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A.F. FORM 541.

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By No. 408 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron.

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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1943.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	Crew	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
9/1-43	Halifax HR658	P/O. S. H. W. Samsela. P/O. A. M. Stockdale. Sgt. Hawkins, A. J. Sgt. Parratt, H. E. Sgt. MacCall, I. F. S. Sgt. Crook, J. G. Sgt. Barker, R. W.	GARDENING NETTARINE 44 and 444	16.10	21.31	There was no cloud, and visibility up to 2.5 miles, a pin-point was made at 19.00 hours on SIMONSZAND and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area; the veg. was released at 19.08 hours at 015° M from 1000' I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. No results were seen, but it is believed that it was planted in the allotted area. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 200, 1 x 100.	A1218
9/1-43	Halifax HR654	P/O. J. S. Carver. P/Sgt. Nicholl, R. Sgt. Jarrett, D. L. Sgt. Black, R. W. Sgt. Gibson, J. W. Sgt. Horn, C. L. Sgt. James, J. K.	do	16.37	20.48	This aircraft found good visibility, and no cloud in the gardening area, slight haze. The primary target was reached after a pinpoint had been made on SIMONSZAND at 18.35 hours. Gardening was carried out from 000° I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. at a position 028° M with an interval of 5 secs between the two veg. No results were observed. 2 x 200's were carried.	A1219
9/10	Halifax HR657	P/O. J. G. Kaye. P/O. R. J. Moyer. Sgt. Patterson, P. D. Sgt. Cowling, P. P/Sgt. Howard, H. W. P/O. H. W. McDonald. Sgt. Borley, J. H.	do	16.39	21.21	A pinpoint was made on the Island of SIMONSZAND in good visibility and no cloud, at 18.52 hours, and a run-up was made into the gardening area. The veg's were released from 1200' over the primary target area, at 18.58 hours I.A.S. 164 m.p.h. but no results were observed. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 200, -10 sec delay.	A1220
9/10	Halifax HR655	P/Lt. R. H. C. Boosey. P/O. F. V. Mitchell. Sgt. O'Neill, J. H. Sgt. Quance, P. R. Sgt. Gilpin, D. P/O. J. G. Parker. Sgt. Horner, D. G.	do	16.36	20.53	There was some haze, but no cloud in the area of the primary target, and a pinpoint was made on SCHIESSBACHWEG and SIMONSZAND at 18.50. A timed run was made from the latter and the gardening was carried out from 1000' at 18.57 hours on a heading 028° M.I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. One parachute was seen to open. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried, 2 x 200.	A1221
9/10	Halifax HR678	P/O. J. G. Houe. P/O. R. Payling. Sgt. Boston, J. Sgt. Barton, W. K. P/O. R. J. Winkworth. Sgt. Adams, J. D. Sgt. Davidson, P. A.	do	16.41	21.04	This pilot made a pinpoint SIMONSZAND Island at 18.42 hours and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. The gardening was carried out from 700' at 18.56 hours 026° I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. no results were observed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202, 10 sec delay.	A1222

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9/1-43	Halifax DM690	S/Ldr. V.F. Newson. P/O. W.V. Harris. Sgt. Taylor, W.L. P/Lt. A.J. Jarvis. Sgt. Johnston, A.R. Sgt. McArthur, D.M. Sgt. Martin, R.	GARDENING KEOTARDS, 11 and 111	16.35	20.55	With visibility at approximately 2 miles and a little cloud this aircraft made a pinpoint on SIMONSEAND Island at 18.54 hours, and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. The mines were released from 700' at 1858 hours on a heading 025° I.A.S. 174 mph. No results were seen, but it is believed that veg. was planted in the allotted position. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 100.	A1223
