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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night 2.1.45	Halifax 111 N.A. 527 "A"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		15.03	22.35	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC and 9 Clusters. No. 15 06/10. Weather: 3/10ths thin stratus, tops at 5/6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed on red T.I.'s. from 19,000 ft. at 1846 hrs. 030 deg. T. at 155 mph. Bombing well concentrated with large fires and explosions. Markers were well placed and one fine. One cluster No. 15 06/10000 hung up and was brought back.	AS016
"	N.R. 252 "B"	Sgt. Cauchy & Crew.		14.48	22.29	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths clouds and low haze. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed in centre of same from 20,000 ft. at 1848 hrs. 030 deg. T. at 150 mph. Target well marked. Numerous fires. One large explosion at 1849 hrs. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Appeared to be a good attack.	AS017
"	N.Z. 860 "B"	F/O St-Laurent & Crew.		15.06	22.32	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 7/10ths patchy thin stratus clouds, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. and river. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1849 hrs. 015 deg. T. at 155 mph. on red T.I.'s. Main concentration of fires was well placed around markers. One large explosion was seen about five minutes after bombing. There was some scattered bombing but main stream seemed concentrated over the T/A. Some fighter flares were seen near the T/A and one on second leg home.	AS018
"	N.R. 231 "B"	F/O Michale & Crew.		14.52	22.21	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 3 to 5/10ths thin stratus, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. and by river Rhine. Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1848 hrs. 032 deg. T. at 150 mph. Fires were taking hold around markers. Smoke was rising but difficult to assess height. Large explosion noted at about 4 minutes after bombing. Markers appeared to be in southern end of T/A. Some bombing appeared scattered into Mannheim.	AS019
"	N.A. 172 "G"	F/O Martel & Crew.		14.57	22.23	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 8 thin stratus, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. and River. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1847 hrs. 350 deg. T. at 150 mph on red T.I.'s. Target seemed to be well hit with several large explosions seen. Some T.I.'s seemed to be badly placed as visually identification could be made.	AS020
"	N.A. 518 "I"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		14.54	22.45	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10 clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed red T.I.'s. from 17,000 ft. at 1847 hrs. 035 deg. T. at 160 mph. Good explosions noted at 1851, 1855 hrs. and 1858 hrs. Target well on fire with black smoke rising to 10/12,000 ft. P.P.P. very good. A good effort. Hit by heavy flak in T/A. Nobody was injured and aircraft returned safely.	AS021
"	N.R. 147 "L"	F/O LaFreniere & Crew.		15.00	22.37	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 5/10 thin clouds tops 5,000 ft. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1854 hrs. 020 deg. T. 155 mph. Good fires and large explosions at 1857 hrs. A good concentration of T.I.'s. hit on time and made good shows. Target well hit. 1 cluster hung up and jettisoned safe at 5600N 0085E 2350 hrs 3000 ft.	AS022

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Night 2.1.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 M.Z. 964 "M"	F/O Sicotte & Crew.		14.51	22.33	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Haze. Target ident. by red & green T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1856 hrs. 025 deg. T. at 160 mph on green T.I.'s. placed in centre of all T.I.'s. Bombing was fairly accurate. Large red explosion seen at 1857 hrs. Markers looked accurate and were somewhat faded.	A3023
"	H.R. 271 "M"	F/O Desbiens & Crew.		15.05	22.43	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: thin thin cloud at 5,000 ft. Target ident by Gee and red & green T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1857 hrs. 020 deg. T. at 150 mph. Overshot green T.I. by 4 seconds (Only T.I. visible) Fires were seen scattered around marked area. Several large explosions seen in T.A. Marking was concentrated.	3/10 A3024
"	H.A. 160 "G"	F/L Franks & Crew.		15.08	22.38	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 4/10 stratus, at 5/6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1856 hrs. 010 deg. T. at 150 mph on near edge to centre of fires. Target well marked with ring of fires. One large explosion at 1858 hrs. A good attack.	A3025
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O Simard & Crew.		14.58	22.30	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: thin clouds tops 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed in concentration of green T.I.'s. from 18,400 ft. at 1854 hrs. 027 deg. T. 160 mph. Good explosions noted at 1851 and 1857 hrs. and some fires. Good effort. Could see factory buildings through fires. P.P.P. did a good job. A well concentrated effort.	7/10 A3026
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		14.59	22.20	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: thin cloud, tops 5/6,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1842 hrs. 032 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of all red T.I.'s. Most bombing was accurate although some bombing was underhitting the markers. Large fire in marked area. Big explosion, giving off much black smoke. noted at 1852 hrs. Target well marked and markers seemed to be accurately placed.	A3027
"	H.F. 399 "W"	F/O Brimcombe & Crew.		15.07	22.24	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 clouds, low haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1849 hrs. 010 deg. T. at 150 mph. Overshot centre of red T.I.'s. by 2 seconds. Target well marked. One large red explosion at 1853 hrs. Concentration of fires suggested accurate bombing.	A3028
"	H.R. 273 "X"	F/O Barrier & Crew.		15.01	22.28	TARGET: Ludwigshaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: low haze and smoke. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1850 hrs. 027 deg. T. at 155 mph in centre of red T.I.'s. which cascaded on time. Target well marked. Large ring of fire suggested accurate bombing. One large yellow explosion at 1857 hrs. Should be an excellent attack.	A3029

