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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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9/10 April	Halifax III	Target - all A/C:- "VILLENEUVE ST. GEORGES"	Bomb load:-			each A/C:- 5 x 1000 lb. MC.T.D. .025, and 10 x 500 lb. MC.T.D. .025	
9/10 April	Halifax III "R" LN-361	(Captain) 13822 P/L C.E. Edmonds (Navigator) 152498 W/O Ryan, T.M. (W/O) 112195 Sgt. Box, H.W. (Air Bomber) 158723 Sgt. Lumsden, E.A. (Air Gunner) 118372 Sgt. Cole, H.K. (Flight Engineer) 1801871 Sgt. Wilkinson, A.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1164085 Sgt. Carter, D.B.	Bombing	21:12	02:19	No cloud, visibility moderate to good. Target identified by red T.I.'s on first run and green T.I.'s on second run. Bombed on concentration of green T.I. markers at 00:21 hours from 15,500 feet. P.F.F. about 3 minutes late. red T.I. markers well concentrated. Large explosion seen at 00:03 hours, lasting for several seconds, on way in to target, appeared to be a petrol dump.	
9/10 April	Halifax III "U" HX-287	(Captain) 113896 P/S Sturzy, W.J.D. (Navigator) 113332 W/O Taylor, G.H. (W/O) 115523 Sgt. Barron, J.F. (Air Bomber) 122068 P/O K.R. Thrasher (Air Gunner) 118002 Sgt. Molton, N.I. (Flight Engineer) 1801125 Sgt. Morgan, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1201056 Sgt. Follows, S.W.	Bombing	21:13	02:47	No cloud, good visibility. Target identified by red T.I. ground markers and some green T.I. markers. Bombed at 00:15 hours from 16,000 feet on red T.I. markers on ground. Many bomb bursts seen at time of bombing. Other A/C seen to bomb northern A/P when no markers seen. Good concentration of red T.I. markers, but P.F.F. late. Fairly good concentration of A/C in target area though no difficulty encountered when bombing.	
9/10 April	Halifax III "P" LV-966	(Captain) 1157469 P/S Thomas, B. (Navigator) 1161193 P/S McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) 118978 Sgt. Willey, E.W. (Air Bomber) 1168405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) 120509 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) 1024126 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1167209 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	21:14	02:25	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and ground markers, also visually. Bombed at 00:07 ¹ / ₂ hours from 16,000 feet on red T.I. markers on ground. Good concentration of red T.I.'s. Target with river and built up area showing clearly. Many bomb bursts seen in target area and on A/P. Heavy concentration of A/C at time of bombing.	

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9/10 April	Halifax III "S" IX-275	(Captain) R152746 P/O S Edmondson, P.R. (Navigator) R14241 P/S Jones, L.E. (W/O) R12854 Sgt. Gorman, M.C. (Air Bomber) R24530 P/O H.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) R28282 P/O L.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) R50082 Sgt. Elliott, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R125215 Sgt. Orlington, G.	Bombing	21:17	02:34	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed on these at 00:07 hours from 13,000 feet. P.F.F. were three minutes late. Good concentration of bomb bursts seen in target area. At 23:59 hours a large explosion with white flame was seen in target area. Target should be well "plastered".	
9/10 April	Halifax III "D" IV-842	(Captain) R86056 P/O J.L. James (Navigator) R126885 P/S Smeaton, G.R. (W/O) R57402 Sgt. Gubbins, J. (Air Bomber) R11023 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) R55576 Sgt. Schade, O.H. (Flight Engineer) R69494 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R120689 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Bombing	21:28	02:40	Cloud nil, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and visual pinpoint. Bombed at 00:05 hours from 15,700 feet on red T.I. clusters in B/S, no others visible. Some green T.I. seen on run up but only one red T.I. cluster visible when A/G bombed. All bombing seen was well con- centrated around these markers. One large but quite short explosion lit up whole area at 00:02 hours. If P.F.F. were on it was a very good attack. Brought back 1 x 500 lb. M.C. T.D. 025, hung up.	
9/10 April	Halifax III "W" IV-839	(Captain) R16196 P/O C.C. Burns (Navigator) R57508 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) R11124 Sgt. Morris, E.N. (Air Bomber) R168323 Sgt. MacDonnell, D.G. (Air Gunner) R39459 P/O A.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) R26659 Sgt. Bodard, J.P. (Mid-upper Gunner) R17245 Sgt. Des Roches, J.	Bombing	21:15	03:11	Cloud nil, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and, visually, also by attack on northern A/P. Bombed at 00:17 hours from 16,000 feet, on centre of group of three red T.I.'s. P.F.F. were late, red T.I.'s were well grouped together and bombing was well concentrated around them. One large explosion, orange coloured, was seen at 00:17 hours. If P.F.F. were on, and they appeared to be, the raid was a success. Track was pretty close to Chartres, which is hot.	

