

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541.

## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II DT 677	S/LDR. E.G. GILMORE. P/LC. J.B. DARGOCH. SGT. SMITH, J.W.T.M. P/S. OLLER, P.G. P/O. M.F. HALL. SGT. WAGNET, R.T. SGT. HANCOCK, R.W.	BOMBING BERLIN.	18.42	22.14	The rear turret went u/s on this aircraft so the Captain decided to return from 544N 0158E at 1931 hrs. 1 x 1000 GP and 1 x 1000 lb. 37 pistol were jettisoned safe at 1935 hrs 5438N 0158E from 5000 ft. Also 650 x 4 lb. and 24 x 30 lb incendiaries were jettisoned at 2131 hrs, 541N 0016E from 4500 ft. Base was reached without incident.	ALL02
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II DT 546	P/O. T.C. KATE. P/O. R.C. MOYER. SGT. PATTERSON, P.D. P/S. HOWARD, M.W. SGT. PARKER, E.E. P/O. R.W. MCGONAGLE. SGT. BOBLEY, J.H.	DO	18.48	00.05	The intercom on this aircraft which had been defective from the start of trip could not be repaired and finally went completely u/s so the captain decided to return. Bombs were dropped on flak and S/L positions at 2111. There was 6/10 cloud tops at 6000 ft and an attack was made from 15000 ft at 2111 hrs on a heading 130 degs M. One explosion was seen and some S/L's went out. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 GP, 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol, and 650 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL03
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II DT 674	P/O. B.E. HARRIS. P/O. G.E. STAMMAN. P/O. T.W. HARRIS. SGT. LIPPROTT, C.R. SGT. DEBIA, T.W. SGT. WILKES, G.E. SGT. PHIBBS, R.C.	DO	18.46	00.55	This aircraft reported much rain in northern Germany and also the HME area which made it impossible to identify ground detail. At 2115 hrs this aircraft reached the area where PFF landmarker flares were expected. There were no flares seen so orbited in this area waiting for them and hoping to pick up pinpoint as were not definitely sure of position. No flares were seen so finally set course for BERLIN but ran into heavily defended area thought to be HOSSTOCK. By the time this was cleared it was 2210 hrs and too late to reach the target. It was decided to return and bombs were dropped on what was believed to be the KIEL area. An attack was made from 18000 ft at 2242 hrs on a heading 330 degs M. Search lights and flak were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Mandrel was used as instructed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 GP and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type, and 650 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL04
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II DT 743	P/S. ROSS, A. P/O. D.G. FERRIER. SGT. MCKEON, G.H. P/S. LAWSON, D.E. P/S. MURRAY, J. P/O. E.E. RAY. SGT. SKED, T.H.	DO	18.47	02.17	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target. The target was identified visually and by P.F. markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 20,000 ft at 2206 hrs on a heading 230 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release. Many fires were observed starting up especially in the south west part of the city. The fires were still visible 100 miles away on the return trip. 1 x 1000 GP hung up and was jettisoned live on search light concentration from 16,500 ft at 2245 hrs at 5220E 1100E. 60 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up and were brought back to base. The PFF work was well done and the raid was considered successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 GP and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 650 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL05

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NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II DT 769	SGT. SIMPT, E.A. P/S. CARTER, R.H. P/S. KEELE, P.C. P/O. J.D. MERRIDE. SGT. ROYER, J.D. SGT. BURKE, P.H. SGT. BRICE, I.O.	BOMBING BERLIN.	18.45	02.09	This aircraft reported 9/10 cloud with tops at 10,000 ft. This aircraft bombed a defended area thought at time to be HOSSTOCK but by back plotting and presence of PFF Warning flares it was considered to be northern fringe of BERLIN. Own bombs were seen to explode and fires started. This attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2201 hrs on a heading 117 degs M. Immediately after own bombing fires were seen starting south of own point of release, presumably in the centre of BERLIN. The wind was stronger than that allowed for and therefore this aircraft was south of track. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb GP and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL406
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II HR 669	W/CPL W.D.S. PERRIS. P/Lt. E.B. GATTE. P/S. O'NEILL, J.H. SGT. O'CONNOR, P.C. SGT. FIDLEIGH, R.A. SGT. MURAY, P.H. P/O. E.H. MULLIGAN.	DO	18.43	03.26	This aircraft found good visibility horizontally but impossible to see anything on the ground. There was no cloud over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 19000 ft at 2222 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. PFF flares were not actually in sights at moment of bomb release but the river was seen by light of gun flashes and bombs believed to have overshot the aiming point. There were several fires burning in the town area and these were visible 110 miles away. Mandrel was not fitted. This aircraft received several holes in it caused by heavy flak over the target at time of bombing. The PFF flares were well grouped on this raid. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP. and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL407
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II HR 654	P/O. J.S. CARTER. P/S. BIRCHALL, R.J. P/O. T.B. MOORE. P/O. D.M. BLAKE. SGT. GIBSON, J.W. SGT. KERR, C.L. SGT. JAMES, L.E.	DO	18.41	02.58	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF red and green markers and also visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 19000 ft at 2211 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight when the bombs were released but bombs were not seen to explode. Fires were starting up around point marked by the PFF. These were still visible 100 miles away from the target. The P F flares and markers were considered very accurate. This was thought to be a successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP. and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL408

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NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II HR 698	P/Lt. R.H. BOOSEY. P/O. P.H. MITCHELL. P/O. J.E. MURPHY. P/O. D.W.T. GIBLIN. SGT. PRIDHAM, G.I. SGT. BROWN, H.A. SGT. HORTER, D.C.	BOMBING BERLIN.	18.49	02.24	This aircraft found no cloud with good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers and also visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 14,500 ft at 2210 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. PFF flares were in centre of bomb sight at moment of release and bombs were believed to have fallen near the aiming point. Bombs could be seen falling all round the aiming point and were very well grouped. Several large fires were seen and these were visible 100 miles away on the way home. Base was reached without incident. Main fuel was not fitted. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP. and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 650 x 4 lb, 2 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL409
NIGHT 1-2	HALIFAX II HR 797	SGT. COCHRANE, A.W. P/O. MCKENZIE, H.K. P/O. HEDGES, J.H. SGT. WHITE, R. SGT. ASHMORE, J.K. P/O. GRICE, I.C. SGT. McDONALD, P.	DO	18.44	- -	This aircraft took off from base at 18.44 hours for an attack on BERLIN but unfortunately nothing has been heard of, from, since take off and must be considered as missing from operations. Below are the operational trips and hours of the crew.  CAN.R.102186 SGT. COCHRANE, Arnold, Wallace. (P) 10 50.26 CAN.R.100701 P/O. MCKENZIE, Harry, Kenneth. (NAV.B.) 8 44.11 CAN.R.89625 P/O. HEDGES, James, Herbert. (NAV.B.) 8 44.11 CAN.R.102418 P/O. WHITE, Ross. (WOP/AG) 8 44.11 CAN.R.104752 SGT. ASHMORE, Junius, Quintus. (A/C) 8 44.11 610265 SGT. McDONALD, Frederick. (P/SGT) 8 44.11 CAN.R.96969 SGT. GRICE, Ivor, Charles. (A/B) 8 44.11	AL410
DAY 2.3.43	HALIFAX II DT 790	P/Lt. R.H.P. GAGNER. P/O. JARRET, D.L. SGT. HARRIS, A.J. SGT. PARSONS, H.E. SGT. MOORE, R.S. SGT. CHASE, R.C. SGT. BAKER, R.V.	SEA SEARCH	11.37	17.05	Unsuccessful.	AL411
DAY 2.3.43	HALIFAX II DT 769	P/O. D.P. ALLEN. P/O. L. PLATTEN. SGT. HEDGES, J.H. P/O. T.H. HEDGES. P/O. SCOTT, G.R. SGT. COLE, W. SGT. DUNN, R.W.	DO	11.39	15.31	Unsuccessful.	AL412

