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FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.701 "G"	J.87336 F/O Sherlock G.T.	BOMBING HAMBURG	17:33	00:43	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by Gee bombing. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 21:05 hours on a heading 058° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on Gee fix. No markers were seen. Bombing was scattered over a radius of 1/2 mile at 21:07. The aircraft was crossing the coast on a heading 060°. Winter vapour trails seen in target area at approximately 20,000 feet. Halifax crew report 11ths (heading on 058) 10th. No results seen. 1 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P. brought back. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Lead carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A-2374
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.697 "F"	J.27631 F/O Speirs G.H.	do	17:24	01:02	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by Gee on cloud and Gee. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 21:05:5 hours on a heading 057° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on Gee fix. No markers were seen. Bombing evenly well scattered. Results seen. 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 500 lbs. G.P. were carried. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Lead carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A-2375
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.759 "O"	J.20939 F/O Maguire R.S.	do	17:38	00:55	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 21:05 hours on a heading 071° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on Gee fix. No markers were seen. Several flashes of cloud were seen and believed to be bomb bursts. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Lead carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A-2376
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.705 "F"	J.27670 F/O Baxter F.D.	do	17:24	00:42	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 21:05 hours on a heading 052° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on Gee fix. No markers were seen and no results of bombing were observed due to cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Lead carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A-2377
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.705 "F"	J.29068 F/O Murray F.L.	do	17:27	00:57	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee fix. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 21:07:5 hours on a heading 050° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on Gee fix. No results seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Lead carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. AM-59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A-2378

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NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.817 "F"	J.86102 P/O Frost D.P.	BOMBING BOMBING	17:33	00:43	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by gas bombing. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2107.5 hours on a heading 065° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gas bombing. No details were observed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2379
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.797 "F"	G.35269 P/O Patterson H.E. do	do	17:29	00:40	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by gas bombing. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2106.1 hours on a heading 050° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gas bombing. Ground detail was completely obscured. Numerous photo flash reflections were seen which appeared to be fairly well concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2380
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.704 "Z"	J.3489 P/L Hayes E.A.	do	17:33	00:54	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud, and good visibility. The target was identified by gas fire. The attack was made at 18,000 feet at 2106.8 hours on a heading 050° at 155 M.P.H. No markers were seen, and bombing appeared badly scattered over a large area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2381
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.695 "F"	J.28109 P/O Legge L.W.	do	17:26	01:17	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by gas bombing. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 2105.5 hours on a heading of 054° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gas bombing. No details observed due to ground being completely obscured. Briefed heights to target and mark were in bad going level. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2382
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.804 "Q"	J.8654 P/L Miller W.E.	do	17:39	00:52	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by gas. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 2104.5 hours on a heading 060° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gas bombing. Several flashes on clouds were seen covering a large area. Photo camera being after crossing ground. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2383

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NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.698 "H"	J.29832 P/O McFicoll	G.A. BOMBING HAGEN	17:36	00:35	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by H23 and Gee. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2107.0 hours on a heading of 058° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee. No markers could be seen. A good concentration of bomb bursts were seen through clouds. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2384
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.691 "V"	J.27814 P/O Bess A.H.	do	17:41	01:01	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee bombing. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2106.10 hours on a heading of 061° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee bombing. The target was totally obscured and nothing could be seen. 1 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 hung up and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2385
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.707 "B"	J.14453 P/L Wallace J.M.	do	17:42	00:59	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee bombing. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 2108 hours on a heading of 061° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee bombing. Ground detail was completely obscured. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2386
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.815 "H"	J.22024 P/L Sales J.M.	do	17:50	00:24	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee bombing. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2108.3 hours on a heading of 061° at 157 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee bombing. No results were seen. The aircraft landed at Beckenham without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2387
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.694 "F"	J.29084 P/O Hoggins L.P.	do	17:59	03:30	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2109.5 hours on a heading of 028° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee. No markers were seen and no results observed. Smoke icing and static electricity encountered. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2388
NIGHT 2/3.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.805 "T"	J.10491 P/L Horan F.J.	do	17:40	23:20	This aircraft was damaged over enemy territory. It ran into intense predicted heavy flak at 5104N 0528E. The main spar of the tail plane and fuselage at the base of the navigator's window were holed and the air was out by flak. The navigator was injured in the forehead. He overshoot the target so much that it was impossible to get back to it. Jettisoned bomb load at position 5201N 0920E at 2128 hours from 15,000 feet. This aircraft landed at Antwerp because of lack of fuel to reach England. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. ANM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2389

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NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.705 "Y"	J.11269 P/L Thompson	J.H. BOMBING KARLSRUHE	16:27	23:19	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud with good visibility. The target was identified by gas hazing and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1936.3 hours on a heading 115° at 155 K.P.H. The bombs were released on green T.I's and fuses. Bombs were approximately 900 yards in front of concentration of fires. One large explosion was also seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Incd.	A.2390.
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.691 "Y"	J.7931 P/L Kropf L.E.	do	16:30	23:21	This crew report 5/10ths. cloud and slight haze. The target was identified by gas, red T.I's, cascading fires and visual pinpointing. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1938.8 hours on a heading of 075° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on red T.I's. Bursts of fires were seen burning in entire building area. One explosion seen on run up to target just before gas hazing. 1 x 1000 lbs. G.P. hung up over target stationed at position 5132H 0210W from 8,000 feet at 2156 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Incd.	A.2391
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.698 "U"	J.87362 P/O Patsen E.P.	do	16:39	23:22	This crew report 5/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas fix, H2S, red and green T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1937.2 hours on a heading 120° at 150 K.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Target area well covered by fires and explosions. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Incd.	A.2392
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.802 "S"	J.89357 P/O Hamilton J.D.	do	16:33	23:07	This crew report 8/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas fix and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1938.4 hours on a heading 090° at 160 K.P.H. The bombs were released on top slumber of green T.I's. T.I's obscured by smoke and many explosions. Heavy fires seen and appeared concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Incd.	A.2393
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.804 "Q"	J.8654 P/L Miller W.E.	do	16:35	23:11	This crew report one patch of cloud directly over target at 4,000 feet. The target was identified by gas hazing, map reading and visually. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1937.8 hours on a heading 057° at 155 K.P.H. The bombs were released on far edge of fire concentration. Fires were concentrated to part of the centre of the town and were burning to such an extent that fire's outlines could be seen. Three large explosions were just after releasing bombs. <i>Loads: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Incd.</i>	A.2394