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9/10 April	Halifax III "I" LW-944	(Captain) 1219273 P/S Hall, G.E. (Navigator) 174304 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 172252 P/O E.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 169644 P/O P.C. Brookes (Air Gunner) 1241267 P/O G.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 1622807 Sgts. Jones, P.M. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1129282 Sgt. Darnborough, R.	Bombing	21:10	23:09	This A/C returned early as starboard outer engine was continually backfiring. Jettisoned full bomb load, 5407N 0114E at 22:49 hrs.	
9/10 April	Halifax III "B" LW-840	(Captain) 112697 P/O J.J. Major (Navigator) 1575660 Sgt. Bathone, J. (W/O) 1152489 P/S Mose, B.P.A. (Air Bomber) 1124284 P/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) 1121238 Sgts. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 1459661 Sgts. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1121276 Sgt. Bodaly, S.H.	Bombing	21:11	23:16	This A/C returned early. Starboard outer engine went U/S. Jettisoned full bomb load, 5405N 0101E at 23:07 hrs.	
9/10 April	Halifax III "F" HK-288	(Captain) 1123775 P/O Mitchell, J.E. (Navigator) 122076 P/O J.K. Shelden (W/O) 130809 P/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) 123428 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) 1187961 Sgt. Cracknell, G.C. (Flight Engineer) 1590538 Sgt. Jamison, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1187569 Sgt. McDonough, J.E.	Bombing	21:18	03:22	Cloud nil, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. markers and visual pinpoints and A.P.I. readings. Bombed at 00:25 hours from 16,000 feet on red T.I's. When running in on target the T.I's burnt out, some more reds fell, but off this A/C's line so it was necessary to wait and bomb in reserve period. T.I's in this wave were well concentrated and bombs fell well on them. Considerable scattered bombing seen, with a lot of bomb bursts right in the built up area which was easily identified as such. No markers were seen in this built up area.	

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9/10 April	Halifax III "K" LW-944	(Captain) 159567 P/O D. Brown (Navigator) 1600680 P/S Rumble, H. (W/O) 158700 P/S Sarses, J. (Air Bomber) 19252 P/O S.L. Demche (Air Gunner) 129446 Sgt. Brotherhood, K. (Flight Engineer) 180457 Sgt. Chapon, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 145665 P/O A.W. Jennings	Bombing	21:16	02:36	Nil cloud, visibility very good. Target identified by red T.I. on ground. Bombed at 00:07 hours from 16,000 feet on three red T.I.'s. A large explosion seen at 00:03 hours when approaching target. River adjacent to target and easily identified visually. Good concentration of T.I. markers. Other A/C seen clearly while on bombing run, T/A not very congested. At 00:11 hours large explosion seen in target area.	
10/11 April	Halifax III	Target "GHRT"	Bomb load - 9 x 1000 lb. M.C. and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.				
10/11 April	Halifax III "S" HK-275	(Captain) 11337 P/O J.J. Major (2nd Pilot) 121448 P/O J.R. Harrison (W/O) 118249 P/S Mose, B.F.A. (Navigator) 157550 Sgt. Rathbone, J. (Air Bomber) 112428 P/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) 1191238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 1459461 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1170629 Sgt. Goughlin, H.J.	Bombing	20:42	00:45	5/10ths cloud, cum nim at 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 22:49 hours from 13,500 feet on centre of a cluster of red T.I.'s. Some cloud over target at bombing time, but this A/C bombed through a break in cloud. Bombs burst well within area. No difficulty encountered during trip. Should show good results.	