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				UP	DOWN				
Night 2.1.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 M.Z. 714 "H"	F/L Belanger & Crew		15.06	22.19	TARGET: Ludwighaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 2 to 4/10ths low thin cloud, at 8,000 ft. Target ident. visually and by red and green T's. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1848 hrs. 010 deg. T. at 155 mph on North side of all red T's. Bombing was accurate and concentrated around the marked area. One large red explosion, rising up to 23,000 ft. was seen at about 18.50 hrs. Marking was concentrated, but seemed to be slightly north of the T's.	A5030		
"	LaW. 334 "H"	F/O Poirier & Crew		14.55	22.42	TARGET: Ludwighaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 3 to 4/10ths thin cloud tops 23,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by river bends also red and green T's. Bombed from 18,500 feet at 1851 hrs. 026 deg. T. at 155 mph on red T's. Many good fires and explosions were seen. One particularly large explosion at 1854 hrs. at south end of T/A. Reflection of fire could be seen for 70 miles. Marking was quite good particularly the red T's.	A5031		
"	M.Z. 495 "H"	F/O Baillie & Crew		14.56	21.26	TARGET: Ludwighaven. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: hazy and smoky. Target ident. by red T's. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1850 hrs. 350 deg. T. at 160 mph on red T's. Fires burning. Concentrated bombing. No explosions with yellow orange flame seen. E. of red T's. approx 1849 hrs. Glow seen from 25 miles. Markers plentiful and on time. A good trip. Landed at Wood bridge.	A5032		
Night 5.1.45	Halifax 111 M.Z. 714 "H"	F/O Chabot & Crew		18.52	22.22	TARGET: Hanover. Bomb load: 2x500 AMM.64 2x500 CPED, 6x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 12,000 ft. Target ident. by flares with red and green stars. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1826 hrs. 168 deg. T. at 155 mph on flares. Much bombing going on. Some glow on cloud, observation impossible. Flares on time, and numerous. Good trip.	A5033		
"	M.Z. 860 "H"	Sgt. Cauchy & Crew		16.23	-	TARGET: Hanover. Bomb load: 6x500 AMM.64 2x500 CPED, and 8x500 MCTD. This aircraft did not return and is considered missing. The crew was as follows:	A5034		
				R177007	Sgt. Cauchy J.T.R.	Pilot	5	20	34.25
				J22202	F/O L'esperance J.F. May		11	44	00.10
				R194178	F/S Cantin R.E.	W/AG	4	16	28.15
				R117246	W/O Fche J.A.F.	A/S	16	63	97.25
				R04187	F/S Gote J.A.	R/AG	4	16	28.15
				R219104	F/S Lempere J.Y.	W/AG	4	16	28.15
				R194376	Sgt. Mullner E.J.	F/S	4	16	28.15
"	M.Z. 251 "H"	F/O McHale & Crew		16.22	22.04	TARGET: Hanover. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 8x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by red flares and green stars and AFI homing. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1927 hrs. 137 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of sky marking. Sky markers well bunched but sparse. One red explosion seen at 1928 hrs. A/U concentration on correct heading over target would indicate fairly accurate bombing. Some evidence of fighters. No W/B heard.	A5035		

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Night 5.1.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 P.N. 172 "G"	F/O Martel & Crew.		16.26	22.10	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 6x500 ANM.64 10x500 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths cumulus tops 5,000 ft. Target ident. by flares, G. T.I.'s and sky-markers. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1927 hrs. 137 deg. T. at 160 mph in centre of sky-markers. No result seen, except three explosions. P.F.F. on time. W/R heard only.	A3035
"	N.R. 178 "J"	F/O Seguin & Crew.		16.24	-	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 10x500 ANM.64 and 6x500 GFD. This aircraft is missing. Crew was as follows:-	A3037
						J56431 T/F/O Seguin J.W.A. Pilot 18 71 110.20 J55008 T/F/O Bilodeau J.A.M. Wg. 18 64 100.20 J90072 T/F/O Lapierre J.H.A. W/AG 17 66 106.10 E180333 F/S Gauthier J.A.S. W/S 18 64 99.10 E219026 F/S Simonin D.G. R/AG 21 85 126.55 E207166 F/S Huet J.A.S. W/AG 19 76 106.40 RAF162707 Sgt. Noonan, C. B. F/E 15 60 93.45	
"	N.R. 147 "L"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		16.20	22.19	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 4x500 ANM.64, 12x500 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares. Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1928 hrs. 137 deg. T. at 160 mph on glow on clouds as instructed by W/B. Large glow in clouds, appeared to be good fires. PFF on time at 1914 hrs. with T.I.'s. Then kept target marked with flares.	A3038
"	P.N. 175 "G"	F/O Ririer & Crew.		16.33	22.13	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM.64 and 6x500 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. at 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sky-marking. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1928 hrs. 137 deg. T. at 165 mph in centre of sky-marking. W/R not heard. Sky-marking sparse. Bombing concentrated on glow. Geo was jammed. There was evidence of fighters. 2x500 GFD hung up over target. Jetvisioned safe at 2220H 0337E, 2048 hrs. 15,000 ft.	A3039
"	N.A. 180 "G"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		16.32	22.39	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM.64 and 6x500 GFD. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. at 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sky-marking. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1929 hrs. 137 deg. T. at 165 mph in centre of sky-marking, which was sparse. Made an orbit to starboard to waste time at 19,500 ft. W/R not heard. Red glow seen through clouds at target area. Bombing appeared accurate. Glow seen from 100 mi. W. No navigation aids from approx. 40 miles W. of target from target to Dutch Coasts. Used D.R. There was evidence of fighters.	A3040
"	M.Z. 488 "P"	F/O St. Laurent & Cde.		16.39	22.17	TARGET: Hannover. Bomb load: 7x500 ANM.64, 12x500 GFD and 6x500 MFD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares and green stars. Bombed from some from 18,000 ft. at 1928 hrs. 136 deg. T. at 160 mph. Looked like scattered bombing, could only see glow on clouds. P.F.F. markers went out at 1928 hrs. Scattered effort flares were all over the city.	A3041

