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FOR THE MONTH OF **MARCH** 19 **43**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
MARCH 11 HALIFAX II	"B"	P/L Shockley H.G. & Crew. P/O Colledge W.W., Sgt Daniels A.J. P/O Palmer F.G., P/O Simms H.L., Sgt Taylor J.F., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Innes J.F., 2nd Pilot P/O Armstrong H.L.B.		1908		<p style="text-align: center;">1ST OPERATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCORING ATTACK ON GUFFMAN</p> <p>Load: All carried 1 x 500; 1 x 1000; 5 x 1000 G.P. Except "C" 6 x 1000; 1 x 500 G.P.</p>	A-0
	"C"			1914	2000		
	"B"	P/O Davidson R.C. & Crew.		1900		<p>"B" (P/L SHOCKLEY H.G.) MISSING. Nothing heard from this crew since take-off. Numbers of crew are:- (Captain) 8779 P/L Shockley H.G.; (NAV) 13295 P/O Kirkpatrick "A"; (P/A) 13294 P/O Holland P.; (AG/AG) 3926 P/O Palmer W.L.; (A/O) 13257 Sgt Stokholm H.; (A/O) 13305 P/O Henderson J.; (P/L) 87535 Sgt Henderson G.O. (2nd Pilot) 316635 P/O LeMay D.L.</p>	
	"C"			1908	0218		
	"B"	P/O Burton J.R., P/O Constable F.C., Sgt Cousins S., P/O Myla W.L., P/O Horne A.L., Sgts Connor W.C., Glee H.A.; 2nd Pilot Sgt Crockett B.L. Sgt Lago J., P/O Colwell J.H., Sgt Douty W.S., P/O Mackinnon W.H., P/O Wagh H., Sgt Garaboldi A.B., Sgt Higgs W.W.		1912	0605	<p>"C" (P/O COLLEDGE W.W.) Target was reached in good visibility. Load was released at 2300 hours from 15,000 feet at T.L. markers. Built up area was clearly visible. Gunner under blister saw what appeared to be our bomb explode in centre of concentration of red and green markers. Crew report a successful trip. Excellent co-operation with "B" and many fires burning in target area. A/G returned to base.</p>	
	"C"			1920	0504		
	"B"	P/L Palmer C.W. IFO, P/O Swaney G.A., P/O Decker K.L., P/O McDonald J., P/O Gunning S.L., P/O Lockman L.L., Sgt Anderson H.J., 2nd Pilot Sgt Cook R.W.		1909	0240	<p>"B" (P/O BURTON J.R.) Heavy icing was encountered at 8,000 feet and height could not be gained. Operation was abandoned at 2058 hours. Load was jettisoned safe at 2321 hours at 2328 H. 0031 E. Returned to base.</p>	
	"C"			1909	0240		
	"B"	P/L Campbell L.H., P/O Thompson A., P/O Hamill H.L., Sgts Ross A.C., Gry L.L., Simson L.L., Harrison J. H., 2nd Pilot Sgt Kirshan D.D.		1909	0240	<p>"B" (P/O BURTON J.R.) Heavy icing was encountered at 8,000 feet and height could not be gained. Operation was abandoned at 2058 hours. Load was jettisoned safe at 2321 hours at 2328 H. 0031 E. Returned to base.</p>	
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MARCH 21 (CONTINUED)							
"P"		P/O ATKINSON H.D., P/O Hardy W.H., P/O Reddy R.M., Sgt MacCallum G.L., Weller H.H., P/S Armstrong R.H., Sgt Galloway G.A., Cowan H. 2nd Pilot.		1906	0302	"P" (Continued) A/C landed at LERLING with 100% damage in port tail-plane and starboard main-plane.	
"P"		P/O Don H.D. & Crew.		1906		"P" (P/O ATKINSON H.D.) The target was clearly identified in good visibility. P.P.P. markers were seen in bomb sight and lead was released at 2303 hours from 17,500 feet. Our own bursts were not observed but others were bursting in target area. At 2345 hours, an a/c was seen to drop below and explode on ground after being hit by flak bursts. A/C landed at BRATTLEIGH undamaged.	
"P"		P/O Daggott H.D., P/S Rogers L., P/S Robinson F.J., P/O Dallas G.W., Sgt Charlton H.B., P/S Thomas L.L., Sgt Loring H., 2nd Pilot P/O Selber W.		1902	0233	"P" (P/O DON H.D.) MISSING. Nothing heard from this a/c since take-off. Members of crew are: (CAPTAIN) 216502 P/O Don H.D.; (MAY) 134833 P/O Henry K.P.; (P/A) 276134 P/S Thompson W.A.; (WOP/AG) 1365350 P/S Johnston P.; (A/G) 283338 P/S Maguire J.C.; (A/G) 2114780 SGT Murray P.; (P/S) 906012 SGT E.H. K.W.; (2nd Pilot) 1336941 SGT Mason H.L.	
