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| 3/4th December, 1943. | HALIFAX V. C. LX.661. | J.20359 P/O A.V. REILANDER A13413755 P/O B.W. FOSKETT A13415924 P/S FISHER J.W. 159677 P/O A.F. DOWDING 117761 P/O B.L. SMITH 2216237 SGT. LUCAS S. 1311036 P/S BARTLEY P.W. R131253 P/S KRIGHAN J.L. | LEIPZIG. | 23.48 | 08.16½ | Primary target bombed at 04.01 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 165. Target identified by red flares with green stars and red TIs. Bombed centre of red flares and green stars. Glow on cloud suggested that fires were just starting. If sky marking in right place attack should be very good. | |
| | HALIFAX V. B. LX.928. | J.23297 P/O C.W. WOODVERTON J.21556 P/O G.A. SMITH A13420761 P/S LISTER H.S. 127563 SGT. GOTHAM A.W. 1480149 SGT. ARNOLDSON B. R189634 SGT. BOYLE J.C.P. R161156 SGT. STEWART H.M. | LEIPZIG. | 23.52½ | 08.20 | Primary target bombed at 04.04 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 190M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud at 10,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars and green TIs through clouds. Bombed centre of cluster of red flares with green stars. Marking was good and concentrated. Good red glow of several fires seen through cloud. Attack seemed good and concentrated. Landed at Pinkerton. | |
| | HALIFAX II. D. JF.132. | J.20392 P/O G.E. J. MURPHY J.14214 P/O W.W. ROBINSON R131936 P/S MCGILLIVRAY J. 1235007 SGT. JONES W.F. 1136777 SGT. GRAHAM G. R193777 SGT. TINDALE G.F. R159467 P/S JACKSON H. R128428 P/S POWERS N.D. | LEIPZIG. | 23.59½ | 08.35 | Primary target bombed at 04.03 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 160. Target identified by sky markers and green TIs going down. Sky markers in bomb-sight falling. No results seen in going into target. Glow of fires was observed just starting as we left, over a small concentrated area. PFF marking was very good and numerous. | |
| | HALIFAX II. E. HX.185. | R138096 P/O J.H. SINCLAIR 1394314 SGT. ULPH N.L.L. 137377 P/O V.P. SKONE-BEES 1623709 SGT. WARNER J. 929878 SGT. ROBINSON A.J. 1851613 SGT. FRATT G.F. 451341 P/O A.J.P. CHILDS. | LEIPZIG. | 00.04½ | 08.23½ | Primary target bombed at 04.05 hours from a height of 20,500 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud, tops 10/12,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars, bombed red flares with green stars. A large explosion orange red colour seen at 04.04 hours seen to travel across the sky in waves. Fire glow covering a large area but seemed very concentrated. A very few yellow fighter flares seen, dropped as aircraft ran into target from last turning point. | |
| | HALIFAX II. I. JN.968. | B89906 W/O W.R. KRUSE J.3498 P/O A.A.C. HARRIS R110182 SGT. WHEELER P.S. 1670697 SGT. MURPHY E.J. 160616 P/O E. PEARSON R162231 P/S MITCHELL G.W. R166633 P/S BRAY L. R143024 SGT. ANDERSON J.P. | LEIPZIG. | 00.02½ | 08.33 | Primary target bombed at 04.04 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 182 M, IAS 150. Target identified, sky markers seen first and then green TIs ascending. Cloud cover over target prevented any definite results being seen but dull glow was seen through cloud on leaving target area. | |

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| 3/4th December, 1943. | HALIFAX V. N. LX. 924. | R146813 P/S HAWTHORN K. J.21896 P/O S.W. HANSEN. R123921 P/S SMITH D.L.G. 1865586 SGT. KIRTLAND C.H.A. R55900 W/O FOURNIER L.L. R55488 P/S MASSEY J.L. R187584 SGT. OSHOBY L.J. | LEIPZIG. | 23.49 | 08.43 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 04.07 hours from a height of 19,500 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 150. Target identified by red and green TIs and red flares with green stars. Green TIs seen falling in bombight. Fires looked concentrated around markers. Glow of two large explosions seen, one at 04.06 hours, whitish red explosion dying to red glow, the 2nd a terrific red explosion at 04.09 hours. Route generally cloudy breaking over enemy coast for 50 miles. Few fighter flares seen North of Target Area. | |
