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APPENDIX "A"

A.F. FORM 541.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 809 "C" P CAN P/O S.C. DEAN J. 1415	MAINZ (Second wave)	BOMBING	1550	2259	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was poor and the target identified by Sky marking flares with Red and Green stars. Bombing was carried out on flares at 1936 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Marking was satisfactory. Considerable fires from incendiaries and explosions were well grouped. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.6/10.	A.4051 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "Y" P CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHINSON J. 25645	- do -	- do -	1539	2311	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by sky marking flares Red with Green stars. Bombing was carried out on centre of two sky marking flares at 1935 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 058 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Tactics O.K. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.6/10; 1 x ZG 97.	A.4052 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX III NZ 421 "N" P CAN P/L W.S. SMITH DEC J. 17639	- do -	- do -	1549	2321	Attacked primary. 8/10ths cloud with good visibility. Target was identified by Red flares with green stars and checked by "C". Bombing was carried out on Red flares at 1934 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Jettisoned safe at a position 5444 N 0110 E at 2145 hours from 7,500 feet. 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; Lights showed all bombs gone over target. Numerous incendiaries seen over targets. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 11 x CP No. 14 C.6/10. 1 x ZG 97.	A.4053 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "D" P CAN P/O J.E. TUNIS J. 58131	- do -	- do -	1553	2308	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Sky marking flares. Bombing was carried out on centre of two flares at 1935 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Explosions observed in T.A. at 1955 hours. Good attack. No effective action firing bombing runs. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.6/10.	A.4054 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 126 "Z" P CAN P/O W.H. CROSS J. 16957	- do -	- do -	1540	2237	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with good visibility over the target which was identified by Sky markers. Bombing was carried out on Red flares with green stars at 1940 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 058 T with an I.A.S. of 180. No results seen owing to cloud. Landed at Strathall due to shortage of petrol. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 1 x CP No. 14 C.6/10. 1 x ZG 97.	A.4055 B.8
1.2.45	NF 807 "E" HALIFAX VII P CAN W/C E.M. EVANS C. 155	- do -	- do -	1547	2328	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 14,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red flares. Bombing was carried out on Red flares at 1940 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 052 T with an I.A.S. of 160. One large explosion noted at 1945 hours. Good attack. Bomb load same as A.4054.	A.4056 B.8

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1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 772 "G" P CAN P/L H.D. FRACKEN J.14133		BOMBING MAINZ (Second wave)	1552	2302	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Target was identified by Red flares and checked on "REX". Bombing was carried out on Red flare at 1936.1 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Red flares seen scattered. No results observed due to xxx cloud. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.8/10; 1 x ZS 97:-	A.4057 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 714 "A" P CAN S/L W.J. SMITH J.10553	- do -	- do -	1548	2316	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red T.I.s. Bombing was carried out on Red T.I. at 1938.6 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Incendiaries only results observed. Taking hold. No evasive action taken. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.8/10; 1 x ZS 97:-	A.4058 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" P CAN P/L R.H. BENDING J.21725	- do -	- do -	1545	2305	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 11,000 feet. Target was identified by Red flares with Green Stars. Bombing was carried out on Cluster of Red flares at 1935.5 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 160. On run in glow on incendiaries observed. No other results observed. Good concentration of A/C. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 11 x CP No. 14 C.8/10;	A.4059 B.8
1.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 717 "T" P CAN W/O P.R. SHARP C.858	- do -	- do -	1544	2313	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with good visibility over the target which was identified by Signmarking flares. Bombing was carried out on centre of signmarking flares at 1936.2 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Marking was adequate and plentiful. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.8/10; 1 x ZS 97:-	A.4060 B.8
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 759 "D" P CAN P/O W.E. TUNNE J.98131		BOMBING WAGNE KILCH (First wave)	2003	0203	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was good and the target identified by "REX". Bombing was carried out on "REX" fix at 2314.5 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 087 T with an I.A.S. of 150. No results observed. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 10 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D., 025:-	A.4061 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 757 "B" P CAN P/O J.D. BAIRD J.45298	- do -	- do -	2010	-	Abandoned mission near North Witam aerodrom owing to 3rd engine being u/s about 2100 hours at 17,000 feet. Star board inner engine went u/s and prop was feathered. Could not maintain height so engine was re-started but would not re-feather and shortly after took fire. Crew bailed and were subsequently ordered to bail out. Aircraft crashed with full bomb load at North Witam airfield. All the crew are reported safe and have returned to the unit. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 10 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D., 025:- 1 x ZS 98:-	A.4062 B.9

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2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 807 "E" P CAN W/O. E.H. EVANS. G.153		BOMBING WARNE - KICKEL (First wave)	1953	0223	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with poor visibility over the target which was identified by "GEC". Bombing was carried out on reddish glow on cloud at 2318.5 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results observed. No difficulties. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T. No. 10 x 500 LB A.N.M. 58 T.D. 025. 1 x 22 96.	A.4063 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 809 "E" P S.C. DEAN J.36215		- do -	2005	0144	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was poor due to haze. Target identified by "GEC". Bombing was carried out on Red Glow at 2319 hours from 19,300 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Large explosion in T.A. at 2319 hours. No difficulties. Bomb load was the same as A.4063.	B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 124 "H" P CAN W/O R.E. STEWART J.89238		- do -	2012	0205	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 21,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was poor and the target identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on estimated position of T.I. Red at 2318.9 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 088 T with an I.A.S. of 155. One yellowish explosion noted at 2319.5 hours followed by blue one almost immediately. Bomb load same as A.4063.	B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 804 "E" P CAN F/L R.D. TRACER J.12133		- do -	2032	0206	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by "GEC". Bombing was carried out on glow on cloud at 2318.2 hours from 18,800 feet on a heading of 050 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Tactics O.K. going to target. Only reddish glow on cloud observed. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T. No. 10 x 500 LB A.N.M. 64 T.D. 025.	B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" P CAN F/O R.H. ARBITAGE J.35566		- do -	2000	0301	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Horizontal visibility fair and the Red and Green T.I.'s checked by "GEC" identified target. Bombing was carried out on Red T.I.'s at 2318.6 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 100 T with an I.A.S. of 150. No other results observed other than two explosion at 2319 hours. Bomb load was same as A.4063.	B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "E" P CAN F/L R. GALL J.20725		- do -	2006	0155	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and target identified by "GEC". Bombing was carried out on "GEC" at 2318.3 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 100 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No difficulties. Bomb bursts seen. Bomb load was the same as on A.4063.	B.9

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2/3.2.45	HALIFAX III NZ 421 "N" P CAN	P/L P.S. SMITH, DFC	BOMBING KICKEL (First wave)	J.17639	WARRIE - 2030	0212	Attacked primary. 8/10ths cloud with tops at 21,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was fair and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" at 2314.5 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 075 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Only glow seen over target. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.: 10 x 500 LB M.T. 64 T.D. 025: 1 x 25 98.	A.4069 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 711 "O" P CAN	P/L R.H. FLEMING	J.21759	- do -	2009	0206	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility was fair. Bombing was carried out on Red L.I.'s at 2318 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 088 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Outside of bomb flames and photo flashes no other results observed. Bomb load was 6 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.: 10 x 500 LB M.T. 64 T.D. 025.	A.4070 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 754 "P" P CAN	P/L D.M. SANDERSON	J.29724	- do -	2029	0240	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was poor and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on glow at 2326 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 088 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Bomb load carried was same as A.4070.	A.4071 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 777 "S" P CAN	P/O A.E. BROWN	J.92578	- do -	2034	0305	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target which was identified by Red glow on cloud and "GEE". Bombing was carried out near edge of Red glow at 2328.1 hours from 13,500 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Appeared to well concentrated attack. No other results observed. Bomb load same as on A.4070.	A.4072 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 717 "T" P CAN	P/L W.R. MURPHY	J.8939	- do -	2017	0216	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" at 2325.3 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Nothing observed as the cloud too thick. Appeared to be concentrated attack. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4070.	A.4073 B.9
2/3.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 769 "Y" P CAN	P/L D.A. BROWN	J.23228	- do -	2020	0352	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 2317.1 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 100 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Photos Off. Bombing and camera run held steady. Bomb load was the same as A.4070.	A.4074 B.9
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 780 "C" P/L R. DALL	J.20725	BOMBING OVERTHEWIND C.P. 5 (First wave)	1724	2327	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Target was identified by reddish glow. Visibility fair. Bombing was carried out on centre of reddish glow at 2303.4 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 070 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No markers visible. Heavy white flash at 2305 hours only result observed. Bomb load was 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D. 025: 1 x 500 LB G.P.T.I.: 8 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.: 1 x 25 98.	A.4075 B.10	

