

## **OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK**

## **APPENDIX.....**

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FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 19

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
NIGHT 13/14-2-43	HALIFAX DF749	S/L J. HORN, A.C. P/O. J.K. KNOX TH. S/LV. MCKEEHAN, G.H. F/S. LEITCH, D.H. F/S. MCINTOSH, J. P/O. R.R. RAY. S/LV. SHEDD, T.H.	BOMBING LOREINT.	17.59 22.15	HALIFAX BRAMBLETON	There was no cloud but slight haze from the fires obscured part of the target area. The target was identified by the P.P.F. flares and by the river. An attack was made from 15,000' at 20.42 hours on a heading 290° N and the bombs were seen to burst right in the target area. Many big fires were seen. A JU 88 was seen over the target area flying same course but 300' below to port. Aircraft landed at HALIFAX as 22.46 hours and return to base the next day. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. and 11 S.B.G.'s.	A1306
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DF674	S/LT. GREENE, K.O. S/LV. HEDGES, W.V. P/O. C.A. VACHEL. P/O. M.D. DOUGLASS S/LV. IVAN, W.A. S/LT. VICK, J.V.J.W.R. S/LT. HUNTER, J.D.	DO	18.03 20.38	JULIETTE SOUTH	This aircraft had to land at HALIFAX 300ft owing to the oxygen supply becoming ineffective, which tended to gase the pilot Billies at 13,000'. The load of 4 x 1000lb G.P. and incendiaries were jettisoned water.	A1307
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DR658	P/O. R.H.P. GAMBLE. S/LT. JARRETT, D.J. S/LV. LINDNER, A.J. S/LT. PARTRIDGE, H.M. S/LT. MCGRATH, K.M. S/LV. CRAKE, H.O. S/LV. RUSKIN, R.W.	DO	17.57 01.25	There was no cloud in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on 102 DE GRIM, and the estuary was identified. The target was in sight when the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.33 hours on a heading 050° N. No results were seen. There was many fires burning in the target area, and the port area. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and incendiaries.	A1308	
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DF750	S/LT. GRANT, A.G. P/LT. CHAMBERS, J.G. S/LT. KELLY, P.G. S/LV. LALOUE, M.R. S/LT. POWELL, A.H. S/LT. KEMPTON, G.R. S/LT. MCINTOSH, K.R.	DO	18.06 20.58	Visibility was good in the target area, and a pinpoint was made in bright moonlight on 102 DE GRIM, and the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.35 hours on a heading 060° N and bursts were seen in the target area. There was some fairly large fires burning in the town. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P. and incendiary.	A1309	
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DR664	P/O. D.F. LEAHN. P/O. J.K. REED. S/LT. MCKEEHAN, J.H. P/O. T.H. RENFREW. P/A. SCOTT, G.H. S/LT. CONLEY, W. S/LT. MCINTOSH, R.W. Co.P/O. D. H. HANLINT.	DO	17.58 00.07	A pinpoint was made by this aircraft in very good visibility and bright moon light, on the P.P.F. flares and the River TAME. The target area was in the sights when the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.44 hours on a heading 150° N, but no results were seen. Bombs were believed to fall in the target area. The return to base was made with out incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lb G.P. and incendiaries.	A1310	

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NIGHT 13/14-2-43	HALIFAX DH749	S/L. HORN, A. P/O. J.K. KENNEDY S/L. MCGOWAN, G.J. P/O. LINTON, D.H. P/O. MORRIS, J. P/O. R.E.R. RAY. S/LT. SKERFV, T.H.	RESCUING LOST/INJ.	17.59	22.16	There was no cloud but slight haze from the fires obscured part of the target area. The target was identified by the P.M.P. flares and by the river. An attack was made from 15,000' at 20.42 hours on a heading 290° N and the bombs were seen to burst right in the target area. Many big fires were seen. A JU 88 was seen over the target area flying same course but 300' below to port. Aircraft landed at BRAMBLEY as 22.46 hours and return to base the next day. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. and 11 S.M.C.'s.	A1306
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DP674	Sgt. GREEN, K.O. Sgt. HEDDERMAN, W.V. P/O. C.H. VACHEL Sgt. M.D. BOWLER Sgt. IVOR, H.A. Sgt. VANCE, J.V.W.R. Sgt. HAWTHORPE, J.D.	DO	18.03	20.26	This aircraft had to land at HOMESLEY SOUTH owing to the oxygen supply becoming ineffective, which caused to take the pilot Billious at 13,000'. The load of 4 x 1000lb G.P. and incendiaries were jettisoned unexp.	A1307
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DR658	P/O. R.H.P. GARNER. Sgt. JARRETT, D.L. Sgt. HAWKINS, A.J. Sgt. PARTRIDGE, H.R. Sgt. MCGOWAN, K.S. Sgt. CRAKE, H.G. Sgt. BAKER, H.V.	DO	17.57	01.25	There was no cloud in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on 112 DE GRONX and the estuary was identified. The target was in-sights when the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.55 hours on a heading 060° N. No results were seen. There was many fires burning in the target area, and the port area. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and incendiaries.	A1308
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DH750	Sgt. GRIFFITH, A.G. P/O. GREENHILL, J.G. Sgt. KEELEY, P.G. Sgt. LEATHAM, M.H. Sgt. POWELL, L.H. Sgt. REEDMAN, C.R. Sgt. STRETTON, K.R.	DO	18.06	23.58	Visibility was good in the target area, and a pinpoint was made in bright moonlight on 112 DE GRONX, and the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.35 hours on a heading 060° N and bursts were seen in the target area. There was some fairly large fires burning in the town. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P. and incendiaries.	A1309
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DR664	P/O. D.P. ALLIEN. P/O. J.K. BELL. Sgt. MCGOWAN, J.H. P/O. T.H. RICHES. P/O. SCOTT, G.R. Sgt. CONLON, H. Sgt. DUNLOP, R.W. Cpl./O. D. H. WILDEMAN.	DO	17.58	00.07	A pinpoint was made by this aircraft in very good visibility and bright moon light, on the P.P.F. flares and the River RUMPF. The target area was in the sights when the attack was made from 15,000' at 20.44 hours on a heading 150° N, but no results were seen. Bombs were believed to fall in the target area. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lb G.P. and incendiaries.	A1310

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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NIGHT 13/14-24/3	HALIFAX DM769	S/L. MARCHET, H. F/O. J.R. PRICH. SOF. GLOVER, R.H. P/O. R.C. BROWN. P/O. L.L. MCNAUL. SOF. WALSH, J.H. SOF. HUNTINGTON, G.V.	BOMBING LOITER.	18.02	23.47	Perfect visibility made it easy to identify the target area and the ELM DE GROIX. A timed run was made from this area to bomb the target area, which was bombed from 15,000 ft at 20.45 hours on a heading 030° N. Target was not in sight as the ground detail at the time of bombing was obscured by yellow flares. 1 x 1000lb G.P. hung up. The pilot reported that the FLIGHT ENGINEER did a good piece of work when he spotted a Wellington in the track of this aircraft which, had it not been seen, would have ended in certain collision. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and incendiaries.	A1332
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DM679	SOF. WRIGHT, R.L.R. F/O. LAWRENCE, N. P/O. R.W. MARSH. SOF. UNKLEWELL, J.W. SOF. BURRIN, D.O. SOF. CHRISTIAN, L.G. SOF. FREEMAN, R.W.	DO	18.05	23.40	There was good visibility and no cloud over the target area. A1332 The target was identified visually and by aid of P.F.P. flares. An attack was made at 15,000 ft at 20.55 hours on a heading 210° N. The target was in both ports and bombs were thought to go in PORT MELVILLE area. Huge fires were soon burning in town and port areas. Aircraft returned without incident and landed at MIDDLE WALLOP. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P., 16 x 30 lbs., 780 x 4 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs., "N" type incendiaries.	
NIGHT 13/14	HALIFAX DM761	S/L. GUTHRIE, A.R. F/O. CAMPBELL, C.J. SOF. BOULLOGH, W.A. SOF. FLEMING, H.D. SOF. LINDEN, D.O. SOF. MITCHELL, P.H. SOF. THOMAS, J.G.	DO	18.00	19.35	This aircraft was compelled to return early due to the starboard outer engine oil pressure being very low and the temperature high. The pilot was forced to feather said engines. 4 x 1000lb G.P., 16 x 30 lbs., 780 x 4 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs., were jettisoned safe at a position 5337 N 0013 E at 18.45 hours from 3000 ft and return to base. Base was made from this point. Aircraft landed without further incidents.	A1333
NIGHT 14-24/3	HALIFAX DM749	S/L. BOYD, A. P/O. J.M. KENNEDY, SOF. MCGREGOR, G.H. SOF. LAWLOR, D.E. S/L. MURRAY, J. P/O. R.H. RAY. SOF. SWANSON, T.H.	BOMBING COLOGNE.	18.15	23.15	The aircraft found 10/10 cloud tops at 1200 ft with good visibility above the clouds. The target was located by preliminary flares and P.F.P. sky markers. These corresponded with 524. An attack was made at 16,000 ft at 20.21 hours on a heading 090° N. The sky markers were in the best sight but no results were seen. 30 x 4 lbs. hung up. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb. G.P., 990 x 4 lbs., and 16 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1334
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DM761	P/O. R.H.P. GIBSON. SOF. J. HILLYET, D.L. SOF. HASKELL, A.J. SOF. MCKEEAN, H.M. SOF. MOGOLL, E.D. SOF. GREEN, R.O. SOF. BUCKER, R.W.	DO	18.25	20.21	This aircraft was compelled to return due to the electrical system going u/a and also the rear gun turret jammed. 2 x 1000 lb G.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at 5324 N 0008 E at 11,500 ft at 19.12 hours. 960 x 4 lbs., 16 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. "N" incendiaries were brought back to base. Aircraft landed without further incident.	A1335

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NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DE772	P/B. GILBERT, A.R. P/B. GARNETT, C.J. Sgt. HOCULLOC, W.A. Sgt. PUDLER, J.D. Sgt. LINDEN, R.C. Sgt. MONTA, P.M. Sgt. RAYMOND, J.G.	BOMBING COCKPIT	18.18	23.44			This aircraft found 10/10 cloud tops at 1200 ft with good visibility above the clouds. The target was located by P.P.F. preliminary flares and sky markers. These corresponded with R.A. An attack was made on the target at 18,000 ft at 20.24 hours on a heading 095° M. The sky markers were in the bomb sights but no results were seen. A reddish glow was seen against the cloud after leaving the target. Aircraft returned to home base without further incident. Bomb load carried, 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 960 x 4 lbs., 16 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. type X, incendiaries.	A1316
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DE777	P/O. D.P. ALLEN P/O. J.E. BELL Sgt. FORDON, J.H. P/O. T.H. GRIMES P/A. BOOTH, G.R. Sgt. GUNNAR, W. Sgt. DUGGANSON, R.S.	DO	18.17	21.06		In this aircraft the mid upper guns went up, and the rear turret jettisoned to port so the Captain decided to return to Home Base. 8 x 30 lbs., 870 x 4 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. type X were jettisoned from 3000 ft. at 20.07 hours at 5400M 0035E. 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 8 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. incendiaries were brought back to base. Aircraft returned without further incident.	A1317	
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DE769	P/O. L.O. MACKINTOSH P/O. A. MCNAUL Sgt. COOKSON, T.J. P/O. C. O'GORMAN P/O. W.H. MILLER P/O. R.J. PALI Sgt. HORNIGOLD, L.H.	DO	18.22	23.35		This aircraft found good visibility above 10/10 cloud with tops at 8000 ft. A pinpoint was made by sky markers which corresponded with R.A. The sky markers were in the bomb sights when the attack was made. No results were seen although the glow from fires already burning seemed to increase after bombs were released. The attack was made at 20.32 hrs from 13000 ft. on a heading 095° M. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 960 x 4 lbs., 16 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. type X, incendiaries.	A1318	
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DE664	S/LDR. W.F. McNEILSON P/O. W.J. HARRIS Sgt. HODKIN, W.K. P/LM. A.J. JONES Sgt. JOHNSON, A.H. Sgt. MCARTHUR, D.H. Sgt. MARTIN, R.	DO	18.20	23.39		There was 10/10 cloud with top at 6/8000 ft and good visibility above the clouds. The target was recognised by sky markers and warning flares which were in the bomb sights when the attack was made from 15,000 ft at 20.21 hours on a heading 095° M. No results were seen but a considerable glow could be seen from the fires when aircraft was forty miles away on the homeward trip. 30 x 4 lbs. incendiary hung up. Aircraft home successfully. Load carried 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 960 x 4 lbs., 16 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. type X, incendiaries.	A1319	
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DE675	S/LDR. W.D.B. PERIN P/LM. H.B. GALTIER P/O. G.H. LAMBE P/O. C.N. BLAKE Sgt. PELHAM, R.A. Sgt. REED, P.M. P/O. MULLEIGH, R.H.	DO	18.15	23.40		There was 10/10 cloud at 10000 ft when this aircraft identified the target by sky markers which corresponded with R.A. Sky markers were in bomb sights when the attack was made at 20.27 hours from 15,000 ft. on a heading 095° M. Flashes were seen shortly after bombing which were believed to be from own bombs. Two large fires were reflecting on the clouds about 15 miles apart. 30 x 4 lbs., incendiary hung up. MULLEIGH was used as instructed. Aircraft returned without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 960 x 4 lbs., 30 x 4 lbs., type X, 16 x 30 lbs., incendiary.	A1320	