| | HALIFAX II. T. JP. 727 | 1238167 SGT. VALLER W.J. J.27033 P/O M.J. BARTHEMAN. R155749 P/S ROSS A.J. 1818199 SGT. CLARK D. 1338685 SGT. HOLT J.W. R82632 P/S STILES A.E. R189454 SGT. FRASER I.M. | LEIPZIG. | 23.44 | 08.36 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 04.04 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 170. Target identified by red TI markers, green TI markers and red flares with green stars. Bombed centre of sky markers. Red glow seen just after leaving target, glow seen for a long time. Good route. Route TIs green, not seen at first, causing aircraft to stooge on resulting in passing over Frankfurt, otherwise a good trip. | |
| | HALIFAX II. U. JN. 975. | J.4886 P/L W.A.G. MORTISH J.14199 P/O H.W. BARNHART J.21985 P/O M. STEERLE. R121407 SGT. TAYLOR E.P. 1179771 SGT. CHILES S. R189057 SGT. GOOD R.E. R474544 SGT. McDONNELL J.L. R137653 P/S GOUTHREAU H.L. | LEIPZIG. | 23.54 | 07.40 | Primary target bombed at 04.08 hours from a height of 18,800 feet on a heading of 180M IAS 165. 10/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Target identified by red and green TIs also seen on H2S. Concentration of greens and reds in bombight. Consider this to be a very successful attack. Terrific explosion at 04.03 hours orange flame first seen and then thick black smoke coming up through cloud. Landed at Stradishall. | |
| | HALIFAX II. A X. JN. 967. | AWS44333 P/O W.J. ARMOUR. J.20710 P/O J.D. ELLIOTT 1A58000 SGT. GUNDE B.F. 1675979 SGT. PAGE S.F. 1984443 SGT. FURBERILL B.C. AWS416982 P/S GUDGAS P.C. AWS410908 P/S MOON J. J.3716 P/L McGUGAN F.R. | LEIPZIG. | 23.45 | 08.30 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 04.00 1/2 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 feet. Target identified by red TIs and sky markers. Bombed when red TIs came into bombight; also sky markers. No fires visible but on leaving target area rear gunner reported thick black smoke rising and a dull red glow seen. | |
| | HALIFAX V. Y. LX. 927. | J.4883 P/O F.G. LORD. 21891 P/O C.L. TRAL. R148526 P/S HANNAN F.G. R51313 SGT. GARLEY G.H. 1144496 SGT. SHEPPARD A. R181135 SGT. ALLAN A.G. 1990018 SGT. TRALKER P.L. | LEIPZIG. | 23.51 1/2 | 08.14 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 04.00 1/2 hours from a height of 19,400 feet on a heading of 182M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud tops 4/5,000 feet. Target identified by red TIs, red flares with green stars and visible by river. Bombed reds with green stars. Fires were giving a good glow as aircraft left with plenty of smoke. Lines of fires would be seen which looked like streets - seemed quite concentrated targets. | |

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| 3/4th December, 1943. | HALIFAX V. Z. LX.947. | J.24433 P/O N.P. BROWN R434238 P/S FINKELEBACH G. R123712 P/S FRANKEL H. J.24740 P/O A.F. LAWRENCE. 1319680 SGT. WORT P.E. O.6106 P/O SHEPPARD W.J. R197972 SGT. HAWTHORN T. | LEIPZIG. | 23.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 08.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Primary target bombed at 04.05 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 185 deg. IAS 465. 10/40ths cloud with tops at 7,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars. Bombed green stars at 04.05 hours. Large concentrated orange coloured fires could be seen through breaks in clouds. At 04.08 hours large orange glow. Glow from bright orange coloured explosions also seen at 04.03 hours and 04.04 hours. GEORGE unserviceable throughout trip. | |
