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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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6/7 March	Halifax III		Bombing			Bomb load - all A/C - 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. 7 x 500 lb. M.O.	
			Target - all A/C				
			"TRAPPERS"				
6/7 March	Halifax III "K" H-282	(Captain) 15242 P/O Jones, H.S. (Navigator) 15243 P/O Sharpe, G.W. (W/O) 15244 Sgt. Pearce, H.E. (Air Bomber) 15152 P/O S.A. Sinclair (Air Bomber) 15252 P/O E.S. Patterson (Flight Engineer) 15255 Sgt. Green, R.D. (Mid-upper Gunner) 154792 Sgt. Levesque, J.P.	Bombing	18:44	23:04	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually and by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 20:49 hours from 13,000 feet. Bombs seen bursting across target around markers, good concentration. Consider effort good and target well straddled.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "D" H-642	(Captain) 15273 P/O Hall, G.S. (Navigator) 15204 P/O H.C. Bernard (W/O) 15253 P/O S.A. Shaw (Air Bomber) 15254 P/O P.G. Brooks (Air Bomber) 15256 P/O G.P. Hesterman (Flight Engineer) 152507 Sgt. Jones, T.I. (Mid-upper Gunner) 152582 Sgt. Darragh, R.	Bombing	18:10	23:34	Clear, good visibility. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 20:55 hours from 13,000 feet. Bomb bursts straddled cluster of red T.I.'s, several explosions seen. Good trip, should be effective but rather hard to assess.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "H" H-641	(Captain) 15273 P/O S.A. Van Slyke (Navigator) 15259 Sgt. Phillips, A.E. (W/O) 15274 P/O Shaw-Croon, J. (Air Bomber) 15275 P/O Hiau, R. (Air Bomber) 152020 P/O Hesterman, J.O. (Flight Engineer) 15253 Sgt. Bernard, G.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 152750 Sgt. Carrigan, R.O.	Bombing	18:21	23:34	Clear, good visibility. Target identified visually and by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 20:55 hours from 13,600 feet. Target well marked and good quantity, bomb seen bursting around T.I. markers. Should be a good effort.	

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6/7 March	Halifax III "B" HQ-352	(Captain) R8775 P/O G.W. Walton (Navigator) R1671 P/O G.W. Walton (W/O) R2220 P/O S.M. Brown (Air Bomber) R2453 P/O Wilson, D.W. (Air Gunner) R2667 P/O Potvin, H.H. (Flight Engineer) R1722 Sgt. Purbridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R2443 P/O Hobler, G.J.	Bombing	18:25	23:18	Clear, good visibility. Target identified by red T.I. markers. Bombed at 20:54 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.I.'s. Very good concentration of red T.I.'s and bombing well concentrated around them. 1 x 1000 lb. G.P. hung up and brought back.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "A" HQ-358	(Captain) R1385 P/O Wright, W.W. (Navigator) R2122 P/O D.G. Townsend (W/O) R2481 P/O Goshold, J. (Air Bomber) R2202 P/O Groulx, F. (Air Gunner) R2643 Sgt. Burton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R2224 Sgt. Purbridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R2212 Sgt. O'Reilly, H.D.	Bombing	18:37	23:43	No cloud, good visibility. Target identified by red T.I.'s and bomb flashes. Bombed at 20:50 hours from 15,000 feet between two concentrations of red T.I.'s. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated around these markers. Jettisoned 1 x 1000 G.P., 5000 0005, 21:28 hours from 10,000 feet, live. Brought back 3 x 1000 lb. G.P. Mid-upper gunner had three guns W/S and rear turret W/S shortly after leaving the target.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "F" HQ-288	(Captain) R2775 P/O Mitchell, J.N. (Navigator) R2297 P/O J.E. Shotton (W/O) R2668 P/O Macgregor, H. (Air Bomber) R2328 P/O S.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) R2523 W/O Brown, V.S.N. (Flight Engineer) R2777 P/O J.N. Brown (Mid-upper Gunner) R1752 Sgt. McHugh, J.E.	Bombing	18:35	00:01	No cloud, visibility good. Bombed at 20:54 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of red T.I. concentration. P.F.P. seemed concentrated in a circle with a radius of about 50 yards. Some scattered bombing seen, but main weight of attack fell on and around markers. Should be "wizard prang".	

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6/7 March	Halifax III "H" HA-272	(Captain) 25222 P/O G.D. Edmunds (Navigator) 25208 P/O Wm. D.M. (P/O) 140105 Sgt. Fox, T.N. (Air Bomber) 252723 Sgt. Landrum, D.A. (Air Gunner) 252072 Sgt. Tule, H.K. (Flight Engineer) 20157 Sgt. Williams, A.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 254005 Sgt. Carter, D.B.	Bombing	18:06	23:39	Clear, moderate visibility. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 20:55 hours from 13,000 feet on red T.I.'s. Bombs were seen bursting all around good concentration of red T.I.'s. Consider target well bombed if F.F.F. were on.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "H" HA-353	(Captain) 25206 P/O Sturt, W.J. (Navigator) 25202 P/O Taylor, S.H. (P/O) 140211 Sgt. Harris, J.F. (Air Bomber) 25208 P/O S.J. Thresher (Air Gunner) 252002 Sgt. Malone, T.N. (Flight Engineer) 20125 Sgt. Morgan, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 252028 Sgt. Fellers, H.N.	Bombing	18:06	23:08	Clear, good visibility. Target identified by red and a few green T.I.'s. Bombed at 20:47 hours from 13,200 feet on centre of red concentrations. Very good concentration of red T.I. When bombs exploded the marshalling yards could easily be seen. Bombing accurate and looked like a good prange.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "H" HA-361	(Captain) 25206 P/O S. C. ... (Navigator) 25208 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (P/O) 140204 Sgt. Morris, T.N. (Air Bomber) 252023 Sgt. McKeown, D.G. (Air Gunner) 25202 P/O A.S. ... (Flight Engineer) 25202 P/O E. ... (Mid-upper Gunner) 25202 Sgt. ...	Bombing	18:05	23:16	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 20:50 hours from 12,000 feet on cluster of red T.I.'s. Bombing seemed rather scattered around the T.I. markers. Rather difficult to assess damage.	

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6/7 March	Halifax III "B" HE-290	(Captain) #157462 F/S Porter, R.J. (Navigator) #130160 F/O Yacuback, J.M. (W/O) #100536 W/O Bennett, L.H. (Air Bomber) #168170 Sgt. Saphron, G.B. (Air Gunner) #1206662 Sgt. Hallham, D. (Flight Engineer) #156215 Sgt. Wood, D.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) #120537 Sgt. Buckinham, J.A.	Bombing	18:00	23:47	Clear, good visibility. Target identified by red T.I.'s and lake to east. Bombed at 20:49 1/2 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of red T.I. P.F.F. markers were well concentrated but as A/O approached target a new group of them appeared further to the East, such nearer to the East end of the target area. As these were the only ones burning as A/O made its run, it bombed on these. Bombs were well concentrated around them.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "B" HE-291	(Captain) #13796 F/O Bushell, W.F. (Navigator) #120255 F/O W. Tappin (W/O) #150571 Sgt. Maloney, W. (Air Bomber) #16553 F/O J.T. Shek (Air Gunner) #133561 Sgt. Sumner, R.G. (Flight Engineer) #122851 Sgt. Malinski, P.B. (Mid-upper Gunner) #128786 Sgt. Howell, P.F.	Bombing	18:03	23:35	Slight haze, no cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s, lake to east and bomb bursts. Bombed at 20:48 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of red T.I. concentration. T.I.'s well concentrated but appeared to have overshoot what looked like the marshalling yards in the light of the bomb bursts. Some bombing noticed to West of T.I.'s. Landed at Leming.	
6/7 March	Halifax III "B" HE-275	(Captain) #10110076 W/O Major, J.A. (Navigator) #12174 F/O R.N. Jones (W/O) #132669 F/S Mace, B.F. (Air Bomber) #124254 F/O Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) #131238 Sgt. Gorman, J.T. (Flight Engineer) #1452661 Sgt. Sumner, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) #170629 Sgt. Goughlin, R.J.	Bombing	18:22 1/2	23:55	2 to 3/10ths cloud, tops 5000 feet, very scattered, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s and one batch of green T.I. Bombed at 20:50 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of red concentration. P.F.F. appeared well concentrated with bombing well around them. Rear turret W/S.	

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6/7 March	Halifax III "P" HQ-660	(Captain) 32201 S/O J. G. McNeil (Navigator) 31222 P/O G. F. MacLennan (P/O) 31223 P/O G. H. Russell (Air Bomber) 31245 P/O J. G. McNeil (Air Gunner) 31287 P/O Wilson, H.W. (Flight Engineer) 32725 P/O Macgregor, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 32003 Sgt. Glanville, I.P.	Bombing	18:35	20:16	Early return, starboard outer packed up near York, continued to just North of Lincoln before deciding to abandon operations. Jettisoned 7 x 500 lb. M.C. safe, 1 x 1000 lb. G.P. at 19:20 hours 532W 002W, from 1500 feet. Returned to base crossing English coast at 532W 004E 19:25 hours, 2000 feet. Brought back 7 x 1000 lbs. G.P.	
7/8 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/U - "JE MANS"	Bomb load - all	18:34	23:24	A/U - 5 x 1000 lbs. M.C.F.D., 025, 10 x 500 lbs. M.C.F.D., 025. 10/10ths cloud, tops 7000 to 8000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 21:27 hours. from 13,000 feet. P.F.F. very concentrated but 11 minutes late. One large explosion at 21:30 hours that illuminated the sky for two or three seconds. Unable to assess results of raid on account of 10/10ths cloud.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "P" HQ-352	(Captain) 31773 P/O G.W. Wilson (Navigator) 31457 P/O J.M. Walls (P/O) 32220 P/O H.M. Hynes (Air Bomber) 315455 P/O Wilson, H.W. (Air Gunner) 3155677 P/O Potentier, R.H. (Flight Engineer) 317283 Sgt. Brown, J.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 316643 P/O Mohler, D.J.	Bombing	18:29	00:35	10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 feet, visibility good. This A/U did not bomb, brought back a full bomb load. Arrived at target 21:14 hours, no T.I. seen, orbited and then T.I. seen going down at 21:21 hours, A/U made another bombing run, but did not bomb as not sure of accuracy. Set course at 21:31 hours. An A/U was leaving target other T.I. seen at 21:37 hours.	

