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Day. 1, 5, 45.	Halifax III. H.R. 282 "B"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1147	1902	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: L2,000 EB and 11 clusters No. 14, 42 F. C6/10. Weather: 10/10ths Alto-cumulus at 8,000 ft. Target identified by blue smoke puffs and Geos. Bombed on one blue smoke puff from 17,500 ft. at 1516 hrs, 092 deg.T., 185 mph. Markers seen at H plus 10. Markers scattered. Bomb see nothing. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Gaggles getting better; easy to follow leader, gave out enough smoke. Plenty cover of fighters.	A.3319
"	H.E. 815 "C"	F/O. Desbians & crew		1158	1910	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Horizontal Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs and Geos. Bombed between two blue smoke puffs from 17,500 ft., 1516 hrs, 091 deg.T., 160 mph. M/R heard clearly. RT on time but scattered. burst at 17,000 ft. Came back from target with bomb doors open. Route and tactics O.K. A/C straight and level when camera operated. Transmitter left on in T/A. "S" Turn to stbd, time of scare-crow. "Is George Off?" was all that was heard.	A.3320
"	H.R. 231 "B"	F/O. McHale & crew		1148	1855	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,000 ft. at 1516 hrs, 091 deg.T., 150 mph. Markers seen at H plus 10. No T.I. seen. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Tactics O.K. Met. as expected. Gaggles fair. Not enough smoke.	A.3321
"	H.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Chappell & crew		1157	1887	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 9/10ths St. Cl. tops 8,000 ft. Med. cloud at 20,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Geos heading and blue puffs. Bombed single blue smoke puff from 18,000 ft. at 1515 hrs, 091 deg.T., 155 mph. M/R was heard. Considerable jamming. Smoke puffs seen bursting at 1510 hrs. Bombed single smoke puff which checked with Geos. Bombing appeared concentrated. No observation possible of target area. Route and tactics O.K. and gaggles formation good. No difficulty forming. Gaggles leader came out of target too fast. Camera operated in slipstream. No evidence of H/A/C.	A.3322
"	H.E. 845 "J"	F/O. Laroau & crew		1155	1859	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. at 10/12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Geos heading and M/R. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs from 17,000 ft. at 1516 hrs, 094 deg.T., 165 mph. M/R heard favorable at 1502 hrs, instructing M/R to bomb sky markers which checked well with Geos at time of bombing. No observations due to cloud over T/A. Route and tactics very good. Gaggles formation good but some bumping in front. PFF was good and plentiful. Camera operated while A/C straight and level. No evidence of enemy fighters. <i>Plenty cover of fighters at 1515 hrs. 1516 hrs. 1517 hrs.</i>	A.3323

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Day 1.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 157 "X"	P/O. Anderson & crew		1149	1912	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed centre of 4 smoke puffs from 18,500 ft. at 1515 hrs, 090 deg. T., 155 mph. Target accurately marked. W/B heard clearly at 1507 hrs., instructing crews to bomb sky-markers. Unable to assess results. Tactics satisfactory. Met. as briefed. Gaggle maintained good formation as far as target. From this point leaders tended to speed up. A/C in sm. turbulent air as camera operated. No evidence of enemy A/C. Good fighter protection.	A.5324
"	N.R. 271 "Y"	P/O. Kolanek & crew		1151	1908	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee heading and blue smoke puffs. Bombed one blue smoke puff from 19,000 ft. at 1515 hrs, 089 deg. T., 159 mph. W/B heard clearly at 1504 hrs. instructing N.F. to bomb sky-marking (blue smoke puffs). XXXXXXXX No observation of bombing possible. Route and tactics good and gaggle formation was good and improving. Camera operated while A/C in slipsream. P.P.F. marking very good. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A.5325
"	N.R. 156 "F"	P/O. St-Laurent & crew		1152	1852	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. tops 12,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed centre of smoke puffs from 17,500 ft. at 1515 hrs, 090 deg. T., 155 mph. Counted 5 smoke puffs. Target well marked. No result observed because of heavy cloud. W/B heard clearly at 1456 hrs. instructing crews to press on, 5 minutes later. Bombed centre of blue sky-marking. Tactics sat. Gaggle very good until target, then it appeared to string out. No evidence of enemy fighters. A/C in normal flight when camera operated.	A.5326
"	N.R. 495 "R"	P/L. Laporte & crew		1153	1916	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs and SES check. Bombed centre of smoke puffs from 18,000 ft. at 1515 hrs, 091 deg. T., 155 mph. Markers seen as H plus S. Sufficient markers but scattered. Could not see anything but bombing seemed concentrated. Good gaggle. A/C in slight bank as camera operated. Gaggle very good, easy to follow but turn too soon after target. Plenty of fighter cover. 1 cluster hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at 530W-0210W, 1510 hrs., 11,000 ft.	A.5327
"	N.R. 454 "S"	P/O. Lova & crew		1150	1851	Target: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs. Bombed on blue smoke puffs (slightly under-shooting) at 1515 hrs from 18,500 ft, 090 deg. T., 155 mph. XXXXXXXX W/B heard clearly. P.P.F. on time and well placed. Route and tactics good. Gaggle scattered and leader did not throw out enough smoke or flares.	A.5328

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18.08.45 Day (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 M.S. 425 "B"	F/O Evans & Crew.		11.54	18.58	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 9/10ths St. Cu. at 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by Gas heading and blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of 2 blue smoke puffs from 18,000 ft. at 1517 hrs. 091 deg T., 155 mph. W/B heard clearly at 1507 hrs. and instructed main force to bomb centre of sky-markers. Blue smoke puffs seen bursting at 1508 hrs. and were concentrated. Bombing appeared very concentrated. No observations possible. Route and tactics good. Gaggles formation very good and improving. Camera operated while A/C evading flak. P.F.P. marking good, and plentiful. Bombing should be excellent.	A5329
"	H.P. 939 "Y"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		11.56	19.27	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by blue smoke puffs and gas. Bombed centre of 3 blue smoke puffs from 17,500 ft. at 1517 hrs. 092 deg T., 160 mph. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb sky-marking. Unable to assess results. Tactics good. Gaggles improving fast. Good concentration at target. No enemy A/C seen. Good fighter protection. A/C avoiding collision as camera operated.	A5330
"	H.R. 134 "Z"	F/L MacKinnon & Crew.		11.48	19.00	TARGET: Mannheim. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 8,000 ft. Target ident by blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 18,000 ft. at 1517 hrs. 091 deg T., 145 mph. Markers seen at H plus 12. Target well marked. Bombing over large area. Could see no ground detail. Slight bank as camera operated. Gaggles fair, not enough smoke in straggles. Plenty of time and space to turn from target but leader went too fast. Plenty of fighter cover.	A5331
Day 2.5.45	Halifax 111 M.A. 180 "O"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		06.54	12.50	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: 8x500 AMB.64 and 8x500 MCTD. Weather: clear Vis. good. Target ident visually by blowing town, cathedral and blue smoke puffs and W/B. Bombed upward edge of concentration of smoke from 17,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 100 deg T., 158 mph. W/S 330/78. Undershot 200 yards as instructed by W/B, who was heard clearly at 0957 hrs. Bomb covered in smoke except the northern part. Concentration of bombing in southern part. Should be a very successful attack. Straight and level as W/B camera operating. Route and tactics very much better. Easier to bomb, more room than not in formation. Gaggles Leader not found on way out from target.	A5332
"	P.N. 172 "Q"	F/O Basiart & Crew.		07.05	13.13	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". This A/C was "Abortive Over Enemy Territory". (Target) No markers seen, unable to follow W/B's instructions which were heard clearly. Yellow smoke seen on western outskirts of city. Heavy haze hung over target and no results ascertained. Bomb aimer was uncertain of position of smoke. (Hickok instruction) and the presence of yellow smoke deterred crew from bombing. Some attempt to form gaggles on return from target but stream was spread out. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. No picture attempted. Excellent protection from allied fighters. Bomb load brought back, being unable to identify target properly.	A5333

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Day 2.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 137 "X"	F/O Perrier & Crew.		07.05	13.16	TARGET: Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 2 to 3/10ths St. Ou., tops 4/5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by Red T's. blue smoke puffs and visually by River Bridges and Cathedral. Bombed visually to north of smoke as instructed by W/B from 17,500 ft. at 1012 hrs. 082 deg T., 160 MPH. W/S: 350/75. Very low markers seen probably due to smoke. Bombing well concentrated around the A/P. There were many small explosions with considerable smoke rising as also tops and several small fires noted. W/B very good and exceptionally clear with Sgt. instructions. Route and tactics good but there was no gaggle on return. Camera operated normally and a/c straight & level. No enemy aircraft seen.	A5554
"	N.Z. 414 "B"	F/O Fairer & Crew.		07.07	12.52	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: 5/10ths St. Ou. tops 4/5,000 ft. Slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. visually but bridge and river and by blue sky markers and Gee. Undershot Middelich by 200 yards, from 17,500 ft. at 1013 hrs. 055 deg T., 160 mph. W/S: 350/75 ind. W/B heard clearly. Two blue sky markers observed drifting away from target. Target area well covered with smoke. Some evidence of concentration to port. Tactics sat. Met as briefed. Good concentration of a/c over target. A/C in turbulent air as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft. No gaggle noted.	A5558
"	M.X. 815 "C"	F/O Corbett & Crew.		07.11	13.04	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb Load: Same as "Q". Weather: 5/10ths Cumulus at 8,000 ft. Vis. fair to good. Target ident. Visually by river and W/Tards. by Gee and blue smoke puffs. Bombed near edge of smoke as instructed by W/B from 18,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 102 deg T., 180 mph. W/S: 354/84 True. Markers seen at 1011 hrs. Large explosion at 1013 hrs. Could see bombs all over built up area. W/B seemed to be spreading attack. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Good stream well spread over town. Plenty of fighter cover.	A5556
"	N.R. 104 "2"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		06.57	13.10	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "Q". This a/c returned early due to engine trouble. Bomb load jettisoned safe at 0657N 0805E, 1135 hrs. 8,000 ft., to lighten load. At 0802 hrs. aircraft developed trouble in port engine. Captain failed to feather prop. From then on unable to attain minimum height or maintain speed. Had to turn back at 5106N 0808, 1003 hrs. 13,500 ft.	A5557
"	N.R. 147 "1"	F/O Lafreniere & Crew.		07.06	10.00	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "Q". This a/c returned early due to engine trouble and bomb with jettisoned safe at 6558N 0128E, 0912 hrs. 3,000 ft. (2 exploded) port inner engine back fixed just after take-off. Had to feather. Could not make it work. Followed course to 5159N 0107W, 0806 hrs. 8,000 ft. From there sat course for jettison point. Then returned to base.	A5558
"	M.X. 496 "B"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		06.55	13.06	TARGET: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "Q". Weather: clear, Vis. excellent. Target ident. by Gee. Visually by river bridges and W/Tards. Bombed near edge of smoke from 15,500 ft. at 1013 hrs. 081 deg T., 155 mph, 330/96 True W/S. Explosion at 1014 hrs. from own bombs. Some bombs falling on Stbd. and W/B ordered to spread attack. A/C straight & level as camera operated. A/C seemed well concentrated over target. Plenty of fighter cover. Could see no yellow markers.	A5539

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Day. 23.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 251 ^W	F/O. McHale & crew		0700	1502	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". Weather: 5/10ths Cirrus and Cumulus at 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by Gee time run and visually by Rhine river and Cathedral. Bomed upwind edge of smoke from 17,000 ft. at 1015 hrs. 091 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 340/89 ind. M/E heard clearly at 1008 hrs. Instructing crew to bomb upwind edge of smoke. No markers visible. Bombing although concentrated appeared to be to S.W. of A/F. Bomb bursts appeared well dispersed over built up area. Considerable grey smoke beginning to envelope area. Route and tactics O.K. and Sgt. as briefed. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Bombing concentrated in T/A.	A.5340
"	N.R. 271 ^W	F/O. Kolisnek & crew		0859	1512	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". Weather: 10ths cloud at 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. visually by River, bridges, built up area and by Gee. Bomed near edge of smoke as instructed by W/E. From 19,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 090 deg. T. 155 mph W/S: 330/75. No blue smoke seen until after leaving target. No bombing near it. Good fire. Bombs seemed to be well scattered over town. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Tactics very good. Concentration better than in gaggle. Plenty of fighter cover.	A.5341
"	N.R. 116 ^W	F/O. Chappel & crew		0704	1505	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". Weather: clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee heading and time run. also visually by Rhine river and railway. Bomed upwind edge of smoke from 19,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 089 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 350/88 ind. M/E very faint and heard only some minutes before bombing and ordered to bomb Fickelack. No ground markers visible although blue smoke puffs seen. A/F appeared to be well covered with bomb bursts and very concentrated. Grey smoke seen rising up to 8,000 ft. Tactics and route O.K. and Sgt. as briefed. Camera operated while A/C straight and level. No gaggle formation on return. Leader not seen.	A.5342
"	N.Z. 845 ^W	F/O. Anderson & crew		0701	1505	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". Weather: clear. Target ident. visually by river and built up area. Bomed upwind edge of concentration of smoke as heard by W/E from 19,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 088 deg. T. 155 mph. Only one marker seen. M/E heard clearly. One terrifically large explosion shaking flames and smoke at 1018 hrs. W/A completely covered with smoke, except in Western area. Oil tank on edge of river seen to go up in smoke at 1018 hrs. Route and tactics very good. No lost gaggle leader as we came out of target. Ordinary stream on way back.	A.5343
"	F.N. 175 ^W	F/O. Desbians & crew		0655	1258	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "O". Weather: 4/10ths cloud tops 5/8,000 ft. Good vis. but hazy. Target ident. by Gee time run and visually by Rhine and built up area. Bomed upwind edge of smoke from 19,000 ft. at 1018 hrs. 089 deg. T. 150 mph. W/S: 350/76. M/E heard faintly as first at 1000 hrs. Instructing crew to bomb Fickelack and set a verahoot. Bombing was concentrated over T/A. Two large explosions observed 30 seconds before bombing. Smoke billowing over T/A. Route and tactics O.K. Camera operated while A/C in bank due to evening haze. No gaggle on return and no evidence of enemy fighters. No leader or gaggle formation on way back.	A.5344

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Days 2.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 252 "B"	P/O. Brassard & crew		0702	1301	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "0". Weather: clear. Target ident. visually by river, cathedral and smoke. Bombed as instructed by W/S from 17,500 ft. at 1014 hrs, 089 deg. T., 160 mph. W/S heard clearly. Too much smoke, nothing seen underneath. A/C straight & level as camera operated. Could not find gaggle leader on way out of target. Just like ordinary stream of aircraft.	A.3346
"	N.Z. 425 "B"	P/O. Evans & crew		0713	1249	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "0". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cls. tops 5,900 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by blue smoke puff also visually by river, road bridges and by time run marker smoke. Bombed near edge of smoke from 18,500 ft. at 1014 hrs, 092 deg. T., 185 mph. W/S: 330/70 Ind. W/S said to undershoot picket 200 yards. Markers seen at 1004 hrs. Could see bombs hit buildings also W/S said were hit. One oil explosion at 1015 hrs. Bombs all intown. A/C in slipstream as camera operated. Good stream over target, Tactics good. Hit by heavy flak at 5045N 0700E, 1015 hrs, 16,500 ft. Nobody was injured.	A.3346
"	N.Z. 454 "B"	P/O. Lowe & crew		0856	1256	Target: Cologne. Bomb load: Same as "0". Weather: 3/10ths St. Cls. tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Some haze. Target identified visually by river and blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of built up area, slightly overshooting edge of smoke from 18,500 ft. at 1015 hrs, 091 deg. T., 185 mph. W/S: 330/50 Ind. No ground marker visible. W/S heard giving various instructions. Some fires and billowing smoke observed. Bombing seemed to cover wide area of town. Tactics and W/S. very good. Good concentration of A/C over target. No gaggle observed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft. Hit by flak in 7/A at 1014 hrs, 18,500 ft. causing four small holes in struts, inner flap and tail and fin rudders.	A.3347
Nights 5/6.3.45.	Halifax III. N.Z. 816 "B"	P/O. Corbett & crew		1649	0157	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 6x500 ANM.64 TD. and 6x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths Cumulus at 14,000 ft. Vis. fair, haze. Target ident. by red flares with green stars and AEI heading. Bombed centre of red flares with overshoot of 12 secs. as ordered by W/S from 18,500 ft. at 2144 hrs, 157 deg. T., 160 mph. Markers seen at 2146 hrs. Good marking. Good bright glow dawning large area, but could not assess raid. Moderate to heavy icing over base, tops unknown. Over Continent went down to 4,000 ft. where there was no icing. No lanes at higher levels. A/C straight and level as camera operated. On take off went up to 9,000 ft. No sign of breaks, came down to 7,000 ft. no icing, and climbed to 8,500 ft. through break, stayed at that level over England. Diverted to Thorny Island. (RCS was 7/8.)	A.3348
"	N.Z. 419 "B"	P/O. Peirier & crew		1636	0143	Target: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 6x500 ANM.64 TD and 6x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths St. Cls. and alto stratus, tops up to 10,000 ft. Vis. poor. Target ident. by sky markers, red flares and green stars. Bombed centre of glow seen through cloud from 18,000 ft, 2154 hrs, 170 deg. T., 160 mph. Four or five sky markers seen three of which close together. A good glow below cloud, covering area of about 3 miles square indicating concentrated bombing. W/S good. Tactics not suitable for weather in this country. A/C turning strbs. after bombing to avoid tracer. Enemy aircraft seen before and after target. Diverted Thorny Island.	A.3349

