 ft. at 0120 hours owing to technical failure.</p> <p><b>GENERAL REMARKS:</b> Heavy accurate flock with co-ordinated searchlights over target and at 2200 hours. A/O "B" and "W" dropped their bombs to fall in target area. Despite heavy defences along the route our A/O sustained no damage and there were no casualties. Trip apparently successful.</p>	

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4/7 Sept	HALIFAX II						
"0"		S/Sgt Palmer C.O., Sgt's Dennison E.O., HENRY K.O., Chapman J.O., Hamilton O.O., Lauckner L.O., P/Sgt Taylor J.O., Sgt Anderson H.J.		0034	0550	<p><b>OPERATION</b>  <b>REVERSE ATTACK ON BRISBANE</b>  <b>W/3 UNDETAILED</b></p> <p>Headed: P.O. 6 x 1000 T.D. O.025. Remained: G.O. 6 x 1000 (90 x 1 lb. G.I. 2 E.O.) D.O. 6 x 1000 G.O. 2 x 1000 T.D. O.025  Remained: "0" 3 x G.O. 1 "1" 3 x G.O. 2 "2" 1 x G.O. 2  Remained 3 x G.O. 2.</p>	
"0"		W/O Shackley H.O., and Crew Sgt's Wallace H.O., Kirpatrick W.O., Hillard E.O., P/Sgt Turnbull R.O., P/O Palmer G.O., Sgt's Henderson J.O., Henderson G.O.		0036	0557	<p>6 Captains reached and bombed primary area. Target definitely identified by line of rivers, docks and marker flares. Bombs seem to have been fairly satisfactory with at least one Very Large Bomb in the centre of the town, the smoke from which rose to about 10,000 feet. A considerable number of bombs were observed dropping on the west side of the Rhine.  "0" (P/Sgt Palmer) One of the early arrivals. Found flares being dropped and frayed bombs at 0549 hours from 10,000 feet. Drop entirely successful. One of the earliest trips as far as "0".  "0" (W/O Shackley) River seen and flares burning in target area. P.O. seen and bombed at 0530 hours from 10,000 feet. Bombs seem to burst in built up area. Very large fire seen burning with smoke rising up to 10,000 feet.  "0" (Sgt Campbell) Reached target area and flares burning on arrival. Arrived from 10,000 feet at 0545 hours. No results observed. While re-ascending Dutch coast port outer engine failed. The reduction gear was stripped. Engine feathered and landed at WILHELMSHAFEN HEADS.  "0" (P/Sgt Forreth) Identified target by marker flares, river and docks. Target in bomb height and bombs released at 0508 hours from 10,700 feet. Bombs were seen to burst and a fire was observed burning in town with thick smoke rising up. Shortly after bombing a/c hit by flash. Starboard outer out and down. ran to 4,000. A/O turned over on back. Searchlights all concentrated on a/c which dived down to 700 feet while twin engine action. Flak followed them down and fired (never found one of the lights).  "0" (W/O Forreth) CANCELLED.  "0" (W/O Higgins) Rear turret went up and all bombs jettisoned safe high sea 5312 North by 0512 East.  "0" (Sgt Barton) Located target by T.O. fix and ... Target not in bomb height but bursts seen after bombs dropped at 0505 hours from 7,000 feet. Flares were observed burning. Quiet trip.  "0" (Sgt Webb) rear outer engine up. Couldn't ... couldn't maintain height. All bombs jettisoned safe 5312 North by 0512 East.</p>	
"0"		Sgt Campbell J.O., W/O Olson G.O., P/Sgt Hart L.O., Sgt Burke S.O., W/O Campbell H.O., W/O Leggett J.O., Sgt's Moran L.O., King L.O.		0033	0550		
"0"		Sgt Forreth G.O., P/O Hensby G.O., Sgt's Cox L.O., Johnston E.O., Evans L.O., Sperry H.O., Halligan H.O.		0035	0635		
"0"		W/O Forreth H.O., and Crew		CANCELLED			
"0"		W/O Higgins G.O., P/O Stewart T.O., Sgt's Johnston W.O., King L.O., P/Sgt Douglas L.O., Sgt's Crockett H.O., Singer H.O., Johnson H.O.		0032	0605		
"0"		Sgt Barton H.O., P/O Sproun A.O., Sgt's Payne H.O., Wyle H.O., Hanco H.O., Stewart J.O., Clifton H.O.		0033	0606		
"0"		Sgt Webb H.O., Sgt's Gerwin H.O., Houston G.O., Brown A.O., Cotton J.O., French W.O., Spauld, J.O.		0040	0630		
<p><b>GENERAL REMARKS:</b> Early arrivals reported and ... heavy flock ... increasing considerably towards the end of the attack.  Remained: 19 x G.O. 2 6 x G.O. 2 2 x G.O. 1 were dropped in target area. One of our a/c was followed by enemy a/c with gun light forward. Sgt about 600 yards astern but no attack made. Sgt a/c saved but took no violent avoiding action.</p>							

