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FOR THE MONTH OF **JANUARY** 19**43**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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9/1/43	HALIFAX II DL 619	S/Ldr. D. W. S. Clark Sgt. Williams, R.D. P/O I. G. Duncan Sgt. Jackson, F. Sgt. Lee, V. Sgt. Thompson, J.E. P/Sgt. Brown, J.A.L.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Engineer Rear Gunner	16.30	21.58	Operation in area of BRITIAN ISLANDS with 2 x 1500-lb. mines. Excellent visibility over target area. Mines dropped but parachutes not seen to open.	A1
9/1/43	HALIFAX II W. 7857	Sgt. Becker, E.E. P/Sgt. Dunn, H.A. P/Sgt. Smith, T.G. Sgt. Watson, D.A. Sgt. Stokville-Walker Sgt. Cameron, W.D. P/Sgt. Murphy, H.E.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Eng. Rear Gunner	16.32		This aircraft set out to mine enemy bases in the area of the BRITIAN ISLANDS but owing to weather was heard after take-off. The aircraft's failure to return is presumed due to enemy action. Bomb load: 2 x 1500-lb. mines.	A1
9/1/43	HALIFAX II DL 617	S/Ldr. D.H. Kenny Sgt. Wothers, C.J. Sgt. Dodson, H. P/O A.G. Raine Sgt. Goodman, A.H. P/O H.Y. MacDonell Sgt. Bekkin, W.G.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Engineer Rear Gunner	16.34	21.50	Target:- Mining in area of BRITIAN ISLANDS with 2 x 1500-lb. mines. Weather hazy but no cloud. Pin-pointed SHORNBURG. Mines seen to enter water.	A1
9/1/43	HALIFAX II DL 629	P/O M.O. Prosser W/O Maher, R.E. P/Sgt. Smully, R.W. P/Sgt. Sayers, S. Sgt. Hillard, C.W. Sgt. Cook, R.J. P/O L.J. Tunn	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Engineer Rear Gunner	16.36	21.26	Target:- Mining in area of BRITIAN ISLANDS with 2 x 1500-lb. mines. Visibility good, little cloud. Pin-pointed SHORNBURG. Mines released and parachutes seen to open. Aircraft landed at GROFT on return.	A1
9/1/43	HALIFAX II DL 617	P/O C.E. Porter Sgt. Bullinger, A.E. P/O G.J. Swanson Sgt. Lambie, G.J. Sgt. Bishop, M.V. Sgt. Lendon, D. Sgt. Taylor, A.E.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Engineer Rear Gunner	16.35	21.15	Target:- Mining in area of BRITIAN ISLANDS. Weather conditions good. No cloud but slight haze. SHORNBURG pin-pointed and mines released. Both parachutes were seen to open. This target at 500 feet at 25,000 05,000 lbs. shot down with incendiary. Fire was extinguished and bomb gunner was certain that both mines were hit by the incendiary's fire. No damage was sustained by the aircraft.	A1
15/1/43	HALIFAX II DL 672	Sgt. Jackson, E.E. P/Sgt. Carlton, J.M. P/Sgt. Poy, G.R. Sgt. Grenfell, T.H. Sgt. Sebastian, C.G. Sgt. Juby, R. P/Sgt. Storta, H.G.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O A.G. Pit. Engineer Rear Gunner	17.07	23.18	Target:- MINEFIELD with 2 x 4,000 G.P. bombs. Visibility good. Incendiary search of town slowly pin-pointed. Bomb bursts seen but no results observed. Large incendiary fires seen in centre of town on eastern bank.	A2

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15/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.609	W/Odr. H.M. Fleming S/O G.H. Parker Sgt. McLean, O.D. W/O A.P. Smith Sgt. Hall, D.G. Sgt. Clarke, G.F. W/As. R.L. Kenyon	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.04	22.54	Target:- LORINT with 5 x 1,000-lb. G.P. bombs. Camera carried. Broken about 1-2/10ths at 5,000 feet. Landmarks south of town identified. Bomb bursts seen. Incendiaries seem to start fires, the glow of which could be seen fifty miles away on the return journey.	A2