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14.1.45 (CONT'D)	Balifex III. M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O. Simard & crew		1621	2221	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 7x500 ANM.64 and 9x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares and green stars and AFI homing. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 1927 hrs. 137 deg.T. at 160 mph in centre of sky-marking. Red glow seen through cloud. Bomb flashes indicated concentrated bombing. Fighter flares seen in quantities. Good concentration of aircraft over target.	A.3042																																																								
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/O. Beillie & crew		1631	2212	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM.64 and 8x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 5,000 ft. Target ident. by red flares and green stars. Bombed from 16,500 ft. at 1927 hours, 137 deg.T. at 156 mph on flares and stars. Some glow on cloud, observation difficult. Flares would burn out before next batch fired. Many fighter flares in evidence. Aircraft was hit by flak in 7/A, which was noticed through fuel leak.	A.3043																																																								
"	N.P. 999 "W"	F/O. Brimcombe & crew		1650	-	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 7x500 ANM.64 and 8x500 GP TD. This aircraft is missing. The crew was as follows:	A.3044																																																								
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"	M.R. 273 "X"	F/O. Ferrier & crew		1626	2211	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 10x500 ANM.64 and 6x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths thin clouds tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed from 16,500 feet at 1930 hrs. 137 deg.T. at 165 mph on flares and stars. Glow and explosions seen through clouds. Slightly NW of target, one to three miles, what appeared to be fires somewhat like incendiaries, was seen. Large explosion, glow of which was seen in sky at 1930 hrs. Fighter flares prominent. Marking was on time. A good trip.	A.3045																																																								
"	M.Z. 620 "I"	F/L. Siootte & crew		1654	2216	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 2x1 8x500 ANM.64, 8x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed from same from 17,000 ft. at 1926 hrs. 137 deg.T. at 160 mph. Good explosions at 1930 hrs. Looked to be very good fires. Cloud was glow well after leaving target. F.F.F. well on the job. Looked like a good effort.	A.3046																																																								
"	M.A. 518 "I"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1627	2228	Target: Hannover. Bomb load: 10x500 ANM.64, 4x500 GP TD and 2x500 GP TD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Target identified by red and green flares. Bombed centre of area from 19,000 ft. at 1923 hrs. 137 deg.T. 160 mph. No definite results of bombing seen. Some explosions noted in 7/A after we bombed. W/B heard clearly. Target well marked. 8x500 ANM.64 hung up and detonated 3 minutes after bombing in 7/A (11v).	A.3047																																																								

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Night. 6.1.45.	Halifax III. P.N. 175 "Q"	F/L. McKimmon & crew		1651	2255	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HU, 12 Clusters C.P.14, 06/10. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, low. at 5/7,000 ft. Target ident. by red T.I's and red flares with green stars. Bombed from 19,500 ft. at 1908 hrs, 158 deg.T. at 155 mph on position where sky markers had just disappeared. No definite result of bombing seen due to clouds. Target was not well marked by P.F.F.	A.3048
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/L. Sicotte & crew		1612	2241	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identity by sky markers and G.S. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1910 hrs, 158 deg.T., 155 mph. In centre of sky markers, target well marked. Red glow seen through cloud. No results observed.	A.3049
"	N.Z. 627 "C"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1512	2241	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red flares with green stars. Bombed same from 19,000 ft. at 1909 hrs, 158 deg.T. at 155 mph. Lot of glow on clouds could be seen for 75 miles. P.F.F. - T.I's on time, flares late. Did not have enough flares on target.	A.3050
"	N.S. 231 "E"	F/O. MacHale & crew		1525	2250	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with green stars, and A.P.F. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1908 hours, 140 deg.T. at 155 mph on red flares and glow on clouds. Appeared to be very good glow in cloud. Good concentration of aircraft on target. P.F. on time but not enough markers.	A.3051
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew		1544	2255	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, at 5,000 ft. Target ident. by red flares with green stars. Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 1908 hrs, 158 deg.T., 150 mph. Bombed the only sky markers visible. Cloud obscured the A/P but a bright glow could be seen. Red explosion, lasting for about 30 seconds, seen at 1908 hours. Not many markers were seen.	A.3052
"	L.W. 477 "H"	F/O. Desbiens & crew		1550	2249	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 8,000 ft. Target ident. by G.S. and sky markers. Bombed centre of sky markers from 20,000 ft. at 1910 hrs, 158 deg.T. at 155 mph. Cloud obscured 3/4 but glow could be seen. Route adhered to, except for cutting directly from "C" to "H". Marking seems accurate.	A.3053
"	N.A. 518 "I"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1608	2258	Target: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths stratus, tops at 8,000 ft. Target ident. by sky markers and G.S. Bombed centre of sky markers from 20,000 ft. at 1910 hours, 140 deg.T., 150 mph. Sky markers scarce. Red glow seen through cloud. No results observed. A good concentration of aircraft over target.	A.3054

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Night 6.1.45 Cont'd	Bolifax 111 N.R. 147 "L"	F/O LaFreniere & Crew.		15.11	16.31	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". This aircraft re- turned early due to hydraulic failure, unable to retract wheels, flaps and bomb doors. Bomb load was jettisoned at 5400H CLOCK. 1548 hours, 8,000 ft. to lighten load.	A3055
"	M.Z. 954 "M"	F/O Poirier & Crew.		15.15	22.47	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 5/6,000 ft. Vis. very good. Target identified by red flares. Bombed same from 19,000 feet at 19.10 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 155 mph on glow in cloud. Red flares had just gone out. Looked like good strike. Con- centrated glow in cloud. FFF did not have enough flares. Good concentration of aircraft over target.	A3056
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/L Franks & Crew.		15.19	22.48	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with green stars and Ges. Bombed on flares from 18,000 ft. at 1909 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 155 mph. Much bombing going on. Red glow on cloud and some smoke coming through cloud. Flares few. Stream concentrated.	A3057
"	M.Z. 466 "P"	F/O St-Laurent & Crew.		15.24	22.54	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sky-markers and Ges. Bombed centre of sky-markers from 18,500 ft. at 1908 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 160 mph. Two sky-markers seen. Red glow seen through cloud. No results observed. Good concen- tration of stream over target. Some evidence of fighters.	A3058
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/L Archambault & Crew.		15.24	22.54	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with green stars. Bombed same from 20,000 ft. at 1908 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 155 mph. Good bright glow on cloud to be seen for 50 miles. FFF did not keep target well marked.	A3059
"	M.L. 620 "S"	F/L Hemphill & Crew.		15.21	21.47	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sky-markers. Bombed centre of same (slight overshoot) from 19,500 ft. at 1905 hrs. 144 deg. T. at 155 mph. Terrific white glow seen through cloud. Some difficulty opening bomb doors necessitating slight overshoot. Considerable technical trouble spoilt an otherwise good trip. Landed at Tangmere.	A3060
"	N.R. 273 "X"	F/O Ferrier & Crew.		15.35	22.29	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with green stars. Bombed same from 19,000 ft. at 1909 hours. 137 deg. T. at 160 mph. Appeared to be scattered fires by glow on cloud. FFF on the but did not keep well marked. Good concentration of aircraft.	A3061
"	M.Z. 714 "Y"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		15.33	22.50	TARGET: Hanau. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 8/10,000 ft. Vis. poor. Target ident. by sky-markers. Bombed slightly to port of sky-markers from 19,700 ft. at 1911 hrs. 138 deg. T. at 160 mph. Red glow seen through cloud. Sky-markers scarce. No results observed. Raid appeared scattered.	A3062

