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(14291-2511) Wt. 2280-1184 Form 2147 T.S. 790
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FOR THE MONTH OF **October** 19 **44**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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Day 6.10.44.	Halifax III. W.A. 527 "A"	F/L. FRANKS & CREW.		0505	1227	TARGET:- Bergen. Bomb load:- 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 SAP Bombed alternative target, which was identified visually by smoke from a height of 14,000 ft. at 0950 hrs on heading 045 deg. T. at 170 mph. in smoke. W/O instructed "Bombs on centre of smoke" Numerous bombs dropped on target. Unable to accurately identify landing point "B". A fair amount. Weather was clear, vis. 5,000.	A.2545
"	L.W. 414 "B"	F/O. Martel & Crew.		0505	0927	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: same as "A". Bomb burst and smoke W/O on way to target and fuel consumption was high at 14,000 ft. W/O instructed "1 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 SAP at 0915 hrs, 1,000 ft., then 4 x 1,000 SAP at 0925 hrs, 1,000 ft., and 1 x 1,000 SAP at 0930 hrs, 1,000 ft. All bombs were jettisoned and aircraft returned to base.	A.2544
"	M.E. 954 "B"	F/O. Dierke & Crew.		0459	1159	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: same as "A". Bombed primary which was visually identified. Weather was clear. Bombs dropped at 0950 hrs, from 14,000 ft. on heading 045 deg. at 170 mph. and aimed at small ship. No U-Boats seen but they were obscured by smoke caused by 1000 ft. bombs. Bombs seen to land in water between the ship, and all around the ship. Bombs were O.K. Unable to assess raid. W/O. Compass was W/S. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at 0915 hrs at 0959 hrs, from 14,000 ft.	A.2545
"	L.L. 586 "B"	F/L. Humphill & Crew.		0511	1201	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 6 x 1,000 SAP, 5 x 1,000 G.P. and 2 x 500 SAP. Bombed alternative target, identified by smoke. Weather was clear. Bombed at 0927 hrs from 15,500 ft. on heading 045 deg. T. at 170 mph. in smoke on deck at 14,000 ft. W/O. Good explosion and large fire at 0930 hrs. W/O called to keep it going, etc. and tactics O.K. A good effort. Some crew. W/O. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up over target (1 x 1,000 SAP hung up and was jettisoned safe at 0930 hrs, at 0942 hrs from 8,000 ft.)	A.2546
"	L.W. 381 "B"	F/O. MacLennan & Crew.		0510	1215	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 SAP. Identified primary which was visually identified by objects believed to be U-Boats. Weather was clear, and vis. 5,000. Bombs were 14,000 ft. at 0950 hrs on heading 045 deg. T. at 170 mph. Bombs were O.K. W/O. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up over target. Bombs were O.K. Bombs were O.K. Bombs were O.K.	A.2547
"	L.W. 447 "B"	F/O. Bouchard & Crew.		0451	1158	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 SAP. Bombed alternative target which was visually identified by smoke. Weather was clear, vis. 5,000. Bombs were 14,000 ft. at 0951 hrs on heading 045 deg. T. at 170 mph. Bombs were O.K. W/O. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up over target. Bombs were O.K. Bombs were O.K. Bombs were O.K. Bombs were O.K.	A.2548

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Day. 4.10.44.	Halifax III. L.W. 394 "1"	F/O. Legault & crew.		0448	1138	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 6 x 1,000 SAP, 3 x 1,000 GP and 2 x 500 S&P. Attacked primary which was identified by red T.I.'s. Weather: clear, no cloud, good vis. Bombed at 0936 hrs from 12,700 ft. at 180 m.p.h. on heading 040 deg. Bombed in centre of smoke on W/B's instructions. Red T.I.'s seen going down at 0926 hrs about 50 miles away. Much smoke in W/A. Air speed indicator over-reading by 10 to 15 m.p.h. Met by heavy flak in target area at 0938 hrs. Flares at 12,700 ft. landed at 1110 hrs. A/O unable to return to base until minor repairs are made. What appeared to be a small ditchy which fired off 3 very flares was sighted on homeward journey approx 4 miles off to port at 0938 0258 at 1007 hrs flying at 12,000 ft.	A. 2549
	M.S. 874 "B"	F/O. Galipeau & crew.		0449	1127	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 S&P. Attacked primary which was identified by what W/A believes to be Sub. Weather was clear of cloud. Vis. good. Bombed at 0929 hrs from 12,000 ft. on heading 045 deg. at 170 m.p.h. Red T.I.'s seen between A/P's and in water. Bombing well concentrated. One large explosion at 0932 was observed. 50 miles after leaving target one engine, then another one cut out. A/O then turned and flew toward Norway when engines restarted. Some fuel was not used at various points in Scotland. With the aid of Harwick and ground stations, A/O finally reached Scotland on three engines and landed safely.	A. 2550
	M.S. 821 "G"	F/O. DESMARAIS & crew.		0447	1150	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 6 x 1,000 SAP, 3 x 1,000 G.F. and 2 x 500 S&P. Bombed alternative target which was visually identified by aid of smoke. Bombed at 0954 hrs from 12,000 ft. on heading 044 deg. at 180 deg. in centre of smoke as ordered by W/B. A/P "B" was obscured by smoke so decided to attack A/P "A". Bombing well concentrated. Several explosions at 0953 hrs. The whole place seemed to be on fire. Heavy O.K. & 2500 range. Met by heavy flak over target at 0954 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Bomb doors did not open and port wing sustained minor damage. Nobody was injured. 1 x 1,000 GP hung up and jettisoned safe at 0958 hrs. 0958 hrs from 12,000 ft.	A. 2551
	XXXX "L.W. 590 "F"	F/O. Corbett & crew.		0502	1150	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 S&P. Attacked alternative A/P "A" visually identified by flares. Weather was clear of cloud. Vis. good. Bombed at 0923 hrs from 12,500 ft. at 170 m.p.h. on heading 045 deg. in centre of fire. W/B instructed to bomb firm. 1 x 1,000 S&P hung up over target and were jettisoned safe at 0908 0408 at 0942 hrs from 12,000 ft. and seen to explode.	A. 2552
	M.S. 590 "B"	F/O. Stuard & crew.		0455	1216	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 SAP and 2 x 500 S&P. Attacked alternative A/P "A" which was visually identified by coast. Weather clear. Bombed at 0932 hrs from 12,000 ft. on heading 045 deg. at 170 m.p.h. in centre of smoke as instructed by W/B. A/P "B" slightly covered by smoke and no U-boat seen. Red T.I.'s accurately placed between two A/P's. Bombing very concentrated. Two big explosions at 0931 hrs. Smoke from fires seen near U-boat shelters on leaving target. A good prang. Thoties O.K. For once, Met. was correct. Bombs failed to release on first run.	A. 2553

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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Day 4.10.44	Halifax III L.L. 591 "B"	F/O. LaFreniere & crew.		0403	1207	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 S&P and 2 x 500 S&P. Attached primary which was visually identified by smoke. Weather was clear, no cloud. Bombed at 0631 hrs from 12,500 ft. at 170 m.p.h. on heading 055 deg. E. around an inlet in smoke where fire and ships seen. Bombed what looked like Subs. Much steam smoke obscured details. A good trip.	A.2554
"	L.L. 596 "B"	F/L. Belanger & crew.		0758	1209	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 S&P and 2 x 500 S&P. Attached primary, identified visually by smoke. Weather was clear. Bombed at 0930 hrs from 12,000 ft. on heading 056 deg. E. at 170 m.p.h. on U-boats, two of which were seen in harbour. Results of sea boughs unobserved. Bomb bursts seen very near U-boats and on docks. Sea at base of U-boats was covered with smoke when leaving W/A. One explosion from W/A at 1001 hrs. A good prange.	A.2555
"	M.S. 714 "F"	F/O. Gourdeau & crew.		0452	1200	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 S&P and 2 x 500 S&P. Attached alternative target which was visually identified. Bombed at 0932 hrs from 12,000 ft. on heading 040 deg. E. at 170 m.p.h. on docks. Saw small fire and some small explosions. Tactics O.K. Looked like a good effort.	A.2556
XXXXXXXX	H.A. 633 "C"	F/O. Hutcheon & crew.		0406	1215	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 9 x 1,000 S&P and 2 x 500 S&P. Attached alternative W/A visually. Weather clear, vis. good. Bombed at 0936 hrs from 11,000 ft. on heading 068 deg. E. at 170 m.p.h. on large building. W/A heard clearly, saying to bomb visually. W/A "B" was obscured by smoke. W/A "A" was identified clearly and bombed. Fairly large fire seen, accompanied by black smoke. A good attack.	A.2557
Night 6.10.44	Halifax III M.S. 860 "B"	S/L. Phelan "DFC" & crew.		1801	2206	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 15 x 500 GP TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather: Thin layer of cloud, tops at 5,000 ft. Bombed from 15,000 feet at 2037 hrs on heading 324 deg. E. at 180 m.p.h. in centre of fires. Town seemed to be well on fire. Six explosions seen, one of them from oil. Markers well concentrated but obscured by smoke and fires. Glow of fires seen 70 miles on way home. An excellent night.	A.2558
"	L.H. 561 "B"	F/O. MacKinnon & crew.		1656	2249	Target: Bergen. Bomb load: 15 x 500 GP TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather was clear as signal good vis. Slight ground haze. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2037 hrs on heading 320 deg. E. at 180 m.p.h. on red and green T.I.'s which were amongst smoke & fires. T.I.'s were fairly well concentrated and well backed up on smoke concentrations. This aircraft attacked and bomb claims to have damaged an enemy railway locomotive at 2110, although damage was not assessed. Enemy did not open fire. See combat report attached.	A.2559 21/44

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8.10.44.	Halifax III, H.A. 653 "G"	F/O. Harcourt & crew.		1614	2214	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 6 x 500 GP TD, 7 x 500 MC TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather: slight haze. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 2032 hrs on heading 280 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of green T.I.'s. Large explosion at 2032 hrs in Western side of target area with large amount of smoke. Lots of fires in area. Bombing appeared concentrated. Route O.K. Good raid.	A. 2560
"	L.W. 579 "D"	F/O. Lafreniere & crew.		1618	2235	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 13 x 500 MC TD. Attached primary which was identified by red and green T.I.'s. Weather was clear. Bombed at 2030 hrs from 20,000 ft. on heading 250 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on red T.I.'s. Plenty of fires and explosions in 7/8 orange in colour. Bombing appeared accurate and well concentrated. Route O.K. & good raid. 1 x 500 MC hung up over target and was brought back.	A. 2561
"	L.W. 414 "B"	F/O. Mark & crew.		1606	2221	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 9 x 500 GP TD, 4 x 500 MC TD. Attached primary which was identified by green and red T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2028 hrs on heading 250 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on green T.I.'s in built up area. Some fires seen on edge of track near target. T.I.'s very well concentrated. FF kept on marking with green and reds. Much smoke and bomb bursts seen. Target much covered with smoke when we left.	A. 2562
"	L.W. 387 "F"	F/O. Corbett & crew.		1623	2205	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 15 x 500 GP TD. This aircraft turned back at 5012N 0832E, at 1944 hrs at 12,500 feet due to engine problems not functioning properly. Unable to gain height or maintain speed. Bombs were brought back. XXXX	A. 2563
"	H.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew.		1630	2218	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 13 x 500 MC TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2028 hrs on heading 250 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. in centre of red T.I.'s. Green T.I.'s were seen cascading on time. One very fairly large fire obscured markers. A good attack. Weather was clear of cloud, vis. good.	A. 2564
XXXXXXXX	L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. Bouchard & crew.		1620	2206	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather was clear, vis. good, no cloud. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2025 hrs on heading 245 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on red & green T.I.'s. Markers became obscured by smoke and fires. They were dropped at 2025 hrs. Target was much covered with smoke and fires when we left. Many vertical currents encountered. # good trip.	A. 2565
"	L.W. 591 "J"	F/O. Beaulieu & crew.		1642	2218	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: 15 x 500 GP TD. Attached primary which was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather was clear. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2028 hrs on heading 308 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of red T.I.'s. Markers were fairly well concentrated. Many fires seen with large building in centre. Two explosions at 2035 hrs. Fires seen for 30 miles after leaving target. FF kept target well marked. A good raid. 1 x 500 GP TD hung and was brought back. D.R. Bombs was 1/3.	A. 2566