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8/9 Sept.	HALIFAX II					<u>122ND OPERATION</u> <u>BOMBING ATTACK ON FRANKFORT</u> 8 A/C DETAILED	
	"E"	F/Sgt PALMER C.W., Sgt Donaldson E.C., 2nd Pilot, P/O Sweeney G.A., Sgt's Chapman J.R., Hamilton W.E., Leuckner L., P/Sgt Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson H.J.		2009	0430	Bombload: A/O "E" and "J" 4 x 1000. A/O "G" 6 x 1000. Remainder 6 S.B.C. 90 x 4 lb. (64 ITR) Inc. 6 S.B.C. 8 x 30 lb. Inc. Nickels. A/O "E" and "J" 3 x G.48 Remainder 3 x G.41 All carried cameras.	
	"H"	F/Sgt FERRYHOUGH R.G., P/O Menaby G.A., Sgt's Cox A., Johnston P., Daves A.E., Ryerley M.D., Malligen S.A.		2022	0334	Six of the Captains successfully bombed the primary area. All a/c identified with earlier arrivals reporting P.F.F. flares scattered. There were three large fires in town which gradually increased giving later arrivals a good view of streets and buildings. Attack thought to be successful but concentration not so marked.	
	"S"	Sgt. DAGGETT W.D. and Crew		CANCELLED		"E" (P/Sgt Palmer) saw a river and railway bridge clearly but saw nothing on arrival. Saw incendiaries fall in built up area and observed fires starting as a/c left area. Only fields illuminated by P.F.F. Attack made at 2332 hours from 18,000 feet.	
	"C"	Sgt. BURTON L.R., P/O Stewart R.W., 2nd Pilot, P/O Sprosen A.T., Sgt's Payne A.A., Doyle W.L., Horne A.E., Pay K.P., Clifton R.H.		2058	0441	"H" (P/Sgt Ferryhough) jettisoned live as instructed 5142 N by 0149 E at 2208 from 12,000 feet after failure of oxygen apparatus. Nickels brought back.	
	"J"	Sgt MURRAY W.F., Sgt's Payton C.A., Grant W.S., P/O Kropf L.E., Sgt's Baillie J.R., Kitson C.A., Barnicoat R.E.		2040	0328	"E" (Sgt Burton) fires seen when approaching river which was followed until town seen. Observed big fire at aiming point and released bombs at 0008 hours from 17,000 feet to fall just short of it. Bursts seen in built up area. Other bombs were observed exploding in same area. Noted three large fires in target area on North side of river which showed up streets and buildings. Large number of fires up to 30, were scattered all around area seen 40 miles away. Big green yellow explosion seen 20 miles after leaving.	
	"B"	P/O SHOCKLEY H.C., Sgt Christen C.T., 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Kirkpatrick W., Holland P., P/Sgt Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer W.M., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson C.O.		2021	0334	"J" (Sgt Murray) Starboard outer engine failed 20 minutes short of target but aircraft continued on and attacked primary at 0005 hours from 15,000 feet. No results observed. Mid-upper gunner Sgt Baillie J.R. R7496, baled out 20 miles south of BRADDE on way back. A/O landed BRADDE.	
	"T"	Sgt WEBB W.M., Sgt Hidenaghe 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Gerwais R.E., Mitchell C.E., Bombardier Drennan A.E., French V.R., Scotten J.C., Rankin J.M.		2023	0355	"E" (P/O SHOCKLEY) Identified target area by river which was followed in and a turn made which brought a/c over docks and bombed at 2333 hours from 15,000 feet. Bombs falling on south bank of river in built up area. No fires seen, flares very scattered. Inc. seem to burn in buildings.	
	"U"	Sgt CAMPBELL J.T., Sgt Waddle W.R., 2nd Pilot, P/Sgt Dark W.L., Sgt Burke J.R.P., P/O Campbell R.J., P/O Lepage J.L.P., Sgt's Morgan D.A. E., Chance A.		2020	0326	"E" (Sgt Webb) River seen and R/C saw built up area in light of photo flash. P.F.F. all around town but none over. One inc. seemed to drop in built up area. Large number of scattered fires in town. "E" (Sgt CAMPBELL) Bridges seen over river and built up area observed in light of flares. Inc. dropped from 15,000 feet at 2339 hours not seen, but fires observed on run-up and some good but scattered fires left burning.	

