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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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4/5th January	HALIFAX II D JP.132	J20592 P/O MURPHY, C.R.J. GARDENING J44244 P/O Robson, E.W. R131926 P/S MCGILLIVRAY, J. 1235007 SGT. JOWSEY, W.F. 1049787 SGT. CLARE, W.A. R193777 SGT. TINDALE, G.F. R152867 P/S JACKSON, H.	GARDENING	0218	0746	Planted vegetables at 48 22½N 04 31W on a heading 153 degs at 0443 hours from a height of 15,000 feet. I.A.S. 243 MPH. Visibility good in area. Successful trip, no trouble.	
	HALIFAX II E HK.183	J3846 P/L MCGHEGAN, P.R. J20246 P/O SYERLE, P.L. J22437 P/O ENGLAND, G.A. 1635279 SGT ELLIS, R.F. R37432 W/O MASON, F.C. 1682075 SGT. EYRE, J.W. R197322 SGT. LAPOND, L.E.	GARDENING	0223	0755	Vegetables planted 48 21½N 04 30W. Pimpointed position of release by Radar. Mines laid at 0452 hours from a height of 15,000 feet on a heading 003 degs. Very good visibility. Mines did not release on first run so made another from the south. Caught by three 3/17s at 0457 for about 45 seconds and shot at by heavy and light flak. No damage.	
	HALIFAX II I JN.968	R89906 W/O KRUSE, W.R. J9498 P/O HARRIS, A.A.G. R140182 P/S WHEELER, P.S. 1670697 SGT. MERRIANT, R.J. 160516 P/O PEARSON, W. R162231 P/S MITCHELL, C.N. R162633 P/S BRAN, L.A.	GARDENING	0220	0730	Vegetables planted at 0448 from 15,000 feet on a heading 156 degs. Position 48 21½N 04 30W. Coast at 48 22N 04 32W. No cloud excellent visibility. Both parachutes seen to open.	
	HALIFAX II V JN.969	JL885 P/L DODD, P.G. J21891 P/L TRAL, C.L. R148526 P/S Hannan, P.G. R51343 SGT CARLEY, C.H. 1124406 SGT SMITHAM, A. R181135 SGT ALLAN, A.G. 1590818 SGT DEAKIN, B.L.	GARDENING	0222	0732	Vegetables planted in position 48 21½N 04 30W. Dropped on the pinpoint above visually. D.R. Compass w/s. Mines planted at 0443 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading 153 degs with 0/S 250. Visibility very good. Absolutely nothing happened. Breast lights were turned on and off three times and nothing else happened. Both parachutes seen to open.	
	HALIFAX II H JN.971	JL886 S/L MCLEISH, W.A.G. J14139 P/O BARNHART, R.W. J21985 P/O SYERLE, M. R184407 SGT BAYLOR, R.F. 151311 P/O CHILES, S. R189097 SGT. GOOD, R.E. R171511 P/S McDONKILL, J.L.	GARDENING	0217	0733	Vegetables planted 48 21N 04 30W, 48 23N 04 31W at 0440 hours, from 14,000 feet on a heading 102 degs with a 0/S of 260. Visibility excellent. Mission appeared to be successfully completed. Parachutes opened on both mines.	
	HALIFAX II X JN.967	1238467 P/S VALLEE, W.J. J21033 P/O BARTLEMAN, M.J. R152749 P/S ROSS, A.F. R181899 SGT CLARE, D. 1338605 SGT. HOLD, J.V. R82632 W/O STYLES, A.E. R189154 SGT. FRASER, L.M.	GARDENING	0221	0735	Planted vegetables 48 21½N 04 30W. Coast line 48 22N 04 31W. Mines laid at 0438 hours from 14,000 feet on a heading 148 degs. I.A.S. 175. Visibility very good. Mines seen to fall but parachutes not seen to open.	

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6/7th January	HALIFAX II D NF.132	J24434 P/O BISHOP, D.E. J1A222 P/O FARR, H.R. J23590 P/O GARR, D.D. 167267 SGT WILKINSON, E.A. R112893 W/O WEAVER, A.L. R194059 SGT LAHNEE, G.S.W. R179556 SGT GALLOWAY, I.M.	GARDENING ST. NORWICH	1824	0207½	Vegetables planted in position 47 11' 45''N 02 20' 30''W, 47 08' 30''N 02 14' 30''W at 2235½ hours from a height of 15,000 feet on a heading 314 degs T.A.S. 200 m.p.h. H2S w/s. Parachutes seen to open. Mission accomplished. Very uneventful trip.	
	HALIFAX II H JN.971	J16044 P/O SUTHERLAND, G. J145759 P/O MCGREGOR, N.E. J19136 P/O HENRY, M.A. 1160572 SGT. ROBERTS, D.J. 1089363 SGT JONES, S.S. J26495 P/O ARDIS, D. R162682 SGT KIRK, T.E.G.	GARDENING	1812	0232	Planted vegetables visually at position 47 08' 30''N 02 13'W 22:36 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet on a heading 308 degs. I.A.S. 145. H2S w/s. Successful trip. No worries of any sort. Radar went w/s. Ciroled for 8 minutes before going in.	
