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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2/3.12.44	Halifax III. S.A. 527 "A"	P/O. Legault & crew.		1735	0058	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 12 CF 14 (10x4 lb). Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. clouds, tops 17,000 ft. Target identified by A.T.I. homing. Bombed from 17,200 ft. at 2110 hrs. 068 deg. T. at 165 mph. Bomb flashes only seen. All aircraft observed appeared to be on correct heading and bombs were dropping in a concentration. Little satisfaction to this type of attack.	A.2875
"	N.R. 252 "B"	P/O. Bellinger & crew		1741	0051	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 10 SBC (90x4 lb) and 2 SBC (90x4 lb) "X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by HES. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2112 hrs. 058 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Could observe bomb flashes. Red glow seen in distance, presumably at target. Ice encountered. Many enemy fighters observed. (Bombed alternative)	A.2876
"	N.R. 253 "B"	P/O. MacHale & crew.		1742	0104	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 10 SBC (90x4 lb) and 2 SBC (90x4 lb) "X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee and HES. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2108 hrs. 050 deg. T. 155 m.p.h. on Gee. Nothing could be seen. A/C seemed well concentrated. Bombing against red. 2 SBC (90 x 4 lb) "X" type hung up and brought back.	A.2877
"	F.N. 172 "C"	P/O. Martel & crew.		1754	0059	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 12 CF 14 (10x4 lb). Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. clouds tops at 17,000 ft. Vague good. Target ident by Gee homing from 5100N 0625E. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2108 hrs. 058 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on Gee fix. Cloud obscured any observations. Stream well concentrated.	A.2878
"	N.Z. 493 "B"	P/L. Belanger & crew.		1736	0112	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 10 SBC (90x4 lb) "X" and 2 SBC (90x4 lb) "X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 16,000 ft. Target ident. by D.R. and Gee. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 2108 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 160 mph. on Gee. No observation possible. Some bomb flashes seen. Ice encountered. A fair trip. Stream concentrated when observed.	A.2879
"	L.L. 525 "B"	S/L. St. Jean & crew.		1755	0058	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 12 CF 14 (10x4 lb). Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 17,000 ft. Target identified by D.R. and Gee. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2106 hrs. 052 deg. T. at 165 m.p.h. on D.R. checked with Gee. Could see nothing. A good concentration of aircraft.	A.2880
"	N.R. 147 "B"	P/O. Lafraniere & crew		1738	0102	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 12 CF 14 (10x4 lb). Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 17,500 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2108 hrs. 050 deg. T. 160 m.p.h. on D.R. run (Gee was 4/S). Little observation possible. Some dia glow seen through cloud. Ice encountered. A/C stream fairly concentrated. Many photo flashes. No T.I. seen.	A.2881
"	N.Z. 954 "B"	P/O. Dionne & crew		1749	0113	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.59, 10 SBC (90x4 lb) "X" and 2 SBC (90x4 lb) "X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by D.R. and Gee fix. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2108 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on D.R. checked by Gee fix. Some explosions observed through cloud. A fair trip.	A.2882

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Night. 2/5.12.44. (CONF)	Halifax III. N.R.271 "P"	F/O. Poirier & crew.		1746	0053	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM459, 10 SBC (900x lb)"P" and 2 SBC (900x lb)"X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2110 hrs. 050 deg. E. at 155 mph. on Gee. Could see nothing. Flashes seemed to be all in same area.	A.2885
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O Ferrier & crew.		1754	0043	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 12 CP.14 (100x 4 lb) Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee fix. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2109 hrs, 056 deg. E. at 150 mph. on Gee. No observations possible due to cloud. Heavy icing encountered, went down to 4,000 ft. Stream well concentrated. Heavy flak seen at time of bombing. A/C damaged by heavy flak in T/A approx. 2108 hrs, 18,000 ft. Nobody was injured and A/C returned safely.	A.2884
"	N.Z. 486 "P"	F/L. Franks & crew.		1749	0115	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM459, 10 SBC (900x lb)"P" and 2 SBC (900x lb)"X". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on same from 17,000 ft. at 2110 hrs, 050 deg. E. 150 mph. could see nothing. Could not tell much about efforts.	A.2885
"	P.N. 173 "O"	F/O. Corbett & crew.		1757	1949	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM459, 12 CP.14 (100x 4 lb) This aircraft returned early due to hydraulic failure, unable to return. Stream concentrated at 2100 hrs, 1800 hrs. 2000 hrs. no lighted load. After jettisoning, bomb doors refused to close.	A.2886
"	N.Z. 950 "P"	F/O. Sward & crew.		1747	0110	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 12 CP.14 (100x 4 lb) Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 17,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by Gee. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2109 hrs, 057 deg. E. at 150 mph. on Gee. Run and on fix. Glow seen through cloud, otherwise no result observed. Bomber stream fairly concentrated. Weather affected tactics.	A.2887
"	N.Z. 454 "S"	F/L. MacKinnon & crew		1748	0105	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 10 SBC (900x lb)"P" and 2 SBC (900x lb)"X". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2108 hrs, 057 deg. E. at 150 mph. on Gee. Run and on fix. Glow seen through cloud, otherwise no result observed. Bomber stream fairly concentrated. Weather affected tactics.	A.2888
"	N.Z. 538 "Y"	F/O. Desmarais & crew		1751	0101	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 10 SBC (900x lb)"P" and 2 SBC (900x lb)"X". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 17,500 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 2109 hrs, 052 deg. E. at 155 mph. on D.R. run on Gee. Cloud obscured any observations. Stream concentrated. Weather affected tactics.	A.2889
"	P.F. 999 "W"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1752	0129	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 12 CP.14 (100x 4 lb) Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 15,500 ft. Target identified by Gee. Bombed on Gee fix from 18,000 ft. at 2115 hrs, 055 deg. E. (I.A.S. unknown). Observation impossible due to cloud. Heavy icing. Instruments frozen. Crashed due to frozen instruments. (Bombed alternative at 5143N 0845E).	A.2890

