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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1943.

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2/4/43	Halifax II					8th Operation.	
	"B"	P/O Lennox J.W., Sgt Knight A.T., P/O Graham J.J.B., Sgts. Roberts F.V., Frieur J.L., Moody B., Adam A.A.		1945	0212	BOMBING ATTACK ON "ST. NAZAIRE" 2 A/C DETAILED Bombload: 8 x 1000 G.P. T.D. 0.025	A-1
	"S"	Sgts. Cooke R.W., Orr A.I., Mentle H.R., Valentine L., Sword J.A., Kainama L.N., Gibbs C.W.M.		1942	0153	"B" (P/O LENNOX J.W.) Reached primary in good visibility at 2226 hours and bombs released from 15,000 feet. LOIRE ESTUARY identified visually. Red T.I. markers in bombight at moment of release. Green markers seen but had gone out. Red markers coincided well with the green ones. Results of own bombing not observed. One good fire seen close to main point, and another in N.W. of town. A third fire was seen to the East of the docks. Other bombs were seen bursting, and glow of fires still visible 75 miles away on return journey. Landed base undamaged. "S" (SGT 0006E R.W.) Primary was reached and load was released at 2223 hours from 13,000 feet in good visibility, but marred by smoke screen. Target identified visually by Loire Estuary and small lakes 2 1/2 miles west of target and St. Nazaire docks. Also by green and red T.I. markers. Red markers were in bombight at moment of release. Green markers were seen earlier but had gone out at distinguishing results of own bombing. Bomb bursts and small fires were seen springing up after green and red T.I. markers had been dropped but no large fires visible while a/c was in target area. Landed back to base undamaged. Uneventful trip and successful as far as own a/c concerned.	
3/4/43						9th Operation.	
	"Y"	F/S McAlpine W.T. & Crew		1958		BOMBING ATTACK ON "ESSEN" 5A/C DETAILED Bombload: 8 x 1000 G.P. T.D. U.025; 500 x 4 Incend. 30 x 4 Incend. X type; 48 x 30 Incend.	A-2
	DT 808					(V) (F/S McALPINE W.T.) Aircraft failed to return and nothing has been heard since take off. Members of crew are: Pilot CAN.R. 93227 F/S McAlpine W.T.; NAV CAN.R. 91819 F/S White T.D.; W/A CAN.T. 15434 F/L Luxford F.E.; WOP/AG CAN.R. 96419 SGT Halikowski J.W.; A/G CAN.R. 108598 F/S Bradley E.; A/C CAN.C. 15166 F/L Murphy W.L.; F/E CAN. 10748 SGT McQueen H.J.	
	"P"	P/O Lago J. & Crew		1956		(P) (P/O LAGO J.) Aircraft failed to return and nothing has been heard since take off. Members of crew are: Pilot CAN.J. 16960 P/O Lago J.; NAV CAN.J. 10419 F/O Colwell J.H. B/A CAN.R. 119427 F/S Beatty W.S.; WOP/AG CAN.J. 9648 F/O Hoddinott W.H.; A/G CAN.R. 58818 F/S Weigh H.; A/C CAN.R. 102442 SGT Cranbois A.B.; F/E CAN.R. 54222 SGT Phipps W.W.; F/E CAN.R. 87712 F/S Perry K.O. 2nd Pilot	
	DT 723						

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3/4/43	Halifax II					BOMBING ATTACK ON "ESSEN" (CONTINUED)	A-2
	"B"	F/L Campbell L.H. DFC, P/O Thompson A.W., P/O Hamill W.M.J., Sgt's Rose A.C., Gray L.S., Stinson L.A., Harrison J.K., Martin J., 2nd Pilot.		1953	0101	(B) (P/L CAMPBELL L.H. DFC) Reached primary in good visibility at 2210 hours, and load was released at a height of 16,400 feet. Green markers were in bombsight at moment of release, and bombs were observed to explode between aiming points "A" and "B". A tremendous orange burst of fire was seen immediately after bombs were released. Crew believe this to be a very successful raid. Dummy fires were not effective. Landed base.	
	"M"	P/O Symes R.A. BEM, P/O Boudreau J.H. P/O Massey C., Sgt Andrews R.A., P/S O'Neil F.R., P/O Rotkin R.T., Sgt Nichols A.W. BEM, P/O Edwards J.H., 2nd Pilot.		1959	0016	(M) (P/O SYMES R.A. BEM) Target was reached at 2159 hours and a little low cloud was encountered, but visibility was good. Load was released from 19,000 feet at 2159 hours, and bombs were seen to burst in centre of red and green T.I. markers. A few good fires were seen, with one good one. Glow could be seen about 60 miles away on return journey. Landed base. Crew believe this to be a good attack, but P.F.F. appeared to be a little late.	