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						<u>122ND OPERATION FRANKFORT Cont'd</u>	
						*S* (SGT DAGGETT) CANCELLED. Technical failures.	
						GENERAL REMARKS: MARSHAL appeared to be used as decoy with dummy fires. Searchlights and light flack in evidence. Regular lines of white lights to N.W. of target area would probably be lights of prisoner-of-war camp. Had several encounters with enemy a/c but no results. In target area searchlights very intense and appeared to be sighted in cones 20 to 30 at each corner of town. Co-operation with heavy flack which was of moderate intensity. All a/c used I.F.F. which appeared to be mostly successful. Mine packages G-41 Nickels and three packages G-48 dropped in target area.	
10/11 Sept	HALIFAX II					<u>123RD OPERATION</u>	
	"O"	S/L Sweetman W.E., P/O Colledge W.W., 2nd Pilot; Sgt's Money K.P., Karloff J.V., P/O Cook E., Sgt Peel S., P/Sgt Thomas H.J., Sgt Devan J.J.	1954	0225		<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON DUSSELDORF 10 A/C DETAIL</u> Bombload: 6 S-B-C. 90 x 4 (64 TIB) 6 S-B-C. 8 x 30 3x 1000 lb. fused T.D. Q-025. All carried cameras and 3 x G-48 Nickels.	
	"H"	P/OT Fernyhough R.C., P/O Stewart T.W., 2nd Pilot, P/O Hensby S.A., Sgt's Cox A., Johnston P., Danae A.E., Egerley M.D., Mulligan E.A.	1957	0220		Seven Captains reached target area and bombed primary with success. Despite haze and smoke some a/c caught glimpse of Rhine and docks. Flares and fires developing were observed a long way from the target. Some flares west of river thought to be over dummies. Attack would appear to be most successful and highly concentrated effort.	
	"O"	Sgt Burton J.R., P/O Spresen A.T., Sgt's Payne A.A., Moyle W.L., Horne A.E., Pay, K.P., Clifton P.H.	2001	2343 No.S.		*O* (S/L Sweetman) Reached primary but ground haze and smoke made pin-pointing extremely difficult. Attacked at 2247 from 12,000 feet but too much activity to distinguish bomb bursts. Own incendiaries seen burning.	
	"U"	Sgt Campbell J.T., Sgt Waddle W.R. 2nd pilot, P/Sgt Dark, W.R., Sgt Burke J.R.P., P/O Campbell R.J., P/O Lepage J.L.P., Sgt's Morgan D. A.B., Chance A.	2002	0140		*U* (P/O Shookley) River and docks seen well lit up by fires and searchlights. Too much activity to observe result of attack made at 2235 from 16,000 feet. Two outstanding fires and other large ones noted in area. Very successful effort.	
	"P"	Sgt Webb W.M., Sgt's Cervais E., Mitchell G.E., Drennan A.T., French V.R., Scotten J.C., Rankin J.M.	2004	0123		*H* (P/O Fernyhough) Sighted river bend on E.T.A. south of target in bombight. Dropped bombs from 13,000 feet at 2250 and flashes seen. Red fires on leaving. Successful trip despite heavy opposition.	
	"M"	W/C Fraser L.G., P/O McIntosh J.H.M. 2nd pilot and crew.		CANCELLED		*O* (Sgt Burton) Port inner engine failed. Oil line trouble, unable to feather and losing height. Jettisoned safe 5305 North by 0015 E. at 2200 hours from 7,000 feet.	
	"G"	Sgt Daggett W.D., Sgt's Rogers L.W., Hickerson E.J., Hillam G.W., Carleton E.R., Thomas L.L., Laing H.	2006	0156		*U* (Sgt Campbell) Red and green flares on E.T.A. Target in bombight and bombs dropped at 2245 from 12,000 feet without seeing results. Fires in target area on arrival. Coolant leak developed in starboard outer engine which was out and feathered.	
						*P* (Sgt Webb) Flares seen on arrival. Hit by flack and went into spin. Righted a/c and released bombs at 2233 hours from 6,000 feet. More fires seen in target area starting up. Port outer prop shot off over target and all motors stopped after spin. Pilot had no control and at about 10,000 feet told crew to bale out. P/O (Sgt Scotten J.) and M/U (Sgt French V.R.) baled out. Captain regained control and nursed a/c back to base where on attempting a landing was unable to stop and crashed into Wellington parked on dispersal point. CAN R93310 Sgt Drennan A.T. WOF/AG was instantly killed.	

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10/11 Sept	HALIFAX II					<u>123RD OPERATION CONT'D</u>				
						"A"	F/Sgt PALMER C.W., Sgt Chretien G.L., 2028 2nd Pilot, P/O Sweeney G.A., Sgt's Chapman J.E., Hamilton W.E., Lauckner L., P/Sgt Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson H.J.	0159	"W" (W/C Fraser L.G.) CANCELLED. "S" (Sgt Daggett) Observed red and green marked flares grouped almost in a straight line over the target. Markers also over dummies on approach. Target in bombsight and bombs released at 2340 hours from 14,000 feet. No bursts seen. Incendiaries seen glowing for 10 minutes after leaving target. "P" (P/S Palmer) Target identified by red and green flares and fires. Target bombsighted and attacked from 15,500 feet at 2249 hours. Bursts of own bombs not identified but saw many fires burning in target area. Much better trip than on last visit to this target. "M" (Sgt Murray) Coolant leak in port outer engine. Bombs jettisoned safe over sea 5411 N by 0120 E. at 2102 hours.	
						"B"	Sgt MURRAY W.F., Sgt's Paton C.A., Grant W.S., P/O Kropf L.E., Sgt's St. Louis J.C., Kitson S.A., Barnicoat R.E. <small>P.O. 4910 (Pilot); Sgt Kirkpatrick W.W. (2nd); Sgt Holland P. (S.A.); P/S Turnbull R.L. (W/O); P/S TILSON W.W. (S.A.); Sgt Henderson J. (S.A.); Sgt Henderson G. (S.A.)</small>	2005 N.S. 2203	0115	<u>GENERAL REMARKS:</u> Between 2235 and 2245 hours considerable heavy black reported and five or six cones of searchlights co-operating. Apparently lessened later since special report submitted by "P" who attacked at 2305 hours found defence negligible. Many small dummies reported on or near outward track between MAAS and Rhine. Nickels; 18 x G48 dropped to fall in target area.
11/14 Sept	HALIFAX II					<u>124TH OPERATION</u>				
						"B"	F/L SHOCKLEY H.G., Sgt Stoval, G.O., 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Kirkpatrick W., Holland P., P/Sgt Turnbull H.L., P/O Palmer W.M., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson G.O.	2338	0435	<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON - BREMEN 10 A/C Detailed.</u> <u>Reload:</u> All Carried 6x S.B.C. 90lb, 12x 6x S.B.C. 8x30 lb. and 3x G-51 Nickels, and Cameras.  All but one of the nine A/C that took off reached and bombed primary with success. Smoke and haze impaired visibility to a great extent and only feature noticed were large fires burning in what was presumed to be BREMEN. Bombs were aimed to fall near area but no results were seen. A/C "C" returned early with engine trouble. "B" (F/L Shockley) Very busy over target and bombed on E.T.A. at 0225 hrs. from 14,500 ft. Own bursts not seen Captain was busy taking evasive action. Many fires were seen in the target area. "P" (P/S Ferryhough) CANCELLED. "W" (P/S Rae) Industrial haze over target but target seen in bomb sight. Bombs released at 0230 hrs. from 14,000ft but bombs not seen to explode. Observed huge concentrations of fires in target area. Not round target but most satisfactory trip. "M" (P/O Olsen) No ground features identified because of haze and smoke from the very large fires found burning in the target area. Bombs were released at 0234 hours from 17,000ft aimed to fall just short of biggest fire. No results seen. Found 1 small hole in rear portion of fuselage. "L" (P/S Palmer) At arrival found fires already alight and attacked from 17,500 ft. but individual bursts not seen. Good fires observed and many bomb bursts seen. Fires still seen 100 miles away. Good show.
						"F"	F/Sgt FERRYHOUGH R.G., and Crew	CANCELLED		
						"U"	F/Sgt REA H.D., P/O Atkinson H., Sgt's Money K.P., Burke J.R.P., Bewick W.E., McGuire J.J., P/Sgt Witherick G.A., Sgt Elt. K.W.	0007	0450	
						"H"	P/O OLSEN E.C., Sgt's Kitchen J., Probert, Peel S., Carter A., Greene E., Ogeland B.B.	2346	0531	
						"L"	F/Sgt PALMER C.W., P/O McIntosh H.M.M., 2349 2nd Pilot, P/O Sweeney G.A., Sgt's Chapman, J.B., Hamilton	2349	0502	
"S"	F/S DAGGETT M.D., Sgt's Rogers L.W., Nickerson E.J., Hallam E.W., Carleton									