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4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 804 "E" P CAN W/C E.H. EVANS C.153		BOMBING OSTERFIELD C.P. (first wave)	1730	2350	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by glow on cloud and checked by "G". Bombing was carried out on "G" fix at 2107 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 069 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Flashes of bomb bursts only results seen. Bomb load carried was 7 x 500 LB M.G., T.D., 025; 1 x 500 LB G.P.L.D.; 8 x 250 LB G.P.L.D.; 1 x 250 LB G.P.L.D.	A.4076 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 809 "G" P CAN F/L E.T. FINCH J.25226	- do -	- do -	1729	2331	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Bombing was carried out on edge of Reddish glow at 2104.2 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 165. No markers seen cascading. Checked by "G". Route and tactics O.K. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4076.	A.4077 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 804 "K" P CAN W/C P.R. SHARP C.858	- do -	- do -	1723	0003	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with good visibility. Target identified by "G" and orange glow on cloud. Bombing was carried out on "G" fix at 2105.2 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Glow of bomb bursts and photo flashes only results seen. Tactics appeared O.K. Bomb load was the same as A.4076.	A.4078 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 796 "N" P CAN S/L R.V. NORRIS C.994	- do -	- do -	1722	0009	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with good visibility over the target which was identified by Orange glow on cloud. Bombing was carried out on orange glow at 2111 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 180 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Bomb seen to explode in area. No other results seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4076.	A.4079 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX III NP 421 "N" P CAN F/L R.S. SMITH, DPC J.17539	- do -	- do -	1730	2336	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Target was identified by Reddish glow and checked by "G". Bombing was carried out on "G" fix at 2104.2 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 065 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Only result of attack observed was reddish glow on cloud. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4076.	A.4080 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 711 "O" P CAN F/L R.M. FLEMING J.21795	- do -	- do -	1721	2325	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Bombing was carried out on "G" fix at 2102.5 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 066 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Over target could only see glow of T.I. Red markers on the cloud. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4076.	A.4081 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 772 "Q" P CAN F/O R.B. STEWART J.89238	- do -	- do -	1744	2343	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on yellowish glow at 2103.2 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 071 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Bomb load was 7 x 500 LB M. T.D., 025; 1 x 500 LB G.P.L.D.; 8 x 250 LB G.P.L.D.	A.4082 B.10

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4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 754 "T" P CAN F/L H.D. BRACKEN J.24333	OSTERFIELD	BOMBING C.P. (First wave)	1735	2342	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target was identified by "RE". Bombing was carried out on "RE" fix at 2106 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 080 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Port inner engine went 4/5 about 14 minutes before the target. No difficulties. Good attack. Couple explosions seen. Bomb load carried was 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D., 025r 1 x 500 LB G.P.L.D.: 8 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.: -	A.4083 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 776 "R" P CAN F/L D.M. SAUNDERS J.29724 - do -	- do -	- do -	1739	2328	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good but slight haze. Target was identified by "RE". Bombing was carried out on "RE" fix at 2103.5 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 073 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Only a red glow seen. No other results due to haze cloud. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4083.	A.4084 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 777 "S" P CAN F/O A.K. BROWN J.92578 - do -	- do -	- do -	1737	2335	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by "RE". Bombing was carried out on centre of reddish glow at 2104.5 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No markers observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4083.	A.4085 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 126 "Z" P CAN F/O G.H. GROSS J.36957 - do -	- do -	- do -	1725	2351	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 17,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red Markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red glow at 2103.4 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 057 T with an I.A.S. of 165. No results seen. Bombing was carried out with 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D., 025r 1 x 500 LB G.P.L.D.: 1 x 250 G.P.T.I.: -	A.4086 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" P CAN F/O R.M. AGUIRRE J.35566	BOMBING DOES 1/1 (First wave)	BOMBING	1745	0004	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was good and target identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on "RE" fix with Reddish glow in bombight at 2052.2 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 053 T with an I.A.S. of 170. Red T.I.'s were first observed going down at 2045 followed by Red flares. T.I.'s appeared to be concentrated around while glow of fire. No results of bombing were seen. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.H.I.: 11 x 250 No. 15 G.40. 1 x 250 97.	A.4087 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 769 "D" P CAN F/O W.E. TUNIS J.86121 - do -	- do -	- do -	1749	0017	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 11,000 feet. Visibility was fair, and the target identified by Red flares. Bombing was carried out on "RE" at 2051 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 065 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Glow on cloud only visible result due to cloud. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.H.I.: 11 x 250 No. 15 G.40.	A.4088 B.10

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4/5.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 199 "P" P CAN F/L T.R. AUSTIN J. 8939		BOMBING BOUN M/T (First wave)	1745	0012	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Target was identified by T.I. Red markers and checked by "stars". Bombing was carried out on Red flares with green stars at 2051.5 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 053° with an I.A.S. of 155. Targets well and constantly marked by sky markers. Large glow over target at 2135 hours. No other results seen. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.: 11 x GP No. 15 G.6/10; 1 x 20 97.1-	A.4089 B.10
4/5.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 124 "H" P CAN F/L A. ROSSINERRY J. 8377 - do -		- do -	1747	0006	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red flares with Green Stars. Bombing was carried out on "stars" fir at 2053 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 053° T with an I.A.S. of 160. 1 x 2000 lb H.C.N.I. jettisoned safe at a position 5200 N 0250 E at 2246 hours but exploded on impact. ATREK possibly scattered, no results seen other than glow beneath clouds. Landed at Chipping Varden due to shortage of petrol. Bomb load carried on this aircraft was the same as on A.4089.	A.4090 B.10
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 809 "C" P CAN F/L E.T. PINCH J. 25226		BOMBING BOCH	1843	0050	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Horizontal visibility good, and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on M/S's instructions to bomb centre of Red and Green T.I.'s at 2216.3 hours from 10,000 feet on a heading of 050° T with an I.A.S. of 155. Large white explosion seen at 2215.5 hours. Good attack. Bomb load carried was 4 x 250 G.P.T. 8; 12 x 500 LB. M.M. 64. T.D. 025.	A.4091 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 807 "H" P CAN F/O K.E. HLYTH J. 30828 - do -		- do -	1840	0115	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Target was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red and Green T.I.'s at 2216.1 hours from 10,000 feet on a heading of 048° T with an I.A.S. of 165. All bombing was concentrated on the two groups of markers south of aiming point. Target area was covered with fires. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4091.	A.4092 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 780 "C" P CAN F/L R. GALL J. 20725 - do -		- do -	1848	0127	Abandoned mission over enemy target on M/S's instructions. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet over the target. M/S gave instructions to abandon mission due to cloud and being unable to see any markers or identify the target. Brought back 10 x 500 LB T.D. 025. Jettisoned safe at a position 5233 N 0253 E at 2353 hours from 8,000 feet at a position G.P.T. 8; 2 x 500 LB. M.M. 64. T.D. 025 to lighten load. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4091.	A.4093 B.11

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7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 804 "K" P CAN F/O H.E. JAMES J.88151	BOMBING GOCH		1844	0053	Abandoned mission over enemy target on W/S's instructions. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. W/S not heard until 2307 hours when he was heard giving instructions to bomb Red and Green T.I.'s. T.I.'s were not seen so called off bombing on W/S's instructions. Brought back full load of bombs 15 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.025. Bomb load carried was 15 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.025.	A.4094 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 199 "P" P CAN F/L W.R. AUSTIN J.8939	- do -		1855	0134	Abortive O.E.T.: Abandoned task over target area at 2216.5 hours. Orbited to line up T.I.'s but master bomber called off attack at approximately 2217 hours. Settled on safe 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.'s. 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.025 at a position 5230 N 0255 E at 23.9 hours from 7,000 feet. Tactics were O.K. Bomb load carried was 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.'s. 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.025.	A.4095 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" P CAN F/O R.M. ARMITAGE J.32566	- do -		1842	0107	Attacked primary. 6 to 8/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good. Target was identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red and Green markers at 2222.5 hours from 11,000 feet on a heading of 030 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Large explosion noted at 2223 hours. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4095.	B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "M" P CAN F/L W.J. SMITH, W J.10553	- do -		1842	0049	Attacked primary. 8/10ths cloud with tops at 5,500 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of Green T.I.'s at 2217.1 hours from 4,500 feet on a heading of 045 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Good attack. Large explosion noted at 2221 hours. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4095.	A.4097 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX III NF 421 "H" P CAN F/L P.S. SMITH, W J.17639	- do -		1859	0105	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Target was identified by T.I. Red and Green T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red and Green at 2217.6 hours from 4,000 feet on a heading of 062 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Good concentration of T.I.'s. Bombing appeared to be well on target. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4095.	B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 711 "O" P CAN F/L R.M. FLEMING J.21795	- do -		1841	0112	Attacked primary. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I.'s at 2215 hours from 11,500 feet on a heading of 045 T with an I.A.S. of 155. One large white flash at about 2213 hours. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4095.	A.4099 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 754 "T" P CAN F/L H.D. FRANKS J.14133	- do -		1847	0113	Attacked primary. 9 to 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by T.I. red and green markers at 2216.7 hours from 11,500 feet on a heading of 135 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results of bombing observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4095.	A.4100 B.11