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NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 677	SGT. GRANT, A.G. P/S. CH. BOW, M.G. P/S. KELLY, P.G. P/S. LALONE, M.R. SGT. POWELL, A.B. SGT. KELLEY, G.R. SGT. STANTFORD, K.R.	BOMBING HAMBURG.	18.29	20.35	This aircraft returned to base early from 5432N 0135E at 0935 hrs due to all guns going u/s. Guns were tested at 1850 hrs and found that u/s. They continued on track until 1935 hrs endeavouring to get guns working but could not do so. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 GP. and 1 x 1000 pistol, and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries were jettisoned safe at 5432N 0135E from 11000 ft at 1935 hrs.	AL13
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 674	P/IR. R.H.F. GAGNE. P/S. JARRETT, D.L. SGT. HARRIS, A.J. SGT. PATRICK, H.E. SGT. DODD, K.S. SGT. GROCK, E.C. SGT. BAKER, R.W. CO. SGT. REYNOLDS, A.J.	DO.	18.32	00.12	This aircraft found excellent visibility with some ground haze which hindered identification of ground details. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 18000 ft at 2126 hrs on a heading 200 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight when bombs were released but no results were observed. There were many fires seen in the target area. Mandrel was used as instructed. The PFF markers were well concentrated and this raid was considered as successful. The port outer engine went u/s just after leaving enemy coast but the cause is not yet known. Load carried 1 x 1000 GP. 1 x 1000 lbs, 37 pistol and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without further incident.	AL14
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 749	P/O. G.E. HARRISS. P/O. G.B. SHARMAN. P/O. T.W. HARRIS. SGT. STELLINGSMA, W.R. SGT. DODGE, T.W. SGT. WILLIS, G.E. SGT. PRIDDAY, R.C.	DO	18.34	00.18	This aircraft found good visibility with ground haze over the target area. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 18000 ft at 2125 hrs on a heading 150 degs M. Green flames were in bomb sights at moment of release and bombs were seen to explode close to the BLOEM and 5 MOSS HOMES. There were about 14 fires started in which five were large and could be seen nearly 150 miles away. 30 x 4 lb, incendiaries hung up. Mandrel was not fitted. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb GP and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL15
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 673	P/O. D.P. ALLEN. P/O. J.K. BELL. SGT. MCNESS, J.H. P/O. T.H. REEVES. P/S. SCOTT, G.R. SGT. CUNLEY, W. SGT. BENOANSON, R.W.	DO	18.30	23.54	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 20000 ft at 2123 hrs on a heading 140 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many fires seen in the old town area and these could be seen about 50 miles out to sea. The PFF method was very good and well concentrated on the target. 90 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb GP and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL16



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NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 749	SGT. BATHCHELOR, R.H. SGT. WED, H. P/O. R.V. FISHER. SGT. HALL, R. SGT. PRIDMAN, C.I. SGT. COMEAU, J.N.P.U. SGT. GRAYSON, H.L.	BOMBING HAMBURG.	18.35	00.54	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 17000 ft at 2127 hrs on a heading 300 degs M. A cluster of green flares were just ahead in the bomb sight at moment of release and it was thought that bombs fell short of aiming point but no results were observed. Incendiaries could be seen burning in the target area. Mandrel was not fitted. There was some damage done by flak over the target area. The port outer engine oil tank was holed and the rear turret perspex smashed. The PFF was on time and flares were well placed. This aircraft was coded in search lights three times. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb GP and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL417
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 679	P/O. T.O. KAYE. P/O. R.C. MOYER. SGT. PATRICK, P.D. SGT. LAWTON, D.E. SGT. PATER, E.F. P/O. H.W. McDONALD. SGT. MORLEY, J.H.	DO	18.33	00.02	This aircraft found no cloud with very good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares and also visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 16000 ft at 2127 hrs on a heading 215 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sights at time of release but could not identify own burst but it is considered that they fell in old town area. Three large fires were burning around aiming point and these were visible 70 miles away. Mandrel was used as directed. The PFF flares were well placed and bombing was well concentrated around the markers. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 1000 lb, 37 pistol, and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL418
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II DT 654	P/O. J.S. CARTER. P/O. R.H. HERRALL, R.D. P/O. R.B. MOORE. P/O. C.W. BLACK. SGT. GIBSON, J.W. SGT. HORN, G.L. SGT. JAMES, L.K.	DO	18.27	00.09	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 19000 ft at 2128 hrs on a heading 240 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sights at time of release but no results were observed. There were scattered fires starting in the old town area and also on the docks. 4 x 30 lb incendiaries hung up. This was considered a good raid and PFF did a good job. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 1000 lb, 37 pistol, and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL419

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NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II HR 656	SGT. SIRETT, E.A. P/S. CARTER, R.E. SGT. GIBBS, C.C. P/O. J.D. MCBRIDE. SGT. BOYER, G.D. SGT. BIRKE, F.B. SGT. BRICE, E.O.	BOMBING HAMBURG.	18.31	00.41	This aircraft found good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares and also visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 17000 ft at 2132 hrs on a heading 170 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release and incendiaries were seen to ignite in area allotted. There were scattered fires over the area and glow could be seen 150 miles away. The PFF did a very good job and fires were well concentrated in the central built up area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 1000 37 pistol and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL420
NIGHT 3-4	HALIFAX II HR 658	S/LDR. E.G. CILMORE. P/Lt. J.B. DARGOCH. SGT. SMITH, J.W.T.M. P/S. GIBBS, P.S. P/O. M.P. HALL. SGT. WIDENET, R.T. SGT. HAYNES, K.W.	DO	18.28	00.22	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers and interlighting of land and water. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 18000 at 2131 hrs on a heading 150 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. There were many fires starting in the town area. The PFF white P.I. markers are not considered as good as flares for landmark purposes as they could easily be confused with incendiaries in poor weather conditions. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol and 810 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL421
DAY 4.3.43	HALIFAX II DT 673	SGT. GRANT, A.G. P/S. GIBBS, E.G. P/S. KELLY, P.G. P/S. LALOGUE, M.R. SGT. POWELL, A.E. SGT. KELLY, C.R. SGT. STETTERED, K.R.	SEA SEARCH	08.51	12.16	Unsuccessful.	AL422
DAY 4.3.43	HALIFAX II DT 781	P/S. MARGENT, M. P/O. D.C. FERGUSON. SGT. SAYOR, B.H.J. P/O. R.C. BERRY. P/O. L.L. MCLEOD. SGT. WALTON, J.H. SGT. MCINTYRE, G.W.	DO	08.50	12.26	Unsuccessful.	AL423

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NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DT 781	P/S. MURPHY, M. P/O. D.C. PETERSON. SGT. SAVOR, S.H.F. P/O. R.C. BERRY. P/O. L.L. MCLEOD. SGT. CLITHEROE, R.V. SGT. MCINTYRE, G.W.	BOMBING ESSEX.	19.02	00.07	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF red and green flares. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 20,000 ft at 2107 hrs on a heading 200 degs M. The space between red and green flares was in bomb sights at moment of release. Bombs were estimated to have fallen close to the green flares. Several fires were just beginning to burn and these were merging into one. Bombing was very concentrated. Fires could be seen reflected in cloud 150 miles away. Mandrel was not fitted. The PFF were very good and were on time. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendi.	Ala24
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DT 772	P/Lt. R.H.P. GAGLE. P/S. JACOB, D.L. SGT. HAWKINS, A.F. SGT. PARRATT, R.E. SGT. MOORE, K.S. P/O. E.R. RAY. SGT. BAKER, R.W.	DO	18.59	23.40	This aircraft found 2/10 cloud at 2000 ft but visibility generally good. The target was identified by PFF flares and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 17,500 ft at 2108 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many fires starting as aircraft left the target and these were visible about 100 miles away. The PFF did a very good job both in timing and accuracy. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendi.	Ala25
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DT 673	S/Lt. W.P.M. NEWSON. P/O. W.J. HARRIS. SGT. NAICE, W. P/Lt. A.S.G. JAMES. SGT. JONES, A.H. SGT. HEARNE, D.H. SGT. HARRIS, R. CO. SGT. DUNN, E.B.	DO	19.01	23.56	This aircraft found good visibility horizontally but there was some low stratus cloud. The target was identified by red PFF flares. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was carried out from 15,500 ft at 2109 hrs on a heading 210 degs M. Red flares were not exactly in bomb sights at the moment of release and it is thought that the bombs must have over shot. There were two large fires burning and these were visible 15 miles off the Dutch coast. 1 x 1000 lb and 30 x 4 lb, incendiaries hung up. Mandrel was not fitted. There was one small hole in the aircraft received from flak over the target. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lbs, 32 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	Ala26

