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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	REMARKS	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
1/2 October	HEXAFIX II					
"	"	P/O PALMER C.W., Sgt Langley J. (2nd Pilot), P/O Spragg S.A., Sgt's Alexander S.R., MacDonald J., W/Sgt Louchner L., P/S Taylor J.L.S., Sgt Anderson H.J.	1754	0055		
"	"	P/O COLLIER W.V., Sgt's Bunkin A.J., Barlett J.V., Sims E.L., Howe R., P/S Stewart J.A., Sgt Kancharik J.A.	1756	0068		
"	"	Sgt DUNN W.H., P/O Nelson J.W. (2nd Pilot), Sgt's Fairless A., Long A., Stewart L.H., Kancharik P., Cunningham F.L., Pocock J.J.	1751	MISSING		
"	"	P/O HIGGINS G.W., Sgt Webber J.A. (2nd Pilot), Sgt's Johnstone W., Morrison H.W., P/S Boucher L.J., Sgt's Graddock E.A., Wight W.A., Clifton P.H.	1755	2359		
"	"	P/O McINTOSH J.K.K., P/O Curry M., Sgt's Cousins F., Watt S., Chad J., Cooper W.A., Smith L.	1750			
"	"	Sgt HENNING B.G. and Crew.		CANCELLED		
"	"	P/O GLEN E.O., Sgt's Kitchin J., Vinberg A.J.R., Carter A., McGren W.A., Groves A., Copland B.B.	1753	MISSING		
"	"	P/S HIR E.B., Sgt Deschêze Z. (2nd Pilot), Sgt's Mosey K.P., Mitchell G.R., Rowick W.H., Madire J.J., P/S Witherick G.A., Sgt Elt L.W.	1752	004		
"	"	Sgt CAMPBELL J.E., Sgt Carpenter G. (2nd Pilot) P/O Ayres H.J., Sgt's Burke J.K.P., Peel S., P/O Legage J.L.P., Sgt's Morgan D.A.B., Chance L.	1757	MISSING		



1157th OPERATION
SHARP ATTACK ON FJERD P/O Detailed + one Stand-By

Remarks: All carried 6 x 1000 lb. H.P.L. 11 seconds delay + 2 S.B.C.'s & 2 H.P. incendiary. Nichols - a/c "A" and "B" will carry 3 x H.P. and "C" 1 x H.P. to be dropped over Denmark. Remaining a/c to carry three x G.55 to be dropped over GERMANY. No orders carried.

Eight Captains took off on what proved to be a very costly attack for the Squadron. Only three of our a/c claimed to have bombed the primary area but intense light flash and searchlight search prevented any definite results of attack being assessed. A couple of small fires could be seen evidently in the town and also one to the North-East about two to three miles. One a/c observed SELF incendiary and observed big red flash on lit up aerodrome. Another a/c was forced to jettison bombs safe and incendiaries live. The remaining three a/c are missing, nothing having been heard from them since take-off.

"A" (P/O Palmer) Saw fjord from N.E. heading but was blinded by w/l glare before bombing at 2135 hours from 1,000 feet. H/O saw bomb-bursts after leaving but it was impossible to observe results. Received light flash hits in fuselage.

"B" (P/O Gullidge) Estimated over the target when bank of fjord came into view after pin-point on lake. All bomb doors failed to open over target fjord but successfully operated later when bombs were dropped at 2135 hours from 1,500 feet. Explosions were seen and incendiaries started up. Five observed burning in ship-building yard. Captain is of the opinion that this target is now most dangerous at low level attack.

"C" (Sgt Duncan) MISSING. Nothing heard after take-off.

Crew: 753 Sgt Duncan W.H. (Captain); 158 P/O McCham J.W. (Second Pilot); 753 Sgt Fairless A. (Navigator); 525 Sgt Lang A.H. (Bombardier); 449 Sgt Stewart E.H. (W/O); 556 Sgt Rumbart P. (A/B); 342 Sgt Cunningham F.L. (A/B); 189 Sgt Pocock J.J. (Engineer).

"D" (P/O Higgins) Unable to find primary target and attacked SELF aerodrome and released bombs at 2129 hours from 6,000 feet. Bombs seemed to explode with big red flash. Nichols brought back.

"E" (P/O Johnston) Jettisoned bombs safe and incendiaries "live" 55° North x 05° West at 2018 hours. Nichols brought back.

"F" (Sgt Duncan) MISSING.

"G" (P/O Glen) A/O MISSING. Nothing heard since take-off.

Crew: 777 P/O Glen E.O. (Captain); 945 Sgt Kitchin J. (Navigator); 449 Sgt Vinberg A.J. (Bombardier); 552 Sgt Carter A. (W/O); 532 Sgt Madire W.G. (A/B); 371 Sgt Groves H.H.H. A. (A/B); 564 Sgt Copland B.B. (Engineer).

"H" (P/S HIR) Line of fjord and built-up area identified. Target in headlights and lead released at 2056 hours from 1,000 feet. Incendiaries seen starting and other fires already started in big building.

