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NIGHT 4/5.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP-755 "A"	J.26109 P/O Leppe	L.W.W. BOMBING WARRINGO-BIRMINGHAM	19:41	01:52	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 2231.7 hours on a heading of 095° at 178 knots. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Marking excellent and bombing concentrated. Two large orange explosions seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3026
NIGHT 4/5.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP-736 "B"	J.90502 P/O Allen	J.J. do	19:48	01:45	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and H.S. The attack was made from 18,100 feet at 2229.8 hours on a heading of 100° at 179 knots. The bombs were released on cluster of red and green T.C's. Marking was concentrated and plentiful. Two large orange explosions were seen. 1 x 500 lbs. AM.64 hung up over target and jettisoned at position 58°N 055°E from 4,000 feet at 0007.5 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3027
NIGHT 4/5.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP-229 "A"	J.8654 S/L Miller	R.E. do	19:42	01:55	This crew report 2/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 2229.2 hours on a heading of 100° at 181 knots. The bombs were released on centre of mixed red and green T.I's. Two orange explosions seen. After leaving target, fires were seen in the marked area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3028
NIGHT 4/5.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP-233 "D"	J.36245 P/L Clarke	A.J. do	19:47	02:03	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by illuminating flares, red and green T.I's. and H.S. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 2232.9 hours on a heading of 101° at 181 knots. The bombs were released on a group of green T.I's. Marking excellent and bombing concentrated. Two good explosions were seen at 2229 hours and 2231 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3029
NIGHT 4/5.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP-708 "F"	J.89617 P/O Kinniburgh	J. do	19:49	02:05	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and H.S. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2233.1 hours on a heading of 082° at 184 knots. The bombs were released on centre of mixed red and green T.I's. Marking was concentrated, with five large orange explosions giving off black smoke seen on run up. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3030

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NIGHT 4/5/45	HALIFAX VII HP-697 "M"	J.41041 P/O Paul J.S.	BOMBING HAMBURG-BREITENBURG	19:50	01:55	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. and visually by canal. The attack was made from 18,100 feet at 2230.4 hours on a heading of 090° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Huge plume shot up in the middle of T.I's. Black chi-marks rose to 5,000 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM-64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3031
NIGHT 4/5/45	HALIFAX VII HP-208 "Q"	J.16984 P/L Willie D.M.	do	19:39	01:47	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's, M.C. and visually. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 2231 hours on a heading of 100° at 173 knots. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Large explosions seen in dock area of Hamburg. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM-64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3032
NIGHT 4/5/45	HALIFAX VII HP-805 "J"	J.41586 P/O Ritchie R.F.	do	19:46	02:10	This crew report thin low cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2231.0 hours on a heading of 095° at 176 knots. The bombs were released on centre of concentration of red and green T.I's. Marking excellent. At 2231.3 hours large explosion lit up the sky. At position 5236N 0705E 2325.5 hours 4,000 feet enemy aircraft came in from starboard astern. Both rear and mid upper gunners opened fire and enemy aircraft blew up and pieces flew out in all directions. One enemy aircraft destroyed. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM-64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3033
NIGHT 4/5/45	HALIFAX VII HP-893 "K"	J.91181 P/O Pearl H.E.	do	19:44	02:01	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by green T.I's. and M.C. check. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 2235.5 hours on a heading of 358° at 187 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Marking was plentiful and good concentration. Smoke and fire in target area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM-64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3034
NIGHT 4/5/45	HALIFAX VII HP-454 "P"	J.42150 P/O King A.H.	do	19:53	01:54	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's, M.C. and visually. The attack was made from 17,800 feet at 2231.7 hours on a heading of 090° at 178 knots. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Markers plentiful. Bombs seemed to be well concentrated. One very large explosion seen at 2234 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM-64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3035

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NIGHT 4/5.4.45	HALIFAX VII EP.243 "X"	J.41182 P/O Smith	BOMBING HARRING/HINDANTA	19:40	21:36	This crew were abortive not over enemy territory. Tank was abandoned over base at 1941 hours 2,000 feet. Hydraulic line in bomb bay broke and fluid was lost making it impossible to raise undercarriage. 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. Jettisoned at position 5034N 0138E from 2,000 feet at 2055 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.5036
NIGHT 4/5.4.45	HALIFAX VII EP.235 "S"	R189599 P/S Neville	P.C. do	19:52	01:58	This crew report 2 - 3/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 2231.0 hours on a heading of 075° at 182 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Markers were concentrated, with bombing accurate in the marked area. Oil fire burning in target area with a large orange explosion giving off black smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.5037
NIGHT 4/5.4.45	HALIFAX VII EP.694 "B"	J.90249 P/O Brown D.F.	do	19:45	01:48	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 16,900 feet at 2231.5 hours on a heading of 109° at 175 knots. The bombs were released on centre of mixed red and green T.I's. Marking was concentrated. Several fires were seen in the target area glowing white. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.5038
NIGHT 4/5.4.45	HALIFAX VII EP.448 "V"	J.95080 P/O Daly J.J.	do	19:43	01:49	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 2232 hours on a heading of 085° at 191 knots. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Marking was concentrated and plentiful. Bombing was concentrated on markers. One large yellow orange explosion was seen at 2233 hours. On leaving target smoke was seen rising to 3,000 feet and covering target area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.5039
NIGHT 4/5.4.45	HALIFAX VII EP.774 "Z"	R190240 P/S Jamer D.W.	do	19:51	01:59	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,800 feet at 2232.7 hours on a heading of 100° at 186 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I's. Bombing concentrated in target area. Bomb area hit. Large explosion with black smoke seen at 2229 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.5040