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NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DF 658	SGT. BACHELOR, R.H. SGT. WEND, H. P/O. R.V. FISHER. SGT. HALL, R. SGT. GRANT, P.W. SGT. COCKEN, J.N.P.U. SGT. GRAYSON, H.L.	DO	19.04	21.14	This aircraft returned early from a position 53.2N 01.50E from 11,000 ft at 20.07 hrs owing to guns going u/s. 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 270 x 4 lb incendiaries were jettisoned safe from 11,000 ft at 53.2N 01.50E. 450 x 4 lb 32 x 50 lb, incendiaries were brought back to base. Base was reached without incident.	Al428
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DF 752	SGT. TAYL, E. SGT. DENIGAN, J. SGT. DENIGAN, B. SGT. MACDONALD, J.M. SGT. LADON, J.L. SGT. ACTON, N.G. SGT. SCARUS, A.P.	DO	19.05	00.13	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.11 hrs on a heading 200 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Pires were well concentrated in the target area and glow could be seen about 100 miles away. 1 x 1000 lb GP was dropped 20 miles North of target due to electrical fault. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type, 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 50 lb, incendiaries.	Al429
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II DF 679	P/O. T.C. KAYE. P/O. R.O. MYER. SGT. PATTERSON, P.D. P/S. HOWARD, H.V. SGT. PARKER, E.P. P/O. H.W. MCDONALD. SGT. BOBLER, J.H. OO. SGT. RICHOLDS, A.J.	DO	19.57	23.59	This aircraft found good visibility with slight smoke haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.09 hrs on a heading 215 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were two good fires seen burning in the target area and white smoke was rising to about 3000 ft from these. Mandrel was used as directed. The PFF was on time and well concentrated. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type, 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 50 lb, incendiaries.	Al430



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NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II HR 694	P/O. J.S. CARVER. P/S. HIRCHALL, R.J. P/O. F.S. MOORE. P/O. G.H. BLACK. SQT. GIBSON, J.W. SQT. HARRIS, C.L. SQT. JAMES, L.R.	BOMBING MISSION	18.58	00.19	This aircraft found excellent visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 20,000 ft. at 2108 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many fires well concentrated in the target area and the glow could be seen for over 100 miles on the way home. There was a huge puff of black smoke from the centre of the target area rising to approx 15000 ft. The PFF did a good job. The captain reports good crew cooperation from all. Base was reached without incident. Load carried: 1 x 1000 lb. 37 pistol type, 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL431
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II BT 790	SQT. GRANT, A.G. P/S. CHERCH, R.G. P/S. KELLY, P.G. P/S. LALOUE, M.R. SQT. PUGH, A.E. SQT. KELLY, C.R. SQT. STATIONER, R.E.	DO	18.55	00.09	This aircraft found good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2104 hrs on a heading 185 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release and it is estimated that bombs fell in the spot where these were located. Fires were well started in the target area and these could be seen from over the ATC Mt Coast. Montreal was not fitted. The PFF markers were well grouped and on time. Base was reached without incident. Load carried: 1 x 1000 lb. 37 pistol type, 2 x 1000 lb GP. and 720 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL432
NIGHT 5-6	HALIFAX II HR 696	SQT. SIMON, E.A. P/S. CARVER, R.E. SQT. HARRIS, J.H. P/O. J.D. MERRIDIE. SQT. HARRIS, J.D. SQT. HARRIS, M.O.	DO	18.56	21.45	This aircraft returned early owing to guns going w/s. 1 x 1000 lb 37 pistol type and 2 x 1000 lb GP and 180 x 4 lb incendiaries were jettisoned live from 16000 ft at 2010 hrs at 590N 0307E. 560 x 4 lb and 32 x 30 lb incendiaries were brought back. Base was reached without incident.	AL433
NIGHT 8-9	HALIFAX II BT 749	P/O. R.E. HARRIS. P/O. G.R. BLANCH. P/S. O'NEILL, J.H. SQT. BELLINGHAM, E.R. SQT. DEER, T.V. SQT. WILSON, G.E. SQT. FRIDAY, R.G. CO. SQT. PATTY, J.C.L.	BOMBING MISSION	19.06	03.28	This aircraft found very good visibility over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 2327 hrs on a heading 096 degs M. Yellow flares were in bomb sight at time of release and it is believed that one 1000 lb bomb was seen exploding well in the target area. The glare of fires could be seen from 200 miles away. Montreal was not carried. The PFF markers were well laid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried: 1 x 1000 lb GP., 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol and 820 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL434

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NIGHT 6-9	HALIFAX II DT 772	SGT. TROY, E. SGT. DEBROUKE, J. SGT. DOMIGAN, S. SGT. MACDONALD, J.H. SGT. LACROIX, J.I. SGT. ACHON, N.G. SGT. SCOTCH, L.F.	BOMBING NUMBERS.	19.10	03.50 LUNAR	This aircraft found no cloud with a slight ground haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.37 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but did not see results of qm bombs. There were many fires in the target area and this raid was considered as fairly successful. This aircraft returned without further incident and landed at LUNAR due to shortage of petrol. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb 32 x 30 lb incendiaries.	ALA35
NIGHT 6-9	HALIFAX II DT 769	P/S. MARGERT, M. P/O. D.C. FERGUSON. SGT. SAVER, B.H.J. P/O. R.O. BERRY. P/O. L.L. MOLEND. P/S. SCOTT, G.R. SGT. MONTGOMERY, G.W.	DO	19.09	04.38	This aircraft found no cloud with slight ground haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.37 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of bombing but no results were observed. There were many fires in the target area and these could be seen 150 miles from the target. It was thought that this raid was not very successful owing to the scattering of markers over wide area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 400 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA36
NIGHT 6-9	HALIFAX II HR 669	S/LDR. W.F.M. NEWSON. SGT. HAYLER, W.K. P/LT. A.J.G. JAMES. SGT. JOHNSON, A.R. SGT. MCARTER, D.H. SGT. HAYLEN, E.	DO	19.07	04.15	This aircraft found low cloud with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 14,000 ft at 23.40 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were about seven medium fires burning when the aircraft left the target area. This was considered a very good trip but PFF T.I. markers were scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA37
NIGHT 6-9	HALIFAX II HR 658	S/LDR. E.G. SIMMONS. P/LT. J.B. BAUGHILL. SGT. SMITH, J.W.F.M. P/O. GILES, P.G. P/O. W.P. HALL. P/O. W.A. MCILROY. SGT. HAYLES, K.W. CO. P/O. J.A.L. SHERITT.	DO	09.05	04.13	This aircraft found good visibility apart from slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers which corresponded with EIA. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 23.27 hrs on a heading 170 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release and the rear gunner reported that he saw one H.E. burst and it was thought that it was in the western part of the town. Three large fires were observed in the target area and it is thought that from the glow of the fires this was a successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 500 lb pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA38

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NIGHT 8-9	HALIFAX II DT 752	P/O. C.O. HATLE. P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE. SPT. OSWED, S.F. P/O. W.E. ROWLAND. SPT. RICHARD, R. SPT. TROCHARD, A.A. SPT. KAPUSCINSKI, W.G.	BOMBING NUREMBERG.	19.11	04.32	This aircraft found good visibility with slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers and also ground detail in canal area. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2330 hrs on a heading 050 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were large fires observed in the town area on leaving. This was considered an excellent trip but PFF markers could have been better concentrated. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb G.P. 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL439
NIGHT 8-9	HALIFAX II DT 750	SPT. BRACKEN, R.O. P/S. NORTH, G.D. SPT. SEGER, G.I. SPT. GOSFORD, K.E. SPT. STUTCH, A.J. SPT. WILLIAMS, E. SPT. SMITH, K.E.	DO	19.13	04.09	This aircraft found good visibility apart from ground haze which prevented identification of ground detail. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers which corresponded with E.A. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.24 hours on a heading 270 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release and incendiaries were seen to ignite. The glow of fires in the target area were visible 120 miles from the target and this was thought to be a successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb G.P. 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL440
NIGHT 8-9	HALIFAX II DT 679	P/O. STEWART, A.A. SPT. LEITCH, D.D.P. P/O. LAMB, G.H. SPT. HARRIS, L.S. SPT. FILLIS, R.A. SPT. HAMILTON, C.T. SPT. HARRIS, J.A.	DO	19.14	05.05	This aircraft found good visibility apart from ground haze which prevented identification of ground detail. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers and fires already burning. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 23.47 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. The bombs were seen to burst in the target area. There were many fires burning within the target area. Mandrel was used as instructed. This raid was considered successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb G.P. 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL441
NIGHT 8-9	HALIFAX II DT 781	SPT. GRIFF, K.O. P/O. HERRICK, E.V. P/O. G.A. MOORE. SPT. IVOR, W.A. SPT. OCKLEY, E. SPT. VINE, J.V.J.R. SPT. HENRY, J.B. SPT. HENRY, E.B.	DO	19.08	04.29	This aircraft found low cloud with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified by aid of PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.37 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release and bombs were seen to explode and incendiaries to light up. This raid was considered as successful and there were many fires in the target area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb G.P. 1 x 500 lb 37 pistol type and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL442

