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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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3/4-12-43	HALIFAX II JD271	P/S GIBBS, B.A. SGT NICHOLAS, H.L. P/O P.G. ROUSSEAU SGT. KINGS, E.M. SGT. PROCKHAM W.T.G. SGT. HEMSTON, W.D. SGT. LUDWIGS, A.W.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/O/SGT DEER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2350	0829	<del>18722</del> Attacked primary at 0406 hours from 20,000 feet. 10/10th cloud to 20,000 ft. Target totally obscured. Bombed on centre of T1's concentration. Results not seen. Reflection of fires seen on clouds. Window as briefed. Route markers very helpful. Effort considered effective. PFF were good.	A.1
	HALIFAX II MK597	P/O G.A. CLARK P/O H.W. BLACKMAN SGT CLOVES, J.W. P/S GIBBS, B. SGT. WAINWRIGHT, S.P. P/S MORGAN, R.W. P/O SMART, W.H.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/O/SGT DEER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER AIR BOMBER	0004	0208	<del>18722</del> Aircraft returned early due to technical troubles. Bombs jettisoned.	A.2
	HALIFAX II JD372	P/O MERKLEY, A.L. P/O R.O. MARRIEN P/O C.W. PEASLAND SGT RANSON, S.S. P/S PARKER, S.H. SGT. WILSON, R.H.J. SGT. DEES, A.G.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/O/SGT DEER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2359	0318	<del>18722</del> Early return to base due to severe icing up of controls. Bombs jettisoned.	A.3
	HALIFAX II MK993	P/L J. BOWEN P/S ROSSER, S.W. P/S BARKS, T.S. SGT. BRIDGEMAN, M.B. SGT. BROWN, T.A. SGT. SMOKS, W.R. P/S GILBERTSON, P. SGT WILKINSON, J.L.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/O/SGT DEER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	0005	0749	<del>18722</del> Attacked primary at 0402 hours from 18,500 feet. 10/10th cloud. Bombed centre of green T1's. Results not seen. Glow of fires seen on clouds. Window as briefed. Reflection of fires on clouds seen for approximately 40 minutes. If PFF were accurate, should be a successful effort.	A.4
	HALIFAX II JD374	P/O S.R. KELSO P/S SHADE, H.M. P/S MORRO P.P. SGT GRANT, R.M. P/S SCHOFIELD, G.H. SGT BUCHHEITZ, K.H. P/S CARANA, J.L.R.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/O/SGT DEER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2357	-	<del>18722</del> - Air craft missing.  Load - 1 x 2000 lb HC 24 x 30 lb 630 x 4 lb incendiary	A.5

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3/4-12-43	HALIFAX II JD784	P/O K.H. BOWLY SGT MYERS, J.W.A. P/O J. DOUGALL SGT OSBORN, P.W. SGT. FERGAY, D.D. SGT. MERRISON, W. SGT. DAWSON, R.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESER W/OPERATOR M/TAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	0019	1823	1812Z Attacked primary at 0405 hours from 19,500 feet. 10/10ths cloud. Bombed on centre of red flares and green stars. Through break in clouds, ground seemed covered with mass of fire, where red flares were going down. Window as briefed. PFF flares very concentrated. Should be very successful if PFF accurate. Glow of fires seen reflecting on clouds from 200 miles away.	A.6
	HALIFAX II JW278	P/O ATKINS, J. P/O R.J. HARBORTH P/O J.L. WEDDIS SGT. ROBERTSON, J. SGT. GRIFFITHS, W.H. SGT. WOOLLEY, A.R. SGT. BARKLEY, T.F.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESER W/OPERATOR M/TAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	0007	0220	1812Z Returned early due to technical difficulties. Jettisoned bombs.	A.7.