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7/8 March	Halifax III "B" LF-640	(Captain) 213775 W/O Mitchell, J.S. (Navigator) 22278 W/O J.V. Shadden (W/O) 22280 W/O McLaughlin, S. (Air Bomber) 22282 W/O T.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) 22423 W/O Brown, V.S. (Flight Engineer) 25777 W/O J.V. Brown (Mid-upper Gunner) 218750 Sgt. McDonough, J.P.	Bombing	18:35	23:59	10/10ths thin cloud, tops 7000 to 8000 feet, visibility good. A/U did not bomb, brought back full bomb load. Arrived on time over target at 21:16 hours, no T.I. seen at that time. Skipped and made one bombing run, but T.I. had disappeared in clouds. Did not bomb, not sure of accuracy. Set course at 21:29 hours.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "B" LF-641	(Captain) 21064 W/O J.S. Van Dyke (Navigator) 21416 W/O D.W. Simpson (W/O) 21724 W/O Shaw-Brown, J. (Air Bomber) 215218 W/O Hill, L. (Air Gunner) 2283090 W/O Moore, J.C. (Flight Engineer) 21613 Sgt. Burdick, C.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 212730 Sgt. Gorrigan, B.C.	Bombing	18:32	23:52	8/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by "Gee" fix and glow of red T.I.'s in cloud. A/U did not bomb, made three dummy runs waiting for T.I. markers which were approximately ten minutes late. Saw glow of red T.I. through cloud and bursting light flash in all colors over cloud. Bright red glow observed in T/A about 21:25 hours like large explosion. Traffic over T/A congested on different heading waiting for markers. Jettisoned 5 x 1000 lb., and 4 x 500 lb. at 22:16 hours, safe. 4550N 0100 W, from 11,000 feet, brought back 6 x 500-lb.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "B" HF-682	(Captain) 227262 W/O James, D.V. (Navigator) 213281 W/O Sharpe, G.W. (W/O) 213277 Sgt. Purvis, R.E. (Air Bomber) 22169 W/O G.A. Sinclair (Air Gunner) 216782 Sgt. Linnage, J.P. (Flight Engineer) 216265 Sgt. Green, L.D. (Mid-upper Gunner) 225478 Sgt. Stinson, R.E.	Bombing	18:33	23:43	Clear visibility over cloud, tops 7,000 feet. Target identified by red T.I. markers glow through cloud and H.S.E. Bomb at 21:26 hours from 13,000 feet. Smoke seen to go through clouds in centre of glow from red T.I.'s below. P.F.F. were 8 minutes late. A/U seen orbiting in all directions stooping over target area with 10/10ths cloud. Accuracy of raid depended on P.F.F. markings. H.S.E. showed town clearly, aided identification of T/A.	

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7/8 March	Halifax III "B" HE-264	(Captain) M44281 P/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) J24877 P/O D.G. Townsend (W/O) 126417 P/O Ambold, L. (Air Bomber) N12504 W/O Grouk, P. (Air Gunner) N17043 Sgt. Martin, H.H. (Flight Engineer) N7524 Sgt. Burdette, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) N22539 Sgt. O'Reilly, W.D.	Bombing	18:40	00:24	10/10ths cloud, tops 5000 to 7000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s as they were cascading at 21:38 hours. Bombed at 21:44 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of red T.I. in bomb sight. F.F.F. very concentrated but disappearing in clouds and only glow visible. Many bomb bursts seen where markers were going down. Arrived over target at 21:45 hours, F.F.F. very late, orbited for 25 minutes, saw second lot of T.I. and made successful bombing run. Gungation heavy at time of bombing.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "C" HE-280	(Captain) O411587 P/O J.J. Major (Navigator) N1478 P/O R.M. Howe (W/O) 112557 P/O Moss, E.A. (Air Bomber) N12428 P/O Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) N14128 Sgt. Green, J.F. (Flight Engineer) 145264 Sgt. Suman, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) N10620 Sgt. Douglas, H.J.	Bombing	18:22	22:56	This A/C did not bomb, jettisoned load about two miles off Fort Br. Basin, 10/10ths cloud over target. Ground markers not seen. Landed at Ford, shortage of fuel, at 23:26 hours.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "H" HE-272	(Captain) N222 P/O G.N. Edwards (Navigator) N1468 P/O Wm. D.M. (W/O) 140165 Sgt. Fox, H.F. (Air Bomber) N12072 Sgt. Lambson, D.A. (Air Gunner) N12072 Sgt. Solo, H.S. (Flight Engineer) 145178 Sgt. Williams, A.F. (Mid-upper Gunner) N14000 Sgt. Carter, D.S.	Bombing	18:23	00:37	10/10ths cloud, tops 4,000 feet. In target area for 16 minutes, but could not see T.I.'s plainly enough to bomb. Traffic congested with A/C orbiting in all directions. Brought bombs back rather than bomb inaccurately. Only flash seen, orange/red in color, rising above cloud 21:27 hours. Like petrol dump. Jettisoned 6 x 500 lbs., 22:20 hours, 500 OHW from 15,000 feet to conserve petrol, brought back 4 x 500 lbs., 5 x 1000 lbs.	

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7/8 March	Halifax III *# 18-361	(Captain) 16696 P/O G.D. Burns (Navigator) 157508 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) 156000 Sgt. Morris, T.H. (Air Bomber) 166122 Sgt. Macdonald, D.C. (Air Gunner) 156553 P/O J.S. White (Flight Engineer) 167745 P/O Macgregor, J. (Air Gunner) 167125 Sgt. Desrosiers, J.P.	Bombing	18:30	00:17	10/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Target identified by glow of red T.I.'s on cloud. Bombed at 21:30 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of glow seen on clouds. Made one orbit to run over red T.I. glow on which A/C bombed. Seemed to be large fires below from whitish red glow on clouds. Many A/C seen over target.	
7/8 March	Halifax III *# 18-368	(Captain) 155152 P/O H.T. Patterson (Navigator) 153821 P/O H.C. Barber (W/O) 150676 P/O W. Ormson (Air Bomber) 155664 P/O J.G. Kerr (Air Gunner) 155652 Sgt. Bush, H.F. (Flight Engineer) 155717 P/O A. Kalynuk (Air Gunner) 166104 Sgt. Shanks, T.	Bombing	18:49	00:55	10/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 to 6,000 feet, visibility good. On route out 60 miles off track to port due to D.R. compass being W/S. Arrived at target at 21:21 hours, no red T.I. seen, orbited twice till 21:28 hours, and then set course for base. At 21:38 hours saw red glow going down in target area that could not be identified as red T.I. Went back over target, but not sure of T.I. and accuracy of bombing. A/C did not bomb. Jettisoned safe 4932H at 22:57 hours, from 12,000 feet, 5 x 1000 lb. H.C. on account of compass trouble.	10 x 500 MD.
7/8 March	Halifax III *# 18-370	(Captain) 155163 P/O Thomas, S. (Navigator) 166133 P/O Hollenback, J.C. (W/O) 150073 P/O Watson, L.J. (Air Bomber) 156205 Sgt. Egan, W.D. (Air Gunner) 155591 Sgt. Grant, J.J. (Flight Engineer) 156118 Sgt. Mowbray, W.S. (Air Gunner) 167202 Sgt. Gordon, R.M.	Bombing	18:21	00:27	10/10ths cloud to 4,000 feet. Target identified by red glow of T.I.'s, also seen on ground through break in clouds. Bombed at 21:28 1/2 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of dots of red T.I.'s on ground. Three bomb bursts seen near middle of red T.I.'s, one off to one side. Markers first seen at 21:30 hours. Made one orbit before bombing to wait for markers. Difficult to assess because of cloud. Rather uneventful trip.	

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7/8 March	Halifax III "W" HE-291	(Captain) R13996 P/A Small, W.P. (Navigator) R12225 P/O M. Apple (W/O) R12567 Sgt. Balsley, W. (Air Gunner) R15543 P/O J.F. Shaw (Air Gunner) R19364 Sgt. Gange, J.C. (Flight Engineer) R18131 Sgt. Molloy, P.B. (Mid-upper Gunner) R16786 Sgt. Howell, D.W.	Bombing	18:25	00:34	10/10ths cloud, tops to 6,000 feet. Target identified by H.2.S. and red T.I.'s going down. Bombed at 21:30 hours from 13,000 feet on glow of red T.I.'s on cloud. Red T.I.'s were about ten minutes late. Saw flashes through cloud of bomb bursts, seemed circled around red T.I. glow. Traffic Jan of A/C over E/A, had to deviate from true heading. Arrived on target on time, orbited, returned when T.I.'s were seen to go down.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "W" HE-290	(Captain) R157452 P/S Porter, R.L. (Navigator) R130160 P/O Jacobson, J.M. (W/O) R105504 W/O Bennett, L.D. (Air Gunner) R164170 Sgt. Squires, G.S. (Air Gunner) R125065 Sgt. Mathew, D. (Flight Engineer) R150045 Sgt. Wood, D.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) R159537 Sgt. Buchanan, J.A.	Bombing	18:19	00:29	10/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 to 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by reflection of red T.I. underneath clouds. A/C off track from French coast on way in for about 40 miles, on track rest of the way. Arrived on target at 21:22 hours. Red T.I. seen reflecting through clouds on ground. Made two runs over target, but did not bomb as not sure of accuracy of bombing. Jettisoned 5 x 1000 lb. M.C., and brought back 10 x 500 lbs. M.C.	
7/8 March	Halifax III "Q" HE-353	(Captain) R13896 P/A Gray, W.J. (Navigator) R111842 P/A Taylor, G.H. (W/O) R130933 Sgt. Barrow, J.P. (Air Gunner) R15541 P/O L.B. Thrasher (Air Gunner) R159002 Sgt. Wilson, T.H. (Flight Engineer) R18125 Sgt. Morgan, I. (Mid-upper Gunner) R124056 Sgt. Rolfe, B.W.	Bombing	18:25	00:15	10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 feet. Target identified by "Cee" fix. Glow of markers could be seen through clouds. Light flak in colors over cloud. Rather disappointing on reaching E/A, couldn't be sure of accuracy. Brought back 5 x 1000 lb., 10 x 500 lbs. Markers late, glow only seen. Seemed taking chance to bomb on this. Much congestion over E/A.	