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Night 13.1.45	Halifax 111 N.A. 527 "A"	F/O Mark & Crew.		15.05	22.35	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: 6x500 AMM464 and 8x250 GPTD. Weather: Clear. Target ident by red T.I.'s and visually. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 1920 hrs. 090 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind setting 100/36 Ind. Bombed centre of all red T.I.'s. Bombing fairly concentrated on marked area. Markers were accurately placed on the A/P and very concentrated.	A3063
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		15.07	22.44	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. "Geo" and "W/Yards". Bombed red T.I.'s. from 19,000 ft. at 1919 hours. 098 deg. T. at 160 mph, wind setting 110/26 Ind. A good effort. Well concentrated. P.F.F. very good. Well placed and kept target well marked.	A3064
"	M.Z. 627 "C"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		15.01 15.02	22.23 22.24	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and visually. Bombed centre of all T.I.'s. from 18,000 ft. 1919 hrs. 100 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind setting 100/38 Ind. Bombing was very concentrated. P.F.F. were 2 minute late. Markers were accurate and A/P well marked.	A3065
"	M.Z. 419 "B"	F/O Foflor & Crew.		15.59	22.17	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: clear. Vis. Not good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by river. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s. from 18,000 ft. at 1918 hours. 096 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind setting 121/35. Ind. Target very well marked. Bombing appeared accurate. Conditions ideal. A good raid.	A3066
"	N.R. 231 "B"	F/O Lafraniere & Crew.		15.58	22.26	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: clear. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of red T.I.'s. from 17,500 ft. at 1918 hrs. 101 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind setting: 132/39 Ind. Bombing was to starboard of main concentration of T.I.'s. Large fire seen in N/A. P.F.F. were good. Markers accurate and concentrated.	A3067
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O Martel & Crew.		15.04	22.21	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: 7x500 GPTD, 1x500 MCTD and 8x200 GP TI. Weather: 1/10ths cumulus. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of T.I.'s. from 17,500 ft. at 1920 hrs. 098 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind setting: 100/35 Ind. Large red glow seen. Several explosions. Good strike. Marking exceptionally good. Bombing concentrated.	A3068
"	L.N. 477 "B"	F/L Bouchard & Crew.		15.05	22.20	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of red T.I.'s. and W/Yards (visually) from 17,000 ft. at 1920 hrs. 098 deg. T. at 165 mph. Wind setting: 104/31 Ind. Good concentrated effort. Good strikes. P.F.F. 12 minute late but kept target well marked. Good effort.	A3069
"	N.A. 137 "K"	S/L Chapman & Crew.		14.57	22.55	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by river. Bombed centre of fire from 17,000 ft. at 1925 hrs. 104 deg. T. 160 mph. Wind setting: 128/31 Ind. Small fires seen and as T.I.'s were burnt out, they were obscured. One explosion one minute after bombing. Conditions good. Orbit to starboard due to failure to put M/S's switch on during first run. Had camera trouble.	A3070

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Night 13.1.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 H.R. 273 "A"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		15.12	22.33	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and visually. Bombed concentration of red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1919 hrs., 095 deg. T. at 165 mph. Wind Setting: 109/23 Ind. Ground detail clear. Could see railway and built up area. Considerable bomb bursts and explosions. Good concentration and good effort.	A5071
"	M.Z. 964 "B"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		15.09	22.51	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 1918 hrs., 097 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind Setting: 100/40 Ind. Considerable explosions and smoke seen. Marking good and on time. Bombing concentrated.	A5072
"	H.R. 271 "H"	F/O Desbiens & Crew.		15.01	22.40	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Target ident. by G. and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1924 hrs., 095 deg. T. at 165 mph. Wind Setting: 098/28 Ind. Target well marked. Several small explosions noted, on run up. Bombing concentrated. Omitted to starboard, slightly off track. 2 x 250 GP TI hung up over target. Jeopardised at 5012N 0016E at 2047 hours from 5,000 feet.	A5073
"	H.A. 180 "O"	F/L Franks & Crew.		14.56	22.16	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by G. & R. T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of G. & R. T.I.'s from 17,500 ft. at 1919 hours, 100 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind Setting: 110/30 Ind. Looked like good concentrated effort. EFF. very good. Target well marked throughout the attack.	A5074
"	H.A. 166 "P"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		15.00	22.28	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by "ivars". Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 1915 hrs., 095 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind Setting: 097/37 Ind. Target well marked. Bombing concentrated. No fired or explosion seen. Conditions ideal. Two fighters seen.	A5075
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/L Elliott & Crew.		15.02	22.37	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Slight ground haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 1920 hrs., 101 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind setting 105/40 Ind. Bombing concentrated in marked area. Markers accurately placed.	A5076
"	H.E. 259 "Y"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		14.55	22.39	TARGET: Saarbrucken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Vis. good, slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and sky-marking. Bombed centre of largest group of red T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 1919 hrs., 115 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind Setting: 108/23 Ind. Target well marked with T.I.'s. Some sky-marking seen. Bombing seemed well concentrated. One medium explosion observed at 1918 hours. Conditions ideal. Should be a good attack.	A5077