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NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII RP.807 "P"	J.29812 P/O McFicoll	G.A. BOMBING KARLSRUHE	16:36	23:02	This crew report 1/10ths cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by gas, visually and red T.I's. The attack was made from 15,000 feet at 1938.4 hours on a heading 090° at 155 K.A.S. The bombs were released on the centre of red T.I's. Several fires were seen around the T.I's, and bombing ceased well concentrated. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Mod.	A.2395
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII RP.699 "Q"	J.87356 P/O Sherlock G.T.	do	16:31	23:30	This crew report 3/10ths cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by gas, green T.I's and visually. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1937.5 hours on a heading 101° at 160 K.A.S. The bombs were released on the centre of fires. Bombing appeared well concentrated and fires covered a large area. Bombing ceased well concentrated at about half way from French coast to target. The aircraft landed at Elvington without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.D. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Mod.	A.2396
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII RP.797 "R"	J.14451 P/L Wallace J.M.	do	16:42	23:28	This crew report 2/10ths cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by gas, heading, map reading and visually. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1936.7 hours on a heading 105° at 155 K.A.S. The bombs were released on port edge of fire concentration. Fires seemed concentrated in very centre of city. Large explosion occurred at 1936.7 hours. This aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Mod.	A.2397
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII RP.689 "S"	G.35269 P/O Patterson N.E.	do	16:28	23:08	This crew report 5/10ths cloud. The target was identified by D.N., gas, fires in target area and red T.I. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1939.0 hours on a heading of 097° at 155 K.A.S. The bombs were released on fires. Quite a few large fires were seen burning well in target area. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Mod.	A.2398
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII RP.704 "L"	J.3489 P/L Hayes R.A.	do	16:26	23:44	This crew report 3/10ths cloud. The target was identified by gas, D.N., visually and fires. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1937.8 hours on a heading of 101° at 155 K.A.S. The bombs were released on built up area, centre of town and fires. Town could be seen with most of fires burning on eastern edge of town. Bombing appeared concentrated. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Mod.	A.2399

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NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.692 "K"	J.28109 P/O Legge L.W.W.	BOMBING KARLSRUHE	16:36	23:18	This crew report 3/10ths. cloud with horizontal visibility good. The target was identified by gas fire, visually and fires. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1938.5 hours on a heading 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of fires. No T.I.'s were visible. Many fires were noted which appeared to be concentrated. 90 x 4 lbs. Inc. hung up over target and brought back. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Inc.	A.2400
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.815 "H"	J.22024 P/L Sales J.E.	do	16:34	23:40	This crew report 7/10ths. cloud with good visibility. The target was identified by red T.I.'s, gas and fires. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1938.2 hours on a heading of 101° at 157 M.P.H. The bombs were released on concentration of fires. P.V.P. appeared somewhat lax as only one set of red T.I.'s were seen. Good concentration of fires and bombing itself appeared concentrated. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Inc.	A.2401
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.697 "M"	J.35687 P/O Peaker G.E.	do	16:32	23:18	This crew report patches of cloud and some smoke. The target was identified by red T.I.'s, gas hanging, visually and T.I. Green. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1940.2 hours on a heading of 076° at 170 M.P.H. The bombs were released on continuous concentration of all T.I.'s. Quite a lot of fires were seen which made identification of T.I.'s difficult. T.I.'s appeared to be scattered. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Inc.	A.2402
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.708 "F"	J.29066 P/O Jeffery P.E.	do	16:29	23:01	This crew report 2/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas hanging, T.I.'s, green and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1938.0 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of concentration of Green T.I.'s. Target could be easily identified visually. T.I.'s were well concentrated but rather hard to see due to numerous fires and incendiaries. 90 x 4 lbs. Inc. hung up over target. Pink hole in main upper turret. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Inc.	A.2403
NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.729 "G"	J.20929 P/O McGuire E.S.	do	16:38	23:14	This crew report 4/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Green T.I.'s, gas hanging and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1938.0 hours on a heading of 118° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of concentration of green T.I.'s and fires. Markers appeared well concentrated and numerous fires were burning. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1080 x 4 lbs. Inc.	A.2404

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NIGHT 4/5.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.755 "A"	J.27670 P/O Baxter P.A.	BOMBING KARLSRUHE	16:37	23:05	This crew report 3/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I's, fires, gas homing and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1938.1 hours on a heading of 100° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of town. Markers burned out before we reached target, but the whole city was illuminated by many fires which were well concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P. and 1000 x 1 lb. Mod.	A.2305
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.759 "C"	J.25687 P/O Peaker G.W.	BOMBING ROBET	18:01	20:37	This aircraft returned early due to hydraulic failure on take off. Bombs were jettisoned and the aircraft landed at base. Bombs and under carriage could not be raised. 8 x 1000 lbs. and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P. were jettisoned at position 5402N 0127W at 1855.5 hours from 11,500 feet. This aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AMM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2306
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.755 "A"	J.36345 P/O Clarke A.J.	do	18:02	00:49	This crew report 4/10ths. cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2122.9 hours on a heading of 280° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Bombing appeared concentrated around the centre of red and green T.I's. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AMM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2307
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.817 "D"	C.860 W/C Stephenson J.G.	do	18:04	00:35	This crew report 3/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2111.2 hours on a heading of 110° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on red T.I's. Some bombs burned very hot and one heavy explosion with orange flame. 1 x 1000 lbs. AMM.65 was jettisoned at position 5422N 0202E from 9,000 feet at 2111.4 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AMM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2308
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.697 "B"	J.28109 P/O Leppe L.W.F.	do	18:05	00:48	This crew report 4/10ths. cloud with good visibility. The target was identified by green T.I's, green and fires. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2127 hours on a heading of 170° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Fires appeared to be burning very well. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AMM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AMM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2309