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13/14 Sept	HALIFAX II	E/O COLLEDGE W.W., Sgt's Constable E.S.A., Karloff J.V., Simms H.A., Taylor E.A., P/Sgt Steward J.A., Sgt Yates J.E.W.		2343	0425	<p align="center"><u>124TH OPERATION CONT'D</u></p> <p>"S" (P/S Daggett) Saw river and two very large fires and bombed nearby at 0233 hours from 17,000 feet. No ground detail identified and own burst not seen. No results seen. Misunderstood order to land at OULTON.</p> <p>"C" (P/O Colledge) Fires already well alight on arrival. Saw target and released bombs at 0226 hours from 15,000 feet. Bombs were seen to explode and many fires and flashes were observed. Saw aerodrome clearly with a searchlight cone at either end. Fifteen dummies noted N &amp; S of target.</p> <p>"E" (Sgt Murray) Reached and bombed primary at 0230 hours from 17,000 feet. Bombs seemed to burst on East side of town. Jammer switch effective.</p> <p>"O" (Sgt Burton) Port inner engine failed, oil leak and two pound drop in boost pressure. Load jettisoned safe. Incendiaries live 5351 N. by 0121 E. at 0052 hours and returned to base on three engines.</p> <p>"W" (W/O Fraser) Perfectly clear over target with slight haze and smoke. Too many fires to see definite results but bombs dropped at 0233 hours from 17,000 feet to fall on target area. After bombs dropped port outer engine failed and rear turret went n/a.</p> <p><u>GENERAL REMARKS:</u> Searchlight concentrations in cones South-West and South East of town accompanied by fairly intense flack. Light flack from town itself reaching up to 18,000 feet. At 0326 hours in vicinity of DEN HELDEN a/c "S" (P/S Daggett) encountered a formation of three or five enemy a/c with light in nose. A converging attack was made, one from dead astern - one from port beam and one from stbd quarter. P/O gave burst at one astern and its light went out and enemy a/c seen in steep dive with reddish glow in fuselage. W/U gave burst at one approaching from stbd and its light went out and enemy a/c disappeared. Remaining enemy a/c made off towards Dath coast. Bullets from attacking a/c came close to our own but no hits sustained and evasive action involving loss of height from 14,000 feet to 8,000 feet. Nickels 24 peckd G-51 dropped in target area. All a/c but "E", which landed at COLTISHALL, returned to OULTON.</p>	
				2352	0540		
				2341	0148		
				2336	0455		
14/15 Sept	HALIFAX II	E/O OLSEN E.C., Sgt's Kitchen J., Vineberg, Peel S., Carter A., Greene A., Copeland E.B.,		0030	0055	<p align="center"><u>125TH OPERATION</u></p> <p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON WILHEMSHAVEN 5 A/C DETAILED</u></p> <p>Bombload: 6 x S.B.C. (50 x 4) 6 S.B.C. (5 x 30 Inc.) and 3 x 1000 G.P. T.D. 0:025.</p> <p>Thick haze prevented observation of ground detail to any degree of accuracy. The four A/C which took off were attracted to target area by flares which were scattered in the area. Dook area was identified by three a/c and some fire seen in town. One very large explosion in town reported. Five really large fires were burning heavily with smaller ones scattered and Captains were satisfied the attack successful.</p>	
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14/15 Sept	HALIFAX II					<b>125TH OPERATION CONT'D</b> <b>WILKESHAVER</b>	
	"U"	E/SGT DAGGETT N.D., and Crew.		CANCELLED			
	"M"	SGT BURTON J.R., P/O Atkinson H. 2nd Pilot, P/O Sprosen A.T., Sgt's Payne A.A., Moyle W.L., Horne A.E., Cunningham F.L., Clifton.		2003	0050	"O" (Sgt Denison) Reached primary target and dock area seen on E.T.A. Bombs aimed N. of docks at 2221 hours from 14,000 feet, but no bursts seen. A few fires seen and later observed a large explosion and red burst in target area.	
	"O"	SGT DENISON R.G., P/O Cole C.W., Sgt's Spencer, G.L., Jennings R.J., Davies R.R.G., Kennett R.F., King L.R.		2009	0108	"M" (Sgt Burton) Docks identified. Flares seen but no fires had started. Bombs dropped W. of docks at 2220 hours from 15,000 feet. No results seen but fires observed afterwards. Large red fire seen in E. corner of docks. "N" (P/O Olsen) Target not identified. Bombed at 2211 hours from 18,000 feet on activity in approximately position of town. Good fires seen through haze and bombs aimed near. No results seen. "E" (P/S Ferryhough) Target not identified. One fire thought to be in target area. Released load at 2214 hours from 16,000 feet and incendiaries seen to explode. Other bombing observed later. "U" (P/S Daggett) CANCELLED. GENERAL REMARKS: A wall of light flack was seen where dock area was judged to be and it is possible that dummy N.E. of target was active. Flack moderate heavy and inaccurate N. and N.W. of town. Searchlights impeded by haze and ineffective. Dummies appeared to be active N.E. of target and one very obvious one half a mile W. of aerodrome to S.W. of town. Twelve packets Nicla C-51 dropped in target area.	
16/17 Sept	HALIFAX II					<b>126TH OPERATION</b> <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN</b> <b>IO A/G DETAILED</b>	
	"P"	F/L SHOOLEY R.G., P/O Stewart T.W., 2nd Pilot, Sgt Kirkpatrick W., Holland P., P/Sgt Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer W.M., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson C.C.		2034	0257	Bombload: 6 x S.B.C. (90 x 4) 6 S.B.C. (8 x 30 Incendi) and 3 x 1000 G.P. All a/c carried cameras. Seven of the ten Captains which took off reached the target area and carried out their attack. There is no conclusive evidence that ESSEN sustained the attack. F/L Shookley who was detailed to make a special report is of the opinion that main attack was west of ESSEN and North of MILHEIM. Fires and flack positions were bombed. Defense was very intense all along the route. Two a/c were forced back with engine and mechanical trouble. One of our a/c is missing. "O" (P/O Colledge) Reached target area after a very difficult trip with intense flack and searchlights from DURNBERG to OSTFELD. ESSEN not identified but fires seen before E.T.A. Bombs aimed at fires from 16,000 feet at 2227 hours. No result seen other bombs falling at time. Three by one thousand hung up electrical system 1/2.	
	"E"	SGT MURRAY W.F., Sgt's Paton C.A., Grant W.S., P/O Kropf L.E., Sgt's St. Louis J.S., Kitson C.A., Barnicoat R.E.		2032	MISSING	"E" (SGT MURRAY) MISSING. Nothing heard since take-off. Crew consisted of 114 Sgt Murray W.F. Captain; 472 Sgt Paton C.A. Nav; 623 Sgt Grant W.S. Bomb; 931 P/O Kropf L.E. WOE/AG; 325 Sgt St. Louis J.S. A/G; 804 Sgt Kitson C.A. A/G; 295 Sgt Barnicoat R.E. P/Eng.	
	"N"	P/O OLSEN R.C., Sgt's Kitchen J., Vinberg, Peel S., Carter A., Greene A., Copeland B.B.		2028	2247		
	"H"	E/S FERRYHOUGH R.G., P/O Hensby S.A., Sgt's Brookway A., Johnston P., Danes A.E., Eyerley M.D., Milligan E.A.		2035	0240		