	"T"	Sgt Weber J.A., P/O Sweeney G.A., P/S Wood C.L., P/S Richard P., P/S Nutting, S.H., P/S Baldy H.E., Sgt McLean H.C., Sgt. Kirkham B.D., 2nd Pilot.		1957	0026	(T) (SOT WEBER J.A.) Target was reached in good visibility with slight haze over target area. Red T.I. Markers were in the centre of a lot of fires in target area. Centres of red markers were in bombsight at moment of release. Bombs seen to explode and thought to have fallen among red T.I. markers. No actual results were observed, but there was a mass of fires among the red markers. Fires were spread over a large area, about 4 to 5 miles. These fires were visible as far away as Amsterdam 120 miles away on return journey. A fairly large explosion occurred at 2212 hours. Crew believe P.F.F. put up a good show and T.I. markers were concentrated while track indicator markers were a great help. Landed base.	
4/4/43	Halifax II					10th Operation. BOMBING ATTACK ON "KIEL" 10 A/C DETAILED. Bombload:- 2x1000 lb. G.P. 510 x 4 incendi. 30 x 4 X type incendi. 56 x 30 incendi.	A-3
	"C"	Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Haston H.T., Sgt Knight W.A., P/O Lowther J.C., Sgts King W.H., Kohnke L.D., McLean H.		2053	0309	(C) (SOT PHILLIPS J.A.) Primary was reached without difficulty and load was released at 2337 hours from 16,000 feet. Target was identified by red T.I. markers. Red glow was in bombsight in estimated position where red T.I. marker fell. one big glow was observed below 10/10 cloud. Sky-marking would have been much more effective, but fires were seen in line. Landed base.	

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4/4/43	Halifax II					BOMBING ATTACK ON "KIEL" (CONTINUED)	A-3
	"H" DT 704	Sgt Foley W.J. & Crew		2045		(H) (SGT FOLEY W.J.) This aircraft failed to return from this operation, and nothing has been heard since time of take off. Members of crew are:- (CAPT) CAN.R. 90930 Sgt Foley W.J.; (NAV) CAN.J. 22531 P/O Wright H.J.; (B/A) CAN.A. 109594 Sgt Sergeant H.B.J.; (WOP/AG) CAN.R. 69379 Sgt Jordan W.F.; (A/G) CAN.R. 118056 Sgt Goldsney R.E.; (A/G) CAN.R. 130695 Sgt Taylor J.; (P/B) 842345 Sgt Dennis R.A.	
	"W"	P/O Lennox J.W., Sgt Knight A.T., P/O 2055 Graham J.J.H., Sgts Roberts F.V., Priour J.L., Moody B., Adlam A.A.		2055	0324	(J) (P/O LENNOX J.W.) Primary was reached in 10/10 cloud. Load was released from 16,500 feet at 2334 hours on Green T.I. markers. Glow of green marker on cloud was in bomb-sight at moment of release. Three big glows were observed through cloud. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"G"	F/O Colledge W.W., Sgt Ennis A.V., P/S Kerleff J.V., P/O Simms H.A., Sgt Taylor E.A., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Vales J.F.W., P/O Edwards J.H. End Pilot.		2051	0242	(G) (P/O COLLEDGE W.W.) Primary was reached and load was released through 10/10 cloud at 2326 hours from 14,500 feet. Bombs were released on Green T.I. markers. There was nothing visible except for two glows through cloud. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"S"	P/O Simms R.A. BEM, P/O Boudreau J.H., 2052 Sgt Cousins F., Sgt Andrews R.A., P/S O'Neil E.R., P/O Botkin R.T., Sgt Nichols A.J. BEM.		2052	0219	(S) (P/O SIMMS R.A. BEM) Primary was not reached owing to the sickness of three members of the crew, caused by oxygen failure. Alternative target Haderslev was attacked from 18,000 feet and load was released at 2315 hours. Alternative target was not identified visually, but presumed to be Haderslev by back-plotting. No results were observed. A/C landed base.	
	"H"	Sgt Weber J.A., P/O Sweeny G.A., P/S Wood G.L., P/S Ricard P., P/S Nutting S.H., P/S Baldy R.E., Sgt McLean R.S.		2046	0224	(H) (SGT WEBER J.A.) Primary was reached and visibility was excellent above cloud. Target was not identified but saw one T.I. marker red, dropped and pass through cloud. White line of flares could just be seen through cloud. Bombed on red glow seen through cloud on estimated position of red T.I. markers. Bombs seen to burst through small gap in cloud. Results were not observed owing to poor visibility. P.F.F. on time but weather conditions made technique abortive. Yellow track indicator markers were o.k. both coming in and going out. Landed base.	
	"R"	P/O Weiser W., P/O Elwood G.B., P/O Bass R.A., Sgt Meece F.D., P/S Coburn L., P/O Banks H.C., Sgt MacDougall J.B.		2044	0228	(R) (P/O WEISER W.) Released load at 2323 hours from 16,500 feet on own E.T.A. through 10/10 cloud. No P.F.F. markers were seen over target, and white flares were believed to be short of target, so carried on and bombed on E.T.A. Considerable hax was encountered where bombed was released just beyond six white flares. 150 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and were jettisoned over sea 100 miles from any coast at 0028 hours. 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries were hung up and brought back. A/C landed base.	