| | HALIFAX V. Q. LX.662. | R130890 P/S GAY W.C. J.21360 P/O W.G. JELLENY. R130197 SGT. WATCHUK H.M. 1833626 SGT. SMITH P. 1295363 SGT. YATES W.S. 1486567 SGT. BRITCHARD A.H. R188700 SGT. SWARTZ S.J. | LEIPZIG. | 23.45 | 08.10 | Primary target bombed at 04.06 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 182 deg. IAS 475. 10/40ths cloud up to about 6,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars and green TIS in bombsight. A large number of fires had taken hold, clearly saw glow on clouds. Incendiaries seen burning. Fires well concentrated. Attack looked very good. At 04.25 hours at a position of 5020N 0140E, height 14,000 feet, aircraft hit by predicted flak from flakship. First two shells burst underneath the aircraft, evasive action taken and no further bursts near. Damage very slight. At 05.50 hours, height 19,000 feet starboard outer engine temperature started to rise, engine feathered. PFF route markings target indicators were exceptionally good. This looked like a good attack. Photo flash dropped out of aircraft, which crossed another aircraft and exploded in mid air at 02.20 hours. Landed at Newmarket. | |

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| 20/21st December, 1943. | HALIFAX E.II. A. 28, 113. | 321572 P/L G.G. FORD 513903 P/O F.R. FRANKS 1434882 SGT. HOWARD D.L. 1807443 SGT. GARRIGAN J.W. 1330032 SGT. BOURGAIN S.P.W. 509099 SGT. SHRY A. 2216207 SGT. GRAMMELAIN E. R128458 P/S FOWERS H.R. | FRANKFORT. | 15.56 | 23.32 | Primary target bombed at 19.38 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 090M. 160 IAS. 7/10ths broken cloud about 10,000 feet. Identified target by yellow and red and green EI and built-up area seen. Red EI in built-up area seen through gap in cloud cascade at 19.57 hours. Target marking very poor. Never more than one EI seen at a time but marking improved after we reached the target. Six large fires were seen spread over the target area with other fires scattered to the West as if more aircraft bombed Reichsbahn as there was a large glow on clouds. Two simultaneous explosions seen in target area at 19.42 hours. Red spot fires at position 5012N 0730E at 19.23 hours. Red spot fires at 5028N 0732E at 20:14 hours. Sleet and rain prevented aircraft climbing after leaving English coast for about 15 minutes. | |
| | HALIFAX V. B. 1A, 928 | R131253 P/S KNIGHT J.L. 321555 P/O K.M. MOORE R128073 P/S TIGGLES H.L. R68645 SGT. JESSIDAN H.H. 1516173 SGT. SLACKER J.P. 1652337 SGT. BRIDALL G. 1600799 SGT. BRIDALL F.G.R. | FRANKFORT. | 16.14 | | Nothing has been heard from this aircraft since take-off. | |
| | HALIFAX V. B. 1A, 661. | 320559 P/L A.V. WILLIAMS 321575 P/O B.W. ROBERTS R121524 P/S FISHER J.W. 129000 P/O G.H. ANDERS 1330774 P/S JAMES J.W. 2216237 SGT. LEWIS E. 1511036 P/S BARTLEY P.W. R143054 SGT. JORDISON J.V. | FRANKFORT. | 15.51 | 23.22 | Primary target bombed at 19.38 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 090M. 160 IAS. 6/10ths cloud tops 8,000 feet. Identified target by red and green EI's ascending. Bombed centre of red EI's on the ground. Fires were just starting to obtain good hold over concentrated area as we left. Route markers scattered. Half a package of airdrop brought back. Aerial flare path on way to target and all the way out of the target on track to the first turning. | |