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NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DF750	P/LT. R.H. BOISK. P/O. P.R. MITCHELL. P/O. SAMUELS, M. P/O. P.R. QUANCE. P/O. D.W. GIBSON. P/O. J.G. PARKER. SOF. MORRISON, D.G.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.21	23.57	With 10/10 cloud at 1200 Ft with good visibility above a pinpoint was made by sky markers which corresponded with HFA. Sky markers were in both sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft at 20.34 hours on a heading 094° M. but no results were observed. The navigators intercom went u/s and the rear turret was also unobservable. Aircraft returned to base but on making the approach to land the port outer engine caught fire and port inner engine lost power when throttles opened. The pilot was able to gain a height of about 1000 ft and five members of the crew baled out. The rear gunner J.11B2 P/O James C. PARKER, was fatally injured when his parachute failed to open owing to lack of height. Aircraft crashed landed near KLEIN WISCH, THIERS, YOUGHESSE. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb G.J., 16 x 50 lb., 30 x 4 lb., type Z, incendi. Below are the operational hours and trips of P/O J.G. PARKER.	A1321
				(Crew)		J.11B2 P/O James C. PARKER. (A/G) 27/400	
NIGHT 14	HALIFAX DR658	P/S. MARTY, J.O. P/S. MILLANT, M.L. SOF. PATTERSON, J.H. SOF. CAISTER, R.A. SOF. TAYLOR, N.H.A. SOF. HODGKIN, G.T. SOF. TASHIAN, M.N.	DO	18.19	23.49	This aircraft attacked what is believed to have been the primary which was identified by sky markers with HFA. These were in bomb sight when the attack was made in 10/10 cloud at 1200 ft at 20.46 hours on a heading 90° M. No results were seen but a white glow reflected on the clouds. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb., 30 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb., incendi.	A1322
NIGHT 14/17.2.4.3	HALIFAX DR658	P/O. T.P. O'BRIAN. P/O. D.C. PENGUIN. SOF. GIBBS, G.G. SOF. ADDISON, M.G. SOF. O'CONNOR, V.C. SOF. GIBBS, M. SOF. HAYE, W.J.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.27	22.30	Owing to failure of oxygen supply this aircraft turned back from a position 3030 N 0259 W at 2000 hours from 15,000 ft. 4 x 1000 H.M., 30 x 4 lb., 16 x 50 lb., incendi were brought back to base. Aircraft landed without incident.	A1323
NIGHT 16/17	HALIFAX DF676	P/O. D.F. ALLEN. P/O. J.H. BELL. SOF. MORRISON, D.H. P/O. T.H. BURSTON. P/O. SCOTT, G.R. SOF. GIBBS, M. SOF. DUNLOUGH, R.W.	DO	18.30	00.45	A visually pinpoint was made on PFF flares in good visibility A1324, and an attack was made on the primary from 15000 ft at 20.52 hours on a heading 135° M. The target was in both sight but bombs were not seen to explode but it is thought that they went in the target area. Fires and smoke were covering the town as aircraft left. Aircraft returned to base without further incident. Load carries 4 x 1000 G.J., 30 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb. incendiaries.	

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NIGHT 16/17	HUFFYARD 107761	F/O. GRIFFITH, A.R. F/O. GUNNELL, C.J. Sgt. HOLLOWAY, A. Sgt. MULLEN, M.D. Sgt. LEADER, R.O. Sgt. JEROME, P.H. Sgt. HODGSON, J.G.	BOMBING LORENTE.	18.35	00.56	This aircraft found good visibility over the target area. An attack was made at 20.47 hours from 15000 ft. on a heading 190° N. The target was in bomb sight but no results seen. 1000 lb. bombs. Large flares were burning in KIRKHAM, PRESTON, LIVERPOOL, CHESTER, and NORTH W. TO 91. 50 x 4 lb., and 4 x 50 lb. incendiaries hung up. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lb. G.P.s, 200 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb. incendiaries.	A1325
NIGHT 16/17	HUFFYARD 107772	F/O. WILFRED GUNNELL, P/O. J. GUNNELL, D.L. Sgt. HOLLOWAY, A. Sgt. LEADER, R.O. Sgt. MULLEN, M.D. Sgt. CHAPMAN, R.C. Sgt. HODGSON, J.G.	DO	18.31	00.42	With excellent weather and visibility a visual pinpoint was made by the light of 100 flares. The target was in bomb sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft at 20.50 hours on a heading 190° N. No results could be claimed for our bombs but four explosions were seen in KIRKHAM PRESTON just after landing. Large flares were seen in the town area and the KIRKHAM PRESTON. The crew of this aircraft reported excellent work done by the P.W. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lb. G.P.s, 200 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb. incendiaries.	A1326
NIGHT 16/17	HUFFYARD 107797	DO. GRIFFITH, A.R.R. F/O. LAYSHAW, R. P/O. G.H. LAMBERT, Sgt. HOLLOWAY, J.W. Sgt. LEADER, R.O. Sgt. MULLEN, M.D. Sgt. HODGSON, J.G.	DO	18.35	01.00	Visibility in the target area was ten to twelve miles. There was no cloud but rain had already developed. A visual pinpoint was made from 100 flares and the target was in bomb sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft at 20.48 hours on a heading 190° N. No results were seen though it was thought to be close to aiming point. 1 x 1000 lb. G.P. hung up. Very heavy flak was experienced and aircraft was hit after which the V.H.F. transmitter went off. Damage was also caused to the port side and fuselage and the port inner constant speed unit was damaged. The port outer tank was also damaged. Aircraft returned without further incident. Load carried, 4 x 1000 lb. G.P.s, 200 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb. incendiaries.	A1327
NIGHT 16/17	HUFFYARD 10666	R/TDR. WILFRED GUNNELL, P/O. J. GUNNELL, Sgt. HOLLOWAY, A. P/O. AND. JAMES, Sgt. LEADER, R.O. Sgt. MULLEN, M.D. Sgt. HODGSON, J.G.	DO	18.32	00.36	There was no cloud and very slight haze and with the aid of 100 flares a visual pinpoint was made on the target which was in the bomb sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft. at 20.52 hours on a heading 190° N. No results were seen out of our bombing. Night large flares were seen burning in the town area and KIRKHAM PRESTON which were still visible at the French coast on the return trip. 60 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up. Aircraft returned without incident. Load carried, 4 x 1000 lb. G.P.s, 200 x 4 lb., and 16 x 50 lb. incendiaries.	A1328

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MEET 16/17	HUFAK BX675	S/LDR. R.G. GILBERT, F/O. J.B. DUNLOP, SOF. BROWN, J. T.M. S/LDR. CLEARY, P.A. P/O. M.P. HALL, SOF. WIGGINS, R.H. SOF. HODGES, K.W.	BOMBING LOITERING	10.25	00.39	The enemy was identified visually in bright moonlight and with the aid of NVG flares the target area was observed and bombed. An attack was made from 15000 ft at 20.50 hours on a heading of 100° N. No results were seen but the whole area of the town, docks and KEREMET FERRY AREA were covered with small shrapnel. Maxwell was used as instructed. Air- craft returned without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P. 200 x 4 lbs, and 16 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1329
MEET 16/17	HUFAK BX677	SOF. CHISHOLM, R.W. SOF. GRIFFIN, J. SOF. JOSEPHSON, J. SOF. HAMER, D.L. SOF. HAYWARD, L.H. SOF. HOGG, R. SOF. HOLLOWAY, J.A.	DO	10.26	00.36	With the aid of NVG flares and ground detail the target area was bombed from 15000 ft at 20.40 hours on a heading of 100° N. Bombs were seen to explode on area Z. Fires were starting as aircraft left the target area. Aircraft returned without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P. 200 x 4 lbs, and 16 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1330
MEET 16/17	HUFAK BX752	P/O. R.G. HATTON, P/O. R.G. HUNTER, P/O. T.W. HURKIN, SOF. LEITCHETZ, G.R. SOF. MCINTOSH, E. SOF. MCNAUL, G.R. SOF. PRUDHET, R.G.	DO	10.29	00.53	Visibility was good and ground detail was observed visually with the aid of NVG flares and the target area was bombed from 15000 ft, at 20.57 hours on a heading 100° N. Bombs were not seen to burst but it is believed that they fall in the target area. Many fires were seen to be start- ing in area Z and also in the town. Aircraft returned without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lbs G.P., 200 x 4 lbs, and 16 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1331
MEET 16/17	HUFAK BX759	P/O. R.C. KATE, P/O. R.G. HUNTER, SOF. MCINTOSH, R.D. P/O. P. CONNELL, P/O. REEDMAN, R.W. P/O. H. J. REEDMAN, SOF. STOTT, S.M.	DO	10.36	00.31	There was no cloud and good visibility and the target area was identified visually with the aid of NVG flares. The target was in both sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft, at 20.50 hours on a heading 100° N. One bomb was seen to explode causing an enormous flash over closing point Z. At time of arrival there were no fires but these were appearing up very rapidly over the whole area and was still visible from over the channel. Maxwell was used as instructed. Aircraft returned without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lbs G.P., 200 x 4 lbs, and 16 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1332
MEET 16/17	HUFAK BX760	P/O. R.O. HALL, P/O. A.J. STANNON, SOF. GREEN, R.P. P/O. J.L. HOLLOWAY, SOF. HUMPHREY, R. SOF. TANQUARY, L. SOF. WIGGINS, R.H.	DO	10.36	01.30	Visibility was good in the target area and with the aid of NVG flares a pinpoint was made on the river 2000ft enemy and the target and red center flare in both sight when the attack was made from 15000 ft at 20.50 hours on a heading 100° N. No targets were seen but it is believed that bombs fall in the target area. One large fire with a pillar of black smoke was seen in the centre of area Z. 20 x 4 lbs incendiaries burst N.E. Return to base via route without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000 lbs G.P., 200 x 4 lbs, and 16 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1333

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NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM676	P/O. B.H. HARRIS. P/O. G.A. HANSON. F/O. W.T. HADLEY. LAC. ALFRED. HALL. LAC. ERIC. HORN. LAC. KELVIN. HORN. LAC. FRANCIS. HORN.	GARDENING RESCUE LINE	17.48	22.22	There was no cloud and visibility was very good over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUKE and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released at 19.50 hours from 1000 ft. on a heading 340° N. No parachutes were seen to open but it is thought that the parachutes were planted in the garden. Mine was reached without incident. Load 1 x 100 and 1 x 200 veg.	A1334
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM703	F/O. GILBERT, W.L. F/O. GILBERT, C.J. Sgt. HOLLOWAY, R.A. Sgt. MURRAY, W.D. LAC. DIBBLE, H.O. LAC. HORN, P.H. LAC. HORN, J.H.	DO	17.50	22.27	There was no cloud and very good visibility apart from haze over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUKE and a timed run of 6 mins. 30 secs. was made from there to the gardening area. The mines were released at 19.55 hours from 1000 ft. on a heading 340° N. One mine was seen to hit the water but the other was not observed. The mines were planted in the primary target. Mine was reached without incident. Load 1 x 100 and 1 x 200 veg.	A1335
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM772	P/O. HORN, J.O. P/O. MILLER, E.L. Sgt. MURRAY, H.J. Sgt. OATES, R.L. Sgt. TAYLOR, H.M. Sgt. TYLER, W.J. LAC. HORN, J.H.	DO	17.51	22.20	There was no cloud and very good visibility apart from haze over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUKE and a timed run was made from there to the primary target. The mines were released on the primary target at 19.55 hours from 1000 ft. on a heading 340° N. Both mines were seen to hit the water. Mine was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 200 veg.	A1336
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM769	Sgt. WEBB, R.H. P/O. LIVSEY, R. P/O. O. VUGEL. Sgt. WILCOX, J.W. Sgt. BROWN, H.O. P/O. CHRISTIAN, L.G. Sgt. TAYLOR, J.	DO	17.51	22.35	There was no cloud and excellent visibility over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUKE and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released on the primary target at 19.51 hours from 700 ft. on a heading 340° N. The parachutes of both mines were seen to open but nothing further was observed. Mine was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 100 and 1 x 200 veg.	A1337
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM675	P/O. GRAY, A.G. P/O. GREEN, R.M. Sgt. KELLY, P.G. Sgt. LUCAS, T.H. Sgt. MURRAY, L.H. Sgt. TAYLOR, C.H. Sgt. TAYLOR, R.H.	DO	17.57	22.40	There was no cloud and very good visibility over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUKE and a timed run was made into the gardening area. The mines were released at 19.53 hours from 700 ft. on a heading 340° N. Both parachutes were planted in the garden and both parachutes were seen to open. Mine was reached without incident. (marking was used as directed). Load 2 x 200 veg.	A1338
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX DM679	P/O. A.H. BROWNE. Sgt. MILLER, D.L. P/O. GILL, JAMES. Sgt. MURRAY, L.H. Sgt. HORN, H.O. Sgt. HORN, C.H. Sgt. HORN, R.H.	DO	17.57	22.06	This officer found visibility very good with no sea haze or low cloud. A mile three runs along JUKE island but was unable to pinpoint exactly and therefore brought mines back. Mine was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 100 and 2 x 200 vegetables.	A1339