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16/17 Sept	HALIFAX II					126TH OPERATION ESSEN Cont'd	
	"G"	P/O COLLEGE W.W., Sgt's Swales A.J., Karleff J.V., Simms H.A., Taylor, E.A., P/S Steward J.A., Sgt Yates J.F.W.,	2038	2027	"R" (W/O Ferris) Guided to target area by flack, D.R., E.T.A. and fires already burning. Fires were clearly seen in bombight. Lead released at 2234 at 16,000 feet. He bursts were observed but several bursts observed around the fires later. Raid from all appearances very successful.		
	"S"	P/O HIGGINS C.W., Sgt Stovel, 2nd Pilot & Sgt's Johnston W., Morrison M.W., Boucher L.J., Graddock T.A., Wagner, W.A., McQueen R.J.	2053	0308	"H" (P/S Ferryhough) Reached target area by E.T.A. D.R. and fires with heavily built up area clearly seen. Target in bombight and ground and buildings observed. After releasing bombs from 16,000 feet at 2244 hours saw two or three bursts along with fairly large fire burning from incendiaries dropped. A lot of fairly large scattered fires and bomb bursts seen. Believed successful trip.		
	"Q"	P/O McINTOSH J.H.M., P/O Curry H., Sgt's Cousins F., Wyatt A., Chard J., Connor W.C., Smith L.	2031	0008	"S" (Sgt Dennis) No definite land marks. Great searchlight and flack activity. At least twelve large fires in the area. A number of obvious decoys around target area. Bombs dropped at 2230 hours from 19,000 feet in area already alight and seen to fall short of one large fire according to bursts observed. One searchlight put out of action. Satisfactory trip.		
	"C"	Sgt BURTON J.R., Sgt Murphy 2nd Pilot P/O Sprosen A.T., Sgt's Payne A.A., Moyle W.L., Horne A.H., Pay K.P., Cliffen P.H.	2037	0235	"S" (P/O Higgins) Target identified on E.T.A. by flack, w/l activity and large number of fires burning. Bombs dropped near existing fires at 2241 hours from 17,000 feet and seen to explode.		
	"J"	Sgt DENNISON E.C., Sgt's Fairless A., Sgt's Spencer G.L., Davies E.R.G., Jennings, H.J., Kennett R.F., King L.R.	2039	0225	"C" (Sgt Burton) Fires and flack on E.T.A. and presumed target area. Heavy explosion while approaching, probably from factory area, along with a particularly large fire in same area. Results of own bombs dropped at 2237 hours from 16,000 feet, not observed. A successful attack on a very hot target.		
	"R"	W/O FERRIER W.R., P/O Mason E.B., Sgt Decker K.A., P/O Millingham T.A., Sgt's Burke M.K., Siple J.R., Slade S.J.	2040	0217	"S" (P/L Shookley) Fires and E.T.A. led to believe over target area. Incendiaries dropped at 2241 hours from 16,000 feet seen burning. Number of fires burning but not concentrated towards w/s of target. "Q" (P/O McIntosh) Fuel consumption too high. A total of 900 gallons of fuel used to get 260 miles out and returned. Jettisoned, 5303 N by 0426 H. "S" (P/O Olsen) Guns went w/s in all turrets probably due to electrical failure. Lead jettisoned safe 5236 N. by 0220 H. and returned to base. GENERAL REMARKS: Fairly intense heavy flack and many cones of search- lights co-operating mostly N. of aiming point. Whole coast between OSTEND and DUNKERK now strongly defended and general opinion of crew suggest that area be avoided in future routing. Nickels 3 x G-51 dropped in target area and 15 x A-18 dropped in vicinity of ZUTHERSEE on outward journey.		