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				UP	DOWN		
1/2 October	HALIFAX II					<p><u>Bombing Attack on FRENCH (CONTINUED)</u></p> <p>"Q" (Sgt Campbell) A/C MISSING. Nothing heard since take-off.</p> <p>Crew: 968 Sgt Campbell J.F. (Captain), 511 Sgt Carpenter G. (2nd pilot), 775 P/O Ayres E.L., (Navigator), 213 Sgt Burke J.H.P. (Bombardier), 845 Sgt Paul E. (W/O), 698 P/O Legge J.L.H. (A/B), 195 Sgt Morgan R.A.B. (A/B), 574 Sgt Chance A. (Engineer).</p> <p>GENERAL REMARKS: Opposition was very hot with intense light flack. No heavy flack. A/C were picked up and held by a/c all across the target and blinded. Jumper switch ineffective. No balloons observed.</p>	
2/3 October	HALIFAX II					<p><u>15th OPERATIVE</u></p> <p>Bombing attack on FRENCH. 10 A/C detailed.</p> <p>Bomb-load: 6 x H.B.S.'s (50 x 4 lb.), 6 x H.B.S.'s 8 x 30 lb., 3 x 2000 G.P., 5 H.B. G.O.S., Nichols = A/C #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 x G.52 to be dropped over Germany. Remainder 5 x H.18 to be dropped over Holland.</p> <p>Seven of the ten Captains reached and bombed the target area and in poor conditions. Flares were scattered over a wide area and the attack does not appear to have been very concentrated. Heavy bombs were seen bursting and fires spreading. One a/c had compass w/s and returned early after jettisoning and another bombed HENSLDORF. One of our a/c 48 missing.</p> <p>"P" (P/O Macintosh) was slightly ahead of H.B.S. and over-shot the target bombing in vicinity of HENSLDORF at 2045 hours from 14,000 feet. No results observed but saw fires burning in HENSLDORF area.</p> <p>"R" (Sgt Dennis) target was not in sight but bombs dropped at 2057 hours from 16,000 feet, were seen to explode in marshalling yards. Other a/c were observed bombing shortly after leaving target with a very large explosion which followed.</p> <p>"S" (P/O Macintosh) Reached target area and while in a dive at 11,000 feet 5thd inner motor cooked out as Captain was waiting to bomb. Withing a moment a heavy explosion occurred under the port wing and a/c became uncontrollable. A/c lost height to 1,000 feet where the pilot regained control and pulled out at about 100 feet. The Engineer 717 Sgt Smith baled out on the way down without the Captain's knowledge. A/c returned at 500 feet and landed at HENSLDORF.</p> <p>"T" (Sgt Dennis) Reached twenty minutes then saw flares. Target fires seen in bomb-sights and load released at 2205 hours from 16,000 feet. Tail gunner saw incendiaries burst on buildings and many other incendiaries observed burning in same area. Wireless became w/s ten minutes before landing on 2nd 1/2. Considered a successful trip though unsuccessful.</p> <p>"U" (P/O Stone) Compass went w/s and bomb-load dropped and 5306 E. by 0130 H. and returned to base. Nichols brought back.</p> <p>"V" (Sgt Dennis) Identified target area on H.B.S. and P.F.F. flares. Fire sighted and bombs dropped at 2047 from 15,000 feet where they were seen to explode. Observed burning buildings.</p>	
	"B"	P/O SHOCKLEY E.G., Sgt's Longley J., 2nd Pilot, Kirkpatrick W., Holland E., P/O Turnbull E.L., P/O Palmer W.M., Sgt's Robinson J., Henderson G.O.	1824	0008			
	"C"	Sgt DENNIS R., Sgt's Giddings R., Ralley R.M., P/O Erickson E.S., Sgt's Deak J.F.P., P/O K.L., Park J.F.	1827	2356			
	"D"	P/O Macintosh J.H.M., P/O Garry R., Sgt's Cousins F., Watt A., Chard J., Ginder E.G., Smith L.	1828	2320			
	"E"	Sgt DENNIS G.T., Sgt's Carling T.L., Robert J.H., Reynolds H.G., Moore R., Walsh G.G., Collin A.G.	1825	0058			
	"F"	P/O Stone E.G., Sgt Weber J.A. (2nd Pilot), Sgt's Constable P.H.A., Decker E.A., MacDonald E.L., P/O Leachman I.L., P/O Stewart J.H., Sgt Clifton P.	1831	2105			
	"G"	Sgt DENNIS H.C., P/O Cole G.W., Sgt's Spencer G.L., Jennings E.J., Burns A.E., Kinnatt R.F., King E.H.	1830	0020			
	"H"	Sgt DENNIS V.R., Sgt's McNeill W.E., Higgins A.L., Harding G.M., P/O Taylor J.L.H., Sgt's Black W.G., Holland G.G.	1829	0052			
	"I"	P/O DENNIS E., Sgt's Shannon G.H., MacHarts R., Macdonald H.H., Macdonald G.J., Williams L.H., Rickett R.G.	1826	MISSING			
	"J"	P/O DENNIS T.H., Sgt Anderson H.C.H., P/O Eggertson E., Sgt's Brown E.L., McMillan F.L., Sgt's Macdonald A.H.H., Macle J.G.	1834	0027			