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7/8 March	Halifax III "X" LV-859	(Captain) R50158 P/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) R28280 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) R50246 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R51521 P/S Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R50788 Sgt. McNamee, H.J. (Night Engineer) R50333 Sgt. Knight, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21084 Sgt. Field, H.R.	Bombing	18:27	23:49	10/10ths cloud, tops 4,000 feet to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 21:25 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of red T.I. seen through thin clouds. P.J.F. red T.I. concentrated but about ten to twelve minutes late. Unable to observe any results on account of clouds. Many A/C orbiting, waiting for markers to go down. 2/A congested at time of bombing.	
13/4 March	Halifax III "X" LV-859	(Captain) R50158 P/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) R28280 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) R50246 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R51521 P/S Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R50788 Sgt. McNamee, H.J. (Night Engineer) R50333 Sgt. Knight, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21084 Sgt. Field, H.R.	"IS HANS"	Bomb load - all	A/C - 5 x 1000 lbs. M.O.T.D. .025, and 10 x 500 lbs. M.O.T.D. .025.		
13/4 March	Halifax III "X" LV-859	(Captain) R50158 P/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) R28280 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) R50246 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R51521 P/S Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R50788 Sgt. McNamee, H.J. (Night Engineer) R50333 Sgt. Knight, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21084 Sgt. Field, H.R.	Bombing	22:33	03:36	No clouds, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and by river. Bombed at 00:44 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red T.I's. P.J.F. two salvoes seen, very concentrated. A few bomb bursts observed around markers. No congestion over targets.	
13/4 March	Halifax III "X" LV-353	(Captain) R51102 P/A Stump, V.J. (Navigator) R51102 P/A Taylor, J.H. (W/O) R50311 Sgt. Barron, J.P. (Air Bomber) R50311 P/O Graham, A.R. (Air Gunner) R50902 Sgt. McNamee, H.J. (Night Engineer) R50125 Sgt. Morgan, I. (Mid-upper Gunner) R50406 Sgt. Williams, H.W.	Bombing	22:35	03:58	Clear visibility, no clouds. Target identified by red T.I's and Gee fix three minutes before reaching target. Bombed at 00:44 hours from 11,900 feet on red T.I's. P.J.F. about 15 minutes late, so A/C made a sharp orbit and bombed. Most bombing was well concentrated around the T.I's with a few strays. Looked as if some of the bombs landed in the village to the north.	

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13/4 March	Halifax III "X" HE-364	(Captain) J1696 P/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) 157500 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) 151201 Sgt. Harris, J.W. (Air Gunner) 116322 Sgt. Hetherington, D.O. (Air Gunner) 158153 P/O A.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) 106653 Sgt. Hubert, J.F. (Air Gunner) 116725 Sgt. Desroches, J.F.	Bombing	22:57	04:14	Visibility clear. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:01 hours from 11,500 feet on red T.I.'s. T.I.'s were spaced in triangular shape on which A/O bombed. Several bomb bursts seen to south on A/O. Stopped in area 20 minutes, arrived 1/2 minute early, made two orbits. Good attack.	
13/4 March	Halifax III "X" HE-390	(Captain) 125722 P/O Tucker, E.L. (Navigator) 112060 P/O Jacobson, J.H. (W/O) 110225 W/O Bennett, L.D. (Air Gunner) 116870 Sgt. Saphiro, G.S. (Air Gunner) 116623 Sgt. Hallmark, D. (Flight Engineer) 156215 Sgt. Wood, D.G. (Air Gunner) 118257 Sgt. Buckingham, J.A.	Bombing	22:38	04:04	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 00:31 hours from 12,000 feet. Bombs seen bursting all around T.I. red which were two minutes late. Railway tracks seen in photo flasher with bombs in area. As A/O left A/O saw large fire to North of T.I.	
13/4 March	Halifax III "X" HE-382	(Captain) 112893 P/O Leasing, E.E. (Navigator) 122728 P/O D.A. Robinson (W/O) 117725 Sgt. DRYER, G. (Air Gunner) 114223 P/O Danner, G.A. (Air Gunner) 116221 Sgt. Schirmer, E. (Flight Engineer) 116222 Sgt. ... (Air Gunner) 160822 Sgt. ...	Bombing	22:42	03:39	Slight haze, clear over target. Target identified by red T.I. markers. Bombed at 00:43 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red T.I.'s. Saw bombs bursting on run in to target. Could see tracks adding in moonlight with T.I. markers right on, bombs accurate. Markers well con- centrated. No opposition.	

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13/4 March	Halifax III WV IV-62	(Captain) 113913 P/O Bourgeois, J.A. Bombing (Navigator) 120115 P/O Bennett, H.G. (W/O) 113802 P/O Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) 122506 P/O J.W. Gaudin (Air Gunner) 116476 Sgt. Plante, L. (Flight Engineer) 130437 Sgt. Rousseau, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 120000 Sgt. Lafrenecie, R.	Bombing	22:31	03:50	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually and by red T.I's. Bombed at 00:45 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of T.I's on ground. Saw own bombs hit beside T.I's. T.I's accurate, in row on same heading across T/A. Fairly uneventful trip.	
13/4 March	Halifax III WV IV-91	(Captain) 116115 P/O J.C. McNeil (Navigator) 116115 P/O G.F. Perkins (W/O) 116115 P/O J.R. Russell (Air Bomber) 116115 P/O J.C. McNeil (Air Gunner) 116115 P/O Graham, W.W. (Flight Engineer) 127165 P/O Macgregor, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 120001 Sgt. Glisher, L.H.	Bombing	22:32	03:50	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I's, A/O bombed at 00:45 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of these, P.F.F. markers concentrated. Main effort appeared right on the markers. No fighters and very little ground opposition anywhere.	
13/4 March	Halifax III WV IV-25	(Captain) 116115 P/O J.C. McNeil (Navigator) 122506 Sgt. Douston, W.R. (W/O) 113807 Sgt. Miller, J. (Air Bomber) 130229 P/O Gahan, J.V. (Air Gunner) 120001 Sgt. Harris, J.K. (Flight Engineer) 127166 Sgt. Macdon, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 120001 Sgt. Hall, R.J.	Bombing	18:39	02:20	7 to 8/10ths cloud, top 5,000 to 6,000 feet, good visibility. Bombed at 23:19 hours from 23,500 feet. Target pin pointed by river and bombed fires. P.F.F. were late and markers scattered over large area, not sufficient number dropped. Attack appeared to be very scattered at beginning of raid, but it was too early to make accurate assessment.	
13/4 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"SPONTAN"	Bomb load - all A/C - 48 x 30 lbs. Inc., 480 x 4 lbs. Inc., and 60 x 4 lbs. 7 1/2" Inc.			

