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(*952) Wt. 9450-16 60,000 lbs T.S. 700

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
4-5-43	Halifax II					17TH OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DORTMUND"	
	"J"	W/C Fauquier J.E., DFC, F/O Hewitt I DFC, SGT Cousins P., F/O Lowther J.C., SGT McMahon W.T., F/L Clark J.F., SGT Sondergaard A.C. (S/L Anderson 2nd Nav. of N.T.U)		2201	0400	(J) (W/C FAUQUIER J.E.DFC) Primary reached in moderate visibility and load was released on Red T.I. markers at 0123 hours from 16,000 feet. Bombs fell close to Green T.I. markers and one bomb burst was not identified. Several green T.I. markers fell in coincident positions but the red T.I. were generally short as was the greater part of the bombing seen. Several bombs hung up and the reason was not ascertained. At 0216 hours, 6758 N. 0358 E., 3 x 1000 bombs were jettisoned live from 12,000 feet.	
	"B"	S/L Harris C.E., P/O Agassis R.E.G. F/O Frewin L.W.A., SGT's Faulkner A., Pudney G., P/O Davies W.C. SGT Holliday M.		2140	0403	(B) (S/L HARRIS C.E) Primary was reached in good visibility and load was released at 0107 hours from 16,000 feet on biggest lot of Green T.I. markers. As P/C was leaving target area, one very big flash and fire with black smoke was observed. Yellow T.I. was very good.	
	"G"	F/L Colledge W.W., DFC, SGT Ennals A.J., F/S Gilbey J.F., P/O Simms H.A., SGT Taylor E.A., DFM, P/O Steward J.H., SGT Yates J.F.W.		2145	0256	(G) (F/L Colledge W.W.DFC) No moon and no cloud was encountered in target area, and visibility was rather good. Load was released at 0114 hours from 16,000 feet on Green T.I. markers with Red T.I. markers surrounding. Bombed one second after Green T.I. was in bombsight. Numerous small fires were seen immediately around markers and one terrific orange explosion in the markers appeared to rise 1,000 feet. A similar explosion was seen to East about one mile.	
	"A"	P/O Harty J.C., F/S Miller B.L., 2149 SGT Patterson W.E., F/S Carney R.A., SGT's Taylor N.H.A., MacKay F.B., Tatham W.N.		2149	0215	(A) (P/O HARTY J.C.) Target was not attacked, but load was dropped on Houzel 27 miles before reaching the target and so jettisoned bombs at 10 N. 0715 E. at 0054 hours from 17,500 feet. Slight haze over ground and sea was encountered which obscured ground detail to some extent. One x 1000 G.P. was brought back. Flak damage: mainplane, 2 spares shot away. 2 struts on right elevator F.F. shot away hydraulic bomb door jacks u/s.	

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17TH OPERATION (CONTINUED)							
4-5-43	Halifax II						
	"E"	P/O Lennox J.W. & Crew		2150 MISSING		(E) (P/O LENNOX J.W.) This a/c failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard since time of take-off. Members of crew are: (CAPT) CAN. J.15481 P/O Lennox J.W. (NAV) 128246 SGT Knight A.T. (B/4) 124217 P/O Graham J.I.B. (WOP/AG) 1288940 SGT Roberts F.V. (A/G) CAN. R.109161 SGT Prieur J.L. (A/G) 1067280 SGT Moody B. (F/E) 62641 SGT Adlam A. (R) (SGT MCSORLEY B.F.) Primary was released in good visibility with slight ground haze. Load was released at 0127 from 17,000 feet on Green T.I. markers which were in bombight at moment of release. One T.I. fell slightly to west of Green T.I. One bomb burst not observed. Red T.I. appeared to be concentrated in an area about one mile in diameter with the Green T.I. on southern edge and area of bombing extending about five miles to the North.	
	"R"	Sgt McSorley B.F., SGT's Livesey A., Watts G.L., Holden L.J., Gorman W.M., Ridgway W.D., Boulter F.C.		2207 0407		(R) (SGT MCSORLEY B.F.) Primary was released in good visibility with slight ground haze. Load was released at 0127 from 17,000 feet on Green T.I. markers which were in bombight at moment of release. One T.I. fell slightly to west of Green T.I. One bomb burst not observed. Red T.I. appeared to be concentrated in an area about one mile in diameter with the Green T.I. on southern edge and area of bombing extending about five miles to the North.	
	"T"	F/O Weiser W., F/O Ellwood G.B., P/O Baker R.E., Sgt Mayou F.D., F/S Coburn L., F/O Banks H.C., Sgt Geary T.		2147 0430		(T) (F/O WEISER W.) No cloud was encountered in target area but slight ground mist was present. Target was identified by B.E.E. ground markers and Red and Green T.I. markers. Green T.I. markers were in bombight at moment of release and load was released at 0105 hours from 17,000 feet. One burst was observed slightly to west of good concentration of Green T.I. markers. Reconnaissance reports several good fires going as a/c left target area and was seen from the Dutch Coast on return journey. One large explosion was seen in target area. A/C damaged at R.A.F. Station Casvelly, and four members of the crew were slightly injured. A/C was written off on landing.	