	HALIFAX II I JN.968	J5716 P/L MCGUGAN, F.R. J20246 P/O STEELE, T.L. J22437 P/O ENGLAND, G.A. 1635279 SGT ELLIS, R.F. R97452 W/O MASON, N.C. 1682075 SGT BYRDE, J.W. R197322 SGT LAFOND, L.E.	GARDENING	1814	0225	Vegetables planted at 2234 hours from 15,000 feet on a heading 298 degs. I.A.S. 180 m.p.h. Mines laid in a position 47 12' 30''N 02 20W 47 09' 30''N 02 13W. Parachutes seen to open. Mission accomplished, easy trip.	
	HALIFAX II V JN.969	J1885 P/O BOND, F.G. J21891 P/O TRAL, G.L. R148806 P/S HANMAN, F.G. R51343 SGT CARLEY, G.H. 1144466 SGT SMYTHAN, A. R181135 SGT ALLAN, A.G. 1580818 SGT. DEAKIN B.L.	GARDENING	1819	0202	Planted vegetables at position 47 11' 45''N 02 20' 30''W 47 09' 30''N 02 13W, at 2230½ hours from a height of 15,000 feet on a heading 297 degs. I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. Perfect. H2S w/s. Mission successfully completed. Beautiful moon-light stooge. Parachutes seen to open.	
	HALIFAX II X JN.967	J24433 P/O BROWN, N.F. R134238 P/S FINKELSTEIN, C. R123712 P/S FRANKEL, B. R46740 P/O LAWRENCE, A.F. 1319680 SGT WOOD, F.E. R16106 P/O SHEPPARD, W.J. R108497 P/S BASKETT, G.A.	GARDENING	1817	0210	Planted vegetables in position 47 11N 02 20' 30''W. Dropped by Radar 47 09' 30'' 02 14' 30''W at 2229 hours from 14,900 feet. Heading 219 degs. I.A.S. 138 m.p.h. Successful trip apart from a little trouble with a P/W 190. Parachutes seen to drop. Just north of Plymouth on parachute seen from three a/c travelling south. No reason known.	
	HALIFAX II U JN.973	1238467 P/S VALLER, N.Y. J21033 P/O BARTLEMAN, M.J. R155749 P/O ROSS, A.J. 1818199 SGT CLARK, D. 1338685 SGT HOLY, J.W. R22632 W/O STILES, A.E. R189154 SGT FRASER, I.M.	GARDENING	1822	0214½	Vegetables planted in garden 47 11' 45''N 02 20' 30''W 47 10N 02 13W at 2231½ hours from a height of 14,600 feet on heading 298 degs. I.A.S. 218 m.p.h. Good trip. Both parachutes seen to open.	

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20/21st January 1944	HALIFAX II. A. NE.113.	168680 P/O D.V.A. CURLEY 1318815 P/S RATCLIFF K.A. R167021 SGT WILLIAMS F. 1785466 SGT PATTERSON A. 1385726 SGT MASON S.J. R22755 W/O ROUSSTON J.T. J17076 W/L R.W. DOUGLAS	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (P/E) (W/P) (W/G) (R/G)	16.27	00.22	Primary target bombed at 19.52 hours from 17,000 feet on a heading of 183 degs. I.A.S. 140/10ths clouds, fairly thin. Bombed red flares with green stars and by radar. Sky marking was concentrated but about 5 miles east of Berlin a faint red glow was seen in patches on cloud. Disappointing attack. Port outer became w/s at 22.15 hours (5330N 0501E) feathered came down to 3000 feet to avoid front. Two other Halifaxes also north of track could be seen ahead before coast was crossed. Caught in a burst of predicted flak over target and also at Rhine.	
	HALIFAX II. B. IX.928	J.4886 S/L W.A.G. MOLEISH J.14199 P/O H. BARNHART J.21985 P/O M. STICKLE 151311 P/O S. CHILLES R159557 SGT. GOOD R.E. R122888 P/O SGT TAYLOR E.P. J.19372 P/O J.T. MACKENZIE J.14152 P/O W.V. BLAIR	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (W/P) (W/G) (P/E) (R/G) (R/E)	15.55.	00.32	Bombed primary target at 19.46 hours from a height of 16,000 feet on a heading of 165 degs. I.A.S. 250 mph. Target identified by H2S and sky markers. 10/10th clouds tops at 8,000 feet and wisps of cloud at 18,000 feet. Nothing seen in bombsight as a/c attacked just before bombing and jettisoned over target area. A very good concentration of flares, but as the a/c was attacked by an enemy (Halifax) with cannon, and a/c was badly holed all that could be done was to jettison. Spoof at Kiel seen, the enemy route markers dropping behind and making a flare path out of the target.	
