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DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	Duty	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
2/3 Jan.	Halifax III "B" BX 282	Sgt. McKay, R.L. Sgt. Davidson J.E. Sgt. Dunlin F.W. Sgt. Oliver J. Sgt. Rein J. Sgt. Murphy J.E. Sgt. Fraser J.B.	Pilot Navigator WO/AG A/B A/C P/Eng. WO/AG	20:40	09:10	Were detailed to search in Nectaries. Dropped their mines in Nectaries I from 2155 to 2205, between 1500 and 2000 Ft. dropping 2 X B200 V, 2 X B202 V and 1 X C300 V 9 to 10/10ths. Tops 6000 Ft encountered over area. Beneath the cloud it was misty and visibility was fair. Due to white caps on sea it was difficult to correctly state the number of parachutes coming, but all crews report recognizing some.	Page 1 of 540
2/3 Jan.	Halifax III "B" BX 275	F/Sgt. Monahan J.M. F/Sgt. Garcia E.H. Sgt. Scott J.H. Sgt. Pearson W.J. Sgt. Mothersill E.J. Sgt. Knights J.W. Sgt. Field J.W.	Pilot Navigator WO/AG A/B A/C P/Eng. WO/AG	20:15	22:55	Same as above.	Page 1 of 540
2/3 Jan.	Halifax III "B" BX 283	Sgt. Stung F.J.D. F/Sgt. Taylor C.H. Sgt. Barron J.F. F/O Thresher A.H. Sgt. McInnes I.H. Sgt. Morgan L. Sgt. Fellows S.F.	Pilot Navigator WO/AG A/B A/C P/Eng. WO/AG	20:35	09:15	Same as above.	Page 1 of 540
2/3 Jan.	Halifax III BX 287 "B"	F/Sgt. Wilson J.A. F/O McCallan E.B. Sgt. Jackson H.C. F/O Seymour J.H. F/O Reed W.R. Sgt. Townsend J.H. F/O Higgins R.H.	Pilot Navigator WO/AG A/B A/C P/Eng. WO/AG	20:30	21:50	Returned early with Gee 4/3 bringing back B200 V 1 X C300 V.	Page 1 of 540

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20/21 Jan	Halifax III "B" HK-284	F/Sgt. Hall, G.E. F/Sgt. Mitchell, J.E. F/Sgt. Bernard, W.U. F/Sgt. Shaul, S.A. F/Lt. J.A. Cruikshank A/B F/Sgt. McLaren, G.E. Sgt. Jones, E.L. Sgt. Darnbrough, B.	Pilot 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP A/B A/C F/S MU/AG.	16:47	00:20	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. and 600 x 4 lb. I.B. bombs, arrived over target, Berlin, at 1936 hrs. and bombed from 21,000 feet. Red glow seen through cloud after bombing. Few A/C seen over 2/A and ground defences slight generally.	
20/21 Jan	Halifax III "C" HK-352	F/Sgt. Smith, J.C. Sgt. Boustead, W.R. Sgt. Mailey, J. Sgt. Boissvain, H.G. Sgt. Davis, A.K. Sgt. Meares, E. Sgt. Neil, E.J.	Cap. Nav. W/CP A/B A/C F/Eng. MU/AG.	16:45	23:35	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb. and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Berlin, at 1932 hrs. and bombed from 21,000 feet. Vis. was good. Target identified by markers, red with green stars. F.W.F. flares strung out in long lines, bombed centre of lines. No fire glow could be seen through clouds. One large yellow explosion seen at 1934 hrs. Attack appeared somewhat scattered. Target completely covered, so no results observed.	
20/21 Jan	Halifax III "B" HK-285	W/O James, D.H. W/O Sharpe, G.W. Sgt. Pearce, R.E. F/O S. A. Sinclair E/C D. H. Christie Sgt. Green, R.D. F/Sgt. Shields, D.F.	Cap. Nav. W/CP A/B A/C F/S MU/AG.	16:43	18:42	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb., and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., did not reach the target, Berlin, but made an early return. Undercarriage would not retract either mechanically or by hand pump. A/C flew out to sea and jettisoned H.B. (safe) from 6000 feet at 17:45 hrs. H.B. exploded. Flaps and bomb doors had to be hand pumped. A/C returned across English coast and was ordered to jettison remainder of load over sea, which it did from 6000 feet at 18:11 hrs. and returned to base.	