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	"G"	Sgt Cooke R.W., Sgts Orr A.I., Mentle H.N., Velserling L., Sward J., Fairmy I.H., Gibbs C.J.M.		2047	0345	(G) (SGT COOKE R.W.) Reached primary and bombed from 18,000 feet at 2325 hours on six white steady flares in line with the target. This corresponded with own E.T.A. Yellow T.I. land markers were seen on the run in and out. No markers were in bomb sights but six white steady flares were seen and a/c bombed on them. Red glow through cloud was seen which is believed to have been fires below cloud. P.F. track markers were on time and accurate. Over target white flares were seen but red and green T.I. over target could not be seen through 10/10 cloud, but only as they went down. A/C landed base.	
	"H"	P/O Sattler M., Sgt Fawcett H., P/O Card H.C., Sgts Watson H.F., McEwan I., P/O Anderson W.R.W., Sgt James D.E.		2046	0314	(H) (P/O SATTLER M.) Primary was reached in good visibility and bombs were released at 2329 hours from 16,500 feet on glow of red T.I. markers seen reflected in cloud. Bombs were not seen to explode, but a bunch of incendiaries could be seen burning through a gap in the cloud. Three separate red glows as of fires could be seen reflected in cloud at least 50 miles away. 30 X 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. P.F. were on time but weather conditions made the technique used ineffective. Landed base.	
	"I"	Sgts Kirkham B.D., Taylor H.A., Whittaker D.E., Callaghan F.J., Gray D.L., Mercier J.L., Hamilton R.J.		2050	0307	(I) (SGT KIRKHAM B.D.) Reached primary and bombed on green T.I. markers coinciding with fires already burning and E.T.A. from 18,000 feet at 2335 hours. Visibility was quite clear above cloud. It is impossible to say where bombs went on account of cloud. Glow of three fires could be seen through cloud. Fires were burning over an area of about five miles. One very large fire was observed, and also two other smaller ones. Crew consider raid successful in view of weather conditions but sky markers would have been much better than ground markers. Landed base.	
4/4/43	Halifax II					11th Operation GARDENING CINCINNATI AREA 6 A/C DETAILED	A-4
	"R"	P/O Weiser W., P/O Elwood G.B., P/O Baker R.P., Sgt Heyou F.D., P/O Coburn L., P/O Benks, H.C.C., Sgt MacDougall J.		2039	0243	(R) (P/O WEISER W.) Area was reached in good visibility with no cloud or haze. Pinpointed GROUND DU COU and Western tip of Ile De Re and made timed run from here to Gardin, dropping intervals 5 and 10 seconds. Parachutes seen to open. Landed base.	
	"W"	P/O Sattler M., Sgt Fawcett H., P/O Card H.C., Sgts Watson H.F., McEwan I., P/O Anderson W.R.W., Sgt James D.E.		2038	0345	(W) (P/O SATTLER M.) On reaching Gardin area was unable to find Ile De Re. Remained in the area looking for pinpoint and recognised mouth of Gironde River and flew north but still impossible to pinpoint Ile De Re and decided to return at 0107 hours. Weather was clear above but considerable haze prevented pinpointing of ground detail. Landed Middle Wallop.	

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6/4/43	Halifax II	Sgt Kirkham B.D., Sgts Taylor H.A., Whittaker D.B., Callaghan F.J., Gray D.L., Mercier J.L. Hamilton R.J.		2048	0246	GARDENING CINCINNATI AREA (CONTINUED) Bombload: 1 x 100 Mark IV; 1 x 200 Mark IV (W) (SGT KIRKHAM B.D.) Reached area and dropped load at 2339 hours. Pinpointed Ile De Re. Visibility was good with no cloud. Landed base after an uneventful trip. (S) (P/O DAGGETT N.D.) Reached Ile De Re in position as ordered and dropped vegetables at 2324 hours from 1,000 feet. Visibility was very good with no low cloud. Para-chutes were seen to open. Crew report a quiet uneventful trip and a/c landed at Castle Donnington. (O) (#P/O EDWARDS J.H.): A/C failed to return from this operation. Members of crew are:- (CAPT) CAN.R. 21215 P/O Edwards J.H.; (NAV) CAN.R. 133386 SGT Stuart R.V.; (B/A) CAN.R. 106431 SGT Jones R.J.; (WOP/AG) 1333304 SGT Wallace L.R.; (A/G) CAN.R. 98929 Sgt Anderson E.H.W.; (A/G) CAN.R. 119606 SGT Roberts F.D.; (F/E) CAN.R. 61133 SGT Gordon A.D. (C) (SGT PHILLIPS J.A.) Area was reached in good visibility and vegetables were dropped in area as ordered at 2334 hours. Uneventful trip. Landed base.	A-4
	"W"						
	"S"	P/O Daggett N.D., F/S Rogers L.W., F/S Nickerson F.J., P/O Hallan G.W., Sgts Carleton E.B., Thomas L.I., DFM Leing H.C.		2041	0259		
	"G" D 7699	P/O Edwards J.H., Sgts Stuart R.V., and crew.		2042	MISSING		
	"C"	Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Huston H.T., Sgt Knight V.A., Sgt Andrews R.A., Sgts King W.H., Kohnke L.D., McLean H.C.		2043	0310		
8/4/43	"E"	F/O Colledge W.W., Sgt Ennals A.J., F/S Karleff J.V., P/O Lowther J.C., Sgt Taylor E.A., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Yates J.F.W., P/O Quille A.H.		2133	0030	BOMBING ATTACK ON "EILSBURG" 4 A/C DETAILED 12TH OPERATION Bombload:- 3 carried 1 x 1000 G.P. - 1 x 1000 845 fuse 37 pistols - 56 x 30 Incendiaries 540 x 4 Incend. 2 carried 2 x 1000 G.P. - 36 x 30 Incend. 540 x 4 Incend. (E) (P/O COLLEDGE W.W. DFC) Operation was abandoned at 2249 hours due to severe icing conditions. A/C was unable to maintain height and A.S. was flickering. 10/10 cloud was encountered at 16,000 feet. Load was jettisoned live over sea at 2249 hours 5246 N, 0329 E from 16,000 feet. Returned to base. (L) (P/O CAMPBELL L.H.D.R. DFC) Operation was abandoned at 2244 hours owing to extreme unreliability of D.R. and P-4. Compasses. Load was jettisoned from 13,000 feet 5225 N, 0358 E. Returned to base after an uneventful trip.	