	HALIFAX II LW285	P/O J.I.J. KESSEAN P/O H.A. WICKESSES W/O McLEAN O.D. SGT GARRUPHERRS, J.R. SGT. MARCHANT, W.S. SGT. WILTON, G. SGT. HAYES, J.D.	CAPTAIN, NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESER W/OPERATOR M/TAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2338	0504	1812Z Bombed target at 0405 hours from 21,400 feet. 10/10ths cloud. Bombed centre of P.F.F. No result seen due to target being obscured by cloud, but glow of fires seen on clouds. Window as briefed. Scout markers very helpful. Should be successful if PFF was on. Quite a few 3/L. Fighters concentrated at Point 5 (Brandenburg).	A.8
	HALIFAX II JD961	P/O P.W. HENSTON P/O H.M. BROWN P/O LOCHHEAD, J.C. SGT. BURNS, D. SGT. WILLIAMS, J.R. SGT. MOORE, G.R. P/S HAMILTON, D.G. P/O W.E. HAMPTON	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER, PLT/SGT DESER W/OPERATOR M/TAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	2354	--	1812Z Aircraft failed to return.  <i>see 70379 for lead</i>	A.9
	HALIFAX II LW279	P/O G.P. ARBUCKLE P/O G.R. BROS P/S MORGAN, J.C. SGT. GALLOWAY, J. SGT MacMILLAN, D. SGT. BERRY, H.C. SGT. PRESTON, G.M.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER, PLT/SGT DESER W/OPERATOR M/TAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2356	0826	1812Z Bombed target at 0407 hours from 21,500 feet 8/10ths cloud. Bombed on group of green stars. PFF well concentrated. Through break in clouds several square miles of solid flame seen; on large explosion noted. Window as briefed. Best concentration of fires yet seen. Very good concentration of aircraft over target and all seemed to be bombing on correct heading.	A.10

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3/4-12-43	HALIFAX II JD 317	W/S BAKER, S.C. W/S KILMER, W.H. W/S MARLEN, A.J.J.B. SGT. WILSON, R. SGT. SIMPSON, M. SGT. COCKREY, F. SGT. S. DECLAIR, D.H.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/ENG. TECH. W/OPERATOR M/ AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	0006	0243	<del>1612Z</del> Early return due to technical difficulties. Bombs jettisoned.	A.11
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V L113	W/S GILES, S.A. W/S HEDDLE, R.J. W/O P.C. ROUSSAUD SGT. WILSON, R.M. SGT. PROCKHAM P.T.G. SGT. HEMSTON, W.G. SGT. LANDOUILLE, A.W.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/ENG. TECH. W/OPERATOR M/ AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1643	2354	<del>FRANKFURT</del> Attacked primary at 1940 hours from 19,400 feet 10ths cloud. Bombed on centre of green markers. No PFF Red markers seen and very few green. One large concentration of fires around green P.I., one large explosion in target area illuminating sky for 2-3 seconds. Fighter very active in target area. Glow of fires seen up to 100-125 miles away. Appears to be successful raid.	B.1
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II JIB71	W/O A.L. MORGLEY W/O R.O. MARSDEN W/O C.W. FRASLAND SGT. RANSON, B.S. W/S PARKER E.N. SGT. WILSON, R.H.J. W/S BERS, A.G.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/ENG. TECH. W/OPERATOR M/ AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1632	2319	<del>FRANKFURT</del> Attacked primary at 1940 hours, from 19,300 feet Broken cloud up to 10,000 feet. Bombed on break in cloud where green P.I seen to fall. No red PFF markers visible. Attacked by F/A over target, made three circuits and finally had to bomb break in clouds where P.Ia previously seen. About 25 scattered fires seen; glow of these seen 150 miles away from target.	B.2
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V L173A	W/O H.D. PADDISON W/S FORSTER, B.N. W/O J.M. RAMSAY SGT. BRYANT, W.H. W/O A.A. AYRES. SGT. CARTER W.S. SGT. SAPPAN, R.A.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/ENG. TECH. W/OPERATOR M/ AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1621	2348	<del>FRANKFURT</del> Attacked primary at 1937 hours from 20,000 feet 2/10ths stratus clouds; visibility good. Bombed on concentra- tion of fires. No PFF markers seen. Fires seen to be taking good hold and concentrated north of river in built up area. River seen on way out. PFF very poor. Heavy fighter activity in target area. Spoof raid on Mannheim on time and seemed very good.	B.3