| | HALIFAX II. B. 38, 432 | 1238467 SGT. VALDES H.J. 321693 P/O H.J. BARKERMAN R155749 P/S REES A.J. 1618199 SGT. CLARK P. 1330690 SGT. HILL J.V. R128537 P/O DYLLAN A.M. R128154 SGT. FRANKS L.M. | FRANKFORT. | 15.49 | 23.39 | Primary target bombed at 19.55 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 100M-160 IAS. 10/10ths thin cloud 777 plainly visible. Red EI on the ground. Many fires appearing a large area on way out from target. Good results expected. 1 x 1,000 MB jettisoned at 19.54 hours at 5028N 0832E - not safe, hung up. Spot fires seen on route and appeared badly scattered - 2000. Red icing at 16,000 feet on entire route as far as English coast. Red and Green EI appeared confused and scattered and yellow seen on ground about a mile distant from red and green. Horizontal rocks to seen. Slow moving and possible to dodge over target area. Yellowish red, green and white. | |
| | HALIFAX II. B. 38, 432 | 321693 P/O H.J. BARKERMAN R155749 P/S REES A.J. 1618199 SGT. CLARK P. 1330690 SGT. HILL J.V. R128537 P/O DYLLAN A.M. R128154 SGT. FRANKS L.M. | FRANKFORT. | | | | |

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| 20/21st December, 1943. | HALIFAX II. E. No. 183. | J19013 P/O J.H. SINGLAI 1396914 SGT. WREN H.L. 137377 P/O V.P. SHIBB-DEES 1623709 SGT. WARRER J. 323878 SGT. WENGER A.J. 1829613 SGT. PRATT G.H. 151311 P/O A.J.W. SKILLEN N137653 P/W GOWENLOCK W.L. | FRANKFURT. | 15.53 | 06.14 | Primary target bombed at 19.42 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 184°M. 150 IAS. 3/10ths patchy clouds. Target identified by 1 or 2 Red XI's going down in area. Bombed Red XI. Attack was scattered with a few flares beginning to take hold as we left the target area. 1 can of IB bombs (500lb) hung up. Route markers, Red Spot Flares, were seen on the way out. Bomb sound scattered at time our aircraft was over target area. | |
| | HALIFAX V. L. No. 237 | 166681 P/O R.J. STERN 1428784 SGT. GRAHAM S. 1154183 SGT. OVERMAN S. 1449365 SGT. FORDMAN P.F. 1127272 SGT. BIRDY G.H. 1821792 SGT. STUANE E. 2216224 SGT. HOPKIN P.P.P. | FRANKFURT. | 15.58 | 22.54 | Primary target bombed at 19.39 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 183°M. 150 IAS. Slight haze, low patchy cloud. Target identified by Green markers. Bombed a bunch of Green XI's on centre of concentration. Either many dummies or attack seemed scattered. Tom lit up by searchlights and flares. Route markers seen on the way in. Red fighter flares were confusing on the way out. Landed at Mildenhall due to engine trouble. | |
| | HALIFAX V. E. No. 930. | 2,9455 P/O A.J. DAY-WINER 2136227 P/W GOLLIER W.G. 216776 P/W G. MADDIN 2202523 SGT. WENGER H.V.J. 1403863 SGT. WENGER G. 2184327 SGT. SMITH S.J. 2180232 SGT. WOOD N.G. | FRANKFURT | 16.03 | 06.18 | Primary not bombed. Mannheim attacked at 19.36 hours from a height of 18,000 feet on a heading of 190 degrees. 150 IAS. Weather clear over target except for one bit of small cloud. No route markers seen. PFF technique over Mannheim seen when off course. Bombed a Red XI going out with a Green above. Good fires around. The attack was a little scattered and burning well in two concentrations. One North and one South of XI's. Aircraft arrived over the target area ten minutes early due to stronger winds and were South of track. When PFF opened up with Yellow, Green and Red XI's, altered course slightly to starboard. Bombed and did not realize it was Mannheim until flying North and saw PFF open up on Frankfurt. Skirted back to 145 MPH, but even then could not lose them. A considerable number of enemy XI Red and Green Star flares and some Red breaking into Red in the Frankfurt area. | |