9/20	Halifax DM682	Sgt. Cochrane, A.W. P/Sgt. McCreary, R.K. Sgt. Higgins, W.H. Sgt. Halse, R. Sgt. Humphreys, G. P/Sgt. Grice, T.G. Sgt. McDonald, J.	do	16.39	21.15	A pinpoint was made on SIMONSEAND Island, and a course was set from the East end at 18.59 hours. Owing to a "hang up" the first veg. is believed to have been planted short although no result were seen. Gardening was carried out from 500' at 19.05 and 19.08 hours on heading 025° M. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 200.	A1224
9/20	Halifax DM676	P/O. D.P. Allen. P/O. J.K. Bell. Sgt. Halse, J.H. P/O. F.R. Reeves. P/Sgt. Scott, G.R. Sgt. Connolly, W. Sgt. Duncanson, R.W.	do	16.34	21.26	There was no cloud in the gardening area, and a pinpoint was made on SIMONSEAND at 18.53 hours and a timed run was made from there to the gardening area. The vegetables were planted from 700' on a heading 045° M at 18.56 hours. One parachute was seen to open and the mine to enter the water. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 100.	A1225
14/15	Halifax DM676	P/O. D.P. Allen. P/O. J.K. Bell. Sgt. Halse, J.H. P/O. F.R. Reeves. P/Sgt. Scott, G.R. Sgt. Connolly, W. Sgt. Duncanson, R.W.	BOMBING TARGET. 2211	06.13	06.43	There was 2/10th cloud round the target area but very slight cloud over the target. A pinpoint was made on flares and also the town and the River 3000FT. The attack was made from 15,000' at 0118 hours on a heading 260° and the bombs were believed to fall just North of the Wet Docks, results were not observed. 50 x 4lb incendiaries 'hung up', and intercom to the rear turret went w/s. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 13 x H.Q. 50 x 4lb incendi. 2 x 1000lb G.F. bombs.	A1226
14/15	Halifax DM664	S/Ldr. W.F. Newson. P/O. S.R. Price. Sgt. Taylor, W.L. P/Lt. A.J. Jarvis. Sgt. Hellington, D.M. Sgt. McArthur, D.M. Sgt. Martin, R.	do	22.09	06.47	This crew found cloud, 6/10th with base at 4000' but good visibility. The procurataries and bays were identified and the built-up areas of the town could be seen. The attack was made from 12,500' at 0125 hours on a heading 060° and the rear gunner saw incendiaries burning as they hit the ground. Bombs were released over the built-up area West of the river 3000FT. A few scattered fires were seen in the town. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.F. 13 x H.Q. 50 x 4lb incendiaries, (1 x 1000lb G.F. 'hung up').	A1227

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14/15	Halifax HR655	P/Lt. R. H. Booney. P/O. P. E. Mitchell. Sgt. Jernett, B.L. Sgt. Quance, B.L. Sgt. Giblin, B.L. P/O. J. G. Barker. Sgt. Horner, D.C.	BOMBING LORIENT.	22.14	04.40	There was 8/10th cloud in the vicinity of the target with tops at 16,000' and good visibility. A pinpoint was made on the Island of GROLLE where aircraft turned North and picked up the town and docks. Pathfinder flares seen over the target. The attack was made from 6,000' at 0144 hours and bombs slightly overshot, but dropped in built-up area. Incendiaries were seen to be burning in the area on the East side of the river SCORFF. Results were not observed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 15 S.B.G. 90 x 5lb incendi. 2 x 1000lb G.P. bombs.	A1228
14/15	Halifax HR657	P/O. J. S. Carver. P/Sgt. Birchall, R. Sgt. Gibbs, G.C. Sgt. Black, D.M. Sgt. Gibson, J.W. Sgt. Horn, D.L. Sgt. James, J.R.	do	22.16	04.30	This crew report good visibility and very little cloud. The promontory and bays were identified South and East of the town, and PF flares were clearly seen. Bombs were released from 12,000' at 0109 hours on a heading 140° but no results were seen. (1 x 1000lb G.P. and 30 x 4lb incendi. 'hung up' reason unknown). Incendiaries were seen burning West of the river SCORFF and a square fire could be seen in the built-up area. Return to base was made without any incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.G. 90 x 4lb incendi. The rear turret was u/s during the whole trip. Pilot reports excellent crew co-operation.	A1229