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4.12.44	Halifax III M.L. 495 "H"	W/O. Ledoux & crew.		1650	2326	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: 221,000 M.C., 960 x4 500 "P" and 120x4 500 "X". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. at 14,000 ft. very thin target ident. by green T.I.'s and fires. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1937 hrs. 150 deg.T. at 160 mph. to port side of glow from fires, glow of green T.I.'s seen through cloud. Large fires observed when smoke cleared and from distance of 125 miles. Good wall concentrated on target. 1/4 "P" accurately marked. Successful attack should result. Several aircraft seen turning immediately after bombing.	A.2791
"	M.R. 282 "B"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1653	2357	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: 221,000 M.C., 960x4 500 "P" and 120 x 4 500 "X". Weather: 8/10ths clouds at 15,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and river docks. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1931 hrs. 154 deg.T. at 155 mph. in centre of fires. Centre of city all on fire. Aircraft seemed well concentrated and bombing well placed.	A.2792
"	M.L. 627 "C"	F/O. Legault & crew.		1654	2256	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: 221,000 M.C. and 11 G.P. 14 (106 x 4 10). Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target identified by green T.I.'s, sea and river. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1937 hrs. 100 deg.T. at 170 m.p.h. on fires in centre of town. Large fires seen for 150 miles. Large explosion at 1936 hours. Saw only two green T.I.'s. Good concentration of bombing.	A.2793
"	M.L. 860 "E"	F/O. Peirier & crew		1628	2350	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: same as "H". Weather: 8/10ths clouds at 16,000 ft. very thin. Target visually identified by Rhine and docks and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1935 hrs. 101 deg.T. at 158 mph. Slightly to port of concentration of fires. Green T.I.'s seen cascading on time. Target well marked by fires. Slight avoidance of bombing to starboard. Appeared to be a good attack.	A.2794
"	M.R. 231 "F"	F/O. MacNeil & crew.		1655	2304	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu clouds tops at 14,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by sea, Rhine, inland harbour and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1935 hrs. 110 deg.T. at 160 mph. on fires through break in cloud. T.I.'s green seen on run into target. Considerable fires were observed through break in cloud on homeward journey and smoke rising to cloud base about 6,000 ft. Bomber stream fairly concentrated. 1/4 "P" on time and considered good raid. 90 x 4 lb "P" type hung up over target were brought back.	A.2795
"	M.R. 178 "J"	F/O. Seguin & crew.		1651	2339	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Target ident. by sea, Rhine, river and docks. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1938 hrs. 100 deg.T. at 155 mph. on glow of fires on cloud (checked with Gee & H2S). Good fires could be seen for 100 miles. A/C well concentrated.	A.2796
"	M.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Lafranciere & crew.		1638	2319	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 8/10ths cloud tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s, river and docks. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 16,000 ft. at 1936 hrs. 100 deg.T. at 160 mph. Concentrated bombing. Numerous fires seen. 1/4 "P" on time and target kept well marked. T.I.'s were concentrated.	A.2797

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Night. 4.12.44. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 954 "B"	F/O. Dieme & crew.		1829	2344	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 7/10ths clouds at 15,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green T.I.'s and Obs. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1937 hrs, 103 deg. T. at 150 mph. Glow of fires could be seen when bombing. Numerous fires could be seen for 100 miles. P.F.F. marked target well with green T.I.'s.	A.2998
"	H.E. 271 "B"	F/O. Martel & crew.		1641	2310	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 10,000 ft. very thin. Target ident. visually by harbour and red & green T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1937 hrs, 094 deg. T. at 160 mph. Overshot red T.I.'s by 2 seconds. T.I.'s cascaded on time. 2 small explosions seen on run in. 1935 hrs. Target well illuminated by fires. Bombing appeared to be slightly scattered. Looked like a good operation. 60 x 4 lb "P" Type hung up over target, unable to shake off by any method, brought them back.	A.2999
"	H.A. 180 "O"	F/L. Franks & crew		1659	2312	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 7/10ths clouds at 10,000 ft. Target ident by red T.I.'s. Bombed red glow through clouds from 18,000 ft. at 1937 hrs, 105 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Numerous fires seen. Could see them after leaving target; they were concentrated. P.F.F. on time. Target well marked. Fires seen 100 miles away.	A.2900
"	H.E. 466 "B"	F/O. Ferrier & crew		1637	2324	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: same as "H". Weather: 5/10ths clouds at 15,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed visually in centre of T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1937 hrs 090 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Target well on fire. Could be seen for 150 miles. P.F.F. kept target well marked. Bombing concentrated.	A.2901
"	F.H. 173 138 "C"	F/O. Larsen & crew		1638	2325	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 17,000 ft., thin. Target visually identified by dock area and by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed between big fires and green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 1936 hrs, 090 deg. T. 160 mph. Red T.I.'s seen going down then obliterated by fires. Green then marked target. Fires big and several orange coloured explosions observed. Bombing appeared accurate. Saw glow 128 miles on route home. Tactics excellent. Should be a successful attack.	A.2902
"	H.E. 450 "B"	F/O. Simard & crew.		1644	2342	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 14,000 ft. very thin. Target visually ident. by harbour and by green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1936 hrs, 100 deg. T. 155 mph. on centre point between green T.I. and fires. Greens seen cascading at 1930 hrs. Bombing seemed well concentrated on fires. Glow seen from 120 miles on route home. Excellent attack. Fires burning fiercely on leaving target. Target not well marked.	A.2903
"	H.E. 454 "B"	F/O. St-Laurent & crew		1640	2321	Target: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. tops 15,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1935 hrs, at 090 deg. T. at 155 mph in centre of T.I.'s. City and built up area well covered by large fires & several explosions. 147 miles on route home. Excellent attack. Bombing well concentrated. P.F.F. on time and marking was good.	A.2904

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Night 5/12/44 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 N.Z. 538 "P"	P/O Ballinger & Crew		18.32	23.55	TARGET: Karlsruhe. Bomb load: Same as /N/. Weather: 8/10ths clouds top 14,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green T.I.'s and Gee homing. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1937 hrs. 098 deg. T. at 165 mph. on fire. Four red T.I.'s seen cascading at 1938 hrs. Considerable fire & explosions seen through break in cloud before and after leaving target. Bombing appeared concentrated.	A2905
Night 5/6.12.44	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "F"	P/O Ballinger & Crew		18.05	00.10	TARGET: Soest. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, 6x1000 ANM 59 and 1x1000 ANM 65. Weather: 5/10ths clouds patchy with thin tops at 8,10,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. At 2128 hrs. 056 deg. T. at 115 mph. on green T.I.'s. Bombing concentrated. Many green T.I.'s seen, rods were to port. Many fires and large explosions with red flames. One particularly large explosion with much red flame noted at approx. 2125 hrs. Stream appeared concentrated. Target should be undisturbed.	A 2906
"	N.Z. 860 "F"	P/O Poirier & Crew		18.07	00.52	TARGET: Soest. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 7/10ths B. Clouds at 10/12,000 ft. thin tops. Target ident. visually by railway yards and by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed railway yards from 19,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 051 deg. T. at 155 mph. on red T.I.'s. Seen cascading on time. Many fires illuminated target. One large explosion at 2127 hrs. accompanied by black smoke. An excellent attack.	A2907
"	N.R. 231 "F"	P/O MacFale & Crew		18.04	00.50	TARGET: Soest. Bomb load: 6x1000 ANM 59 (102), 1x1000 ANM 65 (102) and 2x1000 ANM 65 (N.I.). Weather: Clear-Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 110 deg. T. at 150 mph. on red T.I.'s and N/Yds. T.I.'s well concentrated. Bombing appeared very good and results should be excellent. Much fire & large explosion, reddish, noted approx. 2127 hrs. Fires seen on way out. Bombing looked very good. Stream well concentrated at target.	A2908
"	N.A. 527 "A"	P/O Martel & Crew		18.06	00.55	TARGET: Soest. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: clear-Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Gee and Rly. Yds. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 2126 hrs. 120 deg. T. at 110 mph. on N/Yds. visually. Numerous large explosions at 2126 hrs. Many large fires all over town. Very good. Bombing concentrated. Good fires. 3x1000 ANM 59 (102) hung up over target were jettisoned live at 5100 N 77/08. 2140 hrs. 18,000 ft.	A2909
"	N.A. 518 "I"	P/O Bouchard & Crew		18.03	00.59	TARGET: Soest. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 7/10ths thin cloud tops 8/9000 ft. Target ident. by green T.I.'s and fire. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2127 hrs. 126 deg. T. at 170 mph. on green T.I.'s and fire. Many explosions and fires seen. Clouds higher than briefed. Stream well concentrated. Markers spread out. Three green T.I.'s seen. Bombed on contrary T.I.'s and checked with Gee Fix.	A2910