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II JD372	W/O A.S. WILLEY W/O F.M. VANE W/O S.B. TUCKER SGT. WILSON, R. W/O R.A. KETTEL SGT. SHENSLAW A.G. W/S RICHARDSON, W.S. W/S WILKINSON, J.L.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/ENG. TECH. W/OPERATOR M/ AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 3RD PILOT	1623	1957	<del>FRANKFURT</del> Early return due to technical difficulties. Bombs jettisoned.	B.4

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20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V LK697	P/S TOFT, A.J. P/S JOHNSTON, W.T. P/S STAGGUP, B.V. Sgt GIBBS, E.S. Sgt BLACKBURN, W.H. Sgt FORD, J.O. Sgt CHRYLIK, W.W.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/2ND ENGINEER W/OPERATOR NW/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1637	2337	FRANKFORT Bombed primary at 1939 1/2 hours from 19,500 feet. Very little cloud; visibility good. Target well marked with both red and green markers. Bombed on green P markers PFF appeared well concentrated and fires were in a fairly solid mass north of the river and slightly to the East.	B.5
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V LK389	P/O CLARK G.A. P/O H.P. BLACKMAN P/S SMART W.H. Sgt GIBBS, J.W. P/S STABLES, W.I. Sgt WATKINSON, S.F. P/S MORGAN, A.J.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/2ND ENGINEER W/OPERATOR NW/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1639	2329	FRANKFORT Bombed primary at 1939 hours from 16,500 feet. Visibility good; 3/10ths stratus cloud. Bombed on green P-I Green P-I's rather scattered. Bombing well concentrated, glow of fires seen 140 miles away after leaving target. The light of fires illuminated all our A/C. Spoof attack good.	B.6
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V LK393	S/L KENNEDY, D.H. <del>DEC</del> P/O E. GARST P/S DAVIS, J. Sgt WEST, B.A. Sgt MARSHALL, H. P/S MURIE, L. P/S POOLS, S. S/L E.O. HAMBER	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/2ND ENGINEER W/OPERATOR NW/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1636	2310	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1937 hours from 10,000 feet. 7/10ths stratus cloud; visibility good. Bombed on green markers burning on ground. PFF few and scattered. Two large explosions in target lasting 2 to 3 seconds. Raid scattered on account of PFF being very late and not concentrated. Spoof attack on Mannheim on time and seemed very concentrated.	B.7
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX V LL170	P/O J.D. PATTERSON <del>DEC</del> P/O W.A. COOK P/O A.C. MCGEEZE Sgt JEFFERY, J.W. P/S CONNORFIELD, H. Sgt HUNSON, H. P/O K.S. MALCOLM P/O T. SITALA	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/2ND ENGINEER W/OPERATOR NW/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1633	2312	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1937 hours from 21,500 feet. 3/10ths patchy cloud; visibility good. Bombed on P-I red markers. Scattered PFF markers made bombing scattered. Fires appeared scattered. On leaving target saw large column of black smoke in the target area rising to 3000 feet. Very quiet at target.	B.8
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II JZ386	P/O J ATKINS P/O R.J. HAWORTH P/O J.L. WIDDIS Sgt BROWN, J. Sgt GIBBS, W.H. Sgt WOOLSEY, J.N. Sgt BARLEY, T.P.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/2ND ENGINEER W/OPERATOR NW/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1638	2338	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1941 hours from 18,500 feet. Light patchy cloud; visibility good. Bombed centre of red and green P-I's. PFF seemed weak; markers not very well placed. One large explosion noted as left target. Glow of fires could be seen one hour after leaving target.	B.9

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20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II JD274	P/O A. MacDONALD P/O W.G. SHIELDS P/O MOLLISON, J.J. Sgt McCAWEN, H.S. Sgt GIBB, H. P/O J.R. CHALKERBANK Sgt CHAPMAN, T.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SWG ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1638	2338	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1937 hours, from 17,500 feet 5 to 7/10ths cloud; visibility good. Bombed on red T's. PFF markers well concentrated, large fires scattered over target area.	B.10