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2/3 October	HALIFAX II					Bombing attack on KROFIELD (CONTINUED)	
	"H"	Sgt Stovel C.C., Sgt Dunster J.K., Sgt's Murphy K., Richardson G.J., Maloney P., Gillespie H.G., Watterton A.		1855	0100	"J" (Sgt Walker) Identified target area on T.R. fix H.T.A. and river which was seen after bombing. Target not in sight but bombed at 2045 from 9,000 feet on T.R. fix. Bombs not seen to explode but a fire was started. Flares dropped shortly after bombing. "H" (W/O Morrison) A/W KENNEDY. Bombs missed after take-off. Crew: 577 W/O Murphy K. (Captain); 284 Sgt Shannon G.H. (Navigator); 671 Sgt MacEwan M. (Bombardier); 562 Sgt Macdonald S. (W/O); 576 Sgt Lambert G.J. (A/W); 612 Sgt Williams L.H. (A/W); 449 Sgt Mackenzie D.G. (Engineer). "K" (W/O Morrison) Identified target area on H.T.A. and ground detail near curve of railway lines. Aimers point bomb-sighted and bombs released from 15,000 feet at 0055 hours were seen to explode. No results seen. Fifteen minutes after bombing rear turret went w/s and would not rotate. "L" (Sgt Stovel) Found target by flares and fires. Released bombs at 2100 hours from 12,000 feet but saw no results. Bomb-bursts seen ten miles N.W. of target area at 2110 hours. Navigation lights went w/s on return trip. GENERAL REMARKS: Considerable heavy flack shooting up with w/s came to west of target area. Extensive light flack on coast near LYNM. Numbers of small German were reported in action to west of target. No fighters seen in target area. Two w/s saw as w/s came and shot down in KROFIELD area. One plane Nichols H.18 dropped over Holland and 12 packets G.52 dropped in target area.	
5/5 October	HALIFAX II					11th OPERATION Bombing Attack on AMSTERDAM 18 a/c Detailed Bomb load: 6 x H.B.C.'s 50 x 4 lb, 6 x H.B.C.'s 6 x 50 lb, 5 x 1000 G.P. T.B. G.005, Nichols - a/c "J" "K" & "L" 3 x G.52. "M" 2 x G.52 + 1 x G.55. Remainder 3 x G.55 each. Of the nine a/c which took off, six reached and bombed target area with success. Flares appeared to be scattered but most a/c were able to identify build-up area by this light. A large fire was reported to be burning in the centre of the town with many other scattered fires in the out-skirts. A/W "M" Captained by Sgt Barnes crashed near West MILLING on the way back after attacking the target. Three other a/c were forced to jettison and the remaining a/c was cancelled. "N" (Sgt Henderson) Built-up area seen in light of P.F. Flares. Attacked from 16,500 feet at 2130 hours. One good fire burning and other a/c seen bombing. "O" (Sgt Christie) Built-up area identified and bomb-sighted. Bombs released at 2132 hours from 25,000 feet were seen to explode amongst other fires. Big fires in centre of town with many scattered fires around were observed.	
	"H"	Sgt Henderson D.G., Sgt Bebe M.W. 2nd Pilot, P/O Cole G.W., Sgt's Spencer G.L., Jennings H.J., Horne A.H., Kenneth R.F., King L.K.		1821	0045		
	"H"	P/O HEDDINGS C.W., Sgt's Johnston W., Morrison M.W., P/O Becher J.J., Sgt's Cranlock H.A., Wagner W.A., Hoquelet R.P., Wether J.A. 2nd Pilot		1822	2335		
	"H"	P/O SHAW T., Sgt Anderson G.B., P/O Ferguson E., Sgt's Brown T.E., McCloskey T.A., Woods L.M.L., Mackie J.C.		1825	0059		
	"H"	Sgt WHEAT V.E., Sgt's Maddell W.W., Hodgins A.E., Manning G.H., Glenney H., Black W.C., Willard A.C.		1827	0055		

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5/6 October	HALIFAX II	(Sgt CHERRIER) S.F., Sgt's Carlan T.E., Robert J.S., Reynolds R.G., Moore R., Walsh D.G., Collins A.G.	1825	0156	1825	0156	<p>Bombing attack on LAMON (CONTINUED)</p> <p>Flares helped to identify target area in which bombs were dropped at 2128 hours from 10,000 feet. Fires resulted and heavy explosion followed with dark heavy smoke. Dumpy fires all around area.</p> <p>W/0 KEM: W/0 hampered visibility to extend that target area was not seen. Navigational aid w/o. Released bombs at 2132 hours from 16,000 feet and noted three bomb flashes but could not observe results. Received twenty to thirty flash hits with nose holes four inches in diameter. It was a complete failure. Tank oil concentration seemed to mar the effort as fires and explosions were seen over an area covering twenty square miles.</p> <p>W/0 STEWART: Fires seen in town and building area clearly seen. Bombs dropped at 2147 hours from 11,000 feet; were seen to burst in town. Centre of town wall alight but a considerable amount of incendiaries were seen burning in open country. Many fire lights scattered in fringe area of which flashed "o" after the A/O had passed but looked like had black-out.</p> <p>W/0 KIDDING: Severe icing caused A/O to turn back and jettison bombs over incendiaries "live" three miles south of TORONAL.</p> <p>W/0 McINTOSH: Port inner engine w/o. Internal Glycol leak. Jettisoned bombs "safe". Incendiaries "live" near PILBY BAY.</p> <p>W/0 SHOOKLEY: Intercom w/o. Jettisoned bombs safe, incendiaries "live" 5234 W. by 0229 E.</p> <p>(Sgt HUNTER): Crashed and burst out near west MALDEN on the way back after having attacked target. Cause of crash unknown, probably due to mistake in fuel tank selection. Two members of the crew Sgt Redley R.M. (Bombardier) and C/O W/0 P. H. (A/O) baled out and landed safely. Remaining members 451 Sgt Hudson R. (Captain); 565 Sgt Calanna R. (Navigator); 229 W/0 Erickson R.G. (W/0); 972 Sgt John J.V. (A/O); 775 Sgt Jack J.L. (Engineer) were killed.</p> <p>General Remarks: Slight to moderate amounts of heavy and light flack reported by most A/O with a small number of H/A coming over town. Accurate predicted heavy flack reported at LAMON. Two machines seen on fire on the ground near TORONAL. Many dummies active, the DOCKVILLE dummy very obvious but attracted some bombs. A few fighters observed target area. Nichols = 15 packets 6.52 and 18 packets 6.55 dropped in target area.</p>				
							W/0 KEM	1828	0107		
							W/0 COLLIDGE W.V., and Crew.	CANCELLED			
							W/0 McINTOSH J.H.M.; W/0 Garry R., Sgt's Oudine P., Watt L., Guard J., O'Connor W.G., Kuscharik J.L.	1825	2005		
6/7 October	HALIFAX II	W/L SHOOKLEY H.G., Sgt's Kirpatrick W., Holland F., W/0 Turnbull R.L., W/0 Palmer W.M., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson G.G.	1820	2210	1820	2210					
							W/0 COLLIDGE W.V., Sgt's Lago J., 2nd Pilot, Burns & J., Darloff J.V., Sims H.A., Taylor M.A., W/0 Steward J.G., Sgt-Inch J.F.V.	1856	0004		
							Sgt WARRER W.L., Sgt's Waddell W.W., Higgins A.H., Manning G.M., Maroney P.J., Black W.G., Holland A.G.	1851	0059		
W/0 STEWART T.V., Sgt Anderson G.B., W/0 Eggertson E., Sgt's Ryan S.R., Schumaker F.A., Hootie A.H.M., Mackie J.G.	1854	HEADING									