	"X"	P/O Weber J.A., F/S's Long S.H., Wood G.L., Ricard P., Nutting S.H., Baldy R.E., Sgt McLean R.S.		2147 0100		(X) (P/O WEBER J.A.) Primary was abandoned at 2314 hours when oxygen failed at 5317 N. 0210 E. at 10,000 feet. Load was released at 5317 N. 0210 E. at 2314 hours from 10,000 feet. 1 x 2000 lb. exploded and 2 others exploded also. Oxygen system failed at 2352 hours. Relief valve in regulator went u/s. On landing, a/c had no brake pressure. Pump was stuck u/s.	
	"W"	SGT's Kirkham E.D., Taylor H.A., Whittaker D.B., Callaghan F.J., Gray D.L., Mercier J.L., Hamilton R.J.		2146 0346		(W) (SGT KIRKHAM E.D.) Load was released from 16,000 feet at 0107 hours. Visibility was very good with no cloud.	

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(*9511) Wt. 925-55 60,000 lbs T.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
4-5-42	Halifax II					17TH OPERATION (CONTINUED)	
	"WH"	(Contd)				One Green T.I. marker was observed at 0100 hours followed by a bunch of red T.I. which were considerably and one more Green T.I. very close to first Green T.I. seen, which was still burning. Railway tracks were seen on same heading as a/c and fields seen by light of red T.I. on bombing run. One Green T.I. was in bombsight at moment of release. No activity at target on approach. Two or three foot fires were seen immediately after bombing and believe resulting from own bombs. During next few minutes many more fires started in same place. By 0125 hours the target appeared well covered with fires. At 0108 hours several a/c were bombing about 20 miles to West of Target.	A-1
	"S"	P/O Gowan H., SGT's Culkin B.W., Milne R.D., Langley D.J., McClellan C.C., Mace C.F., Harst H.R.		0346		(e) (P/O GOWAN H.) Lead was released from 16,000 feet at 0106 hours. Visibility was good with a little low cloud. Green T.I. was in bombsight at moment of release. One fire only seen as a/c left target, which appeared well in between the green T.I. Fires were seen from Dutch Coast on return. A/C landed Groveloy.	
12-5-42	Halifax II					18th OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "MISBURG"	A-2
	"C"	Sgt Martin J., P/O Harrison F.P., P/O Gluck M., SGT's Bancosco M., McRae R.C., Jennings R.W., McGlory S.		0414		(C) (SGT MARTIN J.) Visibility was perfect in target area with no cloud. Lead was dropped on centre of large cluster of green T.I. markers at 0312 hours from 17,000 feet. Target area was seething with burning incendiaries all well concentrated below T.I. Green and Red markers. By 0315 hours there was a heavy smoke over target area. Thick smoke. Rear gunner believe bombing was concentrated on West bank of Rhine opposite the dam, but pilot thinks it was immediately south of docks. A/C landed base undamaged.	
	"D"	P/O Beattie H.B., SGT's Clarke K.W., Hewley S.B., Ferguson R., Hogg R.E., Gibson J.B.		0421		(D) (P/O BEATTIE H.B.) Primary was reached and lead was released on red T.I. markers at 0319 hours from 17,500 feet. Cluster of fires was observed and also one huge explosion. A/C returned to base.	
	"O"	F/S MacRook J.T., P/O Thatcher R., S/L Lamberton R., SGT's McArthur E.M., SGT Penock F., F/S Gorley C.W., SGT Gocher A.N.		0428		(O) (F/S MACROOK J.T.) Primary was reached and lead was released on red T.I. at 0319 hours from 17,500 feet. 10 seconds delay before bombs were released. The bombs were released but there was a heavy smoke over target area extending to 5 miles on track. One very large explosion. A/C much smoke was noticed adjacent to T.I. Dam. A/C landed Granden.	

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(9211) Wt. 215—56 60,000 5/12 T.S. 700

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
17-5-47	Halifax II					10TH OPERATION (CONTINUED)	
	"B"	P/O Gower H., SGT's Culwin B.E.W., Harrison G.K., McWilliam C., Hurst H.R.		0252	0445	(S) (P/O Gower H.) Primary was raining in good visibility with some haze, but moon was clear there was no cloud. Load was released five seconds after one red T.I. was in bombsight at 0205 hours from 18,000 feet. Bomb believed to be slightly undershot. Red glow was seen on leaving at approximate position of red T.I. bombed. Built up area was observed by A/C in blister. A PIST TRAIL of smoke was observed over wide area of London base.	
