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APPENDIX ..... R.A.F. FORM 541.

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1.2.45	Halifax 111 N.Z. 419 "B"	P/O Lareau & Crew.		18.11	22.47	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: 122000 LB., and 12 clusters CP 14, CG/10. Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 16/18,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars. Bombed centre of all sky-marking from 18,500 ft. at 1954 hrs, 060 deg. T., at 160 mph. W/S: zero. Sky marking was scattered. No definite results of bombing could be seen through the clouds. But several large explosions occurred in the T/A. FFF were one minute late. Camera light did not operate.	SECRET A.3126
"	N.R. 147 "J"	P/O Desbians & Crew.		15.50	22.57	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee, red flares and green stars, and red T.I.'s. Bombed from 20,000 ft. at 1951 hrs, 065 deg. T., at 155 mph. Zero wind setting. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s which were on time and seen through thin cloud. Bombing scattered but numerous fires observed on leaving target. Tactics O.K. Good concentration of A/G over target. Aircraft in normal flight when camera operated. There was evidence of fighters.	SECRET A.3127
"	N.R. 252 "B"	P/L Laporte & Crew.		15.59	23.05	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 7,000 ft. Target ident by red T.I.'s Bombed centre of same from 20,000 ft. at 1952 hrs, 080 deg. at 160 mph., Zero W/S. Marking scattered over a large area. Only T.I.'s seen, with exception of one red flare with green stars. The bombing seemed fairly well concentrated while we were over the target, but only a few bomb bursts could be seen.	SECRET A.3128
"	N.A. 518 "I"	P/O Baillie & Crew.		15.45	22.05	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths thin cloud at 7/8,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target ident by red flares with green stars. Bombed from 19,000 ft. at 1956 hrs, 060 deg. T., at 160 mph. Zero W/S. Bombed on flares. FFF on time. Flares scattered but area marked throughout. Back-fires over large area. Went through snow shower over England on way out. A/G straight and level when camera working. Cloud over base was higher than as briefed, also all over England. Landed at Woodbridge.	SECRET A.3129
"	L.W. 477 "H"	P/O Chabot & Crew.		16.01	18.05	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". This aircraft returned early due to hydraulics U/S. could not retract wheels and flaps. Bomb load jettisoned safe at 5410H 0130H 1647 hrs, 6,000 feet.	SECRET A.3130
"	M.E. 354 "H"	P/O Corbett & Crew.		16.00	22.19	TARGET: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 9/10ths clouds tops at 6,000, Vis good. Target ident. by Gee and flares and green stars. Bombed centre of concentration of fires from 16,000 ft. at 1955 hrs, 045 deg. T., at 160 mph. Wind Setting: 285/00T. Sky-markers plentiful but apparently being shot out by flak. Red T.I.'s seen ascending but disappearing in the cloud. Fires numerous slightly scattered, could be seen for 40 miles. Tactics good. A/G in normal flight as camera operated. There was evidence of fighters. Port Outer engine went U/S on crossing French Coast. Unable to follow briefed heading. 5th inner over-heated and have trouble on homeward leg, necessitating an emergency landing at Munton.	SECRET A.3131

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Night 1.2.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.Z. 454 "G"	F/O St. Laurent & Crew.		15.48	23.05	TARGET: Mains. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 9/10ths Strato-cumulus tops, at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red Tl's. Bombed single red Tl from 18,000 ft. at 1921 hrs, 057 deg. T., at 180 mph. Zero W/S. Red Tl's were disappearing through cloud, one seen to cascade at 1929 hrs, and glow observed through clouds. Flares and bomb bursts seen through small break in cloud, on first leg.	AS0000 A.3132
"	N.Z. 425 "U"	F/L Franks & Crew.		15.49	22.48	TARGET: Mains. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 10/10ths Stratus tops at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red flares with green stars and V y GEE. Bombed centre of cluster of flares from 18,000 ft. at 1934 hrs. 060 deg. T. at 160 mph. Zero wind setting. Sighting 2 minutes late. Two flares only were seen. Numerous flares and 2 explosions seen through break in clouds on leaving target. Tactics good. Some evidence of fighters. A/C in normal flight when camera operated.	AS0000 A.3133
"	N.R. 137 "F"	F/O Ledoux & Crew.		15.55	22.09	TARGET: Mains. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: Thin S.C. with tops at 7,000 ft. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed centre of group of 5 flares from 19,000 ft. at 1938 hrs, 060 deg. T. 180 mph. Large scattered flares visible through clouds. Raid seemed fairly well concentrated. Landed at Middenhall.	AS0000 A.3134
Night 2/5/45	Halifax 111 N.A. 527 "A"	F/O Desbiens & Crew.		20.41	02.52	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: 10x500 AN M.64 and 6x250 GP. This aircraft had starboard inner engine U/S. (G.S.U. Failure) A.3135 unable to make height and time. D.R. Compass also U/S. This a/c was abortive. Over enemy territory. A load was detonated at 2126N 0223E, at 2325 at 2325 hrs, from 16,500 ft. (9 min. late)	AS0000 A.3135
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Bollinger & Crew.		20.20	02.38	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus (high tops) Vis. poor. Target ident. by G.C. Bombed centre of red glow from 19,500 ft. at 2315 hrs. 095 deg. T., at 155 mph. W/S: 240/140 ind. No marker seen. Large red glow presumably at aiming point was seen. No result of bombing observed. Not as briefed, necessitating cutting of corners to get to target on time. Tactics good. A/C landing predicted flat as camera operated.	AS0000 A.3136
"	N.A. 208 "D"	F/O Mark & Crew.		20.15	02.42	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths cumulus, tops at 10,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target ident by red Tl's on run up. Bombed centre of glow through cloud from 18,500 ft. at 2313 hrs, 059 deg. T., at 155 mph. W/S: 240/35 Ind. Red Tl's seen on run up disappearing through cloud. Bombed glow. One large explosion observed one minute after bombing. Numerous small obscured observations other than red glow. D.R. Compass U/S. Not as briefed. Route into target was through heavily defended area which did not appear justified. Flying straight and level when camera turned over. Had to cut corners on outward journey due to forecast winds wrong.	AS0000 A.3137

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Night 2/3-2.45	Halifax 111 M.E. 419 "B"	F/O Lowe & Crew.		20.22	02.32	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 clouds, at 9,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on cloud from 20,000 ft. at 2314 hrs. 081 deg. T. 180 mph W/S. 240/41 Ind. No TI's seen. rapped. could see glow on clouds for 15 or 20 miles. By the appearance of photo flashes, bombing was very scattered. Cloud tops were at 15,000 ft. on route. No reason to fly at 20,000 ft. 1x280 GP hung up over target. jettisoned safe at 2310N 025E. 0058 hrs. 11,000 ft.	AS0001X A.5138
"	N.R. 251 "F"	F/O MacHale & Crew.		20.26	02.30	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths thin stratus, haze at 18,000 ft. Vis. poor. Target identified by Gee. homing and glow through cloud. Bombed glow from 18,500 ft. at 2316 hrs. 092 deg. T. at 185 mph; No TI visible on run up. Bombed on red glow through cloud and time run from Gee. flx. Red TI's observed one minute outward and three minutes later a large explosion, blue green colour. lit up clouds. Tactics O.K., except that we could have flown lower. Met forecast wrong winds light. Wind setting: 240/50 indicated. Hit by flak in target area. None injured. Flying straight and level when camera operated. Duration 16 min. 28 sec.	AS0001X A.5139
"	P.N. 172 "C"	F/O Iarsau & crew.		20.18	02.41	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths Cumulus. tops at 10,000 ft. Poor vis. above the cloud. Target ident. by Gee and glow from T/A. Bombed on Gee and glow from T/A (near side) from 18,000 ft. at 2316 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 185 mph. Wind setting: 240/55 T. One red TI seen disappeared into cloud at 2312 hrs. No other TI seen. Bombing looked concentrated. 4 hrs. explosions occurred during our run up. and one very large yellow explosion at 2318 hrs. Persistent glow on cloud suggested that fires were burning in the T/A. Winds different from forecast. Cloud base and tops in England higher than briefed. Did not like route. Would rather approach on a track further to North of the run to avoid the heavily defended areas. Some fighter activity [unclear] observed between Dusseldorf and Cologne. Camera operated normally with A/C straight and level.	AS0001X A.5140
"	N.R. 147 "E"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		20.19	02.17	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 clouds, tops at 7,000 ft. Good at target. Target identified by glow and Gee. Bombed on glow, checked by Gee. from 18,000 ft. at 2315 hrs. 104 deg. T. at 180 mph. Wind setting 1/8. Did not see TI only glow. Glow started on time. On way to target, left track at 5000N 0200E and back on track at 510N 025E to make up time. Route O.K. but height ordered for cloud too high. When camera operated, flying straight and level. Found much less cloud than expected. Had to fly too high.	AS0001X A.5141

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Night 2/3.2.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 271 "H"	F/L Lesane & Crew.		20.27	02.18	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cumulus tops 15,000 ft. Slightly hazy. Target ident by Gee and glow in T.I. Bombed on near side of glow from 19,500 ft. at 2315 hrs. 080 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 250/58T Wind found: 249/57T. No T.I. seen. Cloud obscured target but the glow could be seen in a definite area. A large explosion observed at target at 2316 hrs. Windows were fogged, but opened them it cleared. Winds incorrect - as had to go off track on way to target. Did not have sufficient time before take-off to study tactics and met conditions. Winds lighter than predicted. Camera operated normally and a/c in straight level flight.	AS0601 A.3142
"	P.N. 175 "G"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		20.29	02.40	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths thin stratus, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target identified by Gee. heading and glow through clouds. Bombed on glow through cloud (No T.I. visible) from 16,000 ft. at 2316 hrs. 090 deg. T. at 155 mph. HES and D.E. went N/S on homeward journey. Had to cut corners to make time due to met winds wrong. Tactics O.K. except for no cloud necessitating climbing. Route through defended area to target not justified. Straight and level flight when camera operated. Weather and winds not as briefed.	AS0601 A.3143
"	M.L. 950 "R"	F/O St. Laurent & Crew.		20.21	02.37	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 St. Cumulus at 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by Gee and red TI's cascading. Bombed glow in cloud from 16,000 ft. at 2319 hrs. 085 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 240/45 Ind. PFF on time but only saw 4 or 5 red TI's cascading. Good explosion at 2317 hrs. Looked like good fires by glow of cloud. Left track at 5010N 0600E and back on track at 5125N 0224E to make up time (were 12 mins late) but was out as to height of cloud. There was no need to fly at 20,000 ft. Could only make 17,000 ft. and had to come down to 16,000 ft. A/C flying straight and level when camera operated.	AS0601 A.3144
"	M.L. 425 "U"	F/O Evans & Crew.		20.25	02.27	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 the cloud at 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by one red TI and Gee. Bombed on glow of red TI from 20,000 ft. at 2315 hrs. 180 deg. T. at 150 mph. W/S: 250/48 Ind. TI was 3 minutes late. Plenty of green TI dropping after leaving target. One large explosion at 2317 hrs. Good glow in cloud in a small area. Left track at 5005N 0320E to 5047N 0610E to make up 7 minutes. As camera operated a/c flying straight and level. Tactics OK. only lost out in height of cloud over base.	AS0601 A.3145
"	H.C. 959 "Y"	F/O Anderson & Crew.		20.28	01.00	TARGET: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". This aircraft returned early. Sd. inner engine failed on take-off. Unable to attain height or maintain minimum bombing height. Gas consumption very high. Gee was N/S. Had insufficient petrol to make base so landed at Ford. Bomb load: was jettisoned safe at 5020N 0010E, 2409 hrs. 12,000 ft. to lighten load.	AS0601 A.3146