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7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 772 "S" P CAN P/L D.A. BROWN J.2928		BOMBING DOCH	1850	0046	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I.'s at 227.8 hours from 11,500 feet on a heading of 030 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Terrific white explosion noted at 228.5 hours. Bomb load carried was 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025.	A.4101 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 776 "R" P CAN P/L D.M. SANDERSON J.29724	- do -		1904	0115	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,500 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I.'s at 221.5 hours from 11,000 feet on a heading of 044 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Jettisoned safe at a position 5217 N 0400 E at 2358 hours from 8,000 feet. On bombing run only one bomb fell. No results seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4108.	A.4103 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 777 "S" P CAN P/O A.K. BROWN J.92578	- do -		1839	0105	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Green markers at 219.6 hours from 6,000 feet on a heading of 020 T with an I.A.S. of 160. T.I. and markers coincided. No clearly heard. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4108.	A.4103 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX III ME 495 "V" P CAN WOZ R. HERRINGER R.169453	- do -		1853	0146	Abortive over enemy territory, on W/O's instructions. 8/10ths cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Did orbit to Starboard and heard basement 5,000 and we started to let down. No results of bombing observed. Brought back 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4108.	A.4109 B.11
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 717 "W" P CAN S/L R.W. NORRIS G. 994	- do -		1845	0111	Task abandoned at 222.5 hours over target at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good. 10/10ths cloud over the target with tops at 6,500 feet. Unable to bomb as attack was called off. Brought back 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025. Encountered enemy aircraft, at 2233 hours while at 8,000 feet on a heading of 230° T at a position 5121 N 0547 E (See Appendix). No claim. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.4108.	A.4105 B.11 C.2
7/8.2.45	HALIFAX III ME 124 "H" P CAN P/O G.H. GROSS J.36957	- do -		1851	0123	Task abandoned over target on W/O's instructions. Jettisoned 15 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025 at 2347 hours at a position 5140 N 0152 E from 7,000 feet safe. Attached by fighter and jettisoned safe for more maneuverability. Attacked by fighter at a position 5135 N 0200 E while at 7,000 feet at 2342 hours. No claims. R/A believed to be ME 109. Bomb load was 15 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025.	A.4106 B.11 C.2

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9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 714 "A" F CAN	P/O E.K. HEATH J.36927	BOMBING WAGNE - RICKEL (First wave)	0306	0949	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. A.410 Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I. Red markers B.12 at 0617.5 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 056 T with an I.A.S. of 175. Bombing appeared to fall on markers. Bomb load carried was 16 x 500 LB M.C.T.D., 025; 1 x W 28;	
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 769 "D" F CAN	P/O W.E. THOMAS J.38131	- do -	0255	0944	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 16,000 feet. A.410 Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers checked by "022". Bombing was carried out B.12 on two clusters of T.I. at 0621.6 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 075 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No large explosions seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.410.	
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 807 "E" F CAN	W/O E.M. EVANS C.153	- do -	0253	0909	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. A.410 Target was identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on Red T.I.'s at 0616 hours from 18,500 feet B.12 on a heading of 065 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Aircraft was damaged by fall on run up over target at 0616 hours from 18,500 feet. Damaged was not ascertained. No fires seen. Bomb load carried was same as Sortie A.410.	
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 809 "G" F CAN	P/L E.T. FINCH J.25226	- do -	0254	0904	Attacked primary. Clear weather with good visibility over A.410 the target which was identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Green markers at 0615.7 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 074 T with an I.A.S. of 170. Too early for results. Bomb load same as on Sortie A.410.	
9.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" F CAN	P/O R.M. ARMITAGE J.35566	- do -	0315	0938	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. A.410 Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on concentration B.12 of T.I. Red markers at 0617 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Few explosions noted amongst the markers. Bomb load carried was 16 x 500 LB M.C.T.D., 025.	
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "M" F/L R.M. FLEMING J.21795	P CAN	- do -	0250	0922	Attacked primary. 2/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. A.410 Horizontal visibility was good. Target was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of B.12 Red T.I.'s XXXXXXXXXX at 0617 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 160. After bombing orange explosion noted at 0624 hours. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.410.	
9.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 199 "P" F CAN	P/L W.R. AUSTIN J.8939	- do -	0322	0940	Attacked primary. Clear weather over the target with good visibility which enabled the target to be identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red T.I.'s at 0615 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 050 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Built up area seen. No fires seen. Bomb load carried was 16 x 500 LB M.C.T.D., 025; 1 x W 28;	

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9.2.45	HALIFAX III ME 421 "B" P CAN P/L P.S. SMITH, DPO	J.17639	ROBING YANKEE EICKEL (First wave)	0310	0911	Attacked primary. 2/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on a heading of Red T.I. at 0616.4 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 053 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No other results observed. Bomb load carried was 16 x 500 LB M. 64 T.D. .025.	A.4114 B.12
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 777 "B" P CAN P/O A.K. TROW	J.9258	- do -	0303	0611	Abandoned task at base, 0330 hours while at 3,000 feet owing to hydraulic failure affecting wheels and flaps. Brought back full bomb load 15 x 500 LB M.C.T.D. .025. Landed at Base. Due to hydraulic failure bomb door could not be closed after being opened and it was decided by the pilot to land with full bomb door instead of landing with bomb door open. No difficulties. Bomb load carried on this air craft was 15 x 500 LB M.C.T.D. .025.	A.4115 B.12
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 772 "B" P CAN P/O R.B. STEWART	J.89238	- do -	0251	0948	Attacked primary. Clear weather which enabled the target to be identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red T.I.'s at 0622.8 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 062 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Bomb bursts noted in and around markers. Bomb load carried was 15 x 500 LB M.C.T.D. .025.	A.4116 B.12
9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 776 "B" P CAN P/L D.M. SANDERSON	XXXXXX J.29724	- do -	0316	0927	Attacked primary. 8/10ths thin cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers and checked by "HEX". Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red at 0621.5 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 050 T with an I.A.S. of 150. No results observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4116.	A.4117 B.12
9.2.45	HALIFAX III ME 495 "B" P CAN WO1 HERRINGER	R169453	- do -	0258	0924	Attacked primary. 4/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by "HEX". Bombing was carried out on centre of Green T.I. markers at 0620 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 05 T with an I.A.S. of 150. A few bombs bursts seen amongst T.I.'s. Further results unobserved. Bomb load was 4 x 250 LB G.P. T.I.: 12 x 500 LB M.64 T.D. .025.	A.4118 B.12

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9.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "Y" P CAN F/L D.A. BROWN	J.2428	BOMBING WANKER - KICKEL (First wave)	0302	0953	Attacked primary. 5/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red T.I.'s at 0623 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 100 T with an I.A.S. of 160. One large oil explosion seen in direction of target. No evidence of fighters. Bomb load carried was 15 x 500 LB M.C.T.D..025;	A.120 B.12
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 718 "B" P CAN F/O G.D. DAUGHTERS	J.9236	BOMBING BULLEN (First wave)	1741	0155	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was maximal fair and the target identified by glow of T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green at 2159.7 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Landed at Bungay due to adverse weather conditions. Bomb load carried was 4 x 250 G.P.T.I.: 8 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025; 1 x 21 98;	A.120 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 780 "C" F/L R. GALL	P CAN J.20725	- do -	1745	0235	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on glow of T.I. Red markers at 2159 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Too early for any assessment of attack. Bomb load carried was same as Sortie A.112.	A.120 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 769 "D" P CAN F/O W.E. TUNIS	J.88131	- do -	1800	0205	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by glow of green T.I. Markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow at 2200.8 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Green glow only results seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.112. Landed at Bungay due to adverse weather conditions.	A.120 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 225 "J" P CAN F/L H.D. SKOLOFF	J.25966	- do -	1808	0230	Attacked primary. Visibility good. Target identified by Green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of Green T.I. at 2157 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 060 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Two distinct green glows seen over the target. Bomb load carried was 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D..025; 1 x 1000 LB ANM 59 T.D..025; 1 x 75 26;	A.120 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 809 "G" P CAN F/L E.T. FINCH	J.25226	- do -	1740	0248	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good. Bombing was carried out on leading edge of green glow at 2200 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 076 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Only green glow seen over target. Bomb load carried was same as A.112.	A.120 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 804 "K" P CAN F/O K.K. HEATH	J.39627	- do -	1755	0249	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was good. Bombing was carried out on glow of T.I. Green markers at 2158.7 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 072 T with an I.A.S. of 170. Steady red glow visible after leaving target area. Bomb load carried out on this sortie was 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D..025; 1 x 1000 LB ANM 59 T.D..025;	A.120 B.13