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Night 5/6.12.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 L.N. 394 "E"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		18.50	00.57.	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2150 hrs. 150 deg. T. at 170 m.p.h. in concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Bombing concentrated. Many fires seen. Area was well lit up. Markers well together. Good bombing exp. Result should be good.	A2911
"	H.R. 178 "J"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		18.08	00.48	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: No clouds. Vis. very good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2127 hrs. 150 deg. T. 155 m.p.h. in centre of concentration of green T.I.'s. Bombing well concentrated around markers with fires taking a good hold. Several large explosions were seen. Markers plentiful and well placed but no red T.I.'s. were visible at time of bombing. Stream appeared fairly wide.	A2912
"	H.R. 271 "B"	F/L Chapman & Crew.		18.10	00.41	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: S to 4/10ths. Vis. good. Target ident. by green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,200 ft. at 2125 hrs. 124 deg. T. 160 m.p.h. in centre of 3 clusters of green T.I.'s. Fires were well concentrated with one very large explosion at 2127 hrs. giving off heavy black smoke to about 2,000 ft. Bombing seemed well placed. No red T.I.'s were seen. First bombing was noted at 2110 hours.	A2913
"	H.A. 180 "O"	F/L Franks & Crew.		18.15	00.51	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R. & G. T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 110 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. in centre of red T.I.'s. City was well on fire. Could see outline of streets. FFF did a good job. A good bombing exp. S.E. 1000-1200 hrs. 2315 hrs. 5,000 ft. Bombs hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 5135H 0215R. 2315 hrs. 5,000 ft.	A2914
"	F.H. 175 "Q"	F/O Iarsen & Crew.		18.09	00.56	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: S to 10/10ths. Vis. fair. Target ident. by G.T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 118 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. Principal concentration of bombing was in central part of T/A with some scattered incendiary loads. Some large explosions noted. Target marking was late and route too long. Raid was very successful.	A2915
"	H.I. 950 "R"	F/O Desmarais & Crew.		18.14	00.45	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: S to 7/10ths. Vis. fair. Target ident. by green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of area from 12,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 123 deg. T. 160 m.p.h. Many explosions and fires seen. Whole target area on fire. One particularly large explosion with yellow flame lit up whole area at approx 2126 hrs. Results should be good.	A2916
"	H.L. 355 "Y"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		18.12	00.32	TARGET: Seest. Bomb load: 1x2000 HEY & 1000 WMLH9(168) Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed by sea. Best concentration of red T.I.'s. from 19,000 ft. at 2128 hrs. 114 deg. T. at 155 m.p.h. Markers appeared to be in the yards. Town was burning. Bombing appeared concentrated. Markers fairly plentiful and concentrated. appeared on time. Stream fairly concentrated. Landed at Old Buckenham due to shortage of petrol.	A2917

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Night. 5/6.12.44. (00hr <sup>45</sup> )	Halifax III. N.R. 273 "X"	F/O. Farrier & crew.		1801	0054	Target: Secret. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 6/10ths St. C. A. 2918 at 10,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I's. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2125 hrs, 115 deg. T. at 185 mph in centre of red T.I's. Target well marked, illuminated by many flares. Bombing well concentrated. Should be a good attack.	
"	N.F. 999 "B"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew.		1811	0200	Target: Secret. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 6/10ths St. C. A. 2919 One cloud tops 12,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I's. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2127 hrs, 111 deg. T. at 155 mph in centre of green T.I's. Target well marked. Numerous flares. Large explosion at 2125 hrs. Smoke rising to 8/10,000 ft. <del>Assessment to be 1 good attack.</del>	
Night. 6.12.44.	Halifax III. N.A. 827 "A"	F/O. Legault & crew		1850	2227	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: 12500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths A. 2920 clouds tops 12,000 ft. Base at 20,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1951 hrs, 106 deg. T. at 170 mph. One flare glow on cloud at target seen. Flares noted on leaving, through break in cloud. No marker seen; One fire site active, believed it was bombed.	
"	N.H. 252 "B"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1812	2248	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths A. 2921. Marked one tops 20,500 ft. Vis. hazy. Target identified by green T.I's. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 090 deg. T. 160 mph. No result could be seen due to cloud although several explosions seen below cloud. Only one green T.I. seen and this was after leaving T/A. Many fighter flares seen in T/A and some between Amsterdam and Dutch Coast.	
"	N.L. 860 "B"	F/O. Farrier & crew		1856	2316	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths A. 2922 cloud tops approx. 17,000 ft. Target ident. by red T.I's. and glow. Bombed glow on cloud from 17,500 ft. at 1949 hrs, 100 deg. T. at 185 mph. Two large explosions noted at time of leaving target and much fire. Some green T.I's seen when 20 miles from target, which went out.	
"	N.R. 251 "B"	F/O. MacAle & crew.		1608	2248	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths A. 2923 St. C. tops base above and below. Vis. poor. Bombed glow on cloud from 20,000 ft. at 1947 hrs, 100 deg. T. at 150 mph. Cloud obscured target except for two or three glares. Poor trip. No marking visible. Bomber stream concentrated.	
"	F.H. 378 "C"	F/O. Martel & crew.		1822	2310	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths A. 2924 Sparto-on. tops 16,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target ident. by red, green and some green T.I's. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 1948 hrs, 120 deg. T. 160 mph. by D.R. run on R2S and Gp. No assessment possible although a glow could be seen through cloud. No marker seen at time of bombing although one green T.I. was noted on run up but had disappeared into cloud at time of arrival. 1 x 500 GPD hung up and jettisoned safe at 2231H 0800Z on 1956 hrs 15,000 ft.	

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Night. 6.12.64.	Halifax III. M.S. 493 "F"	F/O. Mark & crew.		1622	2310	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 6,000 ft. target identified by Gee fix and glow on cloud. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 1949 hrs, 098 deg. T. at 165 mph. on glow on cloud checked by Gee. Much glow on cloud. Some explosions. Some inc. seen on ground. Fire site active to port and N.W. of target. Few green flares seen going into cloud. 2x500 GPID hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 5400N 0130E, 2155 hrs, 10,000 ft.	A.2925
"	M.S. 558 "F"	F/O. Bonnard & crew.		1645	2239	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Target ident. by glow in cloud. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 095 deg. T. 180 mph. on glow in cloud. Three glows seen in cloud. Fires noted about 20 miles after leaving target. Went off track 20 miles from base to point 5000N 0200E due to late take off. No markers seen. 2x500 GPID hung up and jettisoned safe at 5407N 0100, 2155 hours, 8,000 ft.	A.2926
"	N.R. 147 "I"	F/O. Lafreniere & crew		1627	2242	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red and green glow through clouds and Gee heading. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 1st deg. T. at 170 mph. on red and green glow through cloud. Cloud obscured target but scattered fires seen 15 miles on way home. 2x500 GPID. No marking visible. Fires concentrated. 2x500 GPID hung up, jettisoned safe at 5214N 0415E, 2014 hrs, 4,000 ft.	A.2927
"	M.S. 254 "M"	F/O. Dicma & crew		1629	2228	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: 14x500 GPID, 2x500 GPID. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee and fired. Bombed on Gee from 19,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 095 deg. T. 165 mph. No ground or sky markers seen; glow of scattered fires reflected on cloud. 4x500 GPID hung up. No marking visible. In Osnabruck area at 1947 hrs, 19,000 ft. T.1154 and E1155 were 1/2. as result of lightning encountered at Dutch Coast on return. Landed Poulsham.	A.2928
"	N.R. 271 "B"	F/O. Sir Lescane & crew		1621	2256	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 15/16,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by D.R. from Gee fix. Bombed from 21,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 090 deg. T. at 165 mph on D.R. No ground detail visible. No markers seen. Raid not very scattered. Fighter flares in T/A. 2x500 GPID hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 5415N 0430E, 2145 hrs, 15,000 ft.	A.2929
"	N.A. 150 "O"	F/Lt. Franks & crew		1616	2302	Target: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 18,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee and red glow. Bombed centre of red glow from 20,000 ft. at 1948 hrs, 150 deg. T. at 150 mph. No marker seen. Most red glow seen through cloud. One large explosion at 1948 hrs, 5th deg. of target. Bombing fairly well concentrated. 2x500 GPID hung up over target jettisoned safe at 5232N 0645N, 2008 hrs, 11,000 ft. and at 5226N 0651E, 2013 hrs, 11,000 ft.	A.2930