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NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.802 "J"	J.22024 F/L Sales J.E.	BOMBING SOEST	17:53	00:55	This crew report 7/10ths. cloud, with good visibility. The target was identified by green T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2122.4 hours on a heading of 091° at 175 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Were not able to identify any ground details, but bombing appeared well concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2310
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.695 "K"	J.86102 F/O Frost D.P.	do	17:52	00:48	This crew report 1 - 2/10ths. cloud with good visibility. The target was identified by green T.I's. and gas. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2123.2 hours on a heading of 128° at 175 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Markers were well concentrated, but no marshalling yard or tracks could be seen in marked area although other ground detail quite visible. Fires which appeared like a heavy fire were centred in and around markers. The A/C landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2311
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.704 "L"	J.10491 F/L Horan F.J.	do	18:05	00:51	This crew report 8 - 5/10ths. cloud and visibility good. The target was identified by green T.I's. and AM.D.M. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2124.7 hours on a heading of 124° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. seen through clouds. Three or four yellow individual fires seen grouped around green T.I's. 1 x 1000 lbs. jettisoned at position 5135N-0217E at 2311.5 hours from 8,000 feet, due to hang up over target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2312
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.691 "M"	J.7931 F/L Kropf L.E.	do	17:54	00:47	This crew report 5/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2125.8 hours on a heading of 140° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of concentration of green and red T.I's. Numerous tank marks were observed and quite a large fire. 1 x 1000 lbs. AM.65 hung up over target and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2313
NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.707 "N"	J.27831 F/O Speirs G.H.	do	17:48	00:41	This crew report 3 - 5/10ths. thin cloud. The target was identified by D.R. 503 fixer and green and red T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2125.5 hours on a heading of 120° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. After own bombing attack a large orange flash was noted followed by fire. No further results were observed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. AM.59 and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2314

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NIGHT 5/6.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.721 "X"	J.27670 P/O Baxter P.D.	BOMBING SORTIE	-	-	This aircraft crashed on take-off at 1806 hours. Just as aircraft began to pick up speed on the take off (60 - 70 m.p.h.) aircraft began to swerve starboard. All measures were taken to overcome this, but before reaching the end of the runway the aircraft swerved to starboard, aileron control unmanageable and port engine undercarriage collapsed causing ground loop. Port outer engine then caught on fire. Load carried: 7 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 2 x 1000 lbs. AM.59	A.215
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.755 "A"	J.28109 P/O Legge J.W.E.	BOMBING CONARBUCK	16:14	22:26	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee, flak and glow on cloud. The attack was made from 21,000 feet at 1946.7 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on glow on cloud. No results were seen. Estimated position of target by flak and glow on cloud. Some bomb bursts were seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.216
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.708 "B"	J.29068 P/O Jeffery F.E.	do	16:23	22:20	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee, H2s, bomb bursts and incendiary fires. The attack was made from 21,000 feet at 1949.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on fires and bomb bursts. No results were seen. Flak over target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.G. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.217
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.707 "B"	J.29832 P/O McNicoll G.A.	do	16:24	22:53	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud, poor visibility. The target was identified by D.R. and Gee. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1946.9 hours on a heading of 098° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow below cloud. No results were seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.G. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.218
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.691 "B"	J.86102 P/O Frost D.P.	do	16:14.5	22:21	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud, visibility hazy. The target was identified by H2S, D.R. and glow on cloud. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1951.0 hours on a heading of 102° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow on cloud. Targets completely obscured by cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 12 x 500 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.219

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NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.812 "M"	J.14453 P/L Wallace J.M.	BOMBING OSNABRUCK	16:16	22:47	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. Visibility poor. The target was identified by D.R. and Gee. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1946.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow below cloud which tallied with D.R. and Gee. No markers were seen. No results were observed other than a few glows seen through cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 15 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2120
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.802 "M"	J.89337 P/O Hamilton J.D.	do	16:18	22:17	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by Gee homing, glow on cloud and D.R. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1946.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on glow on cloud. No flashes or ground marking was visible. Number of bomb burst flashes seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2121
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.797 "M"	J.28714 P/O Bews A.R.A.	do	16:35	22:14	This crew report 8/10ths. cloud with poor visibility. The target was identified by D.R. and Gee. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1946.7 hours on a heading of 095° at 150 I.A.S. The bombs were released on Gee. No P.I.R. or sky markers were visible. No results could be seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2122
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.689 "M"	J.35269 P/O Patterson N.E.	do	16:08	22:12	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud with good visibility. The target was identified by Gee homing, glow on cloud and D.R. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1947.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 150 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow on cloud. No results were seen. 4 x 500 lbs. M.C. hung up over target. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 15 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 1 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2123
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII HP.704 "M"	J.89084 P/O McGuire L.P.	do	16:06	22:27	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1947.4 hours on a heading of 105° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on A.P.L. homing. Ground detail was obscured. Widely scattered bomb burst flash positions seen on cloud. 2 x 500 lbs. M.C. hung up over target and jettisoned at position 533N 072E from 11,600 feet at 2002.5 hours. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 12 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2124