	"B"	P/O Weber J.A., F/O Hewitt I., LEC., F/O Smokey G.A., F/S's Richard P., Craddock B.A., Nutting S.H., Sgt. McLean R.S.		0254	0459	(B) (P/O WEBER J.A.) Visibility was good in target area with moonlight and no cloud. Target was identified by red T.I. markers and also green T.I. markers. Red T.I. was in bombsight at moment of release and load was dropped at 0210 hours from 18,000 feet. DWN bombs fell very close to Red T.I. There were a lot of H.E. bombs bursting around the T.I. markers but a large area well covered by incendiaries was short of the green T.I. markers. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
23-5-47	Halifax II					20TH OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DORTMUND"	
	"B"	S/L Wolfe P.L., F/O Neville S., P/O Lawrence W., SGT's Pilling E., O'Dell J., Kavanagh J., Scott P.J.		0230	0230	(6) (S/L WOLFE P.L.) DPOY visibility was fair in target area. Moon was rising on port beam and there was slight haze with no cloud. Red T.I. Markers were in bombsight at moment of release and a/c bombed at 0115 hours from 16,500 feet and overshot three seconds. At position 5210 N. 0620 E., at 0125 hours from 14,000 feet, one X 500 lb. on station top hung up, so jettison bar was used. A/C returned to base.	
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23-5-45	Halifax II					20TH OPERATION (CONTINUED)	
	"J"	W/C Fauchier J.E., DFC, F/L Powell P.G., SGT Cousins F., F/O Lowther J.C., F/S Emerson H.N. F/L Clarke J.F., SGT King L.R.		2249	0207	(J) (W/C FAUCHIER J.E. DFC) Primary was reached in good visibility, except for haze and smoke. At 0058 hours, red T.I. markers were observed, twenty miles to S.S.W., followed by green T.I. and incendiaries. At 0108 hours, red T.I. markers were followed by two green T.I. and more incendiaries, about 1/2 mile to S. of target. At 0112 hours, a/c dropped green T.I. markers on the red T.I. which was just burning out. This was followed by more green T.I. in same place. A large area solidly covered with incendiaries lay from red T.I. for two miles to N. and N.W. on leaving target area, two large explosions were seen about one mile N.W. of T.I. Load was released at 0112 hours from 19,000 feet. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"D"	P/O McMenemy J.S., P/O Banton H.F., SGT's Holtby L.M., Williams R.G. F/O Clarke D.M., F/S Welch H.R. SGT Sondergaard A.C.		2252	0418	(D) (P/O MCMENEMY J.S.) Visibility was good with some haze. Moon was rising on port beam. Load was released at 0127 hours from 16,400 feet on centre point of several very dispersed green T.I. markers. One bomb fell on point aimed at. Volumes of black smoke were observed up to 10,000 feet. A/C suffered slight tick damage. A/C returned to base.	
	"K"	F/O Gray K.M., P/O Middleton A. SGT's Evans J.H., King H. Pickering G.W., Hanna J., Cooke H.		2250	0409	(K) (P/O GRAY K.M.) Visibility was good in target area with some haze. No cloud and moon was rising on port beam. Load was released at 0120 hours from 19,000 feet on red T.I. markers, three seconds delay, but bombs were observed to fall on red T.I. markers. A good concentration of fires were seen with dark smoke up to 10,000 feet, about 1/2 mile to S.W. of red T.I. markers. One 1000 lb. bomb on station No. 1 hung up and was brought back to base. A/C returned undamaged.	
	"A"	P/O Harty J.C., F/S Miller B.L., P/O Patterson J., F/S Carney R.A., SGT's Taylor N.H., Mackey F.E., Tatham W.N.		2241	0318	(A) (P/O HARTY J.C.) It was very bright around target area with moonlight and no cloud. Visibility was good. Load was released at 0107 hours from 16,400 feet on red T.I. which was delayed three seconds. One burst was not seen. Many incendiaries were observed to be well alight. A/C returned to base undamaged.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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23-5-43	Halifax II					BOTH OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DORTMUND" (CONTINUED)	A-4
	"C"	Sgt Martin J. and Crew		2242		(G) (SGT MARTIN J.) This a/c failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard since take-off. Members of crew are: (CAPT) CAN.R.122787 SGT Martin J., (NAV) CAN.T.12416 P/O Harrison P.P. (S/A) 229643 P/O Cluck W., (MOP/AG) CAN.R.19703 SGT Bancesco G., (M/U) CAN.R.122668 SGT McKee R.C. (R/O) CAN.R.194857 SGT Jennings R.W. (F/E) 574982 SGT McGlory S.	
	"E"	Sgt Loblan G.E., F/O Wilson G.S., F/O Dalton L.S., SGT J. Sovereign G., Maracle C., Houston F.Y., Holmes J.		2251	0332	(E) (SGT LEBLAN G.E.) Visibility was good in target area with 3/10 cloud at 17,000 feet. Moon was rising on port beam. There was some ground haze. Load was released on red T.I. which went out quickly and no more seen. A/c went on and bombed group of T.I. at 0120 hours from 17,000 feet. Three fires were seen burning with plenty of smoke but size of flames both impressive. One 500 lb. bomb hung up and was jettisoned over North Sea at 0214 hours from 12,000 feet. A/c landed back at base, undamaged.	