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13/11.2.45	HALIFAX III NR 116 "L" P CAN P/O R.W. ASHMITAGE	J.35566	BOMBING (First wave)	1811	0204	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 204.5 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 136 T with an I.A.S. of 155. One large explosion noted at 2205 hours. Bomb load carried was 8 x 500 LB M.C. T.D.; 025; 1 x 1000 LB ANM 59 T.D.; 025; 1 x WG 28; A.412	B.13
13/11.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 711 "O" P CAN P/L R.H. FLEMING	J.21795	- do -	1751	0255	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2159.6 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 075 T with an I.A.S. of 155. One large explosion noted at 2200.5 hours. No other details. Bomb load was 7 x 500 LB M.C. T.D.; 025; 1 x 1000 LB ANM 59 T.D.; 025; 1 x WG 28; A.412	B.13
13/11.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 754 "P" P CAN P/L H.D. BRACKEN	J.14133	- do -	1749	0300	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out near edge of glow of T.I. Green at 2201.5 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 025 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Large explosion noted at 2204 hours. Bomb load same as A.412. A.412	B.13
13/11.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 772 "Q" P CAN P/O R.B. STEWART	J.89238	- do -	1757	0245	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green marker at 2159.2 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 062 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Good attack. Two explosions noted at 2158 hours. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.412. A.412	B.13
13/11.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 776 "R" P CAN P/L W.R. AUSTIN	J.8939	- do -	1756	0257	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2159.9 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 155. Results were obscure. Bomb load carried was 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.; 8 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.; 025; A.412	B.13
13/11.2.45	HALIFAX III ME 495 "V" P CAN WO1 R.E. CRAVEN	R.123205	- do -	1752	0158	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2200.5 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 160 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Very large orange explosion noted at 2203 hours. Bomb load carried was 8 x 500 LB M.C. T.D.; 025; 1 x 1000 LB ANM 59 T.D.; 025; 1 x WG 28; A.412	B.13

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13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 717 "Y" P/O A.K. BROWN	J.92578	BOMBING BOHLEN (First wave)	1750	0252	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Green markers at 2201.2 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 020 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No markers seen to cascade. No other results seen. Bomb load carried was 8 x 500 LB. XXXXX ANK 64 T.D.025: 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.:	A.413 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "Y" P CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHINSON	J.56455	- do -	1742	0022	Abandoned task at a position 5015 N 0530 E at 2057 hours while at 19,500 feet due to C.S.U. on port inner engine w/s. Jettisoned safe at a position 5015 N 0027 E from 12,000 feet at 2242 hours: 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.:	A.413
						8 x 500 LB ANK 64 T.D.025: Could not maintain height or air speed so decided to abandon mission. Returned to base. Bomb load carried on this aircraft was 4 x 250 LB G.P.T.I.:	B.13
						8 x 500 LB ANK 64 T.D.025:	
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 714 "A" P CAN P/O L.E. CLARAHAN	J.90841	- do -	1803	0329	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Green and Red markers. Bombing was carried out on far portion of Red glow at 2208 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 310 T with an I.A.S. of 170. Good attack. Bomb load carried was 7 x 500 LB M.C.T.D.025: 1 x 1000 LB ANK 59 T.D.025:	A.413 B.13
13/14.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "M" P CAN P/L D.A. BROWN	J.2222X - do - J.26128	- do -	1746	0234	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility was good. Target identified by glow of T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2158.7 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 085 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No evasive action during bombing run. Bomb load carried was 7 x 500 LB XXXXX M.C.T.D.025: 1 x 1000 LB ANK 59 T.D.025: 1 x 2000 LB	A.413 B.13
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 718 "B" P CAN P/O G.D. DAUGHTERS	J.92736	BOMBING CHESNITT (First wave)	1702	0151	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with good visibility. Target was identified by T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre patch of T.I. Green at 2107 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 058 T with an I.A.S. of 150. Fires and incends were taking hold at 2103 hours. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB M.C.N.I. 5 x 500 No. 14 C.6/10:	A.413 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 780 "C" P CAN P/L R. GALL	J.20725	- do -	1630	0127	Attacked primary. 8/10ths cloud with tops at 2,000 feet. Visibility good and target identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on green flares at 2102 hours from 20,000 feet on heading of 058 T with indicated Air Speed of 150. Bomb bursts and incendiaries were scattered. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB M.C.N.I. 5 x C.P. No. 14 C.6/10	A.413 B.15

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14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 808 "B" P. CAN F/O K.K. BLINTH J.2962	BOMBING CHEMISTS (First wave) 1634		0137		Attacked primary 5/10ths cloud with tops at 15,000 feet. Visibility fair and target was identified by illuminating flares. Bombing was carried out by on green flares at 2106.1 hours from 19,000 feet on heading of 043 T with I.A.S. 175. Numerous fires seen. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x C.F. No. 14 C6/10	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 809 "C" P. CAN F/L E.T. PINCH J.2526	-do-		1653	0122	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 15,000 feet. Visibility good, and target was identified by sky-marking flares. Bombing was carried out on sky-marking flares at 2104.4 from 20,000 feet on heading of 054 T with I.A.S. 160. Town appeared to be burning. No other results. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x C.F. No. 14 C6/10. 1 x W 28	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 804 "A" P. CAN F/S PETERSONS J.W. R.163086	-do-		1635	0158	Attacked primary 9/10ths cloud with tops at 15,000 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on Centre of Green T.I.'s at 2114 hours from 19,500 feet on heading off 055 T with I.A.S. 150. Glow of fires visible for 45 miles on return. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x C.F. No. 14 C6/10 and 1 x W 28.	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 116 "L" P. CAN F/O R.K. J.35566 ARLITAGE	-do-		1645	0035	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 17,000 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by Green Green Bombing was carried out near edge of glow of T.I. Green at 2103 hours, from 18,500 feet on heading off 053 T. I.A.S. 165. One Explosion seen in the air over target appeared to be an A/B. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 8 x C.F. No. 14 C6/10. 1 x W 28. DIVERSED IN BOMBAY	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 796 "M" P. CAN F/L G.L. FITZ J.28633	-do-		1718	0142	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by glow of T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2106.1 hours from 19,000 feet on heading of 080 T with I.A.S. 150. The whole area appeared to be covered with incendiary fires. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x C.F. No. 14 C6/10	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 777 "S" P. CAN F/L R.H. FLEMING J.21795	-do-		1704	0135	Attacked primary 4/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility good, and target was identified by sky-marking flares. Bombing was carried out on sky-marking flares at 2105 hours from 19,000 feet on heading of 053 T. I.A.S. 155. No large explosions. Bomb load was same as No. A.4.28	A-4.28 B-14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NR 749 "T" P. CAN F/L H.D. BRACKEN J.44133	-do-		1721	0130	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,500 feet. Visibility good and XXXX target was identified by T.I. Green markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Red and Green markers at 2101.1 hours, from 19,000 feet on heading of 055 T with I.A.S. 155. Few scattered fires seen on leaving target. Bomb load was the same as No. A.4.28	A-4.28 B-14