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Night 5/6, 5.45	Hali fax 111 N.R. 281 "F"	F/O Pstry & Crew.		16.42	18.25	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 15/14,000 ft. Vis. good. This aircraft was Abortive Over Enemy Territory. Target was identified by red flares and green stars. Bombs hung up over target, war jettisoned live at 5018N 1200W, 2201 hrs. from 17,000 ft. Distributor arm up to E. Markers were seen at E-2. Target well marked. Could not assess raid dur to cloud. Cloud from 1,500 to 2,500 ft. over base. Moderate icing above 7,500. Flew down England at 9,500 ft. Out of cloud after leaving base. Tactics O.K. Due to fuel shortage landed at Jurinport.	A3350
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		16.45	01.36	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 5x500 ADM.64 TD, 4x500 MTD, and 3x500 ADM.59 TD. Weather: 10/10ths Stratus, 10,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident by red flares and green stars and W/B. Bombed centre of skymarkers from 16,000 ft. at 2146 hrs. 158 deg T., 160 mph. Target well marked. W/B heard instructing crews to bomb skymarkers, overshooting 12 seconds. Large red glow illuminated clouds, nb other results observed due to thick clouds. Tactics not consistent with weather. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters in Frankfurt area. Clouds up to 9,500 ft. over England. Diverted to Thorny Island.	A3351
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O Chappel & Crew.		16.50	01.46	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 15,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by red flares with green stars. Bombed centre of red glow (3 flares) from 17,000 ft. at 2149 hrs. 16E deg T., 165 mph. (Target was well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb Wanganui overshooting 12 seconds. Orange glow illuminated cloud and seen for considerable distance. Arriving at target, every A/C did an orbit to port to waste time. Tactics not consistent with weather. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters in Frankfurt area. Altitude slightly over 10,000 feet flying down England. Diverted to Thorny Island.	A3352
"	N.R. 187 "K"	F/O Baillie & Crew.		16.43	01.54	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 15/14,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by Red flares and green stars. Bombed centre of 3 skymarkers (overshot 12 seconds) from 16,500 ft. at 2147 hrs. 153 deg T., 165 mph. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing to bomb Wanganui and undershoot 12 seconds at 2132 hrs. White glow illuminated clouds. Bombing early on target it was impossible to assess. Tactics good although not consistent with weather. Camera failed to operate. Some icing encountered at 9,500 ft. between 0900E. to 1000E. Some evidence of fighters in Frankfurt area. Diverted to Thorny Island.	A3353

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"	N.R. 271 "M"	F/L Lesene & Crew.		16.46	01.26	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "C". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 10/12,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by red flares and green stars. Bombed centre of sky markers from 16,000 ft. at 2147 hrs. 153 deg T., 160 mph. Target very well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb sky markers overshooting 12 seconds. Large pink glow illuminated clouds. Action satisfactory. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters on approach to target. Hit by flak in T/A. at 2142 hrs. 16,000 ft. One hole in bomb bay and one in Astro Dome. Nobody was injured. Diverted to Thorny Island.	A3355																																																								
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		16.58	01.37	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 12 x 500 METD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 15,000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident by red flares and green stars and HRS. Bombed by overshooting 12 seconds on 3 red flares from 18,500 ft. at 2152 hrs. 153 deg T., 135 mph. Markers seen at H. Target well marked. One solid glow in cloud but could not assess raid. There was 10/10ths cloud from 2 to 10,000 ft. moderate icing. On way back to base, ran into moderate to heavy icing at 500N 1100E to 500N 0200E 11,000 to 8,000 ft. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Flew down England at 9,500 ft. Open land of 200 feet. Diverted to Thorny Island.	A3356																																																								
"	P.N. 175 "Q"	F/O Desbiens & Crew.		16.51	--	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 12 x 500 METD. Nothing was heard of this aircraft since take-off and it is classified missing. The crew was as follows:	A3357																																																								
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Extract from letter of Mr. Arthur J. De Cruyenaere (202 Notre Dame Street, St. Boniface, Man.) dated 29 Dec 46 (file J94708):

"I enlisted July 4th 1942, became a wireless air gunner and I was discharged at Winnipeg on Sept 12th 1945 with the rank of P.O. The commission was granted to me, whilst overseas, dated March 28th, 1945. I was with the 425 Sqn. "Alouette" at Tholthorpe, Yorkshire. P/O M.S. Anderson was pilot of our crew.

Here is the story: On March 5th 1945 at 16:45 our crew took off on its 11th operational sortie in the aircraft Halifax "J-Jig; destination: Chemnitz. Fifteen minutes later, climbing through clouds and at a height of 9,000 ft our aircraft entered in a head-on collision with another Halifax a/c from Linton, Yorkshire; I have but vague recollections of what followed except, grabbing my chest-pack parachute, suddenly finding myself plummeting freely in the clouds, attaching my 'chute, pulling the ripcord, falling safely to earth amidst explosions, Upon landing a passing Red Cross St. John's ambulance vehicle picked me up and took me to nearest air force sick quarters which was Linton's air base. There I was told that I was the sole survivor of both crews: I was treated for shock, slight cuts and bruises. After a week's leave, I was given the option of returning to Canada, joining another crew at some conversion unit, or remaining as a spare WAG with the squadron. I chose the latter and managed to put in a couple more operational trips before the war ended."

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"	M.S. 354 "B"	F/O Giguere & Crew		16.44	12.50	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: 2x500 AMM.64 TB. 5x500 MET and 1x500 GPFD. Weather: 8/10th St. Ou. tops about 15000 ft. Vis. fair. Target ident. by sky markers and green flares. Overshot Greens by 12 seconds from 17000 ft. at 2200 hrs. 160 deg T., 165 mph. W/S. 000/51. Several sky markers seen on run up and one Green fl. seen through hole in cloud. Glow seemed to be dying out when we were on target. Route good but tactics weren't suitable. Circled to starboard as camera operated. Fighter flares seen in vicinity of Halle, in target area and on second leg out of target. Landed at Juvincourt due to fuel shortage. 1x500 AMM.64 TB hung up and was removed at Juvincourt.	A5361																																																																
"	M.S. 345 "B"	F/O Anderson & Crew		16.47	17.02	TARGET: Chemnitz. Bomb load: Same as "B". This aircraft crashed in England at Ham Markon Grange 2 miles South of Linton, South side of Ouse River. The WOP/AG was the only survivor. According to his statement he was thrown out of the aircraft after hearing a loud crash; there is possibility of a collision in clouds. The crew was as follows: <table border="1" style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>NUMBER</th> <th>RANK</th> <th>NAME & INITIALS</th> <th>TRADE</th> <th>TRIPS</th> <th>POINTS.</th> <th>HOURS.</th> <th>STATUS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J28271</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Anderson M.H.S.</td> <td>Pilot</td> <td>10</td> <td>57</td> <td>64.35</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R156845</td> <td>W/O</td> <td>Beaudry J.S.H.</td> <td>Nav.</td> <td>8</td> <td>29</td> <td>55.40</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R177985</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>DeGruyngere A.L.</td> <td>W/O</td> <td>8</td> <td>29</td> <td>53.40</td> <td>Safe.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J40547</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Charton R.S.</td> <td>A/S</td> <td>8</td> <td>29</td> <td>53.40</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R278087</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>Wattier J.L.G.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>10</td> <td>57</td> <td>64.35</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R177985</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>Seguin J.P.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>8</td> <td>29</td> <td>53.40</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R150785</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Roy, J.D.</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>8</td> <td>29</td> <td>53.40</td> <td>Killed.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NUMBER	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	TRADE	TRIPS	POINTS.	HOURS.	STATUS	J28271	F/O	Anderson M.H.S.	Pilot	10	57	64.35	Killed.	R156845	W/O	Beaudry J.S.H.	Nav.	8	29	55.40	Killed.	R177985	F/S	DeGruyngere A.L.	W/O	8	29	53.40	Safe.	J40547	F/O	Charton R.S.	A/S	8	29	53.40	Killed.	R278087	F/S	Wattier J.L.G.	W/AG	10	57	64.35	Killed.	R177985	F/S	Seguin J.P.	W/AG	8	29	53.40	Killed.	R150785	Sgt.	Roy, J.D.	F/S	8	29	53.40	Killed.	A5362
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Flight 7/6.3.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 157 "F"	S/L Hemphill & Crew.		18.18	00.24	TARGET: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM-64 TD. and 4x500 MCD. Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target identified by yellow red and green T.I.'s and white flares. Bombed green T.I.'s to port of yellow. As instructed by W/S. from 11,500 ft. at 2201 hrs. 242 deg T., 165 mph. 300/51 W/S. Ind. Markers seen at H-5. Target well marked. Tactics explosive and very large fires with black smoke seen. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Liked tactics. No fighter flares seen.	A3365																																																								
"	N.R. 252 "F"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		18.17	00.36	TARGET: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. A3364 Target identf. by illuminating flares and green T.I.'s. Bombed concentration of green T.I.'s from 11,500 ft. at 2153 hrs. 224 deg T., 160 mph. W/S not heard EFF on time, only illumina- ting flares and 4 lots of green T.I.'s. Too early in attack to assess. A/C S & L as camera operated. Route and tactics quite good. There was more cloud and less icing than briefed. Concentration of a/c through target very good.	A3364																																																								
"	N.Z. 815 "C"	F/O Gorbett & Crew.		18.19	---	TARGET: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Nothing heard. A3366 of this aircraft since takeoff. The crew was as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>NUMBER</th> <th>RANK</th> <th>NAME & INITIALS</th> <th>GRADE</th> <th>TRIPS</th> <th>FOLIOS</th> <th>HOURS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>782248</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Gorbett W.D.</td> <td>F/1st</td> <td>28</td> <td>58</td> <td>127.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>92406</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Rickson J.W.</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>25</td> <td>51</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>985038</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Wara G.H.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>25</td> <td>51</td> <td>121.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>937824</td> <td>F/O</td> <td>Malins V.P.</td> <td>A/S</td> <td>24</td> <td>50</td> <td>127.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>211524</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>Parent L.J.M.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>24</td> <td>50</td> <td>153.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>216475</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>Morin J.R.</td> <td>W/AG</td> <td>27</td> <td>59</td> <td>175.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF 1824678</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Forayth J.G.</td> <td>F/S</td> <td>24</td> <td>51</td> <td>164.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NUMBER	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	GRADE	TRIPS	FOLIOS	HOURS	782248	F/O	Gorbett W.D.	F/1st	28	58	127.15	92406	F/O	Rickson J.W.	Sgt.	25	51	12.50	985038	F/O	Wara G.H.	W/AG	25	51	121.50	937824	F/O	Malins V.P.	A/S	24	50	127.00	211524	F/S	Parent L.J.M.	W/AG	24	50	153.25	216475	F/S	Morin J.R.	W/AG	27	59	175.25	RAF 1824678	Sgt.	Forayth J.G.	F/S	24	51	164.00	A3366
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"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/O Mark & Crew.		18.07	00.37	TARGET: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. A3368 of clouds. Vis. good. Target identf. by yellow and green T.I.'s and IRLs. Bombed centre of 3 green T.I.'s as per W/S's instruc- tions from 10,500 ft. at 2200 hrs. 260 deg T., 165 mph. W/S: 360/51 Ind. Markers seen cascading at H-5. Marking plentiful but scattered. W/S heard instructing crew to bomb 3 greens on north of yellow T.I.'s (at H-5). One large red explosion accompanied by black smoke at 2201 hrs. No fire seen on leaving target. MARKER Target satisfactory. Not as briefed. Target marking badly scattered but W/S controlled bombing. A/C avoiding collision as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A3368																																																								
"	N.Z. 419 "F"	F/O Poirier & Crew.		18.08	00.31	TARGET: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. Some haze. Vis. fair. Target by green, yellow and red T.I.'s. Bombed centre of 4 green T.I.'s from 10,500 ft. at 2200 hrs. 260 deg T., 160 mph. W/S: 360/41 Ind. Markers seen at H-5. Target well marked throughout. Concentrated. No fire seen. A/C in bank as camera operated due to a/c above. Tactics good. Too many aircraft circling on W/S at 5429H 6750E.	A3368																																																								

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Night. 7/6.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. P.N. 172 "G"	P/O. Basciet & crew		1814	0045	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. Vis. very good. Target ident. by green red and yellow T.I.'s and flares. Bombed centre of yellow T.I.'s from 12,000 ft. at 2159 hrs, 220 deg. T., 166 mph, W/S: 560/40. There was a very good concentration of all types of markers illuminating the whole T/A. There were large fires and good explosions. Smoke was rising 30,000 ft. Reflection could be seen 20000 ft. for about 40 miles. Route and tactics very good. Met. better than briefed. A/C S.S. & L. when camera operated. Evidence of enemy A/C in T/A and to the Danish coast on return. Fighter flares on leg into target. W/S heard but not understood.	A.5368
"	N.R. 116 "I"	P/O. Chappel & crew		1852	0045	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb Load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. A.5369 Same base. Vis. 10 miles. Target ident. by B., G., and Y.T.I.'s. Bombs and white flares. Bombed centre of concentration of red T.I.'s from 12,000 ft. at 2210 hrs, 210 deg. T., 170 mph. W/S: 560/30. Markers seen at h - 6. Target well marked. Good concentration of reds. Green scattered. Looked like good bombing. Good fires; smoke up to 4,000 ft. Light rising from 0500 to 0600. A/C S.S. & L. as camera operated. Few fighter flares in T/A. Hit by heavy flak at 12,000 ft. 2145 hrs. at 5440N 1000E. Nobody seen in return.	
"	N.R. 134 "E"	P/O. Evans & crew		1806	0029	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: 7x500 AHM, 64 TD, 4x500 MTD. A.5370 and 1x500 AHM, 58TD. Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by H. G. & S. T.I.'s and visually by head in river. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s to port side of yellow as instructed by W/S. From 11,500 ft. at 2204 hrs, 226 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 560/37. Markers seen at H-6. Target well marked. Scattered. Target well covered with smoke (dark) up to 3,000 ft. A/C S.S. & L. as camera operated. Were early at target so made orbit to port. Few fighter flares before target.	
"	N.R. 147 "L"	P/O. Lafreniere & crew		1815	0041	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear or cloud. Vis. good. Target ident. by yellow and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of Red T.I.'s as instructed. from 8,000 ft. at 2205 hrs, 278 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 560/45 ind. T.I.'s seen ascending at H - 6. Marking satisfactory. W/S instructed BARRAGE 6. at 2205 hours. and bomb centre of red T.I.'s. No result observed. Marking satisfactory. Met. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of fighters.	A.5371
"	N.R. 271 "P"	P/O. Lescane & crew		1811	0044	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. A.5372 Target ident. by flares, green, yellow and red T.I.'s. Bombed green T.I.'s on W/S's instructions from 11,500 ft. at 2201 hrs, 160 deg. T., 160 mph, W/S: 560/40 ind. W/S very clear heard according to bomb centre of green T.I.'s. to port of yellow. Concentration of A/C very good on run in and out of target. A/C in normal flight when camera operated. Route and tactics very good.	

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Night. 7/8, 8, 45. (CONT'D)	Balifa x III. H.A. 18000	F/O. Chabot & crew		1816	0026	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: Clear. A. 5375 Target ident. visually by W/Tards and by Green T.I.'s and flares. Bombed concentration of green T.I.'s from 10,000 ft. at 2201 hrs 280 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 360/45. W/S not heard. A/C concentra- tion behind us very good. About 2211 hrs we could see large fires burning in the T.A. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Route and tactics very good. Met. as briefed.	
"	H.R. 13 6 "P"	F/Lt. Archambault & crew		1810	0050	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear, A. 5374 Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by G & I. T.I.'s, flares and buildings. Bombed centre of G.T.I.'s from 11,000 ft. at 2200 hrs. 288 deg. T. 165 mph. W/S: 360/45. Target well marked with Green T.I.'s with a few scattered to subd. Bombing seemed well concentrated and as we left target, white smoke was rising to about 2,000 ft. Route and tactics very good, giving no trouble from defenses. Met. as briefed although the front had moved westward on return. No evidence of enemy aircraft seen. W/S could not be understood due to jamming.	
"	ME. 495 "B"	F/Lt. Laporte & crew		1809	0054	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear A. 5385 of cloud. Vis. 10 miles. Target ident. by Y & G. T.I.'s and EGs. Bombed centre point between Y & G. T.I.'s as instructed by W/S. from 11,500 ft. at 2200 hrs, 310 deg. T., 165 mph. 360/40 W/S. Markers cascaded on time. T.I.'s scattered over large area. W/S heard clearly instructing crews to bomb between Yellow and Green T.I.'s at 2200 hrs. One small explosion at 2200 hrs. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of enemy fighters. W/S appeared to control raid very well.	
"	H.P. 959 "Y"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1844	0042	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". A. 5376 Weather: no cloud, Vis. excellent. Target ident. by illuminating flares and green T.I.'s. Bombed an estimated centre of green T.I.'s from 10,000 ft. at 2159 hrs, 228 deg. T., 160 mph. W/S: 000/42 Ind. Marking appeared scattered but flares lit up whole area. There was one fire slightly to subd. and smoke rose to about our height. W/S not heard. Route tactics and Met. very good. Was difficult to lose time over the sea and time waiting over land was very dangerous. A/C did hit straight and level as camera operated. There were some red track markers on last leg into target.	
"	H.P. 957 "R"	F/O. EK Violette & crew		1812	0055	Target: Hemmingstedt. Bomb load: Same as "K". A. 5377 and 1200 070. Weather: clear, 2 to 3/10th cloud, scattered strato-cumulus. Target ident. by flares and R.E. and G.T.I.'s Bombed concentration of yellow T.I.'s from 12,000 ft. at 2203 hrs, 300 deg. T., 165 mph. W/S: 360/45. W/S heard before but not over target. Too much interference. FF on time but scattered. A/C 5 ft. as camera operated. Route and tactics good.	