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11/12 April	Halifax III	Gardening - "SILVERHORNE AREA"					
						Ten A/C, listed below with their respective crews, dropped in their allotted positions, 5 x B230, 5 x G71, 5 x G70, and 5 x F624 mines from 15,000 feet between 23:11 hours and 23:19 hours. A very successful and rather uneventful mining operation. Homing on H.S. gave accurate dropping position. Weather in mining area varied, from 6 to 10/10ths cloud, tops from 6,000 to 10,000 feet. One crew reported mining area clear with good visibility at 23:13 hours. Only one S/S A/C seen near mining area. Swedish town of Halsingberg brightly lit up. A/C LW-570 returned with twenty flak holes in fuselage.	
11/12 April	Halifax III "D" LW-842	(Captain) 171545 P/O V.G. Smith (2nd Pilot) 133947 P/O E. Rydolfson (Navigator) 162504 Sgt. Boustead, W.R. (W/O) 1445637 Sgt. Hailey, J. (Air Bomber) 1320224 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) 1023820 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) 1597166 Sgt. Monroe, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1188034 Sgt. Neil, E.J.	Gardening	20:16	02:19		
11/12 April	Halifax III "F" HX-288	(Captain) 1139775 W/O Mitchell, J.E. (Navigator) 122074 P/O J.K. Shelden (W/O) 1506809 W/O McDougall, E. (Air Bomber) 123428 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) 1187961 Sgt. Crankeell, G.C. (Flight Engineer) 1590538 Sgt. Lamson, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1187569 Sgt. McDenough, J.F.	Gardening	20:26	02:17		

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11/12 April	Halifax III "I" IW-911	(Captain) <u>DFC</u> 18201 S/L J.G. Mollod (Navigator) 14522 P/O G.F. Harclins (W/O) 14604 P/O C.R. Rossell (Air Bomber) 10449 P/O Sgt Mollod (Air Gunner) 17327 W/O A.W. Graham (Flight Engineer) 12775 P/S Burregven, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 12103 Sgt Gleisher, P.	Gardening	20:15	02:33		
11/12 April	Halifax III "K" IW-944	(Captain) 12967 P/O D. Brown (Navigator) 16088 P/A Bumble, R. (W/O) 12700 P/S Surtess, J. (Air Bomber) 19252 P/O R.L. Demore (Air Gunner) 129446 Sgt Rutherford, K. (Flight Engineer) 120457 Sgt. Deppa, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 14566 P/O A.W. Jennings	Gardening	20:24	03:04		
11/12 April	Halifax III "L" IW-368	(Captain) 19506 P/O J.L. James (Navigator) 11586 P/A Beaton, G.B. (W/O) 157102 Sgt. Gibbins, J. (Air Bomber) 171053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) 118576 Sgt. Schade, G.B. (Flight Engineer) 15244 Sgt. Becker, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 119089 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Gardening	20:17	02:23		

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11/12 April	Halifax III "B" IV-967	(Captain) 1512273 P/S Hall, G.F. (2nd Pilot) 121448 P/O J.R. Harrison (Navigator) 171308 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 170293 P/O E.A. Studd (Air Bomber) 162641 P/O P.G. Brookes (Air Gunner) 121257 P/O G.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 1623207 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1189382 Sgt. Darrbrough, R.	Gardening	20:20	02:47		
11/12 April	Halifax III "B" IV-361	(Captain) 1157169 P/S Thomas, R. (Navigator) 1161133 P/S McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) 1318978 Sgt. Willey, E.W. (Air Bomber) 1168405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) 1206059 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) 1624126 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1167209 Sgt. Goodman, H.M.	Gardening	20:44	02:34		
11/12 April	Halifax III "B" IV-840	(Captain) 1388906 P/S Reinelt, R.G. (2nd Pilot) 122378 P/O R.G. Linklater (Navigator) 1321028 P/S Hedges, A.H. (W/O) 1326221 Sgt. Parker, S.O. (Air Bomber) 151246 P/O G. Wade (Air Gunner) 121078 Sgt. McKee, G. (Flight Engineer) 1426837 Sgt. Emmerson, J.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1135945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.W.	Gardening	20:27	02:11		