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				UP	DOWN		
Night 6.12.44 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.E. 466 "P"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		16.25	25.06	TARGET: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 the clouds tops. 7,000 ft. Base above. Target ident. by D.R. and red glow. Bombed on D.R. 21,000 ft. at 1947 hrs. 106 deg. T. at 185 m.p.h. No markers observed. Red glow seen through cloud and evidence of fires seen through break in cloud on leading target. Bombing seemed fairly well concentrated. Little evidence of results seen.	A2951
"	P.N. 175 "Q"	F/O Lareau & Crew.		16.52	18.50	TARGET: Osnabruck. This aircraft returned early due to hydraulics U/S. Hydraulic system failed even base on take-off. Unable to retract undercarriage. Load jettisoned in North Sea. (IS m-500 GPED and 1x-500 HE TD). at 5400H 0134H. 1729 hours, and returned to base.	A2952
"	M.E. 950 "R"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		18.31	21.48	TARGET: Osnabruck. Bomb load: 1x500 GPED 2x500 GP TD Weather: 10/10 the clouds approx. 6,000 ft. Target not identified, bombed on D.R. from 19,500 ft. at 1851 hrs. 070 deg. T. at 182 mph. No ground or sky marking seen. Gas U/S on outward route from 5040N 0460E, A.S.I. temporarily U/S due to icing on homeward course. Good luck. Bomb aimer and navigator's oxygen supply U/S on route to target. Landed Fort Bragg.	A2953
"	M.E. 454 "S"	F/L Belanger & Crew.		16.14	23.04	TARGET: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 the clouds, tops 10/12,000 ft. thick base above. Target identified by D.R. and green glow on clouds. Bombed from 12,000 ft. at 1947 hrs. 088 deg. T. at 170 mph. incidence of heavy waves of glow. No markers of any description seen. Bomb aimer suggested rather scattered attack. Unsatisfactory due to weather	A2954
"	N.E. 275 "X"	F/O Ferrier & Crew.		16.26	22.16	TARGET: Osnabruck. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 the clouds, heavy target ident. by Gas and glow on clouds. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1948 hrs. 106 deg. T. 180 mph. glow in clouds. Glow on cloud seen from a distance. Cloud prevented observation. Hydraulics went U/S so went off track from point "X" to 5100N 0300E thence 5100N 0205E and Mangrove where we landed.	A2955
Night 18.12.44	Halifax 111 L.W. 594 "Y"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		08.10	09.02	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 1x2000 HE 2x1000 ANM.59 and 1x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10 the clouds 10/12,000 ft. Target ident. by Gas and glow on clouds. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0614 hrs. 067 deg. T. at 185 mph on D.R. checked the Gas. Could see glow under cloud only. Climbed up to 20,000 ft. on route almost up to target. No marker seen.	A2956
"	N.E. 252 "Z"	F/L Belanger & Crew.		08.41	08.54	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: 1x2000 HE 2x1000 ANM.59 and 1x500 GP TD and 1x500 HE TD. Weather: 10/10 the clouds tops at 12,000 ft. base at 12,000 ft. Target ident. by Gas and red glow on clouds. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0820 hrs. 060 deg. T. at 180 mph on D.R. checked with Gas. Could see the old burst and glow on clouds. No other observation possible due to clouds. Landed at East Kirby.	A2957

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18.12.44 (GHEVE)	Halifax 111 N.A. 208 "B"	Sgt. Caskey & Crew.		02.45	05.09	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". This aircraft turned back at 5325N 0115E. 0329 hrs. 9,000 ft. with broken engine linkage and proceeded to jettisoning area. Load was jettisoned safe at 5330N 0210E. 0406 hrs. 8,000 ft. Landed at Linton.	A2938
"	N.L. 880 "B"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		03.00	06.47	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10 the cloud, tops 10/12,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. TI's falling and by Gee. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0621 hrs. 074 deg. T. at 155 mph. Bombed from 18,500 ft. by Gee. Could see glow that looked like bomb bursts. Could see only cloud and glow. Landed at Thurleigh USAF airfield.	A2939
"	N.R. 251 "B"	F/O McHale & Crew.		02.46	06.59	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10 the cloud, tops 12,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0620 hrs. 060 deg. T. 180 mph on D.R. checked with Gee. Too much cloud but saw large red glow on cloud. Could see nothing else. Landed East Kirkby.	A2940
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		02.57	09.16	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10 the cloud tops 19,000 ft. Upper cloud in broken layer. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0619 hrs. 082 deg. T. 155 mph. on Gee fix. Red TI's seen through cloud just before bombing. A red glow seen through cloud. Ingoing trip over French Coast to target and back. A possible direct hit by bomb - subsequent explosion. Navigation and bomb aimer were seen - subsequent explosion in spite of very bad weather. Landed at Stanton Harcourt.	A2941
"	N.A. 518 "B"	F/O Bombard & Crew.		02.48	09.14	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10 the cloud, tops 14,000 ft. Target ident. by red glow on cloud and Gee. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0619 hrs. 062 deg. T. 165 mph on glow on cloud. Could see glow of numerous explosions. A/G in T/A seen burning navigation lights. Went off track at 0608 0008 4945N 0210E back to make up time.	A2942
"	N.L. 485 "B"	F/O Sicotte & Crew.		02.59	08.59	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load Same as "Y". Weather: 10/30 the cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Target identified by Gee and glow of fires on cloud. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0621 hrs 090 deg. T. at 160 m.p.h. on glow of fires on cloud, which is all that was seen of target. Landed at East Kirkby.	A2943
"	N.R. 178 "G"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		02.20	09.06	TARGET: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10 the cloud tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by red TI's seen falling and by Gee. Bombed on glow of TI's from 18,000 ft. at 0621 hrs. 060 deg. T. at 160 mph. Could only see glow on clouds.	A2944