| | HALIFAX V. E. No. 924 | 222297 P/O G.W. WOODFORD 221556 P/O G.A. SMYTH 2202764 P/W LIDDER H.S. 1875663 SGT. GOTHAN A.W. 1488149 SGT. ARNHEIMERS E. 2189634 SGT. BOXER J.D.G. 255488 P/O MASHET J.V. | FRANKFURT | 16.19 | 06.21 | Primary target bombed at 19.38 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 184°M 150 IAS. 9/10ths thin cloud over target, which was identified by Yellow and Red XI on the ground. Bombed Red XI ascending. Large explosions seen at 19.54 hours in target area. Good fires seen scattered over two mile area. One small concentration. Some markers seen going in and coming out. Numerous yellow and Red XI in poor concentration, no Green XI seen. | |

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| 20/21st December, 1943. | HALIFAX V. Q. LA. 652. | 213009 P/O GAY W.G. 221368 P/O W.G. GILLIES 2138196 SGT. WYNNIE R.M. 1833626 SGT. SMITH F. 1295363 SGT. JAMES W.J. 1486267 SGT. FRIEDHARD A.M. 2108700 SGT. SWARTZ S.J. | FRANKFURT. | 16,223 | 00,05 | Primary target bombed at 19.39 hours from a height of 19,500 feet on a heading of 104 deg.M. IAS 145. 5/10ths cloud. Target identified by incendiaries burning over large area both Red and Green T's and sky marking seen. Centre of fires in bombight. Whole target area seemed to be lit up. Attack very scattered and reflection of fires seen on clouds when quite a distance away from target. 1 x 1000 lb. in No.1 position and bricked. 2818W. 0812W. at 21.53 hours at 14,000 feet on way in with numerous W/F flames in track out. | |
| | HALIFAX II W. JW. 973. | 2,3716 P/L P.R. MCGHEE 220046 P/O P.L. GERRIN 220257 P/O G.A. BIRCHARD 1635279 SGT. HALLIS R.P. 297452 P/O HANCOCK R.G. 1682073 SGT. WYNE J.W. 226495 P/O B.D. ANDER. | FRANKFURT. | 16,471 | 00,46 | Primary target bombed at 19.43 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 104 deg.M. IAS 145. 7/10ths thin cloud tops 7,000 feet. Target identified by Red and Green T's. Eastern edge of concentration of Green T's on ground in bombight. Red T's seen falling on run up but had gone out. The Green T's were fairly well concentrated. Red Large fires giving off pillars of dense smoke from 100 miles away. The smoke area and the glow could be seen from 100 miles away. Smaller fires and bomb bursts seen in main area. One Red T's seen ascending in target area at 20.00 hours. 30 x 7 L.S. brought back, hung up. | |
| | HALIFAX II. X. JW. 967. | 221328 P/O M. WONGAN 221827 P/O P.D. JAGHAMAN 220824 P/O M.J. JOHNSON 1807660 SGT. HARRING L.P. 1330093 SGT. HOWLES R.G.M. 2486629 SGT. SILVERMAN J. 2216226 SGT. PHILLIPS R.A. | FRANKFURT. | 16,11 | 00,23 | Primary target bombed at 19.44 hours from a height of 17,000 feet on a heading of 104 deg.M. IAS 150. 4/6/10ths cloud about 5,000 feet tops drifting. Route markers not seen. Fires in bombight. A considerable number of fires beginning to break out in flames and much smoke after leaving. One out of 800's (A. 100.) brought back, hung up. No route markers seen. Aircraft arrived early and headed for about 20 minutes and the first T's seen were going down over Mannheim at 19.24 hours. No attack made North, about of the target and during that period from 19.32 to 19.48 hours we saw no T's that looked like ours so finally bombed the centre of some fires which were surrounded by searchlights from which a large quantity of smoke was rising. All this time we could see countless W/F flames and masses of searchlights but no T's that could be recognized as our own. | |

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| 29/21st December, 1943. | HALIFAX V. Z. IM. 927. | R167754 W/O FORSBERG W.G. FRANKFURT. R14228 P/O G.M. BOGERS R22A25 P/O M.E. TALMAH R158341 SGT. MADONN T.M.J. R15872 P/O R.T. OWEN R190704 SGT. SWINER F.A. R26630 P/S FRASER R.D. | FRANKFURT. | 16.06 | 23.42 | Primary target bombed at 19.38 hours from a height of 19,800 feet on a heading of 167 deg.M. IAS 150. 6/10ths cloud with tops at 15,000 feet scattered. One Red and one Green TI. Saw spoof attack on Mannheim. Red TI 19.38 hours in bombight. Fires well scattered burning fiercely. Attack appeared to be successful. Could see glow of city alone to 200 miles from target area. Route markers seen going in and on way home. A good trip, attack appeared to be very successful. | |