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NIGHT 8/9/45	HALIFAX VII FN-229 "C"	J.7446 W/C France H.A.	BOMBING HAMBURG	19:13	01:41	This crew report 9 - 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.s., illuminating flares and sky flares green with red stars. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 2252 hours on a heading of 150° at 178 T.A.S. The bombs were released on sky-marking flares red with green stars. <del>Some minor explosions in target area at 2215, 2235 and 2240 hours. Glow of flares quite distinct on return.</del> The aircraft landed at market harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3041
NIGHT 8/9/45	HALIFAX VII FN-235 "G"	J.8654 S/L Miller W.E.	do	1921.1	23:40	This crew were abortive over enemy territory. At 2134 hours, starboard outer out and bombsight computer cut u/s. The tank was abandoned at position 5430N 0622E 6,000 feet at 2136 hours. At position 5456N 0551E 2152 hours from 5,000 feet 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. were jettisoned. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3042
NIGHT 8/9/45	HALIFAX VII FN-233 "D"	J.36345 S/L Clarke A.J.	do	19:26	02:00	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by glow of red T.I.s. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 22:11 hours on a heading of 150° at 130 knots. The bombs were released on centre of glow from red T.I.s. ground detail obscured, but bombing seemed concentrated with two large explosions seen on our run up. Aircraft hit by first salvo over Hamburg. <del>Time not known. <del>Starboard inner engine hit by heavy flak and seized at about 2100 hours but propeller resistant feather and eventually flew off.</del></del> The aircraft landed at little staughton without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3043
NIGHT 8/9/45	HALIFAX VII FN-224 "C"	J.28109 S/O Lopez L.W.	do	19:16	01:24	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I.s., M23 and red flares with green stars. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2252 hours on a heading of 160° at 177 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red and green T.I.s. Marking was pretty well concentrated. A few minor explosions were also seen in this area. The aircraft landed at market harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A-3044

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NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.637 *W*	J.89617 P/O Kinniburgh J.	BOMBING HAMBURG	19:17	01:23	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by H2S, sky-markers and green T.I's. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 2236.6 hours on a heading of 166° at 206 knots. The bombs were released on edge of green T.I's. Bombing results could not be observed. On leaving target the glow of three large explosions was seen. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3045.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.208 *Q*	J.91181 P/O Kearl H.E.	do	19:18	01:45	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by H2S, red and green T.I's, and red flares with green stars. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 2231.7 hours on a heading of 190° at 176 T.I's. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. Markers were concentrated. A large red-orange explosion was seen at 2232 hours which sky-markers burned with an orange flame. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3046.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.736 *B*	J.90505 P/O Allen G.J.	do	19:15	01:19	This crew report 9/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I's, and sky-marking flares. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 2234.2 hours on a heading of 188° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. Marking was plentiful and well concentrated. Two large explosions were seen on leaving target. 1 x 500 lbs. M.C. hung up over target and brought back. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3047.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.805 *J*	J.90510 P/O Bain J.I.	do	19:29	22:03	This crew were abortive not over enemy territory. Star-board inner engine out at 1950 hours whilst over base. 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. jettisoned at position 5435N 0054E from 3,500 feet at 2230.6 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3048.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.705 *W*	J.41182 P/O Smith A.E.	do	19:22	01:39	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red flares with green stars. The attack was made from 17,800 feet at 22:39 hours on a heading of 190° at 178 T.I's. The bombs were released on cluster of sky-markers. Cloud obscured the target, but the glow of some flares could be seen. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3049.