"P"		P/S Keady W., P/S Richardson G.J., Dickson W., P/S Cox A., Sgt Whitterton A.		1905		"P" (P/O DON H.D.) MISSING. Nothing heard from this a/c since take-off. Members of crew are: (CAPTAIN) 216502 P/O Don H.D.; (MAY) 134833 P/O Henry K.P.; (P/A) 276134 P/S Thompson W.A.; (WOP/AG) 1365350 P/S Johnston P.; (A/G) 283338 P/S Maguire J.C.; (A/G) 2114780 SGT Murray P.; (P/S) 906012 SGT E.H. K.W.; (2nd Pilot) 1336941 SGT Mason H.L.	
"A"		P/S Holpines W.T., P/S White J.D., P/S Smith M., Sgt Smith A.S., P/S Bradley E., P/S Lewis A.D., Sgt Hodgson H.J.		1911	2306	"A" (P/O DAGGOTT H.D.) Visibility in target area was good except for slight haze. Target was identified visually by T.I. markers. Lead was released on markers at 2303 hours from 16,000 feet. Our own bomb bursts were seen to burst in T.I. concentration. Heavy black smoke was rising after leaving the target. A/C returned to base undamaged except for small dent in tail-plane.	
"P"		Sgt Fyffe R.A. REM, P/O Broadbent J.H., Sgt Lacey G., P/S Purves G.A., P/S O'Neil F.H., Sgt Weston K.T., Sgt Nichols A.W. REM.		1913	0218	"P" (P/O SPENCE G.C.) Target was identified visually. P.P.P. markers were clearly seen in bomb sight and lead was released at 2259 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts could not be definitely distinguished from the others in the down. Our A/C was attacked at 0015 hours by a JALISS ack tail-plane and 2nd bomb doors were badly damaged by cannon fire. Our rear fuselage (P/S Cox A.) got in a burst. No claim was made. A/C landed at LERLING. Photograph taken.	
"X"		Sgt Tabor J.A., P/S Gibson J.G., P/S Wood G.L., Sgt Richard R., Sgt Nutting S.H., P/S Baldy R.H., Sgt McLean R.G.		1905	0515	"X" (P/O SPENCE G.C.) MISSING. Nothing heard from this a/c since take-off. Members of crew are: (MAY) 134833 P/O Don H.D.; (MAY) 134833 P/O Henry K.P.; (P/A) 276134 P/S Thompson W.A.; (WOP/AG) 1365350 P/S Johnston P.; (A/G) 283338 P/S Maguire J.C.; (A/G) 2114780 SGT Murray P.; (P/S) 906012 SGT E.H. K.W.; (2nd Pilot) 1336941 SGT Mason H.L.	

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MARCH 11	(CONTINUED)					<p>"H" (SOT SINES R.A., RM) (CONT'D) approach, the rear gunner R.109968 SOT Botkin R.A., instructed Pilot to turn right and get in a point blank burst at 200 yards which was soon to enter enemy a/c, which returned fire before breaking away. Enemy a/c is claimed as damaged. This combat lasted 30 minutes, so primary target was abandoned. An enemy a/c, identified by landing lights, and approximately 12 large buildings, was bombed at 22:30 hours from 16,000 feet. Position 49° 48' N. 0° 36' E. Rear Gunner, Sgt Botkin, was two explosions. A/C landed at base with 16 bullet holes in port wing, petrol tank and allison were damaged. "X" (SOT WEBER J.A.) reached primary and bombed on green markers from 15,000 feet at 22:57 hours. Results not observed but attack appeared very successful, with large fires in centre of town. A/C slightly damaged by flak. Photo flash u/s and Rear Gunner's oxygen supply u/s. Landed THORNY ISLAND.</p>	
MARCH 12	HALIFAX II					<p style="text-align: center;">END OPERATION</p> <p>BOMBING ATTACK ON <u>THORNY ISLAND</u> A/C DESTROYED Bombed:- All carried 1 x 1000, 1 x 1000 G.P., and 690 x 4 30 x 4 "X" type. 32 x 30 Insect. Except "G" which carried 3 x 1000 G.P. and 3 H.M.C.s 90 x 4 and 4 S.B.C.s 8 x 30.</p>	A-1
	"G"	<p>W/O Burton J.R., W/O Constable F.O., Sgt Cousins F., W/O Hoyle W., W/S Horro A.S., Sgts Gunnor W.O., Glee H.A., 2nd Pilot Sgt Crockett D.H.</p>		1924	2356	<p>"G" (W/O BURTON J.R.) Built up area was clearly visible and bombs were released at 21:25 hours from 16,000 feet on red P.F. markers. Our own bursts were observed in centre of concentration. One container, 90 x 4 incendiary was brought back hung up. Mines were visible for 150 miles on return. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	