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15/16 March	Halifax III "K" HI-282	(Captain) R22762 W/O James, D.E. (Navigator) R135681 W/O Sharpe, G.W. (W/O) 1150737 Sgt. Pearce, R.E. (Air Bomber) R21169 F/O S.A. Sinclair (Air Gunner) R15172 Sgt. Lawrence, J.F. 1162555 Sgt. Green, R.C. (Flight Engineer) (Mid-upper Gunner) R206475 Sgt. Stinson, R.T.	Bombing	18:58	02:58	9/10ths cloud, visibility good above cloud. Target identified by green T.I's with red stars and H ₂ S ₂ . Bombed at 23:19½ hours from 21,000 feet on markers. Target totally obscured by cloud, incendiaries were scattered over a large area and seen burning on ground. Not considered a very good effort as when A/C bombed there was only one marker seen.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "E" LV-840	(Captain) R19897 F/O J.J. Major (Navigator) R21378 F/O R.N. Bower (W/O) R182489 F/S Morse, R.P. (Air Bomber) R124284 F/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) R191238 Sgt. Greening, J.S. (Flight Engineer) R153461 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R170629 Sgt. Coughlin, H.J.	Bombing	18:36	22:53	This A/C returned early. Fuel transfer pump U/S. Jettisoned over the sea 420 x 4 lbs., 60 x 4 lbs. "X" type, and 44 x 30 lbs. Brought back 4 x 30 lbs. and 60 x 4 lbs. "X" type.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "I" LV-911	(Captain) R144285 F/S Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R21822 F/O D.G. Tomesend (W/O) R188167 F/S Gamble, L. (Air Bomber) R125056 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R176443 Sgt. Horton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R175244 Sgt. Partridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	19:00	02:27	3 to 5/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 to 15,000 feet. visibility very good. Target identified by sky markers, green with red stars. Bombed at 23:27 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of cluster of these flares. P.P.F. markers seen, too few and very scattered although fires were burning over a large area and merging into larger fires. Whole city seemed ablaze. Some congestion over target. Good trip. Landed at Middle Wallop.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III "F" IN-361	(Captain) 17785 P/O W.L. Canter (Navigator) 120921 P/O A.W. Morris (W/O) 12895 P/O P.J. Schnobb (Air Bomber) 121214 Sgt. Boissvain, H.G. (Air Gunner) 129955 Sgt. Stingle, D.D. (Flight Engineer) 133588 Sgt. Cummings, J.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 120154 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.G.	DFM Bombing	18:55	23:17	Early return, attacked dock area at Le Havre, Bombed at 21:06 hours from 13,500 feet on H ₂ S. Register on A.P.I. went U/S, A/C unable to climb. Poor visibility.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "L" IN-368	(Captain) 113371 P/O Nielsen, C. (2nd Pilot) 116112 P/O J. Boig (2d. Sqn.) (Navigator) 113610 P/O D.M. Arney (W/O) 128103 P/O Cooper, H. (Air Bomber) 118381 P/O Milward, L.V. (Air Gunner) 115618 P/O McLaughlin, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 116824 Sgt. Petch, G.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 179635 Sgt. Thompson, J.S.	Bombing	18:52	03:12	8/10ths cloud, tops 3,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by green flares and red stars, and red and green T.I. Bombed at 23:24 hours from 22,900 feet on centre of red and green T.I's. T.I's appeared scattered. Fires seen around markers through break in clouds. Marking of target by P.F.F. very poor, hard to assess raid on account of clouds. Many A/C observed bombing at heights between 15,000 and 22,000 feet, and bombing on many headings.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "Q" HE-353	(Captain) 132806 P/O Reinelt, R.G. (Navigator) 132108 P/O Barden, A.R. (W/O) 126212 Sgt. Williams, D.H. (Air Bomber) 151246 P/O G.M. Wade (Air Gunner) 121074 Sgt. Dykes, G. (Flight Engineer) 120121 Sgt. Powell, W.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 115945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.H.	Bombing	18:57	03:08	4/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 to 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 23:29 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of red T.I. in bomb sight. P.F.F. red T.I. appeared concentrated. At 23:24 hours one large explosion lasting five seconds, also black smoke seen issuing from target up to 6,000 feet. Many fires taking hold around T.I. 4 x 30 lbs. hung up (due to congestion at time of bombing with many A/C bombing at levels between 15,000 and 20,000 feet. If red T.I. accurate should be successful raid.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III "I" HI-282	(Captain) R22762 W/O James, D.Z. (Navigator) R135683 W/O Sharpe, G.W. (W/O) 1150737 Sgt. Pearce, R.E. (Air Bomber) R21169 F/O S.A. Sinclair (Air Gunner) R16172 Sgt. Lefevre, J.P. 1162955 Sgt. Green, R.G. (Flight Engineer) (Mid-upper Gunner) R206175 Sgt. Stinson, R.T.	Bombing	18:58	02:58	9/10ths cloud, visibility good above cloud. Target identified by green I.I's with red stars and H ₂ O ₂ . Bombed at 23:19½ hours from 21,000 feet on markers. Target totally obscured by cloud, incendiaries were scattered over a large area and seen burning on ground. Not considered a very good effort as when A/O bombed there was only one marker seen.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "E" LV-840	(Captain) R19897 F/O J.A. Major (Navigator) R21378 F/O E.W. Bower (W/O) 1182629 F/S Moore, R.P. (Air Bomber) R124284 F/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) R121238 Sgt. Greening, J.T. (Flight Engineer) 1153861 Sgt. Hunter, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R170629 Sgt. Goughlin, H.J.	Bombing	18:36	22:53	This A/O returned early. Fuel transfer pump U/S. Jettisoned over the sea 420 x 4 lbs., 60 x 4 lbs. "I" type, and 44 x 30 lbs. Brought back 4 x 30 lbs. and 60 x 4 lbs. "I" type.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "I" LV-911	(Captain) R144285 F/S Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R21822 F/O D.G. Tomesend (W/O) 1188197 F/S Gumbold, L. (Air Bomber) R125056 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R176443 Sgt. Horton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R15244 Sgt. Partridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	19:00	02:27	3 to 5/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 to 15,000 feet. visibility very good. Target identified by sky markers, green with red stars. Bombed at 23:27 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of cluster of these flares. P.F.F. markers seen, too few and very scattered although fires were burning over a large area and merging into larger fires. Whole city seemed ablaze. Some congestion over target. Good trip. Landed at Middle Wallop.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III "H" LV-34	(Captain) R139513 W/O Bourgeois, J.A. (Navigator) R3615 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) R128889 P/S Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) R25586 P/O J.W. Gidgion (Air Gunner) R166776 Sgt. Plants, L. (Flight Engineer) R381577 Sgt. Swainson, D.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R302087 Sgt. Laframboise, R.	Bombing	18:51	02:33	7/10ths cloud, tops 15,000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 23:25 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I. Only five clusters of red T.I., which were concentrated, seen in T/A. Fires observed around T.I. through break in clouds. Said appeared to be very scattered, many A/C bombing in all directions. Landed at Boscombe Downs.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "F" HV-288	(Captain) R129893 P/S Loaring, H.W. (Navigator) R27781 P/O D.A. Robinson (W/O) R177945 Sgt. Dayer, G. (Air Bomber) R140121 P/S Dancy, C.A. (Air Gunner) R228231 Sgt. Osborne, H. (Flight Engineer) R189108 Sgt. Sporns, G.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R609292 Sgt. Simons, F.E.	Bombing	19:13	02:21	This A/C bombed at 23:28 hours from 20,000 feet. Mid-upper turret was U/S. At 00:59 hours observed A/C shot down near Strasbourg, two seem to go down over T/A. Landed at Ford, due to shortage of fuel.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "V" HV-290	(Captain) R152567 P/O D. Brown (Navigator) R600880 Sgt. Rumble, H. (W/O) R1367100 P/S Bardeen, J. (Air Bomber) R19252 P/O R.L. Demoss (Air Gunner) R291446 Sgt. Brotherhood, K. (Flight Engineer) R180657 Sgt. Capon, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R45466 P/O A.W. Jennings	Bombing	18:50	03:10	7/10ths cloud, visibility hazy. Bombed at 23:25 hours from 22,000 feet. Observed fires burning, very scattered. Starboard inner motor U/S. Landed at Middle Wallop.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III "P" IN-361	(Captain) 17845 P/O W.L. Canter (Navigator) 12024 P/O A.W. Morris (W/O) 12895 P/O P.A. Schmitt (Air Bomber) 12120 Sgt. Boissevain, H.G. (Air Gunner) 15539 Sgt. Stingle, D.D. (Flight Engineer) 14326 Sgt. Cummings, J.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 12044 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.C.	DFM Bombing	18:55	23:17	Early return, attacked dock area at Le Havre. Bombed at 21:06 hours from 13,500 feet on H ₂ S. Register on A.P.I. went U/S, A/C unable to climb. Poor visibility.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "L" IN-368	(Captain) 12507 W/O Nielsen, C. (2nd Pilot) 16412 P/O J. Doig (2nd Sqdn.) (Navigator) 15618 P/O D.M. Snow (W/O) 10103 W/O Cooper, H. (Air Bomber) 14381 W/O Millward, L.V. (Air Gunner) 166148 P/S McLaughlin, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 168243 Sgt. Fenton, G.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 179355 Sgt. Thompson, J.S.	Bombing	18:52	05:12	8/10ths cloud, tops 3,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by green flares and red stars, and red and green T.I. Bombed at 23:24 hours from 22,900 feet on centre of red and green T.I's. T.I's appeared scattered. Fires seen around markers through break in clouds. Marking of target by P.F.P. very poor, hard to assess raid on account of clouds. Many A/C observed bombing at heights between 15,000 and 22,000 feet, and bombing on many headings.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "Q" IN-353	(Captain) 138906 P/S Reinelt, R.G. (Navigator) 132108 P/S Hardes, A.E. (W/O) 166242 Sgt. Williams, D.H. (Air Bomber) 151264 P/O G.W. Wade (Air Gunner) 151074 Sgt. Dykes, G. (Flight Engineer) 162121 Sgt. Powell, W.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 155945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.E.	R.G. Bombing	18:57	05:08	4/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 to 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 23:29 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of red T.I. in bomb sight. P.F.P. red T.I. appeared concentrated. At 23:24 hours one large explosion lasting five seconds, also black smoke seen issuing from target up to 6,000 feet. Many fires taking hold around T.I. 4 x 30 lbs. hung up on back. Congestion at time of bombing with many A/C bombing at levels between 15,000 and 20,000 feet. If red T.I. accurate should be successful raid.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III *W HE-291	(Captain) R157169 P/S Thomas, R. (Navigator) R161135 P/S McLaughlin, J.G. (W/O) R23179 W/O Watson, J. (Air Bomber) R169405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188941 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) R094136 Sgt. Mackay, W.O. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167209 Sgt. Goodman, E.M.	Bombing	18:54	20:30	Early return, pilot's escape hatch came off over base, Jettisoned full bomb load 541CN 014CE, at 19:41 hours, from 11,000 feet.	
15/16 March	Halifax III *O HE-352	(Captain) R138996 P/S Sturw, W.J. (Navigator) R13312 P/S Taylor, G.H. (W/O) R1345933 Sgt. Barron, J.F. (Air Bomber) R25068 P/O A.R. Thomsen, (Air Gunner) R138002 Sgt. McLeod, I.W. (Flight Engineer) R20125 Sgt. Morgan, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) R201056 Sgt. Follwa, S.W.	Bombing	18:44	02:25	5/10ths clouds, tops 8,000 feet, visibility hazy. Target identified by green flares and red stars, and red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:21 hours from 21,400 feet on centre of fires on H.2.S. P.F.P. very poor, markers insufficient and scattered. A/P seemed covered with fires and flames ^{and flames} and flames ^{to rise} to rise burning fiercely. 60 x 4 lbs. hung up. Good route, trouble free, no congestion. Fires seen break in clouds, Should be successful raid. Landed at Middle Wallop.	
15/16 March	Halifax III *W LE-370	(Captain) R152746 P/S Richardson, P.R. (Navigator) R14911 P/S Jones, L.E. (W/O) R138444 Sgt. Curran, M.O. (Air Bomber) R26530 P/O H.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) R26282 P/O L.G. Rigdon (Flight Engineer) R260482 Sgt. Elliot, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R125915 Sgt. Orington, G.	Bombing	18:40	02:28	A/O bombed at 23:28 hours from 22,000 feet on red glow through clouds. Heavy flak encountered on leaving target. Searchlights ineffective. Landed at Boscombe Downs.	

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15/16 March	Halifax III "B" HK-275	(Captain) R 56048 P/O James, J.L. (Navigator) R 56066 P/O Smeaton, G.B. (W/O) R 57102 Sgt. Gibbins, J.A. (Air Bomber) R 74053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) R 82576 Sgt. Schade, C.B. (Flight Engineer) R 69494 Sgt. Barber, S.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 90889 Sgt. Brtash, J.H.	Bombing	18:56	03:01	7 to 8/10ths medium cloud, good visibility over target. Target identified by red T.I.'s and green with red stars. Bombed at 23:23 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I.'s. Attack seemed to be scattered over a large area. Numerous incendiary fires seen burning all over target and two large fires seen. T.I.'s were scattered and late. 90 x 4 lbs. I.B. and 40 x 30 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back. Quite a lot of congestion over target due to number of A/O being late. Should be a fair effort.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "C" HK-280	(Captain) R 6436 P/O G.O. Burns (Navigator) R 57504 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) R 61562 Sgt. Morris, F.H. (Air Bomber) R 68329 Sgt. MacKinnell, D.G. (Air Gunner) R 8155 P/O J.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) R 66659 Sgt. Bedard, J.P. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 74245 Sgt. Desroches, J.P.	Bombing	18:48	02:43	5/10ths to 7/10ths thin layer low cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:19 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of cluster of 3 T.I.'s. Incendiaries were scattered over a large area. Markers were not concentrated. 30 x 4 lbs. I.B. brought back. Some congestion over target.	
15/16 March	Halifax III "X" LV-839	(Captain) R 7159 S/L Patterson, H.F. (2nd Pilot) R 612 P/O F.F. Hamilton (4th Sech.) (Navigator) R 3821 P/O H.G. Dunbar (W/O) R 6374 P/O Omsen, H. (Air Bomber) R 8646 P/O J.G. Kerr (Air Gunner) R 74435 P/O Ery, W.J. (Flight Engineer) R 9796 P/O A. Kalymuk (Mid-upper Gunner) R 59662 Sgt. Dean, R.P.	Bombing	18:53	23:22	This A/O made an early return, pump from overload tank 1/8. Full bomb load brought back.	