15/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.516	S/O W.S. Smart S/O R.G. Morrison W/O W.F. Mitchell S/O G.G. McLeodrey Sgt. Robinson, D.G. W/Sgt. Murray, G.F. W/Sgt. Wootton, H.T.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.08	23.35	Target:- LORINT with 5 x 1,000-lb. bombs. Camera carried. Visibility good. Landmarks south of town clearly identified. Actual pin-point not seen owing to smoke from flames. Good fires observed on western bank. This aircraft carried out the "recon".	A2
15/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.644	Sgt. MacKenzie, J.D. Sgt. Gemmott, W.N. Sgt. Young, W.F. Sgt. Hill, E. Sgt. Duhle, W.F. Sgt. Gunn, L.A. Sgt. Hilton, A.H.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.18	23.10	Target:- LORINT with 5 x 1,000-lb. bombs. Camera carried. Visibility good, about 1/10th. Bombs seem to explode in actual pin-point area, close to river bank. Bombs dropped in the middle of large fires concentrated in the target area.	A2
15/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.616	S/O G.L. Porter Sgt. Badinger, A.T. S/O G.F. Swann Sgt. Woody, E. Sgt. Bishop, M.W. Sgt. Lendon, D. Sgt. Taylor, A.H.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.09	21.35	This aircraft set out to attack LORINT with 5 x 1,000-lb. bombs but was obliged to return to base owing to failure of port outer engine. Bombs jettisoned safe.	A2 E.R.
15/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.617	W/Odr. D.H. Murray Sgt. Forbes, G.F. Sgt. Doonan, W. W/O A.G. Rubin Sgt. Goodman, G.H. S/O K.T. MacDonald Sgt. Baidin, W.G.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.05	23.00	Target LORINT with 5 x 1,000-lb. bombs. Camera carried. Visibility clear, 3/10ths at least. Results of bombing not observed but large incendiary fires seen in centre of town.	A2
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.639	W/Sgt. Levesneur, E. W/O Hutchinson, E.B. Sgt. Grant, J.W. Sgt. Jacobson, H.T. Sgt. Johnson, J.B. Sgt. Wilson, R. W/Sgt. Gray, W.R. Sgt. Bain, G.S.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/O.A.G. P/O.Engineer M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.7	21.55	Target:- SWAMPING in area of NEBARDINE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Visibility good and obtained visual pin-point of target. Did not see parachutes open but saw mines strike water. Successful and quiet trip.	A3

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21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 625	Sgt. MacKenzie, J.D. Sgt. Garnett, W.N. P/Sgt. Wilkinson, R.O. Sgt. Hill, R.H. Sgt. Duthie, W. Sgt. Gunn, L.A. P/Sgt. Milton, A.H. Sgt. Wilson, I.C.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.49	21.45	Targets: Mining in vicinity of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Good visibility with 3/10th cloud. Recognised BOBBI on starboard. Parachutes seen to open. Very good trip.	H3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 646	Sgt. Bakewell, J. P/Sgt. Brown, D.D. P/Sgt. Maxwell, J.R. Sgt. Bennett, J.A. Sgt. Turner, A.O. Sgt. Hill, J.A. P/Sgt. Cooper, J.R. Sgt. Caldwell, R.C.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.53	21.05	Targets: Mining in vicinity of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Visibility good - about 10 miles. 3/10th cloud at JUBIL. Visual pin-point at JUBIL which was clearly seen. Parachutes not seen to open but operation considered successful.	H3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 643	P/O R.S. Shark P/O R. G. Morrison P/Sgt. Owen, P.H. P/O G.C. McGladrey Sgt. Behrens, D.G. Sgt. Murray, G.F.D. P/Sgt. Wootton, H.T. Sgt. Grant, A.C.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.52	21.30	Targets: Mining in vicinity of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Weather clear - visibility about 15 miles. West-end of Island of JUBIL pin-pointed. NEPTUNE visible. Parachutes seen to open and mines enter water. Easy trip - "piece of cake" - no congestion in garden.	