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20/21 Jan	Halifax III "W" IX-204	F/Lt. G. W. Walton F/Sgt. Fielding, C.F. F/O G. M. Walls F/O S. H. Hynes F/Sgt. Wilson, J.F. F/Sgt. Pottinger, R. Sgt. Brown, J.R. Sgt. Mohler, O.J.	Cap. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/O. A/S A/G F/Eng. MU/AG.	16:49	21:40	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 2x x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb. and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., bombed the Kiel Canal, the alternative target, the main objective being Berlin. Early return due to overload pumps being U/S. A/C arrived over target Kiel, at 18:15 hrs. and bombed from 20,000 feet. Target identified by D.R. position from green track marker north of Hildesheim on track B. Target was bombed through cloud on D.H., nothing could be seen. H.I.S. was U/S. A/C returned to base undamaged.	
20/21 Jan	Halifax III "K" IX-282	W/O C. B. Sinton DFC F/Lt. D. W. Simpson DFC F/O P. Demand DFC F/O B. A. Russell F/S Powell, W.B. F/Lt. R. R. Patterson Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Cap. Navigator W/O. A/B F/Eng. A/G MU/AG.	16:45	23:34	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 H.C., 2x x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb. and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Berlin, and bombed at 19:50 hrs. from 20,000 feet. Target identified by sky markers. Visibility clear over 10,000. First flares seen over target were well concentrated, target over cloud and obscured in line of clusters from E. to W. over target. A few large, bright red glows were seen through clouds. There was a concentration of A/C over T/A. Saw A/C, presumably, F.F.F., dropping sky markers, red with green stars, may have silhouetted returning A/C in light to Bomb A/C.	
20/21 Jan	Halifax III "V" IX-290	S/Lt. H. R. Patterson F/S Sanderson, F. F/O H.G.S. Dunbar F/Sgt. Orsson, W. F/O A. G. Kerr F/Sgt. Fry, W.J. F/Sgt. Kalyshnik, A. Sgt. Dhan, R.F.	Cap. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/O. A/B A/G F/Eng. MU/AG.	16:55	00:15	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 2x x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb. and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., arrived over the target, Berlin, and bombed at 19:52 hrs. from 20,500 feet. Visibility was good. Target identified by red flares with green stars. There were two concentrations of these about 5 miles apart. Centre of a group of red flares with green stars seen through bomb in flt. A/C bombed on the eastern concentration. A fair flow of fires was seen on clouds where this A/C released bombs. None cross the stream bombing area. Due to cloud, very little results observed. F.F.F. very scattered. "Oce" equipment became U/S while returning to base.	

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20/21 Jan	Halifax III "S" HK-275	P/O D. Brown Sgt. McKay, R.J. Sgt. Rumble, H. Sgt. Girtles, J. P/O R. L. Deane Sgt. Brotherhood, K.R. Sgt. Canon, R.J. P/O A. W. Jennings	Capt. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	16:41	23:44	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 2x x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb., and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Berlin, and bombed at 1939 hrs. from 21,500 feet. Visibility was clear. Target identified by sky markers, red with green stars. Bomb aimer saw scattered sky markers about 5 miles apart in a triangle. Slight orange glow through cloud, mostly white reflection of sky. A/C bombed on centre of red sky markers. MK XIV became U/S. Large number of A/C seen over target. Route markers quickly disappeared but were helpful. Route was good going in, but fairly tricky navigation to get out.	