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Night. 8/9.3.45.	Halifax III. N.R. 134 "2"	W/O. Ledoux & crew.		1839	0056	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: 8x500 MCTD and 8x250 GPTA. Weather: 9/10ths St. Cu., tops 4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target identified by green flares and red stars and H2S. Bombed centre of concentration of green T.I.'s from 19,000 ft. at 2131 hrs, 166 deg.T., 160 mph. W/S: 350/72 Ind. Target well marked. Large concentration of green T.I.'s. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb centre of greens at 2137 hrs. Center of yellow flares rising to 2,000 ft. (200 yds. across) of yellow flares observed. Tactics good. Although grave risk of collision, flying at low altitude on outward route. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters following stream, far some distance over sea.	A.3378
"	N.A. 203 "D"	F/O. Mark & crew		1837	0053	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: 4x500 MCTD, 8x250 GPTA and 4x500 ANM. G. W. Weather: 9/10ths St. Cu., tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green flares with red stars and H2S. Bombed green flares as instructed by W/B. from 18,500 ft. at 2135 hrs, 169 deg.T., 160 mph. Markers seen at H. Markers scattered and W/B kept changing instructions. Good explosion at 2135 hrs. Good flares observed on landing. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Few fighter flares seen on way from target. Tactics good and weather as predicted.	A.3379
"	N.Z. 419 "E"	F/O. Peirier & crew		1833	0046	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: 8x500 GP. II and 8x500 ANM. G. W. Weather: 7 to 8/10ths St. Cu., tops 2,500 ft. Vis. poor, slight haze. Target ident. by green flares, red stars and H2S. Also visually by dock area and by green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of green T.I.'s on dock area, from 18,500 ft. at 2133 hrs, 168 deg.T., 160 mph, W/S: 357/61 Ind. Target very well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing to bomb centre of green T.I.'s at 2131 hrs. Several minor explosions and one large explosion in dock area at 2135 and 2137 hrs, illuminated target area. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A.3380
"	N.R. 231 "F"	F/O. Patry, & crew		1831	0042	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 8/10ths St. Cu., 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green flares and red stars and H2S. Bombed centre of GREENS from 19,000 ft. at 2133 hrs, 168 deg.T., 160 mph. W/B heard clearly at 2137 instructing to bomb centre of sky markers, which were scattered. One very large explosion at 2134 hrs. Several bomb bursts seen through cloud. Route and tactics very good. 1st better than expected. Camera operated while A/C in city stream. H2S marking good. Many fighter flares seen on homeward route.	A.3381
"	N.R. 252 "G"	F/O. Rasolet & crew.		1840	0051	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 8/10-10ths thin Stratocum clouds tops 6,500 ft. Vis. very good. Target identified R & G T.I.'s and sky markers and H2S. Bombed on sky markers as instructed by W/B, from 18,500 ft. at 2134 hrs, 162 deg.T., 160 mph. Ground markers seen through cloud second better than expected. One from one large fire seen at 2134 hrs and shortly after bombing a large explosion took place. Route and tactics good under satisfactory weather conditions. Camera operated with A/C straight and level. Fighter flares seen over 7/A and one was seen at 0400H. Hvy. lights seen in 7/A.	A.3382

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8/9.3.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.P. 958 "H"	F/O. Evans & crew		1828	0044	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: 1x500 MTD, 6x250 GPTI and 7x500 A.3585 AMM.64. Weather: 8/10ths thin stratus tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident: by green T.I.'s, green flares and red stars. Bombed 200 yds abtd. of G.I.I.'s as instructed by W/B. from 19,500 ft. at 2132 hrs. 169 deg. T., 150 mph. W/S: 360/89 ind. There were many markers but when they were spread out over a wide area. Two large explosions to port, one at 2132 and another at 2134 hrs. Considerable amount of smoke. Route and tactics very good and Met. was allright, the front having more or less dispersed. Fighter flares were seen near Heligoland. Camera operated with a/c fairly straight and level.	
	N.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Lafreniere & crew		1829	0057	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. tops 8,000 feet (thin). Vis. good. Target ident. by flares (green) and red stars and H2S. Also by G.I.I.'s. Bombed green T.I.'s as instructed by W/B. from 18,000 ft. at 2134 hrs. 172 deg. T., 170 mph. Markers seen at H-4. Target well marked with T.I.'s and green flares. Bombing loaded good. Large explo- sion at 2135 hrs. Small flares scattered over good area. A/B straight and level as camera operated. Tactics and Met. good. Saw fighter flare over sea on way back.	A.3584
	N.R. 271 "H"	F/L Lesesne & crew		1834	0054	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green T.I. green flares, red stars and H2S. Bombed port of green T.I.'s, slightly under shooting, from 19,500 ft. at 2134 hrs. 170 deg. T. 165 mph. 360/89 ind. W/S. Green T.I.'s not seen at time of bombing. Sky markers bombed. W/B heard after bombing, ordering to bomb sky markers. Numerous flares observed. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. A/B in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of fighters following stream.	A.3585
	N.A. 160 "G"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1838	0057	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. tops 10,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green T.I., sky marking and H2S. Bombed glow of green T.I.'s as instructed by W/B. from 18,800 ft. at 2134 hrs. 172 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 360/89. W/B heard but faintly. Explosion at target at 2138 hrs. Flare and huge glow in the sky. Should be an excellent attack. Weather much better than briefed. A/B St. and level when camera operated. Route and tactics very good. Fighters followed stream. At 2225 hrs. 4 yellow/white flares seen, hang on track.	A.3586
	N.R. 136 "P"	F/O. Chappel and crew		1832	0045	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 5/10ths St. Cu. tops 5/6,000 ft. (thin). Target ident. by R & G.T.I.'s green flares with red stars, as inst. by W/B. from 20,000 ft. at 2135 hrs. 169 deg. T., 160 mph. Markers seen at H-4. Plenty of markers but scattered. Good explosions at 2137 hrs. Good flares seen glow in cloud only. A/B St. and level as camera operated. Tactics good. Met. also as briefed. After leaving target, saw several fighter flares.	A.3587

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8/9/45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III N.E. 485 "B"	P/L. Laporte & crew		1836	0048	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 8/10ths Alto stratus, tops 7/12,000 ft. Vis. un- unlimited. Target ident. by green T.I., Wanganui, and visually by rockets. Bombed Wanganui flares on instruction from W/B. from 19,000 ft. at 2134 hrs; 159 deg. T., 185 mph. W/B heard very clearly. PFF on time and target well marked. Several large explosions seen after leaving target. Carpet of smaller fires. Very successful attack. A/C Str. and level at time camera operated. Route and tactics very good. Met. better than briefed.	A.3388
"	N.F. 939 "W"	P/O. Baillie & crew		1855	0052	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 8/10ths patchy thin cloud, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by H2S, Green T.I. and Wanganui. Bombed concentration of green T.I.'s from 18,000 ft. at 2133 hrs. W. deg. T. 165 mph. W/B not heard until after bombing. At 2132 hrs, huge explosion and flames at near edge of green T.I.'s noted. Two more good explosions at 2135 hrs. Seemed to be oil fire in dock area. PFF on time and sky markswell lined up with markers on ground. A/C climbing at time camera operated because of A/C bobbing. Route and tactics quite good, still don't like flying so low over the sea.	A.3389
"	N.R. 275 "X"	P/L. Archambault & crew		1850	0052	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 7/10ths St. Cls., tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I.s. Bombed centre of same from 18,500 ft. at 2137 hrs, 158 deg. T., 185 mph, W/B 325/70. R. flares heard at 2128 hrs. Instructing to bomb green T.I., then centre of explosions and then sky markers, resulting in heading of 058 deg. T. which were too late and bombed centre of green T.I.s. through gap in cloud. Several orange explosions during and after bombing. Several fires seen through gap in cloud. Route and tactics very good. Met as briefed, but less cloud and no icing encountered. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. Considerable fighter flares in W/A and homeards. W/B instructions disconcerting and delayed time on target. H2S was U/S.	A.3390
"	P.N. 172 "G"	P/O. Violette & crew		1841	0103	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: 3x500 MTD, 8x250 GPT and 5x500 ANM 64. Target ident. by green flares, red stars, R & G.T.I.s. Weather: 8/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Bombed centre of red flares from 20,000 ft. at 2135 hrs, 159 deg. T., at 155 mph. W/B heard at 2118 hrs. Instructing to bomb green T.I. This was changed from Northern edge to centre of sky markers. One very large explosion seen at 2158 hrs which lit up sky. Concentrated bomb flashes seen through cloud. Route and tactics very good. Met. as briefed but considerable lower cloud. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. Marking was scattered. Fighter flares in target area and homeard route over sea were noted.	A.3391
Day 11/8/45	Halifax III N.R. 184 "Z"	P/O. Ledoux & crew		1203	1756	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 3x500 ANM 64, 2x500 MTD and 8x250 GPT. Weather: 10/10ths strato-cu, cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by R's blue smoke puff markers. Bombed centre of Stbd. disappearing red smoke puff from 17,500 ft. at 1413 hrs. 150 deg. T., 154 mph. H2S not marked. W/B heard instructing to bomb red smoke puffs. No result of bombing observed. Tactics good. Heavy concentration of a/c at target, on correct heading. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy a/c. H2S switched on at 1455 hrs, 0019N, 0002E.	A.3392

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Day. 11.5.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 252 "B"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1135	1739	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 6x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, vis. unlimited. Target ident. by Gee, HES, and smoke puffs blue and red. Bombed red smoke puffs instructed by W/S from 15,000 ft. at 1518 hrs. 044 deg. T. 155 mph. Markers at H-7 were well concentrated. Smoke was raising the cloud but could not see raid due to cloud. Very good concentration of a/c. HES turned on at 1444 hrs at 0510 deg. R. Tactics good. Did not use Gee for climbing over base, used radius of action.	A.3593
"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/O. Mark & crew		1133	1732	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue and red smoke puffs. HES and Gee. Bombed red smoke puffs as instructed by W/S from 17,400 ft. at 1518 hrs. 047 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S heard clearly. Evidence of fighter escort and concentration of a/c good. Could not assess raid due to cloud. W/S called for markers as he wanted them. HES turned on at 1444 hrs. 5026N 0500E. A/C straight and level when camera operated. Route and tactics good.	A.3594
"	N.E. 419 "E" 76	F/O. Poirier & crew		1138	1748	Target: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths strato cumulus at 5,000 ft. Vis. very good. Target ident. by blue and red smoke puffs and Gee check. Bombed blue smoke puff from 17,400 at 1517 hrs. 046 deg. T. 158 mph. Smoke puffs fairly close together but all but one went out on our run up. One red smoke puff went down which was well to port of previous marking. Many a/c seen, bombing at the same time. Brown smoke came through cloud to about 7,000 ft. Route and tactics were good with met exactly as briefed. Camera operated with a/c straight and level. HES turned on at 5021N 0500E, 1443 hrs.	A.3595
"	N.R. 231 "F"	F/O. Rattray & crew		1137	1800	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 6x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Horiz. vis. very good. Target ident. by Gee, and red and blue smoke puffs. Bombed red smoke puffs on instruction of W/S, from 15,700 ft. at 1518 hrs. 044 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S heard at 1415 hrs not clear. Concentration of a/c in T/A very good. Should prove a successful attack. HES turned on at 1444 hrs. at 5025N 0505E. A/C straight and level but in slip stream at time camera operated. 2x500 MTD hung up over target and jettisoned safe at 5221N 0535E, from 9,000 feet, at 1538 hrs.	A.3596
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Chappel & crew		1136	1740	Target: Essen. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 6x500 MTD. Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by Gee, blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed red smoke puffs as instructed by W/S from 15,700 ft. at 1518 hrs. 046 deg. T. 155 mph. Markers seen at H-7. Markers concentrated and well marked. W/S heard at H plus 9 spreading attack. Could not assess raid due to cloud. A/C straight and level as camera operated. HES turned on at 1448 hrs. 5023N 0505E. Tactics very good, better than gaggle. Very heavy concentration of aircraft.	A.3597

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Day 11.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 147 "I"	F/L Laframere & Crew.		11.54	17.28	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs and Gee check. Bombed on blue puffs from 117,000 ft. at 1517 hrs. 046 deg. T., 160 mph. W/B heard on call at H-16 instructing to bomb to left of sky markers. Cloud obscured target and prevented bombing observations. Route and tactics good. Camera operated while A/C St., and level. HES turned on at 1441 hrs. 5022N 0500E. Bombing appeared concentrated and marking good.	A3398
"	H.A. 180 "O"	F/O Chabot & Crew.		11.44	17.31	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee, HES and sky markers. Bombed blue smoke puffs on instruction from W/B. from 17,000 ft. at 1516 hrs. 046 deg. T., 160 mph. W/B heard clearly. FF on time. Two explosions on run in and out but adult only. See glow on cloud. No other assessment possible. HES turned on at 1444 hours. 5024N 0501 E. A/C straight and level as camera operated. Route and tactics very good. A/C in front of us on way to target not flying at briefed speeds and we had to keep up with them.	A3399
"	N.P. 956 "H"	F/O Giguere & Crew.		11.41	18.01	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: 6x500 GUN-64 and 6x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths clouds (Str. Cl.) tops 6,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by Gee, blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of smoke puffs, from 19,000 ft. at 1518 hrs. 046 Deg. T., 155 mph. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb red smoke puffs. No result observed. Tactics good. Met as briefed. Good concentration of A/C in target bombing on correct heading. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. HES switched on at 5022N 0500E, 1445 hours.	A3400
"	M.Z. 425 "I"	F/O Evans & Crew.		11.39	17.37	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths St. clouds, tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by blue and red smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed centre of post blue smoke puffs as per W/B's instructions, from 18,100 ft. at 1517 hrs. 046 deg. T., 155 mph. Target well marked. W/B first class. Large billow of dark smoke came up through cloud. A/C appeared to be bombing markers accurately. Tactics good. Good concentration of A/C at target. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Although some bombs as to functioning properly. No evidence of enemy A/C HES turned on at 1444 hours.	A3401
"	N.P. 959 "V"	F/O Violette & Crew.		11.45	17.49	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "Z". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cl. cloud tops 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by Gee, blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed center of blue smoke puffs from 18,500 ft. at 1517 hrs. 046 deg. T., 155 mph. Target well marked with blue puffs. One red puff seen on leaving target. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb center of blues. Black smoke observed rising through cloud. Tactics good. Excellent concentration of aircraft in target on correct heading.	A3402

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Day 11.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.E. 273 "X"	F/O Raquette & Crew.		11.40	17.51	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. with tops at 6,000 ft. Vis. excellent. Target ident. by red and blue smoke puffs. Bombed stragg. of red puffs from 19,000 ft. at 1621 hrs. 046 deg. T., 155 mph. Target well marked. M/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb centre of blue smoke puffs. Captain was unable to hear blue on exact heading as instructions were received too late. No results of bombing observed. Tactics good. Good concentration of a/c in target, bombing on correct heading. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy a/c. H2S turned on at 1423 hrs. 5022N 0500E.	A3403
"	N.R. 271 "XXX "B"	F/L Lesenne & Crew.		11.45	17.45	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 5,000 ft. Vis. very good. Target ident. by blue smoke puff and H2S and Gee check. Bombed slightly to port of straggles from 18,100 ft. at 1517 hrs. 045 deg. T., 155 mph. There were few markers and appeared to spread out. At time of bombing some red smoke puffs seen. Many a/c bombed at the same time, smoke rose to above cloud tops. No assessment of raid possible. M/B clearly heard on time and his directions were very good. Route and tactics good with H2S as briefed. H2S turned on at 5026N 0500E 1445 hrs.	A3404
"	N.E. 495 "B"	F/L Laporte & Crew.		11.42	17.41	TARGET: Essen. Bomb load: Same as "2". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 6,800 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by red and blue smoke puffs. Gee and H2S. Bombed centre of red smoke puffs from 18,400 ft. at 1518 hrs. 046 deg. T., 155 mph. M/B clearly heard at 1515. Instructed to bomb centre of red smoke puffs, and adhered to briefed heading. Considerable smoke penetrating cloud over an area of about a square mile. Otherwise. Cloud obscured T/A. Route and tactics good. Camera operated while A/C str. and level. H2S turned on at 5015 N. 0500E. also bombing H2S turned on at 1445 h. a. 5015 N. 0500E.	A3405
Day 12.3.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 252 "B"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		15.16	19.39	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: 10x50 AMM.64 and 6x500 HEHD Weather: 10/10ths St. 6,000 ft. Vis. good, slight haze. Target ident by Gee, blue and green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of concentration of green and blue smoke puffs. from 17,100 ft. at 1645 hrs. 052 deg. T., 160 mph. Target well marked. M/B HEARD INSTRUCTING crews to bomb concentration of green and blues. Large cloud of black smoke rising through thin stratus. Tactics good. Met as briefed. Good concentration of a/c on target, A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of a/c. H2S turned at 5015N 0517E 1608 hrs.	A3406
"	N.E. 205 "D"	F/L Mark & Crew.		15.10	19.40	TARGET: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 ft. Vis. above 90 miles. Target ident by blue smoke puff and Gee. Bombed centre of lines as instructed by M/B, from 16,800 ft. at 1644 hrs. 050 deg. T., 150 mph. M/B heard very clearly. Brown smoke seen rolling up through cloud, to stragg. 3 to 4 square miles. Evidence of fighter cover H2S turned on at 1605 hrs. 5011N 0502E. A/C str. and level as camera operated. Route and tactics very good.	A3407