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18/9 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/G -	"FRANKFURT"	Bomb load - all	A/G - 64 x 30 lbs. I.B., 570 x 4 I.B., and 60 x 4 I.B. "X"		
18/9 March	Halifax III "H" HI-284	(Captain) R 3273 P/O S. Hill, D.S. (Navigator) R 3106 P/O W.J. Hereward (W/O) R 70293 P/O K.A. Shaw (Air Bomber) R 6964 P/O P.O. Brooks (Air Gunner) R 43257 P/O G.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) R 62307 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 89382 Sgt. Darnbrough, R.V.	Bombing	19:07	00:22	7/10ths cloud, tops 22/23,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by green and red T.I's. Bombed at 22:02½ hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I's. P.F.F. in centre of area where incendiaries scattered. One very brilliant explosion on starboard bow on run in at 22:01 hours and two large columns of flame, bright orange, came up from this area. Diverted to Woodbridge.	
18/9 March	Halifax III "F" HI-840	(Captain) R 30543 P/O Bourgeois, J. (Navigator) R 66115 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) R 28889 P/O Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) R 55586 P/O J.W. Guignion (Air Gunner) R 64776 Sgt. Plants, J. (Flight Engineer) R 52457 Sgt. Bouscass, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 202087 Sgt. Laframboise, R.	Bombing	18:57	01:18	7/10ths cloud, at 12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I's and red and yellow stars. Bombed at 22:08 hours from 22,000 feet on centre of red T.I's. Several large fires burning around T.I's and numerous smaller fires in same area. P.F.F. were good and target well mark- ed. 30 x 4 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back. Should be a good effort.	
18/9 March	Halifax III "F" HI-288	(Captain) R 9897 P/O J.W. Major (Navigator) R 24978 P/O H. Bauer (W/O) R 13849 P/O Moss, F. (Air Bomber) R 24284 P/O Young, J.J. (Air Gunner) R 21238 Sgt. Greening, J. (Flight Engineer) R 45964 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 4552 P/O K.R. Patterson	Bombing	19:09	22:33	A/G returned early. Jettisoned 512W 03058, at 20:48 hours from 13,800 feet 64 x 30 lbs. I.B., 570 x 4 lbs. I.B., and 60 x 4 lbs. I.B. "X" type. A/G unable to climb.	

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18/19 March	Halifax III "I" LW-911	(Captain) 2141288 P/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) 212822 P/O D. Townsend (W/O) 1264467 P/O Campbell, J. (Air Bomber) 2125056 W/O Groulx, F. (Air Gunner) 2176443 Sgt. Horton, D. (Flight Engineer) 279224 Sgt. Partridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 2225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	18:59	01:05	6 - 7/0ths cloud, tops 20,000 feet, visibility poor with haze. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars sky markers, A/C bombed centre of these at 22:03 hours from 21,000 feet. P.F.F. flares seemed centred in area of fires. Large area covered by these fires with smoke to 18,000 feet. Seemed to be good attack from large number of fires and smoke seen. Lot of A/C seen but not too congested over target. Landed at Bury St. Edwards.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "K" HW-282	(Captain) 292762 P/O James, D. (2nd Pilot) 0127 P/O L.B. Wray, AFC (S.H.Q.) (Navigator) 2135683 W/O Sharpe, G. (W/O) 1150797 Sgt. Pearce, R. (Air Bomber) 221169 P/O S.A. Sinclair (Air Gunner) 2156752 Sgt. Levesque, J. (Flight Engineer) 1192222 Sgt. Green, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 2206475 Sgt. Stinson, R.	Bombing			A/C missing from this operation.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "C" HW-292	(Captain) 210246 P/O E.S. Van Slyok, R.A.F. (Navigator) 1399223 Sgt. Phillips, A. (W/O) 1267328 P/O Shaw-Brown, K. (Air Bomber) 145224 P/O Mau, R. (Air Gunner) 2195444 Sgt. Emdin, D. (Flight Engineer) 124103 Sgt. Rowland, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 108420090 W/O Neeske, J.O.	Bombing	19:02	01:24	Slight haze, visibility fair, target identified by red T.I. and river. Bombed at 22:03 hours and on centre of red T.I. P.F.F. scattered, target area covered with strings of I.B. 4 x 30 lbs. hung up and brought back. No congestion, should be a good raid. Landed at Swaling base.	

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18/19 March	Halifax III "R" H-361	(Captain) J 7845 P/O W. Carter, (Navigator) J 20224 P/O A. Morris (W/O) J 2895 P/O F. Schpohl (Air Bomber) H 2120 Sgt. Boisvert, H. (Air Gunner) H 99309 Sgt. Scingle, D. (Flight Engineer) 156255 Sgt. Wood, D. (Mid-upper Gunner) H 201543 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.	DEM Bombing	19:01	00:20	Thick haze, visibility poor. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars and red T.I. Bombed at 22:24 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of red T.I. P.F.P. red T.I. scattered. Very bright glow reflecting through haze where markers were falling. Appeared to be successful raid, no congestion in bombing over target. Landed at Framlingham.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "H" H-272	(Captain) H 36307 W/O Nielsen, G. (2nd Pilot) H 6121 P/O E. Hamilton (42d Sqdn) (Navigator) J 12613 P/O J. Anrew (W/O) H 1093 W/O Cooper, H. (Air Bomber) H 49816 W/O Milward, L. (Air Gunner) H 66148 W/O McLaughlin, J. (Flight Engineer) 169628 Sgt. Fenton, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1796155 Sgt. Thompson, J.	Bombing	19:08	00:16	2/10ths clouds, thick heavy haze, visibility fair. Target identified by H.2.S. Bombed at 22:01 hours from 22,100 feet on H.2.S. Very concentrated with good fires burning around A/P. 30 x 4 lbs., and 4 x 30 lbs. hung up and brought back. Many other A/C seen bombing at the same time. Very well concentrated raid. Landed at Framlingham.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "Q" H-353	(Captain) H 38905 P/S Reinelt, E.C. (Navigator) H 32108 P/S Hardes, A. (W/O) 656812 Sgt. Williams, D. (Air Bomber) H 21246 P/O Wade, G. (Air Gunner) H 1078 Sgt. Bykes, G. (Flight Engineer) H 22121 Sgt. Powell, W.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) H 15945 Sgt. Caruthers, D.	B.C. Bombing	19:09	00:23	4/10ths broken cloud, tops 6,000 feet, visibility poor, hazy. Target identified by red T.I.'s and H.2.S. Bombed at 22:03 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of red T.I.'s on ground. Two large explosions seen at 22:02 hours south side of T/A. Smaller fires carpeted the area. Large number of bomb bursts seen, and well concentrated. Several decoy reds seen going down at 21:55 hours, went out quickly, dark red in color. If P.F.P. accurate should have excellent results. Landed at Framlingham.	

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18/19 March	Halifax III "B" HQ-291	(Captain) R 38996 F/S Starry, W.J. (Navigator) R 33342 F/S Taylor, G.H. (W/O p.) 1345933 Sgt. Barron, J.F. (Air Bomber) R 25058 F/O A.R. Finlayson (Air Gunner) R 38002 Sgt. McInnis, I.N. (Flight Engineer) 1801225 Sgt. Morgan, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 220058 Sgt. Follon, S.W.	Bombing	18:58	00:59	3/4ths cloud, tops 22,000 feet, heavy haze, fair visibility. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars and H ₂ S ₂ . Bombed at 22:06 hours from 21,600 feet on centre of red flares and yellow stars. P.F.F. flares well concentrated. Many fires reflecting through haze where flares were going down. No congestion over target, should be successful raid. Glow of fires in target seen 75 miles away. Landed at Thorpe Abotts.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "O" HQ-280	(Captin) R 30258 F/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) 1575081 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O p.) 1514254 Sgt. Murrid, T.N. (Air Bomber) R 185329 Sgt. MacDougall, D.C. (Air Gunner) 138159 F/O A.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) R 22259 Sgt. Redard, J.P. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 71245 Sgt. Dearoches, J.F.	Bombing	19:03	00:38	Heavy haze, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 22:05 hours from 21,000 feet on estimated centre of red T.I. P.F.F. red T.I. scattered. Two large fires around T.I. red with black smoke issuing from them. Port inner hit by heavy flak at 22:13 hours, 21,000 feet. Raid appeared scattered, only two fires seen starting to burn but many strings of I.B. seen all over target area. No congestion. Came back on three motors. Landed at Framlingham.	
18/19 March	Halifax III "H" LV-541	(Captain) R 50168 F/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) R 228266 F/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O p.) 1515345 Sgt. Scott, J.E. (Air Bomber) R 16154 F/A Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R 39088 Sgt. Motherwell, H.J. (Flight Engineer) 1630453 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 21024 Sgt. Heald, L.B.	Bombing	18:52	00:56	Thin cloud or haze to 21,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by ground markers, red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 21:59 ¹ hours from 20,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I.'s. Early on target, saw red and green T.I.'s which were widely scattered, reds particularly. No fires going at the time. Results difficult to assess. Landed at Framlingham.	

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18/19 March	Halifax III *S* HV-275	(Captain) M56048 F/S James, J.L. (Navigator) M56866 F/S Smeaton, G.B. (W/O) M77102 Sgt. Robbins, J.A. (Air Bomber) M71053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) M85576 Sgt. Schade, G.E. (Flight Engineer) M69494 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) M90889 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Bombing	19:10	00:33	Heavy haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 22:02 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I. P.F.F. red scattered, a few fires started but many strings of I.B. around markers. Not much of the results were observed. As A/C was leaving target, bombing seemed to be concentrated where markers were going down. Landed at Framlingham.	
22/23 March	Halifax III	Gardening Operations - FORGET-ME-NOTS (KIEL BAY AREA)				Bomb load as indicated.	
22/28 March	Halifax III *C* HV-252	(Captain) M0246 E/O E. B. Van Slyck (Navigator) M39529 Sgt. Phillips, A. (W/O) M37124 F/S Shaw-Brown, K. (Air Bomber) M5224 F/S Mau, R. (Air Gunner) M5544 Sgt. Runciman, D. (Flight Engineer) M4043 Sgt. Rowland, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) AUSA20090 W/O Wozina, J.	Gardening	18:08	00:25	This A/C carrying G.74 and D.44 dropped vegetables at 21:26 hours from 15,000 feet. Slight haze from 8,000 to 10,000 feet, visibility good. Good trip, no difficulties encountered.	
22/23 March	Halifax III *D* LV-342	(Captain) M7545 E/O Smith, J.C. (2nd Pilot) M265 W/C G. W. Burgess (Navigator) M25604 Sgt. Boustead, W.E. (W/O) M43427 Sgt. Hiley, J. (Air Bomber) M3022 F/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) M02320 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) M59766 Sgt. Meares, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) M8804 Sgt. Neil, R.J.	Gardening	18:06	00:22	This A/C carrying G.74 and D.442 dropped vegetables at 21:22 hours from 15,000 feet. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. No congestion, easy trip. No route markers seen.	