	"H"	<p>W/O Callaghan W.V., Sgt Emma A.J., W/O Pinner F.S., W/O Simms H.A., W/O Pinner E.S., W/O Steward J.H., Sgt Yates J.F., 2nd Pilot SOT Dixon G.B.</p>		1928	2158	<p>"H" (W/O CALLAGHAN W.V.) Operation was abandoned at 20:30 hours due to oxygen failure in two positions. Load was jettisoned at 5301 N. 0510 E. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	
	"J"	<p>Sgt Lago J., W/O Caldwell J.H., Sgt Deady W.S., W/O Redman H.H., W/S Daugh H., Sgts Grimble A.S., Philips W.S.</p>		1923	0001	<p>"J" (SOT LAGO J.) Visibility was good with no cloud in target area. Bombs were released at 21:34 hours from 16,000 feet on P.F. markers. Our own bursts could not be distinguished among many others. Aircraft returned to base undamaged, reporting a successful raid. Photograph taken.</p>	
	"K"	<p>W/S Malpin W.T., W/S White J.D., W/S Smith K., Sgt Smith A.S., W/S Bradley H., W/S Lewis A.S., Sgt Hopson H.S.</p>		1920	2118	<p>"K" (W/S MALPIN W.T.) Operation was abandoned at 20:07 hours due to intense vibration in both port engines. Load was jettisoned at 5337 N. 0025 E. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	
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MARCH 12	(CONTINUED)						
	"H"	Sgt Spence R.A., W/O J.H. Boudreau J.H., P/O Massey G., P/S Barran G.A., P/O O'Reill P.S., Sgt Botkin R.T., Sgt Nichols A.W., W/O		1922	2348	"H" (Sgt Spence R.A., W/O) Crew report no cloud in target area which was well lit up by P.F.F. T.I. markers were in bomb-sight and lead was released at 2125 hours from 17,000 feet. Our own bursts were not identified among any others. A/O returned to base undamaged reporting a successful raid.	
	"K"	Sgt Weber J.A., P/S Gibson J.C., P/S Wood G.L., Sgt Richard P., Sgt Rutting G.H., P/S Baldy R.H., Sgt Wilson R.S.		1921	2357	"K" (Sgt Weber J.A.) Lead was released at 2119 hours from 20,000 feet in good visibility. P.F.F. markers were clearly visible. Our own bursts were not actually observed among any others. Fires were seen from the Dutch Coast on return.	
	"S"	P/O Daggett H.D., P/S Rogers L.W., P/S Nicholson P.J., P/O Hallen G.W., Sgt Charlton E.B., P/S Thomas L.L., Sgt Laing H., 2nd Pilot P/O Weiser W.		1921	2350	"S" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for industrial haze. Lead was released at 2128 hours from 13,000 feet. Marker was not in bomb-sight at moment of release due to violent evasive action necessary to escape heavy flak. Bombs were within green positions however. A/O returned and landed at HARTSHAM with about 200 flak holes. Hydraulics, instruments, I.P.F. and port outer engine were A/O. The rudder control column was almost severed. There were 7 holes in petrol tanks.	I bounds rise
MARCH 22	HALIFAX VI						
	"A"	P/S Armstrong H.T., P/O Brock A.O., P/S Gilbey J.S., P/O Lather J.G., Sgt Harrison G.R., Sgt Mitchell W.T., Polyzuk A.		1829	0035	3RD OPERATION BOMBING ATTACK ON ST. MARIE 10 A/O RETURNED Bombload: 5 carried 2 x 1000; 700 x 4 incendiary 30 x 4 incendiary; 32 x 30 incendiary 5 carried 2 x 1000; 900 x 90 x 1 incendiary 4200 x 8 x 30 incendiary	A-2
	"C"	P/O Burton J.R., P/O Constable F.O., Sgt Cousins P., P/O Hayle W.L., W/O Harris A.L., Sgt Connor W.C., W/O H.A.M., Phillips J.A., 2nd Pilot.		1821	0035	"A" (P/S ARMSTRONG H.T.) Visibility in target area was good except for slight haze. Lead was released on P.F.F. markers at 2145 hours. Our own bursts were not observed. Large fires were seen in landing point areas. Splendid, heavy and light inaccurate flak and six A/Os were encountered. Landed HARTSHAM.	