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II JD217	P/S PEREZANDEZ, MA. P/O R.B. RIDD P/S SHETLER, L.M. Sgt STEWART, W. Sgt DANSON, H. Sgt CHRISTIE, R.F. Sgt JACKSON, K.H.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SWG ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1630	2338	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1938 hours from 19,000 feet 5-6/10ths strato cloud; visibility good. Bombed on T's. Red and green T's seen; somewhat scattered. Some large fires burning and numerous small ones. Glow of fires seen for 150 miles. Spoof attack very good. Should be a good effort.	B.11
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II LW285	P/O H.W. MITCHELL P/S RUSSELL, T.B. P/S CHURCHILL, L.G. Sgt STORER, S.H. P/S GOATHAM, R. Sgt HULLOT, H.H. P/O W.H. FUGGER P/S THOMSON, N.L.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SWG ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1623	2335	FRANKFORT Attacked primary at 1944 hours from 20,000 feet 5-6/10ths cloud, visibility good. Bombed on green T's. PFF scattered over target but concentrated over Mannheim. Glow of fires seen underneath clouds 15 minutes after leaving target. Good trip.	B.22
20/21-12-43	HALIFAX II LW279	P/O J.L.J. KERRAN P/O H.A. WIGGINS P/O J. MURPHY Sgt J.R. GIBSON Sgt MARCHETT, W.S. Sgt HAYES, J.D. Sgt MILES, R.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SWG ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1646	2016	FRANKFORT Early return due to technical difficulties. Bombs-jettisoned.	B.13
24/25-12-43	HALIFAX V LW74	P/O H.D. PADDISON P/S ROBERTS, B.H. P/O J.M. RUSBY Sgt BRYANT, W.H. P/O A.A. AXES Sgt CARTER, H.S. Sgt SAPPAN, R.A.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SWG ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2031	2249	FRANKFORT ON RECOGNITION Early return due to technical difficulties.	C.1

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24/25-12-43	HALIFAX II JD 372	F/S TOFT, A.J. F/S JOHNSTON W.P. F/S STANUP BY SGT GREEN, R.S. SGT BLACKBURN, V.H. SGT YOUNG J.O. SGT CHURCH W.W.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESK W/OPERATOR ML/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2032	0020	GARDENING ON NIGHT/STRESS I Planted vegetables at 2225 hrs from 6000 feet. 10/10ths cloud. Visibility above cloud good.	C.2
24/25-12-43	HALIFAX V ML172	F/S WICK, S.A. F/O GLENDRENE, R.A. F/O J.H. WARESCOTT IN SGT RICHARDS-EG W/O ROUSELAD, S. SGT KIPP, R.L. SGT KESLY, L.J.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESK W/OPERATOR ML/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2033	2336	GARDENING ON NIGHT/STRESS I Early return due to technical difficulties.	C.3
24/25-12-43	HALIFAX V LK993	F/L J BOWEN F/S FOLGER, S.W. F/S FORSYTH, A.G. SGT BOHNS-OLD, M.C. SGT BROWN, T.A. SGT BERRY, M.R. F/S GILBERTHER, P.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESK W/OPERATOR ML/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2030	0030	GARDENING ON NIGHT/STRESS I Planted vegetables at 2228 hrs from 5600 feet. 9/10ths cloud in area. Planted through break in clouds. Visibility above clouds good.	C.4
24/25-12-43	HALIFAX II JD986	F/S BAKER, B.C. F/S KILLICK, W.H. F/S MARDEN, A.J.B. SGT KERR, S.S. SGT SAMPSON, M. SGT GORDON, H. SGT INGLAIR, H.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESK W/OPERATOR ML/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2030	0022	GARDENING ON NIGHT/STRESS I Made two runs over target area at 2223 and 2234 hours at 6000 feet but was unable to obtain Gee Fix and returned to base with two vegetables.	C.5
24/25-12-43	HALIFAX II JD274	F/O A MacDONALD F/O W.G. SHESLAGE F/S MOLLISON, J.J. SGT MCCARTHY M.T. SGT GUILD, H. F/O J.R. GARDNER SGT CHAPMAN, T.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SGT DESK W/OPERATOR ML/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2040	0028	GARDENING ON NIGHT/STRESS I Planted vegetables at 2230 hrs from 6000 feet. 9/10 cloud; visibility above clouds good.	C.6

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24/25-12-43	HALIFAX II L4279	P/S MITCHELL, L.L. P/S BARRIDGE, E. P/S THOMPSON, D.L. SPT LAWRENCE, W. SPT JAMES G.S. SPT GIBSON, C.F. SPT HUNTER, G.E.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/LP/SWG-DESER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	2035	0014	<del>REGLIN</del> GARDEN ON NEOTARNESS I Planted vegetables at 2229 hrs. from 5000 feet. Light layered cloud to 4000 feet; visibility above cloud good.	C.8
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V L4153	P/S GILES, E.A. P/S NICHOLLS, R.J. P/O F.C. ROUSSAU SPT BYRNE, R.M. SPT PROCKAM, W.T. SPT HIGHTON, W.G. SPT LAMBCHILLS, A.W.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/LP/SWG-DESER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1728	2018	<del>REGLIN</del> Early return. - Take-off too late. Bombs jettisoned	D.1