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11/12 April	Halifax III "B" IN-370	(Captain) M 52746 P/O Edmondson, P.R. Gardening (Navigator) 14941 P/O Jones, L.E. (W/O) M 28614 Sgt. Gorman, M.C. (Air Bomber) 26530 P/O R.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) 28282 P/O Hughes, L.G. (Flight Engineer) 185082 Sgt. Ellis, J.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 112555 Sgt. Orington, G.		20:23	02:28		
11/12 April	Halifax III "W" HK-290	(Captain) M 38994 P/O Staww, W.J. Gardening (Navigator) M 35322 W/O Taylor, C.H. (W/O) 124233 Sgt. Barron, J.F. (Air Bomber) 25068 P/O A.R. Strasher (Air Gunner) M 28002 Sgt. McInnis, N.I. (Flight Engineer) 100125 Sgt. Morgan, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 820475 Sgt. Fellows, S.W.		20:28	02:49		
18/19 April	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"NOISY 12 SEC"	Bomb load for each A/C listed below:- 5 x 1000 lb. M.C. & 10 x 500 lb. M.C.			
18/19 April	Halifax III "A" HK-288	(Captain) 22278 P/O J.D. Tanklater (Navigator) 22225 P/O M.W. Elliott (W/O) 128578 Sgt. Willey, E.W. (Air Bomber) 27401 P/O R. Sanford (Air Gunner) M 97364 Sgt. Burgess, N.C. (Flight Engineer) 182414 Sgt. Ashford, R.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 830665 Sgt. Adams, J.	Bombing	20:34	02:34	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually and by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:56½ hours from 15,600 feet on centre of all red and green T.I.'s. Three red T.I.'s seen down on ground and about one minute before A/C bombed, the mixed red and green T.I.'s were dropped right on top of them. Some short bombing seen but no other results observed.	

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18/19 April	Halifax III *C* HK-352	(Captain) 320917 P/O E. Ryjolfson (Navigator) 322228 P/O G.E. Willner (W/O) 3142388 P/S Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) 328362 P/O Kinney, J.M. (Air Gunner) 212653 Sgt. Strickland, F.N. (Flight Engineer) 1729008 Sgt. Sparwick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 3283757 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D.	Bombing	20:44	02:25	Clear with some haze, visibility good. Target identified by green and red T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:57 hours from 15,600 feet on red T.I.'s. Target well marked with good concentration. Reflection of glow could be still seen from English coast.	
18/19 April	Halifax III *D* EV-842	(Captain) 321448 P/O J.R. Harrach (Navigator) 328875 P/O J.F. Kinder (W/O) 324065 P/O L.E. Dufresne (Air Bomber) 327324 P/O E.W. Widenoja (Air Gunner) 314360 Sgt. Besudette, J.G.R. (Flight Engineer) 162412 Sgt. Whitbread, D.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 3255048 Sgt. Bounie, R.	Bombing	20:35	02:49	No cloud, some haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:56 1/2 hours from 15,500 feet on red and green T.I.'s. P.F.F. good, bomb bursts seen to starboard of markers. Route O.K., good trip with no difficulties encountered. Should be a successful effort.	
18/19 April	Halifax III *E* LV-840	(Captain) 312971 P/O Bourgeois, J. (Navigator) 325113 P/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) 3128889 P/O Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) 325586 P/O J.W. Gagnon (Air Gunner) 316476 Sgt. Plante, J. (Flight Engineer) 1324297 Sgt. Bowman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 320287 Sgt. Laframboise, J.	Bombing	20:37	02:22	No cloud, good visibility. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 00:02 hours from 15,600 feet on centre of red and green T.I.'s. Good P.F.F. effort, bombs seen bursting in good concentration on target. Large explosion seen - seemed to be large building, red flame with smoke obscuring it.	