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6/7 October	HALIFAX II					Bombing attack on OSWAMBOOK (CONTINUED)	
	"	Sgt SEWELL G.C., Sgt's Baudet J.S., Kirby M., Richardson G.F., Maloney P., Gillings R.S., Whittaker A.		1855	0049	" (Sgt WALKER) Attacked at 2125 hours from 15,000 feet but no results seen. " (P/O SHANN) MISBING. Nothing heard after take-off. Crew: 528 P/O Stewart R.M. (Captain); 774 Sgt Anderson G.B. (Nav); 874 P/O Robertson E. (Bomb); 269 Sgt Brown T.E. (W/O); 545 Sgt MacIsaac M.A. (A/G); 551 Sgt Hoodie A.M.E. (A/G); 585 Sgt Mackie J.C. (Engineer).	
	"	Sgt DENNISON R.C., Sgt Ross R.W., 2nd Pilot, P/O Cole G.W., Sgt's Spencer G.L., Jennings H.J., McDonald R.G., Kennett R.F., King L.R.		1850	0045	" (Sgt STONE) Target in bomb-sight and attacked at 2131 hours from 10,000 feet. Two bombs exploding to identify own. Our own effort was good and plenty of other a/c were doing good jobs. Beautiful glow from target and concentrated bombing seemed to be taking place. " (Sgt DENNISON) Identified aeroballing yards and town through gap in clouds. Built-up area well alight with P.F.P. flares. Released bombs at 2129 hours from 12,000 feet and saw buildings in centre of town hit. Very good trip.	
	"	P/O HEDGECOCK G.V., Sgt's, Spence R.A., 2nd Pilot, Johnson W., Morrison N.K., Daniels L.G., Craddock R.A., Wagner, W.A., McQueen R.J.		1852	0056	" (P/O HEDGECOCK) Jettisoned two miles south of HEDGECOCK LAKE due to engine on fire. Possibility that some damage was done to enemy property as flames were seen on ground. Observed other planes bombing target and returned to base on three motors. " (Sgt CHRISTIE) Target in bomb-sight and bombs dropped at 2131 hours from 15,000 feet. Bombs seen exploding. A good show from our own stand point and fires being concentrated indicated good effort all around. Fires could be seen 100 miles from target.	
	"	Sgt CHRISTIE G.T., Sgt's Carlan T.E., Probert J.S., Reynolds H.G., Moore R., Walsh D.G., Collins A.G.		1853	0127	GENERAL REMARKS: Light flack fired at a/c attacking target low. Intense a/c activity to south and west of target with accurate heavy flack in a/c cases otherwise light and heavy flack moderate and inaccurate. I.F.P. found effective over Dutch Coast. One a/c seen exploding and descending parachute being shot at in a/c beam over target. Large bright electric flashes R.W. and S.W. of town. Two enemy a/c sighted but no attack made.	
13/14 Oct	HALIFAX II					OPERATION	
	"	P/S HRA R.C., Sgt's Honey K.P., Mitchell 11817 G.L., Baudet J.S., P/S MacIsaac, J.J., Sgt Sgt K.W., P/S Mitchell		1852	2005	Bombing attack on LIRA. IX a/c detailed. Bomb-load: a/c "1" "2" "3" 5 x 1000 6 x S.B.G.'s 90 x 4 lb. 6 S.B.G.'s 8 x 30 lb. Remainder 5 x 1000 + 5 S.B.G.'s 90 x 4 lb. and of the eleven a/c which took off seven carried out successful attack on the primary target despite the smoke-screen which covered the area. There seemed to be quite a concentration of good fires across most of the target area. "1" jettisoned three miles S.E. of target after a/c had been hit by flack and Captain wounded. Three a/c jettisoned after experiencing technical failures.	
	"	Sgt CHRISTIE G.T., Sgt's Carlan T.E., Probert J.S., Reynolds H.G., Moore R., Walsh D.G., Collins A.G.		1850	0108	" (P/S HRA) Jettisoned bombs safe, incendiaries "live" 28000 5A32 R. by 1145 E. after a/c receiver went w/e. " (Sgt CHRISTIE) a/c hit by heavy flack and Captain wounded in the neck. Bombs were jettisoned live about three miles S.E. of target. Bombs seemed to be well alight. There were large holes in the fuselage but despite these the wounded Captain brought his a/c back to base safely.	
	"	Sgt LOWERY J.A., P/S Lee A.G., P/O Paulsson M.L., Sgt's Lowe F., Arbrook I.L., P/S Lewis G.B., Sgt Milot A.V.B.		1828	1953		