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14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 772 "Q" P	PO R.B. STEWART J.89238	-do-	1651	0132	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by red and green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2101.3 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 051 T. with an I.A.S. of 155. Red glow of fires were visible for 50 miles on return. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP. 14 C6/10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.6 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 776 "E" P C/N P/L W.R. AUSTIN J.8939	-do-	1630	0144	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 18,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by red and green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2102.6 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 054 T. with an I.A.S. 155. Yellow fires taking hold, no other results observed. Bomb load same as A.4.6.4	A.4.6 B.14	
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX III MZ 495 "T" P C/N W/L R.C. CRAYN R12305	-do-	1703	0140	Encountered second enemy aircraft at 2211 hours at 7,000 feet on a heading of 270 T at a position 50.1 N - 0903 E. One PW 130 seen by pilot. Rear Gunner gave short burst of 200 rds and enemy aircraft failed to return fire, and broke away. Possible damage to enemy aircraft. (See Appendix: C.6)	NO feet 3 hours at 18,000 feet on 5050 N - 1255 E. enemy aircraft broke on claim on fighter. (Appendix C.5)	
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 717 "T" P C/N P/O A.K. THOMSON J.92578	-do-	1636	0121	Attacked primary 7/10ths cloud with tops at 13,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2102 hours, from 18,000 feet on a heading of 055 T with an I.A.S. 155. A good patch of incendiaries seen through break in cloud but no other results observed. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP NO. 14 C6 10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.8 B.14	
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX PN 223 "X" P C/N P/O L.E. CLAPHAM J.90841	-do-	1638	0136	Attacked primary 8/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Encountered enemy aircraft, which appeared to be a rocket, at 2152 hours at 13,000 feet on a heading of 298 T at a position 51.4 N - 1039 E. This object was seen to hit the ground and burst into a large red flame but was not a fighter. (See Appendix: C.4)	A.4.6 B.14	
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 472 "T" P C/N P/O R.E. HUTCHESON J.25645	-do-	1729	0208	Attacked primary 9/10ths cloud with tops at 17,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by white glow, Red T.I. Bombing was carried out on white glow, at 19,000 feet on a heading of 025 T with an I.A.S. of 160. One leaving T.I. town appeared to be really afire. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP NO. 14 C6/10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.6 B.14	
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14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 772 "Q" P	PO R.B. STEWART J.89238 -do-		1651	0132	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by red and green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2101.3 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 051 T. with an I.A.S. of 155. Red glow of fires were visible for 50 miles on return. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP. No. 14 C6/10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.5 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 776 "T" P C/N P/L T.R. ARNOLD J.89339 -do-			1630	0114	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 18,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by red and green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2102.6 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 054 T. with an I.A.S. of 155. Yellow fires taking hold, no other results observed. Bomb load same as A.4.5.	A.4.6 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX III MP 495 "P" C/N P/L R.F. CLAYTON J.89384 -do-			1701	0036	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 16,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Green markers, which were visible for 50 miles on return at 2102.5 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 150 T. with an I.A.S. of 160. Numerous fires observed on leaving target. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 8 x GP No. 14 C6/10	A.4.7 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 772 "Q" P C/N P/L T.R. ARNOLD J.89339 -do-			1636	0121	Attacked primary 7/10ths cloud with tops at 13,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by glow of T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on edge of glow of T.I. Green markers at 2102 hours, from 16,000 feet on a heading of 055 T. with an I.A.S. of 155. A good patch of incendiaries seen through break in cloud but no other results observed. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP No. 14 C6/10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.8 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX MP 223 "X" P C/N P/O L.E. CLARKE J.90641 -do-			1636	0136	Attacked primary 8/10ths cloud with tops at 19,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on patch of incendiaries at 19,000 feet on a heading of 340 T. with an I.A.S. of 160. Red glow of fires told us to bomb flares, hydraulics and brakes w/s. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP No. 14 C6/10	A.4.9 B.14
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 472 "T" P C/N P/O R.F. HUTCHINSON J.25645 -do-			1729	0208	Attacked primary 9/10ths cloud with tops at 17,000 feet. Visibility good and the target identified by white glow. Red T.I. Bombing was carried out on white glow, at 17,000 feet on a heading of 025 T. with an I.A.S. of 160 on leaving T.I. town appeared to be really afire. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000LB H.C.N.I. 5 x GP No. 14 C6/10 and 1 x FG 28	A.4.10 B.14
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14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 772 "Q" P	FOR R.B. STEWART J.89238	-do-
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 776 "R" P	CAN P/L R.B. HUGHES J.89339	-do-
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX III MZ 495 "T" P	CAN WOL R.C. GRAVEN R123205	-do-
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII MP 717 "U" P	CAN P/O A.K. BROWN J.92578	-do-
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX MP 223 "X" P	CAN P/O L.E. CLARKE J.90841	-do-
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 472 "Y" P	CAN P/O R.W. HUTCHIN J.25645	-do-
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Encountered second enemy aircraft at 2211 hours at 7,000 feet on a heading of 270 T at a position 50.1 N - 0903 E. One Pz 190 seen by pilot. Rear Gunner gave short burst of 200 rds and enemy aircraft failed to return fire, and broke away. Possible damage to enemy aircraft. (See Appendix:- C.6).

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14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 772 "Q" P	PO R.B. STEVART
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 776 "E" P	CAN P/L W.R. AUGER
14/15.2.45	HALIFAX III MZ 495 "T" P	CAN WOL R.C. CRAY

Encountered enemy aircraft at 2100 hours at 15,000 feet on a heading of 350 T at a position 5050 N - 1255 E. Rear Gunner gave short burst and enemy aircraft broke away on starboard up. No damage or claim on fighter. Enemy aircraft was 110: (See appendix C.5)

14/15.2.45	HALIFAX PN 223 "X" P	CAN P/O L.E. CLARKE
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Encountered enemy aircraft, which appeared to be a rocket, at 2152 hours at 15,000 feet on a heading of 298 T at a position 514 N - 1030 E. This object was seen to hit the ground and burst into a large fireball but was not a fighter. (See appendix C.4)

14/15.2.45	HALIFAX VII RQ-472 "T" P	CAN P/O R.E. HUGH
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17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 714 "A" P. CAN P/L H.D. BRACKEN J. 14133		BOMBING (Second wave)	1141	1756	Task abandoned at target area due to adverse weather conditions on Master Bombers instructions, at 1503 hours while a 15,000 feet. Brought back 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025. Landed at CHARTERHALL due to adverse weather conditions. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025.	A.451 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 718 "B" P. CAN P/O G.D. DAUGHTERS J. 92736		BOMBING (Second wave)	1137	1810	Abandoned task at target at 1500 hours while at 17,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10ths cloud with tops over the aircraft formation. Jettisoned safe 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025. 1 x 500 LB at 1607 hours at a position 5220 N 0820 E from 8,500 feet. Landed at CHARTERHALL due to weather conditions. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025; 1 x 25 98.	A.452 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 769 "D" P. CAN P/O W.C. TUNIS J. 88131		-do-	1146	1805	Abandoned task at target at 1500 hours 17,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Jettisoned safe 1 x 2598 at 1502 hours, at a position 5140N 0620 E from 17,000 feet. Brought back 12 x 500 ANM 64 TD..025 Net definitely off. Bomb load was the same as No. 4453.	A.453 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP. 807 "E" P. CAN P/O R.M. ARBITAGE J. 35566		-do-	1144	1814	Abandoned task at target at 1500 hours at 10,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Jettisoned safe 4 x 500LB ANM 64 TD..025 1 x 25 98 at 1725 hours at a position 5451N 0020W from 5,000 feet. Brought back 8 x 500LB ANM 64 TD..025 Landed at CHARTERHALL. DUE to weather conditions. Bomb load carried was the same as No. A.453.	A.454 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 809 "G" P. CAN P/L H.D. SKOLOFF J. 25966		-do-	1134	1743	Abandoned task at target at 1500 hours while at 18,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10ths cloud with tops over the aircraft formation. Jettisoned safe 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD..025 at 1555 hours, at a position 5221N 0304 E from 15,000 feet. Brought back 1 x 25 98 Landed at CHARTERHALL due to weather conditions. Bomb load carried was the same as No. 1853.	A.455 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 225 "J" P. CAN P/O E.K. BLUTH J. 59627		-do-	1148	1822	Abandoned task at target at 1502 hours at 15,500 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Landed at CHARTERHALL due to weather conditions. Bomb load carried was 11 x 500LB ANM 64 TD..025. 1 x 500LB M.C.L.D. 1 x 25 98 Jettisoned safe 11 x 500LB ANM 64 T.D..025 1 x 500LB M.C.L.D. at 1547 hours at a position 5217N 0302E from 2,000 feet and 1 x 25 98 to lighten aircraft.	A.456 B.15

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17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 804 "T" P. CAN P.S. PETERSONS J.W. R163086		BOOMBING VESSEL (Second wave)	1139	1821	Task abandoned at target at 1459 hours, while at 15,500 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10 cloud with tops over the aircraft formation. Brought back 12 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025 Met forecast poor for tactics Bomb door lever accidentally knocked and bomb doors opened and 1 x 25 98 dropped out 5412N 0055W, at 1517 hours from 5,00 feet. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 - 1 x 25 98.	A. 1139 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 796 "T" P. CAN P/L D.W. BROWN J.2228		-do-	1127	1712	Task abandoned at target at 1504 hours, while at 16,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10ths cloud with tops 4,500 feet also solid cloud 14 to 17,000 feet. All bombs brought back: 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A. 1127 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 754 "T" P. CAN P/O L.E. CLARKE J.90841		-do-	1132	1806	Task abandoned at target at 1457 hours, while at 17,500 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Jetted down safe 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 at 1725 hours and position 5420N 0120E at 13,000 feet. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98.	A. 1132 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 772 "Q" P. CAN P/O R.B. SPURDIN J.99238		-do-	1130	1748	Task abandoned at target at 1459 hours, while at 16,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. As target was obscured by 10/10ths cloud. Brought back 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 Landed at CHATFIELD due to adverse weather conditions Bomb load carried was the same as No. 1159	A. 1130 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 776 "R" P. CAN P/L D.M. SUDERSON J.27724		-do-	1151	1812	Task abandoned at target at 1505 hours while at 17,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Brought back 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 Tactics and gaggle, fighter cover good. Landed at CHATFIELD due to adverse weather conditions Bomb load carried was the same as No. 1159	A. 1151 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 777 "S" P. CAN P/L G.L. FITZ J.28633		-do-	1128	1753	Task abandoned at target at 1502 hours while at 16,500 feet on Master Bombers instructions. All bombs brought back: 8 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 Landed at HINFIELD due to weather conditions. Bomb load carried was the same as No. 1159	A. 1128 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 717 "T" CAN WO1 R.R. CRAYEN R.123205		-do-	1136	1753	Task abandoned at target at 1504 hours while at 16,500 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10ths cloud with tops over the aircraft formation. Bombs brought back 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 Landed at CHATFIELD due to adverse weather conditions. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A. 1136 B.15
17.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 223 "X" P. CAN S/L R.W. MORRIS G.994		-do-	1151	1805	Task abandoned at target at 1502 hours, while at 16,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. Bombs brought back 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 Landed at CHATFIELD due to difficulty in keeping up with gaggle owing to low pressure and increasing pressure of both port engines Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A. 1151 B.15