	HALIFAX V. C. IX.661.	R128128 P/S POWERS N.D. J.21566 P/O F.E. CHURCHILL R77710 P/S PARKER J.E. 1076213 SGT DALE M.W. 1337544 SGT MORGAN R.E. R164509 SGT MCKINNON A. 1570669 SGT TAYLOR D.R.E.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (P/E) (W/P) (W/G)	16.25	00.27	Bombed primary target at 20.03 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 185 degs. I.A.S. 155 mph. 10/10th clouds. Centre of red flares and green stars in 1/2 when bombs released. Sky marking was scattered. 30 lb IB brought back owing to hand-up. No route markers seen. Sextant w/s. Short of fuel due to bad icing about 9 degs E at 17,500 feet. Shot at by predicted flak for 2 min. from Leewarden area.	
	HALIFAX II. D. JP.132	J.20332 W/L G.E. MURPHY J.14214 P/O W.W. ROBINSON R131926 P/S MacGILLIVRAY J. 1235007 SGT JONESKY W.P. 1049787 SGT CLARE W.A. R193777 SGT FINNALS G.P. R159467 P/S JACOBSON H. R144138 P/S CARTER K.H.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (P/E) (W/P) (W/G) (R/G) (R/E)	16.31	00.16	Primary target bombed at 19.43 hours from 19,500 feet on a heading of 170 degs. I.A.S. 155 mph. 10/10th cloud with tops at 8-10,000 feet. Sky marker concentration seen in bomb sight. No results seen owing to clouds. Only H2S route marker seen. Wind broadcasts found useful. Concentration of flares over target area good.	
	HALIFAX IV. E. HL.183.	J.19013 P/O J.M. STICKLER 1394914 SGT HEN N.L. 157377 P/O W.P. SKIMS-HEES 1425709 SGT WANNER J. 929878 SGT ROBINSON A.J. 1851813 SGT PRATT G.E. 151311 P/O A.J.P. CHILLES R130166 P/S MANTLE T.E.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (P/E) (W/P) (W/G) (R/G) (R/E)	16.37	00.41	Bombed primary target at 19.47 hours from a height of 19,800 feet on a heading of 170 degs. I.A.S. mph. 160. 10/10th clouds with tops at 10,000 feet. Concentration of sky markers in 1/2. No results seen owing to cloud. Route markers seen. Wind broadcasts found useful and it was generally a good trip.	

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20/21st January, 1944.	HALIFAX II, F. JF.195	R443054 SGT JUDITHESH J.P. R20713 P/O NASHMITH R.A. R50180 P/S CATWORTHY D. R67377 SGT FARRY G.R. R577540 SGT TUCKER A. R187522 SGT DIMMER E.A. R182595 SGT GREGOR N.P.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	16.29	00.35	Bombed target at 19.10 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading 168 degs. I.A.S. 107 m.p.h. Target identified by sky markers and H2S. 10/10ths clouds over target with tops at 12,000 feet. Early in attack so no results seen. 2 x 1000 MB MC's jettisoned at 5130N 1000E at 18,000 feet at 20.35 hours owing to hang up. Route markers seen. Deviated south of track about 40 miles on return. Very uneventful attack. Cloud obscured target area.	
	HALIFAX II, H. JN.971	J.16044 P/O SUTHERLAND G. J.14873 P/O McCREGOR W.R. J.19156 P/O HENRY M.A. H169572 SGT BUCHANAN D.J. H89363 SGT JONES E.S. J.26495 P/O ARDYS D. R162682 SGT KIR T.E.C.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	15.59	00.42	Primary target bombed at 19.42 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 165 degs. I.A.S. 155 m.p.h. 10/10ths clouds with tops 8-10,000 feet. Bombed centre of concentration of sky markers. No results seen. H2S confirmed sky markers correct. Route markers seen. A good trip and probably very successful.	
	HALIFAX V. Y. LK.927	J.23297 P/O WOODFORTH G.W. J.21556 P/O SMITH G.A. AUB20761 P/S LISTER H.S. R275643 SGT GOTHAM A.W. H80149 SGT ARMSTRONG R. R480232 SGT WEBB E.G. R161156 SGT STEWART N.M.	BERLING. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	16.36	00.48	Primary target bombed at 19.58 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading 165 degs. 10/10ths clouds with tops about 10,000 feet with haze above. Sky markers in a bunch well below a/c. Glow of fires over a large area seen from about 100 miles away, otherwise no results seen. Generally a good show. Practically no flak but difficult to report on results. Heavy white M/P flares from the centre of Berlin on the way south out and continuously later. Evasive action turning 20 deg. in 20 secs. found useful.	