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13/14 October	RAIFAY II					BOMBING ATTACK ON - KIEL (CONTINUED).	
	"B"	P/O COLLIER, W.V. Sgts Emma, A.J., Kurlitz, J.V. Ganning, J.E. Taylor, E.A. P/O Stewart, J.A. Sgt. Hines, J.S. E.	1816			"B" (Sgt LOWERY) Jettisoned 15 mls. of FILSY bombs "Safe" incendiaries 24 lbs., artificial horizon and gyro instruments W/B.	
	"A"	P/O PALMER, W.K. P/O Deane, S.A. Sgts Decker, K.A. McDonald, E.H. P/O Taylor, J.L.S. P/O Letcher, L.L. Sgt Clifton, P.H.	1814	0130		"A" (P/O Collinge) attacked target at 2134 hrs. from 15000ft. Bombs seen to explode. A/G hailed by flash. W/B compass and hydraulics failed. Landed at GUMMERSHAIN.	
	"E"	P/O Daggett, E.D. Sgts Rogers, L.W. Nicholson, S.J. Hallam, S.K. Charlton, R.B. Thomas, L.L. Leitch, R.	1826	2115		"E" (P/O Palmer) A/G got south of target in vicinity GUMMERSHAIN but on turning saw flames to North and ran up and saw southwards end of fjord. Target obliterated by smoke but bombs dropped at 2140 hrs. from 17000ft. in KIEL where fires were burning on both sides of fjord. Flashes resulted through smoke.	
	"G"	Sgt Stovel, C.C. Sgts. Bamister, J.E. Korbly, W. Richardson, S.J. Maloney, P. Gillongio, E.G. Whitterton, A.	1835	0058		"G" (P/O Daggett) Rear turret jammed on ath. beam and short circuited. Bombs jettisoned 5430L x 2530E.	
	"K"	P/O Atkinson, P.A. P/O Hardy, H.E.G. Sgts Brockway, A. McCallum, S.L. Waller E.H. Armstrong, R.R. Colling, S.L.	1829	0158		"G" (Sgt Stovel) Found target well lit up and saw target in hazy light. Bombs released at 2125 hours from 17000ft. but no results were seen. Other A/G bombing target definitely too late. Bombs seen exploding - bursts fires seen.	
	"J"	Sgt Dumais, E.C. P/O Oble, G.W. Sgts Spencer, S.L. Jennings, E.J. McDonald, J. Kemish, S.P. King, L.H.	1818	0026		"K" (Sgt Dumais) GUMMERSHAIN was clearly seen and fjord identified. Found town covered by smoke screen which obscured results of bombs dropped at 2145 hrs from 17500ft. Flashes seen after A/G left target.	
	"F"	Sgt Wadde, K.E. Sgts. Wadde, K.E. Hodgins, A.L. Manning, G.H. Mervin, P.J. Hopp, W.C. Wallard, A.C.	1824	0105		"F" (Sgt Wadde) Flashes seen on lake and fjord clearly seen. Flares penetrated smoke screen and town seen clearly. Landing point in bomb sight ahead. Lead and incendiaries seen burning and other bombs seen bursting in town. 1x1000 bomb hung up and brought back.	
	"L"	P/O McIntosh, E.J.M. P/O Curry, M. Sgts. Cousins, P. Wyatt, S. Dickson, W.A. Connor, W.C. Larkin, L.G.	1815	0060		"L" (P/O McIntosh) Ground detail seen and bombs released at 2176 hours from 17000ft. were seen to explode East of target area. Well dispersed flares seen as a result of bombing by other A/G and trouble with port motor engine on return trip and feathered it and returned on three engines and landed at GUMMERSHAIN.	
15/16 October	RAIFAY II					15th OPERATION	
	"B"	P/O HILL, H.D. Sgts. HONEY, E.P. Mitchell, G.H. Bennett, W.H. Hodson, J.T. P/O Withers, S.L. Sgts Hill, K.V. Dobbing L.J. 2nd. Pilot.	1852	0019		BOMBING ATTACK ON - GUMMERSHAIN 10 A/G Detailed. BOMBING: 3x 1000, 6x S.M.G. 900L, 6x S.B.C. 530. MISSION: "A", "B", "F", 3x S-35 "B" 2xg-57 + 1xg-55. Remainder 2xg-57.	
	"G"	Sgt Stovel, C.C. Sgts. Bamister, J.E. Korbly, W. Richardson, S.J. Cox, A. Gillongio, E.G. Whitterton, A.	1854	0107		Five A/G took off but only six reached and attacked target area with success. Fires appeared to be well scattered in town. Six or seven miles of fire in various parts of town might have been incendiaries. One A/G was forced to jettison and return early and with rear turret W/B and the other with inter com. W/B. Remaining 4 A/G in GUMMERSHAIN. Quite a successful attack.	
						"G" (P/O Hill) Attached target area at 2047 from 17000ft. No results of own bombs seen but observed several good fires.	