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NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II BR 669	S/LDR. W.P.M. NEWSON. P/O. W.J. HARPER. SGT. RAYNER, W.R. P/LD. A.L.G. JAMES. SGT. JOHNSON, A.R. SGT. MORTIMER, D.H. SGT. MARTIN, R. CO. SGT. PATE, J.C.	BOMBING MUNICH.	19.51	05.11	This aircraft found good visibility apart from slight haze over the target area. The target was identified by the fires already burning which corresponded with ETA. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 00.35 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Concentration of fires was in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The centre of town appeared one large mass of flames with small scattered fires in the rest of the town. It was considered that this target was successfully attacked. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 500 lb, and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL43
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 769	P/O. D.E. HARRISS. P/O. C.B. ELGAR. SGT. DAVIS, J.H. SGT. SHELDON, W.R. SGT. DICK, T.W. SGT. WILSON, G.E. SGT. FRIDAY, R.G.	DO	19.55	04.32	This aircraft found good visibility with some smoke and haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 030 degs M. Concentration of fires were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many good fires starting in the target area and these could be seen 100 miles away on the return journey. The PFF was considered to be well on the aiming point though they arrived a little late. This raid was thought to be successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 500 lb GP, 5 Puss J7 pistols and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL44
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 772	SGT. DUNN, E.B. P/O. J.W.S. POSTER. P/O. T. LOWRY. SGT. KINGS, R. SGT. HOWIE, A.T. SGT. SPELLEN, R.H. SGT. BROWN, T.H.	DO	19.56	04.55 BOGSCOME DOWN	This aircraft found good visibility apart from smoke and haze over the target. The target was identified by fires already burning. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 00.40 hrs on a heading 240 degs M. The fires were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The fires in the centre of the target were burning fiercely as aircraft left the target. This was thought to be a successful raid. On return this aircraft landed at BOGSCOME DOWN owing to fuel shortage. On landing this aircraft overshot and hit a Boston aircraft. Both were damaged but no personnel were injured. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP, 1 x 500 lb GP, 5 Puss J7 pistols, and 630 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL45
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 777	P/O. T. P. CORNWALL. SGT. CROSS, J. SGT. GIBBS, C.G. SGT. SIDMERE, E.G. SGT. O'CONNOR, F.G. SGT. SINGH, A. SGT. HAYES, V.F.	DO	--	--	A motor out on take off and this aircraft did not carry out this operation.	ALL46



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NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 752	P/LC. R.H. BOOSEY. P/O. J.W.T. FOSTER. P/S. SAUNDERS, M. P/O. D.W.T. GIBBARD. SGT. MACKAY, P.E. SGT. HODGE, H.A. SGT. HODGE, D.C. OO. P/O. J.R.L. SHERBURN.	BOMBING MISSION.	20.05	05.26	This aircraft found good visibility with some smoke haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 12,000 ft at 00.19 hrs on a heading 005 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results of own bombing observed. There were many bombs seen bursting and also many fires seen starting up over southern half of target area. A large explosion with sheet of orange flame was seen to south of aiming point. This was considered a successful attack. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 500 lb 845 Fuse 37 pistols. and 630 x 4 lb, 2 x 30 lb, incendi.	Al447
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 679	P/O. T.C. KAYE. P/O. J.K. BELL. SGT. PATTERSON, H.D. P/S. HOWARD, H.W. SGT. PARKER, E.P. P/O. H.W. REDFORD. SGT. BOWLEY, J.H.	DO	19.52	05.19	This aircraft found good visibility with considerable smoke and haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 00.29 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. The whole town was lit up with numerous fires and this was considered a successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb GP and 1 x 500 lb 845 Fuse 37 pistols. and 630 x 4 lb, 2 x 30 lb, incendi.	Al448
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II HR 654	P/O. J.S. CARRON. P/S. MIDDLETON, R.J. P/O. T.H. MOORE. P/O. C.H. BLACK. SGT. GIBSON, J.W. SGT. HORN, C.L. SGT. JAMES, L.E.	DO	19.54	05.13	This aircraft found good visibility apart from smoke haze. The target was identified by markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,500 ft at 0019 hrs on a heading 055 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many fires seen starting up in the target area and this raid was considered as successful. 4 x 30 lb incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, Bombs and 630 x 4 lbs, 2 x 30 lbs, incendiaries.	Al449
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 790	P/O. C.O. HATLE. P/O. A.H. STOKDALE. SGT. GIBSON, S.F. P/O. W.E. ROWLAND. SGT. RICHARD, H. SGT. TSCHEWITZ, A.A. SGT. KAPUSZINSKI, T.G.	DO	20.06	04.55	This aircraft found very good visibility with slight haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 00.17 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The whole target area was well alight with fires and these were visible 125 miles away. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb. Bombs and 630 x 4 lb, 2 x 30 lb incendiaries.	Al450

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NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II EB 332	SGT. REYNOLDS, A.J. SGT. HILL, G.M. SGT. ARSTING, R. SGT. JOHNS, R.L.T. SGT. PRIDEM, G.I. SGT. AVERY, J. SGT. MCLAN, G.M.	BOMBING MANTON.	19.58	00.24	This aircraft abandoned this task owing to a fault in the feed from the overload tanks. The load carried was 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, Bombs and 650 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries. Same was jettisoned safe at a position 50141 0029E. Base was reached without incident.	AL451
NIGHT 9-10	HALIFAX II DT 781	SGT. BLACKHALL, R.O. P/S. MORRIS, G.B. SGT. SHERRE, G.L. SGT. COOPER, K.E. SGT. SUTTON, A.J. SGT. WILLIAMS, E. SGT. REEDS, K.E.	BOMBING MANTON.	20.00	05.09	This aircraft found good visibility with considerable smoke over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 00.26 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of bomb release and it is believed that bombs fell in the centre of the town. A mass of fires blanketed the whole town and these were visible 90 miles away. The P.I. markers on route were very helpful but those on the route home were a bit scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, Bombs and 650 x 4 lb, 24 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL452
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 674	SGT. PATE, J.G.A. SGT. KELLNER, G.M. SGT. KERR, D. SGT. FREEMAN, G.A. SGT. MCCROFT, E. SGT. LEWIS, A.L. SGT. BISHOP, J.H.W.	BOMBING STUTTGART.	19.12	23.03	The oil cooler burst on starboard outer engine on this aircraft and the captain decided to turn back. 2 x 1000 lb, 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, Bombs, were jettisoned at 5029E 0050E from 9,000 ft at 20.55 hrs. 1 x 1000 lb, 1 x 1000 lb bombs were brought back. Base was reached without incident.	AL453
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II EB 332	SGT. TROY, E. SGT. DENNISON, J. SGT. DODGSON, B. SGT. MCKINNON, J.H. SGT. LABON, J.I. SGT. ADY, R.G. SGT. SCARLE, A.P.	DO	19.16	05.30	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was made on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 23.00 hrs on a heading 040 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release of bombs but no results were observed. Three good fires were reported by rear gunner as the aircraft left the target. Mandrel was not used. This crew flew without oxygen to the target as there was a leak in line. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 1000 lb, 3 x 1000 lb, 1 x 1000 lb pistol fuse and 1 x 500 lb bombs.	AL454

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NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 781	P/S. HARRIS, M. P/O. PRICE, J.R. SGT. SAVOR, R.H.V. P/S. SCOTT, G.R. P/O. L.L. MELEND. P/O. T.H. REEVES. SGT. MCINTYRE, G.W.	BOMBING STUTTGART.	19.13	05.05 LAGGAR	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 2304 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release and bombs were seen to burst in the target area. Fires were just beginning as aircraft left the target. Mandrel was not fitted. On the return trip this aircraft was attacked by an ME110 with cannon and machine gun fire causing the port inner and starboard outer engines to cut out. Just before landing at LAGGAR the port outer engine began to surge but a wheels up landing was made. All excess equipment was jettisoned over the channel after the attack was made. The crew were uninjured. Load carried 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb, and 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	ALA55
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II NR 564	P/O. B.R. HARRIS. P/O. G.T. STUBBS. SGT. CONLARD, T.J. SGT. SPILLINGTON, W.R. SGT. DEBIA, G.W. SGT. WILLIS, G.E. SGT. FRIDAY, R.C.	DO	19.09	02.49	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by PFF markers which corresponded with com MEA. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 23.06 hrs on a heading 060 degs M. Bombs were dropped between concentrations of red and green markers. The glow of fires could be seen 100 miles away on the return journey. The aircraft was holed by heavy flak over the target area. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	ALA56
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 516	P/LT. R.H. BOOBY. P/O. P.E. MITCHELL. P/S. SMITH, M. P/O. D.W.T. GIBLIN. P/O. R.L. BAIL. SGT. BROW, H.A. SGT. HOBBS, D.C.	DO	19.14	05.26	This aircraft found good visibility horizontally with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 12,000 ft at 2305 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. The green markers were slightly to port of drift wires at moment of bomb release but bombs were thought to have fallen close to the aiming point. There were many fires visible as this aircraft left the target area. Mandrel was not fitted. The PFF were on time but were not so well grouped as usual. Load carried 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb, 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	ALA57
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 677	SGT. HENDRICKS, A.J. SGT. CROSS, J. SGT. KESTER, R. SGT. KIRBY, R.L.T. SGT. HENDER, J.E.C. SGT. AYER, J. SGT. DUNVILLE, W.S.	DO	19.15	05.21	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 23.06 hrs on a heading 030 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Fires were seen soon after bombing to the west of markers used for pinpoint. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb and 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	ALA56