	HALIFAX II, I. JN.968	59928 S/L BARTLETT C.S. J.14244 P/O KEISO R.G. J.22868 P/O CORBERT E.H. R.61390 SGT KYIE C.H. J.42406 P/O CRANFORD D.H. R179315 SGT CAMPBELL R.E.J. J.26620 P/O LEAHN R.W. R149753 SGT SIDE S.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G) (2/F)	16.32	00.20	Bombed target which was identified by H2S and sky markers at 19.50 hours from 18,500 feet on a heading 167 degs. I.A.S. 174 m.p.h. Sky markers in bomb sight. No results seen owing to cloud. Went slightly off track to north on return to base. Effective flare path laid to south of target on way out. Sky markers were numerous but scattered. 10/10ths cloud over target with tops at 10-12,000 feet.	
	HALIFAX II, V. JN.969	J.4883 P/L LORD P.G. J.21891 P/O TRAL C.L. R148526 P/S HANMAN E.G. R51343 SGT CARLEY C.H. R144406 SGT SMITHAN A. R181135 SGT ALLAN A.C. R390818 SGT DEAKIN B.L. R144017 P/S LILLICO G.W.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G) (2/F)	16.26	00.05	Attacked primary target at 19.48 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 165 degs. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 5,000 feet. Identified target by route and sky markers over target. Concentration of sky markers in B/S. Route markers seen. Wind broadcasts useful. Good concentration of flares over target area and probably a good attack.	
	HALIFAX V. Z. LK.947	4077246 P/S PATTINSON H.I. R16829 P/S WALKERS W.L. R9718 P/O BIGGERSSTAFF G. R622859 SGT MADGWICK H.E. R204843 SGT HARRIS A.P. J.19000 P/O McCRACKEN G. R10797 P/S BASSETT C.C.	BERLIN. (N) (A/B) (F/E) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	16.35	25.28	Primary target bombed at 19.45 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 170 degs. I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. Centre of red flares with green stars in B/S. 10/10ths cloud. Sky marking was good and fairly well concentrated. No results seen owing to cloud. 4 x 1000 MB MC hang up and jettisoned by hand at 5132N 04.10E at 18,000 at 21.52 hours. Route markers seen.	



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20/21st January	HALIFAX V P LK.739	R.131517 P/S REAIN, W.E. BERLIN J.22574 P/O BINDER, A.R. (W) J.22704 P/O LAVOIE, J.C.Y. (A/B) R.118571 SGT PHILIP, W.B. (P/B) 1336395 SGT BANNER, W.T. (W/P) R.137350 SGT WYLER, H.R. (W/G) R.187677 SGT WINTER, W.R. (R/G)	BERLIN	1635	--	This aircraft was airborne at 1635 hours since when nothing further has been heard of it.	
	HALIFAX II R LL.180	R.137653 P/S COUTHREAU, H. BERLIN J.20254 P/O O'CONNOR, P.J. (W) R.459907 SGT BRADON, A.H. (A/B) 1605032 SGT HARDWICK, W.J. (P/B) 755752 W/O SKINGSLEY, T. (W/P) 1853105 SGT POULNER, J.H. (W/G) 1809459 SGT GREENACRE, A. (R/G)	BERLIN	1634	2005	Returned early after jettisoning bombs at 5:24M 0550E from 12,600 feet at 1816 hours. Apparent icing - failed to gain height. Bomb load was jettisoned safe.	
	HALIFAX II U JN.973	J.7690 P/L WATKINS, F.H. BERLIN J.14240 P/O BROW, E.A. (W) 136822 P/O RICHARDSON, W. (A/B) 1623799 SGT BILSON, G.H. (P/B) 1030480 SGT REINHART, J. (W/P) R.204035 SGT URSHART, J. (W/G) Can. 6629 SGT SILVERMAN, J. (R/G)	BERLIN	1610	0046	Primary target bombed at 1952 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 165 degs. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 10,000 feet. Identified target by route and sky markers. Concentration of sky markers in P/S. Red glow seen below cloud, other wise no results seen. Only "G" not seen. Wind broadcasts useful. Generally a good trip, but no definite results could be seen. Night fighter flares were dropped by enemy a/c on the south of Berlin.	
	HALIFAX II T JF.427	J.21328 P/O KOGAN, W. BERLIN J.24827 P/O JAGDMAN, F.D. (W) J.20834 P/O JOHNSON, M.J. (A/B) 1807680 SGT BENDIS, L.P. (P/B) 1390093 SGT KNOWLES, E.C. (W/P) 2216226 SGT PHILLIPS, R.A. (W/G) R.55188 W/O MASSEY, F.V. (R/G)	BERLIN	1620	2359	Bombed primary target at 1940 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading 165 degs. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. Target identified by sky markers which were numerous. 10/10ths cloud with tops 8-10,000 feet. Clear above cloud. FFF very accurate as confirmed by H2S. No reflection of fires could be seen through the cloud. Good concentration of sky markers seen across path on run in to target and remainder rather scattered. Generally a good trip and probably successful.	