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NIGHT (CONT'D) 6.10.44	Halifax III L.L. 595 "A"	F/O Legault & Crew.		16.04	22.10	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 13 x 500 MC TD. Primary target was identified by red & green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19000 ft. at 2034 hrs. on heading 308 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of T.I.'s. Target was exceptionally well marked. Plenty of fires and explosions seen. Weather was clear with good visibility. A good attack. French towns all lighted, particularly Ghent.	A2567
"	M.Z. 954 "M"	F/O Blaine & Crew.		16.16	22.02	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 4 x 500 GP TD 9 x 500 MC TD. Primary identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather was clear. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2036 hrs. on heading 270 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of green T.I.'s. which were backing up. Numerous explosions and plenty of big fires in T.A. One seemed to be oil fire. Could not observe on way home due to searchlights in between. Tactics good. A good swing.	A2568
"	M.Z. 821 "O"	F/O Desmarais & Crew.		16.52	22.07	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 3 x 500 GP TD 10x500 MC TD. Primary identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather clear of clouds. Vis. Good. Bombed at 18,000 ft. at 2038 hrs. on heading 280 deg. T. at 170 m.p.h. in centre of fires. Red and green T.I.'s seen ascending on fire. Target was well marked. Five large and numerous small fires and several large explosions observed. A good raid. French cities and towns well lighted.	A2569
"	L.W. 412 "C"	F/L Bempill & Crew		16.07	22.28	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 9 x 500 GP TD 4 x 500 MC TD. Primary identified by green and red T.I.'s. Weather clear, no cloud, good vis. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2055 hrs. on heading 310 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. in concentration of red and green T.I.'s, amongst fires and smoke. T.I.'s seen going down at 2051 hrs. Bombing appeared well concentrated. A good raid.	A2570
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O Poirier & Crew.		16.02	22.15	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 3 x 500 GP TD 10x500 MC TD. Primary identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather: clear, vis. unlimited. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2058 hrs. on heading 320 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on large cluster of red & green T.I.'s. Canals etc also seen to N.W. on way in. Fires in centre of T.I.'s. A few minor explosions and one large one to stbd. seen on way out. A good raid.	A2571
"	M.L. 820 "T"	F/L Franks & Crew.		16.09	22.48	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 6 x 500 GP TD and 2x500 MC TD. Primary identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather: no cloud, slight haze. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 2058 hrs. on heading 340 deg. T. at 168 m.p.h. on red T.I.'s which appeared correctly placed. Bombing was concentrated. Many fires seen in built up areas. Route O.K. A good raid.	A2572
"	L.L. 596 "U"	F/L Bolanger & Crew.		16.17	22.45	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 15 x 500 GP TD. Primary identified by red & green T.I.'s. Weather clear of cloud, vis. good. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2057 hrs. on heading 325 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of red T.I.'s. Red and green markers seen on heading at 0225 hrs. Target well marked. Numerous fires seen. Bombing well concentrated. A good raid. Towns over France were lighted.	A2573

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NIGHT 6.10.44	Halifax 111 L.L. 528 "B"	F/O Simard & Crew.		16.05	22.30	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 18 x 500 GP TD. Primary identified by red & Green TI's. Weather clear of cloud, slight haze. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2035 hrs. on heading 328 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in concentration of all TI's. which were seen cascading at 2035 hrs. Target well marked. Numerous small fires seen and one large on sdbd. of target at 2028 hrs. Appeared to be a good raid.	A2574
"	N.A. 684 "A"	F/O Laroau & Crew.		16.15	18.31	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 18 x 500 GP TD. Jettisoned safe 11 x 500 AT 5400 FT. at 1751 hrs. from 4,000 ft. (1 exploded) 2 x 500 hung up and were brought back. Returned early due to hydraulic trouble, unable to raise wheels or flaps.	A2575
"	M.Z. 714 "Y"	F/O Gourdeau & Crew.		15.57	22.20	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 4 x 500 GP TD. 2 x 500 ME TD Primary identified by red & Green TI's. Weather clear, vis. good. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2037 hrs. on heading 268 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. to port of red TI's. Markers were seen cascading on time. Target well marked, numerous fires seen. Good tactics. An excellent raid.	A2576
NIGHT 6.10.44	Halifax 111 N.A. 527 "A"	F/O Laroau & Crew.		16.44	22.23	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 10x500 GP & 2 x 500 ME and 2x500 G.P.L.D. Primary identified by red TI's. Weather: 3/10ths Strato-cumulus clouds with tops at 5/6,000 ft. Bombed at 20.55 hrs. from 17,000 ft. on heading 366 deg. T. at 160 mph in concentration of red and yellow sky markers. Red TI's down on time, some sky markers seen to port of target. Some incendiary fires seen. Tactics good.	A2577
"	N.A. 635 "C"	F/O Marcotte & Crew.		16.42	23.09	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14x500 ME TD and 2 x 500 GP TD Primary identified by red & yellow TI's. Weather: 8/10ths cloud tops at 6,000 ft. Bombed at 2035 hrs. from 18,000 ft. on heading 359 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on red TI's. and fired in built up area. Sky markers appeared on time, only 4 seen. Some fires seen, enough to distinguish built up area. Some undershooting taking place. Otherwise good concentrations. Good trip. Met. was good, as briefed.	A2578
"	L.W. 378 "D"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		16.45	23.25	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP TD and 2x500 GP TD Primary identified by red flares and yellow stars seen at 2027 hrs. Weather: 5/10ths cloud, tops 6/7,000 ft. Bombed at 2034 hrs. from 20,000 ft. from heading 030 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. on estimated position of red flares with yellow stars. Made bombing run on sky markers which went out before we arrived. Altered course to bomb on others seen to port. Explosion seen on ground in vicinity of fires. A Halifax s/c at 14,000 ft. in T/A. seen dropping green TI which cascaded and were thought to be genuine although not seen falling on ground. Tactics very good. Rept. Nav. lights on until 50 miles from bomb line.	A2579

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NIGHT (CONT'D) 9.10.44	Halifax 111 N.A. 518 "G"	P/O Martel & Crew.		16.47	23.15	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14x500 GP ID and 2 x 500 GP LD Primary identified by red flares with yellow stars. Weather: 8/10ths cloud, Vis. good. Bombed at 2033 hrs. from 20,000 ft. on heading 355 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. slightly to port of red flares with yellow stars. Red II's. could be seen after bombs dropped. Ground and sky marking seemed to agree. Ex- plosions and large number of small fires seen. Bombing appear- ed concentrated. Tactics good. Good trip.	A2580
"	L.N. 477 "T"	P/O Bouchard & Crew.		16.45	23.01	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14x500 GP ID and 2 x 500 GP LD. Primary identified by red II's. Weather 7/10ths cloud. (Stratum) at 19,000 ft. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2033 hrs. on heading 337 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of red II's. seen going down at 2035 hrs. also sky marking. Several fires and one large explosion at 2033 accompanied by flames and white smoke. Incendiaries appeared short. Appeared to be a fair attack.	A2581
"	L.L. 595 "K"	P/O Legault & Crew.		16.31	23.19	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP LD and 2 x 500 GP ID Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 4,000 ft. Target identified by red II's. and red flares with yellow stars. Bomb doors would not open in time and overshoot target by 3 minutes. Released bombs at 2028 hrs. from 19,000 ft. on heading 355 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Red II's. well concentrated. Results of bombing unobserved. Sky markers scattered. Used emergency procedure for opening bomb doors and returned to base with them open. Suspicious A/C seen flying through target with Nav. lights on.	A2582
"	M.Z. 714 "Y"	P/O Dionne & Crew.		16.54	23.28	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP ID and 2 x 500 GP LD Primary identified by red II and red flares with yellow stars. Weather: clear over target with about 5/10ths cloud on run up. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2034 hrs. on heading 352 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of red II's. Plenty of flames, explosions and what appeared to be oil fires, could be seen. Bombing seemed pretty well concentrated. Weather: poor but trip O.K. otherwise.	A2583
"	M.Z. 674 "B"	P/O Mark & Crew.		16.35	23.25	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP ID and 2 x 500 GP LD Target identified by red II and red flares with yellow stars. Weather: 5/10ths cloud. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2032 hrs. on heading 340 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of red II's. Sky marking appeared to have drifted to starboard of target but area was well marked with red II's. One large fire in centre of target with smaller ones around it. Bombing seemed pretty well concentrated. Very good tactics. Good trip Starboard motor engine was W/A.	A2584
"	M.Z. 621 "G"	P/O Desmarais & Crew.		16.30	23.05	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 GP ID and 2 x 500 GP ID Target identified by flares and red II's. Weather: 9/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Vis. poor. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2031 hrs. on heading 359 deg. T. at 170 m.p.h. on red II's. on ground. Saw red II's. on ground and one ascending down and burst High fire to be seen 3 minutes after leaving W/A. Bombing was concentrated	A2585

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Night (Cont'd) 9.10.44	Halifax 111 L.W. 412 "G"	F/L Hemphill & Crews		16.36	23.50	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 10x500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP TD and 2 x 500 GP LD Target identified by sky markers and red TI's. Weather: 8/10ths cloud, negligible haze. Tops at 7,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2033 hrs. on heading 358 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. on sky markers. Bombed centre of red and yellow, which were spread out. On landing target area, large starburst fire giving off billowing smoke, which died out, was seen. Fires could be seen from 30 miles away. A good 'wag' leaving T/A.	A2586
"	M.Z. 880 "R"	F/O Simard & Crews		16.38	23.35	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14x500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP TD and 2 x 500 GP LD Target identified by sky markers and red TI's. Weather: 6/10ths cloud - tops at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2032 hrs. on heading 345 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on red TI's. Good sized fire beginning at rearboard side of T/A. Markers on time. Red TI's cascaded at 2037 hrs. Very large explosion and big burst of flame seen 3 minutes after leaving T/A.	A2587
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O MacKinnon & Crews		16.39	23.15	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 10x500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP LD and 2 x 500 GP LD Target identified by red TI's, cascading at 2028 h's. Weather: 5/10ths cloud tops at 8,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2033 hrs. on heading 352 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. on red TI's, which were well concentrated with one batch tight. Sky markers hard to identify. From a distance could not see yellow stars. Some fires seen short of red TI's, but as attack progressed the bombing became more accurate. FFZ bang on time. Dashed O.K. Bags of fighters flares seen from 2019 hrs. into target.	A2588
"	L.L. 596 "U"	F/L Belanger & Crews		16.41	23.07	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 4 x 500 GP TD 10x500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP LD Target identified by red TI's. Weather: 7/10ths cloud tops at 6,800 ft. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2032 hrs. on heading 000 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in SW of red TI's, seen going down at 2035 hrs. Some evidence of incendiaries. One large explosion seen for miles to port at 2034 hrs. with huge red and orange flames. Tactics good. Fair attack.	A2589
"	L.L. 582 "W"	F/L Franks & Crews		16.40	22.57	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP TD Target identified by red TI's, cascading at 2028 hrs. Weather: 6/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2030 on heading 358 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. in centre of red TI's. Three lots of red TI's, seen which were very scattered. Results of bombing unobserved. Tactics O.K. If sky markers were used, said will be very good.	A2590
"	H.A. 634 "X"	F/O Heston & Crews		16.35	23.15	TARGET: Bochum. Bomb load: 14 x 500 MC TD and 2 x 500 GP TD Target identified by red TI's. Weather: 5/10ths cloud. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2030 hrs. on heading 278 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of red TI's. Made orbit. If TI's were accurately placed, bombing should be concentrated. Area well marked. Fires were beginning but very little could be seen so early in attack. Good route and tactics. Should be a good attack. D.R. Compass and A/P Crews U/S.	A2091

