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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
20/21-1-44	Halifax V ML133	P/S Giles, E.A. P/S Nicholls, H.J. P/O F.C. Roush Sgt. Byrne, R.M. Sgt. Peckham, W.T. Sgt. Hampton, W.G. P/S Laroche, A.W.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1625	2359	BSL/IN Attacked primary at 1939 hours from 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud, good visibility. Bombed on red flares with green stars. Sky markers were well placed but could see no results at bombing time. PFF appeared scattered at first but improved later.	A.1
20/21-1-44	Halifax V ML136	P/O A.S. Willey P/O E.M. Vann P/W S.B. Tucker Sgt. Wilson, P. P/O R.A. Kettel Sgt. Shierlaw, A.C. P/S Richardson, W.S. P/S Stewart, W.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1621	2340	BSL/IN Attacked primary at 1939 hours from 21,000 ft. 10/10ths cumulus clouds with tops at 16,000 ft. Visibility O.K. Bombed on red and green T.I. markers. PFF markers seemed more dispersed than usual. Due to intense clouds results could not be seen or assessed. Window used as briefed. Aircraft was over the target too early to give an accurate opinion.	A.2
	Halifax V ML399	P/O G.A. Clark W/O McKillop, S.B. P/S Smart, W.H. Sgt. Clouse, J.W. P/O W.L. Stables Sgt. Whitright, G.P. P/O A.J. Morgan	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1629	2333	BSL/IN Attacked primary at 1941 hours from 18,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 14,000 ft. Some broken cloud on way out. Target identified by sky markers. Bombed on PFF flares. The cloud was too thick for observation but flares appeared to be well concentrated. A good trips with concentration but no congestion over the target.	A.3
	Halifax V ML172	P/S Toft, A.J. P/S Johnston, W.T. W/O Starrup, B.V. Sgt. Smith, S.L. Sgt. Blackburn, V.H. Sgt. Young, J.O. Sgt. Chudick, W.W.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1631	2039	BSL/IN Aircraft returned early due to technical failure. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 1805 hours from 15,300 ft.	A.4
	Halifax V ML746	P/O T. Rawlinson Sgt. Gunt, G.L. P/S Murphy, A.J. Sgt. Bates, A. Sgt. Bush, W. Sgt. Vann, H.J. P/S Ochsness, J.H. P/S Ross, H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1623	2337	BSL/IN Attacked primary at 1936 hours from 22,500 ft. 10/10ths clouds with tops at 14,000 ft. Visibility good. Identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed on the centre of a cluster of red flares and green stars. PFF technique was scattered at the beginning of attack becoming very concentrated as attack developed. At 1934 hours a large explosion illuminated the clouds for about 15 seconds over the target. If PFF was well placed attack should be successful. The attack developed very quickly with very little fighter activity seen in and out to the target.	A.5

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20/21-1-44	Halifax V LL177	P/O H.J. Paddison P/O B.H. Forster P/O J.M. Kessay Sgt. Bryant, W.H. P/O A.S. Ayres Sgt. Carter, H.S. Sgt. Saffran, H.A.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1612	---	<u>BSL/IN</u> This aircraft failed to return from the operation.	A.6
	Halifax V LL168	S/L D.H. Kenney <u>BSL/IN</u> P/O S. Gargett P/O J. Davis, J. Sgt. West, Duf. Sgt. Marshall, H. P/S Hurts, L. P/S Poole, S. W/L J.J. Stephen	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1611	2342	<u>BSL/IN</u> Attacked primary at 1939 hours from 21,000 ft. Cloud 10/10ths, tops at 19,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed in a concentration of sky markers cascading at 1935 hours. Numerous I.B.'s could be seen around the markers which were well concentrated. There was a flash as though from an explosion at 1940 hours. Leaving the PFF markers were accurately placed the attack was an un doubted success.	A.7
	Halifax V LL170	P/O K.H. Bowly P/S Myers, J.H.A. P/O J. Dougall Sgt. Cochrane, F.W. Sgt. Finlay, J.D. Sgt. McMahon, W. Sgt. Dawson, R. P/O L.S. Finchem	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1603	2032	<u>BSL/IN</u> Aircraft returned early due to technical failure. Port outer engine became unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 1803 hours from 18,000 ft.	A.8
	Halifax IX JX78	P/O H.W. Mitchell <u>BSL/IN</u> W/O Faldsted, T.B. W/O Churchill, A.G. Sgt. Storer, D.H. P/S Southam, H. Sgt. Fallon, R.H. P/O W.W. Tucker Sgt. Howland, E.L.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1618	2000	<u>BSL/IN</u> Aircraft returned early due to technical trouble, the starboard inner engine becoming unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned at 1748 hours from 15,000 ft.	A.9
	Halifax V LL167	P/O J.I.J. Keenan P/O H.A. Hickman W/O Molese, O.B. Sgt. Garruthers, J.H. Sgt. Marchant, W.S. Sgt. Hayes, J.J. Sgt. Ellis, R.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1630	1945	<u>BSL/IN</u> Returned early due to technical failure. Bombs jettisoned safe at 1754 hours from 15,000 ft.	A.10