	"F"	Sgt Lago G., P/O Colwell J.H., Sgt Deady G.S., P/O Hochstetler W.L., P/O Laugh H., Sgt Grosbois A.E., P/O Polley W.P., 2nd Pilot.		1825	0110	"C" P/O BURTON J.R. Target was identified visually by dots and river. Lead was released from 18,000 feet at 2150 hours on P.F.F. markers. Large fires were at B and C landing points. A/O landed at Upper Heyford undamaged.	
	"H"	P/O Campbell L.H., W/O P/O Thompson A.W., P/O Humill W.H., Sgt Ross P.O., W/O Stinson L.L., Harrison J.H., Crockett D.L., 2nd Pilot.		1825	0045	"F" (Sgt LAGO G.) Lead was released at 2149 hours from 16,000 feet in good visibility. T.I. markers and P.F.F. were in bomb-sight at moment of release. Our own bombs were seen in target area. Concentrated fires were visible 8 miles on return. A/O returned to base undamaged. Photograph taken.	
						"H" (P/O CAMPBELL L.H., W/O) Target was identified visually by dot area and lead was released at 2154 hours from 19,000 feet on P.F.F. markers. Our own bursts were not observed as (OVER)	

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MARCH 22 HALIFAX II (CONTINUED)							
	"J"	P/O COLLINGS W.W., Sgt Smalls A.J., P/O Burdett J.W., P/O Evans H.A., Sgt Taylor H.A., P/O Stewart J.H., Sgt Yates J.J., P/O Beattie H.D., 2nd Pilot.		1822	2043	"H" (P/O GAMBRELL L.L.D.R. SFO) (CONTINUED) the whole town was assessed to be a mass of burning incendiaries. An H.L. 210 was encountered but was evaded after Rear Gunner Sgt Stinson L.L., fired a short burst. Slight heavy flak and 10 m/1's were encountered over target area. Landed 04528 HERSFORD. "J" (P/O COLLINGS W.W.) Operation was abandoned at 1922 hours due to glazed lock in port inner engine. Load was jettisoned at 1928 hours at 5319 N. 0031 E. 2000 G.P., 510 x 4 and 30 x 4. The "H" type incendiaries and 32 x 30 incendiaries were brought back hung up. Landed base.	
	"P"	P/O Daggett H.D., P/S Rogers L., P/O Nicholson F.W., P/O Hellen G.W., Sgt Charlton L.L., Thomas L.L., Leading W., 2nd Pilot P/O BUSTLER H.		1840	2359	"H" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for slight ground haze. P.M.E. markers were seen in low light and lead was released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts were not observed. A J40.88 came up under port quarter. Rear Gunner Sgt. Thomas L.L. opened fire at 400 yards. The enemy A/C passed under the tail without returning fire. A/C returned to base with damaged port tailplane and bomb door damaged by flak.	
	"O"	P/O Stovel G.C., P/S Bonister J., P/S Keady W., Sgt Richardson G.J., Sgt Dickson H.L., P/S Cox A., Sgt Whitburn A., Cooke H., 2nd Pilot.		1826	2306	"H" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for slight ground haze. P.M.E. markers were seen in low light and lead was released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts were not observed. A J40.88 came up under port quarter. Rear Gunner Sgt. Thomas L.L. opened fire at 400 yards. The enemy A/C passed under the tail without returning fire. A/C returned to base with damaged port tailplane and bomb door damaged by flak.	
	"X"	Sgt Weber J., P/S Gibson J.D., P/S Wood G.L., Sgt Hamed P., Leading W., P/S Duddy R.H., Sgt Hedges H.L., P/O Hillier G.R., 2nd Pilot.		1828	0041	"H" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for slight ground haze. P.M.E. markers were seen in low light and lead was released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts were not observed. A J40.88 came up under port quarter. Rear Gunner Sgt. Thomas L.L. opened fire at 400 yards. The enemy A/C passed under the tail without returning fire. A/C returned to base with damaged port tailplane and bomb door damaged by flak.	
	"W"	P/O Widner W., P/O Hivood D.S., P/O Baker H., Sgt Mayer F.D., P/O Burke H.G., P/S Coburn L., Sgt Gordon A.D.		1824	2359	"H" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for slight ground haze. P.M.E. markers were seen in low light and lead was released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts were not observed. A J40.88 came up under port quarter. Rear Gunner Sgt. Thomas L.L. opened fire at 400 yards. The enemy A/C passed under the tail without returning fire. A/C returned to base with damaged port tailplane and bomb door damaged by flak.	