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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18.10.44	Halifax III, N.A. 653 "C"	F/O. Marcotte & crew.		0755 0743	1840 1817	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified visually by built up area, canal and red T.I's. Weather: clear, slight haze. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1010 hrs on heading 224 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on red T.I's cascading. Sams were seen going down. W/B clearly heard saying to bomb red T.I's. Bombing commenced. Sams seen starting with 1st sams to 4,000 ft. Deviated from track to catch up with stream at 5100 0640 to 5150 0630. Main stream spread out, no concentration.	A.2592
	E.W. 879 "D"	F/O. Beaulieu & crew.		0750 0731	1515	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified by white smoke. Weather: 2 to 3/10ths cloud. Vis. good. Bombed from 18,500 ft. 1035 hrs. 234 deg. T. 165 m.p.h. Bombed on smoke and T.I's. W/B difficult to hear, very weak. Good bombing taking place. Fire and smoke seen. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up and jettisoned live at 5147N 0645E, 1033 hrs 18,000 ft. Small holes were caused by flak to this a/c. None injured.	A.2593
	L.W. 414 "E"	F/O. Bouchard & crew.		0750 0737	1245	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x 1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified visually. Weather 2 to 4/10ths cloud, patchy, tops about 10,000 ft. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1020 hrs, 205 deg. T., 165 m.p.h. on smoke. Estimated distance from railway and under shot 200 yds. W/B gave direction on smoke. Good concentration of bombing. Trailing smoke of warblers seen only. W/B 5 minutes late. Large tank hit near railway. 3 minutes after bombing. No sig. in return or 4/10ths. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up. Jettisoned live at 5150N 0715E, 1025 hrs from 18,500 ft.	A.2594
	M.L. 872 "F"	F/O. Hutcheon & crew.		0755 0714	1550 1517	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x 1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified by white smoke. Weather 3/10ths cloud tops 8,500 ft. Bombed from 17,500 ft. 1022 hrs, 217 deg. T., 165 m.p.h. on base of smoke as instructed by W/B. One small fire seen. Bombing seemed fairly concentrated. No Vis. formation seen after setting course. Bombing stream seemed fairly scattered due to incorrect mt. forecast.	A.2595
	L.L. 596 "G"	F/O. Legault & crew.		0755 0717	1550 1517	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x 1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified visually and by T.I's seen rising down. Weather: 1/10ths cloud, good vis. Smoky. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1017 hrs, 244 deg. T., 160 m.p.h. on T.I's at 2/A. W/B instructed to bomb upper edge of smoke. W/B not heard first 5 minutes due to interference. Not much observation made of bombing as we were early.	A.2596
	M.L. 954 "H"	F/O. Dionne & crew.		0750 0741	1550 1517	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7x 1,000 SAP, 4x500 GP ID and 2x500 GP ID. Target identified visually by smoke screen. Weather: 7/10ths cloud, patchy, Vis. good. Smoke haze. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1021 hrs, 218 deg. T., 165 m.p.h. on smoke. W/B instructed to under shoot T.I' near smoke. Good concentration of bombs. No T.I's seen on ground due to thick smoke. A good trip. 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up, jettisoned live at 5146N 0619E, 1041 hrs, 20,000 ft. One hole caused in stream by flak over 2/A at 18,000 ft. 105 m.p.h. at 1020 hrs.	A.2597

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Day. (CONT'D) 12.10.44.	Halifax III M.L. 674 "B"	F/O. Galipeau & crew.		0740 0729	1510 1311	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7 x 1,000 SAP, 4 x 500 ME TD and 2 x 500 GP ID. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Weather 3/10ths cloud tops 8,000 ft. Vis good. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1020 hrs 212 deg. E. 155 m.p.h. on windward edge of smoke as per W/B's instructions. Markers and T/A mostly obscured by smoke and W/B was using Mikowik for aiming instructions. Smoke rising to 4,000 ft. Bombing fairly concentrated. Bombing stream well scattered on way to target but formed up a little better on way home. A good attack. Hit by flak over Wanne Eickel at 17,000 ft. 1019 hrs. 155 m.p.h. One hole in rear part of fuselage. Nobody injured.	A.2598
	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O. MacKinnon & crew.		0746 0744	1820 1213	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7 x 1,000 SAP, 4 x 500 ME TD and 1 x 500 GP ID. Target visually identified by P.R. and smoke. Weather clear. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1019 hrs. 222 deg. E. 160 m.p.h. at base of blue smoke trails as per W/B. T/A obscured by smoke and target itself not identified. Black yellowish smoke rising to 8,000 ft. Two large fires in T/A. Bombing fairly concentrated. Bombing stream well scattered. The P.R. formation not seen. Estimated 1 x 1,000 SAP hung up/tightened & a/c 5150N 0700 E. 1054 hrs. 17,500 ft. Hit by flak in T/A at 1024 and 1029 hrs 178 m.p.h. 18,000 ft. Made it difficult to target.	A.2599
	L.L. 682 "W"	F/O. Laroau & crew.		0755 0744	1510 1223	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load 7 x 1,000 SAP, 4 x 500 ME TD and 2 x 500 GP ID. Target identified visually by red T.I.'s. Weather: clear over target, 2-3/10ths cloud around target. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1024 hrs. 218 deg. E. 155 m.p.h. on edge of red T.I.'s as instructed by W/B. Beliefs area had smoke screen laid on windward side. No fires seen but that was very early in attack. A/c slightly damaged by flak. Weather not too good but trip O.K. overall.	A.2600
	M.E. 714 "Y"	F/L. Humphill & crew.		0744 0750	1317 1220	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7 x 1,000 SAP, 4 x 500 ME TD and 2 x 500 GP ID. Target visually identified and by Railway. Weather 3/10ths cloud 4/5,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1020 hrs. 204 deg. E. 160 m.p.h. on B.R. (estimated). Target almost obscured by smoke. W/B clearly heard. Bomb sight U/S. One large fire seen, black smoke seen up to 4,000 ft. at 1022 hrs. A good concentration. Estimated D.R. checked visually.	A.2601
	M.E. 960 "R"	F/O. Simard & crew.		0724 0735	1317 1225	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 7 x 1,000 SAP, 4 x 500 ME TD and 2 x 500 GP ID. Target identified visually and by smoke. Weather clear over target. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1023 hrs. 210 deg. E. 160 m.p.h. at base of blue smoke as per W/B who ordered Mikowik's W/B. Heard clearly but believes his instructions would result in undershooting. Ground detail seen beyond smoke could be identified as in T/A. Bombing stream well scattered. P.R. Comps was U/S.	A.2602
Day. 14.10.44.	Halifax III, M.A. 527 "A"	F/L. Dupuis & crew.		0671 0650	1110	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1,000 SAP, 1 x 1,000 GP and 2 x 500 GP ID and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified by docks and river. Weather 4/10ths cloud tops 5,000 ft. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 0645 hrs. 155 deg. E. 155 m.p.h. Overshot W/Bs. No marker seen due to cloud, on run up, but could see them after passed target. Appeared to be along some water. Bombs seen bursting in built up area and smoke rising to 2/3,000 ft. Fire seen near bridge over Rhine. Sat. trip. Hit by heavy flak over Duisburg at 0645 hrs. 14,500 ft. 155 m.p.h. Bomb fuses and fuselage holes. W/B gave basement flight plan, then freshened.	A.2603

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14.10.44	Halifax 111 N.A. 633 "C"	F/L Langlois & Crew.		06.55	11.16	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP LD 2 x 500 MC LD and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified by bend of river Rhine, red and yellow T.I.s. Weather 7/10ths Cb. clouds, tops 9/10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 0848 hrs. 185 deg. T. 180 m.p.h. on parachuting yards. Red and yellow T.I.s. appeared to be marked, as 1000 SAP identified and bombed. No instruction from W/S, but at 0849 W/S heard to instruct freshmen. One medium explosion ob- served flames to 15.00 ft. 2 1/2 miles N.E. of W/Ida. at 0848 hrs.	A2604
"	L.W. 379 "D"	F/L Dugas & Crew.		06.00	11.15	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 5 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP LD 2 x 500 GFLD and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified by river and T.I.s. Weather 7 to 8/10ths cloud. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 0845 hrs. 088 deg. T. 160 m.p.h. on built up area, believed residential. W/S gave flight plan but no further instructions received. Target difficult to identify due to clouds. Through small break in cloud river and built up area seen and bombed. Bomber stream scattered and bombing accuracy poor. 1 x 1000 SAP hung up. Jettisoned safe 511N 0623E. 0854 hrs. from 18,000 ft.	A2606
"	L.W. 414 "E"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		06.55	11.40	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 7 x 1000 SAP and 4 x 500 GP LD Bomber visually identified and by signal. Weather: 7/10ths cloud 7/8, 600 ft. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0852 hrs. 180 deg. T. 180 m.p.h. on factory in built up area. No T.I.s seen. W/S heard instructing "freshmen" at 0847 hrs. Results of bombing unobserved due to clouds.	A2606
"	N.A. 515 "G"	F/O Mark & Crew.		05.54 06.56	11.45	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 5 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP LD 2 x 500 GP LD and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified by river and D.R. positions. Weather 7/10ths cloud. Bomber stream scattered. T.I.s. seen. 185 deg. T. 185 m.p.h. in built area, believed residential district. W/S gave "freshmen". Results of bombing unobserved due to clouds. 1 x 1000 SAP hung up and jettisoned safe 511N 0623E. 0854 hrs. from 18,000 ft. R.P.M. India. of 8th. inner engine was W/S.	A2607
"	M.L. 672 "H"	F/O Fidoock & Crew.		05.56 06.56	08.10	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP & 1000 GFLD. Bomber 2 x 500 GFLD and 4 x 500 SAP. This A/O returned early controls vibrated to such an extent that pilot was unable to control aircraft sufficiently to continue to target. Bomb load was jettisoned safe at 511N 0110E 0747 hrs. from 4000 ft.	A2608
"	L.N. 477 "I"	F/O Bouchard & Crew.		06.54 06.56	11.52	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP LD 2 x 500 MC LD and 4 x 500 MC LD. Target identified by roads. Weather: 8/10ths cloud 10/12,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0848 hrs. 185 deg. T. 185 m.p.h. on built up area T.I.s seen only on leaving target. Factory seemed to blow up on 8th. at about 0849 hrs. No other observation made due to clouds. 1 x 1000 SAP hung up and jettisoned safe at 511N 0623E 0850 hrs. from 18,000 ft. A.P.I. Gee D.R. Compass Radio were W/S.	A2609