	HALIFAX II K JN.967	J.24433 P/O BROWN, W.P. BERLIN R.434298 P/S FENKELSTEIN, (W) R.123712 P/S FRANKEL, B. (A/B) J.24740 P/O LAWRENCE, A.E. (P/B) 1319680 SGT WORS, P.L. (W/P) G.6106 W/L SHEPARD, W.J. (W/G) R.197972 SGT HAWTHORN, T. (R/G)	BERLIN	1650	0030	Primary target bombed in 10/10th cloud at 1952 hours from a height of 19,500 feet on a heading 165 degs. I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. Concentration of sky markers in bomb sight. Glow of fires could be seen from under the clouds. All route markers seen. Good v/s. Weather better than predicted. Wind broadcast seen through G satisfactorily. Generally a good trip with little opposition seen. All spoofs seen.	

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21/22nd January, 1944.	HALIFAX II, D. JE.132.	G.1617 W/O D.T. FRENCH F1482A P/O J.A. DE ROSSIGNOL (N) J20863 P/O J.T. GIBCO (A/B) 162370 SGT BELCHER A.E. (P/B) J20853 P/O A.J. MILLS (W/O) 2381A W/O PATTER G.W. (M/G) R54483 SGT SALMON D.D. (R/C)	MAGDEBURG.	19.30	02.45	Primary target bombed at 23.02 hours from 19,000 feet 228 degs. IAS 150. 3/10ths cloud tops 5,000 feet. By FIRST route markers, ground TI red and green. Centre of green TI confirmed by H2S. Incendiaries well concentrated but too early to see fires. Glow through cloud seen 100 miles away. Generally all appearance of a good attack. PFF first bunch of TI were wrongly placed but this was corrected. P at 21.47 hours GAR not seen. Just after 23.06 hrs. W/F flames were laid all over the target and in two lanes one approximately south west and SSW. On the way out R/G reported seeing considerable tracer over the target after leaving the target, but nothing on the target while we were there.	
	HALIFAX II, E. HK.185.	J.19349 P/O W.M. KRUSE J.3438 P/O A.I.C. HARRIS (N) M10182 P/S WHEELER F.S. (A/B) 167067 SGT MORTLARTY H.S. (P/B) 160516 P/O M. PEARSON (W/O) M16234 P/S MITCHELL G.N. (M/G) M162633 P/S BRAN L.A. (R/C)	MAGDEBURG.	19.35	03.26	Primary target bombed at 23.01 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading of 214 degs. IAS 150. Thin 7/10ths cover. PFF markers. Red flames cascading green and red. TI green. Target area was a mass of incendiaries but as it was early in the attack they did not appear to have taken hold. PFF markers seemed to be too far north but not very far out. Attack should prove successful. P. 24.51 hours. Green and yellow stars. H not seen. R 23.24 hours. Red spot fires. H2S unrecognizable about 20 to 30 miles from the coast on the homeward journey. Only off track when diverted. About a minute after the attack opened three enemy fighters were seen - Target area 2 S/E 1 W/E. Just after leaving the target saw 1 P/W 190. There seemed to be a good concentration of incendiaries on the city seen through the cloud. Enemy fighter flames seen around 7/A AFTER leaving.	
	HALIFAX II, H. JW.374.	J.21372 P/L C.G. FORD J.21390 P/O F.E. PEARSE (N) 1434882 SGT D.A. HOWARD (A/B) 1807113 SGT J.W. CARRIGAN (P/E) 1332032 SGT BUCKMAN B.P.W. (W/O) 570909 SGT SHAW A. (M/G) 2246287 SGT CHAMBERLAIN P. (R/C)	MAGDEBURG.	19.37	23.22	Returned early. W/O P 111. Reached 5435N O/SCE 21.18 hours 13,000 feet. Full load jettisoned after 24.37 hours 21.32 hours 13,000 feet. W/O's eyesight became blurred and he had a terrific headache.	
	HALIFAX V, L. DK.237.	R146630 P/S TERRY R.S. MAGDEBURG. R186982 P/S ALLEN R.L. (N) R179678 SGT MURDOCK A.H. (A/B) 1582668 SGT ROBERTS I.D. (P/B) R20882 W/O YARNHOLD O.P. (W/O) R181327 SGT SMITH S.J. (M/G) R182595 SGT GREGOR N.S. (R/C)	MAGDEBURG.	19.32		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft since take-off.	