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NIGHT 18	HALIFAX BB690	P/O. T.P. GUTHRIE, GUNNER S/L. J.G. FERGUSON, NAVIGATOR II S/Sgt. COOPER, C.O. S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, A.C. S/Sgt. O'CONNOR, P.C. S/Sgt. SOUTHERN, A.C. S/Sgt. HAYES, R.P.	GUNNERED HALIFAX II	1745	2200	There was no cloud and very good visibility apart from haze over the target area. A pinpoint was made on the western tip of JUDEZ and a timed run was made from there to the primary target. The mines were released at 1940 hours from 300 ft. on a heading 350° E. Both parachutes were seen to open. The captain reported that the rear gunner did excellent work in keeping the rear target serviceable. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 200 kg.	AL340
NIGHT 18	HALIFAX BB673	P/O. D.F. ALLEN, S/L. R.O. MCGEE, S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, J.H. S/Sgt. COOPER, A.C. S/Sgt. HAYES, C.O. S/Sgt. O'CONNOR, W. S/Sgt. BURGESS, R.C.	BIGGING HALIFAX II	1830	2327	There was good visibility with no cloud over the target area. AL341 The weather was also excellent. The target and JUDEZ were identified visually and by PFF flares. The target was in both sight when mine was released at 2047 hrs from 3000 ft. on a heading 100° N. No results were seen but it is thought that bombs fell on the primary. There was very little burning including one very large one south west of the town. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lbs each and 200 x 50 lbs, incendiaries.	
NIGHT 19	HALIFAX BB646	S/L. D.H. ALLARD, S/L. A. BURGESS, S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, J.H. S/Sgt. COOPER, A.C. S/Sgt. HAYES, C.O. S/Sgt. O'CONNOR, W. S/Sgt. BURGESS, R.C.	ALLARD HALIFAX II	1802	2241	There were 100% sky and ground smoke in the target area and about 9/10 cloud. The ground returns were in the both sight when the attack was made from 16,000 ft. at 2206 hrs on a heading 090° N. No results were observed but it is thought that bombs fell in the primary target. Small fires were seen starting up in the target area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.A. and 30 x 50 lbs, 720 x 4 lbs, incendiaries.	AL342
NIGHT 19	HALIFAX BB671	S/L. GUTHRIE, A.R. P/O. COOPER, C.O. S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, A.C. S/Sgt. MCGEE, R.C. S/Sgt. LINDLEY, R.C. S/Sgt. HAYES, P.C. S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, J.H.	BB671	1803	2342	There was a thick haze over the target area but PFF flares and returns were visible. The returns were in the both sight when the attack was made from 19,000 ft. at 2342 hrs on a heading 140° N. No results were seen but there were many fires in the target area and the base could be seen slightly miles away. 30 x 4lb incendiaries being up. Base was reached without incident. The trip was reported as successful but would prefer to bomb from the south east. Load comprised 3 x 1000 lb. H.A. and 30 x 50 lbs, 720 x 4 lbs incendiaries.	AL343
NIGHT 19	HALIFAX BB772	P/O. R.H.M. GUTHRIE, P/O. J. HEDDERSON, D.L. S/Sgt. HEDDERSON, A.C. S/Sgt. PARFATI, R.C. S/Sgt. HAYES, P.C. S/Sgt. COOPER, R.C. S/Sgt. BURGESS, R.C.	BB772	1804	2349	There was 10/10 cloud over the target area but PFF flares were visible through it which also coincided with H.A. The ground returns were in the both sight when the attack was made from 17,000 ft. at 2349 hrs on a heading 140° N. No results were seen but small fires were springing up in the target area and were still concentrated. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 H.A. and 30 x 30 lbs, 720 x 4 lbs incendiaries.	AL344

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MARCH 19	HUFFPAK DR675	P/O. HILL, A. F/O. JACKSON, D. SFT. TAYLOR, G.H. P/O. LINDNER, D.M. P/O. MURRAY, J. SFT. HARRIS, R. SFT. SHAW, T.H. O/S. WOOD, R.	RECON	16.00	22.42	There was a thick haze over the target area but 100 flares and markers were visible. The markers were in the both sight when the attack was made from 17000 ft at 20.00 hrs on a heading 140° N. Bombs were seen to explode and many large fires were beginning to spread in the town area. 4 x 30 lb. incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. H.E. and 3 x 30 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1343
MARCH 19	HUFFPAK DR676	SFT. WILSON, P.J. P/O. LINDNER, R. P/O. G.H. LINDNER P/O. HILL, D.M. SFT. HARRIS, R. P/O. GREENHALGH, I.A. SFT. WOOD, R.	RD	16.05	23.27	There was thick haze and cloud over the target area but 100 flares were visible. A pinpoint was obtained and ground markers were in both sight when the attack was made from 16,500 ft at 20.05 hrs. on a heading 130° N. Bombs were not seen to explode but many flares were starting in the target area and glow could be seen about 100 miles away. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. H.E. and 3 x 30 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1346
MARCH 19	HUFFPAK DR666	SFT. WILSON, P.J. P/O. LINDNER, R. SFT. HARRIS, R. P/O. G.H. LINDNER SFT. HARRIS, R. P/O. GREENHALGH, I.A. O/S. WOOD, R.	RD	16.05	23.32	This aircraft found visibility poor with slight haze and some low stratus cloud in the target area. The target was identified visually and by 100 flares. A pinpoint was obtained and 100 markers were in both sight when the attack was made from 15,000 ft. at 20.07 hrs on a heading of 070° N. Bombs were not seen to explode. Many fires were starting as aircraft left the area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. H.E. and 3 x 30 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1347
MARCH 19	HUFFPAK DR675	P/O. H.G. GREENHALGH P/O. J.H. DUNLOP SFT. HARRIS, R. P/O. G.H. LINDNER P/O. M.P. HALL SFT. WILSON, R.T. O/S. HARRIS, R.W.	RD	17.57	23.09	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud over the target area. A pinpoint was obtained by aid of 100 markers which contradicted with H.E. The ground markers were in both sight when attack was made from 15,500 ft. at 20.09 hrs. on a heading 130° N. No bombs were seen but large flares were reflecting on the clouds. 3000 lb. hung up. H.E. was used as instructed. Red upper gun went off but base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. H.E. and 3 x 30 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1348
MARCH 19	HUFFPAK DR679	P/O. T.G. KATE P/O. R.D. HEDDER SFT. HARRIS, R. P/O. H. COOK P/O. HARRIS, R. P/O. HARRIS, R. SFT. HARRIS, J.H. O/S. P.M. HARRIS	RD	17.55	23.30	Base cloud over the target area but possible to see ground surface through haze. The target was identified both visually and by 100 flares. A pinpoint was obtained and 100 markers were in both sight when the attack was made from 15,000 ft. at 20.30 hrs on a heading of 130° N. No bombs were seen but 8 large flares were noticed burning in the target area. H.E. was used as instructed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. H.E. and 3 x 30 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1349

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NIGHT 18	MALPAK HF655	P/O. HARRY, J.O. P/O. MCGILL, D.M. P/O. PATERSON, J.H. P/O. CHENEY, R.A. P/O. TAYLOR, W.H. P/O. PARTRIDGE, R.H. P/O. THOMAS, W.H.	BOMBING INVESTIGATIVE.	17.00	23.00	There was a layer of low cloud over the target area which made the ground detail obscured. The target was identified by means of 100% ground markers. A pinpoint was obtained and the centre of flare concentration was in both sight, when an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 23.06 hrs on a heading of 040° N. The bomb load did seem to burst. The concentration was good on area "A" and many fires on the east side of town. The class could be seen eight miles away. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. Hail, and 32 x 50 lb. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1350
NIGHT 19	MALPAK HF656	P/O. T.N. HOPKINS, P/O. G.R. HOBSON, P/O. T.W. HARRIS, P/O. LESTER, C.R. Sgt. DEAN, F.V. Sgt. WEEDON, G.H. Sgt. MCKEECHIE, R.G.	DO	17.30	23.09	There was 10/10 thin cloud in the target area but flares and fires were visible through it. The target was identified by 100% markings which corresponded with 90%. The primary was attacked and audience were in both sight when bombs were released from 15,000 ft at 23.09 hrs on a heading of 060° N. Large fires were seen burning in the rear sight. 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up. The attack was considered as successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. Hail, and 32 x 50 lbs. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1351
NIGHT 19	MALPAK HF752	P/O. T.N. O'BRIEN, P/O. D.G. PETERSON, Sgt. GIBSON, G.O. Sgt. HODGSON, A.G. Sgt. O'BRIEN, P.O. Sgt. KENNEDY, A. Sgt. MCNAUL, W.P.	DO	18.06	22.30	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud over the target area. The target was identified by 100% markers which coincided with 90%. The primary was attacked and ground markers were in both sight when bombs were released from 15,000 ft at 22.06 hrs on a heading of 140° N. The rear marker saw fires exploding up on arrival into the target area. 90 x 4 lbs. incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. Hail, and 32 x 50 lbs. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1352
NIGHT 19	MALPAK HF677	Sgt. CHISHOLM, D.V. Sgt. GRANT, F. Sgt. JONES, J. P/O. HALL, D.M. Sgt. HAWTHORN, M.H. Sgt. HODGSON, R. Sgt. MCNAUL, J.A.	DO	17.30	23.05	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud over the target area. The target was identified by 100% markers which coincided with 90%. The primary was attacked and ground markers were in both sight when bombs were released from 17,000 ft at 23.05 hrs on a heading of 040° N. The rear marker saw fires exploding up on arrival into the target area. 90 x 4 lbs. incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. Hail, and 32 x 50 lbs. 720 x 4 lbs. incendiaries.	A1353
2/78	MALPAK HF752	P/O. BILL BROWN, P/O. PETERSON, Sgt. GIBSON, G.O. P/O. D.G. O'BRIEN, Sgt. HODGSON, A.G. P/O. ANDREW, R.A. Sgt. MCNAUL, W.P.	DO	18.30	00.00	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud over the target area. The bomb loader had difficulty in choosing an aiming point but an attack was made at 18,000 ft at 00.00 hrs on a heading 140° N. and ground markers were in both sight at this point. There was slight fire in this area and ground markers corresponded with own 90%. 90 x 4 lbs. incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. Hail, 720 x 4 lbs. 32 x 50 lbs. incendiaries.	A1354

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1943 2/25	HUFFYARD HR650	P/O. BEACHAM, R.O. P/O. BREWER, G.H. P/O. BRUNTON, G.W. P/O. COTTER, L.M. P/O. CUTTER, A.J. P/O. WILLIAMS, R. P/O. BROWN, K.H.	BOMBING WEATHER/NAV.	18.25	23.16	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 3000 ft over the target with good visibility above this. The target was identified by the help of red and green sky markers. A pinpoint was obtained and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 2055 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. Two clusters of red and green flares were in bush sight the moment bombs were released. No results were observed. 1 x 4 lb incendiary, long-term. No one was received without incident. Load carried 3 x 2000 G.P. 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1355
1943 2/25	HUFFYARD HR650	P/O. A.L. BREWER, P/O. LORENZ, P.D.P. P/O. COOKSON, J.H. P/O. MURRAY, J.H. P/O. JONES, J.H. P/O. HANCOCK, G.C. P/O. HANCOCK, J.W.	DO	18.30	23.45	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 10,000 ft over the target with good visibility above this. The target was identified by 100% flares and markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 2040 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. A concentration of sky markers were in bush sight at time of bombing but no results were observed. The 100% flares seemed scattered which made the selection of an aiming point difficult. Load carried 3 x 2000 G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1356
1943 2/25	HUFFYARD HR700	P/O. COOKSON, A. P/O. HANCOCK, J.H. P/O. HANCOCK, J.W. P/O. WHITBY, R. P/O. HANCOCK, J.W. P/O. COOKSON, J.W.	DO	18.27	23.27	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 3000 ft over the target. The target was identified by 100% sky markers and glow of G.P. markers below which corresponded with our H.M. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 2057 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. A concentration of sky markers were in bush sight at time of bombing but no results were observed. The 100% sky markers seemed scattered which made the selection of an aiming point difficult. Load carried 3 x 2000 G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1357
1943 2/25	HUFFYARD HR700	P/O. COOKSON, A. P/O. HANCOCK, J.H. P/O. HANCOCK, J.W. P/O. WHITBY, R. P/O. COOKSON, J.W. P/O. COOKSON, J.W.	DO	18.31	23.39	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 3000 ft over the target with fair visibility above this. The target was identified by 100% flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be WEILERSTADT and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 2025 hrs on a heading 152 degrees N. A group of red and green sky marker flares were just to the left of aircraft wings at the moment of bomb release but no results were observed. The markers can not be fitted. The 100% flares seemed to be dropped too low as they disappeared into cloud rather quickly. Load was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 2000 G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1358