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14.10.44	(CONT'D) Halifax 111 L.W. 391 "J"	F/O Legault & Crew.		06.00	11.55	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP ID 2 x 500 GP ID and 4 x 500 SAP. Target identified by cook areas. Weather: no cloud on run in, one large cloud over T/A. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 0847 hrs. 110 deg. T. at 180 M.P.H. on bomb. Many fires seen on leaving T/A. also 100 large ex- plosion with red flame and black smoke from 8th and 9th W/B faintly heard. No T.I. seen throughout attack. 2 x 1 000 SAP hung up and were jettisoned 11/2 at 1120N 0848 at 0849 hrs. 17,000 feet. Bomb doors slightly damaged by hung up bombs.	A2610																																																				
"	L.W. 595 "K"	F/O Bureau & Crew.		06.53 06.58	11.36 11.38	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP ID 2 x 500 GP ID and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified. Weather: 9/10ths cloud at 12/15,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0847 hrs. 114 deg. T. at 180 M.P.H. on built up area and green T.I.'s. W/B heard to instruct "Freehand" Cloud obscured target. No T.I.'s seen going down in time. 1 x 500 GP ID hung up over target and fell off when bomb doors were not completely closed at 0847 hrs. 0848 hrs. from 18,000 ft. (acc.) Hit by W/Fiak in T/A at 0849 hrs. 18,000 ft. Nobody injured.	A2611																																																				
"	M.Z. 954 "M"	F/O Droms & Crew.		06.17 06.25	11.3 11.26	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP's x 1000 GP ID 2 x 500 GPID and 4 x 500 SAP. Target visually identified by pedals. Weather: 9/10ths cloud at 14,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. 0851 hrs. 150 deg. T. at 155 M.P.H. on built up area. No T.I. seen at A/F. W/B instructed "Freehand" at 0845 hrs. Bombs seen on W.bank of Rhine on docks one large fire and heavy smoke seen short of A/F. Cloud prevented observation of results. Hit by heavy flak at target at 0851 hrs. 18000ft. causing damage to air struts and other wing. Nobody was injured.	A2612																																																				
"	M.E. 674 "N"	F/O Galipeau & Crew		06.06		TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP ID 2x500 GP ID and 4 x 500 ME This aircraft did not return and is considered missing. Particulars of the crew, together with their operational experiential experiences are as follows:- <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>WIFE</th> <th>POINTS</th> <th>HOUS.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J36426</td> <td>F/O Galipeau L.</td> <td>Pilot</td> <td>19</td> <td>58</td> <td>90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J36829</td> <td>F/O Butler D.A.</td> <td>Nav.</td> <td>17</td> <td>57</td> <td>82.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R24438</td> <td>F/A Hogg L.H.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>17</td> <td>57</td> <td>82.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R24468</td> <td>F/S Williamson G.F.</td> <td>A/B</td> <td>17</td> <td>57</td> <td>82.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R225454</td> <td>Sgt. Crabtree G.M.</td> <td>F/AG</td> <td>21</td> <td>71</td> <td>101.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R186125</td> <td>Sgt. Pare J.L.M.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>20</td> <td>57</td> <td>96.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R20598</td> <td>Sgt. Wade V.H.</td> <td>F/E</td> <td>17</td> <td>57</td> <td>82.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R200604</td> <td>F/S Baudet J.O.</td> <td>W/O.</td> <td>2</td> <td>7</td> <td>15.15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		WIFE	POINTS	HOUS.	J36426	F/O Galipeau L.	Pilot	19	58	90.00	J36829	F/O Butler D.A.	Nav.	17	57	82.05	R24438	F/A Hogg L.H.	W/AG	17	57	82.04	R24468	F/S Williamson G.F.	A/B	17	57	82.05	R225454	Sgt. Crabtree G.M.	F/AG	21	71	101.50	R186125	Sgt. Pare J.L.M.	W/AG	20	57	96.15	R20598	Sgt. Wade V.H.	F/E	17	57	82.05	R200604	F/S Baudet J.O.	W/O.	2	7	15.15	A2613
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"	L.W. 412 "Q"	F/O Foxham & Crew.		06.35	12.05	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP's x 1000 GP ID and 6x500 SAP. Target visually identified by docks. Weather: 7/10ths cloud, tops at 12,000 ft. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0902 hrs. 122 deg. T. at 140 M.P.H. on factory and bridge. W/B saw "Freehand". Smoke seen issuing from factory area slightly after bombing. Bombs falling from factory area of city. Could not get port outer engine into "S" gear, which accounted for being late at T/A. Blinding scattered. No T.I. seen in vicinity of target. Tactics. O.K. Hit by beam flak over Duisburg. at 0905 hrs. 18,500 ft. 140 M.P.H. Rear turret holed and hydraulic line out. Nobody was injured.	A2614																																																				

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14.10.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O Seward & Crew.		06.05	11.27 11.26	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 4x1000 GP LD 2x500 GP LD and 4x500 SAP. Weather: 7 to 8/10ths cloud. Target visually identified by river and docks. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0851 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in built up area. No TI's seen. W/B instructed "Freehand" at 0850 hrs. A/B bombed short of A/F and built up area. Attack spread out. 2 x 1000 SAP hung up over target target and jettisoned safe at 9404N 0408 1057 hrs. 155 m.p.h.	A2615
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O McKinnon & Crew.		06.15	11.30	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 4x1000 GP LD 2x500 GP LD and 4x500 GP LD. Weather: 5/10ths cloud; tops at 8 to 10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target visually identified by canal. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0851 hrs. 180 deg. T. at 180 m.p.h. on built up area. Attack scattered. No really well concentrated. Bombed on W/B instructions, who gave "Freehand" at 0840 hrs. Saw explosions and fire with red black smoke up to 6,000 ft. No TI's seen. A fair attack. although bombing well scattered. Results not observed due to cloud. W/B was satisfactory. Hit by W/F at 5127N 0650E 0848 hrs. 18,500 ft. Both bomb doors closed. Bomby injured.	A2616
"	M.Z. 620 "T"	F/O Sicotte & Crew.		06.20	11.50	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP LD 2x500 GP LD and 4x500 GP LD. Weather: 5/10ths cloud, tops to 8/10,000 ft. and smoke. Target visually identified by smoke and yards. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0851 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 180 m.p.h. on W yards. W/B heard to give flight plan and said to shut off transmitter. Green and red TI's seen ascending near A/F on run out about 0854 hrs. Several explo- sions in T/A. Saw some on W/Yds. A satisfactory trip. Hit by W/F at 5127N 0650E 0848 hrs. 18,500 ft. Both bomb doors closed. Bomber returned. This happened between 0850 and 0853 hrs.	A2617
"	L.L. 696 "U"	F/L Delanger & Crew.		06.10	11.27 11.30	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 4x 1000 GP LD 6 x 500 GP LD. Weather: 5/10th clouds, tops 8,000 ft. Target vis. identified by river and yellow TI's. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0849 hrs. 118 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of yellow TI's. W/B heard but much interference. Thought he said "Free- hand". Bombing appeared scattered but most of it was in built up area. Smoke rising 2,000 ft. Fighter cover O.K. Bomber return seemed to be satisfactory on all headings. Hit by W/F over Duisburg at 0848 hrs. 19,000 ft. 155 m.p.h. Several one or more of pilot's engine cooling fans damaged.	A2618
"	L.L. 582 "W"	F/O Brimcombe & Crew.		06.14 06.15	11.25 11.26	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP LD 2x500 GP LD and 4x500 GP LD. Weather: 7 to 8/10ths cloud; tops at 7,000 ft. Target visually identified by canals. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0850 hrs. 110 deg. T. at 180 m.p.h. in built up area. W/A seen through break in clouds. No TI seen in A/P W/B instructed "Freehand" at 0851 hrs. 2 small explosions and plenty of smoke at 0852 hrs. Red TI seen on W. side of Rhine. Fair attack. W/B noted satisfactory. Enemy aircraft was attacked and broke away without opening fire. No damage is claimed to the enemy A/G.	A2619

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14.10.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax III N.A. 654 "Y"	W/O Smith & Crew.		06.40	11.35 11.40	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 1 x 1000 GP LD 2x500 ME and 4 x 500 SAP. Weather: 8/10ths cloud. Target vis. identified by docks, airport and rivers. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 0850 hrs. 128 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. through cloud. W/B heard to give "Freehand" after bombs dropped. Fires and smoke seen scattered all over T/A. Some looked like oil fires. Bombs seen cascading in concentration to burst on target. Tracks. No much cloud for accurate bombing but satisfactory trip otherwise. Communications (Plans) u/s. Bomb doors damaged probably by 500 over target at 20,000 ft. 0852 hrs. 155 m.p.h. Nobody injured.	A2620
	M.L. 714 "Y"	F/O Gourdeau & Crew.		06.25	11.35	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP LD 2 x 500 GP LD and 4x500 SAP. Weather 8/10ths cloud 7,000 ft. Target vis. identified by Rhine River. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0850 hrs. 128 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. on Rd. Inway and built up area. W/B gave "Freehand" at 0846 hrs. Clearly heard. Bombing appeared scattered, mostly in vicinity of aerodrome and N. of track. Numerous small fires near W/Ts. Cloud ob- scured target and spoiled bombing concentration. Bomber stream in a very loose formation. Weather some good.	A2621
14/15/10/44	Halifax III L.L. 698 "X"	W/O Ledoux & Crew.		23.12	04.40	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 3 x 500 ME LD 7 x 1000 ME LD and 1 x 500 ME LD. Weather: No cloud over target. Vis. good Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0141 hrs. 082 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on red and green T.I.'s. Target well marked. Whole area covered with fires. One large explosion with huge sheet of red flame followed by black smoke at 0137 hrs. A.G.L. and bomb sight were U/S. Corps- crossed to starboard to evade W/L's and dropped bombs while in dive.	A2622
	L.W. 581 "B"	F/O Beaulieu & Crew.		22.58	05.05	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6 x 1000 SAP 2x500 GP LD 4 x 500 ME LD and 1 x 1000 ME LD. Weather: light and patchy cloud. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 feet. at 0142 hrs. 083 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in concentration of markers and fires. T.I.'s seen cascading at 0154 hrs. Many fires seen. Good bombing. Target was N. of A/P.	A2623
	N.A. 655 "C"	F/L Langlois & Crew.		22.40	04.55	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 1x1000 SAP 4x1000 ME LD 1 x 500 GP LD and 2x1000 ME LD. Weather: 4/10ths cloud. Target identified by flares and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 0142 hrs. 082 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. T.I.'s seen cascading at 0137 hrs. Three large explosions in T/A. Fires all over. A good prang.	A2624
	M.L. 964 "M"	F/O Legault & Crew.		22.57	04.30	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 7x 1000 ME LD and 6x500 SAP Weather: 3/10ths cloud at 3,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 0141 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Overshot 1 second on red and Green T.I.'s. which were seen cascading at 0125 hrs. Target very well marked. Sky marking also accurate. Numerous large fires also 2 explosions seen to starboard at 0140 hrs. Huge fire in T/A seen on homeward trip. Excellent attack. Best yet.	A2625