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NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 790	P/S. BLANCHARD, R.O. P/S. NORMAN, C.B. SOT. SMITH, E.I. P/S. GORDON, K.E. SOT. SMITH, A.J. SOT. WILLIAMS, E. SOT. MCKINLEY, J.A.	BOMBING STUTTGART.	19.17	22.57	The rear turret guns on this aircraft went w/s so captain decided to return to base and same was reached without incident. Load carried was brought back. Same was 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb, and 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	AL459																
NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II HR 656 -T-	P/O. A.A. STEWART. P/S. LINTON, D.D.P. P/O. G.H. LAGGS. SOT. BARNES, L.S. SOT. DAVIDSON, E.D. SOT. HAMILTON, C.R. SOT. HARRISON, J.A.	DO	19.10	- -	This aircraft failed to return from operations and no further news has been heard from same. Below is the operational hours and trips of the crew.  <table><tr><th colspan="2">TRIPS HOURS</th></tr><tr><td>NZAL3502</td><td>P/O. Arnold Andrew STEWART. (R) 7 42.1</td></tr><tr><td>921693</td><td>P/S. LEITCH, David Duncan Patrick. (NAV.S.) 5 30.32</td></tr><tr><td>121779</td><td>P/O. George Herbert LAGGS. (NAV.S.) 8 40.34</td></tr><tr><td>1260458</td><td>SOT. HARRISON, Laurence Stanley. (WOP/AC) 5 30.32</td></tr><tr><td>CAN.R144478</td><td>SOT. DAVIDSON, Russell Duncan. (AC) NIL</td></tr><tr><td>NZAL11240</td><td>SOT. HAMILTON, Charley Thomas. (AC) 7 41.51</td></tr><tr><td>CAN.R61632</td><td>SOT. HARRISON, John Allan. (7/210) 6 37.47</td></tr></table>	TRIPS HOURS		NZAL3502	P/O. Arnold Andrew STEWART. (R) 7 42.1	921693	P/S. LEITCH, David Duncan Patrick. (NAV.S.) 5 30.32	121779	P/O. George Herbert LAGGS. (NAV.S.) 8 40.34	1260458	SOT. HARRISON, Laurence Stanley. (WOP/AC) 5 30.32	CAN.R144478	SOT. DAVIDSON, Russell Duncan. (AC) NIL	NZAL11240	SOT. HAMILTON, Charley Thomas. (AC) 7 41.51	CAN.R61632	SOT. HARRISON, John Allan. (7/210) 6 37.47	AL460
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NIGHT 11-12	HALIFAX II DT 679	P/O. J.R.L. SHERENT. SOT. HILL, G.M. SOT. COOK, P.R. SOT. GARDNER, D.P. SOT. CLIMBERG, R.V. SOT. VEYS, J.V.J.R. SOT. MCKINLEY, H.G.	DO	19.11	03.55	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 22.59 hrs on a heading 050 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. The glow of fires could be seen about sixty miles away on the return journey. Manual was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 2000 lb, 4 x 1000 lb, and 1 x 500 lb, bombs.	AL461																
NIGHT 12-13	HALIFAX II DT 673	SOT. PATRICK, J.C.A. SOT. KELLY, G.M. SOT. EDGIE, D. SOT. FREEMAN, G.A. SOT. MCKINLEY, E. SOT. LEWIS, A.L. SOT. BARNES, J.H.W.	BOMBING ESSER	19.10	00.40	This aircraft found good visibility with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 21.28 hrs on a heading 140 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. There was a good concentration of fires in the target area and a red glow of fires could be seen from 100 miles on the way back. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb bombs, and 500 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, 30 x 4 lb, type 1c, incendiaries.	AL462																



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NIGHT 12-13	HALIFAX II DE 797	SGT. DUNST, E.B. P/O. J.W.G. POSTER. P/O. T. LOWRE. SGT. ELLIS, E. SGT. HOWIE, A.T. SGT. SPENCER, R.H. SGT. BROWN, T.M.	BOMBING ESSEX	19.14	01.04	This aircraft found good visibility with alight ground haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 21.30 hrs on a heading 177 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Fires were just starting in the target area. Mandrel was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb, bombs and 690 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, incendiaries.	ALA63
NIGHT 13-13	HALIFAX II NR 504	S/LDR. W.D.S. FERGUS. P/LT. H.B. GATTON. P/S. O'NEILL, J.M. P/O. FAIRBRIDGE, L.W. SGT. FIDLER, R.A. SGT. MEAY, P.E. P/O. E.M. MILLER. CO. SGT. JENNINGS, G.	DO	19.15	00.05	This aircraft found good visibility apart from thick ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.30 hrs on a heading 165 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sights at time of release but no results were observed. The fires were well concentrated around T.I. markers. The glow was still visible at the DUTCH coast. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb bombs and 690 x 4 lb, 32 x 30 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, incendiaries.	ALA64
NIGHT 12-13	HALIFAX II SE 336	S/LDR. E.G. GILBERT. P/LT. J.D. BARNUM. SGT. SMITH, J.W.T.M. P/S. OTTER, P.M. P/O. M.P. HALL. P/O. W.A. MCLEOD. SGT. HAYNES, K.W.	DO	19.11	22.26	This aircraft abandoned the task owing to the intercom intermittently going O/S. 1 x 1000 lb bomb and 630 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries were jettisoned live at 2250N 0350E from 14,500 ft at 20.45 hrs. 2 x 1000 lb were brought back and also 60 x 4 lb time up. Base was reached without incident.	ALA65
NIGHT 12-13	HALIFAX II DE 790	P/O. C.O. HAMIL. P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE. SGT. GIBSON, S.P. P/LT. E.E. HOWLAND. SGT. RICHMOND, H. SGT. TROBANDT, A.A. SGT. KARSCHNER, W.G.	DO	19.16	00.47	This aircraft found good visibility apart from thick ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 14,000 ft at 21.30 hrs on a heading 045 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sights at time of release but no results were observed. Only incendiaries were burning at time of bombing but fires sprang up rapidly and were well concentrated. The flak was rather heavy over the target and no 4 tank in port side was holed and both port engines packed out in landing and aircraft crashed. None of the crew were injured. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb bombs and 690 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA66
NIGHT 12-13	HALIFAX II DE 679	P/O. J.S. CARGILL. P/S. HENNESSY, R.P. P/O. T.D. MOORE. P/O. T.M. HALL. SGT. GIBSON, J.E. SGT. KIRK, C.L. SGT. JAMES, L.E.	DO	19.09	22.17	This aircraft abandoned the task owing to the pilot's escape hatch being jammed open. 1 x 1000 lb bomb and 690 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries were jettisoned safe at 530N 0243E from 7000 ft at 20.35 hrs. 2 x 1000 lb bombs were brought back. Base was reached without incident.	ALA67