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17.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 749 "Y" P. CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHESON J25645		BOMBING VESSEL (Second wave)	1133	1820	Abandoned task at target at 1504 hours while at 17,000 feet on Master Bombers instructions. 10/10ths cloud with tops over the aircraft formation. Jetisoned safe 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 at 1722 hours at a position 02008 5450N from 5,000 feet to lighten aircraft. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 TD .025	A-116 B.15
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 750 "C" P. CAN P/L R. GILL J.20723		BOMBING MORNING (First wave)	2212	0430	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,000 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red Bombing was carried out on centre of glow of T.I. Red checked by "Gee" at 0141.5 hours from 16,000 feet on heading of 288 T.I.A.S. 155 Bomb T.I. Green was seen after bombing Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98	A-116 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 751 "D" P. CAN P/O R.A. ARMITAGE, J35566	-do-	-do-	2157	0439	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,5000 feet Visibility good and target was identified by Red glow of T.I.'s checked by "Gee" Bombing was carried out near side of red glow, at 0142 hours from 16,000 feet on heading of 293 T.I.A.S. 155 Target well lit up. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98	A-116 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 225 "J" P. CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHESON J25645	-do-	-do-	2205	0435	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,000 feet Visibility good and target was identified by Glow Red T.I.'s and "Gee" Bombing was carried out on centre of glow of Red T.I.'s at 0110.9 hours from 16,000 feet on heading of 280 T.I.A.S. 155 Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A-116 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 804 "K" P. CAN. W/S PITSDORNS J.W. R163056	-do-	-do-	2203	0514	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,5000 feet Visibility good and target was identified by dull red orange glow, checked by "Gee" Bombing was carried out on "Gee" checked by the red orange glow and billows of black smoke at 0203.5 hours from 15,000 feet on heading of 277 T.I.A.S. 155 Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 Black heavy smoke was rising above tops of cloud, with orange glow to the north.	A-116 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 796 "M" P. CAN W/C P.H. SWARP C.858	-do-	-do-	2301	0449	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet Visibility excellent and target was identified by glow of T.I. Red, Bombing was carried out near edge glow of T.I. Red at 0110.7 hours from 15,500 feet on heading of 287 T.I.A.S. 160 About 0143 reddish explosion seen. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A-117 B.16

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20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 477 "B" P. CAN P/L R.H. MARTIN J8939	CAW	BOMBING (First wave)	2154	0500	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red and green, checked with "Gee". Bombing was carried out on centre of glow T.I. Red at 0145.1 from 14,000 feet on heading of 286°. I.A.S. 165 Two explosions 0142.8 and around 0143.1, orange with billow of black smoke. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025	A.4172 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 711 "O" P. USA P/L R.H. FLEMING J21795	-do-	-do-	2159	0412	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,000 feet. Visibility excellent and target was identified by T.I. Red cascading. Bombing was carried out near edge glow T.I. Red at 0143.6 hours from 14,000 feet on heading of 300°. I.A.S. 160 Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98 No results observed.	A.4173 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 754 "P" P. MOI R.E. CRAYEN R123205	CAW	-do-	2144	0441	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 4,500 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red glow checked by "Gee". Bombing was carried out near edge glow T.I. Red at 0142.5 hours from 15,000 feet on heading of 315°. I.A.S. 160 Bombing appeared good no other results. Bomb load carried was the same as No. 4172	A.4173 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 772 "Q" P. USA P/P R.B. STEWART J89238	-do-	-do-	2209	0433	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,300 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red, checked by "Gee". Bombing was carried out on glow of T.I. Red through cloud at 0141.3 hours from 13,000 feet on heading of 286°. I.A.S. 160 Two fairly large explosions one at 0143 hours. Bomb load was the same as No. 4172	A.4174 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 776 "R" P. CAN P/L D.M. ANDERSON, J29724	-do-	-do-	2210	0501	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 3,400 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by T.I. Red and checked by "Gee". Bombing was carried out alight overshoot of centre of Red glow at 0141.7 hours from 15,000 feet on heading of 286°. I.A.S. 160 One fairly large brilliant red flash at about 0139 hours. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 TD .025	A.4175 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII HP 777 "S" P. CAN P/L R.L. FITZ J28633	-do-	-do-	2158	0454	Attacked primary 10/10ths cloud with tops at 3,500 feet. Visibility good and target was identified by glow T.I. Red. Bombing was carried out on centre of glow of T.I. Red at 0141.9 hours from 14,500 feet on heading of 297°. I.A.S. 160 One very large explosion observed at 0143 hours. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500LB ANM 64 TD .025 1 x 25 98.	A.4176 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 472 "T" P. CAN P/L D.A. BROWN J.26128	-do-	-do-	2211	0432	Attacked primary. 7/10ths cloud with tops at 3,000 feet. Bombing was carried out on Red T.I.'s at 0143 hours from 14,000 feet on a heading of 284° with an I.A.S. of 160. A distinct glow visible for miles after leaving target. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D..025; 1 x 25 97.	A.4177 B.16

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20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "Y" P CAN P/O A.K. BROWN	J.92578	BOMBING WORMS (First wave)	2155	0438	Attached primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and target identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on near side of Red glow of T.I. markers at 01419 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading of 290 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Only bomb bursts seen. Bomb load carried was 12 x 500 LB H.C.N.I. 64 TD.025.	A.4178 B.16
20/21.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 453 "Z" P CAN P/O G.H. CROSS	J.36957	- do -	2156	0447	Attached primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was very good. Bombing was carried out on T.I. Red markers at 0145 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading of 285 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No other results noted. Tactics were very good. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4178.	A.4178 B.16
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 772 "Q" P/O R.N. STEWART	J.89238	BOMBING WORMS (Second wave)	1650	0019	Attached primary. Slight haze with good visibility over the target which was identified by Red and Green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I.'s at 2036.8 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 135. Numerous fires well concentrated. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 8 x CP No. 15 C.6/10; 1 x C 32.	A.4180 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 780 "Q" P CAN P/L R. GALL	J.20725	- do -	1648	2336	Attached primary. Ground hazy with good visibility which enabled the target to be identified by Green and Red T.I.'s. Bombing was carried out on centre of Red T.I.'s at 2031.1 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 039 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Ground detail observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4180.	A.4180 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 807 "R" P CAN P/O G.H. CROSS	J.36957	- do -	1659	0002	Attached primary. Clear weather with good visibility. Target was identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red markers at 2037 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Incense well grouped around markers. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 8 x CP No. 15 C.6/10.	A.4181 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 751 "P" P CAN P/O G.D. DAUGHTERS	J.9336	- do -	1730	0021	Attached primary. Clear weather with slight haze over the target which was identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I. Red markers at 2037.1 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 050 T with an I.A.S. of 170. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4181. No results observed.	A.4183 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII FN 225 "J" P CAN P/L W.R. AUSTIN	J.8939	- do -	1643	0013	Attached primary. Clear weather with slight haze. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on far edge of concentration of T.I. Red markers at 2034.3 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 049 T with an I.A.S. of 175. Glow of fires seen for 80 miles on return journey. Bomb load same as A.4183.	A.4184 B.17

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21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 804 "K" P CAN	F/L H.D. BOKOLOFF J.25966	BOMBING WOMES (first wave) second	1655	2358	Attacked primary. Clear weather with ground haze. Visibility was good. Target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on T.I. Red markers at 2032.6 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Good fires taking hold. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.: 8 x CP No. 15 C.6/10: 1 x C. 32:	A.4185 B.17																																									
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 796 "M" P CAN	S/L R.T. MORRIS C.994	- do -	16.4	0009	Attacked primary. Clear weather with a light haze over the target which was identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on Centre of two Red T.I.'s at 2044.3 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 058 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Aircraft was hit by flak in the target area at 2046 hours while at 15,000 feet. Damage was not assessed. No difficulties. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4185.	A.4186 B.17																																									
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FORM 541.