	"B"	Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Hoston H.T., SGT's Knight W.A., Andrews A.A., King W.H., Mohrke L.D., McLean H.C.		2255	0346	(B) (SGT PHILLIPS J.A.) Target area was reached in good visibility apart from much smoke. There was good light with no cloud. Load was released at 0128 hours from 18,400 feet on red T.I. markers which were in bombsight at moment of release. The area round the red T.I. and immediately N.W. was solidly covered with burning incendiaries; also an area about one mile to S.E. Tremendous explosions were observed very close to red T.I. markers. A/c returned to base undamaged.	
	"H"	P/O Smith R.B., P/O Frudd F.W., P/O Anderson L.L., P/O Anderson J.I., Sgt Harrison G.L., P/O Rankin J., Sgt Clew H.A.M.		2253	0335	(H) (P/O SMITH R.B.) Visibility was good in target area with ground haze and some smoke. There was no moon and no cloud. Load was released at 0122 hours from 17,500 feet on centre of area covered by three widely dispersed green T.I. Results could not be observed due to haze and smoke. A good concentration of incendiaries with large and spreading fires were seen in haze below, slightly to S.W. of aiming points. A/c returned to base undamaged.	
	"H"	P/O Tomczak M.E., F/O McCracken A.P., P/O Sochowski A., SGT Kettley G.J., F/S Smith M.S., SGT's Hucker J.A., Wood A.J.		2340	0405	(H) (P/O TOMCZAK M.E.) A/c reached primary in good visibility with smoke and haze below, but no cloud. Load was released at 0154 hours from 15,000 feet on three red T.I. markers but no results were observed. Yellow T.I. markers were passed on run-up and found very helpful. Red glow of many concentrated fires was observed through smoke on run-up. Three red T.I. markers were seen about one mile East of bombed area and one red T.I. marker adjacent to southern extremity. Many scattered incendiaries running for two to three miles W.N.W. of main concentration were also seen. At 0155 hours, a batch of green lights were seen 10 miles West of Dortmund which could have been dummy T.I. Pilot's camera indicator lamp was u/s. and engineer's microphones u/s above 12,000 feet. At 15,000 feet in target at 0155 hours, a/c was hit by heavy flak causing damage to nose of a/c, tailplane and elevators. Two pressure and two temperature gauges were damaged. Oil leak in inner a/c motor. W/T aerial was also shot away. Navigator was wounded and taken to hospital when a/c landed base.	

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23-5-43	Halifax II					80TH OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DORTMUND" (CONTINUED)	A-4
	"X"	Sgt McGorley B.F., SGT's Livesey A., Setts G.L., Holden L.T., Gorman W.M., Ridgway W.D., Boulter F.C.		2316	0400	(X) (SGT MCGORLEY B.F.) A/C reached and bombed primary at 0133 hours from 18,000 feet. Visibility was good in target area, but smoke and haze prevailed on the ground. Red T.I. was in bombsight at moment of release. The main concentration of incendiaries was on end-around the T.I. but there was considerable under shooting to the N.E. One tremendous blaze was observed with rising fire. One T.I. marker was not seen. One 1000 lb. bomb hung up and reason was not ascertained. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"T"	P/O Cowan H., SGT's Culpin B.E.W., Milne R.D., Langley D.J., McLellan C.C., Maca C.E., Hurat H.R.		2337	0414	(T) (P/O COWAN H.) Visibility was good in target area apart from ground haze and smoke. Red T.I. was in bombsight and load was released five seconds later at 0152 hours from 19,000 feet. Our Green T.I. overshot red T.I. by about half a mile. Large area of burning incendiaries and several green T.I. markers were seen on run-up. One large explosion was observed. Compass went w/s over target. Immediately before bombing, four Lancasters in line passed over about 200 feet going away from target. One 1000 lb. hung up and reason is not known. A/C returned to base.	
	"P"	F/O Foy J.H. F/S Macphize G.W., SGT Mitt. E.M., F/L Gadinar R.A., F/O Simpson P., F/S Prior A.C., SGT MacDougall J.B.		2356	0356	(P) (F/O FOY J.H.) There was no moon and no cloud in target area, and visibility was poor owing to smoke. Centre T.I. green was in bombsight at moment of release, and load was dropped at 0153 hours from 16,000 feet. A large area of burning incendiaries covered five square miles immediately West and North-West of our A.P. one 1000 lb. bomb hung up on Station No.1 and it was detonated safe from 6000 feet at 5242 N. 0418 E. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"W"	P/O Manning P.W., P/O Hawkins J.D., SGT Reeve W.E., F/O MacLeod G.G., SGT McKay G.C., F/O Viney F.H., SGT Miller M.S.		2254	0352	(W) (P/O MANNING P.W.) There was no cloud in target area and visibility was hazy. Bombed red T.I. markers with three seconds delay at 0134 hours from 17,500 feet. Bombs were observed to fall on red T.I. markers. There was a fair concentration of fire going mainly to S.W. of red T.I. There were volumes of very dark smoke. A/C returned to base.	