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14/15.10.44 (Cont'd)	Halifax III. L.W. 379 "P"	F/O. Forman & crew.		2250	0830	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 SAP, 4x1,000 MC TD and 3x1,000 ME TD. Weather: 2/10ths patchy cloud, V.G. good. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,500 feet at 0145 hrs. 083 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. in concentration of green T.I.'s. Numerous fires and heavy black smoke with a good cluster of red T.I.'s. Gases seen cascading at 0142 hrs. Considered outstanding raid. Goggles, a mass of fire on home- ward trip, could be seen from 50 miles. FF right on time with excellent concentration of red and green T.I.'s.	A.2626																																				
"	H.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Mark & crew.		2255	0610	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 MCTD, 4x500 MC TD, 2x500 GF TD and 3x1,000 ME TD. Weather: No cloud, vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0141 hrs. 075 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. in concentration of red and green T.I.'s and smoke. T.I. very well concentrated. Also bombing. Whole area covered by fires and smoke. Good trip.	A.2627																																				
"	H.E. 672 "H"	F/Lt. St. Jean & crew.		2253 2258	0425	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 MCTD, 6x500 ME TD and 3x1,000 ME TD. Weather: 2/10ths cloud, 7/8,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 0142 hrs. 045 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of green T.I.'s. Gases were seen going down. Skywriting observed. In leaving target numerous fires and several explosions seen. Target area was stable for many miles. Excellent attack.	A.2628																																				
"	L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. Boushara & crew.		2257 2266	0455	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 MC TD, 6x500 SAP, 3x500 and 3x1,000 ME TD. Weather: thin, patchy cloud, good vis. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and docks. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 0142 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. on green T.I.'s and explosions. Red T.I.'s on time, seen cascading at 0144 hrs. Gases seen falling one minute later. Bomb explo- sions only observed. Much fire on target. North of A/R. A good trip.	A.2629																																				
"	L.W. 591 "J"	F/O. Piddock & crew.		2300	-	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ME TD, 1x500 ME TD, 5x500 SAP and 3x1,000 ME TD. Nothing heard of this aircraft since take-off. Particulars of crew are as follows:- <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; width: 80%;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>WINGS</th> <th>POINTS</th> <th>HOURS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J22197 F/O. Piddock, C.F.L. - Pilot.</td> <td>2</td> <td>7</td> <td>12.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R180906 F/S. Carman, F.S. - Nav.</td> <td>M1</td> <td>M1</td> <td>2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R164064 F/S. Croucher, N.S. - W/AG.</td> <td>M1</td> <td>M1</td> <td>2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J22227 F/O. Bagland, R.W. - P/A.</td> <td>M1</td> <td>M1</td> <td>2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R202545 Sgt. McClure, H.S. - R/AG.</td> <td>5</td> <td>11</td> <td>16.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R22558 F/S. Sarris, G. - M/AG.</td> <td>5</td> <td>11</td> <td>17.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R205600 Sgt. McGarvey, B.A. - F/S. RAF.</td> <td>M1</td> <td>M1</td> <td>2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R227266 Sgt. Munro, H.R. - M/AG.</td> <td>17</td> <td>62</td> <td>26.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		WINGS	POINTS	HOURS	J22197 F/O. Piddock, C.F.L. - Pilot.	2	7	12.35	R180906 F/S. Carman, F.S. - Nav.	M1	M1	2.15	R164064 F/S. Croucher, N.S. - W/AG.	M1	M1	2.15	J22227 F/O. Bagland, R.W. - P/A.	M1	M1	2.15	R202545 Sgt. McClure, H.S. - R/AG.	5	11	16.50	R22558 F/S. Sarris, G. - M/AG.	5	11	17.00	R205600 Sgt. McGarvey, B.A. - F/S. RAF.	M1	M1	2.15	R227266 Sgt. Munro, H.R. - M/AG.	17	62	26.00	A.2630
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"	H.E. 860 "KILLER" "P"	F/O. Dione & crew.		2250	0450	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 7 x 1,000 M.C., 6x500 S.A.P. Weather: Cloud over target, thin and patchy. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and rivers. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0139 hrs. 089 deg. T. at 150 m.p.h. on red and green T.I.'s. and fires. T.I.'s seen to cascade. Some fires in profusion could be observed 100 miles away. Bombing concentrated. A very good raid. FFs very good.	A.2631																																				

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Night. 14/15.10.44. (CONT'D)	RAF Liberator III. L.W. 412 "G"	F/O. Laframere & crew.		2307	0459	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ME TD, 6x500 ME TD, and 3x1,000 ME LD. Weather: 2/10ths St. Cu. clouds, base and smoke. Target identified by green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0148 hrs. 050 deg. E. at 153 m.p.h. in concentration of green T.I.'s, which were seen going down; target was a mass of fire; 2 explosions seen at 0148 hrs. Glow of fire seen from some great distances. Aircraft was late at target because of insufficient power to climb to proper height. Attack appeared very good.	A.2632
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O. MacKinnon & crew.		2305	0447	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ME TD, 2x500 ME TD, 2x500 SAP TD and 3x1,000 ME LD. Weather: 2/10ths clouds, V.S. good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0140 hrs. 081 deg. E. at 143 m.p.h. in concentration of red & green T.I.'s. Greens seen to cascade at 0139 hrs. Target well marked. A few fires burning. Considered best attack yet, with P.F.F. right on time.	A.2633
"	L.L. 620 "W"	F/O. Scott & crew.		2306	0446	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 6x500 SAP TD, 3x1,000 ME TD, and 4x1,000 ME LD. Weather: 2/10ths cloud, V.S. good. Target identified by green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 0148 hrs. 070 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. in concentration of green T.I.'s. Reds were seen cascading at 0159 hrs. Target well marked and large fires and explosions seen with volume of black smoke. A very successful attack with P.F.F. right on time and target well marked. A very large explosion seen after leaving target, which lit up the whole area. Fires and smoke observed 50 miles after leaving target.	A.2634
"	L.L. 596 "U"	F/O. Simard & crew.		2252	0504	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 SAP TD, 6x500 SAP TD, and 4x1,000 ME TD. Weather: patchy clouds. Target identified by red T.I.'s cascading at 0135 hrs. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0141 hrs. 064 deg. E. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of red and green T.I.'s. Markers were spread out a trifle but the centre was easily distinguished. Bombing well concentrated. The attack to North was a mass of flames. Fires seen for 75 miles on way back. A very good prang.	A.2635
"	L.L. 582 "H"	F/O. Brimcombe & crew.		2316	0440	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ME TD, 4x500 GP TD, 2x500 ME TD and 3x1,000 ME LD. Weather: clear, slight haze. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 feet at 0140 hrs. 080 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of green T.I.'s, which were dropped on time. Target well marked. Fires well under way. Other A/P well forward. Numerous explosions seen. Fires seen for 100 miles. An excellent raid.	A.2636
"	L.A. 684 "I"	F/O. Smith & crew.		2301	0457	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 SAP TD, 6x500 SAP TD, and 3x1,000 ME TD. Weather: 5/10ths cloud, at 8,000 ft. Hazy. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 0140 hrs. 050 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of red T.I.'s, which were seen going down. Target very well marked. Numerous fires and great volumes of smoke in T/A. Red glow seen from as far away as Brussels. An excellent effort.	A.2637

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Nights 14/15.10.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.E. 714 "Y"	F/O. Gourdeau & crew.		2304	0458	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ME TD, 6x500 GP TD, and 3x1,000 ME LD. Weather: 4/10ths cloud up to 12,000 ft. Target identified visually by duds, red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0142 hrs. 068 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. in concentration of red T.I.'s. Target well marked. Large explosion seen on port of target at 0137 hrs. Fires seen from about 100 miles on way home. A good trip. Route and tactics O.K. 3x1,000 ME TD hung up and was jettisoned safe at 5135H 0635Z, at 0147 hrs from 17,000 ft.	A.2638
Nights 15.10.44.	Halifax III. N.A. 635 "C"	F/O. MARK & crew.		1714	2221	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1 x 2,000 H.C. and 11 x 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, base 12,000 ft. Vis. clear below cloud. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and red with yellow star sky markers. Bombed from 11,500 ft. at 1957 hrs. 180 deg.T. 160 m.p.h. on red and green T.I.'s. Bombing appeared accurate. Incendiaries burning on open ground. Thought there were 2 good fires going and a large explosion seen soon after leaving target. A cluster cluster hung up and jettisoned in sea when leaving T/A. at 2002 hrs. 11,000 ft. Landed Foulsham on diversion.	A.2659
"	N.A. 634 "A"	F/O. Larsen & crew.		1740	2300	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, thin. Vis. poor. Target identified by green T.I.'s, surrounded by fires. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 1941 hrs. 110 deg.T. at 180 m.p.h. on green T.I.'s. Some fires and a few T.I.'s seen. One large fire and heavy black smoke seem to be taking hold on leaving target. Explosion also seen. Landed Foulsham on diversion.	A.2640
"	M.E. 672 "H"	F/O. Corbett & crew.		1719	2306	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x 2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Weather: Cloud down to about 16,000 ft. and some haze. Bombed from 16,500 ft. 1957 hrs. 180 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of red and green T.I.'s. Fires seen to be burning well by end of attack. Landed Foulsham on diversion.	A.2641
"	L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. Beaulieu & crew.		1718	2315	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1 1 x 2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather 10/10ths cloud tops 22,000 ft. Bombed on D.R. from 19,000 ft. at 1955 hrs. 097 deg.T. at 180 m.p.h. where explosions were seen on ground. Nothing else seen through cloud at time of bombing. 2 minutes later bombing red and green T.I.'s seen on ground. through break in cloud. A.P.I. was 8/8 throughout flight. Landed Foulsham.	A.2642
"	M.E. 147 "I"	F/O. Legault & crew.		1720	2210	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1 x 2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and fires. Weather: Thin cloud, base 12,000 ft. Haze. Vis. poor. Bombed from 12,000 ft. at 1954 hrs. 090 deg.T. 160 m.p.h. in concentration of incendiaries. A good concentration of bombing. Attack considered slightly undershoot. Shortly after leaving target, two explosions seen. Landed Foulsham.	A.2643