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MIDN 2/25	HALIFAX B5772	P/O. R.H.P. GAYLOR, P/O. J. JEFFREY, D.L. Sgt. HARRISON, A.M.L. P/O. PARTRIDGE, H.M. P/O. J. SAWYER, R.M. P/O. GRIEVE, R.G. Sgt. TROTTER, R.M.	BO	18.41	25.55	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 7,000 ft over the target with good visibility above the cloud. The target was identified by R/T flares and markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2034 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. Bombs were in bomb sight at time of bombing but no results were observed. A very scattered view of powdered fires was visible through the cloud. 1 x 30 lb incendiaries hung up. The R/T flares were considered very scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lbs G.F., and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1360
MIDN 2/25	HALIFAX B579	P/O. T.O. KELLY, P/O. G.H. MCKEEAN, P/O. J.H. MCKEEAN, P/O. T. McLELLAN, P/O. H. MCNAUL, M.A. P/O. J.T. MCQUADE, Sgt. REEDMAN, J.H.	BO	18.40	22.50	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 7,000 ft over the target with slight haze above the clouds. The target was identified by R/T markers. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2034 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. The centre of flares were in bomb sight at moment of release but back burst were not seen. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lbs, 6x4 and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1361
MIDN 2/25	HALIFAX B575	Sgt. H.G. GEMMELL, P/O. J.H. DAWSON, Sgt. HOGAN, J.V.T.M. P/O. H.P. HALL, Sgt. HEDDER, R.H. P/O. HUNTER, R.C. Sgt. YOUNG, R.M.	BO	18.47	25.41	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 7,000 ft over the target with good visibility above. The target was identified by R/T sky markers. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be the primary target and attack was made from 15,500 ft at 2035 hrs on a heading 150 degrees N. No results were seen of own bombing but there were flickering fires below cloud. 60 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Neutral was used as instructed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3x1000 G.P. & 720lb, 32x30lbs, incendiary.	A1362

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NIGHT 24/25	HANIFAX DF673	P/O. L.G. MACKENZIE. P/O. A. PLAYFAIR. Sgt. COULPLAND, T.J. P/O. C. O'GORMAN. P/O. W.A. MULLEN. P/O. R.J. BALL. Sgt. HENKIN, L.W. Co. Sgt. BANGELOR, R.H.	BOMBING WEILHEIMSHAVEN	18.18	23.31	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 12000 ft over the target with slight haze above. The target was identified by PFF sky markers which corresponded with own RA. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 2035 hrs on a heading 150 degs N. Sky markers were in the bomb sight when the attack was made but no results were seen. There were scattered reflections of lights on cloud when the aircraft left the target area. The starboard engine went u/s ten minutes after leaving the target however base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1363
NIGHT 24/25	HANIFAX DF654	P/O. BOGDAN, A. P/O. J.K. KIRKHAM. Sgt. McDUGAL, G.H. P/O. LAURIN, D.H. P/O. MURRAY, J. P/O. T.L. RAY. Sgt. STEED, T.H.	DO	18.16	23.07	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 8000 ft over the target with good visibility above. The target was identified by PFF flares and markers which corresponded with RA. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be the primary target and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 2035 hrs on a heading 150 degs N. Sky markers were in the bomb sight when the attack was made but nothing definite was observed. The sky markers seemed to be in scattered positions and it is doubtful whether this could be considered a successful trip. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1364
NIGHT 24/25	HANIFAX DF790	P/O. HARRY, J.O. P/O. MILLER, R.L. Sgt. PATTERSON, J.S. Sgt. GARNER, R.A. Sgt. TAYLOR, R.H.A. Sgt. WHALEY, V. Sgt. McLENNAN, G.M.	DO	18.30	00.14	This aircraft flew 10/10 cloud with tops at 8000 ft over the target with good visibility above. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be WEILHEIMSHAVEN and an attack was made from 16,800 ft at 2038 hrs on a heading 150 degs N. Sky markers were in bomb sight at the moment of release but no results were observed. Marshal was not carried. It was considered that the target was definitely identified by the use of PFF techniques. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1365
NIGHT 24/25	HANIFAX DF677	P/O. J.S. CONNEL. P/O. HURCHILL, R.J. P/O. T.L. MCKEE. P/O. D.M. BLACK. Sgt. GIBSON, J.V. Sgt. HENDERSON, C.L. Sgt. JAMES, L.K. Co. Sgt. THOMAS, R.	DO	18.22	23.30	This aircraft found 10/10 cloud with tops at 15000 ft over the target with good visibility above. The target was identified by PFF flares and markers. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to be the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 2033 hrs on a heading 150 degs N. No results were seen on bombing but an orange glow could be seen reflected on the clouds. The dropshot flew most of the trip home and was found very capable and steady. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb G.P. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	A1366

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NIGHT 25/26	HALIFAX DE772	Sgt. BACHELOR, R.H. Sgt. WEBB, H. P/O. K.L.V. FERGUSON Sgt. HALE, R. Sgt. GRANT, F.W. Sgt. CORBETT, J.R.P.U. Sgt. GRAYSON, H.L.	GARDENING NEPTUNIAN L.	21.24	01.39	There was a cloud base at about 1500 ft with haze over the sea. A pinpoint was made on the south west end of TERRASSEAU and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released on the primary target from 600 ft at 2327 hrs on a heading 003 degs N. The mines were seen to splash into the sea. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 1 x 300 and 1 x 200 veg.	A1367
NIGHT 25/26	HALIFAX DE676	P/O. D.F. ALLEN. P/O. R.G. MURKIN. Sgt. MCNEIL, J.H. Sgt. HEDDERSON, W.R. P/B. BOOTH, G.L. Sgt. O'LEARY, W. Sgt. DUNNIBACH, R.H.	DO	21.22	01.07	There was a cloud base over the island but it was clear over the sea. An attack was made from 1500 ft at 2317 hrs on a heading 014 degs N and the mines were laid on sea. The parachutes were seen to open but nothing else was observed. Base was reached without accident. Load carried 3 x 200 and 1 x 202 veg.	A1368
NIGHT 25/26	HALIFAX DE790	Sgt. THOMAS, H. Sgt. DEBBELACK, J. Sgt. DOUGLASS, H. Sgt. MCDONALD, J.M. Sgt. CLIFFORD, R.V. Sgt. AGNEW, H.G. Sgt. PRIDEAU, R.C.	DO	21.45	01.35	There was a thick haze obscuring the grounds. This aircraft A1369 was unable to pinpoint because of weather conditions so mines were brought back. Load carried 1 x 300 and 1 x 200 veg.	
NIGHT 25/26	HALIFAX DE679	P/O. C.G. HATLAW. P/O. A.M. STODDARD. Sgt. OSBURN, S.F. P/C. W.E. ROWLAND. Sgt. PRIMIAN, G.L. Sgt. THOMPSON, A.A. Sgt. KAPERNICKEL, W.G.	DO	21.30	01.31	Weather conditions made it impossible to pick up a pinpoint so mines were brought back to base. There was a thick cloud over land and sea. Load carried 3 x 202 and 1 x 200 veg.	A1370
NIGHT 26/27	HALIFAX DE790	P/O. HARRY, J.O. P/O. MILLAN, H.L. Sgt. PATTERSON, J.H. Sgt. GIBSON, R.A. Sgt. TAYLOR, H.H.A. Sgt. SHARPE, W. Sgt. MCLELLAN, G.H.	BOARDING COLOGNE	11.39	21.51	There was good visibility with slight ground haze over the target area. The target was approached five minutes early and was over it at 2100 hrs. Red and green flares were seen in the target area and two runs were made over the target but bomb doors failed to open on each run and selector switch was left at the open position. The bomb doors opened when returning and the AIRBORNE AT MONTREAL was bombed. There was good visibility haze and the target was identified by flare path and perimeter track, both of which were let up. An attack was made from 16,000 ft at 2149 hrs on a heading 354 degs N. The flare path was in both sights at moment of bomb release and bombs were seen to explode to port side of flare path. A red glow could be seen as a fire passed over as if a fire had been started. 1 x 1000 lb fell down in sea and from 13000 ft at 2215 hrs at 5005 N 0010 E. Load carried 8 x 2000 lb bags and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendi. Base reached without incident.	A1371

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MURKIN 26/27	HANIFAX B6756	P/O. A.A. STEWART. M/Sgt. LEITCH, D.B.P. P/O. G.H. LINDEN. L/Cpl. HARRISON, L.C. P/O. HEDDERMAN, G.L. L/Cpl. HAGGARD, C.H. M/Sgt. HASSARD, J.A.	BOMBING COASTAL	18.56	00.03	This aircraft found very good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by NV flares and by two decoys west of the town. A photograph was obtained on COASTAL and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 21.25 hrs on a heading 360 degs. The centre of green flares were in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release but bombs were not seen to explode. In the target area there was one large fire burning with four smaller ones just to the south of it. Bombs from other aircraft were seen to burst in these fires and there were several aircraft in the vicinity including Halifaxs, Wellingtons, and Mosquitos. Fires could be seen many miles away. Naval was not sighted. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.P. and 750 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1372
MURKIN 26/27	HANIFAX B6752	P/O. D.P. ALLEN. M/Sgt. SUTHERLAND. M/Sgt. REED, J.H. M/Sgt. WILSON, R. W. P/O. HEDDERMAN, G.R. M/Sgt. COOPER, T. M/Sgt. HAGGARD, H.	DO	18.55	00.03	This aircraft found visibility very good with no cloud and slight ground haze. The target was identified by NV flares and visually. A photograph was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 21.15 hrs at 0115 hrs on a heading 100 degs N. Northern wing in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release but bombs were seen to burst. Many flares were starting in old town area and the attack seemed to be unsuccessful though NV were late to dropping flares. 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries burst up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.P. and 750 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1373
MURKIN 26/27	HANIFAX B6750	P/O. I.G. THOMPSON. M/Sgt. A. HAGGARD. M/Sgt. COOPER, T. L/Cpl. G. O'NEILL. L/Cpl. W.A. HEDDERMAN. M/Sgt. HEDDERMAN. M/Sgt. REED, H.	DO	19.03	00.07	This aircraft found no cloud but considerables haze obscuring the ground detail. The target was identified by NV flares. A photograph was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 21.25 hrs on a heading 065 degs N. Red T.I. markers were in bomb sight at center of buildings. There were many scattered fires over the target area and were just beginning to take hold. 30 x 4 lbs. incendiaries burst up. The NV was late but accurate and this was considered a successful trip. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.P. and 750 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1374
MURKIN 26/27	HANIFAX B6777	P/O. G.O. HEDDERMAN. M/Sgt. M. SPENCER. M/Sgt. COOPER, A.P. P/O. F.M. REED. M/Sgt. REED, H. M/Sgt. HAGGARD, H. M/Sgt. HEDDERMAN, V.J.	DO	18.48	00.26	Plane-damaged found very good visibility with slight haze. The target was identified by NV markers. A photograph was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 20.35 hrs on a heading 060 degs N. The target was in bomb sight at moment of bombing but bombs were not seen to burst. The whole of town seemed to be well lit by big fires and could be seen 100 miles away. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.P. and 750 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1375

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MIDNIGHT 26/27	HALIFAX H9650	S/L. J. A. GOWR. P/O. R. E. HENNING, R.F. P/O. T. R. HOGG L/A. D. M. BLACK Sgt. GIBSON, J. Sgt. HARRIS, G. Sgt. JONES, L.	BOMBING CROSSOVER	18.47	00.02	This aircraft found no cloud but haze obscuring the ground detail on the target area. The target was identified by PFF surfaces and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 095 degs N. Bombs were in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release and bombs were seen to explode. The whole of old town area appeared to be on fire and fire could be seen 60 miles away. The captain records that all members of crew did a good job and are to be congratulated on the good work done. None reached without accident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.s., and 720 x 4 lb. 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1376
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HALIFAX H9679	P/O. T. G. LATH. P/O. R. E. HENNING P/O. J. M. HEDDERICK P/O. H. HOGG, R.F. P/O. R. M. THOMAS Sgt. JONES, J.H.	DO	18.51	23.00	This aircraft found good visibility with ground haze in the target area. The target was identified by PFF surfaces and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the built up area and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 2319 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. The built up area was in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release and bombs were seen to explode. Fires were soon starting in built up areas as a/c left. 12 x 4 lb. incendiaries, built up. Marshal was used as directed. At the time indicated for commencement of the attack no flames could be seen and air conditions were becoming hazy a built up area was selected and bombed. B one was reached without accident. (The target attacked was believed to be <del>BRUNSWICK</del> ). Load carried 3 x 1000 G.s., and 720 x 4 lb. 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1377
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HALIFAX H9660	S/L. R. W. H. HOBSON P/O. R. E. HARRILL L/A. RAYNER, R.F. P/O. T. G. LATH. Sgt. JONES, J.H. Sgt. HOGG, R.F. Sgt. THOMAS, R.F.	DO	18.59	00.09	This aircraft found good visibility with ground haze in the target area. The target was identified visually and by PFF surfaces. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 2126 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. Bombs were in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release however no results were observed. Fires were well concentrated in the target area and this was considered a successful trip. Load carried 3 x 1000 G.s., and 720 x 4 lb. 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1376
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HALIFAX H9700	Sgt. WILSON, R.J.H. S/L. R. W. H. HOBSON P/O. T. G. LATH. P/O. HARRILL, J.H. Sgt. HOGG, R.F. Sgt. THOMAS, R.F. Sgt. VELLA, J.	DO	19.00	00.31	This aircraft found slight ground haze in the target area. The target was identified by PFF surfaces. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 2021 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. Bombs were in bomb sight at the moment of bomb release however no results were observed. Heavy fires were seen spreading up in the town area and the raid was considered successful. None was reached without accident. Load carried 3 x 1000 G.s., and 720 x 4 lb. 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1379