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Flight 2/5.2.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 N.R. 275 "X"	F/O Ferrier & Crew.		20.24	00.15	TARGET: Waime Nickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". This aircraft proceeded as far as 5036N 063E with all Intercomm. U/S and decided to return as all attempts to repair the system were unsuccessful. Call lights were also U/S. Bomb load was jettisoned safe at 5012N 0012E. 2209 hrs, 18,000 feet.	A.3147
"	M.E. 714 "Y"	F/L Franks & Crew.		20.50	02.44	TARGET: Waime Nickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 strato-cumulus at 4,000 ft. Heavy haze above. Vis. poor. Target ident by Ges. Bombed centre of glow from 18,000 ft. at 2315 hrs, 080 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 240/52 ind. Red TI's seen leading at 2312 hrs; but not seen on ground. 5 explosions seen immediately after bombing. No other bombing results observed. Corners had to be cut on route to enable aircraft to bomb on time. Not met as briefed. Tactics good. Aircraft in normal flight as camera operated.	A.3148
"	L.W. 394 "Z"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		20.55	02.24	TARGET: Waime Nickel. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10 the cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by 2 red TI's seen ascending, then lost in cloud. Bombed on Ges from 19,500 feet at 2312 hrs, 090 deg. T. at 155 mph. 240/55. Wind setting. TI seen were 2 mins. late. Had to make orbit. Bomb doors did not open on first run. By glow in cloud, flash seemed to be concentrated. Left track from 5000N 0300W to 5110N 0620E to make up time (18 minutes). Heavy icing over. No sea in jettisoning area. (1x500 AMM. 64 hung up in bomb bay over T/A and jettisoned live at 5400N 0208E 0145 hrs, 13,000 ft. Inter-comm. was U/S. A/C flying straight and level as camera operated. Operated on first run. Could see no reason for going up to 20,000 ft. Could not make time. Route O.K. Had cloud cover approaching target area at 19,000 feet.	A.3149
Flight 4.2.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 187 "X"	S/L St-Jean & Crew.		17.17	23.28	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: 1x1,000 MLD, 8x250 CP and 7x500 AMM. 64. Weather: 10/10ths alto-cumulus at 10/12,000 ft. A.3150 Vis above cloud good. Target ident by Ges. Bombed on Ges from 17,500 ft. at 2100 hrs, 069 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 300/55. No TI visible. It was impossible to see anything whatsoever through the cloud over target. Camera operated normally with a/c straight and level. Tactics very good. Forst had not passed over the target as briefed. 1x1000 MLD hung up and jettisoned safe at 5218N 0232E. 2202 hrs. 2000 ft.	A.3150
"	N.A. 208 "Y"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		17.14	25.42	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "X". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops 7/8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified A.3151 by glow on cloud and Ges. Bombed on Ges from 18,500 ft. at 2101 hrs, 050 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 300/70. Glow seen below cloud at time of bombing which was deep red and covered a wide area. Heavy bomb flashes seen at time of bombing. No assessment of raid possible. Tactics O.K. Naval air seen over France with Nav. lights on, but not in T/A. Met. winds were not as anticipated and cloud on target was more than expected. Camera operated normally.	A.3151

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Night 4.2.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Brassard & Crews		17.16	23.31	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 5/6,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target identified by Gee and red glow through cloud. Bombed on red glow from 19,000 ft. at 2100 hrs. 350 deg. T. at 165 mph. Emergency sighting angle 34 degrees. One red TI at 2047 hrs. disappeared into cloud. Bombed red glow and on Gee release. No observations other than bomb bursts through cloud. Computer box was U/S. Tactics good. A/C flying straight and level when camera operated. Three fighter flares seen over target	SECRET A.3152
"	M.E. 419 "B"	F/O Lowe & Crew.		17.13	23.21	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 5,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by Gee check entire glow through cloud. Bombed on Gee release from 19,000 ft. at 2100 hrs. 065 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 300/55. No TI visible on run up or at the of bombing which was done on Gee release as briefed. Considerable bomb bursts were lighting up cloud, otherwise observations obscured. Tactics and Mt. good. A/C flying straight and level when camera operated	SECRET A.3153
"	N.R. 251 "B"	F/O MacHale & Crews		17.15	23.26	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 5/6,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by Gee and D.R. and glow in cloud. Bombed centre of glow checked by Gee. from 17,600 ft. at 2100 hrs. 074 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 300/50. Could see no TI, but glow in cloud was from T.I. burning in cloud. With amount of cloud, could not see much. Could not see other aircraft, hard to assess results. A/C straight and level when camera operated.	SECRET A.3154
"	P.N. 172 "C"	F/O Larsen & Crews		17.21	23.28	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 11/12,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red glow on cloud checked by Gee. Bombed from 17,000 ft. at 2100 hrs. 070 deg. T. at 165 mph. W/S: 350/44. No marker seen nor was any detail visible. Glow not very bright and appeared to be dying out fairly quickly. Flashes from bomb bursts could be seen on run up and appeared fairly concentrated. Tactics were good for route. Mt was all right as far as W.M.S. were concerned but cloud over target not as expected. A/C straight and level when camera operated.	SECRET A.3155
"	N.R. 147 "L"	F/O Lafreniere & Crews		17.18	23.11	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 5/7,000 ft. Vis. code above. Target ident by red TI (one only) cascading in cloud and by Gee. Bombed glow in cloud with bombing on Gee. from 17,600 ft. at 2100 hrs. 065 deg. T. at 160 mph. W/S: 350/55. Saw only one TI and it was at 17.14. After leaving target glow in cloud was much larger. Could see for 70 miles. Flaw straight and level as camera worked. Tactics very good. By looks of glow bombing seemed concentrated.	SECRET A.3156

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Flight 4.2.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 N.R. 271 "Y"	F/L Leseane & Crew.		17.22	23.58	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths Strato-cumulus tops, 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and red glow through cloud. Bombed from 10,500 ft. at 2059 hrs. 060 deg. T., 155 mph. W/S: 300/51. Bombed centre of red glow through cloud. No T.I. visible. Considerable bursts seen through cloud and reflection of glow seen 50 miles away. Tactics good. A/C flying straight & level when camera operated.	ASOXXX A.3157
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O Raciect & Crew.		17.27	23.22	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cumulus, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and one red T.I. Bombed centre of glow in cloud, checked by Gee, from 10,000 ft. at 2102 hrs. 068 deg. T., 160 mph. W/S: 304/60. Saw one red T.I. dropped at H.4. Glow looked like large fire and could be seen for 50 miles. H2S was W/S. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Did not have enough time to find winds at height before target.	ASOXXX A.3158
"	M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O Mark & Crew.		17.28	23.30	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cumulus, tops 7/8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red glow and Gee check. Bombed on Gee from 17,500 ft. at 2101 hrs. 068 deg. T. at 155 mph. W/S: 300/55. Red glow seen in cloud where it is believed T.I.'s were bursting. None were actually seen. No fire seen but glow could be seen for about 50 miles on return. Tactics were O.K. Met. net as forecast in T/A. Turned to starboard just after bombing but leveled out almost immediately.	ASOXXX A.3159
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		17.28	23.25	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 8/10,000 ft. Vis. fairly good. Target ident. by glow in cloud. Bombed centre of glow checked by Gee from 17,000 ft. at 2101 hrs. 067 deg. T., 160 mph. 300/54 W/S: Did not see any markers but good glow in cloud could be seen for 50 miles. A/C straight & level when camera operated.	ASOXXX A.3160
"	M.Z. 445 "U" 425	F/O Evans & Crew.		17.19	23.20	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds 8/9,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and glow in clouds. Bombed centre of glow checked with Gee from 12,000 ft. at 2101 hrs. 068 deg. T., at 155 mph. W/S: 300/54. No marker seen but good concentration glow. Too much cloud H.4 and Fishpond U/S. Tactics O.K. Too much cloud to give any idea. Straight & level as camera operated. Hit by heavy flak in T/A at 2102 hrs. 19,000 ft. 165 mph. Nobody was injured.	ASOXXX A.3161
"	M.R. 278 "X"	F/O Ferrier & Crew.		17.20	23.16	TARGET: Osterfeld. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths Str., 8/4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and flow of red T.I. Bombed on Gee from 18,000 ft. at 2101 hrs. 075 deg. T., 165 mph. W/S: 320/52. Glow from target area was in bomb sight when bombs were released. No T.I. or "marker" seen. Cloud obscured target & few minor explosions at approx. 2102 hrs. Glow from H.4 very bright. Winds over England lighter than predicted. Tactics good. Camera operated normally with a/c in straight and level flight. H2S and Fishpond were U/S.	ASOXXX A.3162

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Night 4.2.46 Cont'd	Halifax 111 M.Z. 714 "Y"	F/O Bellinger & Crew		17.25	23.27	TARGET: Osterfelds. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 12,000 ft. Vis. poor. Target ident. by Gee and glow in cloud. Bombed on edge of glow, checked with Gee, from 18,000 ft. at 2101 hrs, 068 deg. T., 160 mph. 300/55 W/S. No T.I. seen. Good glow in cloud well concentrated. Too much glow so will make about effort. Straight & level as camera operated. One a/c with Nav. lights on over target.	ASBXX A.5166
"	L.W. 394 "X" Z	F/O Desbiens & Crew		17.28	23.19	TARGET: Osterfelds. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops 8,000 ft. with haze above. Target ident. by Gee and glow from target area. Bombed on Gee from 18,500 ft. at 2102 hrs, 068 deg. T. at 158 mph. 300/70 W/S. No T.I. visible. The glow from target was in bomb sight when we bombed. Numerous flashes from bomb bursts were seen on run up and seemed to indicate that bombing was somewhat scattered. The cloud prevented any further results from being seen. Predicted winds were incorrect. Went off track from 5,000 N 0340E to 5000N 0410E to target and returned on track. Tactics were good. Camera operated normally with a/c in straight and level flight.	ASBXX A.5164
Night 4.2.46	Halifax 111 H.A. 527 "A"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		17.50	20.06	TARGET: Bonn. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC and 11 clusters CP.15 06/10. This aircraft returned early due to starboard inner engine U/S, unable to make height. Bomb load 12x1500 lbs at 5400N 0200E, at 1836 hrs, 7,000 ft. and returned to base.	ASBXX A.5165
"	M.Z. 815 "C"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		17.54	00.12	TARGET: Bonn. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops 7,800 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by glow on cloud and Gee. Bombed on Gee from 18,500 ft. at 2101 hrs, 070 deg. T. at 158 mph. W/S: 300/70. Glow below cloud at time of bombing, which was deep red, covered a wide area. Many bomb flashes were seen at time of bombing. Not much glow could be seen on return. No assessment of raid possible. Tactics were O.K. Several a/c seen well into France, but none seen in T.A. with Nav. lights on. Mt winds were not as anticipated and cloud on target was more than expected. Camera operated normally.	ASBXX A.5166
"	H.A. 518 "I"	F/O St. Laurent & Crew.		17.29	23.59	TARGET: Bonn. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths stratus tops 7,500 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red glow A.5167 and one skymarker. Bombed on glow checked by Gee, from 18,500 ft. at 2050 hrs, 062 deg. T., 160 mph. 306/67 W/S. No T.I. seen and only one sky marker which went out on our run up. No ground detail seen but from the glow, raid did not appear scattered. Tactics were very good and no difficulty experienced. Found wind was stronger over the target than forecast. Camera operated normally and flew straight & level after bombing.	ASBXX A.5167

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Night 4.2.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax III H.A. 180 "Q"	F/L Franks & Crew.		17.48	00.06	TARGET: Wom. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. fair to good. Target ident. by flares, red green stars (One set). Bombed centre of red glow in cloud (no sea or H2S). Bombed from 18,000 ft. at 2066 hrs. 010 deg T. 160 mph. 305/60 W/S. Flares 5 minutes late. Good explosion at 2125 hrs. Could see glow for 100 miles. H2S and fishpond were U/S. A/C straight & level as camera operated.	A.3168
"	N.R. 13 H.A. 200 "P"	F/S Temple & Crew.		17.24	23.20	TARGET: Wom. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by sea. Bombed on sea from 17,000 ft. at 2142 hrs. 270 deg. T. 160 mph. 301/60 W/S. Could only see glow on cloud but fired seemed to cover a large area. s/o straight & level as camera operated. Did not have time to get winds at bombing height. Landed at Woodbridge.	A.3169
Night 7/3.2.45	Halifax III H.R. 187 "M"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		19.06	01.24	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM.64 and 8x500 GP. Abandoned mission as instructed by Master Bomber at 2225 hrs. Several fighter flares seen from T/A to coast on homeward journey. Bomb load was brought back as instructed.	A.3170
"	H.R. 252 "B"	F/O Bellinger & Crew.		19.07	01.22	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "X". Abandoned mission and brought back bombs as instructed by M/B. at 2225 hrs. There was 10/10ths cloud over target which was intermittently lit up. Double red lights to port and starboard of track homeward to coast, with several fighter flares seen.	A.3171
"	H.R. 815 "C"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		19.14	01.25	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "X". Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as instructed by M/B. Several fighter flares and double red lights seen from target to coast homeward.	A.3172
"	H.R. 714 "N"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		19.50	01.40	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "X". Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as instructed by M/B. M/B heard very indistinctly and could not be understood until long before bombing. Route and tactics O.K. There was 10/10ths low cumulus with tops at 8,000 ft. in T/A. Vis. good.	A.3173
"	H.R. 419 "R"	F/O Lowe & Crew.		19.06	01.29	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "X". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops at 9,000 ft. Visibility good horizontally. Target identified by sea, green T's and glow on cloud. Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as instructed by M/B. M/B was heard clearly, starting at 2210 hrs. He instructed to bomb green T's and ordered after, not to bomb above cloud. There was only one cluster of greens visible through break in cloud. We started to descend to basement 5,000 ft., as M/B ordered when we heard the order "Call it off" given by M/B. Tactics were good. Camera did not operate. The route homeward from target was marked with red lights. Flares. There was a great deal of fighter activity in this area. This s/o had four combats with a P.51 1801 which is claimed destroyed. (See combat report)	A.3174 Appendix 12/46