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NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.625 "X"	J.27831 P/O Speirs G.H.	BOMBING OSNABROCK	16:13	-	This aircraft failed to return from this operation. Nothing has been heard from any member of the crew since take-off. Below are the operational points, trips and hours of the members of the crew: <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Points</th> <th>Trips</th> <th>Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J.27831 P/O G.H. Speirs (Pilot)</td> <td>47</td> <td>12</td> <td>70:40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R174480 P/S Callaghan F.A. (P/W)</td> <td>35</td> <td>9</td> <td>53:15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J.24210 P/O G.W. Birken (A/Z)</td> <td>35</td> <td>9</td> <td>53:15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J.83784 P/O G.M. Solas (WOP/AC)</td> <td>35</td> <td>9</td> <td>53:15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R150272 P/S Quim H.C. (A/O)</td> <td>35</td> <td>9</td> <td>53:15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R99826 M/O Oshmore J.G.W. (A/O)</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R51373 Sgt James J.G. (P/R)</td> <td>38</td> <td>9</td> <td>53:15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Points	Trips	Hours	J.27831 P/O G.H. Speirs (Pilot)	47	12	70:40	R174480 P/S Callaghan F.A. (P/W)	35	9	53:15	J.24210 P/O G.W. Birken (A/Z)	35	9	53:15	J.83784 P/O G.M. Solas (WOP/AC)	35	9	53:15	R150272 P/S Quim H.C. (A/O)	35	9	53:15	R99826 M/O Oshmore J.G.W. (A/O)	Nil	Nil	Nil	R51373 Sgt James J.G. (P/R)	38	9	53:15	A.2325
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NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.805 "J"	J.87336 P/O Sherlock G.T.	DO	16:28	22:11	This crew report 8/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by glow and glow on cloud. The attack was made from 21,000 feet at 1946.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 150 I.L.S. The bombs were released on glow on cloud. Glow on cloud indicated fairly large flames. Gas bomb bursts and photo flash bursts well concentrated in vicinity of glow. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2326																																
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.697 "F"	J.20939 P/O Maguire E.S.	do	16:19	22:15	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R. and Geo. The attack was made from 21,000 ft. at 1947.0 hours on a heading of 100° at 150 I.L.S. The bombs were released on geo and centre of flak. No markers were seen and no results could be observed. 1 x 500 lbs. M.C. jettisoned at position 5212W 0412N at 2044 hours from 15,000 feet due to hang up over target. This aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2327																																
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.774 "E"	J.87362 P/O Patzer E.F.	do	16:09	21:59	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by glow of fires on cloud, geo fix and D.R. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1947.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 150 I.L.S. The bombs were released on centre of reflections on cloud. Ground detail was obscured by clouds. The aircraft landed at Woodbridge without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2328																																
NIGHT 6/7.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.804 "Q"	J.8654 P/L Miller W.L.	do	16:25	22:04	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by navigational aids. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1950.8 hours on a heading of 102° at 155 I.L.S. The bombs were released on red glow on clouds. Cloud obscured target. This aircraft landed at North Greave without incident. Load carried: 11 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 5 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2329																																

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NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.755 "A"	J.36345 P/O Clarke A.J.	BOMBING DUISBURG	03:09	09:22	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 06.27 hours on a heading of 060° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee. Reflection of fires seen on ground. 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2430
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.759 "C"	J.37545 P/O Mills J.M.	do	02:58	09:06	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by bomb bursts. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 06.23 hours on a heading of 039° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on D.P. Nothing was seen apart from bomb bursts and one large fire. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2431
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.817 "D"	J.28109 P/O Loyne L.W.F.	do	03:08	09:09	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee. The attack was made from 19,500 feet at 06.22 hours on a heading of 040° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee run. Glow of T.I.'s seen under cloud. No other results seen owing to cloud. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2432
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.708 "E"	J.29068 P/O Jeffery F.E.	do	02:45	09:25	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas coming, D.R., H2S and glow of fires. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 06.21.6 hours on a heading of 051° at 150 I.A.S. The bombs were released on H2S assisted by gee. No markers were seen, but glow of markers could be seen from southern part of town. No further results could be seen owing to cloud. After crossing French coast while en route to target moderate icing was experienced. The aircraft landed at Hass without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2433
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.828 "F"	J.29623 P/O Steadman A.H.	do	03:06	09:11	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 06.29 hours on a heading of 055° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee. Bomb bursts appeared to be concentrated. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2434

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NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.803 "I"	J.35687 P/O Peaker G.S.	BOMBING DUISBURG	03:31	09:26	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R., Gee, glow of fires seen through cloud. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0637.0 hours on a heading of 055° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow of fires seen through cloud. No markers were seen but massive fires could be seen through cloud indistinctly. Due to late take-off, we were unable to make up time and consequently bombed later. The aircraft landed at fullback without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2435
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.87336 P/O Sherlock G.P. do	do	03:16	09:15	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee homing. The attack was made from 19,500 feet at 0621.4 hours on a heading of 047° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee. No markers were seen, and no markers were observed. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM, and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2436
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.695 "K"	J.89337 P/O Hamilton J.D. do	do	03:35	09:10	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee homing, D.R. and fires. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 0632.7 hours on a heading of 054° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee. No markers were seen. Bombing appeared loosely centred around three different areas in the target. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM, 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.G.	A.2437
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.689 "M"	C.35269 P/O Patterson M.E. do	do	02:49	09:02	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I. seen dropping into cloud on run-up. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 0620.4 hours on a heading of 053° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee. Fair concentration of bomb flashes seen and glow seen on cloud. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2438
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.797 "N"	J.32870 P/O Hemming D.G. do	do	03:03	08:59	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee, H28, bomb bursts and faint glow of T.I.'s. red. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 0618 hours on a heading of 050° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gee. Believed to be a good attack as bombing seemed concentrated. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2439