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MIDNIGHT 26/27	HUFFYU 107601	Sgt. G. C. GRIFFIN, P/W. HODGSON, H.M. P/W. TROTTER, J.H. Sgt. WOOD, R. Sgt. ALEXANDER, J.H. P/A. COOPER, L.G. Sgt. HODGKIN, F.	MISSION COURSES	10.55	00.35	This aircraft found very good visibility with slight ground haze or smoke. The target was identified visually and by IRIS cameras. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. The target was in both sight at the moment bombs were released and bombs were seen to explode. There were many flares starting in the old town area. It was thought that the 1000 ft short ten minutes earlier than was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.E. and 720 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1380
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HUFFYU 107772	P/W. TROTTER, J.H. P/A. JACKSON, R.A. Sgt. HODGSON, R.J. Sgt. HODGKIN, H.M. P/A. COOPER, L.G. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. BURKE, P.M.	BO	10.50	00.35	This aircraft found no cloud with slight ground haze over the targets. The target was identified by IRIS cameras. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10000 ft at 2120 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. Green smoke was in both sight at the moment of bomb release but no reds to were observed. The 1000 flares were late in exploding but the very smoke then dropped. Many flares were concentrated in the town and 500 m was considered a V.F. (approximately). Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.E. and 720 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1381
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HUFFYU 107602	Sgt. COOPER, R.W. P/A. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. HODGSON, R.J. P/A. COOPER, L.G. P/A. COOPER, L.G. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. COOPER, R.W.	BO	10.50	00.45	This aircraft found no cloud with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified by IRIS flares and also by considerable smoke. A pinpoint was obtained on COOPER and an attack was made from 10000 ft. at 2125 hrs on a heading 130 degs N. Bombs were in both sight at the moment of bomb release and bombs were seen to explode immediately after release. 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up. Handbill was not dropped. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.E. and 720 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1382
MIDNIGHT 26/27	HUFFYU 107606	Sgt. TROTTER, R. Sgt. HODGSON, J. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. COOPER, R.W. Sgt. COOPER, R.W.	BO	10.57	01.00	This aircraft did not reach target area. THE IR camera 30 degs out after crossing English coast and hypothesizing of position went u/s and hard pump was used. Bombs were scattered 40 miles south east of COOPER and three para seen to start. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb up. This aircraft landed at 10000 ft. 30 min. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb. G.E. and 720 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A1383

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MIDNIGHT 26/77	HALIFAX DR675	S/LDR. R.G. GIBSON, DFC P/O. J.R. DUNLOP, PAFM SAC. HEDGES, J. T. L/A. MULLEN, R. P/O. MCINTOSH, G. SAC. HEDGES, A. SAC. HALL, E.	DISTRICT	10.40	25.25 22.40	This aircraft found very bad weather conditions over the target. The target was identified and an attack was made but no results were observed. There were many heavy flak shells in the target area. The aircraft was badly damaged over the target area and three engines went u/a and the rear turret doors jammed. Astro-dome was blown off and many holes through elevators and fuselage. Flinney and Gewart were believed lost over cockpit. The captain gave the order to take out when hit over the target but an engine picking up resulted order. Several fire positions were given on way back in case of forced ditching. No injuries were sustained by crew. Load carried 3 x 1000 lbs. fuel and 720 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lbs. incendiaries.	A1364
MIDNIGHT 27/78	HALIFAX DR676	P/O. HEDGES, J.G. P/O. HEDGES, W. SAC. HEDGES, J. R. SAC. GIBSON, R. P/O. MCINTOSH, H.H. SAC. HEDGES, A. SAC. MCINTOSH, G.	DISPERSED	20.13	22.36	There was no cloud but poor visibility over the target. A pinpoint was made on the island of HESSEN and a timed run was made from the eastern tip. The mines were released at 750 ft. at 2015 hrs on a heading 018 1/2 degs N. Both mines were seen to leave the aircraft but nothing further was observed. Fuel was used as instructed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 200 veg.	A1365
MIDNIGHT 27/78	HALIFAX DR749	P/O. HEDGES, W. P/O. HEDGES, J.H. SAC. HEDGES, J. P/O. LUTHER, D.A. P/O. MCINTOSH, J. P/O. MCINTOSH, R. SAC. MCINTOSH, G.	DO	21.57	22.07	There was no cloud but was very dark with poor visibility over the target. A pinpoint was made on the eastern tip of HESSEN and a timed run was made from there. Parachutes were not seen to open nor the mines strike water. Fuel was not ditched. The mines were released in the allotted position from 300 ft at 2005 hrs on a heading 017 degs N. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 200, 1 x 200 HE Veg.	A1366
MIDNIGHT 27/78	HALIFAX DR757	SAC. GIBSON, A.H. P/O. MCINTOSH, H.H. P/O. MCINTOSH, J.H. SAC. MCINTOSH, A. SAC. MCINTOSH, J.H. P/O. MCINTOSH, L.O. SAC. MCINTOSH, P.	DO	21.40	22.40	There was no cloud but slight haze over the target. A pinpoint was made on the east end of the island of HESSEN and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released on the target area from 300 ft at 2021 hrs on a heading 018 degs N. The parachutes were seen to open on all 5 mines. Fuel was not ditched. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 200 and 2 x 300 HE Veg.	A1367
MIDNIGHT 27/78	HALIFAX DR769	SAC. MCINTOSH, P. P/O. MCINTOSH, A. P/O. MCINTOSH, J. P/O. MCINTOSH, J.H. P/O. MCINTOSH, J. P/O. MCINTOSH, A. P/O. MCINTOSH, J.	DO	21.53	22.44	There was no cloud but slight haze over the target. A pinpoint was made on the east end of the island of HESSEN and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released on the target area from 1400 ft at 2020 hrs on a heading 018 degs N. One parachute was seen to open. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 300 HE Veg.	A1368

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1945 27/02	HALIFAX BX677	Sgt. BARTON, R.H. GARDNER Sgt. WOOD, H. MCINTOSH II P/O. R.V. PERRIN Sgt. HALL, R. Sgt. CRAVEN, P.J. Sgt. COOKSON, J.H.W.U. Sgt. GRAHAM, H.L.	GARDNERING ROUTE RIDGE II	18.11	22.18	There was no cloud but slight haze over the target. A pinpoint was made on the east end of the island of ROUTE RIDGE and a timed run was made from there. The mines were released on the target area from 800 ft at 2013 hrs on a heading 022 degs N. The explosions were seen to open and the mines soon to enter the water. Meshed was not fitted. This was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 500 and 1 x 300 MK IV. Mines.	A130
1945 27/02	HALIFAX BX679	P/O. L.E. DEPPREZ Sgt. LEITCH, D.D.P. P/O. G.H. LYNN Sgt. ANDREW, H.L. P/O. FREEMAN, G.H. Sgt. HAMMOND, G.H. Sgt. RAIBOLD, J.H.	DO	17.30	22.48	There was no cloud but considerable haze over the target. The task was abandoned owing to failure to pick up a pinpoint. With mines switch in 'J' on' position the gun fire haze was distorted and therefore inaccurate. This aircraft received one small hole in tail caused by some flak near ROUTE RIDGE. The mines were brought back to base. Load carried 1 x 500 and 1 x 300 MK IV. Base was reached with out further incidents.	A130
1945 27/02	HALIFAX BX684	P/O. J.H. CURRIL Sgt. BERNHARD, R.J. P/O. T.H. MOORE P/O. DELL BLACK Sgt. COOPER, J.W. Sgt. HOBSON, G.H. Sgt. JACK, L.H.	DO	18.05	22.27	There was no cloud but considerable haze over the target. This aircraft was unable to locate pinpoint and mines were bro ght back. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 500 and 2 x 300 MK V. Veg.	A131
1945 27/02 1.3.43	HALIFAX BX688 BX689	P/O. T.O. KORN Sgt. H.G. NEFF Sgt. PETERSON, P.D. P/O. HUNTER, H.W. Sgt. PARKER, R.P. P/O. H.V. MCKEEHAN Sgt. REED, J.H.	DO	18.20	00.13	This aircraft found good visibility apart from slight haze in the target area. The target was identified visually and with aid of MK flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 2126 hrs on a heading 103 degs N. No numbers were burning at the time of bombing so a spot close to the docks was in the best sight when bombs were released and it is felt that they certainly fell in the target area. All the towns upon adjoining docks with a mass of flames. This was considered a very successful trip and base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lbs. and 500 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A132
1945 27/02 1.3.43	HALIFAX BX690	Sgt. HEDDERSON, H. P/O. COOPER, R.H. P/O. KELLY, P.H. P/O. J.H. MCKEEHAN Sgt. REED, J.H. Sgt. REED, P.H. Sgt. REED, R.D.	DO	18.30	01.15	This aircraft found good visibility with no cloud in the target area. The target was identified visually and by MK flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 10,000 ft at 2147 hrs on a heading 090 degs N. The target was to best sight when the attack was made but no results were observed. The whole of the target area appeared to be on fire. This was considered a very successful trip. Load carried 2 x 1000 lbs. and 500 x 4 lb. 30 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	A133

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NIGHT HALIFAX II 26.2.43/ HR 690 1.3.43	P/L.R. H. BO GUY. P/O. J. E. MCKEECHAN. P/O. J. L. RICHARD. L/Cpl. D. A. GILBERT. L/Cpl. BROWN, H. A. L/Cpl. HARRISON, D. C. P/O. V. H. RONALD.	RESCUE	RESCUE	18.35	00.22	The aircraft found perfect visibility with no cloud in the target area. The target was identified visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 11,000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 100 degs N. Bombs and building a were in bomb sight when bombs released but no results were observed as there were numerous explosions at this time. All the target area seemed to be a sea of flames. None was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.M. and 600 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1394
NIGHT HALIFAX II 26.2.43/ HR 694 1.3.43	P/O. P. P. ALLEN. P/C. D. C. FERGUSON. L/Cpl. HEDGES, J. H. P/O. T. H. REEVES. P/O. SMITH, G. R. L/Cpl. COLEMAN, V. L/Cpl. DODDINGTON, H. W.	DO	DO	18.36	00.02	The aircraft found good visibility with no cloud but there was considerable haze and smoke over the target area. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 11,000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 100 degs N. The target was identified by red green and red flashes. Green flares were in bomb sight at the time of release but results of our bombing were not observed but it is felt that bombs fell in the target area. Many large fires were already burning in the southern half of the town. This was considered a very successful raid. None was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.M. and 600 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1395
NIGHT HALIFAX II 26.2.43/ HR 677 1.3.43	Sgt. TATE, H. Sgt. BRADSHAW, J. Sgt. COOPER, R. Sgt. DODDINGTON, J. M. Sgt. LAIRD, J. L. Sgt. MITCHELL, H. G. Sgt. SMITH, V.	DO	DO	18.36	00.02	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target. The target was identified visually and by red and green 100 flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 11,000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 100 degs N. Red flares were in bomb sight at the moment of release but no results were observed. There were numerous fires burning all over the town and these could be seen right across camp. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Handful was not carried. None was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.M. and 600 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1396
NIGHT HALIFAX II 26.2.43/ HR 694 1.3.43	S/L. R. C. M. HEDGES. P/O. D. J. RONALD. L/Cpl. HEDGES, J. H. P/O. J. H. COLEMAN. L/Cpl. J. H. COLEMAN. L/Cpl. HEDGES, D. H. L/Cpl. SMITH, V.	DO	DO	18.36	00.02	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target. The target was identified visually and by red and green 100 flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 11,000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 100 degs N. Green flares were in bomb sight at the moment of release and it is thought that bombs fell 300 yards north of the target point. There were large fires burning and some appeared to be burning oil as masses of black smoke were rising up. None was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.M. and 600 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1397