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				Up	Down		
15/16 OCTOBER	HALIFAX II						
	"B"	P/O Atkinson, P. P/O Burt, W.L.G. Sgt. Reddy, E.M. MacKillop, G.L. Wise, W.K. Armstrong, R.L. Collins, A.L.		1854	0107	Bombing Attack on Oologah (Continued) "B" (P/O ATKINSON) Attached target area at 2053 hours but 3 x 1000 hung up and were later jettisoned in sea. Several sticks of bombs were seen to burst in target area and a lot of fires were seen burning. "B" (P/O ATKINSON) Flares lit up river but incendiaries appeared very visible. Released bombs at 2059 hours from 14,500 feet. No results seen. "A" (P/O FALCON) Identified target by river and seven high flares blazing. Bomb-sighted main fire and released bombs at 2106 hours from 12,000 feet but did not observe result. Eleven flask holes in a/c. One through tail wheel and bomb gear damaged. Just before bombing outer engine over-curved and while endeavouring to rectify this by throttling back height lost to 12,000 feet. Sgt. by heavy flask causing holes in fuselage. "B" (P/O COLLIER) Inter-com a/c and jettisoned 5305 lb. by 0124 E. and returned early. "B" (P/O DASHETT) Attached target area at 2056 hours from 15,000 feet in fire centre but could not see results. Huge fire started from other incendiaries. One flask seen mark. "B" (Sgt LONGLEY) MISSING. Nothing heard since take-off. Crew: 582 Sgt Longley J.A. (Captain); 116 P/O Lee A.G. (Nav.); 575 P/O MacLennan M.H. (Bomb); 904 Sgt Lowe F. (W/P/M); 644 Sgt Arbuckle L. (A/B); 962 P/O Lewis G.H. (A/B); 762 Sgt Pilot A.V.B. (Engineer).	
	"A"	P/O Falson, W.M. Sigs. Constable, F.S.A. 1900 Doherty, E.A. MacDonald, J. P/S Taylor, J.L.R. P/S Lonsdale, E.L. Sgt. Anderson, E.L.		1900	0045		
	"B"	P/O Daggitt, K.A. W/O Cannon, S.P. 2nd Pilot, Sigs. Rogers, L.W. Hobarson, E.L. Miller, G.K. Carleton, E.B. Thomas L.L. Leung, K.		1851	0012		
	"B"	Sgt Longley, J.A. P/S Lee, A.G. P/O MacLennan, M.H. Sigs. Lowe, F. Arbuckle L. P/S Lewis, G.H. Sgt. Pilot, A.V.B.		1855	MISSING		
	"B"	Sgt Reddy, E.M. Sigs. Reddy, W.K. Hodgins, A.K. Manning, G.W. Murray, Black, W.G. Waller, A.G.		1857	2050		
	"B"	Sgt Dunning, J.G. Sgt Clayton, D.A. 2nd. Pilot P/O Cole, G.H. Sigs. Spenser, G.L. Job Jennings, J. Macdonald, J. Kennet, R.F. King, L.R.		1858	0112		
	"B"	P/O Farnham, R.G. P/O Hoady, R.A. and crew.			CANCELLED		
	"B"	P/O Ollidge, W.V. Sigs. Smalley, A.J. Hickox, L.V. Spence, E.L. Taylor, E.L. P/S Steward, J.L., Sgt Yates J.F.W.		1859	2058		
17th OPERATION							
Bombing Attack on Oologah (Cont'd) 10 a/c Detailed.							
Bomb-load: 2 x 1000 H.B.L., 2 x 500 H.C., 5 S.B.G.'s 90 x 4 lbs. incendi.							
All carried cameras.							
Five of the ten Captains attacked target area between 2152 and 2226 hours.							
Early arrivals found target clear but cloud bank covered target area by 2204 hours. Later arrivals report glow of fires at both aiming points.							
A/O "J" was unable to find target because of cloud and attacked town of							
SMT about 40 miles N.W. of Oologah. Good trip though disappointing.							