14/15	Halifax DT682	Sgt. Gries, K.O. P/Sgt. Neumann, W.V. P/O. G. A. Vogel. P/O. H. D. Downie. Sgt. Ivor, W.A. Sgt. Veys, J.V. Sgt. Bennett, J.D.	do	22.22	02.31	This aircraft returned early owing to the rear turret being u/s. The load of 12 S.B.G. 90 x 4lb incendi. 2 x 1000lb G.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at a position 50.00N 03.00W from 6,000' at 00.26 hours. Base was reached without any incident. On the way out, searchlights in the CHARD area picked up aircraft, and only doused when colours of the day were released.	A1230
15/16	Halifax DT678	P/Sgt. Ross, A.L. P/O. J. E. Knights. Sgt. McDougall, G.H. P/Sgt. Lawton, B.S. P/Sgt. Murray, J.S. P/O. W. S. Day. Sgt. Skebo, T.H.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.09	23.29	There was no cloud in the target area and visibility was good although there was considerable smoke from fires in the town. This aircraft followed the river SCORFF and identified the long narrow dock. Bombs were released over this area from 15,000' at 20.19 hours, and fire was seen to start just South of this dock. Other fires were seen in the centre of the town. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.G. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1231

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15/16	Halifax DT673	Sgt. McKensie, I.C. P/O A. Playfair. Sgt. Coupland, F.W. Sgt. O'Connell, C. P/O W.A. Molloy. P/O J.R. Ball. Sgt. McKensie, I.W.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.12	23.20	This aircraft found 6/10th cloud at 8,000' and good visibility the river SOERFF was followed and the bends in the river were seen. An attack was made at 20.40 hours from 14,000' on a heading 065° and the bombs were believed to drop N.W. of the aiming point. Flare from incendiaries made the identification of the built-up area impossible. An aircraft left, the whole town was lit up by fires three of which appeared to be very large. 30 x 4lb incendiaries 'hung up'. Aircraft bombed successfully. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1232
15/16	Halifax HR655	P/O T.O. Kay. P/O R.C. Moyer. Sgt. Patterson, F.D. Sgt. Cowling, P. P/Sgt. Howard, M.W. P/O R.W. McDonald. Sgt. Borley, S.H.	do	17.13	22.55	There was 6/10th cloud with tops at 8,000' but good visibility in the target area. A pinpoint was made on the bays and promontaries. At 20.09 hours an attack was made on the town from 12,500' on a heading 045°. Bombs were believed to drop in N.W. of the aiming point in built-up area. Some scattered fires were observed in the town. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1233
15/16	Halifax HR662	P/O T.O. Kay. P/O R. Payling. Sgt. Rostron, J. Sgt. Barton, W.K. P/O R.J. Brinkworth. Sgt. Adam, J.D. Sgt. Cavadin, P.A.	do	17.10	23.01	There was 6/10th cloud at 8,000' and good visibility the river SOERFF was followed and the bend was seen clearly. Flare corresponded. An attack was made from 15,000' at 20.02 hours on a heading 170°. Bombs were dropped N.W. of the aiming point to avoid dropping them into the water. Large fires were seen to be burning in the North part of the town. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1234
15/16	Halifax DT675	S/Ldr. Gilmore, R.G. P/Sgt. J. B. Darroch. Sgt. Smith, W. P/Sgt. O'Leary, R.D. Sgt. Buchanan, G.R. Sgt. Siggott, A. Sgt. Haynes, K.W.	do	17.08	23.05	There was no cloud in the target area, and good visibility. The river BRAVEY was seen and the hooked piece of land South of SOERFF estuary was identified. The attack was made from 15,000' at 20.00 hours on a heading 360° and bombs were believed to fall in built-up area just N.W. of the aiming point. Bombs were not observed. Fires were seen in the area of the town, which could be seen from 80 miles away. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1235