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17/18 Sept.	HALIFAX II					<b>127TH OPERATION</b>	
	"G"	P/O McINTOSH J.H., P/O Curry H., Sgt's Cousins F., Wyatt A., Chard, H., Connor W.G., Smith L.		0136	0521	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON LILLE - LENS - TURCOUD - BEAUVAIN - PARIS</b> <b>NICKELING 1</b> Two a/c detailed.	
	"Q"	F/S DAGGETT N.D., Sgt's Rogers L.W., Hickerson E.J., Hallam G.W., Carleton E.B., Thomas L.I., Laing H.		0142	0609	<b>Nickel Load:</b> Each carried 65 x F.125 and Camera.  Both Captains dropped their load in specified areas. Uneventful trip. "Q" (F/S DAGGETT) Successful trip. Nickels dropped from 16,000 feet at 0528 hours in Paris area. "G" (P/O McIntosh) Nickels released in area 20 miles N.W. of Lille, at 0643 hours from 15,000 feet. <b>GENERAL REMARKS:</b> No enemy a/c sighted. "Q" observed two green flares dropped 4930 N. by 0100 E. over searchlights reflected through clouds and weaving. No photographs taken.	
19/20 Sept.	HALIFAX II					<b>128TH OPERATION</b>	
	"B"	P/L SHOCKLEY H.G., Sgt Lego J., 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Kirkpatrick W., Holland P., F/S Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer W.H., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson C.O.		1929	0148	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON SALSBUROCKEN</b> <b>10 A/C DETAILED</b> Bombload: 6 S.B.C.'s 90 x 4, 6 S.B.C.'s 8 x 30 and 2 x 1000 lb. bombs. Nickels "G" 1 x G.52 and 2 x G.51. Remainder 3 x G.52. All carried cameras.	
	"F"	SGT BURTON J.R., P/O Spresen A.T., Sgt's Payne A.A., Moyle W.L., Horne A.B., Pay K.P., Clifton P.H.,		1920	0314	Seven of the nine Captains which took off reached and carried out their attacks. Flares reported to be very scattered and a/c followed river to built up area where several fires were burning. Bombs aimed at fires. It is believed that oil tanks were hit since explosions with black smoke and red fire followed bombing.	
	"E"	SGT HENNINGSON B.C., P/O Cole C.W., Sgt's Spencer G.L., Davies E.R.G., Dickman W.A., Kammett R.P., King L.R.		1925	0255	"E" (P/L Shockley) Port outer oil pressure dropped to zero, temperature went up and engine feathered. Turned back to base as str'd inner showed signs of falling. Bombs jettisoned safe.	
	"M"	P/O HIGGINS C.W., Sgt Armstrong H.T.B. 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Johnston W., Morrison N.W., Bowcher L.J., Smaddock P.A., Wagner W.A., McQueen R.J.		1926	0242	"M" (P/S Daggett) River SAAR identified and built up area lit up by flares bombed at 2308 hours from 16,000 feet. One burst in built up area and some big explosions followed. Many a/c attacking. Attack was late and it is believed some captains attacked some of the many dummies.	
	"R"	P/O FERRIER W.R., P/O Mason E.B., and crew.		CANCELLED		"R" (Sgt Burton) River identified and built up area attacked at 2325 hours from 16,000 feet. Two fires seen on S. side of river and bursts observed just north of aiming point and S. of assembling yard. Thought oil tank hit as explosion followed by black smoke and red flame were noted.	
	"H"	F/S FERRINGHOUGH R.G., P/O Hensby S.A., Sgt's Brockway A., Johnston P., Danes A.B., Byerley H.D., Mulligan E.A.		1923	0215	"H" (P/O Higgins) After seven minutes search picked up river W. of target and bombed town from 18,000 feet at 2257 hours. Bomb bursts not observed. Very quiet trip.	
	"O"	P/O COLLEGE W.W., Sgt's Ewells A.J., Earleff J.V., Simms H.A., Taylor E.A., P/S Steward J.A., Sgt Yates J.F.W.		1924	0220	"O" (P/O Olson) Searched fifteen minutes and came up river from West and bombed built up area at 2310 hours from 11,000 feet. Did not see own burst but fires burning. Uneventful trip.	