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18/19 April	Halifax III "I" LV-911	(Captain) R144285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R21822 P/O D.G. Townsend (W/O) R26167 P/S Gambold, L. (Air Bomber) R125056 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R17643 Sgt. Horton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R7524 Sgt. Furbridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R22557 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	20:54	02:43	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s, H2S and bomb bursts. Bombed at 23:58 hours from 15,600 feet on centre of red and green T.I.'s. Red T.I.'s fell first and as A/C came in the red and greens were cascading. Made a second run to bomb on the mixed red and greens. Markers were well concentrated and bombing was accurate.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "S" HK-275	(Captain) R20158 P/S Monohan, G.M. (Navigator) R128268 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) R25246 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R161571 Sgt. Pearson, W.A. (Air Gunner) R190788 Sgt. Mothersill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) R23051 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21024 Sgt. Hield, L.R.	Bombing	20:53	02:14	Some ground haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 00:01 hours from 15,800 feet on centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.F.P. marked target well, best concentration seen yet. Smoke from target rose to 4,000 feet. No difficulties encountered, target should be well bombed.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "U" HK-287	(Captain) R138996 P/S Shum, W.J.D. (Navigator) R13342 W/O Taylor, C.H. (W/O) R25831 Sgt. Barron, J.P. (Air Bomber) R25068 P/O A.R. Thresher (Air Gunner) R198002 Sgt. Molins, N.I. (Flight Engineer) R30125 Sgt. Morgan, L. (Mid-upper Gunner) R201056 Sgt. Follows, S.W.	Bombing	20:39		This A/C failed to return.	

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18/19 April	Halifax III "W" HX-291	(Captain) M6496 P/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) 157508 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) 1544256 Sgt. Morris, J.W. (Air Bomber) M68329 Sgt. MacDougall, D.G. (Air Gunner) 139159 P/O A.S.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) M66659 Sgt. Redard, J.P. (Mid-upper Gunner) M71245 Sgt. Des Roches, J.	Bombing	20:57 1/2	02:57	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's and flares. Bombed at 23:58 hours from 15,500 feet, on centre of mixed red and green T.I. Bombing was good on the markers and considerable smoke seen rising from target area.	
18/19 April	Halifax III	Bomb load for each A/C listed below: - 7 x 1000 lb. M.C. & 6 x 500 lb. M.C.					
18/19 April	Halifax III "B" HX-967	(Captain) M2273 P/S Hall, G.E. (Navigator) M7304 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 170295 P/O P.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 16964 P/O P.C. Brookes (Air Gunner) M243267 P/O G.R. McEwen (Flight Engineer) M23247 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) M98382 Sgt. Darnborough, R.	Bombing	20:42	02:40	3 to 5/10ths thin cloud, visibility good. Target identified by green and red T.I's. Bombed at 00:01 hours from 15,600 feet on green and red T.I's. P.F.F. good and target well marked. A large brilliant explosion of orange red flame rose to approximately 200 feet then died down. Glow of target could be seen from French coast on way in.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "P" HX-268	(Captain) M23772 P/O Mitchell, J.E. (Navigator) M25076 P/O J.K. Shelden (W/O) M30809 P/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) M2928 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) M19576 Sgt. Bodaly, S.H. (Flight Engineer) M50438 Sgt. Lumsden, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) M77563 Sgt. McDougall, J.E.	Bombing	20:40 1/2	02:37	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's and bomb bursts. Bombed at 00:03 hours from 15,600 feet on centre of concentration of red and green T.I's. Good concentration of markers. There was such a concentration of A/C above, this A/C turned off and made a second run. Many bomb bursts seen right on the markers. One large explosion noted at 23:57 hours, and some fires with a lot of smoke.	