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II J4271	P/S RAWLINSON, T. SPT GAINE, G.L. P/S MURPHY, A.J. SPT BATES, A. SPT BUSH, W. SPT REED, V.S. P/S OSTLAND, W.H. P/S STEWART, W.R.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/LP/SWG-DESER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1641	0015	<del>REGLIN</del> Bombed target at 2015 hours from 20,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud; visibility, horizontally, good. Bombed on red sky markers with green stars. Great deal of fire seen under cloud. Sky markers scattered. Many bombers seen.	D.2
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V L4679	P/O A.S. WILLEY P/O F.M. YARR P/O S.B. TUCKER SPT WILSON, R. P/O R.A. KESTEL SPT SHEDDEN, A.O. P/S RICHARDSON, W.S. P/S WILKINSON, J.L.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/LP/SWG-DESER W/OPERATOR MU/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1706	0050	<del>REGLIN</del> Bombed target at 2012 hours from 21,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud up to 12,000 feet; visibility above cloud good. Bombed on red flares and green stars and reflection of fires on cloud. PFW well concentrated and large glow seen on clouds directly below markers. Most of enemy fighters grounded likely due to heavy cloud. Should be a success if PFW on.	D.3

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29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II JD518	F/O A.L. MACKLEY F/O R.O. MACKEN F/O G.W. FRASER SIT PARKER, B.S. F/S PARKER, B.H. S/P WILSON, R.H. F/S DEES, A.D.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SERGEANT W/OPERATOR M/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1659	- - -	RECALL This aircraft failed to return from this operation	D.4
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LK389	F/O G.A. CLARK F/O H.P. BLACKMAN F/S SMYTH, W.H. SIT CLOWES, J.W. F/S STABLES, W.L. SIT WATKINSON, R.P. F/S MORGAN, A.J.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SERGEANT W/OPERATOR M/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1538	2330	RECALL Bombed target at 2012 hours from 17,500 feet Heavy cloud. Good fire under cloud. Flak in starboard engine. Damaged a PW190.	D.5
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LH172	F/S WICK, S.A. F/S GLENDINE, R.S. F/O J.H. WAGGONER SIT PEARCE, S. W/O BOUTERAD, S. SIT KEPT, R.L. SIT KESLEY, L.G.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SERGEANT W/OPERATOR M/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1636	0014	RECALL Bombed target at 2010 hours from 20,000 feet 10/10th cloud up to 6-7000 feet. Visibility good. Bombed on PFF red flares and green stars. Glow of fires reflecting on clouds seen 40 miles away.	D.6
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LK993	F/L BOWEN, J. F/S FORNER, S.W. F/S FORSYTH, A.C. F/S BRIDGES, M.S. SIT BROWN, T.A. SIT FRASER, A.D. F/S GILBERTSON, F.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SERGEANT W/OPERATOR M/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1632	0024	RECALL Bombed target at 2013 hours from 19,000 feet. 10/10th cloud to 9-10,000 feet. Visibility above cloud good. Bombed on centre of 4 sky markers red with green stars just ceasing. Reflection many 3/4's seen below cloud. Would appreciate more route markers on return trip as none visible on this trip.	D.7
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LH168	S/L KENNEY MH (DEC) F/O E. GARRETT F/S DAVIS, J. SIT WEST, B.A. SIT MARSHALL, H. F/S MURPHY, L. F/S POOLS, S. F/O T. SULTANA.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER PLT/SERGEANT W/OPERATOR M/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1649	0054	RECALL Bombed target at 2017 hours from 19,800 feet. 10/10th cloud up to 13,000 feet. Visibility good above. Bombed on centre of red flares with green stars. Large reflection of fires seen on clouds. Glow could be seen 100 miles away. If PFF on should be good effort.	D.8