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Night 7/6, 2.45 Cont'd	Halifax 111 N.R. 231 "P"	F/O MacHale & Crew.		19.06	01.51	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cumulus, tops at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as ordered by M/B. M/B heard at 2217 hrs. instructing to bomb grasses. Captain decided against bombing as no TI were observed. M/B instructed to abandon mission at 2225 hrs. Some bombs seen bursting after "Mission Abandoned call" at 2229 and 2230 hrs. Some evidence of fighters.	A.5175 A.5176
"	P.N. 172 "Q"	F/O Racicot & Crew.		19.09	01.45	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as instructed by M/B. M/B heard giving various instructions from 22.15 hours. Red TI's seen clearly and "Basement" not heard. Order to abandon mission issued at 2226 hrs. No result of bombing observed. Some evidence of fighters on homeward route.	A.5176
"	N.R. 848 "J"	F/O Lereau & Crew.		19.09	01.34	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus tops 6,7000 ft. Vis. good. Mission abandoned and bombs brought back as instructed by M/B. at 2228 hrs. M/B, not heard until very few seconds before. There was considerable M/T interference. Route & tactics were good.	A.5177
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/L Lessens & Crew.		19.10	01.32	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths strato-cumulus, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed by M/B. M/B impossibly heard giving bombing instructions and ordering aircraft down. While descending he was heard to call raid off. Very many a/c were firing colors of the period giving away the stream. Fighter flares were seen shortly after leaving target. Route & tactics O.K.	A.5178
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		19.20	01.57	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed by M/B. He was heard very indistinctly. At 2224 hrs. M/B instructed clearly to abandon mission. No "Basement" heard. No TI seen, slight glow observed over target. Some bombing seen at 2227 hrs. There was evidence of fighters on homeward route. Bomber stream fired over over Belgium.	A.5179
"	N.R. 156 "P"	F/O St. Laurent & Crew.		19.18	01.50	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned at target and load brought back as per M/B's instructions. See was M/B on bombing run. M/B heard at 2214 hrs. but indis- tinctly and at 2224 we received instructions to abandon mission. There was 10/10ths cloud over target. There was evidence of fighters. Colors of the day being fired all across Belgium on homeward route.	A.5180
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O Desbiens & Crew.		19.19	01.57	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed. M/B not heard at any time. No ground marker seen. No bombing observed. Evidence of fighters. Tactics good. Met as briefed. Landed Carnaby.	A.5181

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Night 7/8.2.45	Halifax 111 M.E. 454 "G"	F/O Andersen & Crew.		19.21	01.42	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cumulus tops at about 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed. Nothing heard of M/B until 2226 hrs. when cancellation was heard. We listened out for many minutes before arriving at T/A. Some large explosions were seen on run up, but nothing later. Route and tactics were very satisfactory. Fighter flares in T/A.	SECRET A.3182
"	M.E. 820 "W"	F/O Evans & Crew.		19.17	01.41	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 9/10ths cumulus tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Mission abandoned as instructed by M/B at 2224 hrs. and load brought back. M/B not heard until 2223 hrs. Transmission was very indistinct through jamming and was quite weak. Many fighter flares seen in T/A and as far back as prunells area.	SECRET A.3183
"	M.E. 950 "B"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		19.22	01.39	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". WEATHER: Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed by M/B at 2223 hrs. on run into target. Considerable fighter flares seen from target and to coast, on homeward journey.	SECRET A.3184
"	M.E. 417 "W"	F/O Ferrier & Crew.		19.14	01.27	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned and load brought back as instructed by M/B at 2225 hrs. at 4,000 ft. Target well marked by red and green T.I.'s. No fire visible. Fighter flares seen from target to coast homeward.	SECRET A.3185
"	L.N. 594 "B"	F/O Mark & Crew.		19.04	01.45	TARGET: Goch. Bomb load: Same as "K". Mission abandoned and brought back load as instructed by M/B. M/B was very indistinct. However, instruction to abandon mission heard at 2227 hours, no marker observed at any time. No bombing seen. Some evidence of fighters on homeward flight.	SECRET A.3186
Morning 9.2.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Bellinger & Crew.		02.48	09.06	TARGET: Wainwright. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM68 and 8x200 GP WEATHER: 6/10ths alto-cumulus tops 12/15,000 ft. Horizontal vis. poor. Target ident. by 100 and red & green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s from 19,500 ft. at 0615 hrs. 100 Reg. T. 150 mph. 80/33 W/S. T.I.'s concentrated, with red T.I.'s predominant; placed mostly to the north edge of the group with greens to the South. We bombed early but the few bomb bursts observed were accurate. Many small fires and explosions in T/A with one large explosion at 0620 hrs. some cumulus rising from the W/F up to 6,000 ft. Tactics were impossible to follow as there was cloud up to approx 20,000 ft. on return, with icing prevalent in cloud. Descended to 7,500 ft. as broken, but had to climb back immediately to get above cloud. Wet winds were twice as strong as normal winds found. Camera operated normally with aircraft to 10 degrees bank to port. Heating system was practically W/S.	SECRET

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Morning 9:245	Halifax 111 H.Z. 815 "C"	P/O Corbett & Crew.		08.15	09.42	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 6 to 8/10ths strato-cumulus, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee homing and red T.I.'s Bomed centre of all T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 0618 hrs. 038 deg. T. at 155 mph., 250/45 W/S. T.I.'s were concentrated with only one small cluster of green T.I.'s visible. Bombing seemed to be entirely on the marked area. No fire or explosion observed. Met prediction was not accurate. It was necessary to climb to 22,000 ft. to clear cumulus clouds over the channel on route out, and on the return route, over Belgium, it became necessary again to climb to 15,000 ft. to get above clouds. Camera operated normally with a/c straight & level Nitrogen was exhausted after 2 hours flying.	AS000X A.3188
	N.A. 205 "D"	P/O Baillie & Crew.		08.54	09.14	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 3/10ths strato-cumulus at 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and Gee check. Bomed centre of reds from 19,000 ft. at 0620 hrs. 038 deg. T. 170 mph 250/36 W/S. Red T.I.'s cascading at H-2 and target well marked. A large explosion occurred at 0621 hrs. lighting up the whole area with orange flames. Glow seen 50 miles away on homeward trip. Tactics and PFF marking good. Camera did not operate. Some evidence of fighters. D.R. Compass was U/S.	AS000X A.3188
	H.Z. 419 "B"	P/O Lowe & Crew.		08.50	09.07	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 4/10ths strato-cumulus, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by Red & green T.I.'s. Bomed centre of largest cluster of reds from 20,000 ft. at 0617 hrs. 050 mph., 260/54 W/S "nd.". T.I.'s cascading at H-4 Several clusters of Red & Green T.I.'s seen target well marked. Some bombing appeared scattered, overshooting. No fire or explosion noted. Large red glow seen 50 miles away. Tactics good. Camera failed to operate. There was evidence of fighters.	AS000X A.3190
	N.A. 281 "F"	P/O MacHale & Crew.		08.44	08.11	TARGET: Wanne Rickel. Bomb load: Same as "B" Weather: 3 to 5/10ths broken cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Red & Green T.I.'s, Gee and Rivgr. Bomed centre of concentrated of T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 0617 hrs. 072 deg. T. 155 mph. 250/45 W/S indicated. First T.I.'s seen at 0611 hrs. Target well marked from then on. Plenty of T.I.'s (both colors) Good explosions at 0621 and 0620 hrs. outside of T.I.'s. Smoke rising up to 6,000 ft. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Could not stay at briefed. Height after leaving target owing to icing. Other target looked to be a good effort. HZS was U/S.	AS000X A.3191

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Morning- 9.2.45.	Halifax III. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> N.E. 845 "J"	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> F/O. Raciact & crew.		0258	0915	Target: Wanne Kiecol. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 5/10 St.Cu. tops at 8,10,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee, also red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of reds, from 20,000 ft. at 0616 hrs. 045 deg. i., 150 mph. 250/32 W/S. T.I.'s seen cascading at 8-4. Target well marked. Red T.I.'s in large cluster. Bombing appeared to be well directed on T.I.'s. One large explosion accompanied by columns of black smoke at approx. 0615 hrs. Red glow seen for 40 miles on leaving target. Tactics good. Camera failed to operate. No evidence of fighters.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> A.3192
"	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> L.W. 477 "H"	F/O. Leseau & crew		0255	0932	Target: Wanne Kiecol. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 3/10 cloud at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s Bombed centre of reds from 18,000 ft. at 0618 hrs. 080 deg. i., 150 mph. W/S 250/32. Red T.I.'s seen cascading on 31st. followed by Greens. Target well marked. No results observed. Heavy cumulus, icing and snow showers over Belgium. 15,500 Alt. of hung up over target and was brought back.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> A.3193
"	N.R. 271 "H"	F/L. Lesene & crew.		0241	0953	Target: Wanne Kiecol. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 4 to 5/10th St.Cu. tops at 8,000 ft. Vis. very good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee check. Bombed centre of concentration of R.T.I.'s from 19,500 ft. at 0617 hrs. 090 deg. i., 150 mph. W/S: 250/40 Ind. Markers seemed fairly well concentrated although G.T.I.'s were a bit spread out. Target well marked. No large explosion noted. Had to climb to 23,000 ft. to get over cloud on front. Route and tactics O.K. except for this. Camera operated O.K.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> A.3194
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		0243	0922	Target: Wanne Kiecol. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 3/10 St.Cu. tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of largest cluster of red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 0616 hrs. 048 deg. i., 150 mph. W/S 250/32. Red T.I.'s cascaded on 31st. One green T.I. noted in centre of large cluster of reds. No result of bombing observed. Red glow over T/A seen for considerable distance homeward. Bad weather, icing conditions and snow encountered over Channel outward and homeward. Tactics good. Met. not as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Two A/C noted near target with Nav. lights on.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> A.3195
"	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> N.R. 156 "F"	F/O. St-Laurent & crew		0246	0927	Target: Wanne Kiecol. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 7/10 St.Cu. tops 2,100 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s checked by Gee. Bombed centre of R.T.I.'s mixed with Greens from 18,500 ft. at 0616 hrs. 048 deg. i., 155 mph. W/S 250/32 Ind. Target very well marked with concentrated T.I.'s of both colours. Black smoke could be seen through clouds. There were no large fires seen. Met. not as briefed. Cloud in Brussels area was up to 20,000 ft. Tactics and route satisfactory. Camera operated O.K. with A/C straight and level.	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> A.3196