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23/24 Oct	HALIFAX II						
	"J"	W/O FRASER L.C., P/L Logan L.L. (2nd Pilot), P/O Ingham P.M., P/O Ingham H.P. Sgt Cox A., P/L Oval H.M., Sgt Craft M.		1728	0529	Bombing attack on GENOVA (CONTINUED) W/O Fraser) Ground trip in clear moonlight until passed TURIN where 10/10 cloud encountered. Impossible to identify primary after thirty minutes search. Decided to turn and bomb first likely-looking built up area and bombed ASTI about 10 miles N.W. of GENOVA. P/O PALMER Target area covered by cloud on arrival and results of bombs dropped at 2205 hours from 17,000 feet could not be seen. One glow seen through cloud, other results not observed. P/O COLLIER Large bay of GENOVA identified also river and railway coming in from N.W. Target bomb-aimed and bomb-aimer guided a/c in and claims to be certain about aiming point and saw lights on railway. No fires on arrival. Finished target at 2211 hours from 16,000 feet but bursts not seen, although some fires were observed in one cluster in the E. after bombing. Reasonably successful operation. Sgt (Sgt HENNING) P20-pointed coast to E. of town, flew along coast and saw harbour. 7/10 cloud at 7 to 8,000 feet with good visibility. Bombs dropped at 2215 hours from 16,000 feet were seen to burst along N. side of river and glow of fires were seen on both sides. Sgt (Sgt HENNING) Well-lit area clear over Italy except over target covered with 10/10 cloud. Attached at 2215 hours from 17,000 feet and saw bomb-burst and three big fires below cloud N. or N.W. of town. P/O (P/O SHOOKLEY) Found 10/10 cloud to within three miles of coast but clear over target with very good visibility in moonlight. Attached at 2152 hours from 16,000 feet and bombs seen to straddle railway line to W. of river and fell among warehouses. Other a/c seen bombing. Sgt (Sgt HENNING) Cloud covered target and aiming point not visible. Fires seen in target area and bombs dropped at 2205 from 16,000 feet were seen to explode but because of cloud it was impossible to see where. Fires successful only. GENOVA well illuminated with red and green beam lights. P/O (P/O FERGUSON) Cloud obscured target and no results of bombs dropped at 2212 hours from 16,000 feet were seen. Landed at MANTOVA at 0205 hours short of fuel. Wireless receiver a/c on way out. Sgt (Sgt HENNING) Visibility good with 7 to 8/10 cloud at 16,000 feet N. and E. end of target. Bombs and river clearly visible. Bombs dropped at 2200 hours from 16,000 feet were seen bursting in target area at point midway between aiming point and river mouth on target map. Fires seen at same point, on leaving target. Very satisfactory trip. Beautiful scenery over Alps. P/O (P/O HIA) Found 10/10 cloud over target and no results were seen of attack carried out at 2205 hours from 16,000 feet. GENERAL REMARKS: No opposition on outward or inward journey. Only small amount of light and heavy flack observed over target with no a/c. There was no black-out on outward and partly blacked out on return. Towns around GENOVA were all lit up and the brilliant lights at GENOVA and LAURANUS were of great assistance and had a decided cheering effect on the crew. Only one single engine Italian fighter long in the nose was seen going in the opposite direction to our A/c.	
	"T"	P/O Palmer G.W., P/O Spencey J., Sgt's Roebur K.A., McDonald J.A., P/O Taylor J.L.S., P/O Luskner L., Sgt Anderson E.J.		1738	0223		
	"S"	P/O COLLIER W.W., Sgt's Spencey A., 2nd Pilot, Donald A., Kerloff J.V., Shum H.A., Steward J.A., Taylor K.A., Thayer J.K.W.		1734	0305		
	"B"	Sgt HENNING R.O., P/O Cole G.W., Sgt's Spencey G.L., Jennings H.J., McDonald R.G., Tennant R.P., King L.R.		1737	0345		
	"D"	P/O DOUGHERTY E.D., Sgt's Clayton H.A., 2nd Pilot, Rogers L.W., Robinson E.J., Hallan G.W., Barleton K.B., Thomas L.L., Laing R.		1735	0220		
	"F"	P/L SHOOKLEY H.G., Sgt's Kipppatrick W., Hilland P., P/O Turnbull R.H., P/O Palmer H.K., Sgt's Henderson J., Henderson G.D.		1729	0507		
	"R"	Sgt HENNING J.K., Sgt Dalding J., 2nd Pilot, P/O Constable F.S.A., Sgt's Payne A.A., Doyle W., Duce A.A., Oshier W., Clifton P.K.		1731	0336		
	"I"	P/O HERRINGTON E.F., Sgt Armstrong R.O., 2nd Pilot, P/O Hensley E.A., Sgt's Probert J.E., Johnston P., Duce A.A., Newbery H.B., Slade H.J.		1735	0225		
	"E"	Sgt WALKER V.L., W/O Gagnon S.P., 2nd Pilot, Sgt's Marshall W.W., Hodgins A.L., Gaudin E.C., Hareway F.J., Black W.G., Wallace A.C.		1730	0311		
	"G"	P/O HIA H.D., Sgt's Stewart R.W., 2nd Pilot, Hony K.P., Mitchell G.R., Newbery H.B., P/O HERRINGTON J.C., P/O HERRINGTON, G.A., Mit (Sgt) E.W.		1736	0245		