	"Z"	P/O Spence H.A., P/S Boudreau J.H., P/O Ramsey G., P/S Hurman G., P/S O'Neill P., Sgt Harkin H., Nichols L., 2nd Pilot.		1830	2156	"H" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) Visibility was good except for slight ground haze. P.M.E. markers were seen in low light and lead was released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet. Our own bursts were not observed. A J40.88 came up under port quarter. Rear Gunner Sgt. Thomas L.L. opened fire at 400 yards. The enemy A/C passed under the tail without returning fire. A/C returned to base with damaged port tailplane and bomb door damaged by flak.	
MARCH 26 HALIFAX II							
	"D"	P/O Dorton J.R., P/O Constable F.G., Sgt Payne A., P/O Hoyle W., P/S Gardner H., Sgt Gower H.G., Glen H., 2nd Pilot P/O Beattie H.D.		1908	2022	ASH OPERATIONS SHORLEIGH ATTACK ON HERSFORD A/C carried 1 x 1000 G.P., 1 x 1000 G.P. fuse 30 x 30 Inc., 510 x 4 Inc., 30 x 4 X Type Inc. except "W" "P" "O" which carried 2 x 1000 G.P., 510 x 4 Inc., 30 x 4 X Type Inc., & 30 x 30 Inc. "D" (P/O DORTON J.R.) Operation was abandoned at 1937 hours due to the artificial horizon being u/s. Load was jettisoned at 1954 hours at 5317 N. 0213 W. Landed base.	A-5

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"	"	P/S Stovel C.C., P/S Bendister J.R., P/S Kennedy W., Sgts Richardson C., Dickman W., P/S Cox A., Sgts Gibbs G.W., Cooke R.W. 2nd Pilot.		1918	2308	BOMBING ATTACK ON <u> </u> <u> </u> (CONTINUED) " (P/S STOVEL C.C.) Operation was abandoned at 2020 hours when P.S. and P.A. both went up. Load was abandoned at 2130 hours at 5343 N. 0245 E. On return, in the vicinity of 21st Angle, at 2245 hours, light flak was encountered at 11,000 feet, bursting 1,000 feet below. Light flak was also encountered near the bomber. Two colour of the period incendiaries were fired without result. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"	"	P/O Gollidge W.W., Sgt Dennis A.J., P/O Finlay T.R., P/O Stans H.A., Sgt Taylor J.A., 2nd Pilot P/O Lemox J.W.		1914	0029	" (P/O GOLLIDGE W.W.) Bombs released on heavy w/I concentration but were not seen to explode. Crew report P.F.F. late. Heavy accurate flak was encountered. Load as a whole is reported as rather unsatisfactory. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"	"	P/O Campbell L.H., P/O Thompson A., P/O Randall H.H., Sgts Ross A.C., Gray D.G., Stinson L.A., Harrison E.H. 2nd Pilot Sgt Phillips J.A.		1915	0053	" (P/O CAMPBELL L.H.D.R. IFO) Load was released on I.L. markers at 2145 hours from 14,500 feet. Other I.L. markers were observed in another direction just after bombing. Bombs were not observed but a large red glow was seen back hung up. Captain reported that bombing appeared scattered and precision. A/G returned and landed base undamaged.	
"	"	P/O Symes R.A. RM, P/O Brock A.C., P/O Massey C., P/S Farman C.A., Sgt Walsh D.G., P/S O'Reil P.R., Sgt Nichols A.W. RM, 2nd Pilot Sgt Foley W.		1924	2335	" (P/O SYMES R.A. RM) P.F.F. markers were seen in bomb sight and load released at 2138 hours from 15,000 feet, in 10/10 cloud. Our bursts were not observed. A/G returned to base with 13 holes from flak in wings.	