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NIGHT 26.2.43/ 1.3.43	HALIFAX II BT 797	P.W. L.W.P. GOSSEL, P.W. JARRETT, B.L. Sgt. HAWTHORN, A.V. Sgt. HARRISON, H.A. Sgt. HEDDERSON, W.H. Sgt. CHAMBERS, R.G. Sgt. BURGER, R.W.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	18.31	00.44	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the targets. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 180 degs N. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed but it is felt certain that bombs fell in target area. There were very large fires observed at the dock and town area and glow of fires was visible at the french coast on return. This was considered a very successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.P., and 500 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AI398
NIGHT 26.2.43/ 1.3.43	HALIFAX II BT 701	Sgt. BACHELOR, R.H. Sgt. KEMP, H. P/O. R.V. FERKIN, Sgt. HARDY, R. Sgt. GRANT, F.J. Sgt. CORBET, J.N.P.U. Sgt. GRAYSON, H.L.	DO	18.33	00.29	This aircraft found excellent visibility with no cloud in the target area. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on ST. NAZAIRE and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 23.34 hrs on a heading 180 degs N. Green flares were in bomb sight at moment of release and bombs were seen to burst on the east side of long dock among buildings. There were large fires in the town which were visible for nearly 100 miles away. Headwind was not fitted. PFF flares were well grouped and easily seen. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.P. and 500 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AI399
NIGHT 26.2.43/ 1.3.43	HALIFAX II BT 780	P.O. D.M. HARRISON, P/O. G.R. WHITBURN, P/O. T.W. HAGGARD, Sgt. LEPPERTON, C.R. Sgt. HEDDERSON, R.W. Sgt. WILLIAMS, G.E. Sgt. FREDDY, R.G.	DO	18.27	00.36	This aircraft found good visibility with some haze and smoke over the target area. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 23.31 hrs on a heading 170 degs N. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release and bombs fell in the target area. Many large fires were seen in the town and numerous smaller ones and the glow of same was visible when well over the english channel. The PFF did a very good job. This operation was considered a most successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.P., and 500 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AI400

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NIGHT 26.2.43/ 1.3.43	HALIFAX II DW 674	F/O. L.G. MACKENZIE F/O. A. MCNAUL O/S. C. CONNELLY F/O. G. O'GRADY F/O. H.J. MILLROY F/O. R.J. RAJES O/S. BROWNE, R.W.	BOMBING ST. NADIR.	18.34	00.31	This aircraft found very good visibility over the target. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 15000 ft at 2132 hrs on a heading 170 degs N. Markers were in both sight at time of release and bombs seen to explode. There were many fires observed all over the town area. Mandrel was used as directed. This was considered a successful effort. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 G.P. and 500 x 4 lbs. 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries.	AL401

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NIGHT 2-3/2/43	HALIFAX HR654	P/O. J.S. CARVER, F/Sgt. BIRCHALL, R.J. F/Sgt. SAMMERS, M. P/O. D.M. BLACK, Sgt. GIBSON, J.W. Sgt. HODGE, G.L. Sgt. JAGGER, L.H.	GARDENING AREA 4+	1643	2343	This aircraft found visibility very bad in the gardening area, and cloud base was down to sea level. It was not possible to obtain a pinpoint on the lighthouse, owing to the cloud. The load of 1 x 200 and 1 x 202 veg; was brought back to base.	A1257
NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX DT677	Sgt. GRANT, A.G. Sgt. CHURCH, M.G. Sgt. KELLY, P.G. Sgt. LAUKE, M.R. Sgt. POWELL, A.E. Sgt. KELLER, C.R. Sgt. STREIFFORD, K.R.	DO	1644	2359	This aircraft found fairly good visibility, except in showers, and owing to this was unable to make a pinpoint. It was decided to return with the load of 2 x 200 veg; Base was reached without incident.	A1258
NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX HR658	F/Sgt. SMITH, D.W. F/Sgt. SAYERS, J.P. Sgt. SAUND, R.J.P. Sgt. CONNELL, W.H. Sgt. LOUGH, W.H. Sgt. CLOUTIER, J.E.R. Sgt. BRACKENBRIDGE, D.M.	DO	1645	2340	This aircraft flew below or just in the cloud the whole of the time spent in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on FORBES POINT and the town of GRENADE, the latter being poorly blacked-out, and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. The mines were released at 1947 hours from 1000' on a heading 108° M. the parachute of the first veg was seen to open, but no results were seen. Aircraft reached base without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1259
NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX DT676	F/Sgt. MARGARET, M. P/O. J.R. PRICE. Sgt. SAVAGE, B.H. P/O. R.G. BERRY. P/O. L.L. MILROY. Sgt. WALTON, J.H. Sgt. MCINTIRE, G.W. CO.PILOT.	DO	1648	0042	It was fairly clear in the gardening area and a pinpoint was made on KILLEEN POINT and the Lighthouse was seen. From there a timed run was made into the gardening area, and the mines were released from 900' at 2042 hours on a heading 250° M. The parachute was seen, but no results were seen. 1 x 105 "Hung up" (reason unknown). The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 105 and 1 x 200.	A1260
NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX DT769	F/Sgt. W.A. BLACK. Sgt. HODGE, G.L. F/Sgt. WAITE, F. Sgt. TAPLIN, J.A. Sgt. AUBREY, J.B. P/O. I.G. IRVINE. Sgt. EARDLEY, S. Sgt. WRIGHT, R.H.	DO	1647	0041	There was good visibility below patches of cloud, and a pinpoint was made KILLEEN POINT and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. The veg were released from 900' at 2047 hours on a heading 257° M. and both mines were seen to hit the water in the correct position. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 105 and 1 x 200.	A1261

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NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX DR675	P/S. HARRY, J.C. P/S. MILLER, B.L. SGT. PATTERSON, J.E. SGT. GARDNER, R.A. SGT. TAYLOR, N.H.R. SGT. STUART, R.W. SGT. TATHAM, W.N.	GARDENING SILVERTHORN	16.55	25.55	There was low cloud at 300' with fairly good visibility below this height, and a pinpoint was made on TINO Island. Aircraft turned north and pinpointed FORNAES and made a timed run from there to the gardening area. The veg were released at 20.11 hours from 1000' on a heading 090° N but no results were observed. Aircraft reached base without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1262
NIGHT 2-3	HALIFAX DR679	P/O. T.P. CORNWALL. P/O. D.G. FERGUSON. SGT. GIBBS, C.C. SGT. SIMMONDS, E.G. SGT. O'CONNOR, P.C. SGT. SLEATH, A. SGT. HATIE, W.P.	DO	16.55	21.00	This aircraft found cloud down to 1000' and was forced to climb to 12,000'. The inter-osc went u/s and together with the weather conditions, it was decided to return to base. The load of 1 x 200 and 1 x 202 were brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A1263
NIGHT 3-4+2-3	HALIFAX DR673	SGT. MCKENZIE, L.C. P/O. A. PLAYFAIR. SGT. COUPLAND, T.J. P/O. W.A. MELLANBY. P/O. C.O'CONNELL. P/O. R.J. BALL. SGT. MCKENZIE, W. SGT. WRIGHT, R.L.R.	BOMBING HAMMER	18.04	00.06	This aircraft found 10/10th cloud at 10,000' over the target Coltishall area, with good visibility above the cloud. The attack was made at 21.20 hrs. from 15,000' but no results were seen. The Des Approach went u/s, and a landing was made at COLTISHALL on three engines. Landing was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 950 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1264
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DR664	S/LDR. W.F.M. HENSON. P/O. W.J. HARRELL. SGT. MAYLOR, W.K. P/M. A.J. JARVIS. SGT. JOHNSON, A.R. SGT. MARTIN, D.H. SGT. MARTIN, R.	DO	18.02	19.41	There was 10/10th cloud over the target area, but a pinpoint was made on PAF's flares, and an attack was made on the town at 21.00 hrs. from 14,000' on a heading 340° N. Bursts were seen through the cloud, but no results could be observed. 30 x 4 lb incendiary "hang up". The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1265
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DR675	W/CDR. W.D.S. FERRIS. P/M. H.B. GATES. SGT. QUINNELL, V.H. P/O. R.J. REYNOLDS. SGT. PILGRIM, R.A. SGT. REIKAT, F.H. SGT. REILLYMAN, H.H.	DO	18.10	19.19	This pilot decided to return owing to Gyro Horizan being u/s. Return was made from a position 53.4N 0006E at 1838 hours. 2 x 1000 lb G.P. were jettisoned safe at a position 5356 N 0002W, and 1050 x 4lb incendiary were jettisoned live at the same position at 18.36 hours from 6,500' (90 x 4lb incendiary "hang up") Base was reached without incident.	A1266

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NIGHT 3-4+24.3	HALIFAX DT679	P/O. T.O. KAYE, P/O. R.G.A. MAYER, Sgt. PATTERSON, P.D., Sgt. SIDENHAMS, R.G., Sgt. HOWARD, M.W., Sgt. H.W. McDONALD, Sgt. BORLEY, J.H.	BOMBING HAMBURG,	18.04	21.35	This aircraft returned from a position of 53°N 000°E at 18.38 hours at 8000' owing to the intercom being u/s. It was decided to fly around to use up the petrol load, and this was done for three hours, when aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incen. type X.	A1267
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX HR654	Sgt. SIRET, B.A. Sgt. CARTER, R.E. Sgt. FLATHER, G.A. P/O. J.D. MORRINE, Sgt. BOYER, G.D. Sgt. BURKE, F.B. Sgt. BRUCE, K.O.	DO	18.15	01.15	There was 10/10th cloud in the target area up to 14,000' with good visibility above that height. A pinpoint was made on P.W.J. flares, and this corresponded with E.M.A.s from HEYA. The attack was made from 17,000' at 21.06 hours on a heading 030° N but no results were seen. A glow was seen through the clouds indicating many fires in the town. At 20.30 hours over the town of BREMEN the Southern defences were encountered, and aircraft suffered some slight flak damage. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incen. and 30 x 4lb incen. type X.	A1268
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT752	Sgt. BLACKHALL, R.O. P/O. D.C. FERGUSON, Sgt. SIMPER, G.I. Sgt. COMPTON, K.E. Sgt. SUTTON, A.J. Sgt. WILLIAMS, R. Sgt. EGANUS, K.H.	DO	18.06	00.29	This aircraft found 10/10th cloud in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on P.W.J. flares and Green sky markers and own E.M.A.s. An attack was made from 18,000' at 21.00 hours on a heading 210° N but 2 x 1000 lb G.P.'s "Hung up". The glow of fires could be seen through the cloud, from HEYA on the return. Aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb type "T" incen.	A1269
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX HR655	Sgt. GRAFT, A.G. Sgt. CHERRY, M.G. Sgt. KELLER, P.S. Sgt. LALOUE, M.H. Sgt. POWELL, A.E. Sgt. KELLER, G.R. Sgt. STANTHORPE, K.H.	DO	18.09	00.33	There was 9/10th cloud in the target area when this aircraft made a pinpoint on P.W.J. flares. Bombs were released in the centre of a cluster of Green Flares, from 15,000' at 21.02 hours on a heading 020° N but no results were seen owing to the cloud. The base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. 1140 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb type "T" incen.	A1270
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT677	Sgt. CHILDERS, D.V. Sgt. CROSS, J. Sgt. ANDRESEN, J. Sgt. NAUER, D.G. Sgt. MATTHEWS, L.H. Sgt. EDGES, R. Sgt. NECHAEV, J.A.	DO	18.06	01.07	This crew found 10/10th cloud in the target area with tops at 8000'. A pinpoint was made on P.W.J. flares and the attack was made on green flares. No results were seen. The attack was made from 9000' at 20.58 hours on a heading 020° N. Severe icing conditions were found near the Dutch Coast. 120 x 4lb incen "hung up". Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. 1140 x 4lb incen and 30 x 4lb type "T" incen.	A1271