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Night 22/12.44. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Mark & crew.		0304	0955	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C., 2x1,000 AMM-65 & 500 GPID and 4x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 7,500 ft. Target identified by Gee and red T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0820 hrs. 051 deg.T. at 165 mph on Gee. Glow observed on cloud. Some icing encountered. Base was lead up over the target. 4 to 5 T.I.'s seen slightly to starboard. 2x500 GPID hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 5025N-0805E, 0750 hrs, 10,000 ft.	A.2945
"	N.E. 954 "M"	F/O. Dome & crew		0247	1040	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cu clouds, tops 18,000 ft. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0824 hrs. 082 deg.T. at 160 mph on glow of red T.I.'s seen to disappear in cloud. No ground detail visible. Saw only one marker which quickly disappeared.	A.2946
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/O. Ballinger & crew		0306	0920	Target: Duisburg. Bomb Load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cumulus clouds tops at 20,000 ft. Target identified by Gee and glow on cloud. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 0819 hrs. 053 deg.T. at 140 mph on Gee. Nothing seen. 1 x 2,000 lb. h.e. hung up over target due to faulty carrier and was brought back. Landed at Bovington.	A.2947
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Baillie & crew		0307	0856	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 16,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee and red glow on clouds. Bombed from 19,900 ft. at 0818 hrs. 043 deg.T. at 160 mph on Gee. Could only see glow of bomb bursts and fires on clouds too much cloud to see any ground detail. 2x1,000 AMM-59 hung up over target, and jettisoned live at 5134 E 0654E, 0851 hrs, 19,000 ft.	A.2948
"	N.E. 466 "P"	F/O. Forman & crew		0351	0913	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C. 2x1,000 AMM-59, 5x500 GPID, 2x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 17,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 0821 hrs. 051 deg.T. at 165 mph on Gee. Red glow seen through cloud. Fair concentration of bomb flashes. Deviated from track from 5045N 0001W to 4958N 0407W to gain time. Landed East Kirby.	A.2949
"	F.N. 175 "Q"	F/O. & Laroau & crew		0308	0610	Target: Duisburg. Bomb Load: 4x1,000 AMM-65 and 10x500 GPID. This aircraft returned early due to hydraulic U/S. Unable to retract undercarriage. Load jettisoned safe at 5332N 0207E, at 0456 hrs, 19,000 ft.	A.2950
"	N.E. 950 "R"	F/O. Seward & crew		0315	0902	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu clouds, tops 16,000 ft. Target identified by Gee. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 0851 hrs. 065 deg.T. at 165 mph on Gee. Very slight red glow seen in T.A. Bomb flashes sustained starboard attack. Rather unsatisfactory. 1x1,000 AMM-59 hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 5015N 0015E, 0808 hrs, from 10,000 feet.	A.2951

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17/12/44 (CONT'D)	Halifax III No. 484 "B"	F/L MacKinnon & crew		0301	0852	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. clouds. Tops 10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target identified by Gee. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 0621 hrs, 058 deg. T. at 165 mph by R.R. checked by Gee. No detail visible. No marker seen. Bombing appeared very scattered. Landed East Kirkby.	A.2952																																																															
"	M.S. 558 "Y"	F/O. Desmarais & crew.		0222	0225	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". This aircraft took off successfully and was seen to climb up to 300/500 ft. after which it crashed approx. one mile and a half from end of Runway near the Village of Alme, and exploded. All members of the crew were killed. Particulars of the crew are as follows:-	A.2953																																																															
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"	H.P. 999 "W"	F/O. Brimacombe & crew		0312	0900	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Target identified by Gee and red glow on clouds. Bombed on Gee from 17,000 ft. at 0625 hrs, 047 deg. T. at 165 mph. Could only see red glow and few bursts as if bombs were exploding. Too much cloud. Landed East Kirkby.	A.2954																																																															
"	H.R. 275 "X"	F/O. Parrier & crew.		0258	0657	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "Y". Weather: 10/10ths cloud. tops 10,000 ft. Target identified by red T.L.'s cascading. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0620 hrs, 055 deg. T, 160 MPH. in centre of cascading T.L.'s. Red glow seen through clouds; only 4 red T.L.'s seen cascading above clouds.	A.2955																																																															
"	L.W. 394 "Z"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		0250	0906	Target: Duisburg. Bomb load: Same as "X". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. tops 10,000 ft. Target identified by Gee and red glow through clouds. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 0620 hrs, 055 deg. T. at 165 mph on Gee. Red glow seen through thin cloud over T.L. Navigation lights observed over target. From bomb flashes attack appeared scattered. In 1,000 ANH, 50 hung up over target and was brought back.	A.2956																																																															

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Day 24.12.44	Halifax 111 M.Z. 627 "G"	F/O Bouchard & Crew.		11:58	16:24	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 2x1000 AN.M.45 2x1000 AN.M.59 and 4x 500 G.P.D. Weather: Clear, slight haze. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 1455 hrs. 187 deg. T. at 170 mph. Slightly overshot on red T.I.'s. Good concentration effort. Some damage hit. F.F.P. kept target well marked. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2987
"	H.R. 252 "B"	F/L Belanger & Crew.		11:50	16:02	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield; Bomb load: 2x1000 AN.M.45 2x1000 AN.M.59 and 2x1000 MC TD. Weather: Clear. Target identified by T.I.'s. and visually. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1452 hrs. 086 deg. T. at 175 mph on yellow T.I.'s. on E.W. Runway All bombing appeared to be concentrated on the aerodrome. Target was well marked and markers were concentrated. Both wing of A/C and front fuselage were slightly damaged by 1/4 flak over target. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2988
"	H.A. 205 "B"	Sgt. Cauchy & Crew.		11:56	16:27	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 2x1000 AN.M.45 2x1000 AN.M.59 2x1000 M.C.T.D. 4x500 G.P.D. Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. and visually. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 1455 hrs. 080 deg. T. 165 mph on red T.I.'s. Runways were covered with bomb bursts. Target area smoking. A good trip. Bombing concentrated and marking good. Hit by flak at 5118N 0655E, 1462 hrs. 16,000 ft. 160 mph. Nobody injured. 2x1000 AN.M.59 hit up and was brought back. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2989
"	M.Z. 689 "E"	F/O Poirier & Crew.		12:00	16:23	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: clear. Target ident. visually and by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1452 hrs. 090 deg. T. at 160 MPH on green T.I.'s. Target well concentrated with bomb bursts. Good trip. Marking very good. Hit by heavy flak in 7/A. causing damage to tail plane and struts. Wings, fuselage, and 2x1000 AN.M.45 hit up and was recovered alive at 5118N 0647E. 17,500 ft. at 1454 hrs. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2990
"	P.H. 172 "G"	F/O Martel & Crew.		11:55	16:10	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 2x1000 AN.M.45 2x1000 AN.M.59 2x1000 M.C.T.D. and 4x 500 G.P.D. Weather: BS cloud some haze. Target identified visually and by T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1451 hrs. 082 deg. T. at 165 mph on green T.I.'s. as instructed by W/O. Bombing was very well concentrated all within the 7/A. Some explosions and fires were noted. Markers well placed and bombing good. Stream well con- centrated. A/C with intercom open heard; presumed to be a Lancaster. Hit by heavy flak in 7/A at 1452 hrs. 16,500 ft. causing about 10 holes in fuselage near rear escape hatch. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2991
"	H.R. 178 "J"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		11:54	16:17	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 2x1000 AN.M.45 7x1000 AN.M.59 and 4x500 G.P.D. Weather: Clear, slight haze. Target ident. by red green and yellow T.I.'s. & visually. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1454 hrs. 092 deg. T. at 160 MPH on yellow T.I.'s. A good effort. Bomb damage hit. Covered with smoke. F.F.P. made a good effort. A well concentrated attack. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2992