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Day. 12.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 251 "B"	F/O. Petry & crew		1307	1957	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by HES. Green, blue and green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of port blue smoke puffs from 18,000 ft. 1643 hrs. OSS deg. T. 155 mph. Target well marked. M/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb blues. Cloud of black smoke observed coming up through cloud. Tactics good. Good concentration of a/c over target though a/c failed to maintain briefed height. Most a/c between 18/20,000 ft. a/c in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of a/c. HES turned on at 5015N 0503E, 1600 hours.	A.3408
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Giguere & crew		1315	2001	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 5,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by blue and green smoke puffs. HES and HES. Bombed centre of blues from 17,700 ft. at 1643 hrs. OSS deg. T. 155 mph. Target well marked. M/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb centre of blue puffs. Large patch of blue smoke rising through cloud. Tactics excellent. Heavy concentration of a/c over target. a/c in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of a/c. HES turned on at 5015N 0503E, at 1602 hours.	A.3409
"	N.R. 256 "H"	F/O. Chappel & crew		1508	1957	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 6,000 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by green and blue smoke puffs and HES. Bombed single green smoke puff from 17,700 ft. at 1643 hrs. OSS deg. T. 155 mph. M/B heard clearly at 1658 hrs instructing to bomb centre of blue and green sky markers then fresh sky markers. Position of markers was good and plentiful and bombing appeared concentrated. Smoke was billowing through cloud, otherwise no further observation possible. Route and tactics satisfactory. Camera operated while a/c Str. & level. Stream did not adhere to tactics and a/c at wrong height. HES turned on at 1605 hrs. 0503E.	A.3410
"	N.R. 147 "J"	F/O. Violette & crew		1526	2002	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. at 5,000 ft. Target ident. by Green, blue and green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of concentration of blue smoke puffs as instructed by M/B, from 17,400 ft. at 1644 hrs. OSS deg. T. 155 mph. Markers seen at 1644 hrs. Markers well concentrated. M/B spreading the attack. Smoke coming through cloud. HES turned on at 5015N 0503E at 1605 hrs. Tactics very satisfactory and a great concentration of a/c over target.	A.3411
"	N.R. 271 "K"	F/L. Lesene & crew		1511	1951	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St. Cu. tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green and blue smoke puffs. HES and HES; Bombed centre of blue puffs on instrs. from M/B. from 17,100 ft. at 1643 hrs. OSS deg. T. 155 mph. M/B heard clearly. Black smoke lifting cloud up in large circle of about 5 sq. miles. Seen 30 miles from target. Excellent fighter escort. HES turned on at 1605 hrs. 5014N 0515E. A/C Str. and level as camera operated. Route and tactics OK.	A.3412

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Day. 12.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		1815	1955	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus at 7,000 ft. vis. excellent. Target ident. by Gee, HES, green and blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of all smoke puffs from 18,500 ft. at 1843 hrs. 033 deg. T., 165 mph. Target very well marked. W/B heard instructing crew to bomb centre of green and blue smoke puffs: at 1842 hrs. Black smoke rising through cloud over wide area. Tactics very good. A/C apparently not adhering to speed and height. No evidence of fighter E/A. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Met. as briefed. HES turned on at 5012N 0602E, at 1804 hours.	A.3415.
"	N.R. 156 "P"	WO.2 Temple & crew		1809	1948	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus. Top 8,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee, smoke puffs, blue and green. Bombed centre of concentration of smoke puffs as inacc. by W/B. from 18,000 ft. at 1842 hrs. 031 deg. T., 155 mph. Markers seen at E-2. Target well marked throughout. Cloud over target becoming black due to smoke. Could not assess due to cloud. W/B kept spreading the attack. HES turned on at 5012N 0604E, 1802 hrs. Tactics quite good but getting home at wrong time of day.	A.3414
"	N.Z. 485 "R"	F/O. Belanger & crew		1812	1942	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus. Top 8,000 ft. vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 18,000 ft. at 1844 hrs. 031 deg. T., 170 mph. W/B saw clearly at 1830 and last instructions were to bomb centre of blue smoke puffs. Markers were plentiful and concentrated. Smoke was beginning to appear through cloud. Otherwise cloud obscured any assessment of raid. Route and tactics satisfactory and camera operated while a/c straight and level. HES turned on at 1809 hrs, 0510E.	A.3415
"	N.Z. 425 "U"	F/O. Evans & crew		1805	1507	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". HE This aircraft returned early, turned back at 5430N 0020E, 1812 hrs, 7,000 ft. due to Constant Speed Unit unserviceable. Bomb load was jettisoned safe at 5410N 0130E, 1852 hrs, from 7,000 feet to lighten load.	A.3416
"	N.F. 959 "Y"	F/O. Baillie & crew		1814	2000	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths stratus. Top 7,000 ft. unlimited. Target ident. by blue and green smoke puffs and by Gee. Bombed centre of Green and blue smoke puffs from 18,500 ft. at 1845 hrs. 033 deg. T., 165 mph. W/B heard first at E-2, instructing lastly to bomb concentration of blue and green smoke puffs. Markers plentiful and concentrated. A large circle of smoke appeared through cloud and the W/B side was billowing out. No further observation possible. Route and tactics were satisfactory. Camera operated while a/c in slight bank. Bombing appeared very concentrated. HES turned on at 1807 hrs, 0605E.	A.3417

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Day. 12.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 273 "X"	F/O. Paquette & crew		1306	1945	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cl. tops 5,000 ft. Target ident. by blue and green smoke puffs. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs as instructed by M/B from 18,000 ft. at 1644 hrs. 081 deg. T. 155 mph. Markers seen at 1624 hrs. Target well marked and M/B kept spreading attack. Large smoke circle in cloud. HES turned on at 1611 N 1508 W at 1600 hrs. Tactics very sat. Good concentration of a/c. Plenty of fighter cover.	A.3418
"	N.R. 134 "Z"	F/L. Poirier & crew		1320	1955	Target: Dortmund. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 3/4,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by green and blue smoke puffs. Bombed between blue and green puffs as instr. by M/B from 18,500 ft. at 1643 hrs. 082 deg. T. 155 mph. M/B heard on Marconi not on R.T. 3 miles circle of black smoke billowing up through cloud could be seen at least 125 miles away. Evidence of fighter cover. HES switched on at 1602 hrs. 1509N 0490E. A/C St. and level as usual. Separated. Route and tactics quite good. All routes are good today. Very good attack.	A.3419
Day. 13.3.45.	Halifax III. N.R. 271 "W"	F/L. Lessene & crew		1248	1841	Target: Wuppertal. Bomb load: 1x 2,000 lb. H.C. and 5 clusters. No. 17. Weather: 10/10ths St.Cl. tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puff and Gee. Bombed single red smoke puff from 19,100 ft. at 1608 hrs. 086 deg. T. 155 mph. M/B heard clearly at 1614 hrs. to bomb blue smoke puff but none visible at time of bombing. Bombed slightly to stbd. of red smoke puff and this was necessary to avoid a/c below. Cloud obscured target and assessment is impossible. Route and tactics sat. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. No evidence of enemy A/C.	A.3420
"	F.N. 172 "G"	F/O. Viâlette & crew		1242	1847	Target: Wuppertal. Bomb load: 1x 2,000 lb. H.C. and 6 clusters. No. 14. Weather: 8/10ths St.Cl. tops 6,000 ft. to 9,000 ft. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed single red smoke puff from 19,400 ft. at 1630 hrs. 088 deg. T. 155 mph. M/B heard clearly at 1614 hrs. instructing to bomb blue sky markers when none visible. Bombed a single red puff which checked with Gee and heading. Considerable bomb bursts and smoke seen through break in cloud. Markers scarce although position good. Route and tactics sat. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. FFF marking poor. No evidence of W/A/C.	A.3421
"	M.E. 418 "C"	F/O. Belanger & crew		1241	1851	Target: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: 8/10ths cloud tops 6/7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puff and Gee. Bombed up wind of the smoke puff on heading of 065 on instr. of M/B from 20,000 ft. at 1610 hrs. 066 deg. T. 160 mph. M/B heard but poorly. FFF poor at time we were there. Too much cloud to assess results properly. Fighter cover good. A/C St. and level as camera operated. Route and tactics good. Stream of aircraft looser than usual.	A.3422

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Day. 13.3.46.	Halifax III. N.P. 959 "y"	P/O. Paquette & crew		1249	1848	Target:Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "N". Weather: 6 to 8/10 St.Cu, tops 5/6,000 ft. Vis. unlimited. Target ident. by blue and red smoke puffs and incens on the ground. Bombed incendiaries burning on ground and to port of one red puff seen 19,700 ft. at 1610 hrs; 066 deg. i., 155 mph. On run up, one blue smoke puff seen but just prior to bombing this disappeared and one red smoke puff went down. We were unable to change course on time but dropped load in a position estimated midway between old blue and new red puff. Saw only three markers. No assessment of raid possible due to haze. M/B heard only twice during whole period and his instructions were not sufficient. Route and tactics very good with Metz. as forecast. Camera believed to have operated with A/C in normal flight.	A. 3423
"	N.A. 205 "D"	F/L. Mark & crew		1243	1843	Target:Wuppertal. Bomb load: 1x2,000 lb. 8 clusters No.14 and 4 clusters ANM.17. Weather: 10/10ths tops 10,000 ft. Sight haze. Target ident. by HES and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of red smoke puff from 18,500 ft. at 1614 hrs. 067 deg. i., 160 mph. Only one red puff seen. M/B heard clearly instructing to bomb blue puffs. Cloud was in various layers and no results observed. On first approach to target no marker seen so Captain ordered to port. Despite orders to bomb blue smoke puffs it was necessary to aim at red, this being the only marker seen. Tactics good. Metz. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of E/A/C.	A.3424
"	M.Z. 495 "R"	F/O. Racicot & crew		1244	1829	Target:Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "N". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 5/7,000 ft. Vis. above very good. Target ident. by Gee and red smoke puff. Bombed red smoke puff as instructed by M/B, from 19,400 ft. at 1611 hrs. 066 deg. i., 160 mph. M/B heard very faintly. Some indication of bombing about 5 minutes before the target, on track. PFF ON time but only one smoke puff at time we were there. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Route and tactics very good but winds out.	A.3425
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Brassard & crew		1256	1842	Target:Wuppertal. Bomb load: 1x2,000 lb. 6 clusters No.14 and 6 clusters ANM.17. Target ident. by Gee and red and blue smoke puffs. Bombed one red smoke puff from 19,100 ft. at 1609 hrs. 066 deg. i., 160 mph. Markers on time. Good concentration. Through break in cloud could see incendiaries and bomb bursts, but could not assess raid due to cloud and smoke. Straight and level as camera operated. Tactics good and concentration easy to fly in.	A.3426
"	N.R. 251 "F"	F/O. Pstry & crew		1240	1856	Target:Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "I". Weather: 8/10ths St.Cu, 6,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee, HES, and red and blue smoke puffs. Bombed just sbnd. of red smoke puff from 19,700 ft. at 1607 hrs. 069 deg. i., 165 mph. Markers seen at H plus 5. Only saw 2 markers. M/B. not clear. Could see built up area and fires through break in cloud. A/C S & L. as camera operated. Tactics satisfactory. A/C concentration good but not so dangerous as with 1,000 A/C.	A.3427

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Day 15.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 137 "K"	S/L Hemphill & Crew.		12.37	18.50	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: 1x2000 HC, 5 cluster No. 14 and 6 clusters ANM.17. Weather: 9/10ths St.Cu., at 5,000 ft. Target ident. by blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed red T.I. FROM 15,000 ft. at 1608 hrs. 056 deg T., 160 mph. Making run of smoke puffs and saw small hole in cloud. Markers seen at H. plus 4. Target well marked but not many markers. N/B DIFFICULT TO HEAR. Could not assess raid. A/C St L. as camera operated. Tactics very satisfactory. Concentration of a/c very good and not too dense. Plenty of fighter cover.	A3428
	N.A. 180 "O"	WO2 Temple & Crew.		12.45	18.45	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths St.Cu. tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee. Bombed on Gee from 20,000 ft. at 1608 hrs. 056 deg T., 155 mph. No markers seen until after bombing. When one smoke puff noted. N/B heard instructing crews to bomb blue smoke puffs. No results observed. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Excellent concentration of a/c over target. No evidence of S/A. Good protection from allied fighters.	A3429
	N.R. 275 "X"	F/L Laframere & Crew.		12.58	18.31	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds at 6,000 ft. with a layer at 14,000 ft. Target ident. by red and blue smoke puffs and H.E. Bombed one red smoke puff from 18,000 ft. at 1610 hrs. 056 deg T., 168 mph. Markers seen at H. plus 5. Few markers. N/B not as good as usual. Could see smoke coming through cloud. A/C St L. as camera operated. A/C concentration on target very good.	A3430
	N.R. 188 "P"	F/L Arohenbault & Crew.		12.50	18.38	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds tops 7,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident by blue smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed single blue smoke puff from 18,900 ft. at 1607 hrs. 057 deg T., 160 mph, N/B heard clearly at H.15 instructing to bomb blue puffs. Marking on time and right heading. No observation of target area possible due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory. Camera operated while a/c in slip stream. No evidence of enemy a/c. Bombing appeared concentrated.	A3431
	N.R. 154 "2"	F/O Reirler & Crew.		12.45	18.45	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 3,000 ft. Vis. above good. Medium cloud 1,000 ft. thick up to 10,000 ft. Target ident by blue smoke puffs and Gee. Bombed blue sky marker from 17,500 ft. at 1508 hrs. 058 deg T., 160 mph. N/B not heard clearly. One clear patch under the marker and bombs just poured in. On way out of target R/Gunner had a good view; he says city was covered with thick black smoke up to 8,000 ft. with patches of flame. A/C in massive action as camera operated. Route and tactics very good.	A3432

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Day 13.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.F. 955 "H"	F/O Evans & Crew.		12.39	14.26	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "M". Weather: 10/10th cloud tops 8,000 ft. and another cloud at 13,000 ft. Target ident. by Gee, HES and blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed on red smoke puffs as indicated by W/S from 13,000 ft. at 1600 hrs. 057 deg 2', 155 mph. Markers seen at 15-1. Could only see one blue falling for more markers. W/S quite clear. Through break in cloud could see fires and explosions but could not ground detail. A/C S&L as camera operated. Tactics good only could have a little more time. A/C spread out. Adequate fighter cover. Stbd. outer W/S at 5050m. 0905H 1555 hrs. 10,400m ft. did not feather until 1624 hours.	A3433
	N.Z. 425 "D"	F/O Giguere & Crew.		12.36	14.26	TARGET: Wuppertal. Bomb load: Same as "M". Port outer engine out while circling base after take-off. Set course for jettisoning position and bomb load was jettisoned safe at 5412N 0125E. 1551 hrs. 8,000 ft. and returned to base.	A3434
Night 14/15.3.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 157 "I"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		16.51	23.44	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: 8x500 11L64 and 7x500. W/D. Weather: clear of cloud. Vis. good. Slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of concentration of all T.I.'s. from 12,800 ft. at 2020 hrs. 072 deg 1', 165 mph. W/S 315/11 ind. Target very well marked. W/S heard not distinctly. Target well covered with heavy smoke and haze to 1,500 ft. Landing goods. Not as briefed. No evidence of E/A. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. but photo flash failed.	A3435
	N.Z. 418 "C"	F/O Riquette & Crew.		16.50	00.01	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "M". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s and Gee. Bombed centre of smoke and overshoot by 4 seconds. from 14,000 ft. at 2020 hrs. 068 deg 2', 165 mph. W/S 315/11 ind. W/S heard clearly instructing to bomb markers which were disappearing in smoke. The target was burning well and considerable smoke rising to 5,000 ft. Several large explosion were observed and bombing was concentrated. Route and tactics were satisfactory. No evidence of camera operating. No evidence of E/A. 1x500 W/S hung up at target, was jettisoned safe at 5018N 0005E, 2224 hrs. 6,000 feet.	A3436
	N.A. 205 "D"	F/L Mark & Crew.		16.55	23.49	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "M". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s. Bombed 2 green T.I.'s and centre of smoke. from 12,500 ft. at 2018 hrs. 095 deg 1', 170 mph. W/S 315/11 ind. Markers seen at H-5. Target well marked and markers plentiful. Good explosions and fires with smoke up to 5,000 ft. A/C Str. & Level as camera operated. No evidence of fighters. Tactics and concentration of W/S very good. Looked like one of the best efforts.	A3437