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NIGHT 3-4-2+43	HALIFAX HR658	P/O. R. H. P. GAMBLE, SGT. JARRETT, D.L. SGT. GIBBS, G.C. SGT. PARTRITT, H.E. SGT. MCGOLLAH, K.S. SGT. GRICE, L.G. SGT. BARKER, R.W.	BOMBING HAMBURG	18.32	00.52	This aircraft bombed the target at 21.16 hours on a heading 030° N from a height of 17,000' but no results were seen. 1 x 1000lb G.P. "hung up". There was severe icing, and the pilot head instruments went u/s, surging oil cooler of port outer u/s, and all guns would not fire, due to the cold. Aircraft made a successful landing at DOCKING. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 13 S.B.C.'s.	A1272
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT674	SGT. GRICE, K.O. P/O. NEHRMAN, W.V. P/O. G.A. VOLK P/O. N.D. DOWDIE SGT. IVOR, W.A. SGT. VIKS, J.V. SGT. BLAKELEY, J.D.	DO	18.07	21.41	This aircraft ran into an Electric Storm over HOLLAND, and could not climb above the cloud, so it was decided to return to base from a position approx AMSTERDAM at 19.45 hours at 27,000'. The load of 2 x 1000 lb G.P., 11A0 x 4lb incendiary, and 30 x 4lb type "X" was brought back to base.	A1273
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT676	SGT. COCHRANE, A.W. P/S. McDONALD, H.K. P/S. HIGGINS, J.H. SGT. WHITIS, R. SGT. ASHBROOK, J.E.K. P/S. GRICE, L.G. SGT. MCGINNIS, F.	DO	18.11	00.38	This crew found cloud 8-9/10th cloud in the target area, with tops at 15,000' and visibility up to 8 miles. A pinpoint was made on P.F.F. flares and the attack was made at 21.06 hours from 15,500' on a heading 030° N and bombs were seen to burst through the clouds. The glow of fires could also be seen on the clouds. 120 x 4lb incendiaries "hung up". The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P., 11A0 x 4lb incendiary, and 30 x 4lb type "X" incendiaries.	A1274
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT749	P/S. ROSS, A. P/O. J.K. KNIGHTS. SGT. MCDONALD, G.H. P/S. LAWRENCE, D.E. SGT. CLIFFORD, R.V. P/O. E.E. RAY. SGT. SHEDD, T.H.	DO	18.05	00.45	A pinpoint was made on P.F.F. flares through the cloud which was about 9/10th over the target area at 13,000'. An attack was made from 16,000' at 21.15 hours on a heading 030° N but no results could be seen. The glow of the fires could be seen through the clouds. 120 x 4lb incendiaries "hung up". Aircraft reached base without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb G.P., 11A0 x 4lb incendiary, and 30 x 4lb type "X" incendiary.	A1275
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX DT679	P/S. MARGOTT, M. P/O. J.R. PRICE SGT. SAYERS, R.H. P/O. R.G. BURKE P/O. L.M. McLEOD SGT. WALTON, J.H. SGT. MCGRATH, G.W. CO.PILOT.	DO	18.01	19.41	This aircraft returned to base early owing to the Port inner motor low oil pressure, and high temperature. The return was made from 54.0N 00.0E at 18.11 hours from 7000'. The load of 2 x 1000lb G.P., 11A0 x 4lb incendiary and 30 x 4lb type "X" incendiary were jettisoned safe at turning point. The aircraft returned to base without further incident.	A1276

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NIGHT 3-4-2+3	HALIFAX DT690	P/LT. W.A. BLACK, Sgt. HOWE, R.G., P/S. WAITE, P., Sgt. TAPLIN, J.A., Sgt. AUNE, J.S., P/O. L.G. DURKE, Sgt. BARRETT, S.	BOMBING HAMBURG.	18.00	--	This aircraft took off from this base at 18.00 hours, for bombing operations over HAMBURG, but unfortunately since that time, nothing has been heard from either crew or the aircraft, and must be presumed missing. The following are the Operational Trip and Hours of the members of the crew.	A1277
NIGHT 4-5-2+3	HALIFAX DT674	Sgt. GREEN, K.O., P/S. NEUMANN, W.V., P/S. G.A. VOGEL, P/O. N.D. DOWDIE, Sgt. IVOR, W.A., Sgt. VINS, J.V., Sgt. ELMERT, J.D.	BOMBING TURIN ITALY.	17.47	02.34	GAV. N. 7980 P/O. A/P/R. William Andrew, BLACK, (P) 1267922 Sgt. HOWE, Bert, Gordon. (Nav/B) GAV. N. 7939 P/S. WAITE, Frank. (Air/B) 1268696 Sgt. TAPLIN, John Albert. (Wop/A) GAV. N. 152276 Sgt. AUNE, Jean, Sylvio, Albert. (M/U) GAV. N. 15038 P/O. Iain, Gordon, DURKE. (W) 1118312 Sgt. BARRETT, Samuel. (F/ENG)	OPERATIONAL HOURS 42.41 6 8 6 2 12.01 8 5 29.36
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX DT679	P/O. T.G. KAYE, P/O. R.G. MOYER, Sgt. PATTERSON, P.D., P/O. L.W. FAIRBANKS, P/S. HOWARD, M.W., P/O. H.W. MCGALDIE, Sgt. BORLEY, J.H.	DO	17.59	03.06	There was slight ground haze in the target area, and a pinpoint was made on marker flares, which were in sight when the attack was made from 15,000' at 21.00 hours on a heading 125° M. All bombs were dropped in the aiming point, and incendiaries were seen to ignite by the Rear-Gunner. Many bursts were seen in the target area. W/T failed over FRANCE. Aircraft landed at HUYN as ordered. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 5 x S.B.C's.	A1278
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX DT677	Sgt. CHILDERS, D.V., Sgt. CROSS, J., Sgt. ANDREWS, J., Sgt. NAUNE, D.G., Sgt. MATTHEWS, L.H., Sgt. KEMM, R., Sgt. MCQUADE, J.A.	DO	17.43	21.37	This aircraft found no cloud and good visibility in the target area. The attack was made from 17,000' at 22.06 hrs. on a heading 095° M, but no results were seen. One large fire was seen in the S.W. of the town, hundreds of smaller fires were also visible. Aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 450 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1280

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NIGHT 4-5-243	HALIFAX DT675	P/B. SMITH, D.W. P/B. SAYERS, J.P. SGT. SAIN, R.J.P. SGT. CONNAN, W.H. SGT. LOUGH, W.H. SGT. GIGUERE, J.E.R. SGT. BRACKENBURY, D.M.	BOMBING TURIN - ITALY.	1749	0345	There was no cloud in the target area, but area was obscured by the smoke from fires which were burning. The target was in the sights when the attack was made from 16,000' at 22.05 hours on a heading 060° N, and bursts were seen in the position believed to be in the centre of the town. The return was made without incident, and aircraft landed at base at 0345 hours after a successful trip. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P., 420 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb type 'X' incendiaries.	A1261
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX DT676	P/O. J.S. CARVER. P/B. BURCHALL, R.J. P/S. SAMPELS, M. P/O. C.M. BLACK. SGT. GIBSON, J.W. SGT. HODGE, C.L. SGT. JAUNS, L.K.	DO	1748	0340	Visibility was perfect over the target area, and many fires were seen to be starting, right in the target area. A pinpoint was made on P.W.F. flares and also visually, and the attack was made on the target area at 21.51 hours from 15,500' on a heading 040° N. Aircraft returned to base without incident, and the pilot reported complete crew co-operation and a successful trip was recorded. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P., 420 x 4lb incendiaries and 30 x 4lb incend. the latter remained "Hung up".	A1262
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX DT769	P/B. MARMET, M. P/O. J.R. PRICE. SGT. SAYER, B.H.J. P/O. R.C. BERRY. P/O. L.L. MCLEOD. SGT. WALTON, J.H. SGT. MCINTYRE, G.W.	DO	1742	0245	There was no cloud in the target area and visibility was moderate. A pinpoint was made on P.W.F. flares and a built-up area, and the attack was carried out from 16,000' at 21.43 hours on a heading 110° N but no results were seen. Many fires were seen to be burning in the town. There was some light and heavy flak and about 60 searchlights were in operation around the town. Aircraft landed at <del>BEAULIEU</del> on the return. Base was reached the next day. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P., 420 x 4lb incendiaries, and 30 x 4lb type 'X' incendiaries.	A1263 BEAULIEU
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX DT749	P/B. ROSS, A. P/O. J.K. KNIGHTS. SGT. HEDOUGHL, G.H. P/B. LAWTON, D.E. SGT. CLATHERORE, R.V. P/O. E.B. RAY. SGT. SKRHO, T. H. CO-SGT. GRIFFITH, A.R.	DO	1746	0245	This aircraft found the condition over the target good, with no cloud. A pinpoint was made on the P.W.F. flares and the attack was made from 17,000' but no results were seen. The French coast was crossed West of CAEN and recrossed North of GRANVILLE at 12,000'. Aircraft landed at <del>IRISLEY</del> without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 5 SHK's.	A1264
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX HR664	W/DR. W.D.S. FERRIS. P/MR. H.B. GARTH. SGT. O'NEILL, J.H. P/O. R.J. REYNOLDS, DFC. DFM. SGT. PILDRON, R.A. SGT. NEKAY, F.E. P/O. R.H. MILLIGAN.	DO	1741	0250	There was good visibility up to the time the ALPs were crossed, and after that there was slight haze up to 20,000'. An attack was made on the town, but the 3 x 1000lb G.P. bombs "Hung up" but were released at a position 49° N 01° 50'. The attack was carried out from 19,000' at 2152 hours on a heading 120°, but the results of the incendiaries were not seen. Aircraft landed at <del>IRISLEY</del> without further incident. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 5 S.B.G.s.	A1265

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NIGHT 4-5+2+3	HALIFAX DT752	P/O. T.P. CORNWALL, P/O. D.G. FERGUSON, Sgt. SIMPER, G.L. Sgt. SIMMONDS, E.G. Sgt. O'CONNOR, P.G. Sgt. SIEBEN, A. Sgt. HAYES, W.F.	BOMBING TURIN ITALY.	17.45	02.29	This aircraft found the target and bombed the area lit up by PAFJ. Flares, from 16,000' at 21.40 hours. No results were seen. Two Z/A attacked the aircraft, but no hits were made on it, and Z/A was lost to sight, the attack came 10 minutes after aircraft had left the target area. The return was made without further incident, and aircraft landed at ISBURY. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 5 SCB's.	A1286
NIGHT 4-5	HALIFAX HR655	S/S. HARTY, J.C. S/S. MILLER, R.L. Sgt. PATTERSON, J.E. Sgt. GARNER, R.A. Sgt. TAYLOR, N.H.A. Sgt. STUART, R.W. Sgt. TATHAM, W.M.	DO	17.44	02.35	Visibility was good in the target area and aircraft attacked the area of the town lit by PAFJ. Flares. Bombs were dropped from 20,000 at 21.50 hours, but no results were seen. Two Z/A attacked this aircraft just after leaving the target on the return but no hits were scored, and aircraft returned safely. Landing at ISBURY. Load carried 3 x 1000lb G.P. and 5 SCB's.	A1287
NIGHT 6-7+2+3	HALIFAX HR655	Sgt. CHILDESS, D.V. Sgt. COBB, J. Sgt. ANDERSON, J. Sgt. NAULI, D.G. Sgt. MATTHEWS, L.H. Sgt. ELIAS, R. Sgt. MULLEN, J.A.	GARDENING NETHERDALES I.	17.27	21.11	There was much cloud over the sea, but at the pinpoint, it was clear, with good visibility. TRASCHELLING was identified and a timed run was made from this point into the gardening area. The veg. were planted at 19.06 hours from 1000' on a heading 014° M but nothing was seen. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1288
NIGHT 6-7	HALIFAX DT 749	Sgt. WRIGHT, R.L.R. S/S. LIVERMORE, R. Sgt. COUPLAND, T.J. Sgt. UNILOWSKI, J.W. Sgt. RONTON, B.O. Sgt. CHRISTMAS, I.G. Sgt. TYLER, J.	DO	17.30	22.15	There was some sea fog in the pinpointing area, so aircraft flew round for 45 minutes until fog cleared, and a pinpoint was made on the Island, and timed run was made from there into the gardening area, which took about 7 minutes. The veg. were released from 1,100' at 19.47 hours on a heading 007° M but nothing was seen. Aircraft returned to base with out incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1289
NIGHT 6-7	HALIFAX DT 750	P/O. C.O. HATIE, P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE, Sgt. OSMOND, S.P. P/O. W.H. ROWLAND, Sgt. RICHMOND, H. Sgt. TSCHAUER, A.A. Sgt. KAPUSCINSKI, W.G.	DO	17.26	21.27	This aircraft found it clear over TRASCHELLING and AMELAND and the run up was made from there but aircraft ran into showers just before reaching the gardening area. Mines were released at 19.18 hours from 2000' on a heading 009° M and one mine, was seen to enter the water. There was nothing further to report and the aircraft reached base successfully. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1290
NIGHT 6-7	HALIFAX DT674	S/S. GRUBB, A.R. S/S. CARRIGAN, C.J. Sgt. MCULLOCH, W.A. Sgt. FOLGER, W.B. Sgt. LUMGAR, R.G. Sgt. HAYES, P.H. Sgt. HERRON, J.G.	DO	17.26	21.35	There was broken cloud across the North Sea from 2° E down to 17.00 - 2000'. Rain and Sleet was encountered over TRASCHELLING and this prevented the identification of pinpoint. The load of 1 x 106 and 1 x 202 was brought back to base without incident.	A1291