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NIGHT 8/9.4.45.	HALIFAX VII MP.693 "X"	R149113 W/O Brower D.A.	BOMBING HAMBURG	19:19	21:49	This crew were abortive not over enemy territory. Task was abandoned at position 5342N 0150E 3,500 feet at 20.35 hours. The propeller of starboard outer kept feathering and it could not be kept unfeathered. Garded on in stream for about 15 minutes after trouble started but we were towing height. 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. Jetticed at position 5443N 0008E from 2,000 feet at 20.54 hours. This aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3050.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII RG.454 "P"	J.93020 P/O Daly J.J.	do	19:17	01:35	This crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I.'s and H2G. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 2232.2 hours on a heading of 185° at 184 T.A.S. The bombs were released on glow from red T.I.'s. Moderate explosion seen under cloud just after dropping bombs. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3051
NIGHT 8/9.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RG.479 "N"	J.48041 P/O Paul J.S.	do	19:14	01:29	This crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I.'s and skymarking. The attack was made from 17,200 feet at 2232.2 hours on a heading of 170° at 180 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I.'s. Marking was plentiful and concentrated. One large yellow explosion was seen at 2234 hours. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3052.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45.	HALIFAX VII MP.812 "M"	R190240 P/S Jamer D.W.	do	19:21	01:30	This crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red and green T.I.'s and skymarking flares. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 2233.4 hours on a heading of 190° at 175 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of three skymarking flares. Skymarking adequate. Large explosion seen on leaving target. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3053.
NIGHT 8/9.4.45.	HALIFAX VII MP.694 "R"	R189599 P/S Neville P.C.	do	19:25	01:37	This crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red flares with green stars and gee checks. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 2232.8 hours on a heading of 190° at 173 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of red skymarkers. No results of bombing seen. On homeward journey at position 5332N 0058E 18,400 feet 2233.8 hours one P.W.190 seen to starboard. Rear gunner fired as enemy aircraft missed in. tracer was seen to enter front of engine. claim: 1 P.W.190 damaged. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3054

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NIGHT 8/9.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "W"	J.41957 P/O Nicholas A.R.	BOOMBING HAMBURG	19:24	01:51	this crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by sky-marking red with green stars. The attack was made from 18,200 feet at 2233.0 hours on a heading of 190° at 199 knots. The bombs were released on edge-of-sky markers. Marking was plentiful and bombing appeared to be quite concentrated. 1 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 brought back due to hang up. The aircraft landed at Market Harborough without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3055
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RG.802 "Q"	J.8654 S/L Miller W.E.	BOOMBING LEIPZIG	13:45	22:06	this crew report no cloud. The target was identified by T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 1900.5 hours on a heading of 125° at 170 knots. The bombs were released on batch of yellow T.I's. Target was well pruned. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3056
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RG.448 "V"	J.93020 P/O Daly J.J.	do	13:50	21:50	this crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,100 feet at 1800.5 hours on a heading of 125° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of railway yard markers were concentrated. Target was well covered with bomb bursts. Smoke was billowing up to 5,000 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3057
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII PH.224 "O"	J.41041 P/O Paul J.B.	do	13:53	22:00	this crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,300 feet at 1800.1 hours on a heading of 130° at 175 knots. The bombs were released on marshalling yard. Bombing appeared to be concentrated. Position and target were damaged by heavy flak whilst in target area at 1759.3 hours 17,200 feet. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3058
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.774 "Z"	8130240 P/S James D.W.	do	13:54	22:16	this crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 1800.0 hours on a heading of 125° at 179 knots. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. Marking was clear and concentrated. Bombing concentrated on target area, and black smoke was seen coming up to 5,000 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3059

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10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF-698 "X"	R189599 P/S Neville	P.O. BOMBING LEIPZIG	13:43	22:02	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,100 feet at 1800.2 hours on a heading of 110° at 175 knots. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. markers well concentrated. Dark grey cloud of smoke over target. Fighter cover was excellent. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3060
10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF-235 "B"	J.17865 P/O Martindale P.A.	do	13:52	21:53	This crew report no cloud, visibility good. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,800 feet at 1800.8 hours on a heading of 105° at 162 knots. The bombs were released on the aiming point visually. Marking was concentrated. Target area was completely obscured by smoke. Post side of fuselage by VAC position hit by flak once whilst over target area at 1800 hours, 16,800 feet. The aircraft landed at base Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3061
10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF-705 "Y"	J.93095 P/O McTaggart D.W.	do	13:56	21:49	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1801.5 hours on a heading of 118° at 171 K.N.S. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. A few bomb bursts were seen and these were quite accurate. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3062
10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF-767 "H"	J.41957 P/O Nicholson A.B.	do	13:38	22:10	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by marshalling yards and visually. The attack was made from 17,100 feet at 1800.4 hours on a heading of 132° at 170 knots. The bombs were released visually on marshalling yards. Too early in target area to assess attack. 8 x 500 lbs. hung up over target and jettisoned on autobahn to east of target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3063
10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF-755 "A"	J.28109 P/L Loppe L.W.	do	13:40	21:29	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,800 feet at 1801.0 hours on a heading of 115° at 171 knots. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. Bombing appeared to be accurate. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3064