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20/21-1-44	Halifax V L4171	P/O J. Atkins P/O R.J. Hasworth P/O J.L. WIGGIE Sgt. Robson, J. Sgt. Griffiths, W.H. Sgt. Woolsey, A.E. Sgt. Barley, F.F.	Captain Navigator AIR BOMBER Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1626	0014	<u>BERLIN</u> Attacked primary at 1937 hours from 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud up to 12,000 ft. Visibility good. Target identified by sky markers and bombs dropped on markers commencing at 1935 hours. The target was well marked and the attack should be a good one but cloud was too thick for observation. There was no congestion over the target.	A.11
	Halifax II J263	P/O G.F. Arbuckle P/O G.R. Frost P/S Morgan, J.C. Sgt. Talloway, F. Sgt. MacMillan, D. Sgt. Bamber, F.R. Sgt. Preston, G.M. P/O J.H. Wilson	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1514	0018	<u>BERLIN</u> Attacked primary at 1941 hours from 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud below 10,000 ft. Visibility fair. Bombed on red T.I. markers with green stars which were commencing at 1941 hours. T.I.'s were well placed and concentrated over the target, the glow being visible through clouds. The target was completely obscured by clouds and no results could be seen but the attack is considered a good one. Window was used a a briefed.	A.12
	Halifax II L4285	P/S Fernandez, M.A. P/O R.H. Sudd P/S Stetler, L.M. Sgt. Stewart, W. Sgt. Dawson, H. Sgt. Christie, R.F. Sgt. Jackson, K.H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1632	0021	<u>BERLIN</u> Attacked primary at 1939 hours from 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud with tops up to 10/12,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed on centre of large cluster of red flares and green stars. FFF scattered over a fair area. Result not observed on account of the clouds.	A.13
	Halifax II L4279	P/S Byers, W.B. P/O D.W. Morrison P/O R.J. Pascoe Sgt. Moore, J.H. Sgt. Marshall, R.W. Sgt. Holdgate, G.W. W/O Patterson, W.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1607	1933	<u>BERLIN</u> Aircraft returned early due to technical failure. W.R. Compass and P4 Compass were both unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned at 1757 hours from 14,000 ft.	A.14
	Halifax V L4993	P/O A. Macdonald P/O W.C. Shields P/S Mollison, J.J. Sgt. McMurtry, R.T. Sgt. Bull, H. P/O J.R. Calderbank Sgt. Chapman, T.B.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1627	0019	<u>BERLIN</u> Attacked primary at 1940 hours from 20,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7/8,000 ft. Visibility good but hazy on the way in. Bombed centre of sky markers. FFF markers were scattered in an arc to the west of the target. Considerable bombing was going on underneath. Aircraft seemed well concentrated over the target but FFF markers were scattered.	A.15