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22/23 March	Halifax III "H" IV-368	(Captain) R 39513 W/O Bourgeois, J. Gardening (Navigator) R 86145 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) R 28889 P/S Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) R 25506 P/O (Engineer), J.W. (Air Gunner) R 64779 Sgt. Plante, L. (Flight Engineer) R 324297 Sgt. Bowman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 202087 Sgt. Laframboise, R.	Gardening	18:10	00:32	This A/C carrying G-302 and F-622 dropped vegetables at 21:25 hours from 15,000 feet. 2/10ths broken clouds, visibility good. No congestion, no route markers seen, good trip.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "H" IV-84	(Captain) R 28893 P/S Lossing, H. Gardening (Navigator) R 22748 P/O Robinson, D.A. (W/O) R 17245 Sgt. Davey, L.G. (Air Bomber) R 14042 P/S Dancy, C.A. (Air Gunner) R 20424 Sgt. Osborne, F. (Flight Engineer) R 85108 Sgt. Sporne, C. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 60292 Sgt. Simons, F.E.	Gardening	18:14	23:56	This A/C carrying G-302 and F-622 dropped vegetables at 21:24 hours from 15,000 feet. Hazy, outline of coast could be seen just faintly. Should be a good effort as equipment used was working perfectly.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "H" IV-911	(Captain) R 14285 P/S Wright, W.H. Gardening (Navigator) R 21822 P/O Townsend, D. (W/O) R 26467 P/S Amhold, L. (Air Bomber) R 25056 W/O Groulx, F. (Air Gunner) R 74643 Sgt. Horton, D. (Flight Engineer) R 75234 Sgt. Partridge, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 225331 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Gardening	18:13	01:07	This A/C carrying G-74 and D-412 dropped vegetables at 21:08 hours from 15,000 feet. 4 and 6/10ths broken clouds, tops 8,000 feet, visibility good. Route markers not seen, good trip.	

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22/23 March	Halifax III "F" HK-268	(Captain) RN 39775 W/O Mitchell, J.E. (Navigator) RN 22070 P/O Shadden, J.K. (W/O) RN 30809 W/O McDonough, S. (Air Bomber) RN 23428 P/O Wilson, R.D. (Air Gunner) RN 3717 P/O O'Callaghan, F.J. (Flight Engineer) RN 15699 S Sgt. Wood, D.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 67563 Sgt. McDonough, J.N.	J.E. Gardening	18:11	00:45	This A/C carrying G.74 and D.412 dropped vegetables at 21:31 1/4 hours from 15,000 feet. Clear with good visibility. Good trip and no difficulties.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "H" HK-272	(Captain) RN 39996 P/S Russell, W.F. (Navigator) RN 20255 P/O Topplin, M. (W/O) RN 65506 W/O Bennett, L.D. (Air Bomber) RN 25543 P/O J. T. Shea (Air Gunner) RN 93521 Sgt. Oosner, R.C. (Flight Engineer) RN 32187 Sgt. McLaughlin, F. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 67626 Sgt. Howell, D.W.	W.F. Gardening	18:06	00:13	This A/C carrying G.74 and D.412 dropped vegetables at 21:22 hours from 15,000 feet. No cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Route markers not seen, no congestion.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "R" IR-361	(Captain) RN 7845 P/O W. Cantak, W.M. (Navigator) RN 20921 P/O Norris, A. (W/O) RN 2895 P/O Schobbs, P. (Air Bomber) RN 21204 Sgt. Boissevain, H. (Air Gunner) RN 3830 Sgt. Casanelli, A.M. (Flight Engineer) RN 1581801 Sgt. Calloway, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 20454 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.O.	W.M. Gardening	18:09	00:59	This A/C carrying G.74 and D.412 dropped vegetables at 21:20 hours from 14,800 feet. Slight patchy cloud to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Good trip, no difficulties encountered.	

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22/23 March	Halifax III "P" LP-370	(Captain) M52746 P/S Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) M19413 P/S Jones, I.E. (W/O) M36524 Sgt. Gorvan, W.C. (Air Bomber) M24530 P/O A.H. Elliot (Air Gunner) M22282 P/O L.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) M85082 Sgt. Elliot, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) M125515 Sgt. Orington, G.	Gardening	18:03	00:29	This A/C carrying D ₄ M2 and F ₆ 22 dropped vegetables at 21:25 hours from 15,000 feet. 3/10ths broken cloud visibility good. H ₂ S ₂ working perfectly, should be a good effort.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "B" HI-287	(Captain) M57469 P/S Thomas, R. (Navigator) M61133 P/S McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) M55348 P/L F.K. Brown (Air Bomber) M68405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) M18891 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) M102436 Sgt. Wholley, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) M167209 Sgt. Goodness, R.M.	Gardening	18:12	01:08	This A/C returned carrying full mine load, D ₄ M2 and F ₆ 22, being unable to get satisfactory H ₂ S ₂ pinpoint.	
22/23 March	Halifax III	Target "FRANKFURT"	Bomb load - 6 x 30 lbs. I.B.,			570 x 4 lbs. I.B., and 60 x 4 lbs. I.B. "X" type.	
22/23 March	Halifax III "Q" HI-253	(Captain) M38906 P/S Reivelt, R.G. (Navigator) M32088 P/S Hardie, A. (W/O) M66812 Sgt. Williams, D. (Air Bomber) M51246 P/O Wade, G. (Air Gunner) M24078 Sgt. Dykes, G. (Flight Engineer) M126437 Sgt. Epperson, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) M135945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.	Bombing	19:01	01:15	5/10ths clouds, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. markers. A/C bombed at 21:59 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 21,500 feet on red T.I.'s on the ground. One large explosion seen at 21:53 hours in centre of target area. Incendiaries seemed scattered to West under sky markers. Could see glow of fires 150 miles on leaving target. 8 x 30 lbs. and 90 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back.	

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24/25 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"BHQJIN"	Bomb load - all		A/C - 56 x 30 lbs. I.B., 30 x 4 lbs. "X" Type, 420 x 4 lbs. I.B.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "D" LV-842	(Captain) 71645 P/O J.G. Smith (2nd Pilot) 312195 P/S Ross, W.F. (Navigator) 62248 Sgt. Houstead, W.R. (W/O) 31297 Sgt. Miller, J. (Air Bomber) 328221 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Flight Engineer) 697166 Sgt. Kearns, E. (Air Gunner) 623882 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) 318803 Sgt. Neil, R.J.	Bombing	18:47	23:30	This A/C made an early return being unable to maintain height in weak mixture. Brought back full bomb load.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "G" NX-352	(Captain) 312897 P/O J.A. Major (Navigator) 32178 P/O R. Brown (W/O) 312843 P/S Moss, F. (Air Bomber) 312824 P/S Young, J.J. (Air Gunner) 312128 Sgt. Greening, J. (Flight Engineer) 145241 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 312325 Sgt. Skingle, D.D.	Bombing	18:42	01:50	5/10ths clouds, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good above cloud. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and red flares with green stars. Bombed at 22:42 hours from 19,500 feet on red T.I.'s seen through break in clouds. Fires well concentrated in spots around the markers. B.F.P. a bit scattered. Met. winds wrong, blew A/C off course. A/C had trouble climbing, couldn't maintain height or speed so A/C was late. Landed at Snetterton Heath.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "E" LV-840	(Captain) 312243 P/O Bourgeois, J. (Navigator) 366115 P/O Dénistadt, W.G. (W/O) 312889 P/S Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) 325586 P/O Guignard, J.W. (Air Gunner) 316476 Sgt. Mante, L. (Flight Engineer) 132427 Sgt. Howman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 220208 Sgt. Lafrance, R.	Bombing	18:52	02:10	10/10ths thin clouds, tops 12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s and red flares and yellow stars. Bombed at 22:41 hours from 22,000 feet on centre of red T.I.'s, which were scattered. At 22:40 hrs. three large explosions were seen, lasting one or two seconds. Fires seen reflecting on clouds where markers were burning on ground. Should be successful raid if FFF accurate. No congestion. Glow of fires seen 100 miles away.	

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24/25 March	Halifax III "M" HK-288	(Captain) M 25775 W/O Mitchell, J.B. (Navigator) M 22076 W/O Shelden, J.A. (W/O) M 25882 W/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) M 2428 W/O Wilson, R.D. (Air Gunner) M 54285 W/O Brown, H.B. M 75688 Sgt. Brown, J.H. (Flight Engineer) (Mid-upper Gunner) M 87587 Sgt. McEwen, J.	Bombing	18:48	02:23	8/0ths cloud to 8,000 feet, visibility good, horizon poor. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars. Bombed at 22:40 hours from 21,500 feet on large fires on ground at red T.I. markers. Large concentration of fires seen near ground markers, another seen 1 1/2 miles to starboard. Glow could be seen for 75 miles. Sky markers scattered but ground markers good. Very concentrated raid. Master of ceremonies cheerful, reception poor. Brought back 30 x 4 lbs. I.B.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "H" LV-844	(Captain) M 25895 P/S Lossing, H. (Navigator) M 22785 W/O Robinson, D.A. (W/O) M 77285 Sgt. Davy, L.G. (Air Bomber) M 46423 P/S Dancoy, C.A. (Air Gunner) M 20423 Sgt. Osborne, F. (Flight Engineer) M 87004 Sgt. Spence, O. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 60922 Sgt. Simons, F.E.	Bombing	18:53		A/G missing from this operation.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "I" LV-914	(Captain) M 44285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) M 24822 W/O D. Townsend (W/O) M 25487 P/S Campbell, E. (Air Bomber) M 25926 W/O Groulx, F. (Air Gunner) M 76443 Sgt. Burton, B. (Flight Engineer) M 75236 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 225304 Sgt. O'Malley, M.D.	Bombing	18:50	02:05	5/0ths broken clouds, tops 8,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars. P.F.P. scattered, few fires and many strings of I.B. already dropped in target area. At 22:34 hours two large explosions were seen, one lasting about 10 to 15 seconds. A/G attacked early/ not much of the results seen. 2130 lbs from 21,500 ft.	

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24/25 March	Halifax III "Q" HX-292	(Captain) J10246 P/O Van Slyok, E.S. (Navigator) 133823 Sgt. Phillips, A. (W/O) 136724 P/S Shaw-Brown, K. (Air Bomber) 145224 P/S Mau, R. (Air Gunner) 116677 P/S Potentier, R.H. (Flight Engineer) 126183 Sgt. Rowland, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 11812030 W/O Weeks, J.C.	Bombing	18:38	02:05	A/C arrived over the target and bombed at 22:35 hours from 21,000 feet. Encountered flak on the homeward journey south of target, 00:18 hours, 22,000 feet. Both wings, fuselage, port under carriage, and port outer engine were damaged. A/C landed at West Mallory being unable to return to base. Radar U/S on outward journey before crossing English coast. The navigator was wounded, and the rear gunner baled out over enemy territory.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "N" HX-272	(Captain) 15222 P/L Edwards, G.D. (Navigator) 152238 W/O Ryan, T.M. (W/O) 142125 Sgt. Fox, H.W. (Air Bomber) 1158723 Sgt. Lansdowne, E.A. (Air Gunner) 1183872 Sgt. Toig, H.K. (Flight Engineer) 11801871 Sgt. Wilkinson, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1166138 P/S Mohler, C.J.	Bombing	18:37	19:28	This A/C returned early, starboard inner U/S on take-off over base. Jettisoned live 24 x 30 lbs, 180 x 4 lbs, 5422N 001GE, 19:07 hours, from 1500 feet. Brought back remainder of bomb load.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "U" HX-287	(Captain) 125158 P/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) 1128268 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) 1542245 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) 1161551 P/S Fearson, W.H. (Air Gunner) 1150783 Sgt. Motherall, H.J. (Flight Engineer) 1630253 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1210241 Sgt. Heild, L.R.	Bombing	18:46	00:43	This A/C returned early, bringing back full bomb load. Gyro U/S, unable to make target on time.	