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19/20 Sept	HALIFAX II					<p align="center"><u>128TH OPERATION</u></p> <p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON SAARBRUCKEN</u> <u>CONT'D</u></p>	
	"L"	P/O OLSEN E.C., Sgt's Kitchen J., Vineberg, Peel S., Carter A., Greene A., Copeland E.B.		1928	0946	"L" (P/O Olsen) Could not definitely identify built up area but many fires burning and bombs dropped among them, at 2300 hours from 16,000 feet. Bombs seemed to explode along with many other bursts in the area.	
	"Q"	Sgt DUNCAN W.H., Sgt's Ross N.W., Fairless A., Laing A.A., Sheward L.R., McDonald J., Cunningham F.L., Pocock J.A.		1930	0228	"Q" (P/S Ferryhough) River and woods identified, on E.T.A. Target in bomb sight and bombs released at 2301 hours from 14,000 feet. Own bursts observed in built up area and fire followed. Other fires also seen in other parts of the city, one large.	
	"J"	P/Sgt DARGENT N.D., Sgt's Rogers L.W. Hickerson E.J., Hallam G.W., Carleton E.B., Thomas L.L., Laing H.		1922	0026	"J" (Sgt Dennison) River followed to built up area lit up by flares and small scattered fires. Built up area seen in bomb-sight but bursts from own bombs dropped at 2313 hours from 12,000 feet not seen. Defect in bombing gear being investigated.	
						"R" (W/O Farrier) Oil pressure low. Surging motor magneto drop in the air and numbers 5 and 6 tanks lost 25 gallons fuel through vents. Incendiaries live and bombs released safe. 5313 N. by 0101 E.	
						"Q" (Sgt Duncan) Transmitter and receiver w/s. Unable to receive group broadcasts. Jammed Loop circuit w/s. Incond. Jettisoned live, bombs safe, 5423 N. by 0003 E.	
						GENERAL REMARKS: Moderate heavy flack and searchlight activity vicinity of LOULONS. One battery heavy guns particularly active S. of SAARBRUCKEN. Little light flack in centre of town with a few fixed active searchlights. Large dummy reported two to three miles N.W. of target area and very obvious one 20 to 30 miles due W. Nickels A x G. 1, 1 x G. 53 and 13 x G. 52 dropped in target area.	
23/24 Sept	HALIFAX II					<p align="center"><u>128TH OPERATION</u></p> <p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON FLensburg</u> <u>11 A/C DETAINED</u></p>	
	"P"	P/L SHOCKLEY H.G., Sgt's Lego J., 2nd Pilot, Kirkpatrick W., Holland F., P/S Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer W.M., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson C.O.		0021	0658	Bombload: 6 x 1000 lb. E.D.X. fused T.D. 04025 + 2 S.B.C.'s 90 x 4 lb. Incand. Nickels J.P.N.A. 3 x D.5 to be dropped in <u>GERMANY</u> "2" 1 x G. 51 + 2 x G. 52 and remaining a/c 3 x G. 52 to be dropped over Germany.	
	"J"	W/O FRASER L.G., Sgt Armstrong H., 2nd Pilot, P/O Orchard L.N., P/O Luxford P.E., P/S Lyndon, Sgt's MacDonald R.H., P/O Murphy W.L., Sgt Croft N.		0013	0623	Of the ten a/c that took off five Captains reached the target and carried out their attacks. Three of them clearly identified the aiming point and report direct hits in the vicinity. Large fire in shipyard with flames and smoke rising 300 feet. Two other a/c attacked small towns in vicinity of target area while another attacked flack and searchlight concentrations. Of the remaining a/c one was forced to jettison and one is missing.	
	"N"	P/O Olsen E.C., Sgt's Kitchen J., Vineberg, Peel S., Carter A., Greene A., Copeland E.B.		0017	0634		