| | HALIFAX V. Z. IM. 947 | R146915 P/S HARTWELL L. FRANKFURT. R21896 P/O S.V. HANNEY R125921 P/S SMYTH R.L.G. R185586 SGT. KENTLAND S.M.A. R3966 P/O T. WIRSHIP R168346 SGT. ANDERSON W.C. R187584 SGT. O'BRIEN L.D. | FRANKFURT. | 16.00 | 00.08 | Primary target bombed at 19.36 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 166 deg.M. IAS 150. 5/10ths bottom thin cloud. Yellow, Red and Green TI appeared badly scattered. Red TI cascading in bombight. 1 x 1000 MB 19.59 hours 20,000 feet, position 5032N 0826E, not safe hang-up over target. Sev. fires scattered over 5 mile area. Route markers seen going in and on coming home. PFF made a very moderate attempt at concentration. Mannheim attack clearly visible. | |
| | HALIFAX V. F. MD. 252. | AMB14535 P/O W.S. ANDERSON R28716 P/O J.D. BELLAMY R158000 SGT. JOHNS R.D. R175979 SGT. PAGE S.P. R286442 SGT. JENNINGS P.G. AMB16932 P/S GLENN F.D. AMB10908 P/S MOON J.J. R22254 P/O G.D. SANDER. | FRANKFURT. | 16.00 | | Nothing has been heard from this aircraft since take-off. | |

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| 29/30th December, 1943. | HALIFAX II, A. JP.113. | J.21372 P/S G.G. FORD 51390 P/O P.R. FRASER 1194882 SGT. NEWLAND D.L. 1807113 SGT. GARRIGAN J.W. 1332032 SGT. BUCKMAN R.P.W. 670909 SGT. SHAW A. 2216207 SGT. CHAMBERLAIN R. | BERLIN. | 16.26 | 00.38 | Primary target bombed at 20.16 hours from a height of 21,000 feet on a heading of 035M IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud in target area, tops to 10,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. Glow of fires was seen from 100 miles away and appeared to cover large, well concentrated area. FFF marking was well concentrated. Route markers seen on way out, none on way home. Spoof seen only at Magdeburg at 19.35 hours. Wind broadcast received and considered of value. | |
| | HALIFAX V. C. LE.661. | J.20359 P/O A.A. WELLS A9243775 P/O R.W. JOHNSON A9244824 P/S FISHER J.W. 459677 P/O A.P. DOWDING 4396774 P/S JAMES J.W. 2216237 SGT. LUCAS S. 1311036 P/S BARKLEY P.W. R146630 P/S HENRY R.S. | BERLIN. | 16.36 | 01.14 | Primary target bombed at 20.18 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 035M, 155 IAS. 10/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre concentration of Red Flares with Green Stars. Marker flares were well concentrated and plentiful. Route markers seen on the way in but not on route home. Route in and out very good. Attack appeared very good. Wind forecasts of great help. | |
| | HALIFAX II, D. JP.132 | J.20392 P/L G.R. J. MORPHY J.14214 P/O W.W. ROSSON R131836 P/S MCGILLIVRAY J. 1235007 SGT. JONES W.P. 1069787 SGT. CLARE W.L. R193777 SGT. THOMAS C.P. R194667 P/S JACKSON R. R131517 P/S BRAIN P.S. | BERLIN. | 16.47 | 00.26 | Primary target bombed at 20.15 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 030M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud, tops 10/15,000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. Glow of fires visible for 75 miles. Fires appeared well concentrated at 1/2. FFF marking seemed to be in line rather than concentrated. Route markers seen on way out but not on way home. Wind broadcasts received and of great assistance. Spoof seen at Leipzig at 19.45 hours and at Magdeburg at 19.33 hours. | |