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21/22nd January, 1944.	HALIFAX II. R. IL.180	R157653 P/S GOUTHREAU H.L. R20254 P/O F.L. OGDONNER R159907 SGT BEATON A.H. R465032 SGT HANFORD W.G. R5752 W/O SKINGSLEY T.A. R53105 SGT FOULGER J.H.G. R89159 SGT GREENACRE A.J.	MAGDEBURG. (N) (A/B) (P/B) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	19.40	03.15	Primary target bombed. 3/10ths cloud with tops at 8-10,000 feet. By route flares to start with and green TIs. No other marking seen. 23.02 hours 19,500 feet 214 deg. 160 IAS Centre of 6 or 7 green TI on ground. Not much happening as we were early but as we left incendiaries seemed to be getting a hold, and was fairly concentrated. A few W/P white flares dropped south of STADE. No N/P flares seen over the target at all and some seen near to Brunswick but looking back after we had left the target we could see a flarepath of N/P flares in the Target Area.	
	HALIFAX II. S. JF.127.	R238167 P/S VALLER N.T. R21033 P/O M.J. BARTLEMAN R455719 P/S DONS A.J. R18199 SGT CLARK D. R38665 SGT HOLT G.W. R52632 W/O STILES A.J. R189154 SGT FRASER L.L.	MAGDEBURG. (N) (A/B) (P/B) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	19.47	03.11	Primary target bombed at 5/10ths thin layer cloud. Identified by green TIs and HES; 23.02 hrs. 19,500 feet, on a heading of 214 deg. 160 IAS. Green TIs in bombight. After leaving target large concentration of well burning fires seen. Flak could be seen for about half an hour before reaching the coast - very heavy and intense - fighters numerous and active all along the route. Out over the coast they seemed to be at readiness anticipating our route.	
	HALIFAX II. U. JN.973.	R107517 W/O FORBERG W.G. R14220 P/O G.M. ROGERS R22425 P/O M.H. BALMAGE R58161 SGT MEADOWS T.H.J. R45872 P/O R.T. OBERG R190704 SGT BURKE E.L. R56930 SGT FRASER R.G.	MAGDEBURG. (N) (A/B) (P/B) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	19.45	04.11	Primary target bombed. 3/10ths cloud at 5,000 feet. By flight route markers and sky marking. Jettisoned at 23.10 19,200 feet on a heading of 240 deg. IAS 155 but evasive action taken and bombs jettisoned over target. A big glow seen after leaving the target but no details seen. Considerable fighter activity over the target area. A lot of N/P flares dropped just after we left in lanes from the target in a SW direction and a considerable number continuously dropped along the route from Brunswick up to the coast. No spoof flares or attack seen over Berlin. Other aircraft on the leg but to the coast appeared to have strayed further west than us as flak was seen coming up from the direction of Bremen but along the Weser river.	
	HALIFAX II. X. JN.967.	R149753 SGT SIDE S. R152899 P/S BROWELL A.C. R25069 P/O A.H. MURPHY R38002 SGT BEDFORD A.J. R57251 SGT EYRETT G.G. R53195 SGT TOWNSEND F.J. R192112 SGT HALLIBRETT J.H.	MAGDEBURG. (N) (A/B) (P/B) (W/P) (M/G) (R/G)	19.42	05.20	Primary target bombed. 6/10ths cloud about 7,000 feet. Red TIs, 22.58 hours 19,000 feet 218 degs. 160 IAS. Bombed east edge of red TIs on ground cascading at 22.57 hours. About five red TIs seen close together as ran up afterwards. Green seen with very many burning incendiaries surrounding them. One large fire with some smaller fires seen near markers on leaving, suggested a good bombing concentration. Aircraft arrived at target about six minutes ahead of wave and bombing was done on red markers from first wave. Attack was subsequently seen to develop a few miles to west of point bombed. Appeared to be well concentrated.	

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28/29th January	HALIFAX II A JP, 443	J. 21572 P/L FORD, C.G. 54300 P/O FEARNE, P.R. 1634882 SGT HOWARD, D.A. 1807113 SGT CANNIGAN, J.W. 117761 P/O SMITH, B.L. 670895 SGT SHAW, A. 2216207 SGT CHAMBERLAIN, R.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (PE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2313	0839	Bombed primary target at 0322 hours from 21,000 feet on a heading 160 degs. M. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. 10/40ths clouds thin stratus with tops about 10,000 feet. Sky marking in B/S. Sky marking very scattered and infrequent. Concentrated fires around aiming point, and some more to the S.E. of the target area. Route markers seen. Our spoof flare path was laid very effectively. The enemy had started a flare path on our track as we were leaving.	
	HALIFAX II D JP, 432	160684 P/O SYKES, E.J. 156893 P/O HEALE, B.H. J. 22838 P/O HEALY, T. 113363 SGT FORDHAM, P.J. R. 113119 W/O HORRICES, J.S. 1821792 SGT STUART, P. 2216221 SGT BENTLEY, P.P.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (PE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2336	0518	Returned early - navigation instruments u/s. Detached full load at 5500ft - 0904B from 26,000 feet at 0249 hours.	