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	Halifax V LK637	F/O T. Sitala F/O W.A. Cook F/O A.G. McKenzie Sgt. Richards, S.W. W/O Cornfield, S.H. Sgt. Rogers, H. F/O K.B. Malcolm	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1947	0312	MAGDEBURG Attacked primary at 2311 hours from 21,000 ft. Clear over target with some cloud up to 12,000 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and visually by river. Bombed on a cluster of green and red T.I.'s. PFF marking was concentrated and there were large fires burning in town. Considerable number of dummy fires seen near target. Should be a successful target. Landed at Stradishall.	B.2
	Halifax V LL136	F/O A.S. Willey F/O F.M. Vann F/O S.B. Tucker Sgt. Wilson, S. F/O S.A. Kettel Sgt. Shierlaw, A.C. F/S Richardson, W.S. F/O J.H. Wilson	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1948	0302	MAGDEBURG Attacked primary at 2303 hours from 20,000 ft. Identified by Magami and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed on green T.I. Fires were scattered and many overshoots were apparent. A successful trip but attack not concentrated. The aircraft diverted and landed at Wrating on return.	B.3
	Halifax V LK989	F/O G.A. Clark W/O McKillop, S.B. F/S Smart, W.H. Sgt. Clowes, J.W. F/O W.I. Stables Sgt. Wainwright, E.P. F/O A.J. Morgan	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	2010	0243	MAGDEBURG Attacked primary at 2304 hours from 18,000 ft. 8/10ths cloud up to 14,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed on green T.I. marker. PFF scattered but good fires burning in the target area. A good attack with good fires well concentrated and which could be seen by rear gunner for 30 miles on leaving the target. Diverted and landed at Wrating.	B.4
	Halifax V LL172	F/S Stewart, W.R. Sgt. Evans, K.M. F/O J.C. Hall Sgt. Appleton, S. W/O Wardell, W.B. Sgt. Gallagher, R.L. Sgt. Goodhue, W.R.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1949	0327	MAGDEBURG Attacked primary at 2322 hours from 22,000 ft. 4/10ths cloud with tops at 15,000 ft. Bombed on a fire concentration as markers had gone out. The river could be seen clearly and fires could be seen solid over town area. There was a good concentration of orange-red fires over target area. The route markers were not too good. Aircraft diverted on return and landed at Waterbeach.	B.5

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21/22-1-44	Halifax V IX993	P/S Wilkinson, H.J. P/O W.G. Hicks P/O J.B. Knox Sgt. Green, R.S. Sgt. Ward, J.W. Sgt. Brewatt, R.S. Sgt. Clay, H.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1955	0213	MAGPHESE Attacked primary at 2325 hours from 20,000 ft. 6/10ths cloud, visibility good. Target identified by T.I. red markers and red and green flares. Bombed on red T.I. marker. Spoof raid on Berlin could be seen. The fires could be seen by rear gunner 100 miles away. Trip considered successful but fires rather scattered. Aircraft diverted and landed at Wrating.	B.6
	Halifax V LL168	P/L J.J. Stephen WO2 Gibbons, J.W. WO2 McIntyre, P.W. Sgt. Humber, R.W. Sgt. Hamilton, J.J. Sgt. Ross, V.S. WO2 Ostlund, W.H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1945	0240	MAGPHESE Attacked primary at 2259 hours from 21,000 ft. 8/10ths cloud in thin layers. Visibility good. Identified target by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed on green T.I. concentration. Many incendiary fires seen to be starting. The attack was well concentrated and if PFF were accurate the target was well bombed. Aircraft was diverted on return and landed at Little Snoring.	B.7
	Halifax V LL167	P/O J.J.J. Keenan P/O H.A. Wickens WO1 Moleen, O.D. P/O P.O. Jones Sgt. Marchant, W.S. Sgt. Hayes, J.D. Sgt. Ellis, E.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1958	0254	MAGPHESE Attacked primary at 2301 hours on 21,000 ft. 5/10ths cloud, 8,000 ft. Visibility good. Aircraft was unable to keep back sufficiently and was at target ahead of PFF. Fires were scattered but burning well. Aircraft believed to have overshoot target. Spoof raid observed on Berlin. Aircraft diverted on return and landed at Wrating.	B.8
	Halifax V LL171	P/O H.W. Mitchell WO2 Fjeldsted, T.B. WO2 Churchill, L.G. Sgt. Stegler, B.H. P/S Gosham, R. Sgt. Fallon, E.H. P/O W.W. Tucker Sgt. Howland, S.L.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1952	0255	MAGPHESE Attacked primary at 2306 hours from 20,000 ft. Dark thin layer of cloud. Visibility good except for haze. Bombed on a concentration of green T.I. markers and small fires. PFF appeared to be too early and markers were scarce. Aircraft diverted on return and landed at Chedburgh.	B.9
	Halifax II JDC68	P/S Thompson, N.L. P/S Whitmore, G.S. P/O E.A. Costasworth Sgt. Fisher, S. Sgt. Hudson, R.P. Sgt. Fraser, A.D. Sgt. Duglan, G.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1954	0309	MAGPHESE Attacked primary at 2309 hours from 19,000 ft. Clear over target with scattered cloud around. Identified target by red and green T.I.'s and visually by the river. Bombed on centre of 3 red T.I.'s. Good fires burning throughout the town with heavy black smoke rising in centre of the town. Aircraft was too early on target and remained in the target area for about 15 minutes. PFF marking was very good and the attack should have been a success. Fighter flares were seen along track from the coast to the target both outwards and homewards.	B.10