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				Up	Down		
27-10-42	HALIFAX III					OPERATIVE NO. 130 OPERATIVE NO. 130 DAY OF BOMBING Three aircraft detailed. Bombed: 9 E (250 lbs) 2 MK X 1 1/2 CS MK X 1 1/2	
	"B"	P/O Hookley R.C., SGT's Kirkpatrick, Gillan P., P/O Turnbull R., P/O Gibson P., SGT's Henderson J., Anderson P.		0717	1830	The three Captains carried out their patrols in uneventful trips. There was nothing to report from these patrols except the case of P/O Hookley who observed W/V about 2500 tons with letters 'BIRD' painted on side. Estimated speed 8 knots, course 170°. 1200 from the latter, there was nothing else observed.	
	"C"	P/O Colledge R., SGT's Evans R., Parlett J., Sims R., Taylor R., Rogers J.		0728	1727		
	"D"	P/O Palmer, P/O Moody, SGT Anderson, P/O Lambour, P/O Taylor, SGT's Macdonald, Porter.		0735	1750		
28-10-42	"B"	P/O Proctor R., SGT Johnston R., P/O Griffith P., P/O Lyndon R., SGT Cox R., P/O Small R., SGT Craft R.		0730	1728	OPERATIVE NO. 132 OPERATIVE NO. 132 DAY OF BOMBING Three aircraft detailed. Bombed: 2 E (250 lbs)	
	"C"	SGT Lyndon R., P/O Cole R., SGT's Proctor R., Jennings R., McDonald P., Bennett R., Sims R.		0734	1658	P/O Lyndon (Observer) sighted two small W/V Mustang type, whitish colour. Course 320°, speed 4-5 knots. Came down to 1000 feet and circled vessel firing signal cartridge. No notice taken. 1212 hours turned on short leg on account of severe weather conditions and returned to base early.	
	"D"	P/O Macdonald J.R., P/O Curry R., SGT's Gordon R., Pratt R., Walsh R., Jones R., Lakin R.		0735	1751	SGT (Observer) observed two small ships between 0900. They were about 5 to 600 tons and appeared to be of a Spanish coasting type with one black funnel and hull painted white. There was slight haze and appeared to be unarmoured. Ignored signals. P/O (Observer) had an uneventful patrol with nothing to report.	
29-10-42	"B"	P/O Lambour, SGT's Kirkpatrick, J., McArthur J., P/O Hallingford, P., SGT's Quibb R., St. Lo R., Wade.		1100	1837	OPERATIVE NO. 134 OPERATIVE NO. 134 DAY OF BOMBING Three aircraft detailed. Bombed: 9 E (250 lbs) 2 MK X 1 1/2	
	"C"	P/O Bell, SGT's Honey R., Mitchell R., Roberts R., P/O Nicholas J., Withers R., SGT St. R.		1000	1850	"B" (P/O St. R.) recalled by base because of bad weather. Landed at 21.30.	
	"D"	P/O Suggitt R., SGT's Rogers R., Henderson R., P/O Ball R., Christie R., Stone R., Laid R.		1012	1848	"C" (P/O Lambour) port outer motor developed a good leak and Captain switched motor off. Returned to St. Eval on three engines. "D" (P/O Suggitt) sighted convoy of six small ships carrying balloons at 1040 hours steering 000°. Landed 21.30.	

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30-10-42	HALIFAX II					OPERATION NO. 111	
	"A"	P/O Atkinson P., P/O Hardy P., Sgt Millar P., Sgt Williams G., Sgt Miller P., Sgt Armstrong H., Sgt Salter W. Galt		0735	1756	OPERATION NO. 111 SIX OF SEVEN Three aircraft detailed. Bombed: 3 X 250 ft target. "A" (P/O ATKINSON) observed the fishing vessel course 270° at 0900 hours. Landed at GLENBURG. "B" (Sgt WILLIAMS) at 1000 hours sighted two fishing vessels course 150° observed destroyer at 1740 hours course 070°, course unknown. Landed at GLENBURG. "C" (Sgt MILLAR) at 1355 hours sighted destroyer course 230°, speed unknown. observed from 5000 feet altitude went down to 300 feet as destroyer was flashing series of lights. P/O HARDY saw destroyer BURNING AND THERE DIVERTED LEFT ON 1/2 TURN SWERVEING FORWARD unable to hear instructions, so set course for AVONMOUTH and called (DARKIE) and answered by BOOBYER DOWN who diverted a/c to HULLS valley where he landed.	
	"B"	Sgt Burton J., P/O Constable P., Sgt's Payne P., Sgt's Pate H., Sgt's Kay H., Sgt's Galt H.		0730	2045		
	"C"	Sgt Smith P., Sgt's Mitchell H., Sgt's Galt H., Sgt's Manning G., Sgt's Sgt's Black H., Sgt's Halliday A.		0740	1930		
31-10-42	"A"	P/O Armstrong, P/O Brown, Sgt Galt, P/O Latham, Sgt's Harrison, Sgt's Sgt's		0730	1740	OPERATION NO. 112 SIX OF SEVEN Three aircraft detailed. Bombed: 3 X 250 ft target.	
	"B"	Sgt Iago, P/O Caldwell, Sgt Sparty, P/O Robinson, Sgt's Morrison, Sgt's Sgt's		0730	1810	"B" (P/O ARMSTRONG) Unsuccessful patrol. Changed course to starboard patrol from 2 X D X 1621 to 2 X D X 1001. "C" (Sgt IAGO) At 0940 hours a/c flying at 1000 feet sighted red gyro- scopic distress signal five miles away and then sighted a dinghy, at 0950 hours, yellow, with at least five men in it, one of whom was standing up and waving. There was a green sea marker floating in the water and tied to the dinghy. At 0955 hours a/c circled the area periodically, losing sight of dinghy and regaining it again at one time lost for an hour. Initiated rescue patrol arriving at 1000 hours along with rescue tugboat. A/c left area to obtain landing. "A" (P/O ARMSTRONG) At 1000 hours periscope of submerged submarine on track observed by observer and rear gunner. This being in HULLS area no action was taken.	
	"C"	P/O Palmer, P/O Conway, Sgt Anderson, P/O Armstrong, P/O Taylor, Sgt's Sgt's		0735	1812		

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