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18/19 April	Halifax III "J" IV-990	(Captain) R19897 P/O J.J. Major (Navigator) R24578 P/O R.N. Bower (W/O) R182689 P/S Moss, R.P.A. (Air Bomber) R124204 P/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) R14238 Sct. Greening, J.C. (Flight Engineer) R459661 Sct. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R170629 Sct. Coughlin, H.V.	Bombing	20:38	02:31	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s, bomb bursts and H2S. Bombed at 23:59 hours from 15,600 feet on red and green T.I.'s centred in bomb-sight. Red T.I.'s only seen when A/C first crossed target, made a dummy run, and on second run bombed on mixed red and green T.I.'s. A number of large explosions were noted around the markers.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "K" IV-94A	(Captain) R145942 P/S Devine, E.J. (Navigator) R178175 Sct. Wilkins, G.F. (W/O) R175354 Sct. Cowan, W.J.H. (Air Bomber) R28354 P/O I.C. Grant (Air Gunner) R125241 Sct. Cousineau, A.F. (Flight Engineer) R52172 Sct. Hutley, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R165074 Sct. Saunders, R.D.	Bombing	20:36	01:50	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed on red T.I. Target area appeared to be a mass of white flares. Seemed to be successful raid. Landed at Long Marston.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "N" LV-871	(Captain) R5822 P/O G.B. Edmonds (Navigator) R5458 W/O Ryan, T.M. (W/O) R149155 Sct. Fox, H.W. (Air Bomber) R158723 Sct. Lansdowne, E.A. (Air Gunner) R183872 Sct. Tope, H.K. (Flight Engineer) R180871 Sct. Wilkinson, A.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R164065 Sct. Carter, D.B.	Bombing	20:30		This aircraft failed to return.	

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18/19 April	Halifax III "P" LN-966	(Captain) R157169 P/S Thomas, E. (Navigator) R161133 P/S McNaughton, J.A. (W/O) R50373 W/O Patson, L.J. (Air Bomber) R169405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) R102436 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167205 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	20:31	01:59	Slight low haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 23:56 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 15,600 feet on red T.I's. P.F.F. were very good. Bombing well concentrated around the markers. Intermittent explosions and streams of red flame observed. No trouble encountered.	
18/19 April	Halifax III "Q" HK-353	(Captain) R158906 P/S Rednelt, E.C. (2nd Pilot) R12468 P/O T. Ellison (Navigator) R131036 P/S Hardes, A.R.W. (W/O) R157030 Sgt. Hibbins, E.C. (Air Bomber) R151248 P/O G.M. Wade (Air Gunner) R147074 Sgt. Dykes, C. (Flight Engineer) R126837 Sgt. Peppercock, J.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R135945 Sgt. Carruthers, D.E.	Bombing	20:41 $\frac{1}{2}$	01:49	1/10th cloud or haze below. Target identified by red and green T.I's and H.2.S. Bombed at 23:57 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 15,600 feet on centre of red and green T.I. mixture. Markers very well concentrated in a dazzling group. One or two bomb bursts seen just short of them, but none seen right on markers. Two good fires seen burning amid markers.	
18/19 April	Halifax III	Target - all A/C - "XXXX"		Bomb load - all		A/C - 2 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D. 025 & 4 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "A" HK-268	(Captain) R14448 P/O J.R. Harrison (Navigator) R149375 P/O J.V. Kinder (W/O) R12465 P/O L.E. Dufresne (Air Bomber) R17281 P/O S.J. Widenola (Air Gunner) R143540 Sgt. Beaudette, J.C.R. (Flight Engineer) R102419 Sgt. Whitbread, D.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R155043 Sgt. Bourne, E.	Bombing	20:58 $\frac{1}{2}$	02:17	6/10th cloud, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 23:43 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 8500 feet on cluster of red T.I's. Just as this A/C bombed on reds at 23:45 hours, there was a large explosion that lit up the whole area in a bright orange colour.	