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21/22-1-44	Halifax II LW295	P/S Mitchell, L.L. P/S Bannoff, S. P/S Thompson, H.L. Sgt. James, W. W/O Jensen, S.S. Sgt. Green, C.L. Sgt. Hunter, C.L.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1956	0950	WAGBESSE Attacked primary at 2313 hours from 18,000 ft. but as PFF marked the target just behind, the bombs overshoot. Bombed on red and green T.I.'s. The target seemed well alight as the aircraft left. Aircraft was landed at Woodbridge.	B.11
21/22-1-44	Halifax II LW279	P/S Byers, W.B. P/O D.W. Morrison P/O R.J. Fawcett Sgt. Moore, J.L. Sgt. Meredith, R.W. Sgt. Holdgate, C.W. W/O Patterson, W.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	1950	0952	WAGBESSE Attacked primary at 2309 hours from 20,000 ft. 3/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Visibility good above clouds. Bombed on centre of green T.I.'s. PFF marking was very concentrated. There was a large area of fires which could be seen for an hour after leaving target. Target was overshoot as the aircraft was early on the target and PFF was late. Aircraft made one wide circuit and bombed on the turn. Aircraft diverted and landed at Strathall.	B.12
21/22-1-44	Halifax V LW746	P/O K.H. Bowly P/S Myers, J.W.A. P/O J. Dougal Sgt. Cochrane, P.W. Sgt. Finlay, D.D. Sgt. McMahon, W. Sgt. Dawson, R. P/O L.B. Minchin	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	1953	0902	WAGBESSE Target was overshoot owing to early arrival and lateness of PFF. 3/10ths cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Visibility moderate above. Bombed on a fire from incendiaries dropped by another aircraft. Bombs were jettisoned on fire owing to being so far south of target and the difficulty of going against the bomber stream. PFF markers were unsatisfactory in their timing and nothing was seen in target area. Aircraft landed at Strathall.	B.13
23/29-1-44	Halifax V LW151	P/S Giles, R.A. P/S Nicholls, R.W. P/O R.C. Rounsee Sgt. Byrnes, R.M. Sgt. Pookham, W.J.S. Sgt. Hampton, W.S. P/S Lerchelle, A.W.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0023	0825	WAGBESSE Attacked primary at 0323 hours from 20,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud; good visibility. Bombed on centre of markers. Markers well concentrated. Solid mass of fires in target which were visible as far as Hestock. Very successful attack.	C.1
23/29-1-44	Halifax V LW330	P/S Fernandez, A. P/O R.B. Reid P/S Snetlar, L.M. Sgt. Stewart, W. Sgt. Dawson, H. Sgt. Orling, R.D. Sgt. Jackson, K.H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0002	0821	WAGBESSE Attacked primary at 0321 hours from 19,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud, with good visibility. Bombed on red with green stars. Markers well concentrated. Bombing well concentrated. Glow of fires visible at Hestock. Successful effort.	C.2

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28/2-1-44	Halifax V MK697	P/O T. Siltala P/O W.A. Cook P/O A.C. McKenzie Sgt. Richards, S.C. W/O Cornfield, S.H. Sgt Howson, H. P/O K.S. Malcolm	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0005	--	RELI Aircraft failed to return	C.3
28/2-1-44	Halifax V MK196	P/O A.C. Willey P/O P.M. Yarn P/O J.B. Tucker Sgt Wilson, R. P/O R.A. Kettel Sgt Shierlaw, F.C. P/S Richardson, W.S.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0024	0831	RELI Attacked primary at 0318 hours from 20,000 feet. Bombed on red flares with green stars. Fires well concentrated and spreading slightly to northeast.	C.4
28/2-1-44	Halifax V MK172	P/S Wick, S.A. W/O Glandings, R.S. P/S Banks, T.S. Sgt Hull, H. W/O Boustead, S. Sgt Kirk, F.L. Sgt Kealy, L.W. P/S Cadogan, F.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	0009	0836	RELI Attacked primary at 0323 from 20,000 feet. 10/10 cloud. Visibility good. Bombed on red with green stars. Markers well concentrated and bombing appeared to be good. Glow of fires visible to 540N 114E. Seems like good attack.	C.5
28/2-1-44	Halifax V MK393	P/L J. Bowen P/O H.W. Blackman P/S Forayth, A.C. Sgt Bridewell, M.S. P/L A.E. Smith Sgt Gault, H.S. P/S Gilfeather, P. P/S Ross, H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	0017	0834	RELI Attacked primary at 0323 hours from 20,000 feet. Bombed on red flares with green stars. 10/10ths cloud. up to 10/12,000 feet. Visibility good. Concentration of fires in south east corner of target. One large explosion yellow in color at 0326 hours. Good effort. Pff markers not constant.	C.6
28/2-1-44	Halifax V MK746	P/S Wilkinson, J.L. P/O Hicks, R.S. P/S Begg, J. Sgt Green, H.S. Sgt Ward, J.W. Sgt Drowett, R.S. Sgt Clay, H.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator MU/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0011	--	RELI Aircraft failed to return.	C.7