20/21 Jan	Halifax III "H" HK-272	P/Sgt. Nielson, G. P/O A. G. Jira W/O Amey, D.M. W/O Cooper, H. P/Sgt. Milner, H.V. P/Sgt. McLaughlin, J.E. Sgt. Panton, C.W. W/S Wells, J.J.	Capt. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	16:51	23:59	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 2x x 30 lb., 600 x 4 lb., and 30 x 4 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Berlin, and bombed at 1940 hrs. from 21,700 feet. Visibility was good. Target identified by red flares and green stars, also H.C.S. Glow seen reflected on cloud over a small area. Pilot observed considerable bombing across the stream. Quite a number of A/C crossing at right angles. "Monica" equipment became U/S, also the H/U turret. A/C returned to base with 30 x 4 lb. I.B., X type, hung up.	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "R" HK-285	P/Lt. A. G. Jira P/O R.J. Malchen Sgt. Sealey, F.J. P/O B. A. Russell Sgt. Couture, M. Sgt. Smith, S.M. Sgt. Weiber, J.C.	Capt. Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	20:00	03:00	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 2x x 30 lb., and 30 x 4 lb. I.B.S., and 90 x 4 lb. "I", failed to return from this operation, the objective being Magdeburg. <i>See Encls 5 to 6 etc.</i>	

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21/22 Jan	Halifax III "A" HK-353	F/Sgt. Reinolt, R.C. F/Sgt. Sturdy, W.J.L. F/Sgt. Hardes, A.R.W. Sgt. Williams, D. H. P/O G. H. Wade Sgt. Dykes, G. Sgt. Ferguson, J.F. Sgt. Follows, S.W.	Cop. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP. A/B A/G F/Eng. MU/AG.	20:01	02:15	This A/O, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. and 840 x 4 lb. I.S.B., and 90 x 4 lb. "X", arrived over the target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:07 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Visibility was good. Target identified by white flames and fires; bomb aimer observed no ground markers, but quite a good area of fires widely scattered over an area of several miles square, with some smoke rising. H.2.S. equipment used. I.S.I. became U/S. 30 x 4 lb. I.S. hung up and were rescued when A/O landed. Small electrical storm seen 5 degrees East, on return trip. As A/O was U/S Pilot didn't know the speed of the A/O and was probably "feeling the engine" while there. One of the jump from H.2.S. there was only about half an hour's petrol left. An S.O.S. was sent advising that it might be necessary to ditch, but the petrol lasted until they landed at Gollighall, all petrol gauges reading "empty" the last 1 hr. This A/O, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. and 840 x 4 lb. I.S.B., and 90 x 4 lb. "X", failed to return from this operation, the objective being Magdeburg. See Form 500 - page 4 - to dated 23/1/44. Cont. according to book No. 2.	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "A" HK-289	F/Sgt. Wilson, J.A. P/O R. B. McClellan W/O Pepper, C.L. P/O J. H. Seymour P/O W. R. Reed Sgt. Townsend, J.M. P/O R. H. Magainey	Cop. Navigator W/CP. A/B A/G F/Eng. MU/AG.	20:00	03:00	This A/O, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. I.S.B., and 840 x 4 lb. I.S.B., and 90 x 4 lb. "X", arrived over the target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:14 hrs. from 20,21,000 feet. Visibility was good with some low cloud. Target identified by red III's by the river. Bomb sight became U/S and sighting head only was used. Bomb aimer saw large fires. H.2.S. and MONITOR equipment were not used. The D.H. Compass became U/S and the Astro Sextant froze. A/G deviated from the prescribed route and crossed enemy coast north of track. This was the first operation for this crew and was a very decided success.	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "A" HK-250	Sgt. McKay, R.C. Sgt. Davidson, J.E. Sgt. Davlyn, F.W. Sgt. Oliver, J. Sgt. Hein, J. F/Sgt. Martin, J.J. Sgt. Fraser, J.B.	Cop. Navigator W/CP. A/B A/G F/Eng. MU/AG.	20:02	03:12	This A/O, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. I.S.B., and 840 x 4 lb. I.S.B., arrived over the target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:14 hrs. from 20,21,000 feet. Visibility was good with some low cloud. Target identified by red III's by the river. Bomb sight became U/S and sighting head only was used. Bomb aimer saw large fires. H.2.S. and MONITOR equipment were not used. The D.H. Compass became U/S and the Astro Sextant froze. A/G deviated from the prescribed route and crossed enemy coast north of track. This was the first operation for this crew and was a very decided success.	