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Night 14/15.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 231 "P"	F/L MacHale & Crew.		16.49	23.55	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. Vis. unlimited (very good) Target ident. by R & G T.I.s, and Geo. Overshot centre of smoke by 4 seconds, from 11,900 ft. at 2021 hrs. OSO xxx deg T., 170 mph. W/S: 315/13 Ind. W/B heard first at 2015 hrs. Instructing to bomb markers, which was changed to centre of smoke and overshoot by 4 seconds. Marking plentiful but obscured by smoke. While target area abates and covered by smoke. Two terrific explosions occurred at 2026 hrs and lit up sky and considerable debris shot into the air with smoke up to 4/5,000 ft. Route and tactics were satisfactory. Camera operated while a/c Str. & level. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A3438
"	N.P. 941 "H"	W/O Temple & Crew.		17.05	23.51	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "R". Weather: clear, but smoky. Vis. unlimited. Target ident by green TI smoke and Geo. Bombed concentration of smoke as instr. by W/S. from 13,700 ft. at 2020 hrs. OSO deg T., 165 mph. W/S: 315/12. W/B on horizon very clear. Very concentrated bombing. Fires and small explosions lit up most of the town. FFF very concentrated and on time. A/C in slip stream at time camera operated. Route and tactics good.	A3439
"	P.N. 172 "G"	F/O Violette & Crew.		16.52	23.50	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "R". Weather: clear, slight ground haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.s. Overshot centre of smoke by 4 secs. as instr. by W/S. from 13,400 ft. at 2020 hrs. OSO deg T., 165 mph. W/S: 315/11. W/B clearly heard. Instructions followed. There were few T.I.s. but well concentrated. There was considerable smoke rising to about 6,000 ft. which obscured fires. Bombing appeared well concentrated although slightly under-shooting. Route and tactics were good, with met. as briefed. A/C was diving while camera operated due to another a/c bombing directly above. Concentration of a/c very good. Fighter flares seen below after leaving target.	A3440
"	N.R. 271 "H"	F/L Lesene & Crew.		16.56	23.59	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: Clear. SIGHT Hazy. Vis. good. Target ident by Green T.I.s. Geo and H.S. Overshot centre of smoke by 4 seconds, from 15,100 ft. at 2020 hrs. OSO deg T., 165 mph. W/S: 315/11 Ind. W/B heard clearly at 2005 hrs. Instructing to bomb ground marking which were disappearing in smoke. The target area was burning fiercely from four large fires and smoke rising to 8,000 ft. Two very large explosions at 2024 hrs. on leaving target. Route and tactics - S.A. Camera operated while a/c in slip stream. Evidence of fighter flares on route homeward. One a/c had transmitter on and W/S called to turn off (name heard "Gordie".)	A3441
"	N.A. 180 "C"	F/O Fetry & Crew.		16.57	23.56	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "R". Weather: no cloud. Vis. very good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.s flares and by Geo. bombing. Bombed concentration marked by G T.I.s from 13,400 ft. at 2013 hrs. OSO deg T., 160 mph. W/S: 315/11 Ind. First markers went to go down on time. There were many markers well concentrated. Fires taking good hold with smoke up to about 3 to 4,000 ft. One large explosion at 2019 hrs. Route and tactics very good. Met as briefed. Good concentration of a/c over target. a/c in-sight dive to port as camera operated.	A3442

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Night 14/15.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 136 "P"	F/L St. Laurent & Crew.		16.56	23.57	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. Heavy haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee, R & G TIs. Bombed centre of green TIs. from 12,200 ft. at 2021 hrs. 085 deg T., 165 mph, W/S: 315/11. Target well marked and on time. W/B heard rather indistinctly. A/C apparently transmitting. Names Slim and Gordon. 1 large explosion at 2027 hrs. Another explosion recorded at 2028 hrs. Tactics good. Good concentration over target. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of W/A. Met as briefed.	A5443
"	N.R. 495 "R"	F/O Racicot & Crew.		16.59	00.03	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "P". Weather: clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G TIs. and Gee. Bombed centre of smoke and green T.I. from 12,400 ft. at 2020 hrs. 085 deg T., 165 mph, W/S: 315/11. Markers seen at H-6. Target well marked. and markers concentrated. W/B clear at first but some transmitter on. Names Slim (Engineer), Gordon (Skipper). Good explosions at 2022 hrs. Fires could be seen for 70 miles. Some evidence of undernooting. A/C S & L as camera operated. No evidence of fighters. Good concentration of A/C.	A5444
"	N.P. 937 "S"	F/O Ciguera & Crew.		17.01	00.07	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G TIs. and Gee. Bombed centre of green TIs. from 13,700 ft. at 2020 hrs. 085 deg T., 165 mph, W/S: 315/11. Markers seen at H-6. Could not hear W/B. Some transmitter on. Names Slim and Jim. Smoke plentiful and concentrated. Fires seen for 50 miles. No evidence of wide bombing. A/C in flight but as camera operated (slipstream) Tactics and concentration of A/C good. No evidence of fighters.	A5445
"	N.P. 939 "V"	F/O Belanger & Crew.		17.02	00.02	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. some ground haze and smoke. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee, R & G TIs. and Gee. Bombed centre of red and green TIs from 14,000 ft. at 2021 hrs. 037 deg T., W/S: 315/11 Ind. W/B on 1190 not clear. PFF on time, concentrated. Concentrated bombing on T.I. City burning pretty evenly. A/C S & L. at time camera operated. Route and tactics good.	A5446
"	N.R. 273 "X"	F/L Ferrier & Crew.		18.54	00.04	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear. of cloud, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G TIs. and Gee. Bombed centre of green and red TIs. from 12,800 ft. at 2020 hrs. 085 deg T., 170 mph, W/S: 315/11 Ind. Target well marked. W/B heard indistinctly another A/C heard transmitting. Names "Buck" and "Doris". Numerous explosions observed. Tactics good. Good concentration of A/C over W/A. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A5447
"	N.R. 134 "Z"	F/L Potrier & Crew.		16.55	21.07	TARGET: Zweibrucken. Bomb load: Same as "K". This aircraft returned early due to bad oil leak in Sdb. inner engine. Got all oil. Burned at 5115N 0037E. 1820 hrs. 5,000 ft. Bombed load jettisoned safe at 5410 N 0213E; 2004 hrs. 6,000 ft. to lighten load, and returned to base.	A5448

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Day. 15.3.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 137 "H"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		12.43	18.35	TARGET: Castrop. Rauxel. Bomb load: 8x500 AlM-64 and 8x500 M.C.D. Weather: clear, with slight haze. Target ident. by red T.I. and Vis. Bombed red T.I.s from 18,400 ft. at 1601 hrs. 024 deg. Ind. 155 mph. W/S: 217/17 Ind. Markers seen at H-4 hrs. Target well marked and gaggles. Could see bulge area. Good explosions and fire and smoke. up to 8,000 ft. Very good effort A/C S & L as camera operated. Tactics D.K. but leader at 170 mph. and not 160 mph. Fair gaggle. No evidence of fighters.	A3449
"	N.R. 273 "X"	S/L Hampill & Crew.		12.57	18.45	TARGET: Castrop Rauxel. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear of cloud slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I. and Gee. Bombed slightly to stbd of red T.I. from 17,000 ft. at 1601 hrs. 030 deg. Ind. 155 mph. W/S: 224/24 Ind. Target well marked. M/B heard clearly instructing to bomb red T.I.s. Large explosion at 1632 hrs. than 100 miles from target. Black smoke could be seen rising to 15,000 ft. Tactics good. Good concentration of A/C on target. Bombing on correct heading. Leader flew at excessive speed. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. No indication of enemy aircraft.	A350
"	N.R. 418 "C"	F/O Raquet & Crew.		12.42	18.44	TARGET: Castrop Rauxel. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear, some haze. Target ident. by Gee and red T.I. Bombed center of red T.I.s from 19,000 ft. at 1600 hrs. 036 deg. Ind. 155 mph. W/S: 204/16 Ind. M/B heard clearly. PFF on time and concentrated. Smoke up to 15,000 ft. Could be seen long after we crossed the Rhine on way back. A/C S & L as camera operated. Route and tactics very good. A/C concentration in A/A not too heavy.	A3451
"	N.R. 203 "D"	F/L Mark & Crew.		12.38	18.39	TARGET: Castrop Rauxel. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear. Heavy haze. Vis. good horizontally. Target ident. by cascading red and green T.I. Gee and HES. Bombed slightly to port of concentration of T.I.s from 18,400 ft. at 1600 hrs. 033 deg. Ind. 155 mph. W/S: 230/20 Ind. Target well marked. M/B heard instructing crew to bomb base of descending markers. 2 large explosions at 1608 hrs. Black smoke rising to 8,000 ft. and from a distance of 50 miles smoke appeared to be 12,000 ft. with few explosions. Tactics good. Good concentration of A/C on target. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No indication of enemy aircraft.	A3452
"	N.R. 419 "E"	F/O Brassard & Crew.		12.46	18.58	TARGET: Castrop Rauxel. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear, with slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee, visually and yellow T.I. Bombed yellow T.I. overshooting by 1,000 ft. as instr. by M/B from 18,700 1601 hrs. 152 deg. Ind. 160 mph. W/S: 295/17 Ind. Markers seen at H hrs. Target well marked. Very large explosion at 1601 1602 and 1603 hrs. Large fires with black smoke up to 15,000 ft. Could be seen for 100 miles. A/C S & L as camera operated. Gaggle good and not too many A/C. Plenty of fighter cover. Came back from 5049N 0403E on three engines at 1635 hrs. 10,000 ft.	A3453

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Day 15.3.46 (CONT'D)	Halifax 111 N.R. 251 "F"	F/L MacHale & Crew.		12.41	18.47	TARGET: Castropaux. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear with slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident visually by factory and also by R & G T.T's. Bombed right hand edge of smoke of W/B's. Instructions from 18,400 ft. at 1601 hrs. 030 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 240/15 Ind. Markers seen at 16-4 hrs. Star Marking. W/B clearly heard. Good effort. Explosion seen at 1602 hrs. Fire seen for 70 miles A/C S & L as camera operated. Goggles good to target scattered after. Most of A/D broke away to quick after target. Fighter cover plentiful.	A3454
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/O Kolanek & Crew.		12.40	18.48	TARGET: Castropaux. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear but hazy. Vis. fair. Target ident. visually by canal and railway, also by red T.T's. Bombed cascading flares on instr. Area W/B with overshoot of one second from 18,000 ft. at 1602 hrs. 030 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 228/17 Ind. W/B clear. PFF no markers seen before 1602 hrs. and only saw one T.I. FLAMES AND smoke could be seen from 18,000 ft. Excellent attack. Fighter cover good. One huge explosion at 1602 hrs. with masses of black smoke and flames. Took off without camera. Route and tactics very good. Excellent attack. A/C not too concentrated in the T.A.	A3455
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O Belanger & Crew.		12.59	18.49	TARGET: Castropaux. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear some haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I. and visually by buildings and gas flaring. Bombed on sabb. side of T.I. GREEN on circular oil tank, from 19,000 ft. at 1601 hrs. 007 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 225/17 Ind. Only one T.I. green seen. There was considerable fire with smoke up to between 10,000 and 15,000 ft. There was one large explosion at about 1602 hrs. W/B not very clear. Route and tactics good, with net as briefed. Goggles quite satisfactory. A/C well concentrated and well led. A/B in normal flight as camera operated. Two holes in asph. floor and one in engine position by flak over target.	A3456
"	N.R. 136 "F"	W/O Temple & Crew.		12.44	18.42	TARGET: Castropaux. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: of cloud, medium haze. Horizontal vis. fair. Target ident. by gas, visually by canal. Bombed by cascading green T.T's. Bombed centre of green T.T's to starboard from 19,000 ft. at 1600 hrs. 028 deg. T. 155 mph. W/S: 225/W Ind. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing to bomb cascading green T.T's. Black smoke rising to 10/12,000 ft. Tactics good. Good concentration of A/O over target; A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of R/A. Good fighter cover.	A3457
"	N.Z. 495 "R"	F/O Racicot & Crew.		12.45	18.37	TARGET: Castropaux. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear with slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by river and by G & R T.T's. Bombed concentration of red T.T's as ordered by W/B from 18,700 ft. at 1601 hrs. 030 deg. T. 160 mph. W/S: 225/16 Ind. Markers seen at 16-5 hrs. Target well marked. Markers plentiful and W/B easily heard. Large explosion seen at 1602 hrs. Oil fire with smoke rising to 15,000 ft. could be seen for 150 miles on return. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Tactics good. Goggles very good to target. Some crews turned too early after target. A good effort. No evidence of hostile aircraft. Plenty of fighter cover.	A3458

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Night. 15/16.3.45.	Halifax III. No. 116 "I"	F/L. St. Laurent & crew		1704	0002	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: 1x3,000 lb and 2 Clusters No. 14, 66/40. Weather: clear of cloud, slight haze. Vis. fair. Target identified by G & R T.I.'s. Bombed centre of smoke from 17,100 ft. at 2035 hrs, 342 deg. T., 160 mph, 270/15 W/S. Target well marked. W/B heard instructing to bomb centre of smoke. Numerous explosions, fires and black smoke rising above target were seen. Met. as briefed. Tactics good. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of enemy aircraft on leaving target.	A.3459																																																								
"	H.F. 953 "W"	F/L. Ferrier & crew		1702	2353	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: Same as "I". Weather: clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. visually by built up area and by R & G T.I.'s and red flares. Bombed centre of concentration of T.I.'s from 17,500 ft. at 2035 hrs, 353 deg. T., 165 mph, W/S: 270/15 T. Markers seen at H-3. Target well marked. Concentrated. W/B not good. Flares with smoke seen up to 5,000 ft., could be seen for 60 miles. A/C S. & L. as camera operated. Fighter flares from target to English Coast.	A.3460																																																								
"	H.F. 956 "H"	F/L. Archambault & crew		1703	2348	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear of clouds. Target ident. by G & R T.I.'s and Geo. Bombed centre of smoke from 18,100 ft. at 2036 hrs, 316 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 270/15 T. Target well marked. W/B instructed crew to ignore markers and bomb centre of smoke. Numerous explosions observed. Smoke rising to 3,000 ft. Red glow seen for 100 miles. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Fighter flares noted on leaving target.	A.3461																																																								
"	H.R. 172 "Y"	F/O. Rstry & crew		1725	--	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: Same as "Y". This aircraft was not heard of since take off and is considered missing. The crew was as follows:-	A.3462																																																								
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"	H.F. 425 "H"	F/O. Evans & crew		1705	2344	Target: Hagen. Bomb load: Same as "H". Weather: clear, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by Red T.I., green flares and A.3463 by A.F.L. Bombed centre of green T.I. as instructed by W/B. Also centre of smoke from 18,400 ft. at 2035 hrs, 345 deg. T., at 155 mph, W/S: 270/15 R. Markers seen at H-4. Scattered marking, but green well placed. Whole target on fire. W/B not clear and did not seem to know what he wanted. A/C S. & L. as camera operated. Tactics good and concentrated on good. One 5 aircraft just after 2/A. Fighter flares seen to English Coast. At 5045N 0805E, 2108 hrs, 13,500 ft. on homeward journey, a fighter flares revealed a H.E. 109 in bank 500 yards dead astern. Rear Gunner fired one burst. F/A disappeared. No hit observed, no claim.	Appendix 35/45																																																								

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18/16.5.45 (CONT'D)	Baliex III. P.N. 172 "G"	P/L. Laporte & crew		1730	2130	<p>Target: Haguenau. Bomb load: Same as "F". Weather clear with vis. good. Target ident. by red T.I. built up area and Gas bombing. Bombed centre of smoke as directed by M/B, from 18,000 ft. at 2036 hrs. 186 mph. heading unknown. M/B heard clearly giving good instructions. Target well marked and bombing appeared well placed. Smoke was rising to 24,000 ft. At target, 2037 hrs, 15,700 ft., hit by fire 2 just near mid-upper position putting hole through flooring. At 2118 hrs in the Charleroi area, at 8,000 ft. we were attacked by a fighters. 6 members of the crew baled out successfully but the P/Eng., RR77470 Sgt. J.R. Arcand was killed.</p> <p>Prior to being attacked by the M/Upper gunner saw one unidentified twin-engine a/c 500 feet below flying on a reciprocal course. Before this, the Rear gunner had given order to attack as he thought he was what might have been an a/c firing about 1,000 yards astern and approaching quickly. About 2 minutes after seeing the a/c on reciprocal course the bomb aimer having moved to the fwd. seat position saw tracer from starboard and below, pass through the nose of the a/c, blowing it off. Other bullets struck the stbd. inner engine, setting it on fire as well as the stbd. side of the fuselage and inside the cockpit just behind the Engineer's position. The Engineer tried to extinguish the fire without much success. Following this there was another attack which set the stbd. outer engine on fire. Pieces started to come off the stbd. main plane. The Engineer was going back to fight the fire inside. The pilot feathered the engine and used the engine extinguisher. He gave order to the crew to abandon a/c and hold a/c under control. When apparently, everyone had jumped, the pilot rose from his seat, to realize that his harness was caught in the "sliding door" pump; he got back on the seat and at same time getting free from the pump. He was getting ready to jump when he was suddenly thrown on the floor where his left foot got caught in between the window frame and the harness D.M.A. He managed to push himself with his right foot towards the hatch, where he was sucked out with terrific force, his two boots remaining in the aircraft. The 6 members landed successfully. None of them can understand why the Engineer did not leave the a/c as he was beside the rear escape hatch with the mid-upper gunner. The latter states that the engineer was working at the leg straps of his harness when last seen. It is believed that he went down with the aircraft but can give no explanation as to why he did not jump. His body was found where the a/c crashed. The a/c crashed approx. 4 1/2 miles N.W. of Gosselies, Belgium. During the attack, none of the gunner opened fire. XXXXXXXX One crew member's watch read 2130 hours as he was descending by parachute. The only injuries suffered by some members of the crew were strained muscles. All returned to this unit.</p>	A. 3464 36/45