15/16	Halifax DT680	W/Odr. W.D.S. Ferris. P/Lt. H. R. Gattay. Sgt. O'Neill, J.H. P/O R.V. Reynolds. Sgt. Piddren, R.A. Sgt. McMay, P.H. Sgt. Milligan, S.H.	do	17.11	23.09	There was no cloud and visibility was very good in the target area. A pinpoint was obtained on the rivers and docks. Bombs were released from 13,000' at 20.00 hours heading 470° but no results were not seen owing to the incendiaries burning. Several fires were burning in the area. Bombs were believed to have fallen in the town S.W. of the Wet Dock. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 15 S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1236

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Night 21/22	Halifax DF675	P/O T.P. Coshwell. Co: Sgt. Childers, R.V. P/O D.C. Ferguson. Sgt. Gibbs, G.C. Sgt. Simonds, R.G. Sgt. Jones, L.W.V. Sgt. O'Connor, P.C. Sgt. Hayes, W.F.	GARDENING NEOTARDEN, II	17.00	21.03	This aircraft experienced slight haze, up to 2,000' and medium cloud in the target area. A pinpoint was made on an island, believed to be SIMONSEAND in bright moonlight and a run was made from this point into the gardening area. The gardening was carried out over the primary target at 18.42 hours from 15,000' on a heading 011° and both the parachutes were seen to open and the mines to enter the water in the allotted positions. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 100 and 1 x 200.	A1237
Night 21/22	Halifax DF674	P/Sgt. Hart, J.G. P/Sgt. Miller, J.E. Sgt. Patterson, J.E. Sgt. Parney, J.E. Sgt. Taylor, W.H.A. Sgt. Stuart, E.W. Sgt. Tatham, W.H.	do	17.03	21.49	There was no cloud over the gardening area, and this pilot made a pinpoint on SIMONSEAND at 18.59 hours, after being caught in light flak at a position about 53.28N 0620E, and a timed run was made into the gardening area. The gardening was carried out from 1000' at 19.06 hours on a heading 013° but no results were seen. Aircraft return successfully, but on landing found that the wings had suffered some light damage from flak, airworthiness not effected. Load carried 1 x 400 and 1 x 200.	A1238
Night 21/22	Halifax DF656	Sgt. Sirett, R.A. P/Sgt. Carter, J.E. Sgt. Fisher, J.A. P/O J.D. McBride. Sgt. Boyer, J.D. Sgt. Burle, J.E. Sgt. Brice, E.O.	do	17.01	21.52	There was no cloud but slight haze in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on SIMONSEAND at 19.05 hours and a course was set from there to the gardening area. Gardening was carried out at 19.12 hours from 200' on a heading 014° and although only one parachute was seen to open, both mines were seen to enter the water. At 20.56 the port inner motor cut, suspected oil leak, and as aircraft was over the home base, the starboard inner motor cut through the same cause, aircraft landed successfully without mishap. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1239
Night 21/22	Halifax DF600	P/Lt. W.A. Black. Co: P/Sgt. Grubert, A.E. Sgt. Howe, R.G. Sgt. White, P. Sgt. Taglin, J.A. Sgt. Aubrey, P.B. P/O E.G. Lurie. Sgt. Barclay, E.	do	17.06	21.41	This aircraft found a low layer of cloud lying on the sea, over the coast, but in the target area visibility was very good with no cloud and bright moonlight. A pinpoint was made on the island of SIMONSEAND and the western end of SIMONSEAND, and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. Gardening was carried out from 4000' at 19.00 hours, on a heading 011° and both the mines were seen to strike the water, in the allotted position. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 202 and 1 x 100.	A1240