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Morning, 9.2.45. (Contd)	Halifax III, M.Z. 950 "R"	F/O. Lafroniere & crew		0238	0916	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 7/10 clouds, tops 10,000 ft., Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 0621 hrs. 112 deg.T. at 100 mph, W/S: 250/37 Ind. Good concentration of red T.I.'s, which were first seen at 8-3. Target well marked throughout. Smoke up to 6,000 ft. A/C flying straight & level as camera operated. Could not stay at 8,000 ft. after target on account of icing.	A.3197
"	M.Z. 454 "S"	F/O. Allmerson & crew		0239	0833	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10 St. Cl., tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 0620 hrs. 110 deg.T., 150 mph, W/S: 250/42 Ind. Target well marked, 5 mistakes of red T.I.'s surrounded by greens. Several small explosions noted on approach to target. Bombing appeared well concentrated on T.I.'s. Tactics good. Met. not as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Broken oil line in port outer increased gas consumption necessitating emergency landing at Munton.	A.3198
"	N.P. 937 "T"	F/O. Evans & crew		0245	0923	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 5/10 St. Cl., tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by T & R. T.I.'s checked with Gee. Bombed from 18,500 ft. at 0618 hrs. 150 mph. 050 deg.T., W/S: 255/49. Bombs in centre of T & R markers were concentrated in a circle covering an area 3 mile in diameter. The bombing was very accurate and some bursts put out a few T.I.'s. Only one bomb was seen to fall outside the marked area. Many explosions, but no fire seen. On return route over channel, 10/15 colours of the day were fired. Cloud conditions over Belgium on return were very adverse and not as briefed. He descended to 8,000 ft. after leaving target, but had to climb back to 20,000 ft. to get above a solid bank of Cu. Nimbus cloud which stretched almost to the Belgian coast. Camera operated normally with A/C straight & level.	A.3199
"	M.Z. 425 "U"	F/L. Archambault & crew		0251	0820	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10 stratus, low cloud, Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and red glow. Bombed centre of red glow from 18,000 ft. at 0620 hrs. 064 deg.T., 170 mph, 250/54 Ind. W/S. No marker seen. Large red glow seen through cloud. No result observed. Although not affecting bombing time or height, technical difficulties were encountered. D.R. Compass, Directional Gyro, A.P.I. was 1/4. Hydraulic failure encountered so made emergency landing at Woodbridge. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. 1x500 AMM64 and 1x250 GP hung up over target and brought back. Also 1x 500 AMM64 hung up and was jettisoned safe at 5213N 0319E, at 0759 hrs. 15,000 ft.	A.3200
"	M.Z. 417 "W"	F/O. Perrier & crew		0247	0904	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10 thin St. Cl., tops 8,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 0620 hrs. 081 deg.T., 165 mph, W/S: 250/33. 2 red T.I.'s cascading at 0615 hrs. on run in. Very large explosion observed at 0615 hrs and on outward leg, the T/A was burning fiercely. Numerous bomb explosions observed. Tactics O.K. but Met. not as briefed. Camera operated normally and a/c in normal flight. MFF marking appeared to be overshooting but concentrated.	A.3201

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Morning 9.2.45 (CONTD)	Halifax III. M.Z. 714 "Y"	F/L. Laporte & crew		0249	0940	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: Clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of condensation of Red T.I.'s from 19,500 ft. at 0623 hrs, 073 deg. T., at 155 mph, W/S: 280/35. T.I.'s first seen at 11.00. Target well marked throughout. A/C straight & level as camera operated. On leaving target, went down to 8,000 ft. but had to climb to 15,000 ft. to get out of icing. Inter-Com U/S. Electric system also U/S. Hit by heavy flak at target, 612N-0665E, at 0618 hrs, 19,500 ft, 155 mph. Nobody injured.	A.3202
"	L.W. 394 "Z"	F/O. Mark & crew		0242		Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Red T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of Red T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 0616 hrs, 160 mph, 073 deg. T., W/S: 250/36. Target well marked. T.I.'s somewhat faded. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated. Starboard outer engine caught fire, could not feather. Ordered crew to abandon A/C at 0728 hrs, in vicinity of Xpress. All members were out in about one minute. Navigator sustained broken leg and the WOP/AG: 1 torn sacral leg. Left knee slight. Remainder of crew all safe.	A.3221
"	N.R. 137 "K"	F/O. Violette & crew		0255	1000	Target: Wanne Eickel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10 Alto-Cumulus, tops 16,000 ft. Target ident. by red glow. Bombed on near side of red glow on cloud from 20,000 ft. at 0627 hrs, 345 deg. T., 150 mph, W/S: 250/45. Cloud obscured the target when we bombed and we only saw glow on clouds. No result of attack seen. Cloud over continent on return route was not as bright. Had to climb to 22,000 ft. to get above alto-st. cloud when still over Belgium. A/C straight and level when camera operated. Gee, H2S and Fishpond were U/S. Only 1100 lbs. registered on nitrogen tanks.	A.3204
NIGHT 15.2.45	Halifax III. N.R. 134 "Z"	F/O. Bellinger & crew		1815	0215	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: 6x500 AMI.64 and 6x500 M.E.D. Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 10,15,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of near edge of green glow. As instructed by W/S. from 13,500 ft. at 2205 hrs, 105 deg. T., 150 mph, W/S: 265/58 Ind. T.I.'s seen on-boarding on time. Marking badly scattered. W/S instructed to bomb near edge of green glow and to ignore Red T.I.'s. Bombing appeared concentrated on green glow. One large explosion was noted at 2207 hrs. Tactics good. Aircraft was in 20 degree bank as camera operated. No evidence of rightness. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3206

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Night. 13/14.8.45 (CONT'D)	B-17 Max III. M.Z. 815 "C"	F/O. Corbett & crew		1801	0235	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl., tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by G.T.I's Bombed on near side of green glow from 18,500 ft. at 2207 hrs, 060 deg. T. W/S: 160 mph. R & G. T.I's were cascading at H-4 and disappearing into cloud, bombed on W/S's instruction (Near side of G.T.I's). One large explosion at 2206 hrs, which lit up sky with red glow for 20 seconds. Otherwise cloud obscured further observations. Tactics O.K. Camera operated with A/C straight & level. Marking scattered. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3200
	M.A. 205 "P"	F/L. Sicotte & crew		1756	0219	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl., tops at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by G.T.I's Bombed on one red T.I. from 17,000 ft. at 2211 hrs. W/S deg. T. 160 mph, W/S: 230 Max. Ind. Red T.I's cascading at 2210 hrs. W/S. very faint and bombed single red T.I. One very large explosion at 2206 hrs which lit up cloud for 20 seconds. Tactics O.K. W/S. forward on runway. Great flames seen and had to climb over cloud. Camera did not operate. Three fighter flares on outward leg. F.F.F. marking very scattered and W/S. heard early, then faded. Some evidence of fighters. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3200
	M.Z. 419 "P"	F/O. Peirier & crew		1802	0228	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl., tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I's. A.3200 Bombed centre of R & G. glow per W/S's instructions. T.I's (R & G) seen to cascade on time, but appeared very scattered. W/S clearly instructed to bomb glow of Green T.I's. Bombing concentrated, seemed good. At 2207 hrs, large red explosion was observed on leaving target. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters. T.I's Red & Green. (angles) were seen to cascade within a radius of ten miles of target, apparently dropped by enemy. No flak was directed at these markers. Diverted to Halesworth. Diverted to Halesworth. 2207 hrs. 150 mph	A.3200
	M.R. 281 "P"	F/O. MacHale & crew		1757	0207	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl., tops at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Green glow checked by W/S. Bombed near side of green glow as per W/S's instructions, from 18,000 ft. at 2207 hrs, 065 deg. T., 160 mph W/S: 260/61 Ind. Markers seem going down in circles, in a radius of five miles. One very large explosion at 2206 hrs. Too much cloud to assess results. Green glow seemed to be in compact circle. Dresden fires could be seen for 150 miles. A/C flying straight and level. Camera operated. Tactics very good for trip. Cloud covered target. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3200
	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew		1759	0155	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "E". Weather: 8/10ths St. Cl., tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Green T.I's Bombed on near side of green T.I's from 17,500 ft. at 2208 hrs, 235 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 270/68 Ind. Green T.I's cascaded at H-4 and bombed on W/S's instructions. One terrific explosion at 2202 hrs which lit up sky for 30 secs. Cloud obscured any further observation. Tactics good. Marking scattered. Camera operated while a/c straight and level. Some evidence of fighters. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3210

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Night. 13/14.2.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 845 "J"	F/O. Laroau & crew		1804	0222	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 9/10,000 ft. (St. Cui. us) Vis. good. Target ident. by Green T.I.'s seen cascading and by Red. Bombed on glow from near edge of green T.I. as per W/B. from 17,500 ft. at 2205, 080 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 275/56 ind. Marking seen going down on time, but lost in cloud. Gave good glow. Could see no result of bombing owing to cloud cover. Many red flares seen on way to target. (route markers). Not our colour of red. W/B very good. Flying straight and level. Tactics very good for weather and all operations. Possible attack could be seen from 150 miles. Very large fires, appeared to be no cloud. Landed at Bungay.	A.3211
"	N.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Lafreniere & crew		1800	0205	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7/6,000 ft. Horiz. vis. good. Target identified by Green T.I.'s and B.L. Bombed nearest edge of glow of St. Cui. on instruction of W/B. from 17,000 ft. at 2206 hrs, 040 deg. T., 168 mph, W/S: 260/51 ind. Dummy Green T.I. to starboard of our attack lasted throughout attack. No bombing in that direction. One large explosion about 2205 hrs, high sheets of flame. Route and tactics O.K. A/C straight & level at time camera operated. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3209 A/3212
"	N.A. 180 "Q"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1808	0228	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cui. clouds, tops 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red glow and H2S. Bombed on H2S checked by red glow through cloud from 19,000 ft. at 2205 hrs, 085 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 250/75. W/B was not heard. Green T.I.'s were very scattered. One terrific explosion at 2204 hrs. Hit up sky for 30/40 seconds and another 30 seconds later. Bombing very good. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. Fighter flares seen in T.A. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3208 A.3215
"	N.R. 156 "P"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1809	0221	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Horiz. vis. moderate. Target ident. by glow of green T.I. and W/B. Bombed on nearest edge of G. T.I.'s on orders of W/B who said to ignore Reds, from 18,000 ft. at 065 deg. T., 355 mph, W/S: 250/61 ind. Could see centre glow of green T.I.'s. Reds surrounded it and were very scattered. Some indications of bombing on Dummy Green T.I. to starboard of our main attack. Very small but numerous explosions seen under cloud. Tactics very good. A/C straight & level at time camera operated. No assessment due to cloud. A/C concentration in T.A. not good. Heavy flak caused one hole in Mid Upper turret at 5023H 0855H, 2335 hrs, 10,000 ft. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3206 A.3214 A.3220-4
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O. Desbiens & crew		1805	0215	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 7,000 ft. horizontal vis. good. Target identified by R & G. T.I.'s and glow on cloud. Bombed near edge of glow of Green T.I.'s as instructed by W/B. from 19,500 ft. at 2204 hrs. 055 deg. T., 360 mph, W/S: 250/658 ind. Too much cloud to assess but concentration of a/c in T.A. was good. FF very scattered also dummy T.I. surrounding (green and white). Route and tactics O.K. A/C straight & level at time camera operated. In 500 METD hung up. Jettisoned live 5038N 1120E 2235 hrs. 10,000 ft. Diverted to Halesworth.	A.3215 C