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Day 24.12.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 M.Z. 495 "H"	F/L Franks & Crew.		11.55	16.08	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "G". Weather: No cloud, some haze. Target ident. visually and by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1452 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 160 mph. on green T.I.'s. near runway. Bombing well concentrated. T.I.'s. plentiful and marking well done. Gaggle was poor. R/T heard during attack, probably from a Lancaster. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2963
	M.Z. 231 "F"	F/O Lareau & Crew.		11.58	16.26	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "G". Weather: No cloud, heavy haze. Target ident. by Green T.I.'s. and visually by Rhine River. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1458 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 165 mph in centre of green T.I.'s. on E.W. Runway. Bombing well concentrated on airfield. Large explosion followed by fire on N. side of E.W. runway. Gaggle in good formation. Should be successful attack. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2964
"	M.Z. 954 "H"	F/O Dieme & Crew.		11.46	16.15	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "G". Weather: No cloud, smoky and hazy. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 15,500 ft. at 1452 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 165 mph on red T.I.'s. Area smoky. Concentrated bombing. Small but concentrated bunch of T.I.'s. on southern side of airfield. Good bombing trip. Smoke and haze obscured area. R/T was heard while in target area (unknown). Hit by heavy flak in T/A at 1451 hrs. 15,500 causing damage to engine dome and mid-upper turret. None was injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2965
"	M.A. 180 "G"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		12.05	16.25	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 2x1000 ANM.65 5x1000 ANM.59 2x1000 MUD? and 4x500 GPD. Weather: No cloud, hazy. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and visually. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1450 ft. at 1450 hrs. 085 deg. T. at 160 mph in concentration of red T.I.'s. Bombing sparse as we were one of first aircraft on. Some explosions noted near buildings. One large explosion noted near factory slightly S.E. near city of Dusseldorf. Smoke billowing approx 1451 hrs. Very concentrated attack. Well marked with T.I.'s. R/T conversation from one aircraft heard during the whole attack. Hit by flak on T/A at 1448 hrs. 18,000 ft. Nobody injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2966
"	M.Z. 620 "H"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		12.01	16.23	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "G". Weather: clear, slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. and Gee. Bombed from 15,000 ft. at 1454 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 160 mph. on concentration of red and green T.I.'s. A good concentration of bombing. Good fires. PFF kept target well marked. Hit by heavy flak over target. Nobody injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A2967
"	M.Z. 950 "H"	F/O Simard & Crew.		11.57	16.13	TARGET: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "G". Weather: Clear. Target ident. by green and red T.I.'s. and visually. Bombed from 15,500 ft. at 1454 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 175 mph on red T.I.'s. Airfield obscured in bomb bursts and smoke. One very large explosion noted to port. A good trip. Bombing concentrated. Marking good. Hit by flak at 1451 hrs. 15,500 ft. 1452 hrs. 15,500 ft. 1453 hrs. 15,500 ft. 60 port wing engine. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Rivenhall. landed at Rivenhall.	A2968

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Day. 24.12.44. (CONT'D)	M.Z. 454 "G"	F/O. Siocotte & crew.		1204	1615	Target: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1452 hrs, 089 deg.T. at 160 mph. on green T.I.'s. Target covered with bomb bursts. Buildings burning. Good trip, bombing concentrated. Marking excellent. Hit by flak at 0145N 0645E, 1452 hrs. 17,000 ft. 170 mph causing damage to bomb tail plane and main. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A.2969
"	H.P. 999 "W"	F/O. Brimcombe & crew		1159	1630	Target: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: Clear, some ground haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1452 hrs. 082 deg.T. at 160 mph on red T.I.'s and runways. Bombing appeared very concentrated, much smoke. R/T heard 60 miles from target, coming from a Lancaster: Names called: (Tommy - Eng'r), Beau - A/B) (Mac - Pilot or Nav.) and Charlie. Eastmole was also mentioned. Hit by flak in 7/A at 1451 hrs. 16,500 ft. No one injured. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A.2970
"	H.R. 275 "R"	F/O. Ferrier & crew.		1152	1612	Target: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: Clear. Target identified visually and by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1452 hrs. 082 deg.T. at 165 mph on red T.I.'s. Runways and target area covered with bomb bursts. One very large explosion noted to port. A good trip. Bombing somewhat treated. Marking excellent. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A.2971
"	M.E. 714 "Y"	F/L. Archambault & crew.		1205	1618	Target: Dusseldorf Airfield. Bomb load: 1x1,000 ANM 65, 4x1,000 ANM 59, 4x1,000 METD and 4x500 GP. Weather: Clear. Target ident. by Rhine River visually. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1456 hrs. 085 deg.T. at 170 mph in centre of fires and smoke. No T.I.'s seen. Target covered with smoke and small fires. Diverted to Rivenhall.	A.2972
Night. 28/28.12.44.	Halifax III. M.E. 864 "M"	S/L. St. Jean & crew		0320	0921	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 3x1,000 METD and 4x500 GP. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 1,500 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 0654 hrs, 049 deg.T. at 160 mph. Bombing concentrated; large red glow at target could be seen through the cloud, but cloud prevented definite assessment of raid. FFP on time. Target well marked. 1x1,000 METD hung up at target and was jettisoned safe at 8:00N 0307E, 8,000 ft. at 0751 hrs.	A.2973
"	L.W. 477 "A"	F/O Corbett & crew		0316	0811	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 1x1,000 ANM 65, 6x1,000 MOTH and 3x500 GP. Weather: clear some haze and ground fog. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 0637 hrs, 030 deg.S. at 155 mph on T.I.'s. Bombing fairly concentrated. T.I.'s numerous and well concentrated. Hit by flak over 7/A at 0316 hrs. 17,000 ft. which burst to the starboard down; one piece came through the starboard window by which the Engineer was standing and he was hit in the arm. There was no bleeding so the Engineer continued to attend to his duties, although his arm was hurting. Landed at Rivenhall.	A.2974