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NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.807 "P"	J.29832 P/O McNicoll G.A.	BOMBING DUISBURG	02:50	09:04	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas homing and glow on cloud. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 0620.8 hours on a heading of 051° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of glow on cloud. No markers or results were seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2440
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.804 "Q"	J.8654 P/L Miller W.E.	do	02:53	09:00	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0618 hours on a heading of 051° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. Bomb flashes appeared to be concentrated, but no other results were observed. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2441
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.697 "R" 697	J.7931 P/L Knopf L.E.	do	03:12	09:07	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas homing. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0629.0 hours on a heading of 050° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. Target was totally obscured due to cloud, so no results were observed. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2442
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.812 "S"	J.27670 P/O Baxter D.P.	do	03:14	08:20	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas homing. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0626.5 hours on a heading of 041° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. No markers were seen. Bomb flashes appeared scattered, and no definite results were seen. The aircraft landed at Manston without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2443
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.698 "T"	J.36201 P/O Barron G.A.H.	do	03:05	08:55	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 0619 hours on a heading of 060° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. No results were seen. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2444
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.691 "V"	J.28714 P/O Bews A.H.A.	do	02:55	09:27	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 0624 hours on a heading of 050° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. No results were seen owing to cloud. The aircraft landed at Skellingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 2 x 1000 lbs. ANM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2445

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NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.707 "W"	J.87003 P/O Potter A.L.	BOMBING DUISBURG	02:56	08:58	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0618.7 hours on a heading of 048° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas run. Nothing could be seen due to cloud, but bomb explosions under cloud seemed to indicate that target was hit. The aircraft landed at Ghillingthorpe without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2446
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.705 "Y"	J.3489 P/L Hayes E.A.	do	03:02	09:20	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R. Gas and red glow seen through cloud. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 0623.5 hours on a heading of 070° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on red glow seen through cloud which coincided with gas. No results were seen and no results could be observed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2447
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.774 "Z"	J.87362 P/O Patzer E.F.	do	03:15	09:35	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas hoising. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 0619.0 hours on a heading of 040° at 158 I.A.S. The bombs were released on gas. No smoke was seen. Only two small glows on cloud seen when we bombed, but two large explosions lit up the cloud as we left the target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.G., 2 x 1000 lbs. AM and 9 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2448
NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NF.699 "O"	J.26685 P/O Krakovsky M.	do	02:48	-	This aircraft failed to return from this operation. Below are the operational points, trips and hours of the members of the crew. <i>The aircraft had no business returning.</i>	A.2449
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J.26685 P/O M. Krakovsky (Pilot) 105 29 112.15							
J.36303 P/O K.L. Carr (Nav) 92 26 127.30							
J.37725 P/O G.D. Williams (A/B) 92 26 127.30							
J.90827 P/O A.G.W. Blayney (WZ/AG) 92 26 127.30							
R215835 P/S Zadorozny S.E. (A/C) 92 26 127.30							
R217140 P/S Green J.W. (A/C) 92 26 127.30							
R27754 P/O M.J. Boylan (W/B) 92 26 127.30							
<i>2/4 Krakovsky and the only survivor of crew & collided with another Halifax over Belgium. See entry in diary for 10.1.45</i>							

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NIGHT 17/18.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.701 "G"	J.36607 P/O McKinnon D.J.	BOMBING DUISBURG	05:10	--	This aircraft failed to return from this operation. Below are the operational points, trips and hours of the members of the crew.	A.2450
		<i>crashed at 0500 near Lange W. Hanson</i>				OPERATIONAL: Points. Trips. Hours. J.36607 P/O D.J. McKinnon (Pilot) 8 2 19.20 J.39323 P/O D. Hitchcock (Nav) 4 1 9.45 J.30289 P/O G.H. Mason (W/E) 4 1 9.45 R209042 P/S Harvey J.E. (W/E) 4 1 9.45 R264741 SGT Parrell J.E. (W/O) 4 1 9.45 R264742 SGT Harvey J.E. (W/O) 4 1 9.45 R209021 P/S Beegleson A. (P/E) 20 8 50.50 <i>As per report and other sources only the accuracy and of crew.</i>	
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.755 "A"	J.26761 S/L Minhinick S.	BOMBING DUSSKELDORF-LOHAUSEN A/P	11:39	16:34	This crew report slight ground haze only. The target was identified by red and yellow T.I.'s and visually. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1451.5 hours on a heading of 057° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centers of all T.I.'s. Bombs covered by T.I.'s. Living quarters to south were well afire and covered by T.I.'s. Aircraft was damaged by predicted heavy risk. Misses. Haze on fuselage, wings and tailplanes - baseward over target between 1450-1454 hours. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P. and 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2451
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.759 "C"	J.27545 P/O Mills J.M.	do	11:42	16:31	This crew report no cloud, but odd patches of ground haze. The target was identified by D.R., sea and visually. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1454 hours on a heading of 090° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on red and green T.I.'s. All parts of aerodrome seemed to be receiving attention. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2452
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.817 "D"	G.860 W/C Stephenson J.G.	do	11:32	16:15	This crew report slight haze and good visibility. The target was identified by D.R., red T.I.'s and visually. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 1451.7 hours on a heading of 092° at 160 T.A.S. The bombs were released on red T.I.'s and visually. A very good concentration of bombs over buildings and runways. There were fire holes in elevators during bombing. Very good fighter escort co-operation. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 6 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 3 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2453

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DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.708 "F"	J.29068 P/O Jeffery F.E.	BOMBING DUSSELDORF/COLEBURN A/P	11:36	16:05	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 15,500 feet at 1452.0 hours on a heading of 090° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released between runways and on red T.I's. Markers were plentiful and appeared between the runways and the built up areas. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 6 x 1000 lbs. S.A.F., 3 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2454
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.692 "F" 287 3	J.20939 P/O Maguire E.S. do	E.S. do	11:40	16:09	This crew report good visibility. Low thin ground haze. The target was identified by yellow and green T.I's, D.R. and visually. The attack was made from 15,500 feet at 1453.9 hours on a heading of 090° at 180 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of two clusters of T.I. yellow. Two small clock holes, one in wing and one in elevator. Bombing concentration. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.F., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2455
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.615 "H"	J.14455 P/L Wallace J.M. do	J.M. do	11:44	16:42	This crew report no cloud, but slight haze. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1454.0 hours on a heading of 091° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released to starboard of red T.I. Bombing appeared concentrated in the south east corner of target area. 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. hung up over target and jettisoned at position 522M 0240E from 10,000 feet at 1553 hours. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.F., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2456
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.10691 P/L Horan F.J. . DO	. DO	11:41	16:26	This crew report slight haze over target. The target was identified by T.I. greens and visually. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 1454.2 hours on a heading of 084° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on green T.I's. T.I's. and bombing were on south side of target. Bombing very accurate. P.O. damaged by barrage heavy flak. Green smoke and port navigation light knocked out and main plane holed badly over target area. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 6 x 1000 lbs. S.A.F., 3 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2457