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24/25 March	Halifax III "G" HK-275	(Captain) N 7845 P/O W. Carter (Navigator) N 20921 P/O Norris, A. (W/O) N 295741 Sgt. McCubbery, J.N. (Air Bomber) N 21204 Sgt. Boissovain, H. (Air Gunner) N 212830 Sgt. Devennelli, A.M. (Flight Engineer) N 21801 Sgt. Callaway, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) N 204543 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.G.	DBM Bombing	18:43	01:52	5/10ths thin cloud, tops 50,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by flares and yellow stars, red T.I. Bombed at 22:38 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I. P.F.P. red T.I. scattered. Large explosion seen at 22:37 hours lasting 2 to 3 seconds. Many fires heavily concentrated where markers were going down. Successful raid, no congestion, glow of fires seen from 70 miles. Landed at Woodbridge.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "L" LN-368	(Captain) N 52162 P/O Thomas, R. (Navigator) N 61133 P/O McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) N 55248 P/O Brown, F.E. (Air Bomber) N 62905 Sgt. Keen, W.B. (Air Gunner) N 58911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) N 102436 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) N 67209 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	18:45	02:20	4 to 6/10ths thin clouds, visibility good. Target identified by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed at 22:40 hours from 20,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.I. P.F.P. effort good. One large purplish red explosion in target observed, lasting about 2 seconds, then seen as a steady red glow. Target area a mass of flame, smoke rose to 25,000 feet. Could be seen for 125 miles. Good effort and route. Master of ceremonies a good show, morale booster. 8 x 30 lbs. I.B., and 30 x 4 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "T" LN-370	(Captain) N 52746 P/O Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) N 49443 P/O Jones, L.E. (W/O) N 36644 Sgt. Corhan, M.G. (Air Bomber) N 26530 P/O Ellis, A.E. (Air Gunner) N 28282 P/O Hughes, L.G. (Flight Engineer) N 290082 Sgt. Elliot, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) N 125515 Sgt. Orington, G.	F.R. Bombing	18:39	02:00	7/10ths cloud, tops 67,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by light glow on clouds and photoflashed going up. Bombed at 22:47 hours from 21,000 feet on glow on clouds. Winds were far stronger than predicted. Arrived early and overshoot by about 30 miles. By the time A/G got back no markers were visible, so bombed southern edge of fire glow seen reflected on clouds. About 15 min. after bombing the port inner engine cut out and A/G low height and was running short of petrol so the I.B. containers were jettisoned. Some 3000 south of Magdeburg at 16,000 feet, 23:25 hours. After jettisoning the propeller was feathered and height was maintained. Landed at Woodbridge due to petrol shortage.	

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24/25 March	Halifax III "p" IX-284	(Captain) M 39996 P/S Russell, W.F. (Navigator) M 32055 P/O Topplin, M. (W/O) M 45647 Sgt. Walsley, W. (Air Bomber) M 22543 P/O Shea, J.T. (Air Gunner) M 59362 Sgt. Cosser, R.G. (Flight Engineer) M 82183 Sgt. Moluskie, F. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 87826 Sgt. Howell, D.W.	Bombing	18:44		Failed to return from this operation.	
24/25 March	Halifax III "q" IX-353	(Captain) M 38896 P/S Rainelt, R.C. (2nd Pilot) M 45912 P/S Devine, F.W. (Navigator) M 31028 P/S Hedges, A. (W/O) M 65681 Sgt. Williams, D. (Air Bomber) M 24453 W/O Wilson, D.F. (Air Gunner) M 51027 Sgt. Drake, S. (Flight Engineer) M 42657 Sgt. Peppercorn, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 35945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.	Bombing	18:49	02:14	4 to 5/10ths broken cloud, visibility good. Target identified by RED T.I. markers and sky markers, red and yellow stars. Bombed at 22:44 1/2 hours from 21,000 feet on red T.I.'s. Sky markers few and scattered but red T.I. ground markers concentrated. Glow of fires seen clearly for quite some time after leaving target area. One third of can of 4 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back. Certainly got the north part of the city. Master of ceremonies gave us great moral support. Not as much opposition at target as expected.	
26/27 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"ESSEN"	Bomb load - all	A/C - 64 x 30 lbs. I.B., 60 x 4 lbs. "X" Type, 570 x 4 lbs. I.B.		
26/27 March	Halifax III "q" IX-352	(Captain) M 71665 P/O J.G. Smith (2nd Pilot) M 35105 P/S Best, W.F. (Navigator) M 65520 Sgt. Rowstead, W.R. (W/O) M 44987 Sgt. Hiley, J. (Air Bomber) M 32024 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) M 02320 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) M 657166 Sgt. Neares, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 88034 Sgt. Neil, R.J.	Bombing	20:02	01:20	10/10ths cloud to 21,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s glimpsed through layer of clouds. Bombed at 22:10 1/2 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red glow in target area. Red T.I. observed cascading at 22:07 hours on approach to target. Spoof sky markers seen. Results difficult to assess due to cloud.	

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26/27 March	Halifax III "B" HK-268	(Captain) RN 39775 W/O Mitchell, J.E. (Navigator) RN 22076 P/O J.K. Shelden (W/O) RN 80685 W/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) RN 23428 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) RN 44552 P/O K.R. Patterson (Flight Engineer) RN 60454 Sgt. White, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 87562 Sgt. McDonough, J.	Bombing	19:57	01:30	10/10ths cloud, poor visibility. Target identified by glow of red T.I.'s. Bombed at 22:09 hours from 20,000 feet on red glow of T.I.'s. Target obscured by cloud, only red glow visible. Method of target marking unsuitable for weather conditions. Jettisoned 180 x 4 lbs. I.B. to gain height. Route good, climbing was difficult. Landed at Chedburg, petrol shortage.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "B" LV-840	(Captain) RN 35713 W/O Bourgeault, J. (Navigator) RN 86615 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) RN 23889 P/S Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) RN 25586 P/O J.W. Gidgion (Air Gunner) RN 66776 Sgt. Elants, L. (Flight Engineer) RN 32427 Sgt. Roseman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 20287 Sgt. Laframboise, R.	Bombing	20:01	01:30	10/10ths thick cloud, tops 23,000 feet. Target identified by red T.I. markers through hole in clouds. Bombed at 22:14 hours from 21,000 feet on green T.I. markers. A/C made orbit when it overshoot red T.I. markers on first run. On second run green T.I. markers were seen. Several others made orbit also. Unlikely to be accurate bombing. Very little opposition. 8 x 50 lbs. hung up and brought back.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "B" HK-272	(Captain) RN 86080 P/O G. Neilson (2nd Pilot) RN 15912 P/S Devine, F.J. (Navigator) RN 5611 P/O D. Ankw (W/O) RN 053 W/O Cooper, H. (Air Bomber) RN 19816 W/O Milward, L. (Air Gunner) RN 66148 W/O McLaughlin, J. (Flight Engineer) RN 68548 Sgt. Panton, C. (Mid-upper Gunner) RN 79635 Sgt. Thompson, J.	Bombing	19:55	01:14	10/10ths cloud, tops 10/12,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by H,2,S. Bombed at 22:11 hours from 22,000 feet on cascading green T.I. Only spoof flares, red and green stars seen on arrival, no red or green T.I. seen. After bombing green T.I. seen going down. Nothing observed on account of clouds. Should not be successful raid on account of poor marking by P.F.F.	

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26/27 March	Halifax III "U" HK-287	(Captain) J5822 P/L G.B. Edmonds (Navigator) R2908 W/O Ryan, T.M. (W/O) A49265 Sgt. Fox, H.W. (Air Bomber) R158723 Sgt. Lansdowne, E. (Air Gunner) R13372 Sgt. Tole, H.L. (Flight Engineer) R201871 Sgt. Wilkinson, A.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R127607 P/S Free, G.H.	Bombing	19:58	01:50	10/10ths clouds, tops 5/6,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by spoof flares, red with green stars. Bombed at 22:16 hours from 22,000 feet on E.T.A. No red or green T.I. seen. Nothing seen in target on account of 10/10ths clouds, P.F.F. technique wrong.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "Q" HK-353	(Captain) A38906 P/S Reinelt, R.C. (Navigator) A32058 P/S Hardes, A. (W/O) 656812 Sgt. Williams, D. (Air Bomber) A12246 P/O G.M. Wade (Air Gunner) R21074 Sgt. Dykes, G. (Flight Engineer) A426837 Sgt. Peppercorn, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R135945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.	Bombing	20:07	01:19	10/10ths clouds, tops 21,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by red T.I. and spoof flares, red and green stars. Bombed at 22:40 hours from 21,500 feet on estimated centre of where red T.I. were disappearing in clouds. P.F.F. poor on account of 10/10ths clouds. One large explosion seen at 22:03 hours, lasting about 5 seconds. Results hard to assess on account of clouds.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "S" HK-275	(Captain) R59056 P/O J.L. James (Navigator) R156843 P/S Beaton, J.B. (W/O) A57702 Sgt. Gubbins, J.A. (Air Bomber) R174053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) R185576 Sgt. Sebade, C.B. (Flight Engineer) A62304 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R190889 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Bombing	19:57	01:06	3/10ths broken clouds, tops 10,000 feet, also industrial base. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 22:05 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of green T.I. P.F.F. green T.I. well concentrated but disappearing in clouds fast. Many fires concentrated where markers were going down. If P.F.F. accurate, it should be a successful raid. Met. briefing wrong in reference to cloud conditions over target. No congestion.	