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Night. 15.10.44. (COND)	Halifax III. N.L. 954 "M"	F/O. Smith & crew.		1753	2000	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Target identified by flares and scattered T.I's. Weather: 10/10ths thin cloud up to 15,000 ft. Fog vis. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1967 hrs, 210 deg.T. at 155 mph. on white T.I's. Markers were in three separate groups somewhat scattered. Attack considered rather scattered due to weather conditions. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2644
	L.L. 591 "S"	F/O. MacKinnon & crew.		1722	2187	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: low cloud down to about 12,500 ft. Target identified by white T.I's backed up by red T.I's. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1952 hrs, 080 deg.T. 155 mph. in centre of red and green T.I's and homed on A.P.I. All markers were late and fires scattered. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2645
	N.L. 620 "S"	F/O. Sioetta & crew.		1724	2220	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1 x 2,000 H.C. and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, base 8,000 ft. Tops above 18,000 ft. Navy target identified by built up area N.E. of town. A.P.I. was U/S. Nothing seen except flak and a few T.I's. A.C. went U/S in 7/8 at 1950 hrs. Flare believed dropped on way out. Unable to assess raid. Diverted to Foulsham. Amended from 18,000 ft. at 1951 hrs. 080 deg.T. (A.P.I. was U/S)	A.2646
	L.L. 595 "U"	F/L. Belanger & crew.		1715	2226	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1 x 2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: Low cloud, vis. poor. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1955 hrs, 095 deg.T. 155 mph. in centre of cluster of Red T.I's. Quite good fires seen and incendiaries well concentrated. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2647
	L.L. 582 "W"	F/O. Brimicombe & crew.		1726	2240	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: 10/10ths cloud thin, poor vis. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1952 hrs, 210 deg.T. 155 mph. on outer edge of white flares. A few scattered fires seen. Consider actual pass and HE loss. Fires seen on leaving target. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2648
	N.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Lafreniere & crew.		1716	2218	Target: Wilhelmshaven. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: main base. Target identified by fires and white flares. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1958 hrs, 010 deg.T. at 170 mph. in centre of white flares. Bombs fairly concentrated. No red or green T.I. seen. Some fighter flares seen on way out. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2649
Day. 15.10.44.	Halifax III. L.L. 588 "X"	F/O. Ledoux & crew.		1621	2152	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No.14 Mk.1. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, base 17,000 ft. Unable to identify target and bombs brought back. No marking could have been late. Incendiaries dropped over left target area, after 1941 hours. Diverted to Foulsham.	A.2650
	N.A. 527 "A"	F/O. Corbett & crew.		1853	2105	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x1,000 G.P., 1x1,000 G.P., 8x500 G.P. and 2x500 W.C. Weather: 10/10ths cloud. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1938 hrs, 085 deg.T., 155 mph. through markers. Results unobserved. A/C suffered one small hole either by fighter or flak. Nobody injured. On return, generators were U/S and landed at Manston. Amended at 1912 hrs.	A.2651

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Day. 25.10.44. (CONTD).	Halifax III. L.W. 881 ND	F/O. Seguin & crew.		1612	2154	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 5x1,000 S&P, 6x500 ME, 1x2,000 HE Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds, tops 10/12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target not identified and bombed at 1942 hrs after markers seem to go down approximately 10 miles South. 1x1,000 S&P hung up and was brought back. Severe icing encountered on return. Bomb doors damaged by bang up. Gas fumes at 0400 and proceeded on D.R. Due to severe icing on return at approx. 0120H 0255H, pilot lost control of a/c. Dived from 15,000 ft. to 5,000 ft. Altered course and landed Harston.	A.2652
"	N.A. 685 "C"	F/O. Marcotte & crew.		1610	2151	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 5x1,000 S&P, 6x500 GP Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds. Target identified by green flares going down at 1935 hrs. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 1938 hrs. 355 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. on green flares. Only glow of fires could be seen. Landed Tuddenham.	A.2653
"	L.W. 879 "D"	F/O. Beaulieu & crew.		1614	2148	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No. 14 M.E.I. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds up to 15,000 ft. with some cloud at 20,000 ft. Vis. above cloud good. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 1954 hrs. 355 deg. T. 150 m.p.h. on bunch of five green sky markers. Green failed which caused collapse of Bomb Alarm and fire alarm. No. 14 engine possibly damaged by flak. Attack difficult to swear owing to clouds reverted to Chedburgh.	A.2654
"	N.A. 618 "G"	F/O. Bouchard & crew.		1606	2155	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x500 S&P, 1x1,000 GP, A.2655 2x500 GP and 4x1,000 S&P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green flares. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1939 hrs. 355 deg. T. 160 m.p.h. in concentration of green sky markers. No detail visible but glow could be seen below cloud. No ground marker seen until after leaving target. Severe icing up to 21,500 ft.	A.2655
"	N.E. 672 "H"	F/O. Hutcheon & crew.		1617	2244	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE and 11 clusters No. 14 M.E.I. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green flares. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1951 hrs. 355 deg. T. 155 m.p.h. in centre of red flares. Red T.I.'s seen going down on run in. Sky marking appeared scattered. Red glow seen over target and after leaving. for some distance on homeward trip. Tactics good.	A.2656
"	L.W. 891 "J"	F/O. Mark & crew.		1615	2202	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME and 5x1,000 S&P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 10,000 ft. Target identified by green flare. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1959 hrs. 355 deg. T. 150 m.p.h. on green flare. FFF appeared late. Good concen- tration of bombs. A.F.I. beam n/a. 15 miles port of track before target. Could not observe bombing results due to cloud. 1x1,000 S&P hung up and jettisoned safe at 0400H 0455H, 2134 hours from 17,000 ft.	A.2657

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25.10.44	Halifax III. N.R. 147 "I"	F/O. Laroche & crew.		1623	2215	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME and 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 12,000 ft. Target identified by green flares at 1935 hrs. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1938 hrs 355 deg.T. 160 m.p.h. on green flares. Could not see anything. Good marking after leaving target. Good concentration of A/C.	A.2656
"	M.A. 964 "M"	F/O. Dienne & crew.		1602	2153	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME and 5x 1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 8,000 ft. Target identified by green flares. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1939 hrs, 002 deg.T. 155 m.p.h. on green flares. Could see only the reflection of explosions. Target not seen. Good concentration of aircraft.	A.2659
"	M.E. 466 "P"	F/O. Forman & crew.		1556	2219	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME, 2x1,000 ME and 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu.clouds, tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by green flares. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1939 hrs, 002 deg.T. 155 m.p.h. on green flares, which were seen igniting on run up. Red and white flares observed on leaving target from 50 miles. Stream in good order. Several s/c with Nav. lights on over T/A.	A.2660
"	M.E. 950 "R"	F/O. Simard & crew.		1557	2219	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME, 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu.clouds, tops 5/8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red T.I.'s and red and green flares. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1942 hrs, 510 deg.T. 160 MPH on red T.I.'s which cascaded just prior to bombing. No results seen through cloud. Sky marking seemed quite good. Concentration of bombers was difficult to overcome in S/A.	A.2661
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/L. Archambault & crew.		1609	2232	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME, 2x1,000 ME and 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu.clouds, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green flares and red T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1944 hrs, 005 deg.T. 155 m.p.h. in concentration of red flares. No assessment of bombing possible. Markers seemed scattered.	A.2662
"	M.E. 620 "P"	F/L. Franks & crew.		1554	2204	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME, 1x1,000 ME and 4x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 15,000 ft. Target identified by green sky marking. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1926 hrs, 355 deg.T. 155 m.p.h. on green flares. Green and red flares seen from 1925 hrs on. Glow from bomb bursts could be seen through clouds. Airspeed indicator was W/S. Warning lights on fuel system, unusable. Good trip. One engine s/c in cloud as observed. (See combat Report)	A.2663
"	L.L. 596 "U"	F/L. Belanger & crew		1601	2210	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 ME and 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu.clouds, tops 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good through cloud. Target identified by cluster of green sky markers. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1940 hrs, 999 deg.T. at 160 mph on three green sky markers. Nothing seen through cloud. Attack quite scattered, marking not concentrated. Landed Chedburgh.	A.2664

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Night. 25.10.44. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 538 "W"	F/L. St. Jean, E.G. & crew.		1552	22:20	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x500 M.D., 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 1x/12,000 ft. Target identified by green and red flares. Bombed from 18,500 at 1945 hrs, 355 deg.T. at 185 m.p.h. on red flares. Raid seemed scattered. If markers were in place, bombing should have been good.	A.2665
"	L.L. 562 "W"	F/O. Brimicombe & crew.		1655	22:25	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x500 M.D., 2x1,000 M.E. and 2x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 12,000 ft. Target identified by red and green sky marking. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1952 hrs, 355 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. on green flares. First sky marking was seen about 1855 hrs when one red flare went down. Red glow from fires could be seen just under markers on run out. 10/10ths cloud all way to within 50 miles of target. 1x1,000 S.A.P. hung up and was jettisoned 14rs over target at 1940 hours from 8,500 ft.	A.2666
"	W.L. 477 "I" L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. Legault, H.P. & crew.		1843	21:57	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x500 M.D., 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green sky marking. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1958 hrs, 355 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of green flares. Sky marking very clear. Nothing observed of bombing results. Red flares seen going down on leaving T/A. 5 minutes after bombing. Tactics good. Stream well concentrated. Many A/G had Nav. lights on in T/A.	A.2667
"	M.Z. 714 "W"	F/O. Desmarais & crew.		1659	22:06	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x500 M.D., 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green sky marking. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1958 hrs, 355 deg.T. at 185 m.p.h. on green flares. Red and green marking seen going down. Bombs appeared to be exploding in fair concentration. Large white glow seen over target from 40 miles on homeward route. Stream well concentrated. Tactics good.	A.2668
"	L.W. 428 "W"	F/O. Sicotte & crew.		1605	22:27	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 4x500 S.A.P., 2x500 G.P. and 5x1,000 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 12,000 ft. Target identified by red and green sky marking. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1940 hrs, 355 deg.T. at 180 m.p.h. on green flares. Sky marking was good. First flares seen at 1931 hrs. Red glow on clouds seen on run out from target. Airspeed indicator was 1/2 due to icing, which was encountered on route. Raid was over.	A.2669
Day. 25.10.44.	Halifax III. L.W. 361 "P"	F/O. Beaulieu & crew.		1804	18:16	Target: Homberg. Bomb load: 5x1,000 S.A.P., 8x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 7,000 ft. Target identified by Gee fix and D.R. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1648 hrs, 052 deg.T. at 185 m.p.h. on D.R. and orbit. M/D. said to bomb on flares or D.R. Scattered bombing.	A.2670
"	L.W. 579 "P"	F/L. Archambault & crew.		1506	18:26	Target: Homberg. Bomb load: 5x1,000 S.A.P., 1x1,000 G.P. and 8x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths Str. Cu. clouds. Tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Believed to have attacked primary which was identified by D.R., M.T.A. and Gee. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1648 hrs, 048 deg.T. at 180 m.p.h. on S.T.A. as no markers were seen. M/D. said to bomb. Stream fairly concentrated. Deviated to N. of track after 5157N 0632E, returning to track at Antwerp.	A.2671