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21/22 Jan	Halifax III "H" HK-272	F/Sgt. Nielson, C. P/O W. L. Cantor DBM W/O Amey, D.M. W/O Cooper, H.	Cap. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP.	20:00	03:11	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 900 x 4 lb. and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:00 hrs. from 22,000 feet. Target identified by green II's, well concentrated. A/C bombed centre of these. Some smoke markers could not be identified. Target was fairly well defended, as to flak and fighters.	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "O" HK-292	F/Lt. G. W. Walton F/Lt. G. D. Edwards W/O G. M. Walls P/O S. M. Byrne F/Sgt. Wilson, D.F. F/Sgt. Potentier, R.E. Sgt. Brown, J.H. Sgt. Mohler, C.J.	Cap. 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP A/S A/C F/Eng. M/AC.	20:03	03:02	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 900 x 4 lb., and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:00 hrs. from 20,000 feet. Target identified by green II's, which were well concentrated. Bombing appeared to be slightly scattered. A/C returned across English coast and landed at Paltwell.	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "X" HK-262	W/O James, D.E. F/Sgt. Sharpe, C.W. Sgt. Pearce, R.E. F/Sgt. Oldson, J.K. P/O D. H. Christie Sgt. Green, R.D. F/Sgt. Shields, D.F.	Cap. Navigator W/CP A/S A/C F/Eng. M/AC	20:29	02:45	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 24 x 30 lb. and 90 x 4 lb. I.B., and 90 x 4 lb. "T", arrived over target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:19 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Broken cloud in target area, unbroken over target, which was identified by white H.C.S. A/C bombed on fires on the ground, which were scattered over an area of about 40 miles. There were no good concentrations of I.B. markers, and bombing was scattered. On return trip, A/C was running short of petrol when it was 40 miles out shore, sent out S.O.S. calling "Bobby", but Colishall answered. A/C deviated from prescribed course and cancelled S.O.S. on landing at Colishall. Petrol gauges read "Empty".	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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21/22 Jan	Halifax III "B" WX-294	F/Sgt. Stiles, W.A. F/O A. W. Morris F/O P. A. Schmitt Sgt. Boissvain, H.A. Sgt. Cassault, A.J.P. Sgt. Cummings, J.C. Sgt. Ludlow, R.L.S.	Captain Navigator W/O A/S A/C F/Sgt. W/O	20:15	02:37	This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 200 x 4 lb. and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over the target, Magdeburg, and bombed at 23:04 hrs. from 22,500 feet. Visibility was clear and target was identified by red and green markers. A/C bombed on red 2.2's, and crew observed very intense fires. H.2.S. became U/S. A/C deviated from the prescribed route and landed at Petwell. Pilot described this operation as a "very good show".	
21/22 Jan	Halifax III "B" WX-294	F/Sgt. Mitchell, V.B. F/O J. K. Shelden F/O McDougall, S. F/O R. D. Wilson F/O H. Cox Sgt. Lamsden, G. Sgt. McDonough, J.P.	Captain Navigator W/O A/S A/C F/Sgt. W/O	20:10	02:37	Target - Magdeburg. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 1 x 30 x 30 lbs., 810 x 4 lb. I.B., and 30 x 4 lb. I bombs arrived over target at 23:22 hrs. and bombed from 21,000 feet. Clouds patchy over target, which was identified by red and green 2.2 markers. Bombs fell through clouds on red glow. Bombing appeared to be scattered. This A/C reached target 10 minutes early, and made circuit 20 miles to port becoming late on target. Met intense heavy flak on return, just after crossing German coast. Diverted to Ostia all owing to shortage of fuel.	
25/29 Jan	Halifax III "B" WX-259	W/O James, D.E. W/O Major, J.J. W/O Sharpe, G.W. Sgt. Pearce, R.E. F/O S. A. Sinclair F/O D. H. Christie Sgt. Green, R.D. F/Sgt. Shields, D.P.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/O A/S A/C F/Sgt. W/O	00:22	07:55	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 1 x 570 x 4 lb., 24 x 30 lb. I.B., and 60 x 4 lb. I.B. I type, arrived over target and bombed at 07:42 hrs. from 21,000 feet, dropping bombs on red sky markers. Raid well concentrated, large numbers of A/C over target. A/C reports seeing three enemy fighters shot down.	

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28/29 Jan	Halifax III "B" NX-265	W/Sgt. Stiles, W.A.	Captain	00:20	07:58	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C. I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target and bombed at 03:48 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Target identified by red and green T.I. markers. A/C bombed centre of concentration of these, and fires could be seen on the ground through breaks in the cloud. Visibility was good. On return A/C, running short of petrol, deviated from course to Catfoss, where it crashed, killing the Pilot and injuring the W/O Gunner and Bomb aimer.	