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26/27 March	Halifax III "W" HK-291	(Captain) W7845 P/O W. Center (Navigator) J2092 P/O A. Norris (W/O) 14578 Sgt. Willey, E.W. (Air Bomber) R2120 Sgt. Boissevain, H. (Air Gunner) 1818930 Sgt. Camenuli, A.M. (Flight Engineer) R62121 Sgt. Powell, W.M. (Mid-upper Gunner) R20424 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.C.	DFM Bombing	20:00	01:58	10/10ths cloud to 15,000 feet, wispy layers to 22,000 feet. Target identified by red T.I. markers. Bombed at 22:07 hours from 22,000 feet on red glow of T.I.'s. Very little activity observed on approaching target. Glow of fires seen on clouds while leaving target area. Results of raid hard to determine due to clouds.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "L" IM-368	(Captain) G252 W/O C.W. Burgess (Navigator) 16667 P/O D.C. Ferguson (W/O) 130761 Sgt. McCubrey, I.B. (Air Bomber) R7797 P/O J.V. Karloff (Air Gunner) R3717 P/O E.J. O'Callaghan (Flight Engineer) 1581801 Sgt. Galloway, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) J33753 P/O G.D. Tobin	Bombing	19:54	02:08	10/10ths clouds, tops 4/6,000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by spoof red flares and green stars and green T.I. Bombed at 22:17 hours from 19,300 feet on estimated centre of where green T.I. seen disappearing in clouds. Not much observed on account of clouds. P.F.F. spoof more to north-east.	
26/27 March	Halifax III "R" IM-361	(Captain) R27152 P/S Thomas, R. (Navigator) R16133 P/S McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) 159230 P/O S.M. Byrne (Air Bomber) R163405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R160911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) 1024126 Sgt. Massey, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167209 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	20:03	01:14	10/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 feet, some layers to 21,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red glow on clouds, also spoof sky markers. Bombed at 22:10 hours from 21,000 feet on north of red glow of red T.I.'s in cloud. Results difficult to assess, very little flak, which was a surprise. 60 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back.	

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26/21 March	Halifax III	(Captain) R144285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R21622 P/O D. Townsend (W/O) R26471 P/S Cambold, L. (Air Bomber) R125956 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R176443 Sgt. Horton, D. (Flight Engineer) R175226 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225371 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	19:56	01:34	10/10ths clouds, tops 20,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. after going over target. Bombed at 22:15 ¹ hours from 22,000 feet on estimated centre of green T.I., where they were last seen before disappearing in clouds. P.F.F. poor on account of clouds. No markers seen on arrival at target. Red T.I. seen after making a dummy run. A/C made orbit to port and another run made, bombing over green T.I.'s. No results observed on account of 10/10ths clouds.	
30/21 March	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"MURZBURG"	Bomb load - all	A/C - 48 x 30 lb. I.B., and 540 x 4 lb. I.B.		
30/21 March	Halifax III	(Captain) R185080 P/O C. Nielsen R132105 P/S Rost, W.F. (2nd Pilot) (Navigator) R13618 P/O E.M. Anxwy (W/O) R161231 P/O Cooper, H. (Air Bomber) R143816 W/O Ellward, I. (Air Gunner) R166148 W/O McLaughlin, J. (Flight Engineer) R166248 P/S Pantou, G.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R175625 Sgt. Thompson, J.	Bombing	21:49		This A/C failed to return from this operation. . .	
30/21 March	Halifax III	(Captain) R138306 P/O Reinelt, R.G. (Navigator) R132106 P/S Hardes, A. (W/O) R165912 Sgt. Williams, D. (Air Bomber) R15246 P/O G.M. Wade (Air Gunner) R151074 Sgt. Dykes, (Flight Engineer) R1426837 Sgt. Peppercorn, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R135945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.E.	Bombing	21:46	05:58	10/10ths broken cloud, tops 20,000 feet. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars. Bombed at 01:27 ¹ hrs. from 21,000 feet on position where red flares and yellow stars last seen. P.F.F. scattered, fading as A/C arrived. Glow in cloud indicated large fire below. Starboard outer engine, mainplane, and 5 and 6 tanks holed by fighter, 498, 1050E, 20,000 feet, 01:33 ¹ hours. A/C took divert route from here to Manston, (north of Dover). Ran through bright moonlight to pass target; many contacts observed particularly from South of Ruhr to South of Aachen. Should be good attack.	

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30/31 March	Halifax III "B" HK-275	(Captain) R85056 P/O J.L. James (Navigator) R156866 P/S Smeaton, J. (W/Op.) R177102 Sgt. Cubbins, J.A. (Air Bomber) R171053 Sgt. Sarda, A.J. (Air Gunner) R185578 Sgt. Sobade, J.B. R169434 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Flight Engineer) (Mid-upper Gunner) R190889 Sgt. Bristagh, J.H.	Bombing	21:51	05:44	Clear, no cloud over the town. Target identified visually. Bombed at 01:20 hours from 21,500 feet on centre of bomb burst and area believed to be target. Saw outline of built up area, fires and bomb bursts seen. Made two runs over target area. No flares or markers visible on first run.	
30/31 March	Halifax III "A" LN-570	(Captain) R152745 P/S Edmondson, P.R. (Navigator) R145813 P/S Jones, L.E. (W/Op.) R128644 Sgt. Gorman, M.G. (Air Bomber) R26530 P/O L.H. Ellis (Air Gunner) R188282 P/O H.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) R1850082 Sgt. Elliot, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R125215 Sgt. Orvington, G.	Bombing	21:48	05:28	Bombed at 21:26 hours from 21,000 feet. Landed at Ford due to shortage of fuel. 8/10ths cloud, broken, visibility good. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars. Target seen through broken patches in cloud. Photo flashes and red flares with yellow stars seen on approaching target. Large fires seen, seemed to be good attack.	
30/31 March	Halifax II "A" HK-291	(Captain) R24128 P/S Monahan, J.M. (Navigator) R128268 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/Op.) R1545246 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R161571 P/S Peasman, W.J. (Air Gunner) R190789 Sgt. Mothersill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) R1630353 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R210244 Sgt. Field, I.R.	Bombing	21:52	05:29	Thin cloud, tops 10,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:23 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.E.F. were scattered. No markers seen at bombing time. Fires burning well, within one large concentration of T.I. Other scattered fires seen. 30 x 4 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back. Should be a fair effort, route O.K. Landed at Boscombe Down.	

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30/31 March	Halifax III *W* W-257	(Captain) R138996 P/S Sturmy, W.J. (Navigator) R133342 W/O Taylor, G.H. (W/O) 136293 Sgt. Barron, J.E. (Air Bomber) 120683 P/O A.R. Thraisher (Air Gunner) R198002 Sgt. McInnes, I.W. (Flight Engineer) 1801125 Sgt. Merzoh, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1204055 Sgt. Follers, I.S.	Bombing	21:54	05:23	8 to 10/10ths cloud, visibility was fair to good. Target identified by red flares with yellow stars, A/C bombed on these at 01:18 hours from 21,200 feet. Good con- centration of P.F.F. sky markers and reflection of many fires showing through clouds. Many fires showing through clouds, and congestion in target area showed that concentra- tion of bombing was good. Clouds to be seen in day.	
30/31 March	Halifax III *R* W-361	(Captain) 15656 P/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) 157504 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) 151204 Sgt. Morris, T.H. (Air Bomber) R168323 Sgt. MacDonnell, D.C. (Air Gunner) 159662 Sgt. Dean, R.F. (Flight Engineer) 159659 Sgt. Bedard, J.F. (Mid-upper Gunner) R171245 Sgt. Desrochers, J.F.	Bombing	21:50	05:45	8/10ths broken clouds, tops 15,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars and red H. Bombed at 01:23 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I. P.F.F. red T.I. seemed scattered. A few fires observed where markers were burning. Hard to assess damage on account of cloud conditions. Route moonlight all the way outward from target. Landed at Ford.	
30/31 March	Halifax III *X* W-944	(Captain) 155267 P/O D. Brown (Navigator) 1600880 Sgt. Rumble, H. (W/O) 1367700 P/S Sirtees, J. (Air Bomber) 112522 P/O R.L. Demore (Air Gunner) 139444 Sgt. Brotherhood, K.R. (Flight Engineer) 1804657 Sgt. Capon, E.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 145466 P/O A.W. Jennings	Bombing	21:45	05:26	10/10ths cloud, tops 15,6,000 feet, slight haze. Target identified by red flares with yellow stars. Bombed at 01:24 hours from 22,000 feet on centre of three sky markers. Three orange explosions seen by glow on clouds. Fires seen through a small break in clouds. Difficult to assess raid as cloud completely covered area. 4 x 30 lbs. I.B. and 30 x 4 lbs. I.B. hung up and brought back.	

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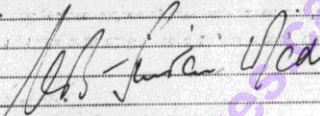
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30/31 March	Halifax III "D" LV-842	(Captain) 171645 P/O J.G. Smith (Navigator) 1623604 Sgt. Boustead, W.R. (W/Ops) 144247 Sgt. Hailley, J. (Air Bomber) 1320221 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Flight Engineer) 1697166 Sgt. Meares, E. (Air Gunner) 1023820 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R188034 Sgt. Neill, R.J.	Bombing	21:47	01:07	This A/C returned early, could not gain altitude. Brought back entire bomb load.	
30/31 March	Halifax III "C" HK-352	(Captain) 141485 P/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) 121822 P/O D. Townsend (W/Ops) 1264467 P/S Gambold, L. (Air Bomber) R125956 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R176443 Sgt. Horton, D. (Flight Engineer) R75224 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225321 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	21:53	05:12	8/10ths broken cloud. Target identified by red flares and yellow stars. Bombed at 01:14 hours from 21,500 feet on concentration of sky markers. Two concentrations of sky markers seen 1/2 mile apart, one disappeared through cloud. As A/C reached target early in attack, saw little evidence of fires below. P.F.F. very well concentrated. No opposition.	
30/31 March	Halifax III "E" LV-840	(Captain) R125513 W/O Bourgeois, J. (Navigator) R86115 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/Ops) R126869 P/S Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) R23586 P/O J.W. Guignion. (Air Gunner) R164776 Sgt. Plante, L. (Flight Engineer) 1381297 Sgt. Bowdman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R202067 Sgt. Laframboise, R.	Bombing	21:44	05:21	10/10ths thin cloud, tops 14,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's and fires. Bombed at 01:13 hours from 22,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I's. Large number of both red and green T.I's seen with fires starting in and around them. One very large explosion observed at 01:11 hours that turned all the clouds a deep red. Hydraulics N/S, had to pump wheels up over base and bomb doors over target. Landed at Ford due to petrol shortage.	

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30/31 March	Halifax III "L" LF-368	(Captain) 0265 W/O G.W. Burgess (Navigator) 31647 P/O D.G. Ferguson (W/O) 135274 Sgt. McCubrey, M. (Air Bomber) 31727 P/O J.V. Karlett (Air Gunner) 31717 P/O P.J. O'Callaghan (Flight Engineer) 1581801 Sgt. Calloway, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 33755 P/O G.D. Tobin	Bombing	21:42	02:26	This A/O returned early, could not gain altitude, maximum 18,300 feet. Port inner U/S, revs fluctuating in rich mixture 3 to 4 hours, "B" gear. (Bank load brought back to level)	
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