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DAY 10.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.208 "O"	J.91181 P/O Kearl	B.B. BOMBING LAMPETO	13:44	21:42	this crew bomb wrong aiming point in error. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The crew report no cloud. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 1801 hours on a heading of 127° at 179 knots. The bombs were released on centre of red T.I's. and smoke. The red T.I's. on the aiming point we bombed were concentrated with smoke rising from the marked area. A.P.I. W/S temporarily over the target area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3065
DAY 10.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.705 "H"	J.89817 P/O Kinniburgh J. do	do	13:42	21:56	this crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1800.4 hours on a heading of 118° at 176 knots. The bombs were released on centre of yards. Markers were good. Black smoke came up quickly to 5,000 feet. Aircraft hit by enemy flak three times whilst in target area. 1800.5 hours 17,000 feet. A.P.I. knocked out, skin broken front of rear turret. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3066
DAY 10.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.736 "B"	J.90505 P/O Allen J.J. do	do	13:40	21:29	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,800 feet at 1801.1 hours on a heading of 120° at 176 knots. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. Bombs and markers very concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3067
DAY 10.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.805 "J"	J.90010 P/O Bain J.K. do	do	13:59	22:24	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,400 feet at 1800.5 hours on a heading of 129° at 170 knots. The bombs were released on yellow T.I's. Marking was adequate. Smoke rose from target up to 10,000 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3068
DAY 10.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.694 "R"	J.91163 P/O Turner B.B. do	do	13:48	15:27	this crew were abortive not over enemy territory. The task was abandoned over base due to starboard outer oil pressure dropping to 10 and cylinder head temperature running at limitations for 1 hour. O.G.U. on starboard inner was also leaking badly. 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. Jettisoned at position 5504r 00018 from 8,500 feet at 1448 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3069

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DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EP.229 "G"	J.43182 P/O Smith	A-B BOMBING LIMPING	13:59	21:51	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 1804.0 hours on a heading of 122° at 176 knts. Bombing attack was concentrated. General semi fires were seen in target area and smoke covered most of the area. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ARM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3070
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EP.693 "K"	R148113 W/O BROWNE D.A.	do	13:45	19:58	This crew were abortive. Task was abandoned at 5200h 0800E 1/02 hours 17,400 feet. Starboard outer running very hot and oil pressure dropped away down, so had to feather. While feathering there was a terrific vibration which was found later to have been the main bearing seizing up. To hold height it was found necessary to boost engines too much, and starboard inner was also running very warm, so decided to abandon task. 6 x 500 lbs. ARM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. jettisoned at position 5146j 0300E from 5,000 feet at 1829 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ARM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3071
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EP.478 "H"	J.43185 P/O Repler S.M.	do	13:55	21:55	This crew report no clouds. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1800.0 hours on a heading of 126° at 183 knts. The bombs were released visually. Bombing was concentrated on target area and brownish smoke was seen hanging over the target area on way out. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ARM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3072
DAY 10.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EP.697 "M"	J.43223 P/O Collins P.L.	do	13:51	22:12	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 16,500 feet at 1801 hours on a heading of 125° at 181 knots. The bombs were released on centre of yellow T.I's. Marks and bombs well mixed and concentrated. 5 x 500 lbs. M.C. jettisoned at position 5224j 0310E from 8,000 feet at 2036 hours due to hang up over target. Bomb doors damaged - cause not known. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. ARM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3073

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NIGHT 13/14.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.703 "H"	J.8654 S/L Miller W.E.	BOMBING KIE.	20:19	02:24	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I.s. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2328.7 hours on a heading of 165° at 177 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of descending green T.I.s. A few bomb bursts could be seen in the vicinity of the T.I.s. cloud obscured all other results. The aircraft landed at Honeybourne without incident. Load carried, 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3074
NIGHT 13/14.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.627 "H"	J.89817 P/O Kinniburgh J. do		20:05	03:03	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by M.C. The attack was made from 15,000 feet at 2329.6 hours on a heading of 210° at 178 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I.s. No explosions or glow of fires seen. Flashes seemed concentrated. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried, 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3075
NIGHT 13/14.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.736 "H"	J.90505 P/O Allen S.J. do		20:13	03:19	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I.s. and M.C. The attack was made from 15,200 feet at 2330.0 hours on a heading of 183° at 178 knots. The bombs were released on centre of glow of green T.I.s. Marking was plentiful and concentrated. Bombing was concentrated on markers. Large explosion occurred at 2330.7 hours from the target area. The aircraft landed at Norton-in-Parah without incident. Load carried, 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3076
NIGHT 13/14.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.805 "H"	J.90510 P/O Bain J.E. do		20:15	02:45	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I.s. and M.C. The attack was made from 15,500 feet at 2330.3 hours on a heading of 170° at 165 knots. The bombs were released on centre of glow of green T.I.s. No results of bombing seen. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried, 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3077
NIGHT 13/14.4.45	HALIFAX VII NF.208 "H"	J.91181 P/O Kearn H.E. do		20:10	23:40	This crew were abortive. Tank was abandoned at position 54.0N 03.00E 2128 hours 3,000 feet. Starboard inner propeller feathered itself causing vibration. 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. jettisoned at position 54.2N 03.12E from 2,000 feet at 2225 hours to lighten aircraft. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3078