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29/2-1-44	Halifax V LH170	W/O J.D. Pattison S/L A.M. Stockdale L/O G.D. Allister Sgt Simpson, J.W. L/O R.A. Impey P/S Nelson, H.T. L/O G.P. Clark	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0007	0900	BSLH Attacked primary at 0222 hrs from 20,400 feet. 14/10ths cloud; tops 4/8,000 feet. Bombed on red flares with green stars. Cloud obscured target. 3 distinct areas of fire seen. One large explosion, orange coloured, seen at 0315 hours which appeared to last abnormally long. Attacked by one unidentified aircraft.	C.9
29/2-1-44	Halifax V LH244	P/O A MacDonald P/O W.C. Shields P/S Mollison, J.J. Sgt McCarthy, H.F. Sgt Guild, H. P/O J.R. Calderbank Sgt Chapman, T.B.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0021	0849	BSLH Attacked primary at 0222 hours from 20,000 feet. 8/10ths cloud; tops about 8,000 feet. Visibility good. Bombed on sky markers. There was a good sprinkling of fires which seemed to be in 2 main patches. Very large explosion at 0335 hours.	C.10
29/2-1-44	Halifax V LH562	P/O G.P. Arbuckle P/O G.R. Proat P/S Morgan, J.C. Sgt Galloway, J. Sgt MacMillan, D. Sgt Banner, H.C. Sgt Preston, G.M. Sgt Howland, S.L.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	0019	0851	BSLH Attacked primary at 0226 hours from 21,000 feet. 8/10ths cloud up to about 7/10,000 feet; visibility good. Bombed on red flares with green stars. PFF appeared well placed and raid obviously a success. Good concentration of fires.	C.11
29/2-1-44	Halifax V LH167	P/O J.L. Keenan P/O H.A. Wickens W/O Moleen, O.D. Sgt Smith, S.G. Sgt Marchant, W.S. Sgt Hayes, J.D. Sgt Ellis, R.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Flight Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0025	0855	BSLH Attacked primary at 0321 hours from 20,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud; visibility good. Bombed on red flares with green stars. Markers well concentrated. Crescent of fires from north to south in the eastern part of the city burning fiercely. Looked like good attack.	C.12

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28/27-1-44	Halifax V ML71	R/O J. Atkins R/O R.J. Hasworth R/O J.L. Widdis Sgt. Robson, J. Sgt. Griffiths, W.H. Sgt. Woolsey, A.B. Sgt. Barley, F.W.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Plt. Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner.	0022	0830	BSLW Attacked primary at 0321 hours from 18,000 feet. Thin layer of cloud to 9,000 feet; visibility very target good. Bombed on red flares and green stars. Bombing appeared concentrated in a long fire area along track. One large explosion seen at 0322 hrs. Attacked and starboard wing damaged extensively. Enemy aircraft, JUBB claimed as damaged.	C.13
28/29-1-44	Halifax II JA268	F/L R.H.V. Hunt R/O A.H. Hassel-Smith F/S Nelson, A.C. Sgt. Hall, J.S. Sgt. Grenfell, R.J. Sgt. Wilston, G. F/S McCaffery, D.B. F/O L.B. Fincham	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Plt. Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner 2nd Pilot	0015	0824	BSLW Attacked primary at 0336 hours from 19,000 feet. 10/10ths stars cloud with occasional gaps. Tops about 10,000 feet. Visibility good. Bombed on group of six markers just succeeded. Appeared to be 2 separate large fires, close together. There was a huge explosion about 0337 hours. Fires had obviously taken a good hold and glow would be seen as far as Bostook. PFF well concentrated.	C14
28/29-1-44	Halifax II LW273	F/S Byers, W.B. R/O D.W. Morison R/O R.J. Pawcett Sgt. Moore, J.L. Sgt. Meredith, R.W. Sgt. Holdgate, G.W. W/O Patterson, W.C.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber Plt. Engineer W/Operator M/Air Gunner Air Gunner	0013	0355	BSLW Early return due to technical difficulties. Bombs jettisoned.	C.15

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