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Night 15/16.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.P. 337 "B"	F/L Poirier & Crew.		17.06	23.59	TARGET: Bogen. Bomb load: Same as "I". Weather: clear of cloud slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G TIs and Gee. Bombed centre of R & G TIs from 17,500 ft. at 2035 hrs. 242 deg T., 155 mph. W/S: 270/15 T. Target well marked. Although TIs fast becoming obscured by smoke. W/B not heard clearly. Instructions not received. Numerous fires seen 700 miles from target. Met as briefed. Tactics good. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. Evidence of A in vicinity of target. The following sightings were made: At 2115H 0530R 2018 hrs. 12,000 ft. homeward, A/C possibly fighter seen diving in flames, exploding on ground. At 2120H 0542R 2038 hrs. 8,000 ft. Homeward A/C seen hit by flak going down in flames. 2 parachutes seen. At 2130H 0500R 2108 hrs. 8,000 ft. Homeward, A/C hit by flak spiralled into ground and exploded. At 2135H 0530R 2118 hrs. 8,000 ft. homeward, A/C hit by flak. At 2135H 0522R 2,000 ft. Homeward, A/C seen hit by flak went down in flames.	A3465
Night 16/19.3.45	Halifax 111 N.B. 187 "B"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		00.08	07.30	TARGET: Witten. Bomb load: 1x2000 HB, 4 clusters No. 14 06/10 and 8.5 clusters No. 17. Vis. clear, good vis but slight haze. Target ident. by R & G TIs, red flares with green stars and Gee. Bombed centre of R & G TIs from 14,500 ft. at 0415 hrs. 160 mph. 160 deg T., W/S: 285/282. plus 1. Markers seen at 04 hrs. Target well marked. With flares scattering markers. Good explosions and fires were covering markers. A/G.S. & L. as camera operated. Tactics O.K. After leaving target there was evidence of fighters. 2 clusters No. 14 hung up over target. Jettisoned safe at 5015H 0003E. 0612, hrs. 4000 ft. Hydraulics were U/S.	A3466
"	N.B. 418 "C"	F/O Faquette & Crew.		00.05	07.29	TARGET: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "A". Weather: Clear with good vis. Target ident. by R & G TIs and Gee. Bombs. Bombs of red TIs from 15,700 ft. at 0415 hrs. 030 deg T., 155 mph. W/S: 285/38 A. Majority of markers were green, but both colours seemed well concentrated. Bombing appeared well paced with fires taking good hold. Route and tactics good with met as briefed. Camera operated normally with a/c straight & level. Aircraft seen in T/A and also just before bombing as well as on leaving target. Landed Carnaby. An enemy fighter is claimed downed (see combat report).	A3467 Appendix 38/45
"	N.B. 419 "B"	F/L Poirier & Crew.		00.1	07.31	TARGET: Bogen. Bomb load: Same as "I". Weather: clear of cloud slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by R & G TIs and Gee. Bombed centre of green TIs from 15,000 ft. at 0422 hrs. 174 deg T., 160 mph. 285/38 W/S T. Target well marked. Numerous explosions. Black smoke covered. T/A fires noted 80 miles from target. Tactics good. Betting course height Pos'n too low over base. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A3468

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18/19.3.45 (cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.R. 231 "F"	F/L MacHale & Crew.		00.09	07.59	TARGET: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: no cloud, some haze. Vis. very good. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s sky markers and Gee. Bombed centre of concentration of T.I.'s and smoke from 13,000 ft. 0.2% hrs. 138 deg. 2. 158 mph. W/S. 270/33 T. Markers numerous and on time. Some Green T.I.'s spread out but majority were well concentrated. There were many fires spread out but the main concentration was right around T.I.'s. Some explosions seen but none of very great intensity. Reflection of fires seen for 50/60 miles on return. Port outer engine out, out taking off and being on three engines we could not adhere strictly to tactics. Felt that they were good and route very satisfactory. Met was G.L. Cannon. Operated with aircraft S & L. Fighter planes seen near target and for a short way homeward.	A5469																																																								
"	M.Z. 482 "G"	W/O Temple & Crew.		23.55	-	TARGET: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". This aircraft was first reported missing but information has now been received that it crashed in Belgium between 0500 and 0530 hrs. near Ciney. One member of the crew E22779 W/S Balyx G.A. (Rear Gunner) is safe, the remainder of the crew are all killed. W/C was hit by flak in T/A and apparently, on way back collided with a Mosquito when rear gunner was torn out of his turret; descended by parachute. He suffered of severe contusion right shoulder, right arm and face and he was conveyed to Ciney Hospital on landing. Only three bodies have been identified i.e. W/O Temple, Pilot W/S Hinch, Bomb Aimer and W/S Benke W/C/Gunner. The crew was as follows:-	A5470																																																								
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"	N.R. 271 "H"	F/O Evans & Crew.		00.01	07.26	TARGET: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear with good vis. Target ident. by R and G T.I.'s. Bombed mid T.I. (Overshot by one sec) from 14,000 ft. at 0415 hrs. 120 deg. 1. 160 mph. 280/33 W/S. FFF perfect well concentrated and on time. One load of T.I.'s dropped to port which seemed to be ignored. Two large explosions just during our bombing. Several small fires just taking hold. Attack considered good. A/C S & L. as for most parts as camera operated but it was bumpy near the end. Route and tactics very good except for Met. W/C of individual stations hired their own airport and don't adhere to the procedure as laid down.																																																									

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Night. 18/19.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.A. 180 "O"	P/O. Violette & crew		0003	0725	Target: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: clear with good vis. Target ident. by R & G T.I. and Gen. Bombed centre of T.I.'s from 15,100 ft. at 0416 hrs, 122 deg. T., 153 mph, W/S: 270/24. True. plus 1. Marking seen at head. Marking very good with good fires and smoke. Bombing concentrated. H2S has U/S. Fishpond caught fire. A/C Straight and level as camera operated. Tactics satisfactory. Enemy aircraft (Me-110 and FW-190) seen over target.	A.5472																																																															
"	N.R. 136 "B"	F/Lt. St. Laurent & crew		0002	0722	Target: Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather No. cloud, vis. good with slight haze. Target ident. by red and green T.I.s and flares. Bombed centre of cluster of T.I.'s from 14,500 ft. at 0416 hrs, 160 deg. T., 160 mph, 285/36 W/S. T. Red T.I.'s first seen then Green T.I.'s cascading & minutes before time at 0415 hrs. Release point flares Red with green streaks seen. Fires seen to be starting in T/A and smoke seen on second leg home at 8/8,000 ft. Route and tactics were satisfactory, except for height and cloud conditions from take-off to base. Camera operated while a/c S & Level. Considerable fighter flares in T/A.	A.5473																																																															
"	N.F. 957 "Q"	P/O. Kolinsek & crew		0556	0752	Target: Witten. Bomb load Same as "K". Weather clear, thin ground haze with good vis. Target ident. by R & G T.I.'s with Gen check. Bombed concentration of red T.I.'s from 15,500 ft. at 0416 hrs, 160 deg. T., 155 mph, W/S: 285/36. H2S bomb switch was used which made us 16 secs late in bombing. RT good with some T.I.'s scattered, but at time war were there, they were not being bombed. Flares and explosions concentrated at first and then seemed to spread. A/C Str. & Level as camera operated. 2 a/c one half way over France, with Nav lights left burning. Route and tactics were liked very much. At 0421 hrs. 12,000 ft. homeward, an unidentified & engine a/c seen, came over target. Small explosions noted. A/C seen spiralling down and to break up before striking ground. No parachute seen.	A.5474																																																															
"	N.Z. 495 "R"	P/O. Racicot & crew		2359	--	Target Witten. Bomb load: Same as "K". This a/c was not heard of since take-off and is missing. The crew was as follows:	A.5475																																																															
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Day. 21.3.45.	Halifax III N.R. 137 "F"	S/L St. Jean & crew.		1901	2018	Target: Rhine. Bomb load: 7x500 ANM.6, 4x500 MCTD and 1x500 MCLD. Weather clear, vis. very good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s and W/Yards. Bombed yellow T.I. as instructed, from 12,000 ft. at 1730 hrs. 040 deg. T., 195 deg. S. W/S 310/29 ind. Two sets of yellow T.I.'s seen to go down and M/B instructed to bomb southern ones. Smoke seen to rise from the W/Yard. After leaving, the whole W/A seen to be covered with smoke and M/B was taking pictures. This went down one minute later. Smoke rose to 5/6,000 ft. Bombing seemed very well concentrated. Very accurate heavy flak in Reichelt area at 1715 hrs, 12,000 ft. caused a few small holes in port wing. Route and tactics good but weather was much better than briefed. Own escort seen as expected. Smoke generators seen in operation on British Battle Fronts.	A.3480
"	N.R. 252 "F"	P/O. Brassard & crew		1459	2027	Target: Rhine. Bomb load: 7x500 ANM.6, 8x500 MCTD and 1x500 MCLD. Weather clear of cloud, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s and smoke puffs and visually by W/Yards. Bombed centre of near yellow T.I.'s in W/Yards, from 11,500 ft. at 1731 hrs. 038 deg. T., 192 deg. S. W/S 310/29 ind. Target marking excellent. M/B heard clearly. Instructing to bomb near T.I.'s. Bombing well concentrated on marshalling yards. A/C hit by flak at 1458 06253, 11,500 ft., 1715 hrs. slight damage to a/c. Tactics good. Goggle formation well maintained. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3481
"	N.R. 118 "G"	P/O. Paquette & crew		1457	2032	Target: Rhine. Bomb load same as "F". Weather clear, vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s and visually by river and W/Yards. Bombed yellow T.I. from 11,700 ft. at 1730 hrs. 032 deg. T., 192 deg. S. W/S 310/29. M/B heard clearly at H-15. Instructed to bomb nearest yellow T.I. as instructed. Observed to be right on W/Yards. Smoke quickly obscured target area. Bombing appeared very concentrated and fire beginning in the A/E. Route and tactics satisfactory. Goggles very good although bunching in the target area caused much jockeying for position. No evidence of camera operating but a/c was at end level. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3482
"	N.A. 203 "F"	P/L. Mark & crew		1502	2020	Target: Rhine. Bomb load same as "F". Weather clear, slight haze, vis. good. Target ident. visually, yellow T.I.'s and two red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of yellow T.I. from 12,000 ft. at 1730 hrs. 036 deg. T., 193 deg. S. Target well marked. M/B heard clearly but weak. Instructions were to bomb first yellow T.I.'s. Two only were seen. Red and green seen to fall beyond yellow. First load of bombs seen to hit centre of W/Yards and blew out side of the T.I.'s. Bombed on at 1733 hrs with large red flame and smoke to 10,000 ft. Bombing appeared concentrated. Route and tactics O.K. No fighters seen. A/C straight and level as camera operated.	A.3483

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Day 21.3.45. (COMM'D)	Halifax III V.Z. 430 "B"	F/L. Poirier & crew		1500 1455	2019	Target: Rhine. Bomb load same as "B". Weather clear of cloud. Slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. visually by W/Yards and by yellow T.I.'s and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of near yellow T.I. from 11,400 ft. at 1730 hrs. 049 deg. T., 198 TAS, W/S:310/30 ind. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews in bomb southerly yellow T.I. seen. Bombs seemed to be well concentrated around W/Yards. Tactics good. Goggles formation maintained over route. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of E/A/C.	A.3484
"	H.F. 956 "H"	P/O. Balanger & crew		1455	2030	Target Rhine. Bomb load same as "B". Weather clear of cloud. Slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s, red smoke puffs and visually by W/Yards. Bombed centre of yellow T.I. from 11,700 ft. at 1730 hrs. 049 deg. T., 194 TAS, W/S:310/30. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb southerly yellow T.I.'s. Bombing well concentrated on W/Yards. Tactics good. Goggles formation well maintained. 1st. as briefed. 4x200 A.M. 64 hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at 5215H 0303R. 12,000 ft. at 1842 hrs.	A.3485
"	H.R. 147 "L"	F/O. F/O. Violette & crew		1458	2029	Target: Rhine. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather clear. Slight haze. Vis. very good. Target ident. visually by W/Yards and by yellow T.I.'s. Bombed yellow T.I.'s from 11,700 ft. at 1730 hrs. 050 deg. T., 188 TAS, W/S:310/28. Markers seen at H-2. Marking well done. W/B heard G.A. on march. Target area well covered with smoke. Gas was U/S on way home. A/C St. & Level as camera operated. Goggles good on way to target, but after target everyone for himself. Plenty fighter cover. Smoke seen up to 12,000 ft.	A.3486
"	H.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Evans & crew.		1449	2024	Target: Rhine. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather no cloud, Vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s. Gas bombing and visually by railway and W/Yards. Bombed southerly yellow T.I. as instructed by W/B. from 11,400 ft. at 1730 hrs. 048 deg. T., 191 TAS, W/S:322/30 ind. W/B clearly heard on time giving good instructions. Goggles well marked with yellow T.I. with very concentrated bombing. One large explosion seen at 1732 hours. W/B heard after this to give Blackie orders. Smoke could be seen as far as the Rhine on return. Route and tactics and Wets. were all very good. Goggles was good and considered much better than formerly. Camera operated, but had to make steep turn to subd. then to port to avoid falling bombs.	A.3487
"	H.R. 156 "P"	F/L. St. Laurent & crew		1448	1951	Target: Rhine. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather clear. Vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s and visually by W/Yards. Bombed part of yellow T.I.'s from 12,000 ft. at 1731 hrs. 058 deg. T., 195 TAS, W/S:310/29. W/B heard clearly at H-15 instructing to bomb T.I.'s on the A/F. Bombs seen falling on W/Yards. A/F was immediately obscured by black smoke which had reached a height of 5/6,000 ft. and was observed 24 miles home. Route and tactics very satisfactory. Camera operated while A/C in normal flight. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A.3488

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Day 21.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.P. 957 "q"	P/O. Kolisnek & crew		1450	2022	Target: Rheine. Bomb load Same as "B". Weather clear, good vis. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s, and visually by W/Yards. Bombed with yellow T.I.'s from 11,800 ft. at 1730 hrs, 040 deg. T., 185 TAS. W/S: 310/28. W/B heard clearly at 1715 to bomb yellow T.I.'s which were right on A/P. Bombed strbs of yellow due to avoiding a/c above hrs. Considerable fires were observed and concentrated bomb bursts. Brown smoke rising to 5,000 ft. Route and tactics satisfactory and gaggle formation good but too muchy at time of bombing. Camera operated while a/c str. and level. Fighter cover in evidence.	A.3489
"	N.A. 201 "S"	NO2 Lawrie, M/L & Crew		1456	2035	Target: Rheine. Bomb load Same as "B". Weather clear of cloud. slight haze, vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s, red sky markers and also visually by W/Yards. Bombed centre of yellow T.I.'s in W/Yards, from 11,700 ft. at 1730 hrs, 049 deg. T., 185 TAS. W/S: 310/27. Target well marked. W/B heard clearly instructing crews to bomb yellow T.I.'s. Bombing results not noted. Tactics good. Gaggle well maintained. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3490
"	N.P. 957 "q"	P/O. Marcoux & crew		1453	2046	Target: Rheine. Bomb load Same as "B". Weather clear, slight haze, vis. very good. Target ident. visually by railway and W/Yards also green T.I. Bombed southerly yellow T.I.'s as instructed, from 12,000 ft. at 1730 hrs., 054 deg. T., 193 TAS. W/S: 322/35 T. W/B heard about H-10 on V.H.F. Instructions were clear. Only two groups of yellow T.I. seen and seemed to be well placed. Bombing appeared well concentrated. Smoke was rising in W/Yards. There was good saturation and route and tactics were well chosen. Met. as briefed. Camera operated while aircraft was straight and level.	A.3491
"	N.R. 275 "X"	P/L. Ferrier & crew		1454	2021	Target: Rheine. Bomb load Same as "B". Weather clear of cloud. Slight haze, vis. good. Target identified visually by W/Yards, by yellow T.I.'s and red smoke. Bombed centre of yellow T.I. located on W/Yards, from 11,400 ft. at 1730 hrs, 048 deg. T., 192 TAS. W/S: 310/30 ind. Target marking excellent. W/B heard clearly instructing to bomb near yellows. Bombing well concentrated on A/P. One medium explosion at 1730 hrs. Tactics good. Good gaggle maintained. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3492
"	N.R. 134 "Z"	P/S. Bellavance & crew		1451	2022	Target: Rheine. Bomb load Same as "B". Weather: clear, slight haze, vis. good. Target ident. by yellow T.I.'s, by railway and W/Yards, plus Gee check. Bombed centre of yellow T.I.'s from 12,000 ft. at 1730 hrs, 042 deg. T., 193 TAS. W/S: 310/29. W/B heard clearly at 1715. Instructed to bomb nearest yellow T.I.'s, which were being on. Two large explosions were observed at 1740 hrs, with orange flames and smoke shooting up to 1,000 ft. Bombing concentrated on A/P, well covered with fire. Route and tactics very satisfactory, also met. No evidence of camera operating but flying str. and level. Gaggle formation was good.	A.3493