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Night, 15/14.2.45, (CONT'D)	Halifax III, N.P. 987 "B"	F/L. Leasome & crew		1806	0208	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: <del>XXXX</del> 12x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10 clouds (St. Cu) and haze. Tops at 10/12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s. Bombed near edge of G.T.I.'s as instructed by W/S, from 20,000 ft. at 2206 hrs, 080 deg. T., 150 mph, W/S: 270/75 ind. T.I.'s cascaded on time but disappeared into cloud. W/S heard clearly ordering to bomb near edge of green T.I.'s, do not bomb reds. T.I.'s plentiful but scattered. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters. Hit by heavy flak at 2208 hrs. 20,000 ft. in 7/1. 1196 serial was shot away. Nobody injured. Diverted to Halesworth.	A3200x A3616
"	M.Z. 425 "U"	F/O. Evans & crew		1755	0217	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths strata-cu, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by glow on cloud and A.P.I. Homing. Bombed on green glow as instructed from 20,000 ft. at 2206 hrs, 080 deg. T., 150 mph, W/S: 250/76. Through a very small break, one green T.I. seen prior to bombing but this was obscured by cloud when we were over it. Several fires and explosions noted after landing. No other assessment poss bla. A great many small flares seen scattered both into target and outward <del>XXXX</del> routes. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Diverted to Halesworth.	A3166 A3217
"	M.Z. 417 "W"	F/O. Ferrier & crew		1758	0202	Target: Bohlen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Target ident. by T.I.'s and al-marking, also HES. Bombed nearest edge of glow of green T.I.'s as in- structed by W/S, from 18,500 ft. at 2205 hrs, 070 deg. T., 160 mph, <del>XXXX</del> Too much cloud to assess but at 2205 hrs, large explo- sion seen. Glow of several other small fires seen. Route and tactics O.K. A/C straight & level as camera operated. No assessment due to cloud. Diverted to Halesworth.	A3218
Night, 14/15.2.45, N.A.R. 252 "B"	Halifax III, N.A.R. 252 "B"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1659	0120	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC and 8 clusters CE. AIM-17. Weather: 10/10ths thin patchy cloud, tops 20,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by G.T.I.'s and incendiary fires. Bombed centre of fires from 18,500 ft. at 2106 hrs, 015 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 325/51 ind. Some G.T.I.'s seen going down and W/S was heard calling for more. There were several patches of fires and we bombed one as T.I.'s could not be seen through cloud. Reflection of fires could be seen for over 100 miles on return. Route and tactics were good. Weather good until near target area, when cloud obscured ground. A/C was banking to starboard while camera was operating.	A3200x A3219
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Violette & crew		1648	0141	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 3/10ths St. Cu clouds, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by fires and W/S. Bombed centre of concentration of fires from 20,000 ft. at 2110 hrs, 345 deg. T., 150 mph, W/S: 300/49 ind. One green flare dropping reds seen on approach, but no further marking seen. W/S heard clearly instructing to bomb wagsamt, then ground T.I.'s, burned as none were seen. Fires were bombed. They were scattered. Glow seen for 80 miles. Tactics good. A/C in a 10 deg. bank as camera operated. Marking of target very poor. Gas badly jammed. Some evidence of fighters on approach route, N.E. of Frankfurt. HES was U/S.	A3220



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Night. 14/15.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 845 "J"	F/L. Archambault & crew		1650	0156	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10ths thin stratus, at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by incendiary fire (could see no marker). Bombed incendiary fires from 19,500 ft. at 2109 hrs, 022 deg.T., 150 mph. W/S: 297/70 ind. Could see no marker until after leaving target then saw T.I. green at 2112 hrs. Also saw flares (Green) with res STARS at 2112 hrs. Could hear W/B calling for flares. Good fires but scattered. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Action worked very well.	A.3221
"	N.R. 154 "Z"	F/O. Anderson & crew		1645	0151	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10ths thin clouds at 14,000 ft. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s, D.R. and A.P.I.. Bombed <del>XXXXX</del> centre of concentration of R & G. T.I.'s from 20,000 ft. at 2105 hrs; 050 deg.T., 150 mph. W/S: 300/50 ind. Saw T.I. on ground in run in and flares at 2108 hrs. Could hear W/B talking to bomb flares before flares seen. Target well on fire over large area. Inter-Comm became W/S at German border on way to target. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Action suited weather very well.	A.3222
Day. 17.2.45.	Halifax III. M.Z. 387 "J"	W/O. Ladoux & crew		1222	1856	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: 2x500 GPD and 4x500 MTD. Mission abandoned on instruction from W/B and bombs were brought back. W/B gave Mission No. at 5120H <del>XXXXX</del> 0623.3E at 1459 hrs 20,500 ft. After leaving French coast, Gaggles got split up due to running into cloud. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3223
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/O. Bellinger & crew		1149	1854	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "B". <del>XXXXXX</del> Mission abandoned at 5159H 0637E, 1507 hrs as instructed by W/B who gave Lemon-Fla at 1506 hrs. (which was not briefed). No easement heard. There was some interference and W/B was heard inter-veniently. Gaggles formation good and no difficulties encountered. Layer cloud gradually increased from 0400E and spread rapidly. A few breaks in cloud which was 20,000 ft. and above. Gaggles formation broken from 0430E. Gaggles formed again after leaving target to English Coast homewards. Bomb load brought back. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3224
"	M.Z. 815 "G"	W/O. Corbett & crew		1148 <del>1601</del>	1828	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Mission abandoned on instruction from W/B at 5127N 0607E, 1508 hrs, 15,500 ft. and bombs brought back. No easement heard. There was 10/10ths cloud at 7A. East of 0400E, at 18,000 ft. Gaggles was very good until French Coast was reached. No difficulty encountered. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3225
"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/L. Scotte & crew		1151	1804	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Order to abandon mission was heard at 1608 hrs. Jettisoned bomb load safe at 52E N 0615E, 1553 hrs, 6,000 ft. landed at Middleton-St. George.	A.3226
"	M.Z. 419 "B"	F/O Poirier & crew		1145	1821	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "B". Mission abandoned as instructed by W/B and brought back bomb load. W/B gave Lemon-Fla. Turned at 5125N 0620E, 1457 hrs. There was 10/10ths cloud up to 18,000 ft. East of 0400E. Gaggles very good until reaching cloud. No difficulties encountered. Formed up easily. Aircraft of 425 Squadron which has been reported missing, was seen until reaching cloud at 0400E. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3227

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Day. 17.2.45.	Balifex III. H.R. 251 "F"	F/O. MacAle & crew		1152	1838	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". M/B ordered to abandon mission at 1508 hrs. Bomb load was brought back and we turned at 5135N 0632E, at 1504 hrs, 12,000 ft. At 15,500 ft. we were in ice and came down just prior to turning. At 12,000 ft. there was patchy cumulus but below was more cloud. Gaggles was broken. Shortly after crossing French Coast, due to cloud. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3228
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew		1150	1815	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". M/B ordered to abandon mission at 1500 hrs and bombs were brought back. There was no evidence of enemy a/c. Met. not as briefed. Descended to 12,000 ft. from 15,000 ft following other a/c. There was 10/10ths stratus tops 5,000 ft. Vis. above cloud was clearing. Gaggles good until weather deteriorated. No difficulties until bad weather encountered. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3229
"	M.Z. 485 "J"	F/O. Lareau & crew		1146	1841	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Abandoned mission as instructed by M/B at 1503 hrs and bombs were brought back. Weather not as clear as briefed. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3230
"	M.Z. 421 "H"	F/O. Violette & crew		1205	1840	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Abandoned mission as instructed by M/B and brought back bomb load. M/B heard at 1450 hrs. Turned at 5130N 0628E, 1500 hrs, 17,000 ft. Gaggles seemed well concentrated until cloud encountered over France. Met. not as briefed. No evidence of enemy aircraft. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3231
"	N.R. 271 "M"	F/O. Evans & crew		1159	1850	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Called back by M/B at 1501 hrs, 5130N 0628E, 17,000 ft. Bombs brought back. We were first called down to 10,000 ft. when this was cancelled. 10/10ths cloud up to 17,000 ft. haze above. Gaggles very good until reaching cloud. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3232
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1140	1822	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Abandoned mission at 1502 hrs and ordered by M/B (Lemon Pie) and brought back bombs. "Basement" not heard. M/B not clear and faint. Switched to band and was slightly clearer. considerable jamming. Difficulty forming gaggles over England due to a/c cloud at 17,000 ft. Gaggles formation fair. Climbing from 8,000 to 16,000 ft. at 0200E difficult due to thin layer of cloud and turned back at 5128N 0615E and broke formation in 7/10ths cloud. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3233
"	N.R. 136 "F"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1138	1838	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Turned back at 5130N 0612E, 1502 hrs, 14,000 ft. on instructions of M/B heard at 1450 hrs. Bombs were brought back. We were coming down and at height of turning back were out of cloud although there were patchy layers at all heights. Formation was good until striking unfavourable weather. Diverted East Fortune.	A.3234
"	P.N. 173 "G"	F/O. Desbiens & crew		1142	1825	Target: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "T". Abandoned mission as instructed by M/B and brought back bombs. M/B heard clearly but did not hear Basement Order. Heard "Lemon Pie" at 1501 hrs. Cloud conditions 10/10ths stratus from 8,500 ft. upwards. At target we went down to 8,000 ft. and cloud above and below. Easy to form and maintain formation but lost the formation after Lemon Pie was given. Little icing and no trouble. Diverted to East Fortune.	A.3235



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Day 17.2.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 134 "Z"	F/O Baillie & Crew		12.06	18.23	TARGET: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Abandoned mission as M/B instructed by M/B and brought back loads. Basement order not heard. Although descended as a/c ahead lowered wheels. Lemon Pils heard at 1502 hrs. Descended from 16,000 ft. to 9,000 ft. through thin cloud. Vis. good. A/C cloud below and above from 0200E. Goggles good until 0200E when climbing and slight loss. No difficulties in forming goggles. No evidence of fighters. Diverted to East Portney.	A326
"	M.Z. 425 "U"	F/L Hemphill & Crew		11.47	18.05	TARGET: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Bomb hit in road safe 520E 0320E, 1559 hrs, 10,000 ft. to lighten load. Mission called off by M/B (A-500 GTP hung up and was brought back). Hit by H/Fisk at 5120E 0610E, 1501 hrs, 19,000 ft. at 16 miles. Heavy rain. Water made 10/10th cloud up to 19,000 ft. 15 miles after French Coast. Mission called off at 1458 hrs. 5120E 0610E. Goggles very good until reaching cloud over continent. Landed Ouston.	A327
"	M.Z. 417 "W"	F/O Parrier & Crew		11.43	18.19	TARGET: Wesel. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Mission abandoned as instructed by M/B at 1458 hrs. and bomb brought back. Descended from 15,500 ft. to 12,000 ft. There was 10/10th cloud at 4,000 ft. Vis. good above cloud. Goggles good until weather deteriorated. No difficulties encountered until bad weather received. Diverted to East Portney.	A328
Night 20/21.2.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Brassard & Crew		21.40	04.46	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: 12x500 ANL 61. and 4x500 ST MONT Weather: 10/10th St. Cu., top 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Cee and red T.I. cascading. Bombed near edge centre of red glow from 16,000 ft. at 0140 hrs, 285 deg T. 165 mph. W/S: 345/25. Red T.I. cascaded at 0137 hrs. Cee large concentrated red glow seen through thin clouds. No result observed. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Some evidence of fighters in T.A.	A329
"	M.Z. 815 "D"	F/L Sicotte & Crew		21.48	04.25	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: 12x500 MONT Weather: 7/9/10th St. at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I. cascading. Bombed near edge centre of red glow from 14,000 ft. at 0141 hrs, 283 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 345/50. Red T.I. cascaded at 0137 hrs, large explosions at 0143 and 0144 hrs. Green T.I. seen to cascade at 0144 hrs. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters in T.A.	A3240
"	M.Z. 419 "E"	F/O Poirier & Crew		21.44	04.39	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "D". Weather: 10/10th St. Cu. - 4,500 ft. Target ident. by red T.I. cascading, checked by Cee and H23. Bombed one red T.I. seen in glow from 15,500 ft. at 0139 hrs, 277 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 345/26. Red T.I. first seen at H-2. Green at H plus 1. Several good explosions at 0142 and 0144 hrs. Good fires on leaving target. Could be seen for 60 miles. A/Cs straight and level as camera operated. Tactics throughout were good. Cloud over all country.	A3241