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DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.689 "M"	J.35687 P/O Peaker	G.R. BOMBING DUSSKLOPP/LCHAISEN A/P	11:57	16:36	This crew report visibility fair due to haze. The target was identified by few green T.I's. in heavy smoke and visually. The attack was made from 15,000 feet at 1454.2 hours on a heading of 110° at 170 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Main target area obscured by smoke. Projections and lines seen in landing quarters S.W. of target. Aircraft slightly damaged by barrage of heavy flak whilst over target at 1454.2 hours 21,000 feet. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2458
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.797 "N"	J.35270 P/O Hemming	G.G. do	11:45	16:04	This crew report no cloud but slight ground haze. The target was identified by D.R., Gee, red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,000 feet at 1456.9 hours on a heading of 080° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released visually on run up. Bombing concentration very good and accurate. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2459
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.807 "P"	J.29832 P/O McNicoll	G.A. do	11:35	16:28	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by D.R., H2S and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1452.2 hours on a heading of 085° at 163 I.A.S. The bombs were released visually on runways. Dense smoke and dust covered target. Windscreen, mid-upper turret, port undercarriage falling, starboard wing and port wing with small holes over target due to flak. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 6 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2460
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.804 "Q"	J.7931 P/L Kropf	L.S. do	11:33	16:10	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1451.2 hours on a heading of 099° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. The runways were clearly identified and bombing seemed concentrated on the south end. Starboard wing, port rudder fuselage hit by flak over target. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 7 x 1000 lbs. M.G., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P., and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2461
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII MP.697 "R" 2117	J.8908 P/O McGuire	L.P. do	11:30	16:21	This crew report no cloud but slight haze. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1451.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of aerodrome. Bombing appeared concentrated in centre of target. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2462

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DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.802 "G"	R191550 F/S Proude R. <i>accident report filed off account by 408 Sgt. slight damage.</i>	BOMBING DUSSÉLDORF/LOUISSEN A/B	11:46	17:00	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 15,000 feet at 1452.6 hours on a heading of 092° at 172 I.A.S. The bombs were released on cluster of red T.I's. Bombing well concentrated, and Master Bomber clearly heard. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2463
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.812 "T"	J.27670 F/O Bextex F.R. do	do	11:38	16:23	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1452.4 hours on a heading of 087° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of airport and T.I. reds. Whole target was covered by bursts. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2464
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.698 "U"	J.36201 F/O Barron G.A. do	do	11:31	16:25	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 1452.3 hours on a heading of 092° at 180 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. Bombing appeared concentrated around T.I's. Port side of nose holed by flak whilst over target. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 5 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 4 x 1000 lbs. M.G., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2465
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.705 "I"	J.28714 F/O Bews A.R. do	do	11:34	16:21	This crew report no cloud and clear visibility. The target was identified by red T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1449.7 hours on a heading of 087° at 170 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of T.I. red. Bombing appeared extremely heavy on south west outer side of airfield. Aircraft damaged by flak in mid upper turret on way in over target at 1450 hours 18,000 feet. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 6 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 3 x 1000 lbs. G.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2466
DAY 24.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.774 "Z"	J.87003 F/O Potter A.L. do	do	11:55	16:18	This crew bombed last range - railway siding at ELTON (S.508 (approx)) visibility was good. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 1457.0 hours on a heading of 110° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released visually. No results were observed. Due to inability of reaching and maintaining bombingsight and also being late, decided to bomb target of opportunity. Port inner engine failed. Airspeed in carburetor seemed defective. Bomb sight was 1/8 result of port inner engine being feathered. The aircraft landed at Coltishall without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 2 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2467

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DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.817 "D"	C.860 W/O Stephenson	J.G. BOMBING GEMADEN	03:25	09:09	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I.'s. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0635.4 hours on a heading of 052° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of T.I.'s. Markers were plentiful and well concentrated, but bombing didn't seem too well concentrated. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2468
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "A" 735	J.89337 F/O Hamilton	J.D. do	03:27	09:37	This crew report haze over the target, but visibility excellent. The target was identified by D.W., Gee heading, and red and green T.I.'s. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0635.4 hours on a heading of 056° at 155 m.p.h. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I.'s. Target area was covered by white flames falling dead on T.I.'s. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. M.C., 7 x 1000 lbs. S.A.P. and 2 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2469
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.697 "F"	J.89623 F/O Steadman	A.H. do	03:29	09:18	This crew report 10/10ths. light cloud. The target was identified by gee heading, red and green T.I.'s. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0635:0 hours on a heading of 049° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of glow of red and green T.I.'s. T.I.'s. very concentrated. One large explosion seen in centre of T.I.'s. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2470
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.815 "H"	J.22022 F/L Sales	J.H. do	03:35	09:25	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee and red and green T.I.'s. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 0636:0 hours on a heading of 050° at 175 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of green glow on cloud. Markers were nicely grouped and bombing appeared well concentrated around T.I.'s. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C., and 2 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2471
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.92579 F/O Proud	R. do	03:22	08:58	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee heading, red and green T.I.'s. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0636:0 hours on a heading of 053° at 163 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I.'s. Target totally obscured by cloud. No results seen. The aircraft landed at North Creek without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2472