"	"	P/O Duggett R.D., P/S Rogers L.W., P/S Macdonald P.J., P/O Hallam G.W., Sgts Carlsson E.R., Thomas L.L., Leung H., 2nd Pilot P/O Ellinger G.H.		1922	2346	" (P/O DUGGETT R.D.) No release point flames were seen. Load was released at 2136 hours from 15,000 feet on track indicator flames. 14 reflections, believed to be fires, were seen to be glowing against cloud. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"	"	P/S Macpherson W.T., P/S White J.D., P/S Smith H., Sgt Halkowick J.W., P/S Bradley L., P/S Lewis A.D., Sgt MacQueen H.W.		1917	0005	" (P/S MACPHERSON W.T.) Target area was obscured by 10/10 cloud. Other a/c were easily visible above us. Load was released at 2145 hours from 15,500 feet. Directly below a P.F.F. a/c which released its flames almost directly from above. Other P.F.F. were dropping flames all around. Bomb flash was seen by A/G through blister. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"	"	Sgt Major J.A., P/O Sweeney G.A., P/S Wood G., P/S Hissard P., P/S Rutting S.H., P/S Baly R., Sgt McLean H.C., 2nd Pilot P/O Sattler H.		1921	0016	" (SGT MAJOR J.A.) Load was released at 2120 hours from 18,000 feet through 10/10 cloud on P.F.F. markers. Bursts could not be seen due to cloud. Crew report that I.F.F. were late and markers scattered. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
MARCH 27	HALIFAX II						
						2nd OPERATION BOMBING ATTACK ON <u> </u> <u> </u> 2 A/C RETURNED (OVER)	A-4

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MARCH 27	HALIFAX II (CONTINUED)						
"H"		P/L Campbell L.H. W/O Thompson A., P/O Russell M.H.J., Sgts Ross A.G., Crew Lt. S., Harrison S.H., Stinson L.A., 2nd Pilot Sgt Phillips J.A.		1939	0316	BOMBING ATTACK ON B.E.R.L.I.N. (CONTINUED) Bombload - 5 Carried 2 x 1000 G.P., 420 x 4 incendiaries, 30 x 4 "M" Incend. 40 x 30 Incend. & carried 1 x 1000 B.45 1 x 1000 G.P., 420 x 4 Incend. 30 x 4 "M" type Incend. 40 x 30 Incend.	A-4
"P"		P/O Burton J.R., P/O Donstable F.G., Sgt Payne A.A., P/O Wyle W.L., P/S Gard J., Sgts Gomer W.C., Gies H.A., Poley W.J. 2nd Pilot.		1941	0312	"H" (P/L CAMPBELL L.H.D.R. W/O) Operation was abandoned due to severe icing conditions. Bombs were jettisoned about 90 miles west of BERLIN. A red glow in the direction of BERLIN was plainly visible. Captain reports that navigation was of an exceptionally high order, flying on D.M. locations only on return after by passing BERLIN and picking up landfall on English Coast 4000m track. Loaded back to base undamaged.	
"P"		Sgt Crockett D.E., P/S Harriott J.R., P/S Cleoth S., P/S Daniels L.J., Sgt Sturdy J.L., P/S Bentley T.L., Sgt Penny L.		1942	0350	"D" (P/O BURTON J.R.) Visibility in target area was good with 3/20 minus cloud. Ground markers were seen in daylight and load released at 2256 hours from 17,500 feet. 90 x 4 pound incendiaries were hung up and brought back. Incendiary bombs were just beginning to take hold in target area. Crew report red and green T.I. markers were not very concentrated. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"P"		P/O Daggert H.D., P/S Rogers L.W., P/O McDermott P.J., P/O Hallam G.W., Sgts Carleton R.B., Thomas L.L., Laing H., 2nd Pilot Sgt Gordon H.V.		2004	0010	"P" (Sgt CROCKETT D.E. W/O) Crew report visibility good in target area. Load was released on P.F.F. markers at 2311 hours from 15,000 feet. Scattered fires were observed but glow could be seen from Baltic Coast on return. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"P"		P/S Stovel G.G., P/S Hamilton J.H., P/S Hoxby W., Sgts Richardson G.W., McLennan L.A., P/S Oml A., Sgt Gibbs W.H., 2nd Pilot Sgt Cowan H.		1945	0438	"P" (Sgt CROCKETT D.E. W/O) Crew report visibility good in target area. Load was released on P.F.F. markers at 2311 hours from 15,000 feet. Scattered fires were observed but glow could be seen from Baltic Coast on return. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"P"		P/O Stace H.A. W/O Brock A.G., P/O Hanson G., P/S Fyeman G.A., P/S O'Neill P., P/L Murphy W.L., Sgt Nichols A.W. W/O, 2nd Pilot P/O Hilmer G.R.		1946	2139	"P" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) 2000 Height could not be maintained due to severe icing, so primary was abandoned at 2154 hours. Load was released from 16000 feet on heavily defended area believed to be BIEBER at 2156 hours. Heavy and light flak and 5 to 20 m/1's were in operation. Several fires were started and red glow could be seen for about 10 minutes after bombing. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"P"		Sgt Heber J.A., P/S Smyth G.J., P/S Wood G.L., P/S Edward P., P/S Manning G.H., P/S Baldy R.H., Sgt McLennan R.G., 2nd Pilot P/O Battler H.		1947	0344	"P" (P/O DAGGETT H.D.) 2000 Height could not be maintained due to severe icing, so primary was abandoned at 2154 hours. Load was released from 16000 feet on heavily defended area believed to be BIEBER at 2156 hours. Heavy and light flak and 5 to 20 m/1's were in operation. Several fires were started and red glow could be seen for about 10 minutes after bombing. A/G returned to base undamaged.	