25-5-43						21ST OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DUSSELDORF"	A-5
	"D"	P/O McMenamy J.S., P/O Fenton H.W., SGT Holtby L.H., F/O Fillingham T.A., P/O Clarke B.H., F/S Welch H.M., Sgt Sondergaard A.C.		NO TAKE OFF		(D) (P/O MCMENAMY J.S.) This a/c crashed at the end of the runway when engine out before a/c left ground. Members of the crew were slightly injured and aircraft is category E.1.	

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25-5-43	Halifax II					21ST OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "DUSSELDORF" (CONT'D)	A-5
	"O"	P/O Maddock J.T., F/O Thatcher W., S/L Lambert W., F/S McArthur B.H., SCT Peacock F., F/S Goring G.A., SOT Gocher A.N.		2330	0330	(O) (P/O MADDOCK J.T.) 10/10 cloud was encountered at 18,000 feet. Load was released at 0136 hours from 18,000 feet on H.R. run from yellow T.I. at position A. There was no T.I. in bombsight at moment of release and own bursts were not seen. At 0138 hours, a/c ran out of cloud and observed scattered incendiaries astern with several scattered green T.I. among them. A/C returned to base.	
	"X"	P/O Weber J.A., F/O Hewitt I., DFC, F/O Sweeney F.G., F/S Ricard P., F/S Credlock B.A., F/S Hatting S.H., SOT Maclean R.S.		2335	0340	(X) (P/O WEBER J.A.) Visibility was not very good in target area. Load was released at 0149 hours from 18,000 feet on what looked like red T.I. burning out with green T.I. slightly N.E. This was bombed with 6 seconds delay. There was nothing concentrated but incendiaries were burning over a five mile area. 1 x 1000 lb. hung up and was jettisoned on return. Journey 5214. R. 0318 E. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"R"	SOT's McSorley B.F., Livesey A., Watts, G.L., Holden L.J., Gorran W.M., Ridgway W.D., Roulter F.E.		2331	0347	(R) (SOT MCSORLEY B.F.) Load was released at 0145 hours from 18,000 feet in poor visibility. Target was identified by two green T.I. markers, but no ground detail was visible. Our green T.I. markers were seen to ignite but no results from our bombs were seen. Two green T.I. markers were in bombsight at time of release. Target was well aglow when a/c left target area. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"M"	P/O Manning P.W., F/O Hawtin J.D., SOT Beavo W.E., F/O MacLeod G.C., SCT McKay G.C., F/O Viney P.H., SOT Miller H.S.		2333	0336	(M) (P/O MANNING P.W.) Primary was reached in good visibility and load was released at 0148 hours from 15,300 feet. Green T.I. markers were in bombsight at moment of release but results of own bombing were not observed. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"P"	P/O Foy J.H., F/S Mainprize G.W., SOT Pitt E.M., SOT McGregor G., F/O Simpson P., F/S Patek A.C., SOT MacDougall J.B.		2328	0355	(P) (P/O FOY J.H.) Target was identified visually by green T.I., but no ground detail was visible. Load was released at 0143 hours from 18,000 feet on green T.I. No results were seen. No large fires were observed and raid appeared to be ineffective. A/C returned to base.	
	"S"	P/O Cowan H., SOTS Culpin B.E.W., Milne R.D., Langley D.J., McLellan C., Nace C.F., Hurst H.R.		2336	0359	(S) (P/O COWAN H.) Primary was load between clouds. Load was released at 0156 hours from 19,000 feet on green T.I. markers. Many incendiaries were seen burning but nothing very effective. A/C returned to base.	
	"T"	P/O Tomczak M.E., F/L Hall H.H., PO Schowski A., SOTS Kettley C.J., White R.K., Hucker J.A., Nichols A.W., BEM		2332	0432	(T) (P/O TOMCZAK M.E.) Primary was reached in fair visibility with 7/10 cloud and haze at 15,000 feet. Load was released at 0212 hours from 15,000 feet on green T.I. which were in bombsight at moment of release. Own bursts were not observed. Target was from take-off. Incendiaries were seen to be visible scattered. No large fires had developed when a/c left target area and a/c returned to base undamaged.	