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Night 20/21.2.45 Cont'd.	Halifax 111 W.N. 231 "B"	P/O MacHale & Crew.		21.39	04.42	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee red glow and Red T.I.'s cascading. Bomb centre of red glow which was concentrated, checked by Gee. from 14,500 ft. at 0144 hrs, 290 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 345/33. Red T.I. seen cascading at 0138 hrs. slightly late. Red glow was well concentrated and appeared prominent through thin cloud. Three minor explo- sions at 0143 and 0145 hrs. One large one noted at 0155 hrs. accompanied by large volume of black smoke. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Some evidence of fighters on approaching target.	A3242
"	F.N. 472 "B"	P/O Martel & Crew.		21.46	04.36	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths thin St. clouds at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Red T.I.'s checked by Gee. Bomb glow of red T.I.'s half way down from 14,000 ft. at 0140 hrs. 296 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 245/26. Markers first seen cascading at H-3. No more seen until after leaving target when green T.I. dropping large explosion at 0140 hrs. Could not assess mid due to cloud straight & level. Alt. to slight bank to starboard as camera operated. Tactics very good. Target to starboard well tracked.	A3243
"	M.Z. 421 "H"	P/O Violette & Crew.		21.45	04.52	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds at 5,000 ft. Target ident. by Red T.I. checked by Gee. Bomb near edge of glow from red T.I.'s from 14,000 ft. at 0140 hrs. 278 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 345/26. Red T.I. first seen at H-2. Green T.I. seen after leaving target. Well marked throughout. Large explosion at 0142 hrs. Could not assess due to cloud. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Could not get good results from target to the north but could not tell about our target.	A3244
"	M.Z. 845 "J"	P/O Leresu & Crew.		21.49	04.50	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and red T.I. cascading. Bomb near side of centre of red glow from 14,000 ft. at 0145 hrs. 290 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 345/24. Red and Green T.I. cascading at 0138 hrs. One seen carrying glow and seen clearly through cloud. No result of bombing seen. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters in W. One M.B. 20 in claimed as probably damaged. See Combat Report attached.	A3245
"	N.R. 271 "H"	P/O Patry & Crew.		21.59	04.57	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 5,600 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R.A.C. T.I. with Gee check. Bomb on glow of T.I.'s from 14,000 ft. at 0149 hrs. 275 deg. T. 170 mph. W/S: 345/25. Red T.I. seen cascading although their glow was on cloud. T.I. seen to go down at 0148 hrs. No result of bombing could be seen. A/C straight and level after bombing. Camera operated normally. Route and tactics good. Some fighter flares seen on run-up and also shortly after bombing.	A3246
"	N.A. 180 "G"	P/O Chabot & Crew.		21.53	04.45	TARGET: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10 cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R. TI case loading (2 salvoes) - checked by Gee and HCB. Bomb near edge of red glow from 15,000 ft. at 0141 hrs. 280 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 345/24. R. TI first seen at 0138 hrs. G. TI at 0141 Well marked. Explosions at 0143 hrs. Could not assess due to cloud. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Tactics & route good. North target was well hit. Could see its glow for 50 miles.	A3247

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Night. 20/21.2.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 136 "P"	F/O. St-Laurent & crew		2151	0449	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 4,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by Gee and red glow. Bombed near edge of red glow from 14,500 ft. at 0139 hrs. 292 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 1/1. One cluster of G.I.'s seen to cascade on leaving target at 0141 hrs. No R.T.I. observed prior to bombing but red glow indicated R.T.I.'s under cloud. No result observed. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Some evidence of fighters on homeward route.	A.325 A.324
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O. Desbriens & crew		2152	0446	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 4/5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R.T.I. and Gee. Bombed centre of red glow from 15,500 ft. at 0140 hrs. 320 deg.T., 155 mph, W/S: 345/26. R.T.I. went down about half a minute late and no G.I.'s seen until after bombing. No fire could be seen due to cloud. No assessment of raid possible. Route and tactics good. Cloud was not expected on target. P.P.T. late. Turned off to port shortly after bombing as our heading was not quite correct. Camera operated normally.	A.325 A.324
"	M.E. 425 "U"	F/L. MacKinnon & crew		2141	0440	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. clouds tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R.T.I. checked by Gee. Bombed centre of concentration of glow from R.T.I. from 14,500 ft. at 0141 hrs. 298 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 345/26. R.T.I. first seen at 0142. Well marked with reds. Terrific explosion at 0142 hrs. Could not assess due to cloud. Slight dive and turn to port to dodge aircraft as camera operated.	A.325 A.324
"	M.E. 417 "W"	F/O. Ferrier & crew		2147	0444	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R.T.I. checked with Gee. Bombed near side of glow of R.T.I. from 15,000 ft. at 0141 hrs. 295 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 340/24. No G.I.'s seen. actual target could be seen but at 0143 hrs, one very large explosion noted. No other detail seen. First markers were dropped at 0138 hrs but no G.I.'s seen until after bombing. Route along but very good as were tactics. Weather not as bright at target. Stream appeared well concentrated. A/C held straight & level flight when camera operated.	A.325 A.324
"	N.R. 154 "Z"	F/O. Baillie & crew		2150	0458	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. at 4,000 ft. Target ident. by red T.I. checked by Gee. Bombed near edge of glow from red T.I. which were well concentrated from 15,000 ft. at 0140 hrs. 278 deg.T., 160 mph, 345/24 W/S. R.T.I. first seen at 0142. G.I.'s after leaving target. Explosion at 0144 hrs. Could not assess due to cloud. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Target to North wall on fire. George was U/S.	A.325 A.324
"	N.R. 137 "K"	F/L. Archambault & crew		2142	0457	Target: Monheim. Bomb load: 12x500 MED. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R.T.I. with Gee check. Bombed glow of R.T.I. from 15,500 ft. at 0140 hrs. 325 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 340/30. R.T.I. saw minute late going down but were well concentrated. G.I.'s went down after bombing. Black smoke seen on top of cloud and flashes from explosions noted. No other detail observed. Route & tactics good but low cloud extended to about 0530E. A/C straight & level when camera operated. Stream was well concentrated.	A.325 A.324

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21/22.8.45	Halifax III. N.R. 137 "K"	S/L. St. Jean & crew		1640	0007	Target: Worms. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HE, 8 Clusters No. 100 F42 06/10. Weather: No cloud, some haze and smoke. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of T.I.'s from 17,500 ft. at 2038 hrs. 048 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/53 FFF late by about 3 minutes. Markers well concentrated and fires had a good hold. Black smoke was falling in a good after leaving T.A. Weather very good and by appearance of T.I.'s. Markers well hit. Route and tactics were very satisfactory. Camera operated normally with A/C straight and level.	A.3254
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1658	0004	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear of cloud Vis. good. Target ident. by Ges. R & G T.I.'s and visually by by river. Bombed centre of Reds from 16,500 ft. at 2039 hrs. 050 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/53. Reds seen cascading at H-3. Target marking excellent. Some evidence of undershooting. Numerous fires seen 100 miles from target. Tactics good. Danger in meeting stream on homeward route. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. One JU.88 observed on approach to target.	A.3255
"	N.Z. 815 "C"	F/O. Violette & crew		1653	0006	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s. Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 2038 hrs. 049 deg.T., 155 mph, W/S: 020/53. True Red T.I.'s cascaded at H-3, as these were bombed out, salvoes of Green T.I.'s marked the target accurately. Two large explo- sions at 2038 hrs. Numerous fires. Town in flames, fire glow seen for 200 miles on homeward route. Tactics good. Met as briefed. A/C nose up as camera operated. Good concentration of aircraft over target.	A.3256
"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/L. Sicotte & crew		1654	0005	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear but some ground haze. Vis. above good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s and visually by church. Bombed concentration of Green T.I.'s as 17,000 ft. at 2038 hrs. 047 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/53 Reds were burned out. FFF about 2 minutes late but very good. Bombing well concentrated on T.I. Fires visible a good 60 miles from target. Very good attack. Route and tactics very good. Port bank when camera operating because of slip stream and another a/c.	A.3257
"	N.R. 231 "E"	F/O. McHale & crew		1634	2356	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear of cloud. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s and visually by river also by Ges. Bombed centre of concentration of reds and greens from 17,500 ft. at 2034 hrs. 052 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 030/53 ind. Red T.I.'s seen cascading at H-3. Target very well marked. Incidencies seemed to be undershooting slightly. Markers were being placed further back as raid progressed to effect under- shooting. Town in flames. Large explosion at 2031 hrs. and another at 2032 hrs. followed by another at 2033. One large explosion noted at 2037 on homeward leg. Tactics excellent. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Target marking very good. Evidence of enemy a/c in vicinity of target. Met. as briefed.	A.3258

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Night. 21/22.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Martel & crew		1656	2340	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s, HES and Gee. Bombed centre of large concentration of G.T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 2043 hrs. 045 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/58 ind. R.T.I.'s first seen at H-1. Green at H plus 2. Target well marked throughout. Explosions seen at 2041 and 2043 hrs. Whole place on fire. Fires seen for 70 miles. Straight and level as camera operated. Tactics were O.K.	A.3259
"	N.R. 258 "I"	F/O. Desbiens & crew		1651	0009	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of concentration of green T.I.'s from 18,500 ft. at 2041 hrs. 065 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 020/58 True. Red T.I.'s seen at H-1. Green at H plus 2. Target well marked throughout. Explosions seen for 70 miles. Straight and level as camera operated. Tactics O.K. Colors of day still being shot off over coast.	A.3260
"	N.R. 147 "I"	F/O. Poirier & crew		1651	0015	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear of cloud, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of 3 green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2040 hrs. 155 mph, 050 deg. T., W/S: 020/41 ind. Red T.I.'s cascaded late at H-1. Green T.I.'s seen going down at 2038 hrs. Numerous fires. Two large and one small explosion seen at 2038 and 2038 hrs. Fires seen for 70 miles on homeward route. Tactics good. A/C in turbulent slipstream as camera operated. Evidence of fighters in T/A.	A.3261
"	N.R. 271 "I"	F/O. Pstry & crew		1652	0001	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, slightly hazy, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of large concentration of G.T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 2036 hrs. 065 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/44 ind. Red T.I.'s first seen at H-2 from 2033 hrs. Target well on fire. Very slight bend to port as camera operated. Colors of day fired at French and English Coasts.	A.3262
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1639	0002	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear of cloud, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of group of 3 green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2039 hrs. 045 deg. T., 180 mph, W/S: 020/58 true. Red T.I.'s cascaded at 2027 hrs. Target very well marked numerous fires. Two large explosions observed at 2032 hrs. Fires still seen for 150 miles on homeward route. Tactics good. A/C up of slipstream as camera operated. Good concentration of stream over target. Fighters seen in vicinity of target.	A.3263
"	N.R. 156 "I"	F/O. St. Laurent & crew		1637	2359	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: hazy, cloud, Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G. T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of 3 reds from 17,500 ft. at 2033 hrs. 040 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/58 True. First reds were about 2 minutes late. Greens were fairly close to reds but a bit South. The whole T/A well ablaze. Two large explosions seen on run up. Smoke rose to about 25,000 ft. Glow seen for about 100 miles. Winds were not as expected but hit was good. Route and tactics satisfactory. A/C straight and level while camera operated. One S/R enemy aircraft seen in T/A when dropped a fighter flare.	A.3264

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Night. 21/22.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. MZ 570 "R"	F/L. Laporte & crew		1659	0016	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s, HES and Gee. Bombed centre of city, as T.I.'s were out on run up, from 18,500 ft. at 2039 hrs, 085 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 020/59 Ind. Centre of city seen easily. Red and Green T.I.'s first seen at 18-3 from 2036. Target well marked and city all at fires. Could see fires for 70 miles. A/C straight and level at first but had to go into half spiral to dodge other A/C as camera operated. Tactics O.K.	A.3285x A.3285
"	N.P. 987 "A"	F/L. MacKinnon & crew		1643	0020	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, horizontal vis good. Target ident. by red and Green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of A & G T.I.'s from 17,000 ft. at 2042 hrs. 07 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 020/42. FFF very good but late. Cloud of black smoke up to 2,000 ft. whole area a mass of fires. Concentration of A/C very good. Gee lost at base, map read and pin points. Route and tactics good except for a formation of what seemed to be twin-engined aircraft (10 miles from French Coast) above and one at our height. All had Nav. lights on. A/C straight & level when camera operated.	A.3286 3286
"	M.Z. 417 "W"	F/O. Racicot & crew		1642	0011	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: no cloud, vis. very good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s, and Gee. Checked. Bombed concentration of red T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 2058 hrs, 080 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 020/42. Best smoke went low at 2058 hrs followed by G.T.I.'s. All markers showed well concentration of undershooting. Route and tactics good but late winds not as expected. Stream of outgoing Lancs. was at our height on return. Camera operated normally, but A/C was in slight bank to starboard. Twin engined aircraft approached in T.A.	A.3287 3287
"	M.R. 134 "W"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1641	0015	Target: Worms. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, horizontal vis good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s and cathedral. Bombed concentration of G.T.I.'s and smoke from 19,000 ft. at 2059 hrs, 085 deg. T., 165 mph, W/S: 020/42. Red T.I.'s were bombed out. FFF very good but 5 minutes late, and concentration of bombing good. At 2108 hrs, saw two large explosions, one 100 miles from target. One large explosion at 2031 hrs (30 miles away) and large billowing flame. Excellent attack. Route and tactics good except large bomber stream going east with full Nav. lights on right above us (50 miles) from French Coast. Just came out of darkness as camera operated. Slipstream dangerous.	A.3288 3288
***** Night. 23.2.45.	Halifax III. N.R. 262 "B"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1132	1751	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 12,000 HE and 12 Clusters A.M. 17. 138. Weather: 10/1000 cloud. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 17,000 ft. at 1809 hrs, 049 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: Nil. No marker visible nor could ground detail be seen. No assessment possible. In clear weather the target was good. Over the target the concentration was good. Map was not as briefed over target. Route was good. Camera operated normally with aircraft straight and level.	A.3289 3289