		F/O A. W. Morris	Navigator				
		F/O F. A. Schobbb	W/OE.				
		Sgt. Boissevain, H.S.	A/S				
		Sgt. Cassinelli, A.M.	A/G				
		Sgt. Cummings, J.C.	F/Eng.				
		Sgt. Ludlow, R.L.	MI/AG.				
28/29 Jan	Halifax III "D" NX-265	F/O J. M. Gray	Captain	00:19	08:30	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C. I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target and bombed at 03:21 hrs. from 22,500 feet. Visibility was good and target was identified by sky markers, red flares and green stars. A/C bombed centre of these, which were well concentrated. Before reaching the target, an enormous explosion was seen through a break in the clouds. Wireless and "Geo" became U/S. One of the starboard tanks was holed while the A/C was proceeding to the target, nevertheless the A/C reached the target, released bombs and reduced speed so as to get as close to the English coast as possible. A/C was attacked twice on the return trip. Ditching took place approximately 20 miles off the English coast and the crew were picked up after being in the water for a half hour.	
		F/Sgt. Ryan, T.M.	Navigator				
		Sgt. Jackson, R.G.	W/OE.				
		F/Sgt. Ruddy, L.F.	A/S				
		Sgt. Mahoney, J.D.	A/G				
		Sgt. Spurne, O.W.	F/Eng.				
		Sgt. Levesque, J.F.	MI/AG.				
28/29 Jan	Halifax III "H" NX-264	F/Sgt. Mitchell, J.F.	Captain	00:19	08:30	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C. I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target and bombed at 03:24 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Visibility was good. Red flares and green stars could be seen through bomb sights. A/C bombed on centre of red sky markers, which were hunched over 1/A. Bright glow of fires could be seen through clouds. A/C was attacked by enemy fighters and starboard rudder became U/S. Crew bailed out near base, and one member, the Rear Gunner, was killed.	
		F/O J. K. Shelden	Navigator				
		W/O McDougall, S.	W/OE.				
		F/O R. D. Wilson	A/S				
		F/O H. Cox	A/G				
		Sgt. Lamson, G.	F/Eng.				
		Sgt. McDermott, J.F.	MI/AG.				

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28/29 Jan	Halifax III "L" W-797	S/L J. G. McNeill DFC P/Sgt. Hagerman, G.E. P/Sgt. Hargreaves, K. P/Sgt. Phillips, G. P/O G. R. Rowse Sgt. Powell, W.E. P/Sgt. McLaren, G.E. P/A K. R. Patterson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator A/S W/O P/Eng. MU/AG. A/G	00:16	07:16	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target and bombed at 05:21 hrs. from 21,500 feet. Target identified by markers, red with green stars; in a triangle area saw large fires through clouds, and one very large explosion, also a large number on A/C over N/A.	
28/29 Jan	Halifax III "M" HX-553	P/Sgt. Reinelt, R.O. P/Sgt. Wright, W.H. P/Sgt. Hedges, A.R. Sgt. Williams, D.H. P/O G. M. Wade Sgt. Drims, G. Sgt. Peppercorn, J.E. Sgt. Carruthers, D.E.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/O A/S P/Eng. W/O A/G	00:17	08:01	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over the target and bombed at 05:28 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Visibility was good. A/C bombed centre of red fires and green stars, and fires were seen reflecting on clouds approximately 150 miles away. Fighter activity was observed on the way in over DENMARK.	
28/29 Jan	Halifax III "W" HX-294	P/Sgt. Sturdy, W.J. P/Sgt. Taylor, G.H. Sgt. Burton, J.F. P/O A. R. Thrasher Sgt. Holmes, I.N. Sgt. Morgan, L. Sgt. Hollow, S.F.	Captain Navigator W/O A/S A/S P/Eng. MU/AG.	00:20	07:52	Target - Berlin. This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I., 570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B., arrived over target, and bombed at 05:30 hrs. from 20,000 feet. Target identified by red sky markers with green stars. A/C well lit up by S/L reflecting through cloud. Fires could be seen burning below.	