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NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-229 "C"	J.41182 P/O Smith A.E.	BOMBING T.M.	20:07	02:36	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by glow of green T.I's. and H2's. The attack was made from 16,100 feet at 2332.1 hours on a heading of 165° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green glow under cloud. Glow of green T.I's. concentrated. No results of bombing seen. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3079
NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-759 "A"	R149113 W/O Brewer D.A.	do	20:06	03:02	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I's. and illuminating flares. The attack was made from 16,400 feet at 2332.5 hours on a heading of 260° at 180 T.I's. The bombs were released on centre of glow of green T.I's. A few bomb bursts were seen, with some undershooting. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3080
NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-448 "A"	J.93020 P/O Daly J.J.	do	20:12	02:31	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green glow and H2's. The attack was made from 16,700 feet at 2332.8 hours on a heading of 230° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green glow. No explosions or fires seen. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3081
NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-224 "C"	J.41041 P/O Paul J.S.	do	20:18	02:55	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red flares and green T.I's. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 2332.5 hours on a heading of 210° at 176 T.I's. The bombs were released on centre of glow from green T.I's. No explosions or fires seen. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3082
NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-774 "B"	R190240 P/S James D.W.	do	20:16	02:25	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by H2's. The attack was made from 16,200 feet at 2331.0 hours on a heading of 165° at 178 T.I's. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I's. The ground flashes seen through cloud were fairly concentrated. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3083
NIGHT 13/11.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN-476 "B"	R189599 P/S Neville P.C.	do	20:14	02:41	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I's. The attack was made from 16,700 feet at 2331.5 hours on a heading of 230° at 176 T.I's. The bombs were released on centre of glow of green T.I's. Marking was fairly well concentrated with a few bombs seen bursting within the marked area. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.C. and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3084

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NIGHT 13/4.4.45	HALIFAX VII RN.235 "G"	J.17865 P/O Martindale	R.A.C. BOMBING KIEL	20:08	02:50	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by 129. The attack was made from 16,400 feet at 2328.5 hours on a heading of 215° at 183 T.A.S. The bombs were released on flares. A reddish glow could be seen under cloud. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3085
NIGHT 13/4.4.45	HALIFAX VII RN.767 "H"	J.41957 P/O Nicholson	A.M. do	20:11	02:26	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I.s. The attack was made from 16,400 feet at 2331.9 hours on a heading of 160° at 180 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of cascading green T.I.s. Several minor explosions were seen on leaving the target area. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3086
NIGHT 13/4.4.45	HALIFAX VII RN.765 "W"	J.93095 P/O Motegart	D.W. do	20:09	03:00	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by green T.I.s. and 129. The attack was made from 15,800 feet at 2330.5 hours on a heading of 178° at 180 knots. The bombs were released on centre of green T.I.s. Good concentration of markers. The results of bombing seen. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3087
NIGHT 13/4.4.45	HALIFAX VII RN.241 "T"	J.42333 P/O Collins	J.L. do	20:17	03:08	This crew report 10/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by illuminating flares and red T.I.s. The attack was made from 15,600 feet at 2339.2 hours on a heading of 176° at 188 T.A.S. The bombs were released on red T.I.s. Bomb flashes were concentrated. Glow of two distinct fires could be seen through cloud. The aircraft landed at Long Marston without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3088
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN.224 "G"	J.14453 P/L Wallace	J.M. BOMBING HULLING AND	10:11	15:08	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually, and by red T.I.s. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1229.7 hours on a heading of 172° at 179 knots. The bombs were released on centre of runway, no markers being visible. Bombing appeared excellent. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 3 x 1000 lbs. AM.65, 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3089
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII RN.179 "W"	J.41041 P/L Paul	J.S. do	10:14	14:55	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 1229.2 hours on a heading of 174° at 175 knots. The bombs were released visually. Markers well placed and concentrated. Bombing very concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3090

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DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII BN.448 "W"	R189667 W/O Gelineau W.J.	BOEMING 100.1000.100	10:23	15:00	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 18,000 feet at 1230 hours on a heading of 178° at 178 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing appeared to be concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3091
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.628 "W"	R189599 F/S Neville F.C.	do	10:24	15:06	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.S. and visually. The attack was made from 18,200 feet at 1229.9 hours on a heading of 180° at 173 knots. The bombs were released visually on intersection of runways. Bombing seen appeared to be accurate. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3092
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.705 "Y"	J.17865 F/L Martindale R.A.C.	do	10:18	14:54	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually and by Red T.I.S. The attack was made from 18,700 feet at 1229.3 hours on a heading of 175° at 176 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing appeared to be concentrated on aiming point. Whole island was covered by smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C.; 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3093
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII BN.454 "P"	J.90830 F/L Bigland J.S.	do	10:20	14:38	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 18,400 feet at 1229.5 hours on a heading of 172° at 180 knots. The bombs were released visually. Concentration of bombs seemed to be good all over target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3094
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.802 "Q"	J.42150 F/O King A.E.	do	10:19	14:53	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.S. and visually. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1229.9 hours on a heading of 177° at 178 T.A.S. The bombs were released on red T.I.S. Bombing was accurate. Fires were seen on the aiming point. 1 x 1000 lbs. M.C. hung up over target and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3095
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.694 "R"	J.90240 F/O Brown D.P.	do	10:10	14:51	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.S. and visually. The attack was made from 17,800 feet at 1231 hours on a heading of 170° at 173 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing was very concentrated. Whole island was covered with smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3096