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Night 19.1.45 UGRT'd	Halifax III M.Z. 425 "U"	F/L Hemphill & Crew.		15.06	22.16	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of all T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 1920 hrs., 066 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 066/38 Ind. We arrived over the T.I. AREA IN THE attack but the few bomb bursts seen were accurate. R.F.F. very accurate. Target well marked.	A3078
"	M.Z. 620 "T"	F/L Archambault & Crew.		15.17	22.32	TARGET: Saarbrücken. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and W/S. Bombed red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 1919 hrs., 064 deg. T. at 165 mph. Wind setting: 125/32 Ind. Looked like a good concentrated effort. R.F.F. very good.	A3079
Night 19.1.45	Halifax III M.Z. 527 "A"	F/O Mark & Crew.		15.52	22.58	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 7x500 GPTD, 1x500 MTD and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear. Slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and railway tracks. Bombed red T.I.'s from 18,600 ft. at 1935 hrs., 060 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 065/34 Ind. R.F.F. very good. Could see tracks. Looked like a good bombing. 2x250 GPTI hung up over target. Jettisoned safe at 2212H 0315. 2055 hrs., 10,000 ft.	A3080
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		15.44	22.58	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD, 1x500 MTD, 4x250 MTD (M/W/11) and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Ground haze. R.F.F. very good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1936 hrs., 062 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 074/34 Ind. T.I.'s were placed in a line but 40 degrees to our track. Most bombing seemed to be on the centre of the markers, but some overshooting was seen.	A3081
"	M.Z. 527 "C"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		15.53	22.40	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD, 1x500 MTD and 6x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R. & G. T.I.'s and by B.R. tracks. Bombed red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 1937 hrs., 045 deg. T. at 155 mph. R.F.F. one minute early. Target well marked. Concentrated in tracks. Bombing looked good. Route and tactics O.K. Fighter T.I.'s in channel on way home.	A3082
"	N.R. 251 "B"	F/O Poitier & Crew.		15.47	22.37	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD, 6x250 GPTI. Weather: clear, of cloud, hazy. Target ident. by R. & G. T.I.'s and G.S. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 1935 hours, 070 deg. T. at 155 mph W/S: 060/45 Ind. T.I.'s cascaded by E-6. Target well marked. Bombing seemed accurate, many bomb flashes on T.I.'s. 2 minor explosions observed at 1939 hrs. Tactics good. Some evidence of fighters.	A3083
"	P.N. 173 "G"	F/O Martel & Crew.		15.47	22.51	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 6x500 GPTD, 6x250 GPTI. Weather: considerable haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and ground details. Bombed red T.I.'s from 17,800 ft. at 1937 hrs., 048 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 065/42 Ind. Red T.I.'s went down on time but mark had burned out. Line of bombing. Green T.I.'s also fairly well concentrated. Bombs were bursting around markers. No large explosion or fire noted. Tactics and route very satisfactory.	A3084

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14.1.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 L.W. 477 "H"	F/L Bouchard & Crew		15.45	22.47	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD, 2x500 MCTD and 8x250 GPTI. Weather: some haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually. Bombed red T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 1939 hrs. 087 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 065/40 Ind. First red T.I. was seen to go down at 1934 hrs. Followed by several more. Haze was well marked. Bombed by green T.I.'s all of which were fairly well concentrated. Bombing well placed. Good concentration of bombs. Some fighter flares seen after leaving target. 2x250 GPTI hung up and brought back.	A3085
"	N.R. 147 "I"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew		15.42	22.49	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD, 3x500 MCTD and 8x250 GPTI. Weather: clear, slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 17,500 ft., at 1939 hrs. 060 deg. T. at 165 mph. W/S: 065/36 Ind. T.I.'s slightly early. Target well marked. Bomb flashes seen in T.I.'s suggested accurate bombing. 1x500 TPTD hung up over target was brought back.	A3086
"	M.Z. 954 "M"	F/O Corbett & Crew		15.57	22.59	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD and 8x500 GPTI. Weather: clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s which were bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1941 hrs. 070 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 066/25 Ind. Red T.I.'s seen outstanding at 1932 hrs. and red glow observed 20 miles on route homeward.	A3087
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/O Desbriens & Crew		15.56	22.51	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD and 8x250 GPTI. Weather: clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1937 hrs. 069 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 065/20. Ind. F.F.F. very good. Marking concentrated, also bombing.	A3088
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/L Sicotte & Crew		15.59	22.50	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD and 8x250 GPTI. Weather: No cloud, some haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R. & G. T.I.'s. Bombed centre of all T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 1939 hrs. 061 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 060/38 Ind. Markers went down on time and were quite well concentrated. Bombing well around the T.I.'s. No other markings observed. Route and tactics satisfactory. Fighter flares were seen on approaching target and on route home.	A3089
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew		15.55	22.20	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPTD and 8x250 GPTI. Weather: Clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and woods. Bombed red T.I.'s (Centre) from 19,500 ft. at 1938 hrs. 052 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 060/48 Ind. F.F.F. on target concentrated. Route and tactics O.K. Fighter flares from target to Coast at all time to port and behind.	A3090