H3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 672	Sgt. Jackson, T.E. P/Sgt. Garibon, J.R. P/Sgt. Fay, J.R. Sgt. Crowell, T.H. Sgt. Sebastian, G.J. Sgt. Day, R. P/Sgt. Brown, H.C. Sgt. Douglas, D.R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.55	22.16	Targets: Mining in area of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Visibility good. No cloud at JUBIL but a very low cloud patch encountered 20 miles north-east of the island. JUBIL island pin-pointed visually. Parachutes seen to open and mines seen to enter sea.	H3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 619	S/Ldr. D.H.S. Clark P/Sgt. Williams, R.F. P/O I.C. Duncan Sgt. Jackson, F. Sgt. Lee, V. Sgt. Thompson, J.A. P/Sgt. Brown, J.A.L. Sgt. Walker, D.P.G.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.54	21.59	Targets: Mining in area of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Visibility good - no cloud at JUBIL which was clearly seen. Some light and medium flock encountered from west of NEPTUNE. Parachutes seen to open.	H3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 634	Sgt. Heins, B.F. Sgt. Holley, S.F. P/Sgt. Youngblood, G.R. Sgt. Tompkins, G.R. Sgt. Brown, R. Sgt. Clark, R.S.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. P/Eng. M-U Gunner	16.56	21.49	Targets: Mining in area of NEPTUNE with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Very low cloud with big gap at JUBIL. Visibility good. JUBIL pin-pointed clearly and identified by BOBBI. Parachutes seen to open.	H3

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21/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 689	F/Sgt. Goddard, R.S. F/Sgt. Fitzpatrick, C. F/Sgt. Sherman, H.M. Sgt. Deane, K.I.J. Sgt. McKeen, J.J. F/Sgt. Gault, H.W. Sgt. Duffield, G.W.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.58	20.26	Target:- Mining in vicinity of ROSEBARK with 2 x 1500 lb mines. Unsuccessful. W/T, Front Turret and "Gee" being u/s. Vegetables brought back.	A 3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 617	S/Ldr. Dell, Kenney Sgt. Mother, G.J. Sgt. Doonan, H. F/O Asst. Radio Sgt. Goldman, G.H. F/O H.T. McDONALD F/Sgt. Watkins, D.A. Sgt. Harrison, A.R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.59	22.19	Target:- Mining in vicinity of ROSEBARK with 2 x 1500 lb mines. Visibility about 4 miles. Pin-point obtained on BOWEN and western tip of JUST. Flew along coast to middle of JUST. One parachute seen to open and the mine to enter the water.	A 3
21/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 669	F/O G.E. Porter Sgt. Badings, A.T. F/O G.J. Swenor Sgt. Lortie, G.S. Sgt. Bishop, H.W. Sgt. Landon, D. Sgt. Taylor, A.H. Sgt. Sarge, D.A.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.00	21.36	Target:- Mining in vicinity of ROSEBARK with 2 x 1500 lb. mines. Visibility good -- about 6 miles. No cloud but some mist over water. Visual pin-point obtained on JUST and ROSEBARK. Parachutes seen to open. Navigation very good.	A 3
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 639	S/O M.C. Frederick W/O Weber, D.L. F/Sgt. Connolly, E.W. F/Sgt. Sayers, G. Sgt. Millar, G.W. Sgt. Ross, R.J. F/O L.J. Tom	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.05	21.15	Target:- LORIENT with 7 x 1000 G.P. bombs. Visibility very good with 2/10th cloud at 7,000 ft. Path-finder flares lit up LORIENT. Docks seen and coast-line identified. Bomb bursts not observed. Several bombs seen to burst in built-up area on west side of LORIENT docks. A good trip and very good navigation.	