"P"		P/S Malpins W.T., P/S Wyatt J.D., P/S Smith H., Sgt Hallikowski J.W., P/S Bradley S., P/S Lewis A.D., Sgt McLennan H.A.		1943	0600	"P" (P/O STOVEL G.G.) Primary was reached in good visibility and load was released at 2317 hours from 15,000 feet on P.F.F. markers. Our own burst were not observed but several real good fires and many smaller ones were well concentrated. Glow could be seen as far as Baltic Coast on return. Bombs rose several thousand feet. A/G returned to base undamaged reporting a good raid.	
"P"		P/O Oulledge W.W., Sgts Bunnals A.J., P/S Harloff J.W., P/O Edman H.A., Sgt Taylor R.A., P/O Howard J.H., Sgt Teton J.F.W., 2nd Pilot P/O Lomas J.W.		1940	2154	"P" (P/O SMITH R.A. W/O) Operation was abandoned at 2038 hours due to an electrical failure in bomb panel box. Load was jettisoned at 2038 hours at 5353 N. 0118 E. A/G landed base undamaged.	

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MARCH 27	HALIFAX II					BOMBING ATTACK ON BERLIN (CONTINUED) <p>"X" (Sgt WEBER J.A.) Crew report visibility good over target area. Bombs were released at 2309 hours from 17,000 feet, on T.I. markers. Flash of bombs bursting on target area was clearly seen. Large fires were burning over a wide area visible over HOSZROCK on return. A/O returned to base undamaged.</p> <p>"Y" (P/S HALLIDAY W.T.) Visibility good over target area with no cloud. Red and green P.F.F. markers were clearly seen and the streets of BERLIN were visible. Load was released at 2305 hours from 15,000 feet on red markers. Our own bursts could not be observed owing to number of fires and incendiaries from other a/c. These appeared to be well concentrated in the centre of the city. Fires could be seen 150 miles away. Sgt'd inner went w/s from first turning point but a/o returned to base undamaged.</p> <p>"Z" (P/O COLLIER W.W.) Operation was abandoned at 2055 hours due to electrical failure in two guns and mechanical failure in the third. Load was jettisoned at 2059 hours 5349 N. 022 012 E. 30 x 4 pound incendiaries were brought back hung up. A/O landed at base undamaged.</p>	A-4
MARCH 28	HALIFAX II					OPERATION BOMBING ATTACK ON BERLIN (CONTINUED) <p>"A" (P/O SATTLER H.) Target was reached in good visibility, except for slight haze. It was identified visually and by P.F.F. Load was released at 2225 hours from 16,000 feet. The fire area was in the bomb sight at moment of release and bombs were seen to explode right in the target area. All the town area appeared to be on fire and the glow could be seen about 100 miles away. The Captain reported it was the best pranged target he had yet seen. A/O returned to base undamaged with 30 x 4 pound incendiaries hung up. Photograph taken.</p> <p>"B" (Sgt COCKE R.W.) Crew report visibility in target area good with no cloud. Load was released at 2230 hours from 15,000 feet on green T.I. marker seen in bomb sight. The town area around the south-end of the docks was all on fire. Glow was visible over a 100 miles away. Crew report a good</p> <p>(OVER)</p>	A-5
		P/O Sattler H., P/O Thatcher W., P/S Card H.G., Sgts Watson H.F., McEwan I., P/O Anderson W.R.W., Sgt Jones D.B., Sgt Cochrane R.W., Sgts Orr A.L., Martin H.A., Valentine L., Beard J.A., Sgt Smith L.H., Sgts G.W.H.	1956	0054		2 carried 2 x 1000 G.P., 690 x 4 Inc. 30 x 4 100 lb type Inc. 40 x 30 Inc. 2 carried 1 x 1000 G.P., 1 x 1000 G.S. Fuse 690 x 4 Inc. 30 x 4 100 lb type Inc. 40 x 30 Inc.	