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DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.693 "K"	J.4386 P/O Ritchie	R.F. BOMBING IRELAND	10:13	15:03	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1231 hours on a heading of 175° at 170 knots. The bombs were released on a heading of 175° at 170 knots. The bombs were concentrated. 1 x 500 lbs. M.C. hung up and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3097
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.755 "A"	J.4385 P/O Repler	R.M. do	10:16	15:05	This crew report very slight cloud. The target was identified by T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 17,000 feet at 1230.7 hours on a heading of 180° at 177 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of smoke. Bombing was concentrated, but smoke obscured any results from being seen. 1 x 1000 lbs. M.C. hung up over target and jettisoned at position 54 deg 05 min from 10,000 feet at 1310 hours. Smoke hole in starboard wing and small hole in W/U target caused water to leak or burst from exploding aircraft whilst in target area. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried, 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3098
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "E"	J.2785 P/L Bugoslav	D.C. do	10:12	14:48	This crew report 6/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 17,800 feet at 1229.5 hours on a heading of 165° at 180 T.A.S. The bombs were released visually. Attack was very concentrated with very little wild bombing. At 1229 hours a large explosion was seen from the northern edge of island. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 3 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 6 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3099
DAY 18.4.45	HALIFAX VII NP.229 "C"	J.4182 P/O Gaith	A.B. do	10:17	15:01	This crew report 2/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1231.4 hours on a heading of 175° at 172 T.A.S. The bombs were released on centre of smoke rising from the main island. The bombs were all on the island and a lot of smoke was covering the whole place. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3100
DAY 18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.208 "G"	J.2181 P/O Kearl	A.B. do	10:26	14:52	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 17,200 feet at 1230.5 hours on a heading of 175° at 174 T.A.S. The bombs were released visually. Bombing concentrated, but most of target obscured by smoke and dust. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried, 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3101

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18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.627 "P"	J.89817 P/O Kinniburgh J.	BOMBING NEWZEALAND	10:25	15:13	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 17,200 feet at 1231.3 hours on a heading of 184° at 150 knots. The bombs were released on centre of island. Bombing was concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. H.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. H.C.	A.3102
18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.736 "P"	J.90505 P/L Allen G.V.	do	10:21	15:10	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 17,500 feet at 1232.0 hours on a heading of 189° at 171 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing was concentrated on the aiming point, and the whole island was obscured by smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. H.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. H.C.	A.3103
18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.703 "P"	J.90510 P/L Bain J.K.	do	10:15	15:07	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 17,200 feet at 1231.5 hours on a heading of 175° at 175 knots. The bombs were released on centre of smoke. Bombing was very concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 5 x 1000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. H.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. H.C.	A.3104
18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.241 "P"	J.37864 P/O Raymond G.M.	do	10:20	14:57	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 1230.5 hours on a heading of 174° at 150 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing attack looked very concentrated on aiming point and fires were seen starting in built up area among bomb bursts. 1 x 1000 lbs. H.C. hung up over target and jettisoned at position 51200 GCH from 17,000 feet at 1232 hours. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. H.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. H.C.	A.3105
18.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.478 "P"	R.90520 P/S Jersey D.W.	do	09:49	14:59	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red and yellow T.I.s. and visually. The attack was made from 19,000 feet at 1229.0 hours on a heading of 177° at 161 knots. The bombs were released visually. Bombing was very accurate. Reddish smoke or dust began to obscure the island after the bombs. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 1 x 1000 lbs. H.C., 6 x 1000 lbs. H.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. H.C.	A.3106



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DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII PR.233 "D"	J.41182 P/O Gaith A.E.	BOMBING BRUSH	16:17	21:31	This crew abandoned mission over target area on instructions of master bomber at 1905 hours. This crew report 7-8/10GHS. cloud over target. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3107
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII PR.238 "G"	J.41183 P/O Keen W.B.	do	16:20	21:42	this crew abandoned mission at position 5312, 0840E, 17,500 feet at 1904.9 hours. Goggle poor, not enough smoke; 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3108
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.697 "F"	J.42817 P/O Gilmbergh J.	do	16:12	21:38	this crew abandoned mission, target area at 1905 hours 17,200 feet. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3109
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.736 "H"	J.40505 P/L Allen S.J.	do	16:17	21:51	This crew abandoned mission over target area on instructions of master bomber at 1904 hours. The target was identified by gun. 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3110
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.725 "A"	J.40510 P/L Bain J.K.	do	16:15	21:44	This crew abandoned mission at position 5332, 0835E at 1904.8 hours, 17,500 feet on master bomber's instructions. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as ordered. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3111
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII PR.441 "I"	J.47864 P/O Raymond S.M.	do	16:11	21:41	this crew abandoned task over target area on master bomber's instructions at 1907 hours. This crew report 7/10GHS. cloud over target. Goggle was poor. 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. G.P. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3112
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.812 "M"	J.42208 P/O Bross N.E.	do	16:08	22:02	This crew abandoned mission over target area at 1905 hours on master bomber's instructions. 6/10GHS. cloud over target reported. Goggle concentrated over target, but loose at other times. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as ordered. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3113