	"L"	F/L Campbell L.H.D.R. DFC, P/O Thomp- son A.W., P/O Hamill M.H.J., Sgts Ross A.C., Gray L.S., Stinson L.A., Harrison J.M., F/O Bestie H.D. 2nd Pilot.		2131	0045		
	"X" J B 705	P/O Stovel G.C., F/S Benister J.E., Sgts Horton G.J., Richardson G.J., F/S Wagner W.A., F/S Cox A., Sgt Whitteron A., P/O Bisson G.E. 2nd Pilot.		2132	0228	(X) P/O STOVEL G.C.) Target was reached at 2330 hours and load was released from 15,000 feet. B/A released bombs on E.T.A. as one engine was u/s. There was no time to look for further markers. Sth'd engine out just before reaching target, and started again after crossing enemy coast on way home. A/C was caught in a box of heavy flak at target and gyrocs toppled when evasive action was taken.	

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8/4/43	Halifax II					<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON "DUISBURG" (CONTINUED)</p> <p>(X) (CONTINUED) (P/O STUVEL G.C.) A/c went into a spin and the other three engines cut. Captain then warned crew to be ready to bale out. The 2nd Pilot C/M J.16354 P/O Biscoe G.B., Engineer C/M R.66920 Sgt Whitterton A., Mid-Upper Gunner C/M R.126995 P/S Wagner W.A., and the Rear Gunner 952028 P/S Cox A., baled out WITHOUT WAITING FOR orders. Captain righted a/c again at 1,000 feet and three engines started up again, so returned to base with remaining four of the crew. Engines will remain on return journey and a/c went into another spin which was corrected at 5,000 feet. A/c returned to base after a very shaky trip.</p> <p>(P) (P/O SATTLER M.) Operation was abandoned due to very severe icing conditions and also airspeed indicator went u/s and Captain decided to return. Load was jettisoned "live" at 2237 hours from 16000 feet at 5232 N. 0440 E. Unsuccessful trip. A/c returned to base.</p>	A-5
	"P"	P/O Sattler M., Sgt Fawcett H., F/S Card H.C., Sgts Watson H.F., McSwan I., P/O Anderson W.R.W., Sgt James D.		2130	0040		
10/4/43	Halifax II					<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFURT" 3 A/C DETAINED.</p> <p>Bombload:- 2 x 1000 lb., 56 x 50 Incend. 54 x 4 Incend. 13TH OPERATION</p> <p>(T) (P/O SATTLER M.) Primary was reached at 0251 hours and load was dropped from 16,500 feet in fair visibility with slight haze at 8,000 feet. Both groups of track indicator markers and red and green target indicator markers were seen. Red T.I. markers were visible as we started our run-up to the target. These died out leaving visible reflected in cloud three red glows on a heading of 040 degrees. Centre of these glows was in bombsight at moment of release. No results were seen, but 6 or 7 bursts were seen near these red glows after leaving target. A/c was in target area for about 15 minutes, but owing to the weather, it is impossible to say if the attack was successful or not. A/c returned to base undamaged.</p> <p>(F) (SGT CROCKATT D.E.) Primary was reached and load was released from 16,500 feet at 0304 hours. Bombs were dropped on red and green T.I. markers in target area but no results were observed. After waiting over the target for about 15 minutes, we bombed what looked like several reddish tuffs reflected in clouds. Immediately after, 2 T.I. markers fell, one on each side of us, and one directly behind. 8 x 30 lb incendiaries hung up and brought back. Landed base and crew believe this to be an unsuccessful attack.</p>	A-5
	"T"	P/O Sattler M., Sgt Fawcett H., F/S Card H.C., Sgts Watson H.F., McSwan I., P/O Anderson W.R.W., Sgt James D.E.		2340	0651		
	"F"	Sgt Crockatt D.E., F/S Marriott J.R.		2337	0721		

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	"L"	Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Huston H.T., Sgts. Knight VA., Andrews R.A., King W.H., Kohnke L.D., McLean H.C.		2336	0657	(L) (SGT PHILLIPS J.A.) Visibility was excellent over cloud and target was reached at 0311 hours and bombed from 14,500 feet. Load was released on red sky markers with green stars which corresponded with own estimate of position of target. Owing to 10/10 cloud results could not be observed. Raid is believed to have been scattered. 1 x 1000 G.P. T.D. 0.025 was jettisoned "live" close to coast S.W. of Dunkirk, and at 0448 hours, at 8,000 feet, bomb doors were opened and bomb fell out. A/C was hit by flak at 0255 hours at a height of 14,000 feet N.W. of Darins. Crew believe this operation was not very successful.	