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20/21 April	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) 4349273 P/O S. Hall, G.E. (Navigator) 474304 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 470295 P/O E.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 469644 P/O P.O. Brookes (Air Gunner) 4643887 P/O G.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 4623077 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 4498382 Sgt. Darnborough, R.	Bombing	21:14	01:48	3 to 6/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by flares, red and green T.I. and H ₂ S. Bombed at 23:44 hours from 8500 feet on centre of two salves of red T.I. P.F.F. very good and well concentrated and bomb bursts were well around the markers. One large explosion seen at 23:42 hours just beside red markers, and another at 23:46 hours with a lot of black smoke rising up.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "B" LV-842	(Captain) 430947 P/O E. Rydolfson (Navigator) 422288 P/O G.E. Willner (W/O) 442388 P/S Bartholme, W.S. (Air Bomber) 428761 P/O J.M. Kirney (Air Gunner) 420377 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) 4729008 Sgt. Smartwick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 4206039 Sgt. Mohan, V.E.	Bombing	21:03	02:16	3/10ths light cloud at 3-4000 feet, visibility good to fair. Target identified by yellow and red T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:54 hours from 8500 feet on concentration of yellow T.I.'s, with red T.I.'s approximately 100 yards to starboard. Difficult to see detail, except markers. Bombs seen to burst in T.I.'s.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "B" LV-840	(Captain) 413241 P/O Bourgeois, J. (Navigator) 466415 P/O Dumstait, W.G. (W/O) 4128889 P/O Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) 423586 P/O W.W. Guberton (Air Gunner) 41476 Sgt. Planté, L. (Flight Engineer) 452427 Sgt. Bowcher, D.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 420207 Sgt. Laframboise, V.	Bombing	21:06	02:19	7/10ths cloud, visibility good above. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 23:44 hours from 8500 feet on red and green T.I.'s. Bombed on a single red and just as bombs gone a cluster of greens fell on the same spot. Large number of bomb bursts seen, all on the markers. Large orange coloured explosion seen at time of bombing that lit up the whole area.	

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20/21 April	Halifax III *P* HK-288	(Captain) R139775 W/O Mitchell, J.B. (Navigator) R22076 P/O J.K. Shedden (W/O) R30609 W/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) R2428 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) R151976 Sgt. Bodaly, S.H. (Flight Engineer) R59058 Sgt. Lumsden, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R18762 Sgt. McDougall, J.B.	Bombing	21:05 $\frac{1}{2}$	02:04	3/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:44 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 8500 feet on red T.I. cluster. There were two clusters of red T.I. and three of green well scattered. This A/C bombed on the largest cluster of red T.I. Some bomb bursts seen, all within the marked area. A large orange coloured explosion seen in target area at 23:44 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.	
20/21 April	Halifax III *V* HK-290	(Captain) R3201 S/L J.G. McNeill DFC (Navigator) R1242 P/O G.F. Harkins (W/O) R45604 P/O G.R. Rowse II (Air Bomber) R1043 P/O J.G. Mc Nicol (Air Gunner) R78367 W/O Graham, M.W. (Flight Engineer) R2745 P/S Hargreaves, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21083 Sgt. Glaisher, L.P.	Bombing	21:24	02:10	5 - 8/10ths thin layer cloud at 5 - 6,000 feet, visibility clear. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 23:46 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s. T.I.'s were concentrated, could be seen well but not ground detail due to cloud. Good concentration of A/C from French coast to target. Very little opposition encountered.	
20/21 April	Halifax III *X* LV-944	(Captain) R145942 P/S Devine, E.J. (Navigator) R17175 Sgt. Wilkins, G.F. (W/O) R15381 Sgt. Cowan, W.J.M. (Air Bomber) R28351 P/O J.C. Grant (Air Gunner) R19341 Sgt. Gousineau, A.F. (Flight Engineer) R26277 Sgt. Rutley, S. (Mid-upper Gunner) R162974 Sgt. Saunders, R.D.	Bombing	21:17	02:11	Thin layer cloud 4 - 5/10ths at 4 - 5000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by one cluster of yellow three minutes before red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:46 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s seen at 23:44 hours. P.F.F. good, explosion seen at 23:43 hours, a large mushroom of orange flame rose 150 - 200 feet lasting about 4 - 5 seconds, then died down.	