	HALIFAX III E HX, 183	J. 19043 P/O SINCLAIR, H. 1391914 SGT ULEH, M.L. 137377 P/O SHOND-REES, V.P. 1623709 SGT WARNER, J. 229878 SGT ROBSON, A.J. 1851613 SGT PRATT, C.E. 151311 P/O CHILDS, A.V.P.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (PE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2354	0217	Returned early - A.S.I. u/s. Detached load safe at 5450ft 0253E from 15,000 feet at 0125 hours.	
	HALIFAX III F JP, 425	J. 3716 P/L MORTON, P.R. 160006 P/O SHEPHERD, P.H. J. 22137 P/O ENGLAND, R.A. 1655279 SGT WELLS, R.P. E. 57452 W/O MASON, N.C. E. 181309 SGT HANSON, V.G. E. 127322 SGT LEFOND, L.E.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (PE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2348	0836	Primary target bombed at 0312 hours from 21,000 feet on a heading 157th. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. 10/40ths cloud over target. Route markers and spoof T.I. (for PFF only) and confirmed by H2S. Bombed on H2S showing us in centre of Berlin. Impression of very good attack. One very large explosion at 0328 hours. 20 to 30 W/W flares seen dropped from 1/8 on the 1st out of target after W/O had left. Only route marker 'R' not seen. Yellow spoof T.I.'s seen S.W. of Berlin. DR compass u/s but we had H2S. Came back over Saltburn area instead of Elshorpe.	
	HALIFAX II G JP, 198	160680 P/O CURLEY, D.V.A. 1519815 P/O BATHURST, K. E. 167091 SGT WILLIAMS, P.A. 1785166 SGT PATTERSON, A.B. 170047 P/O MASON, S. E. 186395 SGT CLARKE, W.L. 1573489 SGT CROSSAN, D.A.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (PE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2340	0801	Bombed primary target at 0315 hours from 21,300 feet on a heading 159M. I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. 10/40ths cloud with occasional breaks with tops at 67,000 feet. By radar sky marking was dropped immediately above us. Bombed on H2S. Fires seemed to be well started and appeared to be more concentrated in the S.E. area of city. Many small bursts of flame seen continuously over quite a large area. Route markers seen.	

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28/29th January	HALIFAX II J JA.274	J.1486 S/L McLEISH, W. J.1492 P/O BARNHART, B.W. J.21965 P/O STEINLE, W. R.121407 SGT BAYLER, E.P. 151311 P/O CHILES, S. R.189657 SGT GOOD, R.S. J.19372 P/O McDONNELL, J.I.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FA) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	0001	0856	Bombed primary target at 0322 hours from 19,000 feet on heading 125M. I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. Thin layer cloud over target with tops at 11,000 feet. Sky marking with sky markers in B/S. Large explosion seen at 0214 hours. Puffs well lit up over small area. The explosion seen was terrific - <del>seemed to lift cloud.</del> Route markers seen. Quiet trip. Spoof flares path laid very successfully. PFF not very numerous and rather scattered.	
	HALIFAX II M JA.274	J.9453 P/L DAY-WINISE, A.J. J.21568 P/O STORREN, F.R. R.165328 SGT DICKSON, P.D. 220052 SGT THORPE, H.V. 110786 SGT BEAUMONT, A. R.262068 SGT FRIZZELL, W. 2221979 SGT CAMPBELL, J.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FA) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2357	0346	Returned early. Jettisoned all load. Fuel consumption too high to bomb target from ordered bombing height and get home.	
	HALIFAX II Q JP.197	1238467 P/S VALLEE, H.J. J.21033 P/O BARTELMAN, M.J. R.155719 P/S BOSS, A.J. 1818199 SGT CLARK, D. 1558486 SGT HOLT, J.W. R.82632 W/O SYLVE, A.E. R.189154 SGT FROESE, L.H.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FA) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2312	0814	Primary target bombed at 0322 hours from 21,000 feet on a heading 154M. I.A.S. 155. Dispersed cloud but details could be seen under the cloud on leaving the target. Sky markers over target. Bombed on sky marker and this was in centre of Berlin as confirmed by HGS. Concentrated prang. An explosion seen as we were over the target and 6 large fires as w/c left the target. 'R' marker not seen. A bit off route on way back, but we got back on between Lubek and Wismar. On the way out a certain number of W/P flares were laid on the track, but generally no quantity of these visible. Appears that the enemy did not know that we were coming. Flak light except below us where light flak was shooting at the markers.	
	HALIFAX II T JP.127	J.21328 P/O KOGAN, M. J.21827 P/O JACKMAN, F.S. J.20834 P/O JOHNSON, M.J. 1807650 SGT EDMONDS, L.P. 1390023 SGT KNOWLES, E.C.H. 2216226 SGT PHILLIPS, R.A. R.55488 W/O MAGNEY, J.W.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FA) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2352	0851	Bombed primary target at 0318 hours from 21,000 feet on heading of 160M. I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. 10/10ths thin cloud with tops 10-12,000 feet. By route and sky markers the target was identified. Sky markers were in B/S. Large explosion seen just before bombing just to the west of the CFE marking. Fires concentrated around the sky markings. Only 'R' not seen. Good attack.	