| | HALIFAX II, E. HK.183. | J.24434 P/O D.R. SIMON J.14222 P/O R.R. PARR J.23590 P/O D.D. GARR 1577287 SGT. WILSON E.A. R115893 P/O WEAVER A.L. R134029 SGT. LAHRY G.L.W. R179556 SGT. GALLOWAY I.M. | BERLIN. | 16.50 | 01.04 | Primary target bombed at 20.18 hours from a height of 18,500 feet on a heading of 035M, IAS 150. 10/10ths cloud, tops at 14,000 feet. Target identified by Radar and Red with Green Star II's. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. FFF fight on and well concentrated. Large red glow seen on cloud after we left target. Large explosion seen at 20.16 hours. P and Q route markers seen at 19.08 and 19.50 hours. Wind broadcasts very helpful. Good effort. | |

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| 22/30th December, 1943. | HALIFAX II, I. IX. 960. | C.1617 W/O D. T. FRENCH J.14804 P/O J. A. BROWN J.20863 P/O J. P. GIBSON 162370 SGT. SLAUGHTER A. E. J.20853 P/O A. J. MILLS GAW2381A/O PATTON G. W. 254483 SGT. SAIDEN D. D. | BERLIN. | 16,28 | 00,52 | Primary target bombed at 20,11 hours from a height of 19,500 feet on a heading of 035M. IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud, tops 10/12,000 feet. Target identified by Radar, Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. First marker flare seen to burst at 19,58 hours. 10 out of 12 markers seen were very well grouped. Strong Orange glow on cloud, well concentrated, could be seen after leaving target and for 30 minutes after. Route markers seen on the way out but none on way home. Weather conditions as forecast with 10/10ths cloud over most of route. 6 spot flares were dropped at 2152M - 1252M at 19,50 hours - good explosion burst into Red like curve but had only one Green Star breaking away every 15 seconds. Broadcast with excellent except for mistake in the first. Most defence activity on route seen at Leipzig - much more than at Berlin. | |
| | HALIFAX V, E. IX. 930. | J.23297 P/O G. W. WOOLFERTON J.21556 P/O G. A. SMITH A98420761 P/S LIPPER H. S. 1076213 SGT. DAVE K. W. 1180118 SGT. LANGSTON R. 2262089 SGT. PRITZKE L. H. 295055 P/S ANTON C. | BERLIN. | 16,32 | 00,52 | Primary target bombed at 20,19 hours from a height of 19,600 feet on a heading of 037M. IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud with tops up to 10/12,000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Also identified Leipzig spot on way to target. Bombed Red Flares with Green Stars. Cloud base brilliantly lit up by flares which seemed to be well concentrated. About 30 miles NE of target area saw tremendous white explosion light up the clouds. Attack seemed to be successful. Broadcast of winds came through well and was most helpful. | |
| | HALIFAX V, E. IX. 92A. | R146013 P/S HARTSHORN L. J.21896 P/O S. W. HANSEN R123921 P/S SMITH D. L. G. 1865586 SGT. KIRKLAND G. H. A. 255900 W/O FOURLIER L. L. R175580 SGT. PIERCE L. B. R167584 SGT. OSBORN L. J. | BERLIN. | 16,50 | 01,20 | Primary target bombed at 20,22 hours from a height of 20,000 feet on a heading of 035M. IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud, tops about 12,000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. Attack seemed concentrated but more intense to the NE end of the target. Good glow could be seen through the cloud. Route markers P and Q were seen on the route out. None were seen on route home. | |
| | HALIFAX V, Q. IX. 662. | 39928 S/L G. S. BARTLETT J.14241 P/O R. G. KEISE J.22868 P/O R. H. CORBETT 264390 SGT. KYLE G. H. J.12105 P/O D. H. GRANFORD R173315 SGT. CAMPBELL R. E. J. J.26620 P/O R. D. TRANE | BERLIN. | 16,24 | 00,52 | Primary target bombed at 20,15 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 035M. IAS 165. 10/10ths cloud with tops up to 12/15000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. At 21,32 hours 52A5M - 0830E two very large explosions occurred which showed up as a red flash through the cloud. Route markers seen on the way out but none seen on the way home. Broadcast of winds found very satisfactory and most helpful. First broadcast was incorrect but was later corrected. | |