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28/29 Jan	Halifax III *C* HK-260	Sgt. McKay, R.J.	Captain	00:16	07:50	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.H.I.,	
		Sgt. Davidson, J.E.	Navigator			570 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb.	
		P/O E. K. Brown	W/O			I.B., arrived over target and bombed at 05:18 hrs. from	
		Sgt. Oliver, J.	A/S			21,000 feet. Visibility was good and A/C bombed on centre of	
		Sgt. Hein, J.	A/S			red flares and green stars, which were well concentrated.	
		Sgt. Murphy, J.J.	P/Eng.			Many fires seen on ground, visible 75 miles away. Fighter	
		Sgt. Fraser, J.H.	MU/AG.			activity observed over target.	
28/29 Jan	Halifax III *B* HK-275	P/O D. Brown	Captain	00:23 1/2	06:06 1/2	Target - Berlin. Bomb load - as above. A/C arrived over	
		P/Sgt. Porter, R.H.	2nd Pilot			target and bombed at 05:25 from 22,000 feet. Target	
		Sgt. Rumble, H.	Navigator			identified by sky markers, red with green stars. Large	
		P/Sgt. Surtees, J.	W/O			numbers of fires observed through cloud. Attack well	
		P/O E. L. Demone	A/S			concentrated and should be effective. On return trip A/C	
		Sgt. Brotherhood, L.H.	A/C			went off course to starboard, to avoid incoming bomber	
		Sgt. Capon, R.J.	P/Eng.			streams.	
		P/O A. W. Jennings	M/U				
28/29 Jan	Halifax III *A* HK-272	P/O Nielson, G.	Captain	00:15	07:42	Target - Berlin. Bomb load, as above. A/C arrived over	
		P/Sgt. Russell, W.F.	2nd Pilot			target and bombed at 05:16 hrs. from 20,000 feet. Visibility	
		P/O Avey, D.H.	Navigator			was good. Red flares and green star markers were seen and	
		P/O Cooper, E.	W/O			A/C bombed centre. On approaching target, crew observed	
		P/Sgt. Milward, L.V.	A/S			one tremendous explosion, lasting about 30 seconds, and	
		P/Sgt. McLaughlin, J.C.	A/C			clouds were illuminated by glow of fires seen 100/120 miles	
		Sgt. Panton, G.W.	P/E			away. Should be successful raid.	
		M/S Wells, J.W.	MU/AG.				

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "C" 63-292	P/O G. W. Wolton P/Sgt. Meldrum, V.S. P/O G. M. Walls P/O S. M. Byrne P/Sgt. Wilson, D.F. P/Sgt. Potentier, R.L. Sgt. Brown, J.R. P/Sgt. Mohler, C.J.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/OP. A/S A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	17:21	23:50	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.G., 400 x 4 lb., 24 x 30 lb. I.B., and 60 x 4 lb. "X" type I.B., bombed target at 20:27 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Visibility good and identified target by red sky markers, bombed centre of these. Attack well concentrated. Large fires seen.	
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "C" 63-292	P/O James, D.E. P/Sgt. Fielding, G.F. W/O Sharpe, G.W. Sgt. Pearce, R.E. P/O S. A. Sinclair P/O D. H. Christie Sgt. Green, R.D. Sgt. Field, L.R.M.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/OP. A/S A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	17:20	23:37	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.G., 400 x 4 lb., 24 x 30 lb. I.B., and 60 x 4 lb. "X" type I.B., bombed target at 20:23 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Visibility was good, target identified by red sky markers and green stars. P.F.F. well concentrated. No results observed due to cloud.	
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "C" 63-290	P/O H. S. Patterson P/Sgt. Edmondson, F.B. P/O H. G. Dunbar P/O W. Cronson P/O A. C. Kerr P/O Fry, H.J. P/Sgt. Kalyush, A. Sgt. Deas, E.F.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/OP. A/S A/C P/Eng. MU/AG.	17:15	00:02	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.G., 400 x 4 lb., 24 x 30 lb. I.B., and 60 x 4 lb. "X" type I.B., bombed from 21,000 feet at 20:25 hrs. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Glow of fires reflected on sky. Large explosion seen at 20:30 hrs. in centre of fires. Route good and free of trouble.	