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25-5-43	Halifax II					2302 0300	<p>2302 OPERATION - "DANSELORE" (CONTINUED)</p> <p>(G) (S/L GIBB D.L. RFD) Visibility was good in target area, and load was released at 18,000 feet from 18,000 feet on red T.I. markers plus three second overshoot. Gun bombs fell about 2000 feet short of target. A/C in 4th position, incendiaries were seen at 18,000 feet. Large explosions developing and appeared well concentrated. 500 lb. bombs hung up on stations 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 and jet-lifted bar was used over target, but without effect. They were later ditched 1400 ft. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	A-5
"H"		P/O Grey F.M., P/O Middleton A.V., SGT's Deans J.H., King H., Pickering G.V., Henson J., Locke W.				2325 0325	<p>(H) (P/O Grey F.M.) Load was released on red T.I. markers at 0130 hours, from 20,000 feet. Visibility was fairly good, WIFE FRONT WHEELS. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	
"A"		P/O Hart J.C., P/O Miller B.L., P/O Peterson J., P/O Garney H.A., SGT's Torrance W.H., Hickey F.E., Tatham J.H.				2321 0320	<p>(A) (P/O Hart J.C.) Visibility was poor in target area but cloud appeared to be lifting. Load was released at 0134 hours from 18,000 feet on D.M. from yellow T.I. markers. No Red or Green T.I. markers were observed owing to 10/10 cloud. At 0135 hours, A/C ran out of cloud and soon several good fires to south, with several red and green T.I. going down in same locality. Fires were seen for 10/10 miles after leaving target area. Heavy flak was encountered at 18,000 feet at 0136 hours in Duisburg area. D.M. compact and hydraulic were u/s. Port wing tip and starboard outboard engine were hit. There were also many small holes in wings and fuselage. A/C returned back to base.</p>	
"H"		P/O Smith R.V., P/O Fradd P.V., P/O Anderson L.J., P/O Anderson J.H., SGT Harrison G.H., P/O Rankin J., SGT Clee H.A.M.				2334 0351	<p>(H) (P/O SMITH R.V.) A/C reached primary and dived red T.I. at 0142 hours from 17,000 feet. Visibility was poor with much cloud. Gun bursts were not observed. Bombing as seen through 6/10 cloud appeared to be scattered with many large fires. One 500 lb. bomb hung up on station 7 and was ditched 2500 ft. from 2000 feet at 0145 hours. Rear turret gun was frozen up for most of the trip. A/C returned to base.</p>	
"U"		SGT Leblhon G.E., P/O Wilson G.S., P/O Dalton L.S., SGT's Sovereign G., Macle G., Houston J.Y., Holmes J.				2348 0315	<p>(U) (SGT LEBLHON G.E.) Aircraft reached primary in poor visibility and load was released at 0137 hours from 17,000 feet. Target was identified visually by three red glows over target area and flak defenses. No red or green T.I. were seen, but red glows may have been red T.I. Result of own bombs were not observed. Red glow was in bomb sight at time of bombing. Scattered fires were also observed. At 0136 hours, pipe line cut in hydraulic system operating flaps. A/C returned back to base.</p>	
"B"		Sgt Phillips J.A., P/O Huston H.P., SGT's Knight Y.A., Andrews H.A., King W.H., Kohnke L.V., McLean H.G.				2320 0328	<p>(B) (SGT PHILLIPS J.A.) Primary was reached in poor visibility with much cloud. Load was released on red T.I. at 0136 hours from 18,000 feet. One large explosion was seen by Rear Gunner on leaving target. A/C returned to base.</p>	A-5

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27-5-43	Halifax II					22ND OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "ESSEN" 6 A/C DETAIL. Bombs: 3 x 1000 G.P. 12 x 500 M.C.	A-6
	"W"	P/O Manning P.W., P/O Hawkins J.D., SGT Beavo W.E., P/O Wood G.G., SGT Mackay G.C., P/O Yiney F.H., SGT Miller H.S.		2245	0410	(W) (P/O MANNING P.W.) Visibility was fairly good in target area with some haze. Load was released at 210 hours from 18,000 feet on red flare with green stars in bombsight. A large fire was seen N.E. of aiming point and also many scattered ones. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"M"	P/O Tomczak M.E., P/L Hall H.R., P/O Sachowski A., SGT's Kettley C.J., White P.J., Hacker J.A., Nichols A.H., B.E.M.		2246	0357	(M) (P/O TOMCAK M.E.) Primary was reached in poor visibility. Ground detail could only be seen through slight gaps in cloud. Three red R.P. flares were in bombsight at moment of release, at 0122 hours, from 19,000 feet. No results of own bombing were observed. None of the R.P. flares seen gave off any green stars but all were well placed relative to glow of fires on the cloud below. This glow and flares were seen through gaps in cloud, which indicated a large area was well alight. Flame and black smoke of one very large fire was clearly seen on N.E. margin of bombed area. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"H"	P/O Smith R.B., P/O Frudd P.N., P/O Anderson I.M., P/O Anderson J.H., SGT Harrison G.K., P/O Rankin J., SGT Clee H.A.M.		2250	0347	(H) (P/O SMITH R.B.) Visibility was poor in target area and ground detail could only be seen through slight gaps in cloud. Load was released at 0119 hours from 18,500 feet on fires. Concentrated fires with one large fire, were seen N.E. of Essen. A/C suffered slight flak damage, and a/c returned to base.	