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23/24 Sept	HALIFAX II					129TH OPERATION BOMBING ATTACK ON <u>FLENSBURG</u> CONT'D	4
"Q"	Sgt CAMPBELL J.T., P/S Dark W.I., P/O Campbell R.J., Sgt Burke J.R.P., P/O Lepage J.L.P., Sgt's Morgan D.A. B., Chance A.			0026	0757	<b>REMARKS</b> "P" (P/L SHOCKLEY) Cloud base 1500 feet over target but down to 800 feet in immediate vicinity. FJORD clearly seen in moonlight and target in bomb-sight. Fires seen near aiming point but no results from bombs released at 0307 hours from 1500 feet but due to searchlight dazzle. "M" (P/O HEMMINS) Town seen quite clearly through a gap over target. Shipyard not in sight but bombs released at 0308 hours were seen to fall and exploded in built up area. Good fires burning.	
"P"	Sgt LARSON W.H., Sgt's Fairless A., Lark A.A., Sheward L.R., Kicheryk P., Chamberlain P.L., Coakak J.J.,			0015	0604	"N" (W/C FRASER L.G.) Shipyard and town clearly seen. Bombs dropped at 0301 hours from 15,000 feet seemed to burst with bright red flash. About four other a/c bombing right in target range and tracks rose to 3000 feet.	
"A"	P/S FERRINGTON R.G., P/O Hensley S.A. Sgt's Brockway A., Johnston P., Dance A.D., Ryerley M.D., Mulligan B.A.			0016	0705	"A" (P/S FERRINGTON) Reached target area after heavy electrical and hail storms. Identified small town visually. Target in bomb-sight and bombs released from 1300 feet at 0301 hours after which bursts were seen and machine-gunned searchlights and runways of aerodrome. Small light flack holes in fuselage.	
"D"	Sgt DENNISON B.C., P/O Cole C.W., Sgt's Spencer C.L., MacDonald J., Chard J., Bennett R.F., King L.R.			0023	0633	"D" (Sgt DENNISON) built up area at end of Fjord seen and bombed at 0308 hours from 1500 feet. Explosions in built up area felt but no results seen. Glow seen in estimated position.	
"M"	P/O HEMMINS C.W., Sgt's Ross N.W. Johnston W., Morrison N.W., P/S Boucher L.J., Sgt's Bradlock B.A., Wagner W.A. McQueen R.J.			0020	0644	"O" (P/O COLLEGE) KIELNHOEFSTROP attacked at 0315 from 1200 feet. Could not identify FLENSBURG. Bursts seen in built up area and incendiaries started fire. Houses were seen to be hit and definite damage caused.	
"R"	Sgt WEBB W.M., Sgt's Gervais E.L., Kaufman J., Sheldon W., Burke H.K., Ott J., Rankin J.N.			0019	MISSING	"Q" (Sgt CAMPBELL) Unable to find FLENSBURG and bombed small town near NEIBULL at 0320 hours from 1500 feet on way home. Bombs seen to explode in built up area and fires starting up.	
"W"	P/S DARGENT N.D., and Crew.				CANCELLED	"P" (P/O OLSEN) Failure to pin point on Danish coast and a/c thought to be N. of actual track. Run in across sea at 1000 feet and down Kiel Fjord. Attacked flack and searchlight concentrations with no results observed. Two ammunition belts in rear turret shot up and several flack holes in a/c. Port outer engine a/c.	
"O"	P/O COLLEGE W.W., Sgt's Ewells A.J., Kaufman J., Sims H.A., Taylor E.A., P/S Steward J.A., Sgt. Yates. J.P.W.			0027	0648	"L" (Sgt DUNCAN) Unable to identify position of Danish Coast with freezing level at 4000 feet. Decided not to cross land. No sighting of target found so jettisoned on homeward route 0456 H. by 0322 0725 H.	

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**GENERAL REMARKS:** Severe electrical storms affected navigational aids when approaching target area. Little or no heavy flack but light considerable. No balloons were seen and few incendiary S/L each side of Fjord picked up a/c on approach. Vicinity SOLOM aerodrome under construction. Two runways completed and work in progress on third. Nickals 12 x D-5 dropped on Danish Coast 5 x 0-32 + 1 x 0-51 dropped S.W. of FLENSBURG.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
26/27 Sept	HALIFAX II					<u>150TH OPERATION</u> <u>BOMBING ATTACK ON</u> <u>FLensburg</u> <u>6 A/2 DETAIL</u>	
	"A"	F/SPT PALMER G.W., Sgt Lego J., 2nd Pilot, P/O Sweeney G.A., Sgt's Chapman, J.B., Hamilton W.E., F/S Lauckner L., F/S Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson. H.J.		2022	0231	Bomb load: AI carried 6 x 1000 R.D.X. T.D. 0.025 and 2 x S.B.C.'s 90 x 4 lb. incendi. Each carried 5 x 0.55 Nickels. No camera. Five of the Captains took off but were all recalled by Group H.Q. about 2305 hours. Bombs were jettisoned and all returned to base. One a/c P/O Colledge was Cancelled.	
	"Q"	SGT CAMPBELL J.T., Sgt Armstrong 2nd Pilot, P/O Ayles R.J., Sgt Burke J.R. T., P/O Campbell R.J., P/O Lepage J.L.P. Sgt's Morgan D.S.B., Chance A.		2025	0215	GENERAL REMARKS: At WARME concentration of light flack up to 10,000 feet five miles off WARME saw rectangular dummy lit up by electricity. All Nickels brought back.	
	"G"	P/O COLLEDGE W.W., and Crew.			CANCELLED		
	"H"	SPT DUNCAN W.H., Sgt's Fairless A., Lang A.A., Sheward L.R., Richerik P., Cunningham F.L., Peacock J.J.		2026	0208		
	"W"	F/S DAGGETT N.D., Sgt Webber J.A., 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Rogers L.W., Nickerson E.J., Hallam G.W., Carleton E.B., Thomas L.L., Laing.		2024	0238		
	"B"	SGT DENNISON B.C., P/O Cole C.W., Sgt's Spencer G.L., MacDonald J., Jennings H.J., Kennett R.F., King L.R.		2027	0220		

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3rd March, 1942.

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Operations Record Book (Form 541) 405 Squadron - September 1942.

1. The following information is supplied in reply to your  
above referenced letter dated 12th December 1942 -

Aircraft "WH". F.O. Rea H.D. (Pilot); F.O. Money K.P. (Nav.);  
Sgt. Mitchell G.R. (R/A); Sgt. Reswick W.E. (WOP/AG);  
Sgt. Maguire J.J. (U/U); P.S. Witherick G.A. (R/G);  
Sgt. Flt K.W. (F/E).  
Time Up: 2300 hours. Time down: 0615 hours.

Aircraft "WB". F.O. Shockley H.G. (Pilot); Sgt. Kirkpatrick  
W.W. (Nav.); Sgt. Holland F. (R/A); P.S. Turnbull R.I.  
(WOP/AG); P.O. Palmer W.W. (U/U); Sgt. Henderson J. (R/G);  
Sgt. Henderson C.O. (F/E).  
Time up: 2000 hours. Time down: 0215 hours.

2. For your information, please.

*W. P. Thompson*

(W. P. Thompson) Squadron Leader,  
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