		Sgt Crockett R.W., P/S Hewitt J.R., P/S Sloth S., P/S O'Hare P.L., Sgt Cordy J.L., P/S Bentley L.L., Sgt Baker L.	1955	0122			
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MARCH 28	HALIFAX II	(CONTINUED)				<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON ST. NAZAIRE (CONTINUED)</p> <p>"B" (Sgt COOKS R.L.) (O/N) field and accurate incendiary P.F.F. A/O returned to base undamaged with photographs.</p> <p>"F" (Sgt CROCKETT D.E.) Target was identified visually and also by P.F.F. markers in good visibility. Bombs were released at 2228 hours from 15,500 feet. Red T.L. markers was in bombight at moment of release. Bombs were not seen to burst but crew is confident that they went in target area. They report the southeast end of town in dark area in flames, apparently in two long lines at right angles. The glow was visible over a 100 miles away. A/O returned to base undamaged with 60 x 4 pound incendiaries hung up.</p> <p>"G" (Sgt PHILLIPS J.A.) Target was reached in good visibility and identified both visually and by P.F.F. land was released from 16,000 feet at 2229 hours on P.F.F. markers. Actual burst were not observed. All sections of the town near the dock area appeared to be on fire and glow could be seen about 150 miles away. Crew report excellent P.F.F. and a concentrated attack. A/O returned to base undamaged with 50 x 4 pound incendiaries hung up.</p> <p>"H" (Sgt ROSS R.S.) Crew report visibility very good in target area and target identified visually and by P.F.F. markers were in bombight at moment of release at 2225 hours from 17,000 feet. Own bursts could not be distinguished from others. The Pilot's escape hatch blew off at target and the H.P. aerial was torn off by the hatch. Crew 9 was u/s as a result. Crew report a very successful trip. A/O returned to base undamaged, except as stated. Photograph taken.</p>	A-5
	"G"	Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Hunter R.L., Sgt Knight V.A., P/O Thatcher C., Sgts Roberts L.B., Bedrate G.P., BREWER H.C.		1930	0140		
	"H"	Sgt Polley W.S., P/O Wright R.L., Sgts Sergeant H.B., Jordan W.F., Goldney R.E., Taylor J., Miller H.S.		1935	0143		
MARCH 29	HALIFAX II					<p style="text-align: center;">7th OPERATION</p> <p>BOMBING ATTACK ON BREMEN 7 A/O RETURNED</p> <p>Bombload: 1 Carried 1 x 2500 G.P. 1 x 2000 G.P. 2 x 400 x 4 Ins. 30 x 4 "x" type 40 x 30 Ins. 2 Carried 2 x 1000 G.P. 400 x 4; 30 x 4 "x" 40 x 30 Ins.</p> <p>"G" (P/O COLLINGS J.W.) Visibility in target area was good except for very slight haze. Target was identified visually and by P.F.F. T.L. markers which were considered to be slightly scattered. Centre of concentration was seen in bombight and load was released at 0100 hours from 16,000 feet. Our own bursts could not be seen. Many large fires were seen in target area. One very large red explosion in the centre of the fires was seen at 0105 hours. The artificial horizon and D.R. compass went u/s after violent evasive action to evade flak, after severe icing in target area on return. Crew report a successful raid with fires visible at least 75 miles away from target. A/O returned to base.</p>	A-6
	"G"	P/O Collings J.W., Sgt Ernala A.S., P/O Karlock J.V., P/O Sims H.A., Sgt Taylor B.A., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Bates J.F.W., 2nd Pilot P/O Leman J.W.		2122	0155		

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MARCH 29	HALIFAX II						
	"1"	P/L Ouseboll L.H. RMC, P/O Thompson P/O Marshall M.L., Sgts Ross L. C., Gray L.H., Stinson L.H., Harrison J.L., and Pilot Sgt Martin J.		2131	0522	<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON BIRMAN (CONTINUED)</u></p> <p>"1" (P/L Ouseboll L.H. RMC) Captain reports no low cloud in target area and excellent visibility. Built up area of BIRMAN could be seen. Bombs were released at 0057 hours at 17,000 feet on red P.P.F. markers. One large fire was burning and other smaller ones were burning. A/c left target. Glow was seen for 150 miles on return. The a/c was aimed by 60 to 70 a/c's over target and was hit by heavy flak. A/c returned to base.</p>	A-6
	"2"	P/O Jones R.H. RMC, P/O Soudress J.H. P/O Hanny G., P/O Pagan G.L., P/S O'Neil P., P/O Butcher R.H., Sgt Molloy R.H. RMC, and Pilot P/O Covey L.G.		2129	0049	<p>"2" (P/O JONES R.H. RMC) Severe icing was encountered. Rear turret jammed and Captain decided to return at 0046 hours. Load was jettisoned at 5425 N. 0405 E. A/c returned to base undamaged.</p>	
	"3"	Sgt Weber J.H., P/O Young G.L., P/S Wood G.L., P/S Ricard P., P/S Fitting P/S Baldy R.H., Sgt McLean R.H., and Pilot P/O Ellinger G.L.		2125	0145	<p>"3" (SGT WEBER J.H.) S/W-4 timer went a/c. Icing conditions were also encountered so Captain decided to return. Load was jettisoned at 2300 hours at 5501 N. 0405 E. from 17,000 feet. Returned to base.</p>	
	"4"	P/O Daggett R.H. & Crew		NO SORTIE		<p>"4" (P/O DAGGETT R.H.) Developed engine trouble and did not take off.</p>	
	"5"	P/O Durton J.H. & Crew		NO SORTIE		<p>"5" (P/O DURTON J.H.) Captain did not take off due to illness, prior to take-off.</p>	

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