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21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 777 "S" P CAN P/L G.L. FITZ J.28633		BOMBING WORMS (Second wave)	1709	0015	Attacked primary. Clear weather with slight haze over the target which was identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Green markers at 2040 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading of 045 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Several explosions seen in target area. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 7 x CP No. 14 C.6/10; 1 x G.32.	A.419 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 472 "T" P CAN P/L D.A. BROWN J.26128		- do -	1749	2359	Attacked primary. No cloud. Visibility was good and the target identified by T.I. Red and Green markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Green markers at 2037 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Good concentration of markers. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 8 x CP No. 15 C.6/10.	A.419 B.17
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 742 "U" P CAN WOI R.E. CRAVEN R123205		- do -	1624	2333	Attacked primary. Clear weather with good visibility over the target which was identified by T.I. Green and Red markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red markers at 2037 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 045 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Fires taking hold, and bombing all on target. Encountered enemy aircraft at 2034 hours at a position 4933 N 0812 E on a heading of 043 T while at 19,000 feet. No damage was sustained by the bomber and no claim on the fighter. (See appendix) Bomb load same as A.419.	A.419 B.17 C.7
21/22.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 749 "Y" P CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHINSON J.25645		- do -	1636	2356	Attacked primary. Clear weather with slight haze and good visibility over the target which was identified by Red and Green T.I. markers. Bombing was carried out on centre of T.I. Red markers at 2037.2 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 048 T with an I.A.S. of 165. Bombs appeared to be pouring into target area. Bomb load carried was the same as A.419.	A.419 B.17
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 772 "Q" P CAN P/O R.B. STEWART J.89238		BOMBING WORMS (First wave)	1153	1732	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Horizontal visibility was good and the target identified by "QEE". Bombing was carried out on "QEE" fix at 1508.5 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 050 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No sky markers visible. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.6/10.	A.419 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 754 "P" P CAN P/O G.H. CROSS J.36957		- do -	1203	1749	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Target identified by "QEE". Bombing was carried out on "QEE" fix at 1508 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Nothing seen at target. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x CP No. 14 C.6/10; 1 x G.32.	A.419 B.18

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23.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 473 "H" F CAN	F/L H.D. SKOLOFF J.25966	BOMBING ESSIN (First wave)	1139	1745	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 16,000 feet. Visibility was poor and the target identified by "GEE" and one green puff of smoke. Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1507.7 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 045 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results of attack observed due to cloud. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 LB H.C.N.I.; 12 x GP No. 14 G.6/10.	A.4196 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 780 "C" F CAN	W/C F.R. SHAW C.358	- do -	1151	1804	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 16,000 feet. Visibility as good and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" at 1509.5 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Nothing seen at target. Smoke generator u/s. Bomb load carried was 12 x GP. No. 14 G.6/10; 1 x 2000 LB.	A.4197 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 807 "E" F CAN	F/L C.L. FITZ J.28633	- do -	1157	1740	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was poor and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1512 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 048 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No markers seen. No results of attack observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4196.	A.4198 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "I" F CAN	F/L E.A. HEAVEN J.29082	- do -	1140	1758	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1508 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 046 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results of attack seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4196.	A.4199 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 751 "F" F CAN	F/O H.R. SPROULE J.38517	- do -	1200	1821	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was fair and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1508.5 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No markers or results of bombing seen. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4196.	A.4200 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII RG 472 "T" F CAN	F/O A.W. BROWN J.92578	- do -	1147	1739	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1508.5 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 160. The target was totally obscured. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4196.	A.4201 B.18
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 769 "D" F CAN	F/O J.D. BAIRD J.45298	- do -	1158	1747	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. The target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1510 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4196.	A.4202

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FORM 511.

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23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 714 "A" P CAN G.D. DAUGHTERS J.92736	ESSEN (First Wave)	BOMBING	1155	1748	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by T.I. Red markers. Bombing was carried out on XX leader a/c at 1506.6 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Bombs released when the leading a/c released King bombs, as "GEE" was u/s. No results observed. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 lb H.C.N.I. 12 x GP No. 14 C.6/10.	A.4203 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII PN 225 "J" P CAN S/L W.J. SMITH J.10553	-do-	-do-	1142	1806	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops obscured by haze. Visibility was poor and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1506 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No markers were seen, so bombed on "GEE". No results were observed. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 lb H.C.N.I. 12 x GP No. 14 C.6/10 1 x G.32.	A.4204 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 809 "J" P CAN W/O E.H. EVANS C.153	-do-	-do-	1145	1820	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1509 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Jettisoned safe 2 MCP No. 17 fused 19.5 sec. at a position 5440 N 0210 E at 1640 hours from 11,000 feet due to hang up. Brought back 3 x GP No. 17 fused 19.5 sec. due to hang up. Bomb load carried was 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I. 12 x GP No. 17 fused 19.5 sec. 1x G32.	A.4205 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 742 "U" P CAN W.O. S. E. HERBINGER R.169453	-do-	-do-	1202	1819	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1510 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 040 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Good concentration of a/c over the target. No results of attack were seen. Bomb load carried was the same as A.4203.	A.4206 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 474 "L" P CAN P/O R.M. ARMITAGE J.35566	-do-	-do-	1202	1726	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was good. Bomb load carried was the same as for A.4206. Target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1508 hours from 15,000 feet on heading of 047 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results were seen.	A.4207 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 749 "I" P CAN P/O R.E. HUTCHISON J.25645	-do-	-do-	1138	1800	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1509.3 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 043 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results of attack were observed due to cloud. Bomb load carried was the same as on A.4207.	A.4208 B.16
23.2.45	HALIFAX VII PN 223 "X" P CAN WO1 R.E. CRAVEN R.123205	-do-	-do-	1136	1743	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 12,000 feet. Visibility was poor. Target was identified by "GEE" xxxxxx . Bombed on "GEE" at 1509.5 hours from 15,500 feet on heading of 045 T with I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Bomb load same as A.4204.	A.4209 B.16

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24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 714 "A" P CAN	R.D. DANIELS J.92736	BOMBING (Second Wave)	1242	1256	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.5 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading of 121 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No other results observed other than light brown smoke which puffed up the cloud. Bomb load:- 16 x 500 LB ANM 64 T.D.025.	A-4210 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 780 "C" P CAN	F/L R. GALL J.30725	-do-	1240	1954	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.5 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 122 T with an I.A.S. of 155. M/B's instructions were to bomb on navigational aids. Target completely obscure. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4211 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 807 "E" P CAN	R.R. SPROULE J.36617	-do-	1302	2011	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility was good, and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.5 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading of 105 T with an I.A.S. of 155. M/B's could not be heard and nothing was seen of the target. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4212 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII R2 473 "H" P CAN	F/O J.D. BAIRD J.45898	-do-	1347	1958	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,800 feet. Visibility was excellent and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.5 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 120 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Aircraft was well concentrated. No other results were seen. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4213 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 804 "K" P CAN	F/L H.D. SKOLOFF J.25966	-do-	1250	1950	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good, and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.9 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 115 T with an I.A.S. of 160. No results observed. Trip was straight and level. The route and tactics were good. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4214 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII R2 474 "L" P CAN	R.H. EVANS G.153	-do-	1244	2008	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Visibility was excellent and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649.3 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 124 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Gaggles formation was good right up to the target. No results whatever was observed. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4215 B-19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "M" P CAN	F/L R.A. HEAVEN J.23082	-do-	1249	2015	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Visibility was good, and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "GEE" fix at 1649 hours from 16,000 feet on a heading of 140 T with an I.A.S. of 155. M/B's instructions were to bomb on navigational aids. One 500 lb ANM 64 BOMB was jettisoned live at 1649 - 0229Z at 1649 hrs from 6000 feet due to hang up. XXXX Gaggles formation was good but was too concentrated over the target. There was no evasive action. Bomb load was same as A-4210.	A-4216 B-19

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24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 754 "P" P CAN P/O G.H. GROSS J.36957	KAMEN (Second Wave)	BOMBING	1241	2009	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 5/7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "CEE". Bombing was carried out on "CEE" fix at 1640.5 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 124 T with an I.A.S. of 155. On run up the M/B ordered the M/Pores to bomb on navigational aids. No results were observed. Bomb load was 16 x 500 ANM 10,025.	A.4217 B.49
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 776 "R" P CAN P/L G.L. FITZ J.28633	-do-	-do-	1315	1948	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 8,000 feet. Visibility was excellent and the target was identified by "R.S.". The "R.S." being u/s the target was bombed by H.2.S. on M/B's instructions. The concentration of aircraft over the target was good. No results were observed. The pilot reported that the concentration of aircraft were so heavy over the target that they were unable to make good 123. Bomb load same as A.4217. Same aircraft as used in A.4217. 10,025.	A.4218 B.49
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII EG 472 "T" P CAN P/L D.A. BROWN J.26128	-do-	-do-	1314	1915	Attacked primary. 10/10ths with tops 6/7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "CEE". Bombing was carried out on "CEE" fix at 1640.5 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 120 T with an I.A.S. of 160 on the M/B's instructions. Bomb was released on the navigational aids on the M/B's instructions. The bombing was scattered so the results were impossible to assess. Bomb load same as A.4217.	A.4219 B.49
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 742 "U" P CAN WO1 R. HEBLINGER 169453	-do-	-do-	1246	2017	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 10/12,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "CEE". Bombing was carried out on "CEE" fix at 1650.5 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 148 T with an I.A.S. of 155. The target was bombed on the navigational aids on the M/B's instructions. Nothing was seen of the target. The route and tactics were okay. Caggle formation was good. Bomb load was same as A.4217.	A.4220 B.49
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII PN 230 "V" P CAN W.O.I. E.E. CRAVEN R.123205	-do-	-do-	1248	1932	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 5,000 feet. Visibility was excellent and the target was identified by "CEE". Bombing was carried out on "CEE" fix at 1651 hours from 16,500 feet on a heading of 128 T with an I.A.S. of 160. There was a good concentration of aircraft over the target but results were not seen. Trip was straight and level. The route and tactics were good. Bomb load same as A.4217.	A.4221 B.49
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 717 "W" P CAN P/L W.R. AUSTIN J.8939	-do-	-do-	1245	2001	Attacked primary. 9/10ths cloud with tops 5/6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "CEE". Bombing was carried out on "CEE" fix at 1643.1 hours from 17,500 feet on a heading of 119 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Bomb was released on navigational aids on M/B's instructions. This was carried out. No results were observed. Bomb load same as A.4217.	A.4222 B.49