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Day. 22.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 419 "E"	F/L. Poirier & crew		1142	1629	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load same as "K". Weather clear, slight haze, vis. good. Target ident. visually by river, canal and by Gees. Bombed centre of smoke on W/B's instr. from 16,200 ft. at 1434 hrs. 074 deg. T., 196 TAS. W/S: 310/10 ind. Markers seen at 11 hrs. Target well marked but smoke covered target in later stages. Oil explosion at 1431 hrs. and fires seen for 50 miles. Bombing concentrated. A/C Str. and level as camera operated. Tactics good and gaggle easy to follow. A/C well concentrated. Ample fighter cover.	A.3499
"	N.F. 966 "H"	F/O. Belanger & crew		1159	1648	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load same as "K". Weather no cloud, haze. Target ident. visually by river canal and by Gees. Bombed centre of smoke on W/B's instr. from 16,600 ft. at 1434 hrs. 068 deg. T., 208 TAS. W/S: 310/10. No marker seen. Good bombing concentration. Grey-black smoke rising to about 10,000 ft. Target well covered. Good routes and tactics. Met. generally good. Str. and level when camera operating. W/B heard clearly, successful sortie. No trouble with gaggle or concentration of aircraft.	A.3500
"	H.R. 116 "W"	F/O. Gnappel & crew		1145	1636	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: 10x500 AMM.64 and 6x500 MTD. Weather clear, haze, vis. good. Target ident. visually by canal and by Gees. Bombed centre of smoke as instructed by W/B from 17,100 ft. at 1432 hrs. 065 deg. T., 210 TAS. W/S: 310/10. No marker seen. W/B heard clearly instructing to bomb Fickelack. Centre of smoke reached. Heavy smoke covered target. As a result no explosion or fires seen. Greyish smoke rising to 8,000 ft. seen from 40 miles away. Route and tactics good. Gaggle well kept. Short routes preferred. No fighters seen. Fighter cover well kept. Bocholet seen to be well hit. Smoke screen seen along the Rhine. A/C in normal flight as camera operated.	A.3501
"	H.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Violette & crew		1141	1642	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: same as "K". Weather clear with some ground haze. Horiz. vis. very good. Target ident. vis. by canal railway, river and smoke. Bombed centre of smoke as instr. by W/B from 17,100 ft. at 1433 hrs. 069 deg. T., 204 TAS. W/S: 310/10. W/B heard clearly at 14-3 hrs. PFF: none seen in target. Few bombs bursts seen in target. Smoke rising to 7,000 ft. prevented further observation. Gees was W/S. Gaggle very good on way in and loose on way home. Route and tactics quite good. Leading a/c slow in coming out of target so following a/c had to cut corners. A/C Str. and level at time camera operated.	A.3502
"	H.R. 271 "H"	F/L. Losesne & crew		1154	1659	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: same as "K". Weather no cloud, good vis. slight haze and plenty of smoke. Target ident. vis. by pinpoints on Rhine and woods, also yellow T.I.'s, Gees 223. see at 14-3 hrs. No markers seen at time of running over target. Bombs did not go when button was pressed, reason not known. Yellow T.I.'s see at 14-3. No markers seen at time of running over target. Bombs did not go when button was pressed, reason not known. 10x500 MTD was finished as to at 5212N 0300E, 1436 hrs. 000 feet. 9x500 AMM.64 and 6x500 MTD hung up and were brought back. Route and tactics and met. O.K. Sortie successful outside of not dropping bombs. W/B heard clearly on V.H.F. Good concentration of bombing, through fires, after explosion at 143 hrs. Target well covered.	A.3503

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Day. 22.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.A. 180 "C"	F/S. Bellavance & crew		1135	1647	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with ground haze. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident. vis. by railway, canal and by Gee. Bombed centre of smoke as instructed by W/B from 17,400 ft. at 1433 hrs. 088 deg. T. 222 TAS. W/S 310/11. W/B heard clearly at H-13. No P.F. seen. Some indication of bombing about 2 miles over target. Remainder of bombing concentrated. Other attack certainly a success. A/C in slip stream but tried to hold it in ml as camera operated. Route and tactics hard to find leader of H plus 2. A/C had nothing to identify it.	A.3504
"	H.F. 957 "Q"	F/O. Kolasnek & crew		1131	1640	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with some haze. Vis. good except horizontally. Target ident. vis. by canal with Gee check. Bombed column of smoke in centre of town as ordered by W/B from 17,100 ft. at 1434 hrs. 080 deg. T. 203 TAS. W/S 310/11. Red markers only seen on run in but were covered with smoke at time of bombing. W/B heard clearly on both frequencies. No explosion seen. Scattered fires in target. Greyish smoke seen rising 3,000 ft. Route and tactics were good except for Gaggie's leader was late and did not identify himself clearly. St. & level as camera operated. No enemy fighter seen. Pocholt seen to be well hit with smoke to 12,000 ft.	A.3505
"	H.A. 201 "S"	WO2. Lavoie & crew		1136	1705	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with some haze. Vis. good. Target ident. vis. by river, and yellow fl. Bombed leading edge of smoke on W/B instructions from 17,400 ft. at 1432 hrs. 074 deg. T. 208 TAS. W/S 310/11. Markers seen at H-4 but covered with smoke. Target seemed well hit. No over or under-shooting. A/C Str. and level as camera operated. Tactics good with met. as briefed. Gaggie easy to follow. A jet not seen on way to target at 1425 hrs 3,000 ft. 12x00 LHM hung up over target and was brought back.	A.3506
"	H.F. 987 "R"	F/O. Marcoux & crew		1132	1645	Target Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear but hazy. Vis. fair. Target ident. vis. by canal and R.R. also Gee check. Bombed centre of upwind edge of yellow smoke on W/B instr. from 17,400 ft. at 1432 hrs. 073 deg. T. 222 TAS. W/S 310/10. No F.I. seen. W/B heard clearly instructing upwind edge of fresh smoke rising. Edges of town clearly identified. Some bombs seen to underfoot. Black smoke rising to 3,000 ft. A few fires noticed. Route and tactics good. Gaggie well kept and on time. No evidence of enemy fighters. Str. and level as camera operated.	A.3507
"	H.L. 425 "O"	F/O. Evans & crew		1138	1638	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear of cloud. Slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. vis. by canal. Yellow fl. and Gee. Bombed centre of rising smoke from 16,800 ft. at 1433 hrs. 070 deg. T. 222 TAS. Yellow markers seen going down but quickly obscured by smoke. W/B heard clearly ordering to bomb smoke. Bombing well concentrated on T.A. Tactics good. Gaggie well maintained. No evidence of enemy aircraft. Hit by heavy smoke (Bulfrage form) at 16,800 ft. 1433 hrs in T.A. 2 main tanks bombs caused an leading edge of stub wing (only).	A.3508

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Day. 22.3.45. (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 275 "X"	F/L. Perrier & crew		1137	1635	Target Dorsten. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather, ca No clouds, A.3509 hazy, downward vis. O.K. Target ident. vis. by canal and river bed and smoke from target. Bombed slight to stbd of centre of smoke as ordered by W/B. from 16,800 ft. at 1433 hrs. 072 deg. F. 210 TAS. W/S 1816/11. A/C to port and above interfered on run-up. No markers seen. Very good concentrations. Black smoke up to 1,000 ft. whilst W/B was attacked. S.M.P. stream interfered with fix, and level flight while camera operating. W/B good route and tactics. Successful sortie.	
"	N.R. 134 "Z"	F/O. Turcotte & crew		1155	1646	Target: Dorsten. Bomb load same as "K". Weather clear, horiz. visibility good. Target ident. vis. by R.R. and river also. by Gee and yellow T.I. Bombed centre of black smoke as instr. by W/B. from 17,400 ft. at 1433 hrs. 070 deg. F. 210 TAS. W/S 1816/12. W/B on time but with only one yellow T.I. W/B heard clearly. Bomb bursts just short of column of smoke which were very concentrated. Route and tactics good. A/C held alt. and level at time camera operated. Gaggles formation very good. Hit by heavy flak at T/A at 1433 hrs. 17,400 ft. slight damage to landing gear. parapax over at W/B on side side .	A.3510
Day. 24.3.45.	Halifax III. N.R. 137 "K"	W/O. Ledoux & crew		0932	1540	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: 8x500 ANL64 and 8x500 M.E.D. by woods, autobahn and red T.I.'s. Bombed northern edge of smoke as instructed by W/B. from 26,400 ft. at 1302 hrs. 098 deg. F. 180 TAS. W/S 1817/24 ind. Red T.I. on run up seen at 1301 hrs. lost in smoke before target reached. One big explosion at 1302 hrs in south western area of target. Plenty of smoke. Target well covered, concentrated bombing. Followed gaggle, but gaggle leader made own route. W/B saw and level as camera operated. 1x500 M.E.D. hung up over target, jettisoned at 1308 hrs. 0308 hrs. 1257 hrs. 8,000 ft. Gaggle not too high up to target but after leaving target but a/c were below minimum height after leaving Dutch coast. A/C thousands of feet below required height left target area too fast and navigation poor on way in. Plenty of explosive air activity in Battlement. 2 a/c seen to drop bombs in channel on way home.	A.3511
"	N.R. 252 "B"	F/L. Brassard & crew		0926	1509	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear of cloud, slight haze. Vis. excellent. Target ident. visually by railway and autobahn, and Gee. Bombed visually on railroad slightly to stbd of instructions. From 16,200 ft. at 1302 hrs 098 deg. F. 202 TAS. 175/23 W/S ind. W/B heard early and clearly on W/B ordering to bomb see red T.I. was red and green and slightly north of pickwick . B/ unable to line up exactly because of a/c above but is satisfied that bombs were in the target area. No marker seen. Bombing well concentrated on W/B. tactics good. W/B as briefed. A/C in flight bank as camera operated. Gaggle formation very good to target, then spread out approach target . No evidence of fighters. A/C PT-4 (420 Sqn) with bomb doors open over Rhine approaching target.	A.3612

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Day. 24.3.45.	Halifax III. N.A. 205 "D"	F/L. Mark & crew		0951	1529	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with some haze and smoke. Vis. good. Target ident. by railway and autobahn and W/S. Bombed on railway tracks on edge of smoke from 16,200 ft. at 1300 hrs, 070 deg. T., 202 TAS, W/S 175/21. No marker seen. W/S heard clearly on VHF. Grey smoke was rising to 3,000 ft. Bombing appeared good with little evidence of any off the A/F. Gee was W/S. Route and tactics good. with Met as briefed. Gaggie leader was not as satisfactory as on other occasions. Camera operated with a/c straight and level.	A.3513
"	N.Z. 419 "E"	F/O. Paquette & crew		0930	1520	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear of cloud, slight haze and smoke. Vis. good. Target ident. by autobahn and railway. Bombed on pickwick as instructed by W/S from 17,000 ft. at 1300 hrs, 088 deg. T., 217 TAS, W/S 175/23. W/S heard clearly and early. at H-15, instructing to bomb pickwick. No marker in view at target, although few red T.I.s seen cascading on approach. Bombing well concentrated into smoke over W/A. 2 medium explosions seen short of target on approach. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Gaggie timing poor but formation good. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3514
"	N.F. 956 "H"	F/O. Balanger & crew		0920	1530	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with haze and smoke. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and visually by autobahn. Bombed on pickwick as instructed by W/S from 17,000 ft. at 1300 hrs, 084 deg. T., 204 TAS, W/S 175/24. W/S heard clearly at 1258 hrs. No RT seen. Few indications of over-shooting. Area covered in dense smoke but bombs were concentrated for the most part. A/C Str. and level at time camera operated. Gaggie leader of 1st formation was early and did a dog-leg just before target. On the whole, very good formation, but faster than briefed met speeds. Route and tactics were good.	A.3515
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Chappel & crew		0929	1524	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear slight haze, Good vis. Target vis. identified by railway and autobahn and red T.I. Bombed northern edge of smoke on instruction from W/S from 16,800 ft. at 1300 hrs, 088 deg. T., 203 TAS, W/S 175/25. W/S heard clearly at 1258 hrs. No RT seen. Few indications of over-shooting. Area covered in dense smoke but bombs were concentrated for the most part. A/C Str. and level at time camera operated. Gaggie leader of 1st formation was early and did a dog-leg just before target. On the whole, very good formation, but faster than briefed met speeds. Route and tactics were good.	A.3516
"	N.R. 147 "J"	X F/O. Violette & crew		0923	1528	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear of cloud, slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. vis. by autobahn and railway. Bombed north side of smoke from 16,700 ft. at 1300 hrs, 088 deg. T., 203 TAS, W/S 175/24. W/S clearly heard on VHF. W/S heard clearly and early. at H-15, instructing to bomb pickwick. No marker observed. Bombing well concentrated over target area. Smoke rising to 5,000 ft. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. Gaggie deviated from track continually. Formation very loose. A/C seen too anxious to get above stream over target.	A.3517

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May-24, 34, 5.	Halifax III. N.R. 271 "N"	F/L. Lesesne & crew		0921	1534	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: 10x500 AMB. 64 and 6x500 MOTH. Weather clear with good vis. Ident. visually by autobahn and railway and by Gcs. Bombed 200 yards port of centre of upwind edge of smoke, from 16,500 ft. at 1304 hrs, 085 deg. E. 217 T.S., W/S 110/28. No marker seen. W/B clear on VHF. Bombing concentrated, but some bombs seen to hit south of target. At 1305 hrs, a minor explosion in T/A, just on edge of smoke. Route and tactics good. Gaggles from all A/C seemed to be early and going too fast. Gaggles was trying to lose time over the T.A. Do not approve of gaggle formation. Straight and level when camera operated.	A.35B
"	N.R. 136 "F"	F/S. Bellavance & crew		0919	1526	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "N". Weather no cloud, good vis. Target ident. visually by railway and road and Gcs. Bombed centre of smoke as ordered by W/B, from 17,000 ft. at 1302 hrs, 095 deg. E, 204 T.S., W/S 175/2. No marker seen. The whole T/A was covered by smoke and bombing appeared well concentrated in the area. No fires seen but smoke rose to 11,500 ft. Gaggles was very fair. Route and tactics good. Camera operated with a/c in bank to port. A/C over this country on V.H.F. discussing course and height. Name not called.	A.3519
"	N.P. 957 "G"	F/O. Kulisnek & crew.		0925	1523	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "N". Weather clear with haze and smoke. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident. by road and T.A.'s, visually by M/Yards and town and Gcs. Bombed 200 yds to port of smoke as instructed by W/B from 16,800 ft. at 1302 hrs, 086 deg. E. 205 T.S., W/S 175/25. W/B heard clearly at 1305 hrs. Large explosion seen in 1/2 Yards, to south of town (all M.A.) seen on run up. Area covered in smoke so could not assess. A/C Str. & level as camera operated. Gaggles leader did not use much smoke on way to target. Route & tactics good.	A.3520
"	N.A. 201 "S"	WO2. Levele & crew		0927	1531	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "N". Weather clear with very little haze. Vis. good. Target ident. visually by autobahn and railway. Bombed centre of upwind edge of smoke from 17,000 ft. at 1305 hrs, 067 deg. E., 210 T.S., W/S 175/25. No marker seen. W/B clear. First heard at 1305 hrs. Instructed to bomb pickwick. Bombing appeared concentrated except for about 10 sticks hitting to s/bd. of T/A. Smoke rose to 2,000 ft. Route and tactics good, except for straggling on route, in the other bomber streams. When camera operated, not sure of altitude. Jet A/C seen to be at about 28,000 ft.	A.3521
"	N.P. 957 "H"	F/O. Marcoux & crew		0928	1532	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "N". Weather no cloud, heavy vis. poor. Ident. visually by railway, woods and autobahn in Gcs. Bombed northern edge of smoke as instructed by W/B from 17,400 ft. at 1308 hrs, 084 deg. E., 210 T.S., W/S 175/24. Visually run up, no marker seen. W/B heard clearly on VHF. Good deal of grey. Had smoke rising to 3/4,000 ft. Bombing well concentrated. Followed Gaggles leader and at 1 minute. Good tactics but poor leadership of gaggle. Good met. Forecast. Str. and level as camera operated. Good sortie. Plenty of air activity along Rhine.	A.3522

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Day. 24.3.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.Z. 425 "1"	P/O. Evans & crew		0922	1525	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "K". Weather clear of cloud. Vis. good. Target ident. by Gee and visually by southern railway. Bombed slightly to port of centre of smoke, from 16,800 ft. at 1303 hrs. DB5 deg. E., 208 MAG, 170/25 W/S. M/B clearly heard at 1306 hrs. No marker seen. No large explosions in approach to target (slightly south of A/P). Bombing appeared well concentrated. Tactics good. Too high on returning. Gaggles off track at many points. Otherwise formation good. No evidence of enemy aircraft.	A.3523
"	N.R. 273 "X"	P/Lt. Perrier & crew		0918	1512	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load same as "K". Weather clear with smoke and haze. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by red and green lights and visually by map reading from Rhine to target. Bombed smoke on instruction from M/B, from 16,500 ft. at 1302 hrs. DB4 deg. E., 205 MAG, 175/23 ind. W/S. M/B heard clearly at 1245 hrs. PFF on time, but saw only one smoke salvo of reds. One large explosion seen on southern railway south of town at 1300 hrs. A/C in foreground as camera operated and waning later. Route and tactics very good. Gaggles good on way to target. Our a/c stuck together, did not break up on way back. No. 4 group crossed our track 3 times.	A.3524
"	N.R. 134 "Z"	P/O. Turcotte & crew		0924	1555	Target: Gladbach. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather clear with slight haze. Horizontal vis. very good. Target ident. by red and green lights and visually on approach and M/B. Bombed on northern edge of smoke as instructed by M/B, from 17,400 ft. at 1302 hrs. DB5 deg. E., 211 MAG, W/S: 153/24. M/B heard clearly. PFF not clearly seen for smoke. Bombing very concentrated, should be an excellent attack. A/C str. and level as camera operated. Gaggles leader, early on target also odd a/c dog-leg just before T/A. Route and tactics A.P. 1500 hrs. hung up over target and jettisoned bombs at 1223 hrs. 0320 hrs. 1408 hrs from 12,000 ft.	A.3525
Day. 25.3.45	Halifax III. N.R. 252 "B"	P/Lt. Brassard & crew		0701	1227	Target: Munster. Bomb load: 12,000 lb. and 12 CE No. 14, 06/10. Weather clear of cloud with slight haze. Vis. good. Target ident. visually by southern railway, checked by Gee. Bombed visually on northern tip of W/fields, from 18,300 ft. at 1013 hrs. DB1 deg. E., 207 MAG, W/S: 210/25. M/B heard clearly on W/P instructing to bomb near red T.I. No marker observed, but Bomb aimer had no difficulty in identifying A/P. Visually. Bombing appeared well concentrated on A/P. Heavy icing encountered at 9,000 ft. 5320H 0031M. Tactics set. Not as briefed. A/C not in normal flight as camera operated. Gaggles wandered off track taking stream over heavy defenses at North Ruhr. Gaggles formation well led. Heavy German defenses (but not seen) still shot at target near track and one a/c observed bombing. Landed at base.	A.3526