A 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 646	Sgt. DeWitt, L. F/Sgt. Scovell, D.D. F/Sgt. Harvel, J.E. Sgt. Bennett, J.A. Sgt. Turner, A.G. Sgt. Mills, J.A. F/Sgt. Cooper, J.R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.08	21.24	Target:- LORIENT with 1259 x 4 lb. incendiaries & M X type. Visibility very good -- no cloud. Target identified by landmarks south of town. Also saw semi-circle P.P.P. flares, saw 2 red marker bombs coming. Bombs seen to explode to the west of central point of target. Smoke target area was absent. Trip considered very successful.	A 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE. 672	F/Sgt. Levesneur, B. W/O Hutchinson, E.B. Sgt. Grant, J.E. Sgt. Johnson, H.T. Sgt. Johnson, J.R. Sgt. Wilson, R. F/Sgt. Gray, W.R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. F/Eng. M-U Gunner Rear Gunner	17.13	21.35	Target:- LORIENT with 1269 x 4 lb. incendiaries & M X type. Visibility very good -- 2/10th cloud. River identified and docks seen. Results of one bombing not observed. Incendiaries seen bursting on ground and several M.X. seen when leaving target area. Pretty quick and successful trip.	A 4

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21/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.634	Sgt. Hainke, R.F. Sgt. Malloy, S.F. W/Sgt. Toynghill, S.F. Sgt. Tompkins, C.D. Sgt. Emson, R. Sgt. Clark, W.J. W/Sgt. Dell, G.H.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.15	23.22	Targets:- LORIENT with 1269 x 4 lb. incendiaries + 51 X type. Perfect visibility. Ground detail clearly seen. Target in bomb sights and bombs seen to fall on and bomb. Fires seen burning in target area and ground aiming point. Path-finder force technique accurate and effective. Red marker bombs seen on aiming point.	H 4
22/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.637	S/Ldr. Dal. Kenny Sgt. Dodder, W. W/O A.G. Baine Sgt. Goodson, G.H. W/O W.S. McDonald W/Sgt. Watkins, D.A.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.12	23.42	Targets:- LORIENT with 7 x 1000 lb. G.F. bombs. LORIENT was seen clearly but there was a slight haze on the out-skirts. About 4 bursts were observed. Day and decks identified.	H 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.630	Sgt. Gray, H.F. Sgt. Hancock, G.O. W/O W.L. McLeod Sgt. Low, G.H. Sgt. Wilby, G. Sgt. Bruff, H.G. W/Sgt. Harting, R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.16	23.40	Targets:- LORIENT with 1269 x 4 lb. incendiaries + 51 X type. Visibility about 10 miles - 2/10th patches over suburbs which did not obscure target. No results seen. Incendiaries seemed to be well concentrated near aiming points and over built-up areas. Haze seen to explode in target area. Fires visible as red glow from 10 miles out to sea on return journey. Attack was very well concentrated. New P.F.F. technique was very good.	H 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.629	S/Ldr. D.W.S. Clark W/Sgt. Williams, H.E. W/O I.G. Duncan Sgt. Jackson, R. Sgt. Lee, V. Sgt. Thompson, J.H. W/Sgt. Brunet, J.A.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.09	23.58	Targets:- LORIENT with 7 x 1000 lb. G.F. bombs. Visibility impaired by 6/10th cloud. Identified target by river. Bombs not seen to explode. Large fires in the built-up area which were seen as far as the coast on homeward trip.	H 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.631	W/O M. McLaughlin W/O L.H. Holmes W/Sgt. Sanderson, R.V. Sgt. Liddell, R.H. Sgt. Dutton, A. Sgt. Austin, R.E. W/Sgt. Paulmer, G.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.10	23.45	Targets:- LORIENT with 1269 x 4 lb. incendiaries + 51 X type. Visibility good through slight ground haze. 2/10th cloud. P.F.F. flares and red marker bombs seen over LORIENT. Incendiaries not observed to burst. Several bombs seen to burst in target area - 3 large, one of which was exceptionally large, and several small fires.	H 4