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Night. 28.12.44. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Brassard & crew.		0827	0910	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.65, 3x1,000 ANM.65 4x1,000 MTD and 3x500 GPD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 2,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 0637 hrs. 045 deg. T. at 160 mph. in concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Concentration of bombing stream well concentrated. FFP on time and kept target well marked.	A. 2975
"	N.R. 271 "M"	F/O. M. Lesene & crew		0822	0912	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.65, 7x1,000 ANM.65 and 3x500 GPD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, ground fog. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,200 ft. at 0633 hrs. 053 deg. T. at 156 mph in centre of all red T.I.'s. Bombing appeared concentrated on marked area. Fires could be seen through the ground fog. FFP on time and markers seemed to be well placed.	A. 2976
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O. MacHale & crew		0824 0824	0905 0905	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 ANM.65, 3x1,000 ANM.65 4x1,000 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 2,000 ft. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 0633 hrs. 046 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of red T.I.'s. Target very well marked. Two undershoots ob- served but most of bombing appeared well concentrated on T.I.'s. Appeared to be a good attack.	A. 2977
"	M.L. 466 "P"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		0817	0923	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 2x1,000 MTD, 3x1,000 ANM.65, 3x500 GPD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 1,500 to 2,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0636 hrs. 060 deg. T. at 160 mph in concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Looked like a good effort on markers. FFP on time. A good show. Kept target well marked.	A. 2978
"	L.W. 394 "G"	F/O. Mark & crew		0858	0920	Target: Opladen. Bomb load: 4x1,000 ANM.65, 3x1,000 ANM.65, 2x1,000 MTD and 3x500 GPD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 2,000 ft. Haze and fog. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 0633 hrs. 054 deg. T. at 155 mph in centre of red T.I.'s. Target well marked. Bombing concentrated. Successful attack should result.	A. 2979
Night. 29.12.44.	Halifax III. N.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Ledoux & crew		1552	1806	Target: Trois Dorr 1/2 Yards. Bomb load: 6x500 GPD and 10x500 ANM.65 were jettisoned safe at 5400H 0130Z at 1642 hours, from 4,000 ft to lighten load. This aircraft returned early due to hydraulic H/S. Could not raise undercarriage. At 5355H OILER left course for 5400H 0130Z. Landed at Croft.	A. 2980
"	N.R. 262 "B"	Sgt. Cauchy & crew		1547	2252	Target: Trois Dorr 1/2 Yards. Bomb load: 16x500 GPD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 2/10,000 ft. Target ident. by flares (Green). Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1918 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 156 mph on green flares. Bombing appeared very concentrated. A good trip.	A. 2981

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Night 29.12.44	Halifax III. M.Z. 860 "B"	F/L. Belanger & crew		1539	2222	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 3,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1920 hrs, 050 deg. T. at 165 mph in centre of green T.I.'s. T.I.'s cascaded at 1916 hours. Bombing seemed well concentrated on T.I.'s.	A.282
"	N.R. 231 "D"	F/O. MacIsaac & crew		1542	2215	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, thin, tops at 1,500 to 3,000 ft. Target identified by green and red T.I.'s and by Gee. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1921 hrs, 045 deg. T. at 150 mph on red T.I.'s. Bombing concentrated. Two explosions dark grey noted. Light brown smoke billowing at 1920 and 1921 hrs. Markers numerous and well placed. Stream scattered. Target on port side seen ashore.	A.283
"	M.Z. 493 "H"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1545	2300	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus clouds tops 3,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1922 hrs, 045 deg. T. at 155 mph. in centre of T.I.'s. which cascaded at 1923. Target well marked. Bombs appeared well concentrated on markers. This aircraft overshot on landing and stopped in a ditch outside the airfield. Hopewell was injured.	A.284
"	N.A. 518 "I"	F/O. Beuchard & crew		1541	2302	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, thin and low. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1921 hrs, 052 deg. T. at 160 mph. in centre of all red T.I.'s. Bombs were seen bursting in the marked area. P.E.'s on time and markers well concentrated.	A.285
"	N.R. 178 "J"	F/O. Seguin & crew		1543	2215	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD and 10x 500 ANM's. Weather: 10/10ths low stratus tops 5/6,000 feet. Vis. good. Target identified by red T.I.'s and Gee bombing. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1918 hrs, 055 deg. T. at 155 mph on red T.I.'s glowing below cloud. Some bomb flashes seen through cloud. Target well marked and concentrated marking.	A.286
"	XXXX I. W. 586 "B" (420 Sqn. A/C)	F/O. Fairrier & crew		1614	2258	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 9/10ths low stratus tops at 3,000 ft. Vis. v. very good. Target identified by two red T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed on red T.I.'s from 19,500 ft. at 1919 hrs, 052 deg. T. at 160 mph. No result could be seen although several large explosions were seen. Set course late & joined stream at 50241 0600H. Target was well marked.	A.287
"	N.R. 271 "K"	F/O. Lesenne & crew		1531	2218	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths thin cloud, tops 3,000 ft. Target identified by green and red T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 1920 hrs, 048 deg. T. at 155 mph. on red glow in clouds. Not much bombing going on, observation difficult. A good trip.	A.288

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Night. 23.12.44 (CONT'D)	Halifax III N.A. 180 "G"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1536	2258	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops 3,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red T.I's. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1917 hrs. 056 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of red T.I's which cascaded at 1916 hrs. Too early on target to observe bombing.	A. 2889
"	M.L. 466 "P"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1531	2501	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops 4,500 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I's and Gee. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1919 hrs. 056 deg. T. at 160 mph on red T.I's. No assessment possible. Target well marked. Stream appeared concentrated with many aircraft bombing.	A. 2890
"	P.N. 173 "G"	F/O. Lorcou & crew		1539	2242	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops at 4,500 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1921 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 160 mph on red T.I's and glow on cloud. Some explosions seen through cloud. Bombing appeared concentrated. T.I's were seen cascading; they were plentiful and well placed. Flares seen also good. An ordinary trip.	A. 2891
"	M. Z. 950 "R"	F/O. Stuard & crew		1540	2257	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths thin cloud, tops 3,000 ft. Target identified by red T.I's. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1920 hrs. 050 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of all T.I's. Arrived early at target but bombing was slow. Markers well concentrated.	A. 2892
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/O. Mark & crew		1525	2255	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops 3,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1922 hrs. 054 deg. T. at 155 mph in centre of red T.I's. Target well marked. Bombing flashes suggested good concentration on markers. One large explosion observed at 1921 hrs. Good attack.	A. 2893
"	M.F. 999 "H"	F/O. Brindcombe & crew		1550	2201	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops at 5,600 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I's and Gee. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1918 hrs. 102 deg. T. at 160 mph on red T.I's going into cloud. No ground detail seen but bombing appeared concentrated around markers. Target well marked.	A. 2894
"	M.R. 273 "X"	F/O. Ferrier & crew		1545	2209	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops 3,500 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red T.I's. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1918 hrs. 054 deg. T. at 160 mph on concentration of red T.I's. No valid assessment possible. But some large explosions were noted below cloud. T.I's went down on time and target was kept well marked.	A. 2895
"	M.Z. 714 "Y"	F/O. Sicotte & crew		1534	2228	Target: Trois Derf M/Yards. Bomb load: 11x500 CPED and 2x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops at 4,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target identified by red T.I's. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1915 hrs. 051 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of red T.I's which were slightly late. One explosion observed at 1920 hrs. Small fires seen. FFF good. Stream quite loose.	A. 2896