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Night 21/22	Halifax DF678	P/Sgt. Wood, F.W. Og: Sgt. Grant, A.G. P/Sgt. Palmer, L.J. P/O. T. B. Moore. P/O. R. W. Fairbanks. Sgt. Cameron, J. B. Sgt. Lewis, B. L. Sgt. Allan, D. A.	GARDENING HYDROGRAPHIC, II	17.06	2232	There was some low cloud with tops at 300' over the PRISTIAN Islands, but in the gardening area there was good visibility and bright moonlight. A pinpoint was made on the Eastern tip of SHERBORNWOOD and a timed run was made into the gardening area and mines were released from 700' at 19.25 hours on a heading 040°M and both mines were seen to enter the water, in the allotted position. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 100 and 1 x 200.	A1241
Night 23/24	Halifax DF676	Sgt. Ophraus, A.W. P/Sgt. McCreery, H.K. Sgt. Higgins, J.H. Sgt. Weiss, R. Sgt. Adams, J.G. P/Sgt. Grice, L.C. Sgt. McDonald, F.	BOMBING LORIENT.	17.14	23.41	This pilot found good visibility and about 4/10th cloud at 8000'. A pinpoint was made on the river and bridges, by the the light flares, and the target was in bomb sights, when aircraft attacked. The attack was made at 2015 hours from 15,000' on a heading 025° and four large bursts were seen near the Dry Dock in area "A". A large fire was observed with black smoke in area "A" near the Power Station, many smaller fires were seen in both "A" and "B" areas. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 7 x 1000lb G.P. bombs.	A1242
Night 23/24	Halifax HM654	P/O. C.O. Hatle. P/O. A.M. Stockdale. Sgt. Gannon, S.F. P/O. W.E. Rowland. Sgt. Richmond, H. Sgt. Tschantre, A.A. Sgt. Kapschinski, W.G.	do	17.15	23.18	There was patches of low cloud with tops at 8000' around LORIENT, but over the target visibility was good, and bright moonlight made it easy to identify the rivers ELAVEE and SOUEFF and the Estuary. The target was in the sights as the attack was made from 14,000' at 20.04 hours on a heading 180° but no results were seen. Two large fires were seen to be burning in the area N.West of the Dock area. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 7 x 1000lb G.P. bombs.	A1243
Night 23/24	Halifax HM655	P/Sgt. Earty, J.C. P/Sgt. Miller, B.L. Sgt. Patterson, J.H. Sgt. Garvey, R.A. Sgt. Taylor, M.H.A. Sgt. Stuart, R.W. Sgt. Tatham, W.W.	do	17.17	23.44	There was very little cloud and by the help of a bright moon, and FFF flares it was easy to identify the river and docks. The target was in sights as the run up was made, and bombs were released on area "T" at 20.14 hours from 15,000' on a heading 342°M, and fires were seen to start. Three large fires were seen - one near the power station and the workshops on the East bank of the river. Fires could be seen after aircraft had left the French Coast on the way out. The whole of the crew were amazed at the lack of defences over the target area. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 4 x 500lb (30 x 4lb) Type 'X' Incendiaries.	A1244
Night 23/24	Halifax DF679	Sgt. Blackhall, R.O. P/Sgt. Norton, C.B. Sgt. Sempur, G.I. Sgt. Godfrey, M.E. Sgt. Sutton, A.J. Sgt. Williams, E. Sgt. Sempur, R.H.	do	17.20	23.35	There was broken cloud about 6/10th around the target, but over the target, visibility was good. Bombs were released from 15,500' at 20.10 hours on a heading 300°M, no results were seen. Fires were seen to be burning in the town West of the Docks, and could be seen from 80 miles away. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 14 500lb inc; 1 500 500lb type 'X' Incendiaries. 60 x 4lb ord. Hung Up.	A1245