14/4/43	Halifax II					14TH OPERATION "STUTTGART" 5 A/C DETAILED.	A-7
	"E"	P/O Lennox J.W., Sgt Knight A.T., P/O Graham J.J.B., Sgts Roberts F.V., Prieur J.L., Moody B., Adlam A.A.		2124	0526	Bombload: 2 x 1000 56 x 30 Incend. 540 x 4 Incend. (E) (P/O LENNOX J.W.) There was no cloud, and visibility was quite good, except for slight haze. Load was released at 0130 hours from 16,000 feet on green T.I. markers which were in bombsight at moment of release. Bombs were seen to explode in centre of large fire in target area. Three large oil tanks were ablaze in centre of large fire which was giving off thick black smoke. Fires appeared sort of scattered but seemed to be spreading. Fires could be seen for 70 miles after leaving target area. Crew believe this operation to have been successful. Landed back to base.	
	"F"	Sgt Crockett D.E., F/S Errriott J.R., F/S Sleeth S., F/S O'Hara F.E., Sgt. Sturdy J.L. Sgt Prieur J.E., Sgt. Penner, I., 2nd Pilot Sgt Dixon C.B.		2123	0550	(F) (SGT CROCKETT D.E.) Target was identified by P.F.F. and visually, also by river. Visibility was good except for slight haze with no cloud. Load was released from 16,000 feet at 0123 hours on green concentration of flares which were in bombsight at moment of release. Own bursts not observed. Many fires were going, including several large buildings mostly to East of aiming point. Glow could be seen 50 miles away after leaving target. Landed base and crew believe this to have been a good raid, with excellent co-operation with P.F.F.	
	"M"	P/O Symes R.A. REM, P/O Boudreau J.H., P/O Massey C., F/S Parham C.A., F/S O'Neill P.R., P/O Betkin R.T., Sgt. Nichols A.W. REM, P/O Nurse EP. 2nd Pilot.		2127	0647	(M) (P/O SYMES R.A. REM) Operation was abandoned at 2336 hours when oxygen failed in rear turret. Bombs were jettisoned safe from 17,000 feet at 5035 H. 0055 E. at 2316 hours 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries were brought back hung up. Returned to base.	
	"V"	P/O Weiser W., F/O Elwood G.B., P/O Baker R.E., Sgt Mayou F.D., F/S Coburn L., P/O Banks H.C., Sgt MacDougall J.B.		2125	0502	(V) (P/O WEISER W.) Primary was reached in good visibility with no cloud. Target was identified by P.F.F. yellow markers on track and green and red markers at the target. There were no green markers burning at time of release but both were seen beforehand and afterwards. Load was released on large fire already burning which is thought to be towards north of town. No results of own bombing were observed.	(OVER)

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	"R"	P/O Settler M., Sgt Pawcett H., P/S Card H.C., Sgts Watson M.F., McEwen I., P/O Anderson M.H.W., Sgt James D.		2126	0405	BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" (CONTINUED) (V) (P/O WATSON M.F.) (CONTINUED) One large fire in north of town was observed and another in the southwest with many smaller ones throughout the whole area. Many H.E. bombs were seen exploding in area of green T.I. markers. Glow of fires was still visible at 70 miles away. (R) (P/O SETTLER) Primary was reached in fair visibility with no low cloud but considerable ground haze. Target was identified by P.F.E. green T.I. markers and also yellow T.I. track indicator markers. Green T.I. markers were in bomb-sight at moment of release and load dropped into the middle of fires burning in area. Western Stuttgart was well alight with concentrated fires. Scattered fires were burning in eastern half of town. Numerous heavy bomb bursts were observed in vicinity of T.I. markers. Red glow was still visible 15 minutes after leaving target area. Ground was u/s from time of take off. A/C landed West Walling.	A-7
26/4/43	Halifax II						
	"A"	P/O Harty J.G., P/S Miller E.L., Sgt Peterson J.E., P/S Chirney R.A., Sgts Taylor M.H.A., Machay E.L., Tatham J., S/L Harris C.E. 2nd Pilot.		0022	0543	15TH OPERATION BOMBING ATTACK ON "DUISBURG" (A) (P/O HARTY J.G.) Bomb load = 1 x 2000 H.C. 7 x 1000 G.F. (A) (P/O HARTY J.G.) Primary was reached and load was released on centre of triangle of 3 red T.I. markers, at 0022 from 17,000 feet. Own bombing results not observed, owing to a large concentration of H.E. and incendiaries one mile north of red T.I. markers. Four good fires were seen. Landed base.	A-8
	"B"	P/O Lennox J.A., Sgt Knight A.T., P/O Graham J.T.B., Sgts Roberts P.V., Priest J.L., Moody B., 2118th A.A.		0023	0551	(B) (P/O LENNOX J.A.) Primary was reached and visibility was fair around target area, with slight ground haze. One cluster of green T.I. markers were seen in "EMIT" UP area and this was bombed. Green markers were definitely bombed. On leaving target area, rear gunner reports fire starting up to north of strike point. One 1 x 1000 G.F. hung up at time of bombing but was jettisoned later at "safe" 0200 H. Landed base.	