23/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.623	W/O W.S. Shack W/O R.G. Morrison W/O R.A. Shields W/O G.G. McGilley Sgt. Debenue, D.G. Sgt. Murray, G.F.D. W/Sgt. Wootton, H.T.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Sgt. W-1 Gunner Rear Gunner	17.05	23.50	Targets:- LORIENT with 7 x 1000 lb. G.F. bombs. Visibility good - 6/10th cloud over target area at 17,000 ft. with gap over suburbs. No ground haze or sea mist. Target identified visually by river and by P.F.F. marker bombs. Smoke and fires obscured actual aiming point. Bombs seen to explode. Exact position not ascertained. Large fires appeared concentrated in town. Haze seen on west bank. Red glow visible from French coast on return. Attack seemed most successful. Well concentrated in centre of town.	H 4

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23/24 Jan. 1943	HALIFAX II DE.629	W/Sgt. Goddard, R.G. W/Sgt. Fitzpatrick, G.P. W/Sgt. Sherman, M.M. Sgt. O'Brien, G.S. Sgt. J. Coy, W.H. Sgt. Mackenzie, J.J. W/Sgt. Gault, W.T.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner Rear Gunner	17.18	00.02	Target: - LORIST with 1250 x 4 lb. incendiaries & 81 X type. Visibility good over target - 5/10th cloud scattered and low. Identified aiming point by river, P.F.F. flares, and by a number of cascades. Saw bombs explode. Very good trip with hardly any opposition.	A 4
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.630	Sgt. Mackenzie, J.D. Sgt. Garvie, R.H. Sgt. Harwood, E.R. Sgt. Hill, R.H. Sgt. Dunlop, W. Sgt. Gault, W.H. W/Sgt. Milton, A.H.	Pilot Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner Rear Gunner	16.50	22.42	Target: - LORIST with 1250 x 4 lb. incendiaries and 81 X type. Primary not attached due to bad weather. 10/10th cloud at 20,000. "GEM" w/s and wireless appeared w/s as unable to obtain fixes. Bombs jettisoned safe. Camera carried.	A 5
29/2/43	HALIFAX II DE.641	F/O M. McLaughlin F/O L.H. Holmes W/Sgt. Saunders, R.V. Sgt. Liddell, R.H. Sgt. Duffell, A.H. Sgt. Austin, R.E. W/Sgt. Fackham, C.S. Sgt. Jensen, M.G.	Pilot Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	16.58	20.39	Target: - LORIST with 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. bombs. Unsuccessful. Airspeed indicator w/s. Partial failure of oxygen supply. Bombs jettisoned safe. Camera carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.583	Sgt. Bell, R.A.H. W/Sgt. White, W.H. W/Sgt. Millison, R.O. Sgt. Armeson, J.D. Sgt. Taylor, W.B. Sgt. Graham, J.F. W/Sgt. Aitken, G.L.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner Rear Gunner	16.55	21.59	Target: - LORIST with 1250 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Primary not attached due to bad weather. Clouds were 10/10th and very high with icing. "GEM" w/s so unable to bomb on "GEM" as ordered. Jettisoned safe. Disappointing trip. Camera carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.641	Sgt. Gray, H.F. Sgt. Hancock, G.O. F/O W.J. Moffat Sgt. Low, G.H. Sgt. Wilby, G. Sgt. Bruffell, H.S. W/Sgt. Hawling, R.	Pilot Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner Rear Gunner	16.46	22.39	Target: - LORIST with 1250 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Passed 30 miles short of LORIST when time expired for bombing so returned to base. Weather conditions deteriorated considerably after crossing English coast. 2 degrees at 15,000 ft. so had to keep well up to prevent freezing. 10/10th cloud all the way to turning point. Bombs jettisoned safe. Camera carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DE.689	W/O M.H. Fleming F/O G.H. Patner Sgt. Nelson, O.D. F/O A.P. Smith Sgt. Hall, D.G. Sgt. Clarke, G.F.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. W/Eng. Rear Gunner	16.42	23.07	Target: - LORIST with 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. bombs. No ground details visible as bombed on "GEM" fix. No results seen. Not considered a success as clouds (10/10th) were up to approximately 22,000 ft. making visual identification impossible. Bombs were dropped in target area definitely. Camera carried.	A 5