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Night 14.1.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 M.Z. 426 "U"	F/L Hemphill & Crew.		15.43	22.47	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPFI and 8x250 GPFI Weather: Clear. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of all T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 1939 hrs, 055 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S. 060/45 Ind. Markers were concentrated and bomb bursts seen were accurate.	A3091
"	M.F. 985 "V"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		16.00	22.33	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 7x500 GPFI, 1x500 MTD and 8x250 GPFI. Weather: hazy. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed in centre of red T.I.'s from 18,600 ft. at 1939 hrs, 052 deg. T. at 165 mph. W/S. 050/45 Ind. One cluster of green T.I. and one cluster of red T.I. placed in line with each other to the West. Only one stick of bomb seen to fall on the green T.I.; No other results visible. Smoke haze covered T.A. Inter-com. was W/S over England on outward route. Became serviceable over Channel. Two aircraft with Nav. lights on seen crossing the French coast on the outward route.	A3092
"	M.R. 275 "X"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		15.48	22.41	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 MTD, and 8x250 GPFI Weather: clear, slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by railroad. Bombed red T.I.'s (centre) from 19,000 ft. at 1939 hrs, 058 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S. 060/45 Ind. T.I. appeared to be very accurate and plentiful. Bombing well concentrated. Tactics good. Evidence of fighters.	A3093
"	M.R. 724 "Y"	F/L Archambault & Crew.		15.54	22.52	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 8x500 GPFI and 8x250 GPFI Weather: clear. Vis. fair Target ident. by red T.I.'s and R.A. tracks. Bombed red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 1939 hrs, 053 deg. T. at 155 mph. Looked like concentrated bombing. R.A. well marked. Tactics good.	A3094
"	M.R. 187 "X"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		15.46	22.35	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 7x500 GPFI, 1x500 MTD and 8x250 GPFI. Weather: clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 1939 hrs, 050 deg. T. at 160 mph, W/S. 064/35 Ind. T.I. red were seen cascading at 1931 hrs. and illuminated railways. Numerous bomb bursts on T.I. concentration. A good trip.	A3095
"	M.R. 180 "O"	F/L Branks & Crew.		15.58	22.44	TARGET: Grevenbroich. Bomb load: 4x500 GPFI, 4x500 MTD and 8x250 GPFI. Weather: Hazy. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of same from 17,500 ft. at 1940 hrs, 050 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S. 070/34 Ind. Markers were well placed on the A/R. Bombing seemed accurate. Concentrated fires were too early.	A3096
Night 16/17.1.45	Halifax 111 M.R. 252 "P"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		18.24	01.09	TARGET: Magdeburg. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, and 12 clusters No. 14 H.V. 1 06/10. Weather: clear. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 20,000 ft. at 2144 hrs, 118 deg. T. at 165 mph. W/S. 320/48 Ind. Target well marked and bombing appeared to be accurate. One explosion seen West of the A/R at 2144 hrs. (6 to 700 yards). Numerous fires were burning in T.A.	A3097

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Night. 16/17.1.45	Halifax III. M.S. 419 "B"	P/O. Peirier & crew		1818	0058	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear of cloud. Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and visually by river. Bombed in centre of salvers of red and green T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 2145 hrs, 150 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 325/51 trees. T.I.'s cascaded on time. Target well marked. Bombing seemed very accurate. Enemy aircraft in flames. Black smoke rising to 10,000 ft. One large vivid red explosion at 2144 hrs. Flares seen 70 miles on homeward route. W/R instructed to bomb centre of red and green T.I.'s. Results were good. There was evidence of fighters.	A.3098
"	P.N. 172 "G"	P/O. Martel & crew		1819	0106	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually. Bombed red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2145 hrs, 100 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 338/45 Ind. Illuminating flares seen at 2144 hours, followed by S & G T.I.'s. Three terrific explosions observed at 2145 hours and target area burning fiercely. Volumes of brown smoke up to 6,000 ft. Fire cover seen 60 miles homeward. Bombing concentrated. Very good trip. Numerous fighter flares in and out of target. One cluster hung up and jettisoned safe at 5250N 0758E, 2255 hrs, 14,000 ft.	A.3099
"	477 "H" L.N. 522	P/O. Chabot & crew		1820	0151	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by flares and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed red T.I.'s and green T.I.'s by 3 seconds as instructed by W/S from 18,000 ft. at 2146 hrs, 140 deg. T. at 160 mph. Appendix 8/45 P.P.P. One minute early. Target well marked. Good flares, which could be seen for miles. Did not like tactics. Fighter flares seen everywhere from coast in to coast out. Hit by heavy flak at 5250N 0920E, 2255 hrs, 19,000 ft. at 185 mph. Nobody was injured (at 2120 hours). Upon releasing the bombs, an enemy fighter was sighted. Evasive action was immediately taken and Rear Gunner opened fire, followed by Mid Upper gunner. Hits were seen on enemy aircraft which is claimed as probably destroyed.	A.3100
"	H.A. 518 "I"	P/O. Corbett & crew		1821	2124	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually. Bombed red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2146 hrs, 140 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 338/45 Ind. Illuminating flares seen at 2144 hours, followed by S & G T.I.'s. Three terrific explosions observed at 2145 hours and target area burning fiercely. Volumes of brown smoke up to 6,000 ft. Fire cover seen 60 miles homeward. Bombing concentrated. Very good trip. Numerous fighter flares in and out of target. One cluster hung up and jettisoned safe at 5250N 0758E, 2255 hrs, 14,000 ft.	A.3101
"	H.R. 137 "I"	P/O. Mark & crew		1816	0100	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by streets. Bombed red T.I.'s as instructed by W/S from 18,500 ft. at 2146 hrs, 115 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 300/45 Ind. P.P.P. good, but some scattered. Good flares and explosions. No hits O.K.	A.3102