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				UP	DOWN		
30/31 Jan	Halifax III	W/O Nielson, G.	Captain	17:14	23:40	Target - Berlin. This A/C, carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 400 x 4 lb., 24 x 30 lb. I.B., and 60 x 4 lb. "X" type I.B., bombed from from 22,000 feet at 20:34 hrs. 10/10ths cloud to 12,000 feet, visibility good. Identified target by red flares and green stars. Large numbers of 4 engines A/C over T/A. Large yellow explosion seen on N.W. edge of town at 20:34 hrs.	
	"B" HE-272	F/Sgt. Monahan, J.M.	2nd Pilot				
		W/O Arvey, D.M.	Navigator				
		W/O Cooper, E.	W/CP.				
		F/Sgt. Milward, L.V.	A/B				
		F/Sgt. McLaughlin, J.C.	A/G				
		Sgt. Fenton, C.W.	F/Eng.				
		W/O Wells, J.J.	MU/AG.				
30/31 Jan	Halifax III	F/Sgt. James, J.L.	Captain	17:17	00:23	Target - Berlin. Bomb load, same as above. Target identified by red sky markers with green stars, in line from N.W. to S.E. Bombed centre of reds at 20:24 hrs. from 20,000 feet. 90 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up. Red glow of fires seen on clouds fro 15 minutes after leaving target.	
	"C" HE-260	F/Sgt. Sention, G.B.	Navigator				
		Sgt. Gobbins, J.A.	W/CP.				
		Sgt. Lorb, A.J.	A/B				
		Sgt. Solms, C.E.	A/G				
		Sgt. Barber, S.E.	F/Eng.				
		Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	MU/AG.				
30/31 Jan	Halifax III	F/Sgt. Stoney, W.J.	Captain	17:14	23:54	Target - Berlin. Bombload, as above. Visibility good. Bombed through centre of red sky markers at 20:29 hrs. from 20,400 feet. Attack effective, with P.F.F. well concentrated, but a bit late. Great number of A/C on target at the same time.	
	"B" HE-264	F/Sgt. Taylor, G.H.	Navigator				
		Sgt. Barron, J.F.	W/CP.				
		F/O A. R. Thrasher.	A/B				
		Sgt. Holmes, I.N.	A/G				
		Sgt. Morgan, L.	F/Eng.				
		Sgt. Follows, S.W.	MU/AG.				

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				Up	Down		
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "W" IX-291	Sgt. McEer, R.J. Sgt. Davidson, J.E. Sgt. Duelyn, F.W. Sgt. Oliver, J. Sgt. Bain, J. Sgt. Murphy, J.J. Sgt. Fraser, J.D.	Captain Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C E/Eng. MU/AG.	17:18	00:15	Target = Berlin. Bomb load - 1 x 2000 H.C.H.I., 400 x 4 lb. I.B., 60 x 4 lb. I.B. "X" type, and 24 x 30 lb. I.B. A/C bombed target and deviated from course, landing at Crest in error.	
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "O" IX-352	F/Sgt. Porter, R.H. F/Sgt. Yasoback, J.H. W/O Bennett, L.D. Sgt. Sephton, G.S. Sgt. Wallbank, D. Sgt. Wood, D.G. Sgt. Buckingham, J.H.	Captain Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C E/Eng. MU/AG.	17:16	00:07	Target - Berlin. Bomb load, as above. 10/10ths cloud, visibility good. Bombed through cluster of red flares and green stars from 20,000 feet at 20:34 hrs. Three fires were seen, one very large where markers were going down. Thick black smoke coming up to 12,000 feet. Bombing well concentrated, fires seen 100 miles away.	
30/31 Jan	Halifax III "Q" IX-353	F/Sgt. Rainolt, R.C. W/O Major, J.J. F/Sgt. Haden, A.R. Sgt. Williams, D.H. F/L J. A. Cruickshank Sgt. Dykes, G. Sgt. Peppercorn, J.B. Sgt. Carruthers, D.H.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/CP. A/B A/C E/Eng. MU/AG.	17:10	23:43	Target - Berlin. Bomb load, as above. Target identified by red flares and green stars. Bombed at 20:25 hrs. from 21,000 feet. Fires reflected on clouds where markers going down. Bombing very concentrated, fires observed 100 miles away.	

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