	"C"	P/L Colledge J.W., Sgt Annals A.J., P/S Gilbey F.W., P/O Sims H.W., Sgt Taylor E.A., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Yates J.F.V.		0013	0500	(C) (P/L COLLEDGE J.W.) Target was reached in good visibility with slight smoke haze. Target was identified by red and green T.I. markers and by band in river near docks. Green concentration of T.I. markers was in bomb-sight at moment of release, but own bursts were not observed. One huge fire was seen in centre of town with billowing smoke. Returned to base.	
	"H"	P/O Grant A.G., P/O Carter A.L., P/S Kelly P.S., P/S Dalgleish A., Sgts Rowell A.B., Keller C.R., Stentford K.R., P/O Denton H.B. 2nd Pilot.		0024	0454	(H) (P/O GRANT A.G.) Visibility was good in target area and load was released from 17,000 feet at 0024 hours in centre of concentration of green T.I. markers. Numerous fires were seen in target area. 2nd elevator was hit by flak. A/C returned to base.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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25-4-43	Halifax II	Sgt Crockett D.E. & 2	CHRY	0021		BOMBING ATTACK ON "DUISBURG" (CONTINUED) (F) (S) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S) (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) (AA) (AB) (AC) (AD) (AE) (AF) (AG) (AH) (AI) (AJ) (AK) (AL) (AM) (AN) (AO) (AP) (AQ) (AR) (AS) (AT) (AU) (AV) (AW) (AX) (AY) (AZ) (BA) (BB) (BC) (BD) (BE) (BF) (BG) (BH) (BI) (BJ) (BK) (BL) (BM) (BN) (BO) (BP) (BQ) (BR) (BS) (BT) (BU) (BV) (BW) (BX) (BY) (BZ) (CA) (CB) (CC) (CD) (CE) (CF) (CG) (CH) (CI) (CJ) (CK) (CL) (CM) (CN) (CO) (CP) (CQ) (CR) (CS) (CT) (CU) (CV) (CW) (CX) (CY) (CZ) (DA) (DB) (DC) (DD) (DE) (DF) (DG) (DH) (DI) (DJ) (DK) (DL) (DM) (DN) (DO) (DP) (DQ) (DR) (DS) (DT) (DU) (DV) (DW) (DX) (DY) (DZ) (EA) (EB) (EC) (ED) (EE) (EF) (EG) (EH) (EI) (EJ) (EK) (EL) (EM) (EN) (EO) (EP) (EQ) (ER) (ES) (ET) (EU) (EV) (EW) (EX) (EY) (EZ) (FA) (FB) (FC) (FD) (FE) (FF) (FG) (FH) (FI) (FJ) (FK) (FL) (FM) (FN) (FO) (FP) (FQ) (FR) (FS) (FT) (FU) (FV) (FW) (FX) (FY) (FZ) (GA) (GB) (GC) (GD) (GE) (GF) (GG) (GH) (GI) (GJ) (GK) (GL) (GM) (GN) (GO) (GP) (GQ) (GR) (GS) (GT) (GU) (GV) (GW) (GX) (GY) (GZ) (HA) (HB) (HC) (HD) (HE) (HF) (HG) (HH) (HI) (HJ) (HK) (HL) (HM) (HN) (HO) (HP) (HQ) (HR) (HS) (HT) (HU) (HV) (HW) (HX) (HY) (HZ) (IA) (IB) (IC) (ID) (IE) (IF) (IG) (IH) (II) (IJ) (IK) (IL) (IM) (IN) (IO) (IP) (IQ) (IR) (IS) (IT) (IU) (IV) (IW) (IX) (IY) (IZ) (JA) (JB) (JC) (JD) (JE) (JF) (JG) (JH) (JI) (JJ) (JK) (JL) (JM) (JN) (JO) (JP) (JQ) (JR) (JS) (JT) (JU) (JV) (JW) (JX) (JY) (JZ) (KA) (KB) (KC) (KD) (KE) (KF) (KG) (KH) (KI) (KJ) (KK) (KL) (KM) (KN) (KO) (KP) (KQ) (KR) (KS) (KT) (KU) (KV) (KW) (KX) (KY) (KZ) (LA) (LB) (LC) (LD) (LE) (LF) (LG) (LH) (LI) (LJ) (LK) (LL) (LM) (LN) (LO) (LP) (LQ) (LR) (LS) (LT) (LU) (LV) (LW) (LX) (LY) (LZ) (MA) (MB) (MC) (MD) (ME) (MF) (MG) (MH) (MI) (MJ) (MK) (ML) (MM) (MN) (MO) (MP) (MQ) (MR) (MS) (MT) (MU) (MV) (MW) (MX) (MY) (MZ) (NA) (NB) (NC) (ND) (NE) (NF) (NG) (NH) (NI) (NJ) (NK) (NL) (NM) (NN) (NO) (NP) (NQ) (NR) (NS) (NT) (NU) (NV) (NW) (NX) (NY) (NZ) (OA) (OB) (OC) (OD) (OE) (OF) (OG) (OH) (OI) (OJ) (OK) (OL) (OM) (ON) (OO) (OP) (OQ) (OR) (OS) (OT) (OU) (OV) (OW) (OX) (OY) (OZ) (PA) (PB) (PC) (PD) (PE) (PF) (PG) (PH) (PI) (PJ) (PK) (PL) (PM) (PN) (PO) (PP) (PQ) (PR) (PS) (PT) (PU) (PV) (PW) (PX) (PY) (PZ) (QA) (QB) (QC) (QD) (QE) (QF) (QG) (QH) (QI) (QJ) (QK) (QL) (QM) (QN) (QO) (QP) (QQ) (QR) (QS) (QT) (QU) (QV) (QW) (QX) (QY) (QZ) (RA) (RB) (RC) (RD) (RE) (RF) (RG) (RH) (RI) (RJ) (RK) (RL) (RM) (RN) (RO) (RP) (RQ) (RR) (RS) (RT) (RU) (RV) (RW) (RX) (RY) (RZ) (SA) (SB) (SC) (SD) (SE) (SF) (SG) (SH) (SI) (SJ) (SK) (SL) (SM) (SN) (SO) (SP) (SQ) (SR) (SS) (ST) (SU) (SV) (SW) (SX) (SY) (SZ) (TA) (TB) (TC) (TD) (TE) (TF) (TG) (TH) (TI) (TJ) (TK) (TL) (TM) (TN) (TO) (TP) (TQ) (TR) (TS) (TT) (TU) (TV) (TW) (TX) (TY) (TZ) (UA) (UB) (UC) (UD) (UE) (UF) (UG) (UH) (UI) (UJ) (UK) (UL) (UM) (UN) (UO) (UP) (UQ) (UR) (US) (UT) (UU) (UV) (UW) (UX) (UY) (UZ) (VA) (VB) (VC) (VD) (VE) (VF) (VG) (VH) (VI) (VJ) (VK) (VL) (VM) (VN) (VO) (VP) (VQ) (VR) (VS) (VT) (VU) (VV) (VW) (VX) (VY) (VZ) (WA) (WB) (WC) (WD) (WE) (WF) (WG) (WH) (WI) (WJ) (WK) (WL) (WM) (WN) (WO) (WP) (WQ) (WR) (WS) (WT) (WU) (WV) (WW) (WX) (WY) (WZ) (XA) (XB) (XC) (XD) (XE) (XF) (XG) (XH) (XI) (XJ) (XK) (XL) (XM) (XN) (XO) (XP) (XQ) (XR) (XS) (XT) (XU) (XV) (XW) (XX) (XY) (XZ) (YA) (YB) (YC) (YD) (YE) (YF) (YG) (YH) (YI) (YJ) (YK) (YL) (YM) (YN) (YO) (YP) (YQ) (YR) (YS) (YT) (YU) (YV) (YW) (YX) (YZ) (ZA) (ZB) (ZC) (ZD) (ZE) (ZF) (ZG) (ZH) (ZI) (ZJ) (ZK) (ZL) (ZM) (ZN) (ZO) (ZP) (ZQ) (ZR) (ZS) (ZT) (ZU) (ZV) (ZW) (ZX) (ZY) (ZZ)	A-6
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		P/O Cowan H., Sgts Culpin B.W., Milne R.D., Langley D., W/S Craddock B.A., Sgts Rice C.F., Hurst H.R.		0025	0536	(V) (P/O REISER H.) Reached primary at 0225 hours and bombed from 16,000 feet on 2 concentrations of red and green T.I. markers. There were concentrated fires and incendiaries over an area of four miles. Visibility was clear in target area. A/C returned to base.	
		P/O Symes R.A., P/O Boudreau J.H., P/O Massey G.W., P/O Parsons G.W., P/O Taylor J.I.S., P/O Botkin R.P., Sgt Nichols A.W.		0020	0545	(W) (P/O SYMES R.A. (M)) Reached primary at 0225 hours and released bombs from 16,000 feet in good visibility in centre of three green T.I. markers. Main bombing effort seemed to be well concentrated on green T.I. markers. Many H.E. flashes were seen. Incendiaries could not be distinguished from fires. One dummy fire was observed. A/C returned to base.	