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LL170	W/O J.B. PATTERSON DMC P/L A.M. STOCKDALE P/O C.D. ALLENBYER SGT BRIDSON, J.W. P/L A.P. SMITH P/O MORGAN, M.N. P/O G.P. CLARK P/L J.J. STANTON	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/L/SGT DESSER W/OPERATOR M/IAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1703	0019	BSL/TH Bomed target at 2013 hours from 22,300 feet. 10/10ths cloud up to 12,000 feet; visibility good. Bombed on one red flare in the centre of a large group of red flares. Should be a good attack. PFF markers well concentrated and a large glow of fires could be seen directly below the markers.	D.9
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II JD986	P/S BOGGE, E.C. P/S KELLER, W.H. P/S WELBY, A.J.J.B. SGT KIRK, R.S. SGT SAMSON, M. SGT GORDON, H. SGT SINCLAIR, D.A.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/L/SGT DESSER W/OPERATOR M/IAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1709	2044	BSL/TH Early return due to technical trouble. Bombs jettisoned.	D.10
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II JD274	P/O G.P. ARBUCKLE P/O G.R. FROST P/S MORGAN, J.G. SGT GALLOWAY, J. SGT MacMILLAN, D. SGT BOGGE, W.O. SGT PRESTON, G.M.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/L/SGT DESSER W/OPERATOR M/IAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1647	0059	BSL/TH Bomed target at 2014 hours from 20,300 feet. 10/10ths cloud up to 8,000 feet. Visibility good. Bombed on red flares and green stars. PFF well concentrated and glow of fires reflected on clouds directly below markers. Glow could be seen over 200 miles away.	D.11
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II JD317	P/S BRUNOISE, M.A. P/O R.B. RIDD P/S SHELTON, L.M. SGT STANWELL, W. SGT DANSON, H. SGT CHRISTIE R.F. SGT JACKSON, K.H.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/L/SGT DESSER W/OPERATOR M/IAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1651	2217	BSL/TH Early return due to technical difficulties. Bombs jettisoned.	D.12
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V LL167	P/O J.I.J. KESMAN P/O H.A. WICKENS W/O MORGAN, O.D. SGT CARPENTERS, J.R. SGT MARCHANT, W.S. SGT HADDS, J.D. SGT ELLIS, R.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/L/SGT DESSER W/OPERATOR M/IAIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1640	0055	BSL/TH Bomed target at 2016 hours from 23,300 feet. 10/10ths cloud; visibility above cloud good. Bombed on small group of red flares with green stars. PFF markers well concentrated. Glow of fires directly under markers.	D.13

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				UP	DOWN		
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V 44171	P/O J. ATKINS. P/O E.J. BARKETH P/O J.L. WIDDIS SGT MORSON, J. SGT GRIFFITHS, W.H. SGT WOOLSEY, A.R. SGT BARLEY, T.P.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/W/AIR-GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1644	0049	REGLIN Bombed target at 2017 hours from 20,500 feet. 10/10ths cloud up to 10,000 feet. Visibility good above. Window as briefed. TI markers seemed to have burned out but bombed approximate positions. T.I's burned-out just as over target. Hard to judge effectiveness due to total cloud cover.	D-14.
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II 44255	P/O B.G. JACKSON W/O P/O J.A. RALPHORD P/O R.H. PRESIDDER SGT ARSEY, P.J. SGT EDWARDS, P.G.P. P/O D.F. EASTHAM SGT KAY, S.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/W/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1645	0100	REGLIN Bombed target from 29,500 feet at 2019 hours Bombed on Red sky marker with green stars. 10/10ths cloud up to 8-10,000 feet. Good reflection of fires below cloud seen.	D-15
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX II 44279	P/L R.H.V. HUNT P/O A.H. HAMEL W/O P/S NELSON, A.G. SGT HALL, J.B. SGT GRENELL, R.J. SGT HUNT, A.H. SGT McCAFFREY, J.B. P/S THOMPSON, W.L.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/W/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER 2ND PILOT	1653	0051	REGLIN Bombed target at 2018 hours from 17,500 feet. 10/10ths cloud up to 12,000 feet. Visibility above good. Bombed on centre of cascading red T.I's and green stars. P.W. flares somewhat scattered but attacks should be successful. Good glow seen through cloud.	D-16
29/30-12-43	HALIFAX V 44734	P/O A. MacDONALD P/O W.C. SHELDE P/S MOLLISON, J.J. SGT McCAFFREY, J.B. SGT GUILD, H. P/O J.H. CALDERBANK SGT CHAPMAN, T.B.	CAPTAIN NAVIGATOR AIR BOMBER P/W/ENGINEER W/OPERATOR M/W/AIR GUNNER AIR GUNNER	1657	2046	REGLIN Early return due to technical trouble. Bombs jettisoned	D-17

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