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Night. 16/17.1.45. (CONT'D)	Bulifax III. N.R. 147 "I"	P/O. Laitiere & crew		1817	0058	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s and visually by built-up areas. Bombed concentration of red and green T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 2145 hrs, 115 deg.T. at 165 mph. W/S: 255/40 Ind. P.P.F. on wire and target well marked. Could see glow of fires for 150 miles. Did not like tactics.	A. 3108
"	N.A. 180 "O"	P/L. Franks & crew.		1829	0054	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by flares T.I.'s and built up area. Bombed concentration of R.A.G.T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2144 hours, 145 deg.T. at 160 mph. Whole T/A was a light. No large explosions were seen. Reflection of fires could be seen for 200 miles on return. FFF was good and on time. Tactics and route O.K. Camera operated normally although photo-flash was late. Fighter flares seen to coast on way home.	A. 3104
"	N.E. 950 "R"	P/O. Desbiers & crew		1826	0104	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear, Vis. good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and visually by city. Bombed greatest centre of red T.I.'s by 1/2 minute from 20,000 ft. at 2145 hrs, 120 deg.T. at 165 mph. W/S: 335/40 Ind. M/B instructed crew to bomb radar target very well marked. Plenty of fires. Several minor explosions. Bombing appeared to be very accurate. Tactics good. MARK EVIDENCE of fighters.	A. 3105
"	N.E. 454 "S"	P/L. MacKinnon & crew		1825	0105	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by flares, red and green T.I.'s and by ground details. Bombed on red T.I.'s seen through smoke, from 19,000 ft. at 2145 hrs, 112 deg.T. at 165 mph. W/S: 347/38 Ind. Good concentrated marking. Whole T/A was on fire. Reflection of fires seen for 150 miles on return. Did not like tactics on first part of trip due to cloud conditions. Route very good. Camera operated normally.	A. 3106
"	N.E. 435 "U"	P/L. Hemphill & crew		1822	0052	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear, Target ident. by red & green T.I.'s and sky markers. Bombed centre of red & green T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 2145 hrs, 125 deg.T. at 165 mph. W/S: 308/35 Ind. Markers were fairly well concentrated. T/A was enveloped in one large fire. One went W/S about 0400E. Distributor was W/S. 125,000 lb hung up over target and was brought back.	A. 3107
"	N.P. 859 "V"	P/O. Baillie & crew		1850	0114	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by flares and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed red T.I.'s from 19,400 ft. at 2149 hrs, 172 deg.T. at 165 mph. FFF well on. Very good effort. Good explosions at 2148 and 2150 hrs. Large fires could be seen for 150 miles. Tactics not so good.	A. 3108

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Night. 16/17.1.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 275 "X"	F/L. Laporte & crew		1825	0115	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear, flight haze. Target ident. by red & green T.I's and visually by river. Bombed centre of red T.I's from 20,000 ft. at 2144 hours, 100 deg.T. at 155 mph. W/B not heard. Target well marked. Built up area in flames. Plenty of fires. Bombing accurate. Three large explosions at 2142 hrs. Fires seen for 100 miles. On run in to target, firing switch failed to function. Orbits to Port. Bombs dropped on second attempt. Tactics were good. There was evidence of fighters.	A.5109
"	N.L. 620 "F"	F/L. Archambault & crew		1827 1832	0127	Target: Magdeburg. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear. Target ident. by red T.I's. Bombed centre of red T.I's from 17,000 ft. at 2158 hrs. 145 deg.T. at 155 mph. Only red T.I's visible. There was one large fire covering the target area, with slight scattered incendiaries around the outskirts of the town. Route out of target was good.	A.5110
Night. 28/29.1.45	Halifax III. N.R. 137 "K"	S/L. Chapman & crew		1938	0227	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: 1x2,000 H.C. and 9 50lb. bombs. C.P. 15 - C6/10. Weather 10/10ths cumulus, tops 14,000 ft. Vis. very good. Target ident. by sky markers. Bombed on smoke of sky markers, which had gone out at time of bombing, from 18,000 feet at 2133 hours. 172 deg.T. at 160 mph. Wind setting: nil. F.F.F. late and first indication was one sky marker which burst at about 17,500 ft. and at 11.2 g min. Backers up burst about 1,000 feet higher. No ground markers were seen. There appeared to be a red glow on ground after bombing. Reflection seen for 100 miles. Concentration of markers was better as raid progressed. Camera operated normally. Many aircraft seen in 7/A with Nav. lights on. Three fighter flares seen on 1st and 2nd legs out of target. Landed at Molsmuth.	A.5111
"	N.R. 252 "F"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1945	0257	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops about 10,000 ft. Vis. v. very bad. Target identified by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed red flares with yellow stars. Slight overloading of red flares because of winds. Bombed from 29,500 ft. at 2336 hours. 178 deg.T. at 155 mph. Wind setting: nil. F.F.F. late and scattered. No other assessment of raid. Run to excellent. Winds as briefed were out. Pilot flying straight and level at the time camera operated. Landed at Molsmuth.	A.5112
"	N.L. 205 "D"	F/O. Mark & crew		1940	0201	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clear, tops 10,000 ft. Horizontal vis. was good. Target ident. by sky markers. Bombed same from 19,000 feet at 2336 hours. 177 deg.T. at 155 mph. Wind setting: nil. F.F.F. late. Red over target but greens were out in direction of Stuttgart. No other assessment due to clouds. Route and tactics very good. Bomb aimer does not think camera operated but pilot was flying straight and level. Landed at Molsmuth.	A.5113