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NIGHT 6-7	HALIFAX DT758	F/M. R.H. BOOTH, P/O. F.E. MURCHISON, F/S. SAMMIS, M. P/O. P.R. QUANCE, P/O. D.W. GIBLIN, P/O. J.C. PARKER, Sgt. HORNER, D.C.	DO	17.25	21.49	There was fair visibility with low 2/10th cloud at 3000'. When this aircraft made a pinpoint on TERSCHELLING at 19.08 hours. A course was set from this point to the gardening area, but no results could be seen of the gardening, which was carried out from 700' at 19.15 hours on a heading 006° N. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 1 x 200 and 1 x 202.	A1293
NIGHT 7-8+2+3	HALIFAX DT752	S/LDR. E.G. CILMORE, F/M. J.B. DARROCH, Sgt. SMITH, J.W.T.M. F/S. OHLSSON, P.C. P/O. M.P. HALL, Sgt. WIGGERT, R.T. Sgt. HAYNES, K.N.	BOMBING LORIENT	19.00	01.04	There was no cloud over the target area although visibility was marred by the smoke from fires. The attack was made from 16,000' at 21.35 hours on a heading 320° N and target was in sight, when bombs were released, no results were seen. Many fires were seen to be burning, and it is believed that bombs dropped near aiming point "B". Large fires were seen to be burning in PORT MILITAIRE. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1170 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1294
NIGHT 7-8	HALIFAX DT750	Sgt. BLACKHALL, R.O. F/S. NORTON, C.D. Sgt. SEMPER, G.L. Sgt. CONNELL, K.E. Sgt. SUTTON, A.J. Sgt. WILLIAMS, S. Sgt. BRADSHAW, E.E.	DO	19.16	00.47	With no cloud and good visibility, a pinpoint was made on the built-up area, and by fire already burning. The attack was made on the mining point (second phase) from 16,000' at 21.37 hours on a heading 180° N, but the results were not seen, but it is thought that bombs fell S.W. of fires already burning. Very large fires were seen burning, from first phase, around PORT MILITAIRE, 60 x 4lb incendiaries "hung up" and were brought back to base, which was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1295
NIGHT 7-8	HALIFAX HR654	Sgt. GRANT, A.G. F/S. CHURCH, H.G. Sgt. KELLY, P.G. Sgt. LALOUE, M.R. Sgt. POWELL, A.E. Sgt. KELLY, C.R. Sgt. STENTIFORD, K.R.	DO	19.10	00.36	There was no cloud in the target area, although thick smoke was drifting over the town. A visual pinpoint was made on fires in the town, started by first phase. The attack was made from 16,000' at 21.35 hours on a heading 010° N and bombs were seen to burst right in the target area. Aiming point "A" seen to be on fire, and fires were starting in area "B". The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incendiary 30 x 1lb incendiary "hung up". (Fires could be seen for 100 miles away).	A1296

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NIGHT 7-5-24-3	HALIFAX DT677	P/B. GRIBBLE, A.R. P/S. CARRIGAN, G.J. SGT. MCCULLAGH, W.A. SGT. POLKES, W.D. SGT. LUMGAR, R.O. SGT. HOYLE, P.H. SGT. HERRON, J.G.	BOMBING LORIENT.	19.12	00.41	There was no cloud in the target area, but good visibility was marred by thick clouds of smoke from the fires in the target area. A pinpoint was made on the rivers SCOURZ and an attack was made on the aiming point from 16,000' at 21.44 hours on a heading 205° M, and bombs were seen to explode near aiming point Z. Very large fires were seen to be burning in the port and Southern town areas. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. and 1140 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1297
NIGHT 7-5	HALIFAX DT679	P/B. MARSHALL, H. P/O. J.R. PRICE SGT. SAYER, B.H.J. P/O. R.C. HENRY P/O. L.L. MELROSE SGT. WATSON, J.H. SGT. MCNAUL, G.W.	DO	19.06	01.14	Visibility was good although some smoke was drifting over area Z. A pinpoint was made on the fires, and the attack was made on the target, which was in the sights when bombs were released from 16,000' at 21.33 hours on a heading 045° M. Bombs were seen to burst in the target area. 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.	A1298
NIGHT 7-5	HALIFAX DT745	SGT. MCNAUL, I.G. P/O. A. PLAYFAR SGT. COULPLAND, T.J. P/O. G. O'CONNELL P/O. R.J. DALLA SGT. GLENNISTER, R.V. SGT. MCNAUL, I.W.	DO	19.02	01.14	There was no cloud in the target area, but smoke from the fires in the target area was drifting over the town. The attack was made from 14,000' at 21.45 hours on a heading 000° M and bombs were seen to explode in the target area. Many fires were seen in the target area, but the crew of this aircraft thought that the time of second phase was a little too late, as smoke was obscuring the area. The aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb bombs 1140 x 4lb incendiary and 30 x 4lb incendiaries type X.	A1299
NIGHT 7-5	HALIFAX DT676	P/O. D.P. ALLEN P/O. J.J.K. REED SGT. MCNAUL, J.H. P/O. T.H. REEVES P/S. SCOTT, G.R. SGT. COULPLAND, W. SGT. BRACKENRIDGE, R.W. P/O. R.E. HARRIS	DO	19.09	00.52	A pinpoint was made on the target area, in good visibility although there was considerable smoke base across the town. An attack was made from 15,000' at 21.32 hours on a heading 191° M and bursts were seen in the target area. One or two very large fires were seen in the area of the aiming point. Fires were visible for 100 miles away, as aircraft was on the return journey. The return was made without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and 1140 x 4lb incendiaries.	A1300
NIGHT 7-5	HALIFAX HR655	P/S. SMITH, D.V. P/S. SAYERS, F.J. SGT. SAUNDERS, E.J.P. SGT. CONLAN, N.H. SGT. LOUGH, T.H. SGT. GLENNISTER, J.H.R. SGT. BRACKENRIDGE, D.M.	DO	19.08	--	This aircraft took off from base at 19.08 hours for an attack on LORIENT, FRANCE, and was due to return at 01.11 hours, 8th February. Unfortunately nothing has been heard from this aircraft since take-off. Below are the operational trips and hours of the crew:	A1301
						HOURS TRIPS	
						GUN. R349362 P/S. SMITH, Dean William. (PILOT) 32.16 4	
						GUN. R51361 P/S. SAYERS, Fisher, Joseph. (NAV/B) 22.31 3	
						GUN. R57679 SGT. SAUNDERS, James P. (NAV/B) 22.31 3	
						Sgt. CONLAN, William, Harris. (WOP/AC) 10.51 6	
						GUN. R832521 SGT. LOUGH, William Herbert. (WOP/AC) 22.31 3	
						GUN. R894668 SGT. GLENNISTER, Joseph, Heavy R. (A/G) 22.31 3	
						GUN. R79606 SGT. BRACKENRIDGE, Douglas, Matthew, (P/R) 22.31 3	

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NIGHT 13-14 + 2-15	HALIFAX HR656	SGT. SIRETT, H.A. P/S. CARTER, R.E. SGT. O'NEILL, J.H. P/A. J.D. MURKIN SGT. BOYER, G.D. SGT. BURKE, P.B. SGT. BRICE, K.O.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.0.	21.00 FERSHORE	This aircraft was obliged to return to base early, owing to suspected coolant leak in port outer motor. The load was jettisoned safe at a position 50°0'W 02°30'N at 1951 hours from 16,000'. and return was made from that point. Aircraft landed at FERSHORE without further incident.	A1302
NIGHT 13-14	HALIFAX HR654	P/O. C.O. HATIE P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE SGT. OSBURN, S.P. P/O. W.E. RONALD SGT. RICHARD, H. SGT. TSCHEMMLER, A.A. SGT. KAPUSZINSKI, W.G.	DO	18.01	21.25 POSCOMBE DOWN	This aircraft made an early return owing to engine trouble and the load was jettisoned safe 50°25'N 02°50'W. Aircraft landed at POSCOMBE DOWN without further incident.	A1303
NIGHT 13-14	HALIFAX DF675	S/LDR. R.G. CHAMBERS P/LT. J.B. DARROCH SGT. SHAW, J.W.H. P/S. OYLER, P.G. P/O. M.P. HALL SGT. WILCOX, J.E. SGT. HADLEY, K.W. Cpl. D. STEPHENS	DO	17.55	00.02	This aircraft made a pinpoint on the target area, and the attack was made over the aiming point (time of attack not given) and the incendiaries were seen to start fires in the port. Aircraft left the target at 20.45 hours, and many fires were seen to be burning in the areas around aiming point Z, and also in other parts of the town. The return to base was made without incident. (Aircraft was over the target, and new report seeing four aircraft go down in flames, and they hit the ground and exploded, one of them broke in two in the air.)	A1304
NIGHT 13-14	HALIFAX DF752	SGT. CHILDRESS, D.V. SGT. CROSS, J. SGT. ANDERSON, J. SGT. HANIF, D.G. SGT. MATTHEWS, L.H. SGT. HOGG, R. SGT. HOGG, J.A.	DO	17.56	23.49 TALENTBY	The weather over the target was very good, and visibility made it easy to identify the target area, with the aid of P.P.F. flares which were dropped as briefed. The attack was made from 17,000' at 20.47 hours on a heading 020° N but no results were seen. Two JU.88's were seen over the target. Three searchlight cones of approx 12 lights each had aircraft crossed, and the flak was considerable, barring this aircraft's target. Aircraft was not seriously damaged although hit several times. Many fires were seen in the target area. On the return, aircraft made landfall on English Coast at a point where a raid was in progress, and avoiding action had to be taken to miss heavy and accurate flak. Base was reached the next day as aircraft landed at TALENTBY. 1 x 1000lb G.P. "bun up".	A1305

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NIGHT 13/14-2-43	MALIFAX BB769	S/L. MARMER, M. F/O. J.B. PRICE. SOF. GAVIN, B.M.J. F/O. R.G. BURKE. S/L. L.L. BELDEN. SOF. WALSH, J.H. SOF. MCINTOSH, G.W.	BOMBING LOITERING.	18.02	23.47	There was visibility and it was easy to identify the target area and the town in general. A short run was made from 15,000 ft at 20.45 hours on a heading 090° N. Target was not in sight on the ground detail at the time of bombing. The pilot reported that the FLIGHT ENGINEER did a good piece of work when he spotted a Wellington in the track of this aircraft which, had it not been seen, would have ended in certain collision. The return to base was made without incident. Load carried 4 x 1000lb G.P. bombs and incendiaries.	A1321
NIGHT 13/14	MALIFAX BB679	Sgt. WRIGHT, R.L.R. S/L. LAWRENCE, R. F/O. K.N. HARRIS. SOF. WILLOWSON, J.H. SOF. BURDEN, R.O. SOF. CHRISTMAS, L.G. SOF. PRIMAY, R.G.	DO	18.05	23.40	There was good visibility and no cloud over the target area. The target was identified visually and by sight. P.F.W.'s flares. An attack was made at 15,000 ft. at 20.35 hours on a heading 210° N. The target was in both sights and bombs were thought to go in PORT MELVILLE area. Bombs were seen burning in town and port areas. Aircraft returned without incident and landed at MIDDLE WALLACE. Load carried 4 x 1000 G.P., 16 x 30 lbs., 760 x 4 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. 1/2" type incendiaries.	A1322
NIGHT 13/14	MALIFAX BB761	S/L. CHAMBERS, A.H. F/O. CANNON, G.J. SOF. MCNAUL, W.A. SOF. WILDER, M.D. SOF. LINDGREN, D.O. SOF. PERIN, P.H. SOF. IRVINE, J.C.	DO	18.00	20.35	This aircraft was compelled to return early due to the starboard outer engine oil pressure being very low and the temperature high. The pilot was forced to feather said engine. A x 1000lb G.P., 16 x 30 lb., 760 x 4 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. were jettisoned and at a position 5357 N 0013 E at 19.45 hours from 3000 ft and return to base. Base was made from this point. Aircraft landed without further incidents.	A1323
NIGHT 14-2-43	MALIFAX BB749	S/L. ROSE, A. F/O. J.W. KIRKNESS. SOF. MCNAUL, G.H. S/L. LATON, R.E. F/O. MEDCalf, J. F/O. H.H. RICE. SOF. WOOD, T.H.	BOMBING COLUMNS.	18.16	23.15	The aircraft went 10/10 cloud top at 12000 ft with good visibility above the clouds. The target was located by preliminary flares and P.F.W. sig numbers. These corresponded with MEA. An attack was made at 16,000 ft at 20.25 hours on a heading 095° N. The sig numbers were in the bomb sights but no results were seen. 30 x 4 lbs. - long up. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb. G.P., 760 x 4 lb., and 16 x 20 lbs. incendiaries.	A1324
NIGHT 14	MALIFAX BB761	S/L. R.H.P. GARNET. S/L. J. SHAW, D.L. SOF. HANSEN, A.J. SOF. BURDEN, R.O. SOF. WOOD, L.G. SOF. COOK, R.G. SOF. BURKE, R.W.	DO	18.30	20.21	This aircraft was compelled to return due to the electrical system failing up's and also the rear gun turret jammed. 2 x 1000 lb G.P. bombs were jettisoned and at 232 N 010 E at 11,500 ft at 19.30 hours. 960 x 4 lbs., 16 x 30 lbs., and 30 x 4 lbs. 1/2" incendiaries were brought back to base. Aircraft landed without further incident.	A1325

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