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DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.695 "X"	J.28109 P/O Leppe L.V.W.	BOMBING OPERATION	03:32	09:13	This crew report 10/10ths, light cloud. The target was identified by gas lighting, and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 0632.5 hours on a heading of 055° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. T.I's concentrated, bombing appeared light at time but accurate. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C., 2 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2473
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.704 "L"	J.20939 P/O Maguire E.S.	do	03:33	09:15	This crew report 10/10ths, low cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's, and gas. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0635.0 hours on a heading of 054° at 163 M.P.H. The bombs were released on green T.I's. Bombing appeared accurate, but no ground detail was visible. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C., and 2 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2474
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.689 "M"	G.35269 P/O Patterace N.E.	do	03:19	09:12	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by gas fix, and glow of red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0636.0 hours on a heading of 045° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on near edge of red and green T.I's. If T.I's were accurate should be a very good prang. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. M.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C., 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2475
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.797 "N"	J.35270 P/O Hemming C.G.	do	03:20	09:19	This crew report 10/10ths, cloud. The target was identified by cascading red T.I's, and gas. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0633.1 hours on a heading of 051° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of concentration of green T.I's. Markers appeared very well concentrated. Bombing was concentrated and several bomb bursts could be seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. M.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2476
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.694 "R"	J.89084 P/O McQuire L.P.	do	03:34	09:22	This crew report ground fog and haze which obscured ground detail. The target was identified by D.R., JRS, and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0632.5 hours on a heading of 054° at 155 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of all red and green T.I's. No results could be observed. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. M.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2477

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DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.812 *FP	J.27670 P/O Baxter F.D.	BOMBING CELANESI	03:17	09:21	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas, and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 0632.5 hours on a heading of 049° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on green T.I's. No ground detail or bombing results could be observed. Fighter flares red marked route. This target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C., and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2478
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.691 *FP	J.28714 P/O Bews A.R.A.	do	03:23	09:14	This crew report patches of low cloud with ground haze. The target was identified by D.R., Gas, red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,300 feet at 0632.7 hours on a heading of 054° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on red and green T.I's. No definite bombing results could be observed due to haze and low cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 2 x 1000 lbs. M.C. 7 x 1000 lbs. M.P. and 2 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2479
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.702 *FP	J.14453 P/L Wallace J.M.	do	03:26	09:24	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas, H.C. and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 0633.8 hours on a heading of 055° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on green T.I's. Bombing seemed accurate, but no ground detail was visible. 1 x 250 lbs. G.P. hung up over target and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. M.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2480
DAY 28.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.705 *FP	J.35687 P/O Peaker G.E.	do	03:18	09:27	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gas, H.C. and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 0635.5 hours on a heading of 046° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Markers were well concentrated and plentiful. No definite results could be seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C., 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 8 x 250 lbs. G.P.	A.2481
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.817 *FP	G.190 W/O Davenport H.F.	BOMBING TROIS-DONZ	15:55	22:21	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1925.1 hours on a heading of 045° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. No results of attack were seen owing to cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2482

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DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.708 "E"	J.28109 P/O Loppe L.W.	BOMBING TROIS-DORÉ	15:29	22:13	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1921.1 hours on a heading of 055° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. No results could be observed. The aircraft landed at Dishforth without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2483
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.697 "E"	J.89623 P/O Stedman A.H.	do	16:10	22:03	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green, red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1919.3 hours on a heading of 052° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on glow of red T.I's. Results were not observed due to cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2484
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.803 "I"	J.92579 P/O Froud R.	do	15:16	21:51	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green housing, and red T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 at 1918.4 hours on a heading of 058° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red glow on cloud. Results were not observed due to cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2485
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.35687 P/O Peaker G.B.	do	15:23	22:17	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1926 hours on a heading of 060° at 170 I.A.S. The bombs were released on green flares with red stars. No results were seen owing to cloud. The aircraft landed at Dishforth without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2486
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.695 "K"	J.89337 P/O Hamilton J.D.	do	15:53	22:39	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green and red T.I's. cascading. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1920.0 hours on a heading of 050° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on red T.I's. If T.I's were accurate which appeared so from green results would be excellent. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2487
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.704 "L"	J.20939 P/O Maguire E.S.	do	15:22	22:25	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green housing, H28, red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1919.7 hours on a heading of 054° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on glow of red T.I's. on cloud. Bombing appeared fairly good. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.2488

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DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.689 "M"	C.35269 P/O Patterson N.E.	BOMBING TROIS-DOSES	15:17	21:52	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. and Gee. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1920.2 hours on a heading of 050° at 116 M.P.H. The bombs were released on near edge of red glow on cloud. Marking commenced a little late, and generally appeared concentrated. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2489
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.797 "N"	J.35270 P/O Hemming C.G.	do	15:24	22:01	This crew report 3/10ths. thin cloud. The target was identified by D.R., Gee, red and green T.I's. and skymarker flares green. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1921.0 hours on a heading of 054° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. Several sky-marking flares seen. Concentration of aircraft bombing good. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2490
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.807 "P"	J.10491 P/L Horan P.J.	do	15:31	21:45	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. and Gee. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1924.2 hours on a heading of 052° at 159 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of glow of red T.I's. Results were not observed due to cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2491
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.694 "R"	J.89084 P/O McQuire L.P.	do	15:13	22:40	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1921.2 hours on a heading of 052° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. No results of the attack were seen owing to cloud. The aircraft landed at Dismforth without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2492
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.698 "U"	J.36201 P/O Barron G.A.H.	do	15:35	22:11	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee honing, and red T.I's. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1920.5 hours on a heading of 042° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red glow on cloud. No results were seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2493
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.691 "V"	J.28714 P/O Bews A.R.A.	do	15:32	21:46	This crew report 10/10ths. clouds. The target was identified by gee, and green flares with red stars. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1920.5 hours on a heading of 054° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on green sky-markers with red stars. No results were seen. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried; 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2494