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Day, 25.10.44	Halifax III. L.W.414 "X"	F/O. Macfale & crew.		1333	1841	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 600,000 S.A.P., 8x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6/8,000 ft. Bombed on D.R. run as instructed by W/B. from 19,000 ft. at 1547 hrs, 053 deg. E. at 160 m.p.h. Green flares seen to fall about one minute after bombs released, appeared to be approx over the spot where bombs were dropped. Bombing appeared scattered in early stages of attack. Marking 1/2. Pretty poor effort because of heavy cloud and late marking.	A. 2672
"	L.L. 595 "K"	F/L. St. Jean & crew.		1316	1809	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 8x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good. What was believed to be primary was bombed on D.R. from 16,000 ft. 1547 hrs. 046 deg. E. at 160 m.p.h. No sky-marking seen. No ground details visible in V.A. Dropped bombs on E.T.A. at German W.A. Consider this a very unshattering target. Stream was long but not too wide. W/B instructed to bomb on W/B.	A. 2673
"	N.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Seguin & crew.		1302	1838	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 6x500 S.A.P., 2x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 1,000 ft. Bombed on flares and Coe, by which target was identified, from 19,000 ft. at 1548 hrs, 055 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. Scattered bombing.	A. 2674
"	L.W. 391 "J"	F/O. Mark & crew.		1255	1820	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 6x500 S.A.P. Target identified by green sky-markers. Weather: 10/10ths Str. Clouds tops at 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1556 hrs, 052 deg. E. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of 4 green markers. No ground details seen. Markers hard to see. Not a concentrated attack. Markers poor. W/B easily heard. Made an orbit as no flare was seen on first run.	A. 2675
"	M.L. 672 "H"	F/O. Hutcheon & crew.		1300	1823	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 8x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 5,000 ft. Dropped primary on D.R. as instructed by W/B. from 18,000 ft., 1547 hrs, 048 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. Sky marking not seen. Bombing appeared scattered. Weather good for precision bombing. Feel that W/B could have ordered alternative target, as there were a few small breaks in clouds. 2x500 S.A.P. hung up over target and were jettisoned safe at 157m 0615p, 1554 hrs, 14,000 ft.	A. 2676
"	L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. Bouchard & crew.		1256	1829	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 1x1,000 GP, 6x500 S.A.P. and 2x500 MG. Weather: 10/10ths str. cloud, 5,000 ft. Bombed on D.R. & E.T.A. at 1547 hrs, from 18,000 ft., 052 deg. E. at 150 m.p.h. in clouds. No sky-markers seen. W/B instructed to bomb sky-markers or good D.R. Believe bombs overshot, perhaps one mile. Bombing very scattered. No results observed. F.P.W. late. N of p good effort.	A. 2677
"	L.W. 387 "P"	F/O. Demaris & crew.		1258	1812	Target: Homburg. Bomb load: 601,000 S.A.P., 2x1,000 GP and 2x500 S.A.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 4,000 ft. Target identified by flares (green). Bombed on same from 16,000 ft. at 1548 hrs, 050 deg. E. at 155 m.p.h. A good concentration of aircraft. Scattered bombing.	A. 2678

M/B had the call up and
 had most method of
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25.10.44	Halifax 111 N.R. 147 "I"	F/O Laroan & Crew.		18.03	18.16	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 6x500 SAP and 2x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 6,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. & Gee fix. Bombed on same from 17,500 ft. at 1548 hrs. 052 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. Flares seen after bombing. Bombing was scattered.	A2679
"	M.L. 874 "M"	F/O DeKonne & Crew.		18.07	18.30	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 6x500 SAP 2x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 6,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. & Gee. Bombed on D.R. from 17,500 ft. at 1548 hrs. 047 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. M/B ordered to bomb on flares on good D.R. No ground detail seen. A poor show, rather scattered bombing.	A2680
"	M.L. 466 "P"	F/O Forman & Crew.		18.17	18.37	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP 6x500 SAP and 2x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths Str. Cl. clouds, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by green sky markers which were difficult to see and late as well. Bombs did not release over target for unknown reason. Detonation load safe. at 5400N. 0130E. 1735 hrs. from 3,000 ft. Target was completely obscured.	A2681
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O Simard & Crew.		18.08	18.42	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 1x1000 GP 6x500 SAP 2x500 GP. Weather: 8/10ths cloud at 12,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. built up area and roads. Bombed on built up area from 17,000 ft. at 1548 hrs. 056 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. M/B heard instructing to bomb on D.R. No markers seen. When small break in clouds appeared just at E.T.A. bombs were dropped. Other bombs seen going down in same area. Majority of bombing seemed scattered. A poor effort. Marking not seen. No bombing results observed.	A2682
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/L Hemphill & Crew.		18.10	18.18	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 4x1000 SAP 2x1000 GP 6x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by D.R. Run and E.T.A. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1548 hrs. 052 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. on good D.R. and checked with E.T.A. Gee was M/A. no detail seen. Other seen bombing at same time. No markers seen. No markers seen. Bombed as instructed by M/B.	A2683
"	M.Z. 620 "T"	F/L Franks & Crew.		18.14	18.31	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP 6x500 SAP Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by green sky markers. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1553 hrs. 054 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on green markers. Target not seen. No marker seen on D.R. as orbited. Several markers in a line across track at time of bombing. No assessment possible. Bombing seemed scattered. M/B heard instructing to bomb on markers.	A2684
"	M.L. 538 "V"	F/O Harrier & Crew.		18.05	18.34	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP, 1x1000 GP 6x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 8,000 ft. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1548 hrs. 058 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Bombed on D.R. did not orbit. M/B said to bomb on flares or D.R. No flare seen. Target identified by D.R. and Gee. Bombing appeared scattered.	A2685

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DAY 25.10.44	Halifax 111 L.L. 585 "W"	F/O Briscoe & Crew.		18.15	18.55	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP, 6x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 6,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. and green sky marking. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1648 hrs. 052 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Bombed on D.R. and green flares which could not be seen until aircraft very close to target. Stream well concentrated. Good route. A fair effort.	
"	H.A. 654 "X"	F/O Legault & Crew.		18.09	18.19	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP, 1x1000 GP and 6x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths Str. Cu. clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. and E.T.A. Bombed on cloud from 16,500 ft. at 11547 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. No sky markers seen on run up. M/S not heard clearly but instructed to bomb sky markers, or good D.R. Bomber stream seen very scattered. Bombing seems very poor. 1x500 failed to jettison and was brought back.	A2687
"	H.Z. 714 "Y"	F/L Belanger & Crew.		18.12	18.27	TARGET: Homberg. Bomb load: 6x1000 SAP, 6x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cu. clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Target identified by green sky markers and E.T.A. Bombed in centre of green markers from 16,000 ft. 1549 hrs, 052 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. (6x1000 SAP and 4x500 SAP failed to release due to electrical failure and were brought back). Sky markers seen and M/N heard. Bombing erratic - overshooting and wide. A dropped wing. Tactics were good.	A2688
DAY 28.10.44	Halifax 111 L.W. 281 "B"	F/O Beaulieu & Crew.		18.06	18.58	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x1000 HD, 10x500 SAP and 2x500 MG. Weather: 3 to 4/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. moderate. Target visually identified by Rhine and yellow T.I.s. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 1606 hrs. 035 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on fires, yellow T.I.'s, and large building which appeared to be factory. Part of built-up area seen underhand around A/P. Bomb bursts seen followed by fires and smoke which could be seen up to 5,000 ft. approx. 7.5 miles on route home. Bombing appeared scattered all over city. M/N heard by sky "Basement Flight Plan". A good trip. Route and tactics O.K. Hydraulics were U/S.	A2689
"	L.W. 399 "D"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		12.58	19.17	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2000 HD, 12x500 SAP. Weather: 3 to 4/10ths Str. Cu. clouds at 10,000 ft. Target visually identified by built up area and river. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 1607 hrs. 034 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on built up area. Some red sky markers seen but appeared scattered. M/S instructions confusing, advised to bomb sky markers, underhand T.I.'s. Cloud clearing rapidly from target and A/P seen. Large factory seen in explosion. Volume of smoke seen. Bombing appeared well concentrated. Bomber stream in good order. Alternative was bombed. (Cologne).	A2690
"	L.W. 414 "E"	F/O Martel & Crew.		13.06	19.20	TARGET: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2000 HD, 11x500 SAP, 1x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 8/10,000 ft. Target visually identified and by built up area. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 1607 hrs 040 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. in built up area approx. 6 miles short of A/P. Owing to trouble with port inner and outer engines and loss of height, M/S advised to bomb first built up area after receiving instructions "Underhand" from M/S. Port inner engine was feathered 20 minutes before target. A/C was far behind stream on returning from target. Alternative target was attacked, (Cologne).	A2691

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Day 26.10.44	Halifax III N.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Desmarais & crew		1254	1856	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 12x500 S&P. Weather: 8/10ths Str.Cum. clouds, at 7,000 ft. Target visually identified by built up area and crossroads. Bombed alternative (Cologne) from 22,500 ft. at 1607 hrs. 028 deg.T. 150 m.p.h. on built up area. Red green and yellow T.I's seen on run, rather scattered. W/B instructed to bomb skymarkers. T.I's then "underhand". Through large gap in cloud, target identified clearly. Numerous fires and cloud of smoke observed. Timing rather difficult. Bombing stream was wide.	A.2692
"	N.E. 672 "H"	F/O. Hitchen & crew.		1256	1851	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load:- 1x2,000 HE, 12x500 S&P. Weather: 8 to 10/10ths clouds seen at 9,000 ft. Target identified by built up area and sea. Bombed alternative (Cologne) from 20,000 ft. at 1608 hrs. 034 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on built up area. Large cloud obscured A/F and W/B. gave Code word to bomb alternative. Whole built up area appeared well hit. Considerable fire and smoke. Ground marking not seen and fires seen to starboard, going down at time of bombing. W/B. heard but difficult to follow. 1500 S&P hung up over target and gettisoned safe at 5047N 0721E 1615 hrs. 19,000 ft.	A.2695
"	L.W. 477 "I"	F/O. McBride & crew.		1501	1840	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 12x500 S&P. Weather: 10/10ths Str.Cu. clouds. Target visually identified by built up area. Bombed alternative (Cologne) from 20,500 ft. at 1608 hrs. 039 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on built up area. Skymarkers seen. W/B. clearly heard instructing crew to bomb skymarkers. Large explosion at port. Numerous fires on East side of Rhine. Black smoke. Attack seemed scattered.	A.2694
"	N.K. 178 "J"	W/O. Mark & crew.		1500	1843	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 S&P, 4x500 HE. Weather: 8/10ths clouds. Tops 8,000 ft. V.A. good. Bombed on W/B's instructions on alternative (Cologne) from 29,000 ft. at 1608 hrs. 035 deg.T. at 150 m.p.h. on built up area. No T.I's seen on run up. W/B. heard clearly instructing SE "underhand". Considerable smoke with one large explosion seen. Scarecrow seen over T/A. A fair raid except for weather.	A.2696
"	L.L. 595 "K"	F/O. Marcotte & crew.		1524	1846	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x500 S&P, 2x500 HE and 6x500 GP. Weather: 4 to 7/10ths cloud at 8,000 ft. Primary target visually identified and by sea. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1604 hrs. 032 deg.T. 155 m.p.h. on fires. W/B. instructed "underhand" at 1601 hrs. Good explosion at 1605 hrs. Some well hit. F.A.F. late. they took the brunt of the flak.	A.2698
"	N.R. 147 "I"	F/O. Larsen & crew.		1259	1844	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 2x500 S&P and 2x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. over target. Target identified by built up area. Bombed alternative (Cologne) from 20,000 ft. at 1607 hrs. 020 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. on edge of built up area. No T.I's or skymarkers seen. W/B. instructed to bomb skymarkers then gave "underhand". Bombing well concentrated. Large explosion followed by fire approx. 2 miles short of A/F. Weather conditions influenced timing. Stream well concentrated.	A.2697