		Sgts Kirkham E.D., Taylor H.A., Whitaker D.B., O'Laughlin E.J., Gray D.L., Jennings R.W., Hamilton R.J.		0027	0450	(X) (S) (P/O COWAN H.) Reached target in good visibility and load was released at 0223 hours from 8,000 feet. Bombs were dropped on good concentration of green T.I. markers. Flak damaged a/c slightly and stub'd tyre was punctured.	
		Sgts MacSorley R.F., Livesey A., Watts G.L., Holden A.J., Osman W.H., Ridgeway M.D., Boulter F.G.		0015	0445	(Y) (S) (P/O REISER H.) Reached primary at 0226 hours and released bombs from 16,000 feet in good visibility in centre of three green T.I. markers. Main bombing effort seemed to be well concentrated on green T.I. markers. Many H.E. flashes were seen. Incendiaries could not be distinguished from fires. One dummy fire was observed. A/C returned to base.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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30-4-45	Halifax II					16TH OPERATION RUMBLE ATTACK ON "BERLIN". 6 A/C DISPATCHED. Bombload:- 1 x 1000 H.C. 3 x 1000 G.P. 8 x 500 H.C.	A-3
"V"	F/O Weiser J., F/O Elwood C.B., P/O Baker R.S., Sgt Taylor F.B., F/S Coburn I., F/O Banks H.C., Sgt Geary T.H.			0011	0305	(V) (F/O WEISER J.) Primary was reached and load was released from 18,500 feet at 0247 hours, on marker flares, seen through hold in 10/10 cloud. Incendiaries were seen and also H.E. A/C returned undamaged to Gravelley, but on landing, back to base next morning, a/c crashed into ditch, leg collapsed and starboard wing and a/c's outer and inner props damaged. All members of crew were uninjured.	
"W"	F/O Jeber J.A., F/O Sheeny S.A., P/S Wood G.L., F/S Ribben P., W/S Mulling G.H., F/S Balby R.D., Sgt Clew H.A.			0010	0523	(W) (F/O JEGER J.A.) reached primary and released bombs from 18,500 feet at 0304 hours through 10/10 cloud. Load was dropped on release point marker. Six red dye markers 13,000 feet were seen at 0230 hours, one mile ahead. Four green dye markers were seen at 13,000 feet at 0240 hours half mile ahead. A red glow was observed below clouds. A/C suffered slight heavy flame damage. Returned to base.	
"P"	F/L Atkinson H.P. & Crew			0008	MISSING	(P) (F/L ATKINSON H.P.) This a/c failed to return after this operation and nothing has been heard since take-off. Members of crew are:- (Pilot) 47360 F/L Atkinson H.P.; (NAV) 44110024 F/O Hardy J.H.G.; (R/W) 441116226 F/O Willey R.P.; (WOP/AG) 4411167187 Sgt MacCallum G.L.; (A/G) 4411167404 Sgt Keller H.H.; (W/G) 4411167808 F/S O'Neil F.R. (F/E) 4411167338 Sgt Collopy G.L.; (2nd Pilot) 441116757 F/O Murray E.P.	
"Q"	F/S Maddock J.T., F/O Thatcher J., S/L Lambert A., F/S Fearthur E.M., Sgt Peacock P., F/S Goring G.A., Sgt Cocher A.W.			0012	0305	(Q) (F/S MADDOCK J.T.) Severe icing conditions were encountered and Captain decided to abandon operation at 0143 hours and return to base. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 0143 hours, from 18,500 feet; this was necessary to reduce weight. A/C returned to base undamaged, after an uneventful trip.	
"O"	F/L Colledge W.M. DFC, Sgt Ennals A., F/S Gilbey J.F., P/O Sims H.A., Sgt Taylor S.A. DFC, P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Yates J.F.W., S/L Morris C.E. 2nd Pilot.			0025	0345	(O) (F/L COLLEDGE W.M. DFC) Captain decided to abandon operation at 0345 N. 0248 E., from 18,000 feet because Gee was u/s. Navigation was getting bad and was not prepared to anticipate meteorological forecast would be accurate later. Also astródome was ice up. Load was jettisoned safe at 5330 N. 0220 E. at 0207 hours from 18,000 feet. A/C returned to base undamaged after an uneventful trip.	
"R"	Sgt McSorley B.F., Sgt Liveness A., Wats G.L., Holden A.J., Gorran W.M., Ridgway F.D., Boulter F.C., F/O Beattie H.D. 2nd Pilot.			0007	0457	(R) (SGT MCSORLEY B.F.) PRIMARY was reached at 0251 hours and load was released from 18,000 feet. Impossible to definitely identify target on account of 10/10 cloud over target area. Slight flame was seen through clouds, and bombs were dropped on this. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
						(SGD.) J.E. FAUQUIER. (J.E. Fauquier) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 400 A.C.A.F. Squadron.	

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