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DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP.220 "C"	J.27836 P/L Bugalag	P.G. BOLEING BRACKEN	16:16	21:56	This crew abandoned mission over target on instructions of master bomber at 1905 hours. 10/10ths cloud over eastern part of city. Gaggles too loose on nearly whole trip, except near target. 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3114
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP.224 "C"	J.14453 P/L Wallace	P.H. do	16:05	21:27	This crew abandoned mission over target area on instructions of master bomber at 1907 hours. 6/10ths cloud in target area, and considerable smoke. 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3115
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP.696 "X"	J.41041 P/L Paul J.S.	do	16:14	21:59	This crew abandoned mission at position 5239N 0352E at 1818 hours 10,500 feet due to starboard outer engine being unserviceable. 6 x 500 lbs. G.F. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 jettisoned at position 5239N 0352E from 10,500 feet at 1817.1 hours in light aircraft. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. G.F. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3116
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP.448 "W"	HP9267 P/O Collins	P.F. do	16:09	21:39	This crew abandoned mission at target area on instructions of master bomber at 1906 hours 17,500 feet. 7/10ths cloud in target area. 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3117
DAY 22.4.45	HALIFAX VII HP.694 "B"	HP9240 P/O James D.V.	do	16:04	21:34	This crew abandoned mission at target area on instructions of master bomber at 1905 hours 17,500 feet. 8/10ths cloud in target area. Gaggles was poor. 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3118
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII HP.707 "W"	HP9599 P/O Neville P.C.	do	16:13	22:06	This crew abandoned mission at target area 1805 hours 17,800 feet on instructions of master bomber. 5/10ths cloud in the target area. Gaggles very loose. 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. H.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64.	A.3119

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DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4705 *P*	J.17865 P/L Martindale	R.A.C. BOMBING BOMBERS	16:05	22:05	This crew abandoned mission over target area due to master bomber's instructions at 1905 hours 17,500 feet. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 brought back as ordered. This aircraft diverted to base due to A.S.P. being unserviceable. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64.	A.3120
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4454 *P*	J.90830 P/L Stigant J.S.	do	16:06	21:35	This crew abandoned mission over target area at 1905 hours due to master bomber's instructions. Eastern half of base clear, otherwise 10/10ths. cloud over town. 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64.	A.3121
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4002 *Q*	J.42150 P/O King A.S.	do	16:07	21:32	This crew abandoned mission over target area at 1906 hours due to master bomber's instructions. 7/10ths. cloud over target. Goggles very spread out. 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 brought back to base as instructed. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 6 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64.	A.3122
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4309 *Q*	J.7446 W/O France M.A.	BOMBING WATERBOMBER	14:56	19:34	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.T's. and visually. The attack was made from 11,500 feet at 1717.5 hours on a heading of 135° at 175 P.L.S. The bombs were released on centre of red T.T's. Bombing seemed to be accurate. Smoke covered the target and rose to about 1,000 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3123
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4353 *Q*	J.41182 P/O Smith A.S.	do	15:07	19:25	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1717.1 hours on a heading of 111° at 166 P.L.S. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing was accurate and target obscured by smoke. Bombing was accurate and target obscured by smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3124
DAY 22.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP4697 *Q*	J.42333 P/O Collins J.L.	do	15:06	19:15	This crew report 6/10ths. cloud. The target was identified by red T.T's. and visually. The attack was made from 11,500 feet at 1717.5 hours on a heading of 110° at 189 P.L.S. The bombs were released on smoke. Bomb flashes covered a small area. Goggles very spread out. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. ANM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3125