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Night 23/24/43	Halifax DF678	Sgt. Craig, K.O. P/Sgt. Hemm, W.V. P/O G.A. Vogel. P/O N.D. Dowdie. Sgt. Ivor, W.A. Sgt. Veys, J.V. Sgt. Blawett, J.D.	BOBING LORIENT.	17.16	23.30 Ossington.	This pilot found good visibility in the target area, and the river could be clearly seen. The attack was made from 4,500' at 20.40 hours, and red flashes were seen. There was many fires including 22 large ones and many smaller ones, the glow of which was visible from 75 miles away. A photo was taken which proved to be an excellent one, ground detail being clearly visible in the light of fires. Aircraft made a crash-landing at OSSINGTON, but no member of the crew were injured. Load carried 15 S.B.C. 90 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1246
Night 29/30	Halifax DF677	Sgt. Childers, D.V. Sgt. Cross, J. Sgt. Anderson, J. Sgt. Nault, D.O. Sgt. Mathews, L.N. Sgt. Sims, R. Sgt. Moohms, J.A.	BOBING LORIENT	17.04	22.10	This aircraft was obliged to return from a position 48,3N 0305W owing to 'GEE' going u/a. 2 x 1000lb G.P. bombs were jettisoned fused at 20.17 hours at a position 5000N 0254W from 12,000'. The load of 1140 x 4lb incendiaries was brought back to base, which was reached without further incident.	A1247
Night 29/30	Halifax H R664	S/Ldr. W.E.M. Newson. C/Sgt. Wright, J.L. P/O W.V. Harris. Sgt. Naylor, J.K. P/Lt. A.J. Jarvis. Sgt. Johnson, A.R. Sgt. McIntosh, R.H. Sgt. Martin, R.	do	16.57	23.32	This aircraft bombed the target on 'GEE' fix, at 20.35 hours from 13,500' through 10/10th cloud tops estimated at 20,000' and owing to this, it was impossible to see the results or ground detail. No reflection of fires could be seen from other aircraft's bombing. Return to base was uneventful. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb incendiaries type 'X'.	A1248
Night 29/30	Halifax DF679	P/O T.G. Kaye. P/O R.G. Noyce. Sgt. Patterson, P.D. Sgt. Cowling, P. P/Sgt. Howard, M.W. P/O H.W. McDonald. Sgt. Berley, J.H.	do	17.02	23.36	There was thick cloud 10/10th at the target, with tops at 15,000'. The target was bombed on 'GEE' fix at 20.34 hours from 15,000' on a heading 180W. No flash or searchlights were encountered. 30 x 4lb incendiaries 'Hung up'. Bombing on 'GEE' seemed to be effective. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb type 'X'.	A1249
Night 29/30	Halifax H R665	P/Sgt. Smith, D.W. P/Sgt. Sayers, J.F. Sgt. Salt, J.H. Sgt. Cowman, W.H. Sgt. Laughton, W.N. Sgt. Ciguere, T.E.R. Sgt. Brackenbridge, D.M.	do	17.03	23.45	This aircraft had not reached the target area on target time, A1250 and had no fuel to spare, so it was decided to return. The load of 2 x 1000lb G.P. 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb incendiaries type 'X' were jettisoned safe at a position 4957N 0303W at 21.23 hours from 15,500'. There was nothing to report and base was reached safely.	A1250

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Night 29/30	Halifax HC676	Sgt. Oochrane, A.W. P/Sgt. McGroery, N.K. Sgt. Higgins, J.H. Sgt. Weiss, R. Sgt. Ashmore, J.K. P/Sgt. Grice, I.G. Sgt. McDonald, P.	BOASTING LORIENT	16.55	23.45	This pilot found 10/10th cloud with tops at 15,000' over the target area. Target was attacked on 'GEE' Fix but no results could be seen through the cloud. A glow was seen through the cloud, just before bombing. 30 x 4lb incendiaries 'hung up'. Base was reached on the return, without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P., 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1251																																
Night 29/30	Halifax HR654	Sgt. Grant, A.J. P/Sgt. Church, M.J. Sgt. Kelly, F.G. Sgt. Kellogg, M.R. Sgt. Powell, A.B. Sgt. Keller, G.S. Sgt. Stentiford, K.R.	do	17.05	23.41	Owing to 10/10th cloud over the target area, the attack was made on the 'GEE' Fix, from 15,000' at 20.45 hours on a heading 210° M. No results were seen apart from flashes, which could have been bombs or flak. 1 x 1000lb G.P. 'hung up'. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P., 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb type 'X'.	A1252																																