	"G"	P/O McEneaney J.S., P/O Fenton H.W., SGT's Holby I.M., Williams R.G., P/S Baldy R.E., SGT Sondergaard A.C., P/S Walsh R.W.		2247	0415	(G) (P/O MCEANEAY J.S.) Visibility was good through gaps in cloud over target area. Load was released at 0123 hours from 18,900 feet, on red R.P. flares. A large glow was observed on the cloud below and numerous good fires were seen through gaps which suggested a well concentrated attack apart from one fire seen one to two miles East of main conflagration. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"E"	SGT Lebian C.E., & Crew		2248		(E) (SGT LEBIAN C.E.) This aircraft failed to return from this operation, nothing having been heard since take-off. Members of the crew are: (CAPT) CAN.R. 113437 SGT Lebian C.E. (NAV) CAN.J. 14175 F/O Wilson G.S. (B/A) CAN.J. 20264 P/O Dalton L.S., (WGP/A9) CAN.R. 52911 SGT Sovereign C., (M/U) CAN.R. 139361 SGT Mareale C., (R/G) CAN.R. 90327 SGT Houston J.T. (P/T) 977737 SGT Holmes J.	MISSING
	"D"	SGT Phillips J.A., P/S Mainprize G.W., SGT's Knight V.A., Andrews R.A., King H.H., Kohnke I.V., McLean H.C.		2249	0337	(D) (SGT PHILLIPS J.A.) Primary was reached in good visibility and ground detail could only be seen through gaps in cloud. Load was released on red sky-marker at 0119 hours from 18,000 feet. Results of own bombing were not observed. A steady succession of red flares were seen on the starboard bow at what appeared to be position E. One impressive glow could be seen through cloud. Also several good fires. Several more R.P. flares were seen falling over target area after 2/3 into target area. One was d/s from enemy coast in. A/C suffered heavy flak damage in port sillon, but a/c returned back to base.	

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29-5-43	Halifax II					<p>33rd OPERATION - BOMBING ATTACK ON "MUNICIPAL".</p> <p>14 A/C DROPPED bombs: 7 carried 10,000 lbs. 13 x 90 x 1 lb. Inc. 4 carried 4 red T.I., 5 x 1000 G.P.F. 3 x 500 lbs. 2 carried 5 x 1000 G.P.F., 7 x 500 lbs. 1 carried 4 red T.I., 6 x 1000 G.P.F. 1 x 500 lbs.</p>	A-7
"F"		<p>A/C Fauquier J.E. DFC, P/L Powell P.C. SGT Cousins P., P/O Lowther J.C., P/S Sipple L.B., S/L Clarke J.F., SGT King L.R.</p>		2236	0251	<p>(F) (A/C FAUQUIER J.E. DFC) Primary was reached in poor visibility. At 0032 hours, yellows were seen below city's mean. Course was set, but had to evade fighters. At 0033 hours, course was set again and went on to target. Reds were seen going down ahead and behind red T.I. cascading. Yellows on course cut burst behind a/c and were at correct position. One fire was seen, and numerous incendiaries. Flares were dropped in target area, and were seen to cascade. IN SERVICE OF THIRD SORTIE. A/C returned back to base undamaged.</p>	
"G"		<p>S/L Wolfe T.L. DFC, P/O Morrison R., P/S Anthony H.H., P/O McGladrey G., P/O Clarke B.H., P/S Emerson T.H., P/S Robense D.</p>		2237	0312	<p>(G) (S/L ALFIE D.L. DFC) Primary was reached in poor visibility. Flares were dropped at 0056 hours from 16,500 feet on red T.I. Incendiaries were seen alight on ground, and also one large explosion was seen. A/C returned back to base.</p>	
"D"		<p>P/L Lawson G.D., P/O Agassia R., P/O Frewin L.F., SGT's Faulkner A., Dudgey G., P/O Davies S.F., Sgt Holliday M.</p>		2228	0350	<p>(D) (P/L LAWSON G.D.) Visibility was good in target area with some haze. Load was released at 0051 hours from 17,000 feet. One red T.I. was observed to be burning on ground. Numerous incendiaries were seen with H.E. exploding in the midst of them. A/C returned to base.</p>	
"K"		<p>P/O Grey F.H., P/O Middleton A., SGT's Evans J.H., King H., Pkering S.H., Heane J., Cocks H.</p>		2230	0326	<p>(K) (P/O GRAY F.H.) Primary was reached in good visibility with no clouds. Load was released at 0106 hours from 16,500 feet. Target was identified by red and greens cascading at 0103 hours. Fires were seen to start up and around red markers. A/C returned back to base undamaged.</p>	
"A"		<p>P/O Hart J.C., P/S Miller B.L., P/O Patterson J., P/O Correy R.W., SGT's Taylor M.H., MacFay F.D., Tatham S.N.</p>		2227	0305	<p>(A) (P/O HART J.C.) Visibility was good in target area with clouds above 19,000 feet and slight haze below. Flares were dropped from 16,000 feet at 0052 hours on red T.I. and green T.I. cascading. Our green T.I.'s were seen to fall on reds. Incendiaries were seen to go down on second red T.I. Some overshooting but other incendiaries were definitely short. Fires were already taking hold and as a/c left, smoke already was covering target and T.I.'s were seen falling into smoke. A/C returned back to base undamaged.</p>	
"H"		<p>P/O Smith R.B., P/O Frudd F.W., P/O Anderson L.H., P/O Anderson J.R., SGT Harrison G.K., P/O Rankin J., SGT Clew H.A.H.</p>		2229	0322	<p>(H) (P/O SMITH R.B.) Target Area was reached and visibility was fair with some haze. Load was released at 0056 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of area covered by three Green T.I. TRIFKERS WHICH were not seen to cascade. Fires were observed to be especially concentrated close around the T.I. and the pattern of the streets was clearly seen. Over target, one Halifax passed 100 feet above and one 100 feet below, due to our turning across main course. A/C returned to base undamaged.</p>	