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Day. 23.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.Z. 815 "C"	F/O. Poirier & crew		1138	1801	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops about 20,000 ft. Vis. hazy. Target identified by Gee homing. Bombed on Gee from 16,500 ft. at 1503 hrs. 060 deg. T., 155 Mph. W/S: Nil. No assessment possible. No marker seen until after bombing when one Green smoke puff was seen. Out of cloud the gaggle was good but the navigation seemed poor. Not sure whether camera operated normally. Concentration over target was good.	A. 3260 3270
"	N.R. 231 "F"	F/O. MacHale & crew		1138	1755	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. cloud, tops at 14,000 ft. Target identified by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 16,000 ft. at 1508 hrs. 060 deg. T., 160 mph. Nil W/S. Could not see any smoke puffs or anything else. Could not assess raid. Straight and level as camera operated. Gaggle not good, too spread out. No smoke at point "C".	A. 3261 3271
"	F.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Violette & crew		1134	1754	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 17,000 ft. at 1508 hrs. 048 deg. T., 155 mph. W/S Nil. Could not see smoke puffs. Could see nothing through cloud, 228 was unserviceable. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Tactics quite satisfactory. Only cloud up to 21,000 ft. on way home. Gaggle quite spread owing to persistent cloud. Could not assess raid.	A. 3262 3272
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Lowe & crew		1137	1758	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. cloud. Heavy haze or stratus at bombing height. Vis. poor. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on same from 17,000 ft. at 1507 hrs. 049 deg. T., 155 mph. Nil Wind Setting. <del>XXXXXXXX</del> No target marking of any description seen. No result observed. Tactics good. Gaggle well concentrated over target. Met. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated.	A. 3263 3273
"	N.Z. 845 "J"	F/O. Laroau & crew		1139	1748	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds, at 8/10,000 ft. Thin stratus at bombing height. Vis. poor. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,500 ft. at 1508 hrs. 044 deg. T., 160 mph. Nil W/S. On approach to target one green smoke puff seen some distance to 1508. P/A decided to bomb on Gee retaining position of gaggle. No result of bombing noted. Tactics good. Met. quite good. Gaggle in good formation considering weather. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters. Hit by heavy flak (Barrage type) in T/A at 1508-10 hrs. 15,500 ft. Nobody injured.	A. 3264 3274
"	N.Z. 425 "U"	F/L. Archambault & crew		1136	1802	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. cloud. Tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by bombing of other aircraft as Gee was W/S. Bombed from 16,000 ft. at 1508 hrs. 047 deg. T., 155 mph. Nil W/S. No marking seen. No result observed. Lack of time wasting resulted in early bombing. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters.	A. 3265 3275

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Day. 23.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 271 "H"	F/O. Patry & crew		1142	1749	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops up to 25,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Ge. Bombed on Ge from 17,500 ft. at 1509 hrs. 046 deg. T. at 160 mph. Nil Wind Setting. Mid unassessable due to cloud. Route and tactics good but Met. out. Straight and level as cam. operated.	A.3258 3276
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1144	1752	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths Cumulus above. Vis. poor. Target ident. by green smoke puff and Ge. Bombed on ES from 16,000 ft. at 1509 hrs. 146 deg. T. at 155 mph. Nil W/S. Single green smoke puff seen at 1507 hrs. disappearing into cloud. Clouds below <del>and</del> prohibited any observation of T/A. Weather very poor and icing over base at 34,000 ft. flew at 2,000 ft. to "B". Homeward from French coast flew at 15,000 ft. to avoid cloud and icing. Camera operated while a/c in level flight. Gaggles formations good from French Coast.	A.3258 3277
"	N.R. 185 "P"	F/O. St-Laurent & crew		1143	1757	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, layer stratus with tops at 25,000 ft. Target ident. by Ge bombing. Bombed on Ge from 15,500 ft. at 1509 hrs. 047 deg. T. 160 mph. Nil W/S. No assessment possible due to cloud. One green smoke puff seen about 5 miles to stbd. after bombing. Met. not as briefed and have no idea of accuracy of raid. Concentration over target seemed very good. Do not feel that Gaggles was a success.	A.3258 3278
"	N.Z. 495 "R"	F/O. Racioc & crew		1141	1750	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud and haze up to 20,000 ft. Vis. above unlimited. Target ident. by Ge. Bombed on Ge from 17,500 ft. at 1508 hrs. 047 deg. T. 155 mph. Nil W/S. Too much cloud to see anything but concentration of a/c on run in and out very good. Route and tactics O.K. but Met. worse than briefed. Evidence of fighters over. A/C straight and level as camera operated.	A.3258 3279
"	N.R. 137 "X"	S/L. Hemphill & crew		1135	1753	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud and haze, tops 7,000 ft. Horizontal vis. poor. Target ident. by ES and Ge. Bombed on Ge from 15,600 ft. at 1509 hrs. 047 deg. T. 160 mph. 230/29 W/S. Too much cloud to assess. Concentration of a/c excellent. Tactics good. Gaggles good. Gaggles leader's navigation poor. Broke up at "K". Met quite good. A/C straight & level as camera ticked over. Bomb seen being jettisoned about one mile to stbd. of 5103 0511. 15,000 ft. at 1544 hrs. One cluster was hung up over target was jettisoned live at 5145H 0535Z, 15,500 ft. 1515 hrs.	A.3258 3280
"	N.F. 987 "R"	F/O. Parrier & crew		1145	1755	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cumulus tops 10,000 ft. Target ident. by one green smoke puff and Ge. Bombed on Ge from 16,600 ft. at 1510 hrs. 045 deg. T. 160 mph. Nil W/S. Saw green smoke at 1509 hrs. Could not see results. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Gaggles well scattered due to cloud formation and haze; better after target than before. Saw smoke at point "C".	A.3258 3281

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Day 23.2.45. (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.P. 959 "y"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		11.49	18.08	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud; tops about 8,000 ft. Vis. very poor. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 18,000 ft. at 1808 hrs, 085 deg. T., 160 mph, 111 W/S. Too much cloud to assess but gaggle held together and a/c concentration was very good. Nav. of gaggle leader very good. A/G caught in slip stream but bomb aimer does not think the camera worked. Not called the weather out.	AS282
"	P.N. 175 "q"	F/O Desbians & Crew.		11.40	17.59	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cloud tops 8,000 ft. Thin layers up to 18,000 ft. Vis. poor. Target ident. by Gee heading and E.S. Bombed on Gee from 17,000 ft. at 1808 hrs. 047 deg. T., 155 mph, 111 W/S. No assessment possible. No marker seen at any time. Due to weather. Gaggle was not as accurate. Not lost as briefed. Concentration over target's approach good. Camera operated normally with a/c in level flight.	AS283
"	N.R. 134 "z"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		11.48	18.00	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. at 10,000 ft. Vis. not good. Target ident by Gee also green puff seen at 18,000 ft. Bombed on Gee, obscured with green puff above. from 18,600 ft. at 1811 hrs, 145 deg. T., 160 mph, 111 W/S. Could not assess rain. See in cloud but good concentration of A/C. Straight and level as camera operated. Gaggle very poor, too far ahead of time and did not lose time properly. Scattered stratus cloud did not help. No smoke at point of	AS284
Day 24.2.45	Halifax 111 N.E. 425 "w"	S/L Hampill & Crew.		18.00	19.47	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 2x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by E.S. W/B instructed to bomb on Nav. aids at 1850 hrs, so bombed on E.S. from 18,500 ft at 1859 hrs, 122 deg. T., 165 mph, 111 W/S. Could see nothing a/c straight & level as camera operated. Gaggle excellent and well marked, easy to follow. Stratus very concentrated.	AS285
"	N.R. 282 "z"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		18.05	19.51	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: 2x500 AMM.64 and 2x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee heading and E.S. Bombed on Gee from 18,000 ft. at 1849 hrs, 121 deg. T., 160 mph, 111 W/S. W/B said to bomb on Nav. aids. Could see nothing. A/G straight & level as camera operated. Gaggle too close and had hard time identifying leader.	AS286
"	N.E. 615 "w"	F/O Chappell & Crew.		18.07	19.42	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: 10x250 AMM.64, 2x500 MTD and 2x500 SPED. Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. at 7,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 18,000 ft. at 1848 hrs, 120 deg. T., 155 mph, 111 W/S. W/B instructed to bomb on Nav. aids. Bomb at 18-10. Could see nothing. A/G straight and level as camera operated. Good gaggle and easy to follow. Fairly well concentrated.	AS287

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Day, 24.2.45. (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 M.S. 419 "E"	F/O Poirier & Crew.		15.01	19.45	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. unlimited. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,500 ft. at 1650 hrs. 080 deg. T., 155 mph. M/L W/S. M/B heard and very clear saying to bomb on Nav. Aids. Attack not assessable. Route and tactics and Gaggles O.K. but communication over target the goods. A/G dodging at time camera operated.	AS288
"	F.R. 172 "G"	F/O Violette & Crew.		15.11	19.55	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,500 ft. at 1647 hrs. 122 deg. T., 155 mph. M/B heard at 1635 hrs. saying to bomb on Nav. Aids. Cloud obscured target area. M/B heard on way "Good" blind bombing. to target. Tactics O.K. Gaggles very satisfactory over 17/8. Camera operated while a/c in bank.	AS289
"	H.R. 116 "I"	F/O Lowe & Crew.		15.04	19.41	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on same from 16,000 ft. at 1650 hrs. 120 deg. T., at 155 mph. M/L W/S. Too much cloud to assess. A/G concentration in target excellent. M/B instructed to bomb on Nav. Aids. Route and tactics O.K. Port bank when camera operated. Gaggles broke up 'ag Dutch Coast but found it easy to formate and keep with.	AS290
"	M.S. 845 "J"	F/O Parrier & Crew.		1513	19.52	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,000 ft. at 1648 hrs. 128 deg. T., 160 mph. M/L W/S. One yellow fl. seen disappearing into cloud at 1648 hrs. M/B said to bomb on Nav. Aids at 1635 hrs. Bombing was scattered. Tactics satisfactory. Stream well concentrated on target. A/G not in. Camera flights as camera operated. No evidence of enemy fighters. Very good fighter escort.	AS291
"	H.R. 127 "K"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		15.12	19.58	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on same from 15,500 ft. at 1648 hrs. 111 deg. T., 165 mph. M/L W/S. Unable to assess attack. We still had a minute to go until bombing time. Gaggles leader turned too soon (Stbd. by 5 miles) towards Dortmund. We were on port of stream and bombs were raining all around us as stream started to turn port so we had to let the bombs go and get into A/G was banking. Halifax a/c latter M/B added from port losing height and came up under our port wing. Lancaster in target fired a few bursts but gas no help. Target believed primary but Nav. worked it back to bombing position at 1648. 07512. Unnecessary risks over the target as time of bombing	AS292
"	H.R. 271 "M"	F/O Bury & Crew.		19.58	19.27	TARGET: Bremen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,000 ft. at 1648 hrs. 121 deg. T., 150 mph. M/L W/S. M/B said to bomb on Nav. Aids. Could see nothing. Steep bank as camera operated (Slip stream), Gaggles very good and tactics satisfactory.	AS293