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| 29/30th December, 1943. | HALIFAX II. T. JR. 127. | J. 21328 P/O M. DOON, J. 21827 P/O F. D. JACKMAN, J. 20834 P/O M. J. JOHNSON, 1887660 SGT. HENRYS L. F., 1390093 SGT. HOWLES H. G. H., 2216226 SGT. PHILLIPS R. A., 254188 W/O MASSEY J. U. | BERLIN. | 16.45 | 01.10 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 20.12 hours from a height of 18,000 feet on a heading of 035M, IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed centre of 4 flares which burst at about 20.11 hours. FFF marking well concentrated and it appeared as if they had moved the 1/2 slightly S.W. - Bright Red glow on cloud covered a fairly large area and at 20.12 1/2 hours a large vivid Red glow appeared and lasted for about 5 seconds before dying down. Good bombing concentration should have been achieved. Route markers seen on the way out but none on the way home. Consider Yellow FI's give off too much light - enough to silhouette bomber aircraft. Broadcast winds very useful and considered a good idea. | |
| | HALIFAX II. V. JR. 97. | J. 3716 P/L F. E. MCGOUGH, J. 20246 P/O T. L. DYKES, J. 22437 P/O G. A. HOWLAND, 1638279 SGT. HILLY E. J., R97452 W/O MASON E. G., 1482075 SGT. EYRE J. W., R197322 SGT. LEFORD L. E. | BERLIN. | 16.35 | 01.10 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 20.22 hours from a height of 20,500 feet on a heading of 035M, IAS 145. 10/10ths cloud with tops of about 10,000 feet. Target was identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed where sky marker had been - one sky marker seen behind at the same spot half a moment later. Large red glow seen through cloud over very concentrated area. Route markers seen on the way out but none seen on the way home. Eleven minutes late bombing owing to Met. forecast of winds being in error. Broadcast winds heard and found useful. | |
| | HALIFAX V. Y. JR. 927. | R107547 W/O FORSBERG W. G., 1.14222 P/O G. M. ROBERTS, J. 22435 P/O M. E. TALMAGE, 1583461 SGT. MEADOWS R. H. J., J. 15872 P/O R. E. ORR, R190706 SGT. DUNN E. A., R06930 SGT. FRASER R. G. | BERLIN. | 16.38 | 01.04 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 20.20 hours from a height of 18,700 feet on a heading of 035M, IAS 150. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 9,000 feet. Target identified by Red Flares with Green Stars. Bombed one Red Flare with Green Stars in centre of cluster of flares. There could have been more flares but what there were were very well concentrated. Large red glow of explosion seen at 20.22 hours. Many smaller explosions of bomb bursts seen in target area. Attack considered good. Route markers seen on the way out, but none on the way home. | |
| | HALIFAX V. Z. JR. 987. | R143054 SGT. JUDISON J. F., R120713 P/O B. J. BARNETT, R150100 P/O OLDFORTH D. L., 1673377 SGT. PARRY G. R., 725752 W/O T. A. SKIDDSLEY, R187522 SGT. DUNN E. A., 1823192 SGT. DIXSON G. C. | BERLIN. | 16.40 | 01.16 1/2 | Primary target bombed at 20.22 1/2 hours from a height of 19,000 feet on a heading of 034M, IAS 170. 10/10ths cloud. Target identified by Red Flares with Green stars. Bombed centre of Red Flares with Green Stars. Good concentration of fires seen glowing under clouds from 100 miles away. FFF marking well concentrated. Route markers seen on the way out but none on the way home. Wind broadcast received but winds appeared much stronger than predicted on the route home. Specif attacks seen at both Leipzig and Magdeburg. Lateness on target due to wind variation. | |

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