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29/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 569	Sgt. Lovessaur, B. W/O Hutchinson, R.H. Sgt. Grant, J.H. Sgt. Jacobson, H.H. Sgt. Robinson, W. Sgt. Wilson, R. Sgt. Gray, W.L. W/O L.P. Ainsworth	XXXXX Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner W/O Gunner W/O PILOT	16.53	19.47	Targets:- LORNEY with 15 S.H.G. (50 x 4 lb.). First inner engine went w/s at 2,000 ft. Operation not carried out on account of engine failure. Bombs jettisoned. Camera Carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 638	Sgt. Hains, R.F. Sgt. Malloy, R.F. W/Sgt. Youngblood, S.R. Sgt. Thompson, G. Sgt. Brown, R. W/Sgt. Bell, G.H.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner W/O Gunner	16.50	21.40	Targets:- LORNEY with 1150 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target not attacked due to bad weather over CHANDE. 10/10th cloud at 17,000 ft. "GSM" w/s and gyro horizon sluggish. Not accurate. Two-engine aircraft approached from eastern to attack. Aircraft took evasive action flashing letters on the day, and two-engine aircraft which appeared to be vectored by searchlights, broke away after about 5 minutes. Two-engine aircraft recognized as BEAUFORT. Jettisoned load. Camera carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II DT. 639	W/O H.O. Frederick S/O Hobbs, R.A. W/Sgt. Connolly, R.V. W/Sgt. Sayers, G. Sgt. Elliott, G.W. Sgt. Hogg, R.J. W/O L.J. Tom	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner W/O Gunner	16.45	23.50	Targets:- LORNEY with 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. bombs. 10/10th cloud at 15,000 ft. over target area and from English coast. Bombed on "GSM" fix. Red glow seen underneath cloud. Hard battle with weather. Did not appear to be a very successful operation. Camera Carried.	A 5
29/1/43	HALIFAX II W. 7817	Sgt. Baskinell, L. W/Sgt. Saoven, D.D. W/Sgt. Marvel, J.H. Sgt. Bennett, J.A. Sgt. Turner, A.G. Sgt. Hills, J.A. W/Sgt. Cooper, H.R.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner W/O Gunner	16.44	17.26	Targets:- LORNEY with 15 S.H.G. (50 x 4 lb.). Early return due to oil temperature of starboard inner engine rising to 70 degree. Bombs jettisoned. Camera carried.	A 5
29/30 Jan. 1943	HALIFAX II DT. 645	W/O L.P. Cummings W/O Macdonald, W. W/Sgt. O'Connor, J.H. W/Sgt. McKenzie, D. Sgt. Johnston, F.H. W/O J.C. Gordon W/Sgt. Howard, I.L.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op. A.G. W/Eng. W/O Gunner W/O Gunner	16.54	00.09	Targets:- LORNEY with 1150 x 4 lb. incendiaries. 2/10th cloud at 11,000. Bombed on "GSM" fix. No results observed. Heavy and accurate flak over GURNEY and target. Searchlights at GURNEY inaccurate and ineffective. Camera Carried.	A 5

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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29/30 Jan. 1943.	HALIFAX II DT. 672	Sgt. Jackson, T.H. P/Sgt. Carlton, J.R. P/Sgt. Fry, J.R. Sgt. Orndell, T.H. Sgt. Sebastian, G.W. Sgt. Juby, E. P/Sgt. Storts, H.O.	Captain Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Ops A.G. P/Sgt. No. II Gunner Rear Gunner	16:47	00:19	<p>Targets - 10 CRIST with 1500 x A lbs incendiaries.</p> <p>Visibility very poor -- 10/20th cloud. Bombed by "GHS".</p> <p>Difficult mission due to bad weather.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten Signature]</i></p>	AS

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