Night 29/30	Halifax HR682	P/Sgt. Wood, P.W. P/Sgt. Palmer, J.J. P/O T.P. Moore. Sgt. Cameron, J.B. Sgt. Shellingford, W.R. Sgt. Lewis, E.L. Sgt. Allen, D.A.	do	17.00	23.35	There was 10/10th cloud in the target area, and bombs were released from 12,000' at 20.40 hours on a heading 360° M., but no results were seen, as immediately after bombs gone the starboard outer engine cut, and when the port inner, aircraft lost 5,000' in large flat spins. The P/O/Moore reported engines being lost up, hot air was used and the engines were started. Aircraft made a safe landing at SYRSTON owing to petrol shortage. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P., 1170 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1253																																
Night 29/30	Halifax HC673	Sgt. Sirett, S.A. P/Sgt. Carter, K.E. Sgt. Fletcher, G.A. P/O J.D. McBride. Sgt. Boyer, G.D. Sgt. Barrie, P.H. Sgt. Brice, K.O.	do	16.58	22.04	This aircraft found 10/10th cloud in the target area, and the attack was made at 20.34 hours from 14,000' but no results were seen owing to the cloud. There was severe icing conditions and the petrol head froze up, the IR compass went u/s, the port inner motor also stopped. Aircraft landed at 001500Z at 2205 hours. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and 13 x 90lb incendiaries. 1 RM unit 'hung up'.	A1254																																
Night 29/30	Halifax HR662	P/O T.O. Roux, (Pilot) P/O E. Payling. Sgt. Rostron, J. Sgt. Barton, W.E. P/O R.G. Brinkworth. Sgt. J.D. Adams. Sgt. Cavardino, P.A.	do	16.56	---	This aircraft took off from this base at 16.56 hours on a bombing raid on LORIENT, but unfortunately nothing has been heard from either crew, or aircraft since take-off. Below are the Operational trips and hours of the members of the crew:- <table><tr><th>REF/NO</th><th>NAME</th><th>TRIPS</th><th>HOURS</th></tr><tr><td>1251/30</td><td>P/O Theunis Christoffel ROUX (pilot)</td><td>2</td><td>14.25</td></tr><tr><td>1251/30</td><td>P/O. E. Payling. (Nav (S))</td><td>2</td><td>10.54</td></tr><tr><td>1021/38</td><td>Sgt. ROSTRON, Joseph. (N/A)</td><td>2</td><td>10.54</td></tr><tr><td>117728</td><td>Sgt. BARTON, William Kenneth. (W3/A2)</td><td>2</td><td>10.54</td></tr><tr><td>132136</td><td>P/O. Ronald George, BRINKWORTH. (A/G)</td><td>2</td><td>10.54</td></tr><tr><td>655432</td><td>Sgt. ADAMS, James Dick. (A/G/RG)</td><td>2</td><td>10.54</td></tr><tr><td>575404</td><td>Sgt. CAVARDINO, Francis Anthony.</td><td>1</td><td>05.03</td></tr></table>	REF/NO	NAME	TRIPS	HOURS	1251/30	P/O Theunis Christoffel ROUX (pilot)	2	14.25	1251/30	P/O. E. Payling. (Nav (S))	2	10.54	1021/38	Sgt. ROSTRON, Joseph. (N/A)	2	10.54	117728	Sgt. BARTON, William Kenneth. (W3/A2)	2	10.54	132136	P/O. Ronald George, BRINKWORTH. (A/G)	2	10.54	655432	Sgt. ADAMS, James Dick. (A/G/RG)	2	10.54	575404	Sgt. CAVARDINO, Francis Anthony.	1	05.03	A1256
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Night 29/30	Halifax DT699	P/Sgt. Ross, A. P/O. J.K. Knights, Sgt. McDougall, G.H. P/Sgt. Lewton, D.E. Sgt. Foster, E.F. P/O. E.E. Ray. Sgt. Skebo, F.H.	BOMBING LORIENT.	16.50	23.28	This aircraft found 10/10th cloud in the target area, and bombs were released on 'GEE' at 20.45 hours (height not given) but no results were seen. The starboard engine motor cut and altimeter, wireless receiver and airspeed indicator went w/s, a short circuit in port wing, bomb door and port undercarriage when retracted. Aircraft landed at SQUILS GATE without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000LB G.P. and 13 S.B.C's.	A1257
						<p><i>W. H. H. H.</i></p> <p>The Commander Commanding, No. 406 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, LORIENT.</p>	