	HALIFAX II X JN.967	J.22433 P/O BROWN, N.P. R.134238 P/S PINCKELSTEIN, G.(N) R.123742 P/S FRANKEL, W. J.21710 P/O LAWRENCE, A.E. 1319680 SGT WORT, F.R. C.6106 P/L SHEPPARD, W.J. R.197972 SGT HAWTHORN, T.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FA) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2349	0818	Primary target bombed at 0329 hours from 20,500 feet on a heading 165 degs. I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. Mainly 10/10ths cloud with occasional breaks. Target identified by PFF GROUND and sky markings. Red flare with green stars. Numerous fires seen and appeared scattered with some concentration in N and E sections of city. Route markers seen. Spoof fighter flares and yellow seen in T/A. See v/s. Attack appeared successful. Late on target due to wind variation.	



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28/29th January	HALIFAX II W JN. 969	R.149753 SGT SIDE, S. R.152802 P/S BROMWELL, A.G. J.25069 P/O MURPHY, A.H. 4802722 SGT MORRIS, J. 4167251 SGT KNIGHT, G.C. 4893195 SGT POWERS, S.J. R.161509 SGT MCKINDON, A.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	0005	0841	Primary target bombed at 0329 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading 160 degs. I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. Target identified by route and sky markers and some red T.I. Cluster of sky markers in B/S. On leaving target, 2 big patches of fire glow and farther away these turned to amber. Seen from 40-50 miles. It was really a good bang. Continuous flashes going in W/A and 40 miles after leaving. Only 'B' not seen. HES was W/S and jumping badly. Had carburetor icing in the high cloud at 5510M 0800Z. A number of odd red flares dropping as we crossed the enemy coast but generally he didn't know of our arrival.	
	HALIFAX II N JD. 586	1098816 P/S O'CONNOR, E. 1434408 SGT NAYN, J.W.G. 1390722 SGT MANIERKA, L. 1566044 SGT HENRIKSON, J.H. 1573532 SGT SHERRATT, G.W. 4136418 P/S POLLIC, J. 2206513 P/S PAER, S.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2344	0823	Bombed primary target at 0321 hours from 19,000 feet on a heading 156M. I.A.S. 155 m.p.h. 10/10ths cloud with tops up to 16-20,000 feet. Target identified by route and sky markers. Sky marker and glow of green ground marker through cloud. Scattered fires seen on way into target and after bombing. Only 'R' not seen. PFF well concentrated and fires seemed to be getting hold.	
	HALIFAX II H JN. 971	J.46044 P/O SUTHERLAND, G. J.41575 P/O MCGEEGOR, N.R. J.19136 P/O HENRY, M.A. 4160572 SGT ROBERTS, D.J. 4089363 SGT JONES, E.S. J.26135 P/O ARDRE, D. R.162682 P/S KEE, T.H.G.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	2357	0846	Bombed primary target at 0318 hours from 20,000 feet on a heading of 160 degs. I.A.S. 155 m.p.h. 10/10ths cloud with break in centre of city through which stars should be seen. Target identified by PFF sky and ground marking. Red flare with green stars in B/S. Tremendous explosion in north section of city orange in colour. Glow lasted for 30 seconds seen at 0316 hours at place where PFF red T.I.'s dropped. 30 x 4lb I.B.s brought back from in case did not drop. Route markers seen. Deviated 30 miles off track out of W/A due to poor HES reception at that time and also due to change of winds. Attack considered successful though scattered at close.	
	HALIFAX II U JN. 973	R.107517 W/O FORSBERG, W.G. J.41220 P/O ROGERS, G.M. J.22125 P/O TAINAGE, M.E. 4583161 SGT MEADOWS, T.H.J. J.49785 P/O WHEATKES, J.M. R.190704 SGT BURKE, E.A. R.56930 SGT FRASER, R.C.	BERLIN (N) (AB) (FE) (WOP) (MG) (RG)	0003	0804	Bombed primary target at 0305 hours from 20,100 feet on a heading 148M. I.A.S. 155 m.p.h. 10/10ths clouds with tops up to 16-20,000 feet. All route markers and in approach the first red T.I. were seen at 0305 later sky marking. Sky markings in concentration red with green but alongside were some red markers that didn't burst with green and must have been enemy. Saw a huge explosion at 0320 hours and on way back. R.G. reported smoke rising up through cloud. Continuous small explosion seen up until 0407 hours. HES and Fishpond were W/S. Deviated slightly north of track on return as far as Odense and Middlefort. It did not seem that the enemy knew that we were coming saw only one fighter. No flak and some a/c must have overshoot as we saw some Lancs and Halifaxes on reciprocal 320. On way out 30 miles E of Berlin, 3 Lancs almost in formation on a course of 230M crossed on track.	
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