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Night 29.12.44. Cont'd	Halifax 111 L.W. 394 "Z"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		15.48	23.06	TARGET: Trois Dord M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths thin cloud, tops at 5,000 ft. Target identified by red & green T's. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1920 hrs. 045 deg. T. at 155 mph. on nearest side of flow of red T's. No result of bombing seen. PFF was on time and markers were concentrated.	A2997
"	F.F.N. 172 "G"	F/L Archambault & Crew.		15.35	22.53	TARGET: Trois Dord M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 3/4,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T's. and Gen. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1920 hrs. 030 deg. T. at 155 mph. on red T's. Bombing appeared scattered. Bull red glow noted under cloud.	A2998
Night 30.12.44	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "B"	F/L Belanger & Crew.		17.12	23.47	TARGET: Cologne M/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, 1x1000 MTD and 8x1000 MC (M.11) TD. and 8x400 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus tops 10,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 097 deg. T. at 165 mph. in centre of sky marking. Only one red flare noted. Orange glow seen through cloud. 2 explosions seen on leaving target. Strains well concentrated on targets. Should be a good raid. One unidentified aircraft seen burning navigation lights at French Coast.	A3000
"	M.L. 880 "R"	F/O Iarsau & Crew.		17.09	23.50	TARGET: Cologne M/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, 4x1000 MTD and 7x500 GFD and 1x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 10,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by red flares and green stars. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 2103 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph. in centre of red flares. Sky marking scattered. White and red glow seen through cloud. Large explosions seen at 2101 hrs. Aircraft seemed to be bombing on various headings. Should be a good attack.	A3001
"	N.R. 251 "F"	F/L Hemphill & Crew.		17.08	23.53	TARGET: Cologne M/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, 4x1000 MTD and 8x500 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops 4/8,000 ft. Secondary target was attacked at 5056N 065E. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2057 hrs. 095 deg. T. at 160 mph. on D.R. No result observed. Hit by flak which made scattered slight damage in wings and tail. Engines - 2250 Gen and 2120 Comp. 2250 W/S. Navigated by D.R.	A3002
"	F.N. 172 "G"	F/O <del>XXXXXXXX</del> & Crew. Martel		17.23	23.28	TARGET: Cologne M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 11,000 ft. Target identified by red flares and green stars on ground. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph. on flares and stars. Good concentration of aircraft and of bombing. If PFF on target should be well hit. PFF on time. Well concentrated and kept target marked.	A3003
"	N.A. 518 "I"	F/O Bouchard & Crew.		17.10	23.38	TARGET: Cologne M/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cumulus tops 6,000 ft. Target ident. by red markers red and green stars. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 165 mph. in centre of sky markers. Cloud obscured target but bombing seemed to be some what scattered. Markers were fairly concentrated, but wind velocity seemed a little high for sky marking. Two a/c seen with Nav. lights on about 50 miles before reaching our coast on return route.	A3004

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Night 30.12.44. (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.P. 178 "N"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		17.14	23.52	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC 4x1000 MCTD 1x1000 ANM.59 and 8x3500 GPTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 47,000 ft. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 2103 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph on flares and stars. Could covered target but flares and explosions could be seen through clouds. Good con- centration. P.F.F. very good and concentrated. If markers in right spot should be good effort.	13004
"	M.Z. 554 "M"	F/O Mark & Crew.		17.07	23.59	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "N" Weather: 10/10ths Stratus. tops 4/5,000 ft. Target identified by Gas. and red & green stars sky markers. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 2105 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of sky markers Most bombing seemed to fall to the sdbd. of the glow of the ground II's. Salvoes of sky markers were somewhat scattered.	13005
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/O Lescoe & Crew.		17.20	00.02	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC 4x1000 MCTD 7x500 GPTD and 1x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud. tops at 10,000 ft. Target identified by R. & G. flares and stars. Bombed from 20,500 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 168 mph on flares. Little bombing in progress. Three patches of bright glow on cloud. Good trip. One 4/5 seen with Nav- lights on at 2208 hrs. 12,000 ft. parallel to track sdbd. between Ostend and Dunkirk.	13006
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/L Franks & Crew.		17.22	23.37	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC 4x1000 ANM.59, 3x500 GPTD, and 8x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green flares and stars. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 2102 hrs. 095 deg. T. at 160 mph. in centre of flares. Red glow seen through clouds. Sky marking appeared to be concentrated. Bomb Bomb flashes suggested good concentrations. One large explo- sion at 2103 hrs; slightly to starboard of markers. Stream observed to be on correct heading over target.	13007
"	M.Z. 486 "P"	F/O St-Laurent & Crew.		17.18	23.44	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC 4x1000 MCTD 8x500 GPTD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sky markers and Gas. bombing Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 101 deg. T. at 160 mph Bombed on red flares and green stars. No assessment of raid possible. Target well marked with sky markers after bombing red II's were seen.	13008
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/L Sicotte & Crew.		17.20	23.41	TARGET: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 6x1000 MCTD and 8 x 500 GPTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud at 6,000 ft. Target ident. by flares and stars. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph on flares and stars. Good concentration of bombing. Glow of fires under clouds. Large explosion at 2103 hrs. P.F.F. well concentrated kept target well covered. looked like a good effort.	13009

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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Night. 30.12.44. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 950 "B"	F/O. Sismard & crew		1715	2355	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops at 8,000 ft. Target identified by sky-markers and red-green stars. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 160 mph. Bombed far side of all sky-markers. No definite results could be seen due to cloud, but glow of fires seen. Sky markers fairly well grouped together. Only glow of T.I.'s could be seen. At 2215 hrs. 5115H 0255E, 18,000 ft. aircraft seen switching on Nav. lights, at about 3,000 ft. to our starboard.	A.3010
"	M.Z. 454 "B"	Sgt. Cauchy & crew.		1719	2359	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 2x1,000 MTD, 2x1,000 ANM.89, 7x500 GPTD and 1x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops 6,7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red T.I.'s, sky markers and Gen. landing. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 2100 hrs. 095 deg. T. at 155 mph on flares and stars. No ground detail visible. After leaving target, whole T/A seemed to be well illuminated. Target well marked with sky markers. Bomber stream well concentrated over target.	A.3011
"	N.P. 999 "B"	F/O. Briscoe & crew		1717	2359	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC, 2x1,000 MTD, 2x1,000 ANM.89 and 8x500 GPTD. Weather: 10/10ths thick cloud, tops 8/9,000 ft. Target identified by Gen. and red and green star flares. Bombed sky-markers from 19,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 099 deg. T. at 180 mph. Bomb glow seen reflected on cloud. Extremely large red glow on cloud seemed to expand on leaving target. Sky markers 2/3 minutes later although well placed. One s/o with Nav. lights on at 5024H 0053E, 1952 hrs. On homeward route, 3 or 4 aircraft were also seen with Nav. lights on.	A.3012
"	N.R. 275 "B"	F/O. Ferrier & crew.		1716	2351	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7/8,500 ft. Clear vis. Target identified by red/green sky markers and stars. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 2101 hrs. 098 deg. T. at 155 mph on sky markers. Bombing in progress and well concentrated. Red glow and whitish glare on cloud. Sky markers scattered. A good trip, on outward journey crossing coast at 1919 hrs, 9,000 ft, 2 s/o seen with Nav. lights on. Also saw s/o seen with Nav lights on a few miles from coast, on homeward journey.	A.3013
"	M.Z. 714 "B"	F/O. Peirier, & crew.		1725	2345	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 6/6,000 ft. Good vis. Target identified by flares red/green stars. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 155 mph between two red flares. Bombing seemed somewhat scattered. Very large red glow seen on cloud as far away as 40/50 miles. Many red T.I. flares were apparently dropped. <del>XXXXXXXX</del>	A.3014
"	L.W. 594 "B"	F/O. Chabot & crew.		1715	2317	Target: Cologne W/Yards. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus. Target identified by green and red T.I.'s. Bombed on red flares from 16,000 ft. at 2103 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 170 mph. Fairly well concentrated raid. Quite a good trip.	A.3015

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