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10-13 NIGHT	HALIFAX II DT 546	P/S. BRADSHAW, R.O. P/S. NORMAN, C.E. SOT. SUTHER, C.L. P/S. GIBSON, K.E. SOT. SUTHER, A.J. SOT. WILLIAMS, W. SOT. BRICE, K.O.	BOMBING ESSER	19.12	00.12	This aircraft found good visibility with heavy ground haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 21.20 hrs on a heading 200 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The glow of fires covered a wide area and these were visible 100 miles away. The PFF flames were well concentrated. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb bombs and 690 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL68
NIGHT 10-13	HALIFAX II DT 677	SOT. CHILDERS, D.V. SOT. GIBSON, J. SOT. ANDERSON, J. P/S. HART, D.O. SOT. MATTHEWS, L.H. SOT. HENRY, R. SOT. MCNEIL, J.A. OO. P/O. J.N. CAVANAUGH.	DO	19.26	01.17	This aircraft found good visibility with some ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 7,000 ft at 21.25 hrs on a heading 180 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The fires were well started as aircraft left the target area and these were still visible at DUTCH coast. This attack was considered very successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 1000 lb bombs and 690 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb incendiaries. This aircraft was chased over ESSER and had to dive from 17,500 ft to 1,500 ft to avoid same. The elevators were strained as a result of steep dive.	ALL69
DAY 13-3-43	HALIFAX II DT 679	P/LT. R.H. BOSEY. P/O. P.E. MITCHELL. P/S. SAMPSON, H. P/O. D.W.T. GILMAN. SOT. O'CONNOR, P.O. P/O. S.J. HALL. SOT. HURST, D.O.	SEA SEARCH	11.09	11.04	Unsuccessful.	ALL70
DAY 13-3-43	HALIFAX II DT 797	SOT. KENNEDY, A.S. SOT. HILL, G.H. SOT. ARMSTRONG, R. SOT. GARDINER, D.F. SOT. LUSSELL, J.E.O. SOT. AYERS, J. SOT. PERVILLE, W.S.	DO	11.12	11.12	Unsuccessful.	ALL71
DAY 13-3-43	HALIFAX II NR 606	P/O. J.S. GUNDEL. P/S. BIRCHALL, R.O. P/O. F.H. MOORE. P/O. C.H. BEACH. SOT. GIBSON, J.W. SOT. HORN, C.L. SOT. JAMES, L.A.	DO	19.09	22.17	Unsuccessful.	ALL72

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NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II DT 713	P/O. R.H.F. GAMBLE. P/S. JARRETT, D.L. SGT. HARRIS, A.J. SGT. MOORE, K.S. P/O. R.E. RAY. SGT. CHOCK, E.C. SGT. BAKER, R.W. SGT. JENNINGS, G.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	18.32	00.35	This aircraft found some ground haze which obscured buildings but river and T.I. markers were visible. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.50 hrs on a heading 210 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release. No results were seen but it is thought that bombs fell in the marker area. Incendiaries were burning as aircraft left the target and these were well concentrated. The PFF had marked the target very well. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL75
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II DT 769	P/O. R.E. HARRIS. P/O. G.D. STANBORN. P/O. T.V. HARRIS. SGT. SHELLINGTON, W.R. SGT. DODGE, T.W. SGT. WELLES, G.E. SGT. FRIDMAN, E.G.	DO.	18.38	00.31	This aircraft found good visibility except for some ground haze which marred ground detail. The target was identified by the PFF flares and also visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 225 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were three large fires observed, burning as this aircraft left the target area. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL74
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II JB 854	SGT. DUNN, E.E. P/O. J.W.G. FOSTER. P/O. T. LOWERY. SGT. EVANS, E. SGT. BOWEN, A.T. SGT. SPILLER, R.H. SGT. BROWN, T.H.	DO.	18.34	00.50 UPPER HERFORD	This aircraft found visibility rather poor owing to ground haze. The target was identified by the RETURN of LIGHTS and concentration of red markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,500 ft at 21.50 hrs on a heading 180 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Many fires were seen starting up as aircraft left the target area. 30 x 4 lb, incendiaries hung up. At 00.28 at 21.20 hrs at 18,000 ft an unidentified aircraft was observed passing from port to starboard about 1000 yds astern. The Halifax took evasive action and this aircraft disappeared. This aircraft was diverted and landed at UPPER HERFORD. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALL75
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II HB 332	SGT. BATHURST, R.H. SGT. WILKIN, H. P/O. R.V. FISHER. SGT. HALL, E. SGT. GRANT, P.W. SGT. CORREY, J.M.P.E. SGT. GRAYSON, H.L.	DO.	18.47	00.40	This aircraft found good visibility apart from haze. The target was identified by PFF flares and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 21.48 hrs on a heading 160 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Three large fires were observed as this aircraft left the target area. Mistral was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries and 2 x 1000 lb bombs.	ALL76

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NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II NR 673	SGT. PATEY, J.G.A. SGT. KELHER, C.N. SGT. RIDGE, D. SGT. FREEMAN, C.A. SGT. MCGOWAN, E. SGT. LEWIS, A.H. SGT. HENSH, J.H.W.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	18.36	00.25 OHLVNSOR	This aircraft found some haze over the target. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 21.41 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. Flak over the target was moderate to slight. The starboard outer engine was feathered on this aircraft at 21.29 hrs. This aircraft landed at OHLVNSOR due to shortage of fuel. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA77
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II NR 664	P/O. I.C. MACKENZIE. P/O. A. PLAYFAIR. SGT. COUPLAND, T.J. P/O. G. O'CONNELL. P/O. W.A. MULLROY. P/O. R.J. BALL. SGT. MCKENZIE, L.W.	DO.	18.44	00.25	This aircraft found very good visibility with slight haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.42 hrs on a heading 230 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. There were many fires visible in the target area and these could be seen for 80 miles on the way home. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA78
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II NR 336	S/LDR. E.G. GILMORE. P/SGT. J.D. BARROCK. SGT. SMITH, J.W.T.M. P/O. GILLES, F.G. P/O. SP. HALL. SGT. WICKETT, R.T. SGT. HAINES, E.W.	DO	18.37	00.45	This crew found visibility very poor owing to heavy conditions in the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 21.49 hrs on a heading 120 degs M. The centre of red markers were in sights at moment of bomb release but no results were observed. One big explosion was seen as aircraft left the target. Munition was not fitted. The PFF were on time and P.L. markers were well concentrated. Base was reached without incident.	ALA79
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II NR 654	P/O. J.S. CARRER. P/O. TRENCHALL, R. P/O. T.B. MOORE. P/O. C.W. BLAKE. SGT. GIBSON, J.W. SGT. KERN, C.D. SGT. JAMES, L.K.	DO.	18.35	01.13	This crew found good visibility but slight ground haze. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 21.55 hrs on a heading 135 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Fires were seen burning in the town area and these were well concentrated. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA80



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NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II JB 858	P/S. HARTY, J.O. P/S. MILLER, R.L. SGT. FAYTHURST, J.B. P/S. GARNER, R.A. SGT. TAYLOR, N.H.A. SGT. MACKAY, P.A. SGT. TAYHAM, W.W.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRES.	18.27	00.54	The crew of this aircraft found moderate visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 21.55 hrs on a heading 045 degs M. Bombed a spot where green T.I. markers had just gone out and it is thought that the bombs slightly overshot. The fires were well concentrated and were visible 90 miles away. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AlA81
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II DT 677	SGT. GRANT, A.G. P/S. CHURCH, M.G. P/S. KEMPE, P.G. P/S. LALOGE, M.R. SGT. POWELL, A.E. SGT. KELLER, C.R. SGT. STENTIFORD, K.M.	DO.	18.31	00.48	The crew found moderate visibility with some smoke haze. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,500 ft at 2200 hrs on a heading 090 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. The glow of fires could be seen 80 miles away on the return journey. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AlA82
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II HR 698	P/S. BLACKHALL, R.G. P/S. HORTON, C.B. SGT. SUMNER, G.I. P/S. GORFREN, K.E. SGT. SUTTON, A.J. SGT. WILLIAMS, E. SGT. BACINS, K.E.	DO.	18.33	01.05	This crew found no low cloud with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 21.47 hrs on a heading 175 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sights at moment of release but no results were observed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AlA83
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II DT 546	SGT. REYNOLDS, A.J. P/O. A.G. EDWARDS. SGT. ARMSTRONG, E. SGT. KNIGHT, R.L.T. SGT. LUNNIE, J.E.G. SGT. AVNEY, J. SGT. DUNVILLE, W.S.	DO.	18.39	01.00	This crew found light haze over the target which obscured the built up area. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,500 ft at 21.51 hrs on a heading 160 degs M. No results of own bombing observed. Fires were visible as aircraft left the target. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AlA84
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II DE 752	P/O. J.R.L. SHERITT. SGT. HILL, G.M. SGT. COOKS, P.R. SGT. GARNER, D.P. SGT. KEMMER, W. SGT. HENNING, G.D. SGT. MACNEIL, H.G.	DO.	18.43	00.52	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 14,500 ft at 21.47 hrs on a heading 160 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. 2 x 1000 lb bombs hung up and were dropped live at 1855N 0202E. The reason for hang up was unknown. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AlA85