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29-5-43	Halifax II					23RD OPERATION - "WUPPEL" (CONTINUED)	A-7
	"J"	P/O McMenamy J.S., P/O Fenton H.H., SGT's Holtby L.H., Williams R.O., P/S Beldy R.E., P/S Welch H.R., SGT Sondergaard A.C.		2234	0315	(L) (P/O MCMENAMY J.S.) Primary was reached in good visibility with what appeared to be smoke. Load was dropped on red T.I. cascading from 17,000 feet at 0050 hours. Many incendiaries were starting up with H.E. going right into them. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"O"	P/O Maddock J.T., P/O Ellwood C.B., S/L Lambert A. DFC, P/S McArthur E.H., SGT Pascoe P., P/S Goring C.A., SGT Gocher T.W.		2138	0335	(O) (P/O MADDOCK J.T.) Visibility was poor in target area with ground haze and considerable smoke. Load was released at 17,000 feet at 0102 hours. Bomb aimer made correction for overshoot when green T.I. was in bombsight. All T.I. were very concentrated and a very big red fire surrounded these markers. Fires were burning fiercely and at 0128 hours a very large explosion was observed which was followed by another slightly smaller. A/C was approximately 50 miles S.W. of target at this time. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"P"	P/O Foy J.H., P/O Huston H.P., SGT's Titt E.H., McGregor G., P/O Simpson P/S Prior A.O., SGT MacDougall J.B.		2232	0257	(P) (P/O FOY J.H.) Target was reached in good visibility with slight ground haze. Red T.I.'s cascaded at 0045 hours and 0048 hours, and this was in bombsight at moment of release. As a/c came in, H.E. and incendiaries were falling on and close to T.I. An area of one mile radius round T.I. was solidly covered with incendiaries. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"R"	SGT's McCorley E., Livesey A., Watts G.L., Holden L.J., Gorman W.M., Ridgeway W.D., Boulter F.E.		2242	0345	(R) (SGT MCCORLEY E.) Visibility was good in target area with no cloud. Load was released at 0167 hours from 18,000 feet on red T.I. markers. Very intense fires were seen with light coloured smoke about one mile square, but many other fires surrounding. Two explosions were seen at 0058 hours and 0115 hours in target area. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
	"W"	P/O Manning P.W., P/O Hawkins J.D., SGT Benvo W.R., P/O McLeod G.G., P/O Vines E.H., SGT's Mackay G.C., Miller H.S.		2233	0018	(W) (P/O MANNING P.W.) Operation was abandoned after take-off when port outer engine failed. A/C proceeded to 5155 N. and 0215 E and jettisoned bomb load. A serious oil leak developed and a/c was unable to climb. A/C landed base.	
	"M"	P/O Tomczak H.E., P/L Hall H.R., P/O Sochowski A., SGT's Pettley C.J., White E.K., Bucker J.A., Wood A.J.		2231	0330	(M) (P/O TOMCZAK H.E.) A/C reached primary in good visibility with some haze. Load was dropped from 18,000 feet at 0053 hours. Red T.I. which was seen to cascade was in bombsight at moment of release, and corrected delay by Navigator counting from watch. Some bursts of H.E. were seen through haze, slightly undershooting. All T.I. appeared well grouped. On leaving, fires appeared to be short of red T.I. A red glow could be seen 100 miles from target. A/C was hit by flek at 0050 hours at 19,000 feet between Kohn and Dusseldorf. A/C returned to base.	
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29-5-43	Halifax II	P/O Jensen M.C., P/O Ewan G.H., SGT's Finden E.F., Hill W.R., Howard T.J., Douglas G.L., Holland G.C.		2344	0354	23RD OPERATION - "MUPPERTAL" (CONTINUED) (U) (P/O JENSEN M.C.) Visibility was moderate in target area with no cloud and some haze. Three Green T.I. were in bombsight at moment of release, but results of own bombing were not seen. An area mainly to W. and N.W. of the T.I. was solidly covered with incendiaries and good fires. There was much smoke up to 10,000 feet. Two minutes before bombing a Halifax passed across track very close above and ahead. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A-7
	"T"	P/O Sattler M., SGT's Fawcett H., P/S Card H.C., SGT's Watson H.P., McEwan L., P/O Anderson W.R.W., SGT James D.B.		0235	0318	(T) (P/O SATTLEH M.) Visibility in target area was moderate with much ground haze, but no cloud. Load was released at 0056 hours from 17,000 feet on three Green T.I. Results were not observed. An area was well covered with fires and incendiaries especially around the T.I. Several good explosions and promising fires were seen at 0104 hours. A/C was hit by flak (heavy) near target. A/O returned to base. (sgt.) A. LAURET S/L for (J.E. Fauquier) Wing Commander, Commanding No.405 R.C.A.F. SQUADRON.	

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