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Night. 28/29.1.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.Z. 627 "C"	F/O. Bellinger & crew		1943	0308	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths A. 3114 stratus at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green flares. Bombed centre of red flares from 19,500 ft. at 2335 hours. Sp. 177 deg. T. at 155 mph. Wind Setting: nil. Sky marking late, and sparse, bursting too high. Bombing appeared to be scattered. Tactics good. Aircraft was in normal flight as camera operated. Navigation lights seen burning in stream, some depth into Germany. Landed Halesworth.	A.3114
"	N.Z. 419 "F"	F/O. Lewis & crew.		1942	0231	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load same as "K". Weather: Visibility A. 3115 unlimited. No cloud but ground haze and smoke. Target ident. by Wengand flares. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 2340 hours. 179 deg. T. at 160 mph. Ran up on green flares but they burned out just as the B/A released the bombs. P.P.P. very scattered due to high wind. Glow of fires seen through haze but could not assess attack. We were on time at last concentration point but found out that we did not have enough petrol to increase speed to 185 mph. Therefore was late at target. Route and tactics good. Aircraft was flying straight and level at time camera operated. Landed Halesworth.	A.3115
"	N.R. 231 "F"	F/O. Macfale & crew		1941	0225	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 6/10ths A. 3116 cloud, good deal of haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by Wengand flares. Bombed centre of concentration of flares. Flying down wind, from 19,000 feet at 2333 hrs, 177 deg. T. at 155 mph, Wind setting: Zero. P.P.P. 3 minutes late and some bursting at 20,000 ft. Very scattered. Only one red flare, dripping yellow, but burned out at beginning of attack. Hazed on Geo right in to target. Route and tactics very good but winds too far out. Aircraft straight and level at time of bombing. Hit by heavy flak in T/A at 19,000 ft., 2332 hrs, 155 mph, causing hole in perspex in nose and also bomb doors. Landed Halesworth.	A.3116
"	E.N. 172 "C"	F/O. Martel & crew.		1948	0223	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths A. 3117 stratus, tops at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by green and red Wengand flares. Bombed centre of reds from 18,000 ft. at 2334 hrs, 176 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind Setting: Zero. Sky marking 3 minutes late. Too high and sparse. Bombing appeared scattered. Large explosion observed at 2333 hrs. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight when camera operated. Landed Halesworth.	A.3117
"	L.W. 477 "H"	F/L. Sicotte & crew		1947	0246	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: No cloud. A. 3118 very thick ground haze, Vis. about 500 yards. Target ident. by red sky markers. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 2339 hours, 176 deg. T. at 160 mph. Wind setting: Zero. P.P.P. 6 minutes late but in clusters. Glow of explosions on the ground stream could be seen on cloud but no other assessments made. Pilot flicked route and tactics. Note out on wind. Flying straight and level at time of taking photo. Landed Halesworth.	A.3118
"	M.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Lefreniere & crew		1944	0217	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 5/10ths A. 3119 clouds, tops 10,000 ft. also ground haze. Target ident. by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed centre of all sky markers from 18,500 ft. at 2335 hrs, 177 deg. T. at 160 mph. Zero Wind Setting. Sky marking very scattered. Bombing generally scattered over the entire T/A. Hazed. Flares could be seen through cloud and haze 877 3/4 min. late. Camera operated normally. Went off track from 4913N 0744E to 4903N 0809E. Landed Halesworth.	A.3119

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Night. 28/29.1.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III N.R. 271 "N"	R/L. Lescaze & crew		1935	0245	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 8/10ths A.3120 cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Downward vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed slightly to right of centre of all sky-marking from 19,500 ft. at 2333 hrs 177 deg.T., 160 mph. Zero wind setting. FFF 3 minutes late and marking scattered. One red explosion seen at 2333 hrs. Much smoke billowed from this explosion. No other results seen. Camera operated normally. Ground marking could have been used to good advantage. One cluster hung up over target, jettisoned safe at 0125 hrs., 12,000 ft., FOIN 00305. H-2-S. was WDMU/S. Landed at Maleswerth.	A.3120
"	N.A. 180 "O"	R/L. Franks & crew		1937	0250	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths A.3121 stratus tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed centre of sky-marking, on correct heading at 2333 hrs., from 18,500 ft., 177 deg.S. at 160 mph. Wind setting: nil. Several red flares dripping yellow stars and green flares with red stars. Bomb aimer bombed markers appearing on correct heading. 2 explosions noted, one at 2332 hrs and the other at 2336 hrs. Small fires observed. No ground marking seen. While camera turned over, Captain discovered aircraft 3 deg off course to port, so made alterations. Landed Maleswerth.	A.3121
"	N.Z. 45 "Q"	R/L. MacKinnon & crew		1949	0219	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths A.3122 cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis very bad. Target ident. by green flares with red stars. Bombed same from 18,500 ft. at 2332 hours, 175 deg.T. at 157 mph. Zero wind setting. FFF 3 1/2 min late. Widely scattered. Nothing could be seen of attack. Route and tactics very good. When camera operated, s/c made slight turn to starboard. Landed Maleswerth.	A.3122
"	N.Z. 425 "P"	R/O. Evans & crew		1952	0226	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 8/10ths A.3123 cloud, tops 8/10,000 ft. Target ident. by red and green flares. Bombed centre of West cluster of P & S. Flares from 20,000 ft. at 2332 hrs, 175 deg.T. at 155 mph, zero wind setting. Only two groups of green and red sky-marking visible in a line S.E. approx 100 yards apart. Only saw a few bombs falling and some these were concentrated. Went off track from 1910.07258 to 1850.0910W to gain time. Not certain whether or not camera worked normally. Several s/c seen banking at considerable angle to the heading of the stream. Landed Maleswerth.	A.3123
"	N.P. 939 "V"	R/O. Anderson & crew		1956	0307	Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths A.3124 cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Wagonau flares. Bombed green flares with red stars from 20,000 ft. at 2336 hrs., 170 deg.T. at 150 mph. Zero wind setting. Started run on red flares which burned out, so bombed on greens. F.F. F. very poor and scattered due to wind. Glow on cloud of fire burning, but could not assess. Route and tactics good, A/C flying straight and level at time of camera operating. Landed at Maleswerth.	A.3124

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Night. 28/29.1.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III N.R. 273 "X"	P/O. Perrier & crew		1953	0252	<p>Target: Stuttgart. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10 this thin cloud tops 7/8,000 ft. This aircraft is "Abortive. Over Enemy Territory". Gee was U/S from Northampton. Proceeded on D.R. from over England. Thought we were on track until mid-upper saw flares burning behind us at about 2350 hrs. Presumed that ESR flares burning thought to be Karlsruhe was actually Strasbourg, putting us further south than we thought we were. The broadcast ESR wind was incorrect and coincided with the winds we found, which led us to believe we were on track until the activity at target was seen to the North. Did not bomb as the markers were out, according to briefing instructions. Proceeded on D.R. from over England. Struck ESR flares at 2850 0750Z. Proceeded to position approx 451N 084E then to target. Returned on track. Bomb load was jettisoned safely at 521N 0032E, 0132 hrs, 12,000 ft. Landed Moleworth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>H. C. Ledoux.</i> (H. C. Ledoux) Wing Commander, Commanding, 425 (R.C.A.F.P.) Squadron.</p>	A.3125
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