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Day. 28.10.44.	Halifax III. M.E. 954 "H"	F/O. Diemme & crew.		1807	1908	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 12x500 S&P. Weather: 4/10ths cloud, broken, at 10,000 ft. Target visually identified and by Gee. Bombed alternative target (Cologne) from 19,500 ft at 1808 hrs, 028 deg. T, at 155 m.p.h. on fire- tory in smoking area. W/B. ordered "Underhand" at 1808 hrs. A good concentration of aircraft.	A.2698
"	M.E. 466 "F"	F/O. Forman & crew.		1806	1922	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 12x500 S&P. Weather: 10/10ths str. cum. clouds at 10,000 ft. Target (pri- mary) identified by green sky markers. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1806 hrs, 041 deg. T, at 155 m.p.h. slightly to port of green sky markers. After bombing W/B. instructed "Underhand". Black and brown smoke seen over target. Several fires on run out. Stream scattered. 1x500 S&P hung up over target and jettisoned safe at 5400N 0150E 1804 hrs from 2,000 ft.	A.2699
"	M.E. 950 "R"	F/O. Simard & crew.		1804	1867	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 11x500 S&P and 1x500 GP. Weather: 6/10ths cumulus, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed alternative (Cologne) from 19,500 ft. at 1809 hrs, 041 deg. T, at 155 m.p.h. on built up area. No T/A seen. Two large explosions seen with considerable smoke at time of bombing. Rhine clearly seen through break in cloud. W/B. heard clearly, instructing to bomb "Underhand". Good raid.	A.2700
"	L.L. 591 "B"	F/L. Hemphill & crew.		1809	1912	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 12x500 S&P. Weather: 8/10ths clouds, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed alternative, which was visually identified by smoke and sky markers, from 19,500 ft. at 1808 hrs, 028 deg. T, 155 m.p.h. on built up area. Whole T/A appeared to be subjected to concentrated bombing. No ground markers visible. Raid probably successful. W/B. very distorted with a great deal of interference.	A.2701
"	M.E. 620 "T"	F/L. Franks & crew.		1808	1855	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 12x500 S&P. Alternative (Cologne) identified by built up area and red T/A's and bombed from 19,000 ft., 1808 hrs, 015 deg. T, 155 m.p.h. Bombed on red T/A's. Weather: 6/10ths str. cum. clouds, tops at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. W/B. heard clearly instructing to bomb "Underhand". Considerable smoke and a few explosions seen at time of bombing. Smoke rising to 12,000 ft. on first leg out from T/A. Bomber stream well concentrated. SW did not appear to be on time, otherwise, a good trip.	A.2702
"	L.L. 598 "U"	F/O. Legault & crew.		1251	1845	Target: Cologne "H" Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD, 10x500 S&P, 2x500 GP. Weather: clear, through broken cloud. Bombed alternative (Cologne) which was visually identified and by Gee T/A, from 18,500 ft. 1809 hrs, 010 deg. T, 150 m.p.h. W/B. W/B. W/B. instructed "Underhand" at 1858 hrs. large explosions seen at 1808 and 1810 hrs. Good fires in progress. Three red flares seen at 1811 hrs. Should be a good raid. Plenty of fires.	A.2703
"	M.E. 558 "V"	F/O. Forrier & crew.		1287	1852	Target: Cologne "H", Bomb load: 1x2,000 HD and 12x500 S&P. Weather: 6/10ths cloud tops at 12,000 ft. Bombed primary which was visually identified and by red flares, from 19,000 ft. at 1809 hrs, 035 deg. T, at 157 m.p.h. to West of W/Yards near rising point. W/B. saw "Underhand" and at 1800 hrs. Cloud gap revealed W/Yards to East of A/P "H" so we bombed on estimated position of same; little to see of results except for smoke. Gee packed up before setting course. Hydraulics were leaking and with only one hour petrol and much icing, decided to land at Binbrook. 1x500 S&P hung up and brought back.	A.2704

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Day. 28.10.44. (COMM)	Halifax III. L.L. 582 "W"	F/O. Brindcombe & crew.		1255	1902	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 10,000 SAP and 2x500 HE. Weather: 4/10ths cloud, 10,000 ft. Bombed alternative target (Cologne) which was identified visually and by use, from 18,000 ft. at 1609 hrs, 085 deg.T., 160 mph. on factory. W/S. ordered "Underhand" at 1607 hrs. Factory and smoke stacks well hit. A good triang. EFF latn and weather.	A.2705
"	M.E. 714 "Y"	F/O. Archambault & crew.		1255	1915	Target: Cologne "H". Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x500 SAP, 4x500 H.C. Weather: 4 to 5/10ths strato-cumulus tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed alternative (Cologne) which was identified by built up area, from 18,000 ft. at 1607 hrs, 082 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. on built-up area, smoke and flames. No flares seen on run up to target. W/S. instructed "Underhand" at 1602 hrs. Considerable smoke and flames observed at time of bombing. Bomber stream fairly well concentrated. Red T.I.'s seen cascading on first leg at 1606 hrs. A good trip apart from weather.	A.2705
Night. 30.10.44.	Halifax III. L.W. 381 "D"	F/O. Desmarais & crew.		1726	2327	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identified by red, green and yellow T.I.s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2104 hrs, 107 deg.T., at 155 m.p.h. in concentration of red Wanganui flares. Markers were very well concentrated and aircraft stream looked compact. No result observed due to clouds. Landed Swinderby on diversion.	A.2707
"	N.A. 653 "C"	F/O. Legault & crew.		1737	2315	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 6x1,000 SAP, 6x500 GP and 5 x 2,000 H.C. Weather 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identified by red Wanganui flares. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 2106 hrs, 110 deg.T., 160 m.p.h. on flares. Marking was much improved over recent raids on same target. Results of bombing not observed. Straight-forward trip. Landed Swinderby.	A.2708
"	L.W. 379 "D"	F/O. Bouchard & crew.		1731	2345	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 G.P. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus, tops about 12,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identified by red, white and green Wanganui flares and Gee fix. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 2110 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. on flares. Sky marking excellent. A Gee fix taken over target was 1/2 mile starboard of release point. Definitely the best "Wanganui" concentration yet seen. As far as can be judged, concentration of bombing was good. W/S conditions encountered, worse than briefed. Landed Swinderby.	A.2709
"	N.A. 518 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew.		1740	2332	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good, bright moon. Target identified by red white and green sky markers. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 2106 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of small cluster of red and white markers. Yellowish glow seen through cloud in addition to bomb bursts. Landed Swinderby.	A.2710

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Night. 30.10.44.	Halifax III M.E. 672 "R"	F/O. Hutcheon & crew.		1755	2328	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths str. clouds at 15,000 ft. Vis. good. Horizontally. Target identified by red, green and white sky markers and by Gee fix. Bombed on red steady sky markers from 19,500 ft. 2103 hrs., 05 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. A reasonable concentration of markers. Results of bombing not observed due to clouds. Landed Swinderby.	A.2711
"	M.R. 176 "J"	F/O. Mark & crew.		1758	2354	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x1,000 SAP, 1x500 SAP A.7712 2x1,000 HE and 1x500 HE. Weather: 10/10ths str. clouds. tops 12,000 ft. Vis. poor. at 20,000 ft. Target identified by red, green and white sky markers. Bombed in centre of red and white markers from 20,000 ft. at 2105 hrs., 107 deg. T. at 158 m.p.h. There were two very large areas of fire noted below clouds. No detail visible. Target marking very good. 1x1,000 HE hung up over target and jettisoned safe at 0400H 0130 Z, 2249 hrs from 16,000 ft. Landed Carnaby.	A.7712
"	L.L. 595 "K"	F/O. Marcotte & crew.		1745	2355	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 8,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identified by red and green flares. Bombed on one red flare from 18,000 ft., at 2108 hrs., 107 deg. T. 160 mph. Marking was concentrated and bombing seen to fall. A heavy rain markers. A glow of fire seen below cloud. Landed Swinderby.	A.2715
"	M.R. 147 "I"	F/O. Larsen & crew.		1742	2340	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP, 5x500 GP. Target was identified by red white and green sky markers. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 20,000 ft. Moon light. Vis. good. Bombed on Gee from 19,000 ft. at 2102 hrs., 070 deg. T., 155 m.p.h. No result observed due to clouds. 1x2,000 HE and 1x1,000 SAP hung up and jettisoned in sea 36 miles E. of Haplethorpe. Landed Swinderby.	A.2714
"	M.E. 954 "H"	F/O. Dienne & crew.		1721	2354	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP and 5x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identified by red, white and green sky markers and Gee fix. Bombed in centre of concentration of white and red markers from 18,500 ft. at 2110 hrs., 108 deg. T., 160 m.p.h. Markers looked to be well concentrated and bombing was good around markers. No other observation possible due to clouds. Landed Swinderby.	A.2715
"	M.E. 466 "P"	F/O. ^{Ferman} & crew.		1726	2255	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP, 5x500 GP and 2x1,000 GP LD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red, white and green sky markers. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 2112 hrs., 107 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of 2 red sky markers. A very well marked effort, flares well concentrated. A good concentration of aircraft. Bombing expected to be reasonably good as glow below cloud was developing. Landed Swinderby.	A.2716

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Night. 30.10.44. (CONTD)	Halifax III. L.W. 412 "Q"	F/O. Parrier & crew.		1756	2320	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x1,000 SAP, 5x500 GP Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 12,000 ft. Target was identified by sky markers. Bombed from 19,000 ft, 2111 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. on red markers. An excellent concentration of markers. Flak hole in bomb doors, hydraulic leak, very slow, from Jack and Engine. Landed Woodbridge.	A.2717
"	M.E. 950 "R"	F/O. Simard & crew.		1722	2321	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 8x1,000 SAP, 1x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. above good. Target identi- fied by red yellow and green T.I.'s and Gas fix. Bombed centre on concentration of yellow and red T.I.'s. from 19,000 ft. at 2110 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. Marking was best sky marking yet seen and bombing looked concentrated but nothing special was observed. Landed Swinderby.	A.2718
"	L.L. 591 "S"	F/L. Hemphill & crew.		1720	2336	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 4x1,000 SAP, 5x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. clouds, tops 9,000 ft. Vis above good. Target identified by red, white and green markers and gas fix. Bombed on red T.I.'s from 20,000 ft. at 2111 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. Clusters of flares well concentrated. General impression of bombing was good, as all a/c seen were on same heading. All hydraulics were O/S, presumed an oil leak. Landed Swinderby.	A.2719
"	M.E. 620 "T"	F/L. FRANKS & crew.		1732	2325	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 4x1,000 SAP, 5 x500 G.P. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 10,000 ft. Target identified by red yellow and green sky markers and Gas fix. Bombed on red markers from 19,000 ft. at 2110 hrs, 107 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. Concentration of markers very good. Moderate heavy flak encountered. Landed at Woodbridge.	A.2720
"	L.L. 596 "U"	F/O. Seguin & crew.		1745	2359	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 6x1,000 SAP, 5x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 15,000 feet. Target iden- tified by red, white and green flares. Bombed at 2113 hrs. from 20,500 ft., 103 deg.T. at 155 m.p.h. in centre of red flares. Good explosions and glow of flares seen through cloud. A/C well concentrated. PFF on time and kept target well marked, with flares. 1x1,000 SAP hung up over target. Jetisoned safe at 5328H 0046E, 2336 hrs, 10,000 ft. Landed Carnaby.	A.2721
"	L.L. 582 "W"	F/O. Brimicombe & crew.		1750	2347	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2000 HE, 8x1,000 SAP, 5x500 SAP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by white, green and red sky markers and IR. Bombed on green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. 2112 hrs, 110 deg.T. at 160 m.p.h. A large red glow seen through cloud. Landed Swinderby.	A.2722
"	M.E. 714 "Y"	F/L Archambault, crew.		1728	2356	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 7x1,000 SAP, 4x500 S.A.F. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 15,000 ft. Target identified by red, green and white flares. Bombed on red flares from 19,000 ft., 2113 hrs, 104 deg.T. 160 m.p.h. No result observed due to cloud. Landed Calton.	A.2723

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