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NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II BT 679	P/O. T.G. KAYE. P/O. J.K. BELL. SOT. BATESON, P.D. P/O. M.W. HOWARD. SOT. FANON, E.W. P/O. E.W. McDONALD. SOT. BOWMAN, J.H.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	18.41	00.27	This crew report good visibility with slight haze over the target. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 120 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed, but bombs were thought to have burst just ahead of the markers. 4 x 50 lb incendiaries hung up. Mandril was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA86
NIGHT 22-23	HALIFAX II BT 769	SOT. TROY, E. SOT. DUNNICK, J. SOT. DORRIGAN, R. SOT. McDONALD, J.H. SOT. LARSON, J.I. SOT. ADAMS, H.G. SOT. SCANTIS, A.F.	DO.	18.42	00.58	This crew report good visibility over the target. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.46 hrs on a heading 120 degs M. Markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Two good wires were visible and these could be seen 30 miles away on the way home. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 780 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 32 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA87
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II BT 713	P/W. R.H.P. GAMBLE. P/S. JARRETT, D.L. SOT. HARRISON, A.J. SOT. MCNOLL, K.M. P/O. E.L. RAY. SOT. CHOCK, E.C. SOT. BARKER, E.W. CO. P/O. A.O. SMUCK.	BOMBING DUISBURG.	19.04	00.12	This crew report poor visibility with 10/10 cloud tops at 8000 to 10000 ft. The target was identified by T.I. markers and red and green flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 22.00 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. This aircraft bombed just after markers had gone out but bombs were not seen to burst. A terrific explosion was observed about two minutes before bombing and this lit up the clouds for about five seconds. Search lights which were in action at this time were completely dimmed by this vivid flash. 1 x 1000 lb was jettisoned live over the sea. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. The marker was not fitted. This aircraft was damaged by flak over the target area and the rear gunner SOT. CHOCK, E.C. was wounded. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	ALA88
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II BB 332	SOT. BATHCHELOR, R.H. SOT. VEIN, E. P/O. R.V. FINGER. SOT. HALL, E. SOT. GRANT, P.W. SOT. GERRARD, J.W.P.M. SOT. GRAYSON, R.I.	DO.	19.08	23.44	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud at 16,000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. Bombs were dropped on what was believed to have been the primary target. There were no T.I. markers visible at time of bombing but a timed run was made from green flares and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 130 degs M. No results were observed. Mandril was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb incendiaries.	ALA89

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NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HR 664	SGT. TROT, E. SGT. DUNHAM, J. SGT. DODGSON, R. SGT. McDONALD, J.H. SGT. LADON, J.I. SGT. AITCH, H.G. SGT. SCARUS, A.F.	BOMBING DUISBURG.	19.10	00.26	This crew report poor visibility with 10/10 cloud tops at 8000 to 10000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. PFF markers flares were in bomb sight but no results were observed. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. The PFF flares were late and scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL490
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HR 673	P/O. I.C. MACKENZIE. P/O. A. PLATFAIR. SGT. COUPLAND, T.J. P/O. C. O'CONNELL. P/O. W.A. WILKINSON. P/O. R.J. BALL. SGT. MCKENZIE, L.W. CO. P/R. LEAVER, P.H.	DO.	19.11	23.59	This crew report poor visibility with 10/10 cloud tops at 8000 to 10000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.45 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The PFF were not successful due to the release being at least eight minutes late. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL491
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HR 679	P/O. SIKETT, E.A. P/A. CANNON, R.E. P/A. FLEMING, R.G.A. P/O. J.D. MURKIN. SGT. BOWER, G.D. SGT. HURKE, P.H. SGT. BRICE, K.O.	DO.	19.05	00.46	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud tops at 13000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 17,500 ft at 21.54 hrs on a heading 180 degs M. A red flare with green stars were in bomb sights at moment of release but no results were observed. The red glow of flares could be seen on the clouds. Mandrel was used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL492
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HR 677	P/O. BRACKHALL, R.O. P/A. HURKE, C.B. SGT. SIMON, G.I. P/O. GIBSON, K.E. SGT. SUTTON, A.J. SGT. MACKAY, P.H. SGT. BRUCE, K.E. CO. SGT. MILLER, R.R.	DO.	19.09	00.21	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud tops at 13000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 18,500 ft at 21.47 hrs on a heading 185 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Incendiaries could be seen burning on the ground through gaps in the clouds. The starboard outer engine went u/s from the DUTCH coast on the return trip. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb incendiaries.	AL493

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NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II DT 752	P/Lt. E.H. ROONEY. P/O. P.E. MITCHELL. P/S. SIMMONS, M. SOT. SIMMONS, E.C. P/O. D.W.T. GIBMAN. SOT. BROWN, E.A. SOT. HORNER, D.C.	BOMBING DUISBURG.	19.03	00.37	This crew report 10/10 cloud with tops at 6000 ft over the target area. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 21.31 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. This aircraft bombed 200 yards in front of red markers with green stars and it is thought that bombs fell near the target. No results were observed. Mundrel was not fitted. The PFF was very late and flares seemed to be scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb, type X, 56 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Ala94
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HB 336	P/O. C.O. HATLE. P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE. SOT. ORRIND, S.F. P/O. W.E. ROWLAND. SOT. RICHMOND, H. SOT. TCHAYNTE, A.A. SOT. KAPUSCINSKI, W.G.	DO.	19.07	00.40	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud tops at 12000 ft. The target was identified by glow on the clouds and also red sky markers. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 21.58 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. Red sky markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. A large explosion lit up the clouds at 21.58 hrs. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Ala95
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II HE 749	SOT. REYNOLDS, A.J. P/O. A.G. EDWARDS. SOT. ARMSTRONG, R. SOT. KNIGHT, R.L.T. SOT. LUSKIN, J.R.G. SOT. AYCK, J. SOT. DUNVILLE, W.G.	DO.	19.06	00.32	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 21.55 hrs on a heading 185 degs M. Red flares with green stars were in bombing sight at moment of release but results of own bombing were not seen. Mundrel was not fitted. It is thought that the PFF were late and their flares scattered. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Ala96
NIGHT 26-27	HALIFAX II JB 858	P/O. J.R.L. SHERNT. SOT. HILL, G.M. SOT. COCKS, P.R. SOT. GARRAWE, D.F. SOT. KWASNEY, W. SOT. HENING, C.D. SOT. MACHIEL, R.G.	DO.	19.09	00.44	This crew report good visibility above the cloud with 10/10 cloud tops at 12000 ft. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been the primary target and an attack was made from 19,500 ft at 21.57 hrs on a heading 190 degs M. A red sky marker was in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. A red glow could be seen in the cloud for fifty miles away. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 56 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Ala97



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NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II JB 854	SGT. DUNN, E.H. P/O. J.W.G. FOSTER. P/O. T. LOWERY. SGT. EVANS, E. SGT. BOWLES, A.T. SGT. SPILLER, R.H. SGT. BROWN, T.H.	BOMBING BERLIN.	19.59	05.29	The crew report heavy cloud at about 7000 ft over the target. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 23.07 hrs on a heading 020 degs M. Green flares were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed in the target area. The PFF flares were on time and well placed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Al198
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II HR 713	P/O. WOOD, F.W. P/O. PALMER, L.J. SGT. MORRIS, J.H. P/O. L.V. PALMISTON. SGT. GARDNER, J.B. SGT. YVES, J.V.J.B. SGT. DUNNECH, R.V. CO. P/O. LEAVER, P.H.	DO.	19.58	05.40	This crew report good visibility horizontally but found 10/10 cloud over the target. The target was identified by own HXA and search light activity. There were no PFF markers seen. A pinpoint was obtained on what was believed to have been BERLIN and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 23.25 hrs on a heading 030 degs M. Bombs and incendiaries were seen to explode and three fires were started. 4 x 30 lb incendiaries hung up. Munition was not fitted. The GEM went u/s. This aircraft received some damage to fuselage and bomb doors. Same was caused by flak over the target and cannon shells from enemy aircraft. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb incendiaries.	Al199
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II DT 575	P/O. I.C. MCKENNAIE. P/O. A. PLATFAIR. SGT. CONYLAND, T.J. P/O. C. O'CONNELL. P/O. W.A. MULLANY. P/O. R.J. BALL. SGT. MCKENNAIE, L.W. CO. P/O. A.O. SMELK.	DO.	19.56	04.46	This crew report haze over the target which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 14,000 ft at 23.07 hrs on a heading 036 degs M. A concentration of red and green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. The area in P.F. markers was well ablaze as this aircraft left the target. The port outer engine went u/s at 23.09 hrs. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb incendiaries.	Al200
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II DT 769	SGT. PERRY, J.G.A. SGT. KELLOCK, C.H. SGT. HEDGE, D. SGT. FREEMAN, G.A. SGT. MCKENNAIE, E. SGT. LEWIS, A.L. SGT. KISHOP, J.H.W.	DO.	20.02	03.36	This crew report haze over the target which made visual identification impossible. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary target and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.01 hrs on a heading 085 degs M. A concentration of red and green markers was in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. There were scattered fires observed in the BERLIN area. The port outer engine went u/s from 5510N 0730E. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	Al201