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25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF.736 "B"	J.89817 P/L Kimbrough	J. BOMBING WATERBOORD	19:02	19:47	This crew report no cloud, but slight ground haze. The target was identified by T.I.s and visually. The attack was made from 11,400 feet at 1719.1 hours on a heading of 110° at 168 knts. The bombs were released on smoke. The general area was well covered with fires. A good fire seen on leaving, on the western edge of the town. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. AN.64.	A.3126
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25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF.608 "B"	J.90510 P/L Bain J.H.	do	19:05	19:39	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1718.1 hours on a heading of 115° at 165 knts. The bombs were released on smoke. No markers seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 10 x 500 lbs. AN.64 and 4 x 500 lbs. G.P.	A.3127
25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF.692 "B"	J.91163 P/O Turner J.B.	do	19:07	19:41	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by smoke. The attack was made from 10,900 feet at 1717.2 hours on a heading of 105° at 164 knts. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing was concentrated on smoke area. Whole centre portion of island covered by smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. AN.64.	A.3128
25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF.698 "B"	J.57864 P/O Raymond B.H.	do	19:12	19:31	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I.s, and visually. The attack was made from 11,400 feet at 1718 hours on a heading of 110° at 168 knts. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing was concentrated and accurate. Smoke obscured the target and town. One small hole in starboard fin - damage unknown. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. AN.64.	A.3129
25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NF.225 "C"	J.43268 P/O Grease H.E.	do	19:09	19:48	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by yellow T.I.s, smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1717.1 hours on a heading of 112° at 171 knts. The bombs were released on smoke. On the run up a pall of grey white smoke with explosions was seen. On leaving the target some black smoke was seen rising from the centre of town. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried; 9 x 1000 lbs. M.C. and 4 x 500 lbs. AN.64.	A.3130
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DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EG.448 "W"	J.93020 P/L Daly J.S.	BOMBING WARRINGTON	19:00	19:21	This crew report no cloud, but slight haze. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,000 feet at 1717.5 hours on a heading of 110° at 173 knots. The bombs were released on smoke, markers were obscured by smoke. No fires seen. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. AMB.64.	A.3131
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EG.479 "W"	J.91041 P/L Paul J.S.	do	19:08	19:46	This crew report no cloud, but slight haze. The target was identified by red T.I's. and visually. The attack was made from 11,400 feet at 1717.2 hours on a heading of 120° at 174 knots. The bombs were released on centre of smoke. Some bombs went into the town, most bombs fell on aiming point. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. AMB.64.	A.3132
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EP.774 "Z"	R190240 P/S James J.W.	do	19:10	19:37	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's., M.G., and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1718 hours on a heading of 105° at 171 knots. The bombs were released on red T.I's. in centre of smoke. On leaving target brownish black smoke rising to 5,000 feet. Starboard panel of mid upper turret hit by flak once while in target area at 1718 hours 11,100 feet. The aircraft landed at base. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. AMB.64.	A.3133
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EG.478 "W"	R189599 P/S Neville E.C.	do	19:11	19:44	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 10,800 feet at 1738.2 hours on a heading of 111° at 164 knots. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing attack was concentrated. Whole target area was covered with mass of greyish black smoke. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. AMB.64.	A.3134
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII EG.450 "W"	J.90830 P/L Bigland J.S.	do	19:04	19:23	This crew report no cloud, good visibility. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,400 feet at 1718.7 hours on a heading of 112° at 177 knots. The bombs were released on smoke on instructions of master bomber. No markings seen. Smoke was greyish and was easily seen. Bombing well concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 9 x 1000 lbs. M.G. and 4 x 500 lbs. AMB.64.	A.3135

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DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.802 "Q"	J.42150 P/O King A.P.	BOMBING WAINBOROUGH	14:54	19:32	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by smoke, marker bombs and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1717.2 hours on a heading of 115° at 173 knots. The bombs were released on smoke, two reddish explosions seen in aiming point area in midst of smoke. Bombing well concentrated. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3136
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.694 "R"	J.50248 P/O Brown A.P.	do	14:55	19:30	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified visually. The attack was made from 10,800 feet at 1717.2 hours on a heading of 120° at 176 knots. The bombs were released on aiming point just short of low. Bombing appeared concentrated. On leaving target there appeared to be a chain of explosions. Large red flashes along north coast. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3137
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.812 "S"	J.27836 P/O Maguire F.G.	do	14:59	19:20	This crew report no cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's and visually. The attack was made from 10,800 feet at 1717.8 hours on a heading of 114° at 170 knots. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing was concentrated on aiming point. Grey brown smoke seen rising to 500 feet. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3138
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.759 "A"	B189667 W/O Collins M.J.	do	15:03	19:35	This crew report 10/10ths cloud. The target was identified by red T.I's and visually. The attack was made from 10,800 feet at 1717.0 hours on a heading of 114° at 165 T.A.S. The bombs were released on S.I's, seen through smoke. Target was not obscured by smoke and many bombs were seen kicking up sand. In the centre of the town the smoke was darker and higher than that on the edge. Smoke visible for 35 miles. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3139
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.785 "T"	J.33085 P/O Monaghan P.W.	do	14:58	19:18	This crew report no cloud, but smoke haze. The target was identified by red T.I's and visually. The attack was made from 11,400 feet at 1717.5 hours on a heading of 112° at 173 knots. The bombs were released on red T.I's and S.I's. were blocked by dark grey effective smoke screen. 1 x 500 lbs. AM.64 hung up over target area and brought back. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3140
DAY 25.4.45.	HALIFAX VII NP.707 "U"	J.41957 P/O Nicholson A.P.	do	15:01	19:38	This crew report no cloud, poor visibility. The target was identified by smoke and visually. The attack was made from 11,100 feet at 1718.1 hours on a heading of 113° at 165 T.A.S. The bombs were released on smoke. Bombing was pretty well concentrated on the target. The aircraft landed at base without incident. Load carried: 10 x 500 lbs. AM.64 and 6 x 500 lbs. M.C.	A.3141

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