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25.3.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. M.Z. 425 "U"	F/O. Dumais, & crew		0702	1340	Target: Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather clear, Vis. fair. Target ident. by red T.I. Bombed Pickwick on M/B's instructions, from 17,700 ft. at 1017 hrs, 015 deg T., 205 T.A.S. W/S: 210/25. Marking obscured by smoke. M/B heard ordering to bomb a good huge fire in S.W. part of T/A; smoke up to 10,000 ft. visible for 5 miles. Route and tactics OK. Goggles dispersed and many stragglers. A good attack. Not known if camera operated. A/C straight and level. Landed at Croft.	A.3527
"	H.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Chappel & crew		0729	1245	Target: Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather isazy, no cloud. Vis. fair. Target ident. visually by red and green T.I. Bombed same from 18,000 ft. at 1016 hrs, 035 deg T., 165 mph. Markers well placed. Bombing seemed concentrated on smoke. Some undershooting. Cloud between target and channel between 18/19,000 ft. from Rhine to Coast. Goggles Leader crashed at point "B" outward, coming out of target too fast. Two cameras hung up over target. Jettisoned main at 5228.0308. 1109 hrs. 9,000 ft. A few small holes caused in a/c by flak. Landed Dunsford.	A.3528
"	H.R. 137 "K"	F/S. Bellavance & crew		0659	1224	Target: Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather clear with haze. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by red and green T.I. and visually by smoke. Route and tactics checked by Gen. Bombed same from 17,800 ft. at 1015 hrs, 018 deg T., 204 T.A.S. W/S: 132/33T. M/B clearly heard at 1009 hrs. FFF on time and very concentrated and exactly on the A/P. Too early in the attack to assess accurately. but on the run out several small fires and smoke were seen. Cloud up to 11,000 ft. encountered, not as briefed. Aircraft doing evasive action as camera operated. In the gaggle, a/c started to change planes which caused much confusion and loosened the formation. Route and tactics quite good. Landed base.	A.3529
"	H.R. 147 "L"	F/O. Violette & crew		0655	1318	Target: Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather clear clear. Vis. 10 to 15 miles, no cloud, slight ground haze. Target ident. visually by railroad and M/Yard and Gog. check. Bombed on A/P which was visually identified, from 18,000 ft. at 1014 hrs, 035 deg T., 155 mph, T.I.'s seen 700 yds South of A/P. Bombing light. Some undershooting; more concentrated on moving target. Smoke began to obscure target. Much cloud through England to 05008 from 6 to 15,000 ft. Also - small holes in the bay. Goggles was fair. Landed Dunsford.	A.3530
"	H.R. 256 "H"	F/O. Belanger & crew		0658	1214	Target Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather High cirrus cloud heavy on ground. Target ident visually and by M/B's instructions. Bombed upwind edge of smoke from 17,200 ft. at 1018 hrs, 065 deg T., 204 T.A.S. Numerous bursts on ground and small fires starting. Small holes in bomb doors and astro-compass, by flak. Landed Dunsford.	A.3531

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Day. 25.3.45 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 154 "J"	W/O. Levoie & crew.		0705	1220	Target: Munster. Bomb load same as "B". Weather: good over target. Ground details visible. Target ident. by red and green fl's. Bombed centre of brown smoke around mixed fl's from 15,000 ft. at 1016 hrs. 061 deg. T. 155 mph. Considered well concentrated attack with many fires and explosions heard. Some falling up to 10,000 ft. at 1016 hrs. Fluctuation oil pressure which developed about 0800 hrs. Change on stbd. outdr was wrong. Encountered severe icing after setting course at 6,500 ft. Cloud tops up to 10,500 ft. Never thought a/c would make it; this occurred before leaving English Coast; Picked up gaggle leader at concentration point at 5230N-0200W but other a/c well behind. Consider gaggle leader early. Failed to keep height during in ability to keep flaps up on stbd. inner engine but managed to make target on time but we were still behind leader and remained behind after bombing. Then gaggle leader lost in cloud but picked him up again later. On return to base we were diverted to Dishforth where visibility was equally poor. Decided to come farther south where vis. was noticed to be much better. Coming in to land at Ripon, pilot mistook d. r. lights for runway lights and turned to starboard instead of port, realising the error, pilot tried to overshoot, he opened the throttle and selected flaps up, but failed to maintain height and air speed dropped. Flaps were selected again with no result; just managed to clear trees with air speed rapidly falling and then decided to make a belly-landing. Fortunately nobody was injured.	A.3532
"	N.R. 271 "N"	F/L. Lesesne & crew.		0654	1257	Target Munster. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather clear, no clouds. Vis. good. Target ident. by red and green fl's. Reading and Gee check. Bombed on N. Is from 19,000 ft. at 1014 hrs. 060 deg. T. 155 mph. Run in parka park. fl's but these were hardly heard. Attack appeared concentrated after we left target area. Some icing between base and point "A" and on return cloud to 6,000 ft., icing at 9,500 ft. Wing men did not fly formation. Landed at Dishforth.	A.3533
"	N.R. 136 "P"	F/O. Chabot & crew.		0703	1231	Target: Munster. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: cloud with slight ground haze. Good vis. Target ident. visually by cone and by Gee check. Bombed A/R built up area. from 18,700 ft. at 1015 hrs. 060 deg. T. 211 TAS, W/S: 210/25. W/Not heard although instructions were heard for another target. No EFP marking visible. A few small fires seen at time of bombing; on second leg homeward, the target was well covered with fl's and smoke, and bombing appeared concentrated. Route and tactics satisfactory. Met. as briefed except for Vis. over England. Camera operated while a/c in normal flight. No evidence of enemy fighters. Gaggle formation good except for being off track from point "B" and from target, off course to stbd. for about 10 miles. Landed at base.	A.3534

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DAY 25.3.45 (Cont'd)	Halifax 111 N.P. 957 "Q"	F/O Koliasek & Crew.		07.08	12.42	TARGET: Munster. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear of cloud. Horiz. visibility poor over target. Target ident. visually and map reading. Bombed built up area from 17,300 ft at 1017 hrs. 050 deg. T. 208 TAS. Early bombing on outskirts of town gradually moving into A/P. Deviated from briefed route beginning at 5200N 0120E to 5150N 0420E to target, returning to briefed route owing to high winds. Slight icing over England between 7/9,000 ft. outward shortly after take-off. Landed at Bishforthe.	A3535
"	N.R. 196 "H"	F/O Marcoux & Crew.		06.56	12.40	TARGET: Munster. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear with good vis. Target ident. visually by roads, railway, canal and by Gee check. Bombed centre of upwind edge of smoke from 17,500 ft. at 1015 hrs. 073 deg. T. 22 TAS W/S 210/25. The W/S was not heard and no P.F.F. seen. Target burning clearly after bombing which was visible through gray smoke and bombing appeared concentrated. Evidence of undershooting. Route and tactics satisfactory. Met winds stronger than anticipated over Base, otherwise Met. was good. Camera operated, while a/c in normal flight. No evidence of enemy a/c hit by flak in W/A at 1014 hrs. 17,500 ft. Landed at Base.	A3536
"	N.R. 275 "X"	F/L Ferrier & Crew.		07.00	12.19	TARGET: Munster. Bomb load: 12 CP No. 14 06/10 (only) Weather: clear with excellent vis. Target ident. by Red and green T.I. Gee and visually by lake and railroad. Bombed concentration of T.I.'s from 18,200 ft. at 1015 hrs. 037 deg. T. 212 TAS. W/S: 215/25 T. Markers seen at H-1 hr. Well marked and concentrated. W/S blast and 4 minutes later heard him changing to bomb smoke. Target getting covered with smoke. EES was W/S. The whole stream was 8 miles to stbd. of track to target area. As camera operated, a/c Str. & Level at first then strong stbd. bank dodging aircraft. Tactics O.K. but 10/10ths cloud up to Ruhr. Gaggle did not form next up until the Dutch Coast and broke up some places on way out. No enemy a/c seen but own fighter cover was O.K. Landed at Base.	A3537
"	N.R. 134 "P"	F/O Turcotte & Crew.		06.57	12.28	TARGET: Munster. Bomb load: Same as "B". Weather: clear of cloud, some haze. Target ident. by red T.I. & map readings. Bombed two smoke puff markers and red T.I. from 17,800 ft. at 1018 hrs. 058 deg. T. 180 mph. Markers accurate and bombing seemed concentrated. Flying to stbd. of track on last leg. Landed at Bishforthe.	A3538
Day 31.3.45	Halifax 111 N.R. 157 "X"	S/L St. Jean & Crew.		06.53	12.06	TARGET: Hamburg. Bomb load: 8x500 ANM64 and 8x500 MCTD. Weather: 10/10ths Alto cumulus, tops 10,000 ft. Vis: good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs. Bombed to port of 3 red smoke puffs, from 18,000 ft. at 0653 hrs. 018 deg. T. 200 TAS. W/S heard clearly on T.I.'s. giving various instructions. Finally ordered to bomb centre of 3 red smoke puffs just as W/S released bombs. 50% of stream appeared to be coming in from stbd. therefore bombs may have dropped to port of A/P. No results observed. Tactics satisfactory. Met as briefed. Target well marked. Gaggle formation well maintained. A/C in normal flight as camera operated. No evidence of enemy aircraft hit. 500 ANM64, hung up gettisoned live at 1007N 1001E hrs. from 18,000 ft.	A3539

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"	M.Z. 357 "A"	F/S Bellavance & Crew.		06.24	1212	TARGET: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths St. Du. at 8,600 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and D.R. check. Bombed centre of smoke puffs from 18,000 ft. at 0855 hrs. 0/6 deg T., 176 knots. Red smoke puffs more than three but very scattered. W/B clear. At 11.00 hrs. at H-11. Instructions were to bomb port smoke puff, then bomb centre of concentration. Then to bomb as above then again centre of concentration. The latter instruction was followed. Bomb and tactics good. Gaggles well kept till after the 2/A. When the gaggles tended to scatter badly. A/C Str. and level as camera operated. We were bombing on heading of 315 T. blind, and 2x500 ANM.64 hung up. Jettisoned live at 5407E 0940N at 0912 hrs. 17,800 ft.	A3541																																																								
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"	N.A. 208 "D"	F/L Petrie & Crew.		06.31	12.18	TARGET: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths St. Du. at 10,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and D.R. check. Bombed centre of smoke puffs from 17,500 ft. at 0854 hrs. 02 deg T., 200 TAS. About nine red smoke puffs seen together, fairly scattered. Two of these well off to port. W/B heard clearly from H-10 on V.H.F. Instructions were to first bomb left side, then right side, then centre of red smoke puffs. Instructions changing continuously. Route and tactics good. Gaggles formation good until bombing instructions started to scatter the aircraft with change of directions. Lancaster appeared scattered. Met was good. A/C Str. and level as camera operated.	A3543																																																								
"	M.Z. 419 "E"	F/O Buker & Crew.		06.33	12.13	TARGET: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths St. Du. at 10,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and D.R. Check. Bombed port of concentration of markers from 17,500 ft. at 0854 hrs. 028 Reg T., 206 TAS. Smoke puffs fairly scattered. W/B clearly heard changing instructions. Route and tactics good. Gaggles formation well kept. A/C in bank as camera operated. 1x500 ANM.64 hung up and was jettisoned safe at 5400N 0500E 1010 hrs. 4000 ft.	A3544																																																								

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May 31, 1945 (CONT'D)	Halifax III. N.R. 111 "E51" P	F/O. Dumais & crew		0635	1223	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, cumulus at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,800 ft. at 0803 hrs. 028 deg. T. 178 TAS. W/B heard clearly at 0840 hrs. Instructions to bomb left hand concentration of smoke puffs which had just burst. FFF marking scattered but somewhat clear. Cloud completely obscured target and no assessment possible. Route and tactics very good. Gaggles very good. Met. as briefed. Four W/B seen in W. One seen 200 yds away and had no enemy markings. His A/C seen to shoot down an A/C which appeared to be a bomber. Hit by flak in W at 0827 hrs. 0850 hrs. at 0900 hrs. 17,800 ft. at 1900 hrs. no enemy markings.	A.3548
"	N.P. 956 "H"	F/O. Baillie & crew		0629	1229	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cloud, tops about 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. very good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs. Bombed to port of them from 17,800 ft. at 0855 hrs. 029 deg. T. 140 knots. W/D clearly heard at 0820 on VHF. FFF scattered because W/B was continuing. Met. as briefed. It was to the left. Too much cloud to assess. Route and tactics very good. Gaggles very good for normal and bombing accurately. Little faster than briefed speeds on way out of target.	A.3547
"	N.R. 116 "I"	F/O. Chappel & crew		0626	1207	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths clouds, tops 6,000 ft. Horizontal vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and HES. Bombed centre of cluster of 3 red smoke puffs from 17,800 ft. at 0853 hrs. 028 deg. T. 196 knots. W/B heard clearly at 0845 hrs. F.F.F. concentrated but W/B shifted and changed his orders. Smoke puffs burst at 17,000 ft. No assessment due to cloud. Weather worse on way out than briefed. Route and tactics good. Gaggles a/c not sticking to briefed heights.	A.3548
"	N.A. 180 "O"	F/O. Chabot & crew		0623	1221	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths alto-cumulus at 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and HES. Bombed slightly to stbd of smoke puffs from 17,800 ft. at 0853 hrs. 028 deg. T. 206 TAS. W/B heard clearly, giving various instructions. Markers scattered. Bombing scattered and no result observed. Tactics good. Met. as briefed. Gaggles well maintained till target and because of visibility stream spread out on homeward route. Entered heights and speeds maintained. No evidence of W/B/G.	A.3549
"	N.R. 196 "R"	F/O. Marcoux & crew		0617	1223	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths alto-cumulus tops 6,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and HES. Bombed slightly to stbd of centre of red smoke puffs from 17,800 ft. at 0854 hrs. 028 deg. T. 236 TAS. W/B heard clearly on VHF, giving various instructions. Markers seen at 0845 hrs. Smoke puffs and scattered badly during the run up. Target completely covered with cloud. Good tactics and route. Met. better than briefed. A/G cover was good. Gaggles scattered on way to target.	A.3549

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Day. 31.3.45. (CONT'D)	Bilifax III. N.A. 201'S"	F/L Archambault & crew		0619	1219	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather 10/10ths alto-cumulus tops 6/10000 ft. Horiz. vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs and EES. Bombed to port of concentration of smoke puffs, from 17,500 ft. at 0853 hrs. 029 deg. 1. 200 fms. Seven red smoke puffs seen scattered in a line right angles to course. W/B heard clearly at 11/10 on 10000 ft. Instructed to bomb centre of smoke puffs. These instructions were confirmed to because of neighbouring w/e. Route and tactics were good. Gaggles well kept all the way round. Went 23 mi. off track by 23 miles due to W/V shift.	A.3550
"	N.P. 387 "r"	F/O. Ciguera & crew		0614	1226	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 12/16,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,200 ft. at 0854 hrs. 029 deg. 1. 130 fms. W/B heard clearly on W/F. Marking plentiful but scattered. W/B appeared to be directing raid efficiently. Bombing appeared very well. A/C maintained as briefed. Gaggles maintained very well. A/C maintained briefed heights and updates. No evidence of enemy fighters.	A.3551
"	M.Z. 425 "D"	F/O. Evans & crew		1625	2215	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather 10/10ths cloud tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Target ident. by EES and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,200 feet at 0854 hrs. 172 fms. W/B clearly heard at 0855 hrs. instructing to bomb target which was marked quickly with high wind. Bombed centre of 2 old and 3 new puffs. EES confirmed obscured target and no assessment as possible. Route and tactics sat. and sat. as briefed. Gaggles good except that it was off to starboard on run up to target. Red puffs inclined to be off colour and did not last as long as blue when very vigorous. W/B heard clearly. W/B with red puffs. Weather cover very good. No E/A/C seen.	A.3552
"	N.R. 273 "r"	F/L. Purrier & crew		0630	1149	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather 10/10ths cloud at 6,000 ft. Target ident. by EES and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of smoke puffs from 17,200 ft. at 0854 hrs. 029 deg. 1. 130 fms. Markers seen at 11 plus W. Target well marked but they were scattered, opening above A/C. W/B heard clear and seemed to have situation well in hand. Could not assess due to cloud. A/C well concentrated over target. Tactics O.K. Gaggles good and hold well after leaving target. No evidence of hostile fighters. Good weather cover.	A.3553
"	N.R. 134 "g"	F/O. Tarcotte & crew		0618	1209	Target: Hamburg. Bomb load: Same as "K". Weather 10/10ths cloud tops 6,000 ft. Target ident. by red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of same from 17,200 ft. at 0854 hrs. 029 deg. 1. 200 fms. Markers seen at 11. Good number of markers and concentrated. Markers burst at 16,000 ft. Could not assess due to cloud. Bombing looked well concentrated. Tactics and gaggles very good. W/B held together after target. EES heard clearly. cover. 2x500 lbs. hung up over target, jettisoned at 11 0857 hrs. at 0857 hrs. 17,200 ft.	A.3554

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