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DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "W"	J.87003 P/O Potter A.L.	BOMBING TROTS-DOFF	15:15	22:18	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R. and sky markers green with red stars. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1926.0 hours on a heading of 054° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on green sky markers with red stars. No definite results were seen. Aircraft concentration over target pretty good. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2495
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.705 "Y"	J.14453 P/L Wallace J.M.	do	15:30	22:22	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 1921.6 hours on a heading of 060° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of red glow through cloud. No bombing results could be seen, but it seemed like a concentrated attack. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2496
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.774 "Z"	J.22024 P/L Sales J.S.	do	16:17	22:42	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee heading and red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1921.7 hours on a heading of 060° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of glow of red T.I's. on cloud. No results were seen due to cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2497
DAY 29.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.812 "A"	J.27670 P/O Baxter W.D.	do	15:14	21:20	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1917.5 hours on a heading of 041° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee. The aircraft was hit by flak 10 miles south of Edge at 1947 hours, 9,000 feet. The navigator and bomb aimer were wounded and the bomb aimer misinterpreted the pilots instructions and baled out. Port mainplane had large pieces out of it on leading edge and numerous holes punctured entire mainplane. Port tanks were holed and bombsight was demolished. Port outer engine and starboard outer engine were both u/s. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Woodbridge. Load carried: 16 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.2498
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NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.755 "A"	O.890 W/O Maedonald	BOMBING COLOGNE/KALK M.Y.	17:36	00:11	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R. and sky markers red with green stars. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2111.5 hours on a heading of 100° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on one red sky marker. A glow could be seen through cloud, covering a large area. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 B-6/10.	A.2499

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NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.759 "G"	J.89084 P/O McGuire	L.P. BOMBING COLOGNE/KALK M.T.	17:29	00:04	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars, Gee and H2S. The attack was made from 19,500 feet at 2109.0 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on skymarkers red with green stars. Markers appeared to fall south of the aiming point and were somewhat scattered. The aircraft was hit by heavy flak on run into target - one hole between fuselage and starboard inner engine. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2500
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.817 "D"	G.860 W/C Stephenson	G.J. do	17:31	00:22	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by flares red with green stars and gee. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 2108.5 hours on a heading of 090° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on flares red with green stars. No bombing results could be seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2501
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.698 "F" 687	J.89623 E/O Steadman	A.H. do	17:44	00:09	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee, red flares with green stars. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 2109.3 hours on a heading of 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on group of flares. Glow of fires were seen on leaving target up to 50 miles past target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2502
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.815 "H"	J.22024 P/L Sales J.B.	do	17:42	00:17	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red flares, green stars and red T.I.'s. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 2110.8 hours on a heading of 100° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of flares. Homeward glow of fires and very large explosion were visible for distance of 40/50 miles. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2503
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.803 "I"	J.92579 P/O Proud R.P.	do	17:35	23:55	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R., Gee and skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 2110.8 hours on a heading of 100° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on savitavsu position or skymarkers red with green stars which burnt out a few seconds before able to bomb. Several glows could be seen through cloud. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2504

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NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.695 "X"	J.28109 P/O Loppe L.W.	BOMBING COLOGNE/RALE M.Y.	17:32	00:06	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's. skymarkers red with green stars and gee. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 2107.5 hours on a heading of 090° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on red skymarkers with green stars. Markers appeared scattered. Oil leak in starboard outer engine made at 0.8 on run into target. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2505
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.35687 P/O Peaker G.E.	do	17:28	00:15	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 2109 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 I.A.S. The bombs were released on skymarkers red with green stars. Bombing appeared well concentrated. 1 cluster No. 14 C 6/10 hung up over target and were jettisoned at position 513N 0210E at 2235 hours, 12,000 feet. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2506
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.704 "L"	J.20939 P/O Maguire E.S.	do	17:38	00:07	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars and gee. The attack was made from 20,000 feet at 2110.4 hours on a heading of 100° at 160 M.P.H. The bombs were released on gee as skymarkers faded out at time of bombing. Glow of flares could be seen through cloud in the run out. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2507
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "P"	G.190 W/O Davenport R.F.	do	17:30	00:14	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.R., gee, and skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2111.5 hours on a heading of 080° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on red glow seen through cloud, believed from red T.I's. No results of bombing were observed. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2508
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.691 "Y"	J.14453 P/L Wallace J.M.	do	17:41	00:19	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee and red flares with green stars. The attack was made from 19,500 feet at 2108.1 hours on a heading of 100° at 152 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of flares. Results were not observed, due to cloud. 1 cluster No. 14 C 6/10 hung up over target. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2509

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NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.705 "V"	J.27545 P/O Mills J.M.	BOMBING COLOGNE/KALK M.Y.	17:43	00:04	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars and gee. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2107 hours on a heading of 100° at 165 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of skymarkers red with green stars. Markers appeared very scattered and numerous fires could be seen through cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2510
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.698 "U"	J.36201 P/O Barron G.A.H.	DO	17:27	23:57	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 2109:7 hours on a heading of 095° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of sky-markers red with green stars. A large glow through cloud indicated scattered bombing. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2511
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.807 "P"	J.89537 P/O Hamilton J.D.	do	17:39	23:59	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 18,500 feet at 2109 hours on a heading of 100° at 165 I.A.S. The bombs were released on skymarkers red with green stars. The bombing appeared well concentrated and left a large glow on cloud. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2512
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.797 "N"	J.35270 P/O Hemming G.C.	do	17:40	23:54	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by gee, red flares and green stars. The attack was made from 19,500 feet at 2109 hours on a heading of 100° at 155 M.P.H. The bombs were released on centre of flares. The glow of bomb bursts as well as larger explosions and fires could be seen reflected on cloud. These were also visible 20 minutes past target. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2513
NIGHT 30/31.12.44	HALIFAX VII NP.609 "M"	G.35269 P/O Patterson N.E.	do	17:39	23:52	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by D.H., gee and skymarkers red with green stars. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 2109:7 hours on a heading of 100° at 160 I.A.S. The bombs were released on skymarkers red with green stars. No groundmarkers were seen. One large glow could be seen through cloud right over target area. The aircraft landed at Base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 12 clusters No. 14 C 6/10.	A.2514

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