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24.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1806	1930	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths also some tops 8,000 ft. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,500 ft. at 1649 hrs, 102 deg.T., 158 mph. M1 W/S. too much compact cloud to assess. Command of A/C excellent. Route and tactics very good. A/C banking (slip stream) when camera operating. Suggested that smoke for formation be started before the English Coast. Found easy to follow gaggle. Mixed with another formation about half hour from another gaggle. Formation in line with leader instead of lengthening out.	A.3284 3294
"	N.R. 136 "P"	F/O. St-Laurent & crew		1259	1946	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu., at 6,700 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee release from 16,000 ft. at 1650 hrs, 890 deg.T., 160 mph. M1 W/S. M/B instructed to observe. Tactics good. M/B aids. Cloud obscured any observations. Camera operated while aircraft in bank.	A.3285 3295
"	P.N. 173 "Q"	F/O. Desbiens & crew		1809	1944	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu., at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee release from 16,000 ft. at 1649 hrs, 115 deg.T., 159 mph. M1 W/S. No T.I. visible and M/B not heard. Bombed on Gee which coincided with gaggle formation. Cloud obscured target area. Tactics O.K. but gaggle does not help bombing. Formation compact. Camera operated while a/c in bank.	A.3286 3296
"	M.Z. 495 "R"	F/O. Racicot & crew		1805	1961	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,500 ft. at 1649 hrs, 110 deg.T., 160 mph. M1 W/S. No marking seen. M/B heard clearly instructing to bomb on Nav. Aids at 1659 hrs. Bombing scattered although main concentration seemed to be on target. Tactics good. Gaggle kept good formation. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Fighter escort very good.	A.3287 3297
"	M.Z. 464 "S"	F/O. Kolisnek, & crew.		1802	1950	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. clouds, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 15,800 ft. at 1651 hrs, 122 deg.T., 158 mph. M1 W/S. Did not hear M/B until after leaving target. Could see nothing. Do not think camera operated. Gaggle not easy to follow. Two Halifax gaggles were too slow.	A.3288 3298
"	N.R. 154 "T"	F/L. MacKinnon & crew		1806	1913	Target: Kamen. Bomb load: Same as "U". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. clouds, at 8/10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee heading and A.F.I. Bombed on Gee release from 17,000 ft. at 1649 hrs, 115 deg.T., 160 mph. M1 W/S. M/B instructed to bomb on Nav. aids. No T.I. visible and cloud completely obscured T/A. Tactics O.K. and gaggle formation very good. Camera operated while a/c straight and level.	A.3289 3299
						A/C Lt by 168 5153N 0700E, at 1643 hrs at 16900' 180 mph	

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Day 27.2.45.	Halifax III. N.R. 252 "B"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1240	1947	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: 1x2,000 HC and 11 clusters No.17-158-19 sec. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Horiz. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs and 100. Bombed green smoke puffs from 17,000 ft. at 1631 hrs. 102 deg. T. 155 mph. M/B not heard. EFF well grouped and on time. Best markers burnt at 17,000 ft. cloud very dense. Could not see as attack route and tactics very good. M/G straight and level at time camera operated. Gaggles much better to-day than previously. Easy to formate an end to follow. Followed own route to base from point "B" as pump-in extended range tank was U/S.	A. 3302 3300
"	N.Z. 615 "C"	F/O. Corbett & crew		1236	1946	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather 10/10ths St. Cms. tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of 2 green smoke puffs from 17,000 ft. at 1632 hrs. 100 deg. T. 160 mph. Green smoke puffs seen at 1630 hrs. M/B heard faintly first at 1628 hrs, instructing to bomb sky markers. No observation of target possible due to cloud. Route and tactics O.K. and Gaggles formation good. Although leader appeared to be flying faster than firing time. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. EFF marking not as plentiful as should be. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A. 3302 3301
"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/O. Bellinger & crew		1232	1950	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths Stratus at 5,000 ft. haze above. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,000 ft. at 1632 hrs. 102 deg. T. 155 mph. Only one marker seen, seemed late in going down (1630 hrs). M/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb sky markers. Some evidence of overshooting. Heavy grey black smoke seen billowing above cloud for distance after leaving target. Tactics satisfactory. Best as before. Gaggles much better than previously. Good concentration over target. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters.	A. 3302 3302
"	N.Z. 419 "B"	F/O. Poirier & crew		1231	1924	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud (St. Cms) at 7,500 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed Mainz at same but did not go so jet disson then live overshooting by 5 seconds. Puffs seen at 1628 hrs. Just saw two before bombing. Target well marked before leaving. Cloud obscured ground. Plenty fighter cover. Camera did not operate. Route and tactics good. Gaggles well in hand. Leader made good job. Bombing seemed to be well concentrated. <i>Some fuel tank. 1632 hrs. 102 deg. T. 155 mph.</i>	A. 3302 3300
"	N.R. 231 "B"	F/O. MacHale & crew		1234	1930	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs checked by ESR. Bombed green smoke puffs as instructed by M/B, from 16,000 ft. at 1632 hrs. 102 deg. T. 155 mph. Markers seen at 1630 hrs. Plenty after we left. Bombing scattered at first, concentrated after markers went down. Could not see through cloud. Slight turn as camera operated, dodging falling bombs. Gaggles well carried out, no trouble to follow leader, who made a good job.	A. 3302 3304

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Day 27.2.48. (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.W. 987 "A"	P/O Anderson & Crew.		12.45	19.35	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 4,000 ft. Horizontal Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed same from 17,000 ft. at 16.30 hrs. 100 deg. T. 155 mph. PFF a little late but well grouped together. W/B heard clearly. Too much cloud to assess attack. Crossed the path of an American formation about 5000N 0420E. Route and tactics O.K. A/C in slip-stream at time camera operated. One cluster hung up and was jettisoned safe at 5137N 0250E, 1807 hrs. 10,000 ft.	ASS06
	H.R. 118 "B"	P/O Chappel & Crew.		12.35	19.49	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of two green puffs from 18,000 ft. at 16.31 hrs. 100 deg. T. 155 mph. Markers seen at 16.30 hrs. Well marked after leaving target. Bombing looked to be concentrated. Could not assess fall due to cloud. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Gaggles very good, easy to follow. Leader made good job of leading. Good fighter cover.	ASS06
	H.R. 845 "J"	P/O Larsen & Crew.		12.38	19.28	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of 2 green puffs from 18,000 ft. at 16.31 hrs. 100 deg. T. 155 mph. PFF a little late but well grouped together. W/B instructed to bomb sky-markers. Markers seen at 16.30 hrs. PFF after bombing. Could see nothing of target. Slight bank as camera operated. (slip stream) Route and tactics very good. Gaggles seem to be getting better all the time. Leader easy to follow. Good fighter cover.	ASS07
	H.R. 187 "K"	P/O Parrier & Crew.		12.53	19.40	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs and gas. Bombed an centre of two green puffs which were visible from 16,500 ft. at 16.32 hrs. 101 deg T. 150 mph. Markers clearly seen. W/B instructed crew to bomb sky-markers. No result observed. Gaggles formation very good. Remains concentrated over target. Tactics satisfactory. Not as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy fighters.	ASS08
	H.R. 147 "L"	P/O Lafreniere & Crew.		12.37	19.33	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 18,000 ft. at 16.32 hrs. 100 deg. T. 155 mph. One green smoke puff seen at 16.27 hrs. ran into target. Bombed centre of three green puffs. Cloud completely obscured target area. Bombing appeared concentrated on sky-marking. Route and tactics O.K. and not as briefed. Camera operated when a/c in bank. Gaggles formation good and not too concentrated. Had to make as best time to get to get of right heading. Marking good but inclined to be high.	ASS09

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Day 27.2.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 271 "B"	P/O Koliemek & Crew.		12.42	19.44	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs and Gsa. Bombed centre of port markers from 18,000ft. at 1629 hrs. 104 deg T., 185 mph. Markers went down at 1638 hrs. M/B heard inabrupting crews. No bomb sky-markers. This a/c was beside leading a/c and a/c bombed, after bombing but retained gaggle on homeward route. No evidence of breakage of for- mation. Quantities of dark brown smoke rising through cloud (10,000 ft) seen 16 miles after leaving target. Gaggle very good. Tactics good. Met as briefed. Camera did not operate. No evidence of enemy a/c. Some a/c were flying 2000 ft. higher over target.	ASS10
"	N.A. 180 "C"	P/O Chabot & Crew.		12.48	19.51	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Hydraulics were O/S. Thought could follow course with one wheel down after drop- ping clusters at 5020N 000E 1451 hrs. could not close doors or climb so returned at 5020N 0000E - 1455 hrs. 8,000 ft. 1 x 2000 lb jettisoned safe but exploded at 5020N 000 - 1458 hrs. 8,000 ft. No lighter load returned to base.	ASS11
"	N.R. 186 "F"	P/O St-Laurent & Crew.		12.41	19.38	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths Stratus, tops at 7,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by green smoke puffs and Gsa. Bombed centre of two green markers from 16,500 ft. at 1632 hrs. 096 deg. T., 180 mph. M/B heard clearly inabrupting crews. No bomb sky-markers at 1630 hrs. After bombing, M/B heard ordering to orbit at 1633 hrs. It is possible some crews did not hear M/B. and not seeing sky-markers which were late (1630 hrs.) bombing slightly port of A/E. Tactics satisfactory. Gaggle much better. Met as briefed fighter escort excellent. A/C in normal flight as camera operated.	ASS12
"	P.N. 175 "G"	P/O Desbians & Crew.		12.46	19.27	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 5,6,000 ft. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident by green sky-markers. Bombed same from 17,000 ft. at 1631 hrs. 100 deg. T., 185 mph. M/B instructed us to bomb sky-markers, EFF on time and only 3 markers in T/A. at same time. Evidence of fighter cover. Too much cloud to assess the attack. Route and tactics good. Gaggle much better than last time. A/C straight & level at time camera operating. Bombs seen jettisoned at 4835N 0621E through break in cloud at 1638 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft.	ASS13
"	N.R. 495 "R"	P/O Racicot & Crew.		12.45	19.41	TARGET: Main. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 7,000 ft. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed same from 18,000 ft. at 1631 hrs. 105 deg T., 185 mph. One single green smoke puff seen at 1630 hrs. which had drifted at time of bombing, to stbd. M/B FAINTLY HEARD AT 1638 HRS: Cloud obscured T/A. No assessment possible although bombing appeared scattered. Route and tactics good and Met as briefed. Gaggle formation good and improving, not as compact as usual. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. Formation had to make as "B" turn to port and leader bombed ahead of markers which were late. No evidence of enemy fighter reaction.	ASS14

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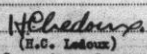
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Day. 27.2.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 454 "S"	F/O. Lowe & crew		1244	1932	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds, tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke markers and Gse. Bombed slightly to starboard of starboard markers from 17,500 ft. at 1630 hrs, 101 deg. E., 155 mph. Two green smoke puffs seen clearly. W/B heard instructing to bomb sky markers. Grey black smoke seen building up to 10/15,000 feet, noted 100 miles from target. Tactics good. Gaggles improving. Met. as briefed. A/C not in level flight as camera operated (Captain was voiding another aircraft). No evidence of fighters.	A.330x 3315
"	M.Z. 425 "N"	F/O. Evans & crew		1239	1943	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds at 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed two green smoke puffs (overhead by 14 second dodging bombs). Bombed from 17,500 ft. at 1633 hrs, 105 deg. E., 155 mph. PFF seen opening at 1631 hrs. Well marked after leaving target. Bombing at first scattered but getting better as markers went down. Could see nothing of target. Slight bank as camera operated (slipstream) gaggles very good and easy to follow.	A.330x 3316
"	N.P. 939 "W"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1247	1937	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green puffs and D.R. Bombed centre of two green puffs. from 17,000 feet at 1632 hrs, 102 deg. E., 155 mph. PFF markers appeared at 1630 hrs. Well marked after bombing. Looked to be concentrated bombing but could not assess due to cloud. Slipstream as camera operated. Tactics and route very good. Gaggles much better than usual. No difficulties. Leader did a good job. Could be seen easily. Inter-com was U/S and also W/T was U/S.	A.330x 3317
"	N.R. 154 "B"	F/L. MacKinnon & crew		1502	1929	Target: Mainz. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of markers from 18,000 ft. at 1631 hrs, 105 deg. E., 160 mph. Two green markers seen at 1628 hours on run into target. W/B heard at 1612 hrs and instructed crew to bomb sky markers. Cloud obscured W/A. Route and tactics good except for several formations of American A/C crossing route at 5015N 0530E which considerably upset gaggles. Camera operated when A/C in normal flight. PFF marking good. Gaggles formation good and not too concentrated. Much improved.	A.330x 3318
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