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NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II HB 664	SGT. THOM, R. SGT. DUNNIGAN, J. SGT. DUNNIGAN, R. SGT. MCDONALD, J.H. SGT. LARSON, J.I. SGT. ACTON, H.G. SGT. SCANDS, A.V.	BOMBING BERLIN.	20.01	04.26	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze over the target. The target was identified by FFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 20,000 ft at 23.10 hrs on a heading 045 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at time of release but no results were observed. The glow of fires could be seen from BOSTON. Mardral was not fitted. There was extensive damage caused to this aircraft on the way in over MINNEAPOLIS and on return to base it made a crash landing. None of the crew were injured. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL502
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II HB 332	SGT. BATHCHELOR, R.H. SGT. WARD, R. P/O. R.V. FISHER. SGT. HALL, H. SGT. GRANT, F.W. SGT. STENNIS, A. SGT. GRAYSON, H.L.	DO.	20.00	--	This aircraft is missing from this operation. Below are the operational trips and hours of the members of the crew. 1299736 SGT. BATHCHELOR, Ronald, Howell (P) (NAV.) 8 31.03 1391852 SGT. WARD, Harry. (NAV.) 6 31.04 124316 P/O. Ronald, Victor, FISHER. (NAV.) 7 36.36 879080 SGT. HALL, Robert. (WOP/AG) 6 31.04 8118068 SGT. GRANT, Franklin, Wallis. (A.G.) 6 31.04 8128359 SGT. STENNIS, Alois. (A.G.) 3 19.04 868020 SGT. GRAYSON, Harold, Lewis. (P/ENG.) 7 37.12	AL503
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II BT 749	P/O. BRACKHALL, R.O. P/O. WORTH, G.E. SGT. SIMPSON, G.I. P/O. COOPER, K.E. SGT. SUTTON, A.J. SGT. WILLIAMS, E. SGT. BARKES, E.E.	DO.	19.55	22.16	Owing to severe icing conditions this aircraft returned to base from 5340N 0215E. The load carried was detonated safe at 20.46 hrs at 5340N 0215E from 8,500 ft. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL504
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II JB 858	P/O. HARTY, J.O. P/O. MILLER, B.L. SGT. PATTERSON, J.E. P/O. GARNER, R.A. SGT. TAYLOR, B.L.A. SGT. MACKAY, F.H. SGT. TARMAN, W.B.	DO.	19.51	04.05	This crew report fair visibility with slight ground haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by FFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 19,500 ft at 23.14 hrs on a heading 160 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. An enormous explosion was observed which seemed to eclipse all lights in the target area. Two large fires were seen in the eastern part of BERLIN. The FFF were accurate and this was thought to be a better raid than the last one on BERLIN. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	AL505

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NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II DF 679	P/O. J.R. L. SERGENT SOF. HILL, C.M. SOF. COOKE, P.R. SOF. GARGRAVE, D.M. SOF. KENNEDY, W. SOF. HENNING, G.B. SOF. MACHILL, H.G.	BOMBING BRULIN.	19.50	04.12	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.18 hrs on a heading 030 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Large fires were observed burning in the target area. Mandrel was used as directed. The PFF did a good job and this was considered as a very successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1506
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II HR 658	P/O. C.O. HAT LE P/O. A.M. STOCKDALE SOF. OSWED, S.F. P/O. W.E. ROWLAND SOF. RICHMOND, H. SOF. TROHARTER, A.A. SOF. KAPUSCINSKI, W.G. OO. SGT. MILLIGAN, R.R.	DO.	19.54	05.25	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.00 hrs on a heading 070 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. This was considered a fairly successful raid. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1507
NIGHT 27-28	HALIFAX II JB 866	P/O. SIRETT, R.A. P/O. GARTHE, R.E. P/O. FERGUSON, R.G.A. P/O. J.D. MURKIN SOF. BONE, G.D. SOF. BUNCE, P.B. SOF. BRICE, K.O. OO. W/O. GRAY, J.A.	DO.	19.53	04.08	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 18,000 ft at 23.18 hrs on a heading 030 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Bombs were thought to have fallen just north of river in a closely built up area. Numerous fires were observed burning in the target area. 30 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up. Mandrel was not fitted. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 420 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1508
NIGHT 28-29	HALIFAX II RB 136	P/O. J.M. CAVANAUGH P/O. E.H. TANNER SOF. HARKIS, T.W. SOF. RIDGS, E.A. SOF. HERRINGTON, G.W. SOF. KOPACK, W.A. SOF. HOLTHAM, R.H.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	19.32	02.00	This crew report very good visibility over the target area. The target was identified visually and by PFF markers. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft at 22.19 hrs on a heading 160 degs M. Green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed but it is felt that they fell in the target area. Other aircraft's bombing was seen to be accurate and concentrated. The hydraulics were damaged by flak but base was reached without further incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 720 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1509

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NIGHT 28-29	HALIFAX II DT 769	SGT. JENNINGS, G. P/O. J.S. ADKINSON. SGT. LAWIS, R.S.V. SGT. GIBBERT, F.J. SGT. ROBERTS, M.W. SGT. BARNES, J.F. SGT. DAVENPORT, H.	BOMBING ST. NAZAIRE.	19.29	01.08	This crew report alight haze over the target area. The target was identified by PFF flares. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,000 ft at 22.22 hrs on a heading 195 degs M. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release and bombs were observed to fall in the target area. Many fires were well concentrated in the target area and these could be seen about 70 miles away. 4 x 50 lb incendiaries hung up. This raid seemed to be very successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 690 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb type X, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries.	A1510
NIGHT 29-30	HALIFAX II DT 749	P/Lt. R.H.P. GANBLE. P/S. JARRETT, D.L. SGT. HARRIS, A.J. SGT. MOORE, K.S. P/O. E.R. RAY. P/O. R.J. BALL. SGT. BAKER, R.W.	BOMBING REHLIN.	21.38	00.15	The captain of this aircraft decided to turn back owing to severe icing conditions. Load carried was jettisoned live at 22.25 hrs from 16,000 ft at 5410N 0210E. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 450 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1511
NIGHT 29-30	HALIFAX II DT 769	P/S. MARMON, M. DPM. P/O. PRIDE, J.R. SGT. SAVOR, B.H.J. P/O. REYNOLDS, E.H. P/O. L.L. MCLEOD. SGT. WALTON, J.H. SGT. MCINTYRE, G.W.	DO.	21.55	00.58	The captain of this aircraft decided to turn back owing to severe icing conditions. Load carried was jettisoned safe at 22.55 hrs from 14,000 ft at 5410N 0312E. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 450 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1512
NIGHT 29-30	HALIFAX II HB 311	S/Lt. W.F.M. NEWSON. P/O. W.J. HARRIS. SGT. HAYLER, W.K. SGT. JOHNSTON, A.R. SGT. OCKLEY, W. SGT. MANNING, D.M. SGT. MARTIN, E.	DO.	21.45	01.10	The captain of this aircraft decided to turn back owing to severe icing conditions and air speed indicator going u/s. Load carried was jettisoned live at 23.15 hrs from 2,500 ft at 5432N 0355E. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 450 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1513
NIGHT 29-30	HALIFAX II HB 336	SGT. PATTY, J.G.A. SGT. KEMPTON, G.N. SGT. RIDGE, D. SGT. FREEMAN, G.A. SGT. MOOREHEAD, E. SGT. LEWIS, A.L. SGT. BIRNEY, J.H.W.	DO.	21.43	00.17	The captain of this aircraft decided to turn back owing to severe icing conditions. Load carried was jettisoned safe at 22.35 hrs from 10,000 ft at 5412N 0145E. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 450 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1514
NIGHT 29-30	HALIFAX II DT 546	P/O. J.R.L. SERGENT. SGT. HILL, G.M. SGT. COOK, F.R. SGT. GARRAWE, D.F. SGT. KENNEDY, W. SGT. HENNING, C.D. SGT. MACHILL, H.G.	DO.	21.48	23.41	The captain of this aircraft decided to turn back owing to severe icing conditions. Load carried was jettisoned safe at 22.25 hrs from 6,000 ft at 5412N 0118E. Load carried 2 x 1000 lb bombs, and 450 x 4 lb, 40 x 30 lb, incendiaries. Base was reached without incident.	A1515



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