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24.2.45	HALIFAX VII FN 223 "X" P CAN S/L R.W. NOBLE G.994 KAMEN	(Second Wave)	BOMBING	1254	1944	Bombed primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 8 - 10,000 feet. Visibility was very good and the target was identified by "GEE". Bombing was carried out on "G" fix at 1649 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 133 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Bomb was released on the navigational aids on the M/B's instructions. Nothing was seen of the target. The route and tactics were okay. The gaggle formation was fair. Bomb load was 16 x 500 lb. M. 64 TD, 025.	A.4223 B.19
24.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 749 "Y" P CAN P/O R.E. MITCHELL J.25645	-do-	BOMBING	1243	2002	Bombed primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by "GEE" and by H.2.S. Bombing was carried out on "G" fix and check -ed by H.2.S. at 1650 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 115 T with an I.A.S. of 155. The M/E ordered the M/B to bomb on navigational aids. No results were observed. Bomb load was same as A.4223.	A.4224 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 714 "A" P CAN P/O G.D. DAUGHTER J.92736 KATZ	-do-	BOMBING	1249	1929	Bombed primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6 - 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by two green flares and position was checked by "GEE". Bombing was carried out by green flares at 1630 hours from a height of 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Markers were late going down. Leading aircraft was starboard of track and markers went down to port side. Course was altered to get on markers but unable to do so due to the leading aircraft, so no results were observed. Bomb load was 16 x 500 lb. H.2.S. 64 TD, 025.	A.4225 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 780 "C" P CAN P/L R. GILL J.20725	-do-	BOMBING	1231	1921	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 5000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by green flares and by the M/B. Bombing was carried out by green flares at 1630.1 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 066 T with an I.A.S. of 155. Sky markers were bombed on M/B's instructions. When first seen were too late so turned into the gaggle to get on the proper heading. Markers went down late. Numerous aircraft were bombed before 1900. Bomb load same as A.4225.	A.4226 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 807 "E" P CAN WO2 FITZSIMMONS, J.W. R.163086	-do-	BOMBING	1238	2005	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6/10,000 feet. Visibility was very good and the target was identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on green flares at 1629.5 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 140 T with an I.A.S. of 155. About six markers were seen during the attack. Markers were bombed on M/B's instructions. The gaggle formation was good. Bomb load same as A.4225.	A.4227 B.20

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10/10ths cloud with tops 6000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on three Green flares at 1630 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 145. Crew was boxed in when markers were first noted so were forced to pull up the aircraft and they couldn't get on the markers. Aircraft were well concentrated over the target at time of bombing. M/B was heard clearly. Fortress formation crossed the gaggle on way out. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.T.

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27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 769 "D" P CAN P/O H.R. SPROULE J.38517	BOMBING (Continued) (1st WAVE)	MAINZ	1240	1920	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 6000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on three Green flares at 1630 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 145. Crew was boxed in when markers were first noted so were forced to pull up the aircraft and they couldn't get on the markers. Aircraft were well concentrated over the target at time of bombing. M/B was heard clearly. Fortress formation crossed the gaggle on way out. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.T.	A-4228 B-20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 809 "J" P CAN P/L E.T. FINCH J.25226	-do-	-do-	1235	1927	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 8 - 9,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by green flares. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630 hrs B-20 from 18,000 feet on a heading of 100 T with an I.A.S. of 160. On M/B instructions bombing was carried out on sky markers. P.P.F. were too late for the first wave. Fortress formation crossed the gaggle stream. Bomb load same as A-4228.	A-4229 B-20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII EG 473 "H" P CAN P/O J.D. MAIRD J.45298	-do-	-do-	1234	1930	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by H.2.S. The "GAG" being jammed the bombing was carried out on H.2.S. B-20 at 1629 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No markers were seen so bombing had to be carried out on H.2.S. On run up the M/B. was heard instructing blind bombing. Gaggle was good. Bomb load same as A-4228.	A-4230 B-20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII FW "N" P CAN P/L W.R. AUSTON J.8939	-do-	-do-	1246	1934	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 5 - 6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1629.9 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 160. Bombing was unsuccessful due to the P.P.F. being too late for their first move. On way out a Fortress formation crossed the gaggle and broke it up. Bomb load same as A-4228	A-4231 B-21
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 804 "K" P CAN P/L H.D. SCHULOFF J.25966	-do-	-do-	1232	1925	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 7 - 8,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares and checked by "GAG". The bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1629.9 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 072 T with an I.A.S. of 155. The gaggle formation was good and well led. The P.P.F. were late for the first wave. ATTACHED Bomb load same as A-4228.	A-4232 B-21
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NF 796 "M" P CAN E.A. HEAVEN J.23082 P/LA.	-do-	-do-	1237	1924	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops 5 - 7,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares and by the M/B. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 090 T with an I.A.S. of 155.	A-4233 B-21

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27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 796 "W" P C/N F/L E.A. HEAVEN J.23082	BOBING (First Wave) (Continued)		1237	1924	(Continued from page fifteen)...No. results were observed. American formations crossed stream at the aircraft's height on the way outwards. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 lb HC. N.I.	A-4233 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 776 "R" P C/N P/O A.K. BROWN J.92578	-do -		1308	1947	Bombed on a built up area of CATHOPEN (49.2N - 0819E). Was unable to bomb on M/B's instructions as smoke puff (Green) appeared off to the port 1 mile. An attempt was made to "slide" on to the heading but was found impossible to bomb the markers. A visual built up area was selected. Visibility was good and a small town and railroad with six lines was identified and was bombed at 1638.5 hours from 18000 feet on a heading of 190°T with an I.A.S. of 160. M/B's order "Bomb blind marking" was impossible to be carried out so crew selected a visual alternative. Flares were dropped too late to get on heading. Bomb load same as A-4233.	A-4234 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 777 "S" P C/N F/L C.L. FITZ J.28633	-do -		1309	1922	Bombed primary. 10/10th cloud with tops 8 - 9000 feet. Visibility was very good, and the target was identified by Green flares and by the M/B. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630.3 hours from 18000 feet on a heading of 050°T with an I.A.S. of 160. The M/B ordered the bombing of sky markers. Fortress formation crossed the gaggle formation breaking both formations. Bomb load same as A-4233 was 2 x 1000 lb MC. NI.	A-4235 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 472 "T" P C/N F/L D.A. BROWN J.26128	-do -		1236	1919	Attacked primary. 10/10th cloud with tops 5000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares and checked on M.243. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1629 hours from 17500 feet on a heading of 100°T with an I.A.S. of 160. The M/B ordered the bombing of sky markers. Fortress formation crossed the gaggle formation breaking both formations. Bomb load was same as A-4233.	A-4236 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 742 "U" P C/N W/O B. HERRINGER R169453	-do -		1306	1954	Attacked primary. 10/10th clouds with tops at 9000 feet. Visibility was very good and the target was identified by Green flares and by the M/B. Bombing was carried out by Green flares at 1630.2 hours from 18000 feet on a heading of 060°T with an I.A.S. of 155. The M/B was heard clearly but the markers went down too late for the aircraft in the gaggle to get on the correct heading. Bomb load was same as A-4233.	A-4237 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII NP 230 "V" P C/N W/O R.E. CRAVEN R123205	-do -		1310	1918	Attacked primary. 10/10th clouds with tops at 10000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares and by the M/B. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630.8 hours from 18000 feet on a heading of 100°T with an I.A.S. of 160. M/B's order to bomb sky markers was carried out. No. results were observed. Bomb load same as on Sortie A-4233.	A-4238 B.20

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27.2.45	HALIFAX VII FN 225 "X" P. CAN R.W. NORRIS (S/L) C.89% MAINS (First Wave) (CONT'D)		BOMBING	1248	1949	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Visibility was very good and the target was identified by Green flares and by the M/D. Bombing was carried out by Green flares at 1629.0 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 111° with an I.A.S. of 155. The gaggle was too concentrated to make a correct run. American aircraft went through the stream on way out. Bomb load was 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.M.I.	A.423 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII FP 749 "Z" P. CAN R.E. HUTCHIN (P/O) J.256%5 -do-		-do-	1311	2016	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Visibility was excellent and the target was identified by Green flares. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630.3 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 075 T with an I.A.S. of 155. No results were observed except for the markers which were observed at 1628. The gaggle formation was good. Bomb load same as A.4240.	A.4240 B.20
27.2.45	HALIFAX VII EG 451 "Z" P. CAN G.H. CROSS (P/O) J.36957 -do-		-do-	1251	1942	Attacked primary. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5-6,000 feet. Visibility was good and the target was identified by Green flares, and by the M/D. Bombing was carried out on Green flares at 1630.5 hours from 18,000 feet on a heading of 100° with an I.A.S. of 155. The M/D order to bomb the sky marking was carried out. No results were observed. Bomb load same as A.4240.	A.4241 B.20

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