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20/21 April	Halifax III "R" IN-361	(Captain) M 3827 P/O J.J. Major (Navigator) M 2178 P/O R.N. Bower (W/O) M 18285 P/S Moss, B.F.A. (Air Bomber) M 2628 P/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) M 21238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) M 3261 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 70629 Sgt. Coughlin, H.N.	Bombing	21:00	02:33	5/10ths thin cloud to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:46 hours from 8500 feet on red and green T.I.'s seen at 23:43 hours. P.F.F. good and target well marked. Bomb bursts seen to be in area. Explosion seen at 23:44 hours, a whitish yellow flame lasting approximately thirty seconds, then died out.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "O" HK-280	(Captain) M 6496 P/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) M 7268 Sgt. Bamford, J.W. (W/O) M 51254 Sgt. Morris, F.N. (Air Bomber) M 68229 Sgt. MacDougall, D.C. (Air Gunner) M 32159 P/O A.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) M 66529 Sgt. Holmick, J.P. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 71285 Sgt. Des Roches, J.	Bombing	21:21	02:24	7/10ths cloud, tops 5,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red and green T.I. markers. Bombed at 23:46 hours from 8500 feet on centre of two clusters of red T.I. One very large explosion seen at 23:44 hours about two miles W/S.W. of the markers. Another seen right on the markers at 23:48 hours. 1 x 500 lb. MG.T.D. hung up and brought back.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "Q" IN-972	(Captain) M 5158 P/S Monahan, C.M. (Navigator) M 23288 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) M 51524 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) M 61521 Sgt. Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) M 90788 Sgt. Motherill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) M 30251 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 210281 Sgt. Field, L.R.	Bombing	21:04	01:40	5/10ths stratus at 4 - 5000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:47 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s. Target well marked. P.F.F. concentration good. Bombs seen bursting well within marker concentrations. Large explosion seen at 23:46 hours with yellow flame. Glow could be seen from target to French coast on way home.	

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20/21 April	Halifax III *# IN-966	(Captain) R157469 F/S Thomas, E. (Navigator) R161133 F/S McLaughlin, J.H. (W/O) R162712 W/O Purson, L.J. (Air Bomber) R168405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188211 Sgt. Crane, D.A. (Flight Engineer) 1024126 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167202 Sgt. Goodson, R.M.	Bombing	21:01	02:08	Small patches of strata cu, 4 - 5000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by yellow and red T.I. Bombed at 23:45 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s seen at 23:44 hours. A large explosion seen at 23:44 hours, yellowish mushroom effect, lasted for about five seconds, then died down. P.P.F. good, some ground detail could be seen by bomb bursts.	
20/21 April	Halifax III *# HI-275	(Captain) R150258 F/O J.L. James (Navigator) R156266 F/S Smeaton, G.H. (W/O) 157402 Sgt. Gubbins, J. (Air Bomber) R171053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) R182576 Sgt. Schade, G.H. (Flight Engineer) 1694344 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R190488 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H.	Bombing	21:02	02:47	5/10ths cloud, tops 5000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by yellow, red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:47 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s. Yellow T.I. visible on run in, but they went out, so A/C bombed on red T.I. One large explosion with a short bright flame seen at 23:46 hours, another at 23:54 hours.	
20/21 April	Halifax III *# IB-370	(Captain) R152746 F/S Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) R149447 F/S Jones, L.E. (W/O) R126644 Sgt. Gowan, M.G. (Air Bomber) 124538 W/O H.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) 123282 F/O L.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) 1850482 Sgt. Elliot, J.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1125715 Sgt. Ovington, G.	Bombing	20:57	02:50	5/10ths cu cloud patches at 5000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by yellow and red T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:45 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I.'s seen at approximately 23:42 hours. Cloud obscured ground detail, markers could be seen distinctly. Bombing as a whole seemed concentrated in this area. Some congestion of A/C over target.	

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20/21 April	Halifax III "W" HK-294	(Captain) 322978 P/O J.D. Linklater (Navigator) 322236 P/O M.W. Smartt (W/O) 326821 Sgt. Parker, S.C.B. (Air Bomber) 327401 P/O R. Benford (Air Gunner) 337736 Sgt. Burgess, N.C. (Flight Engineer) 329344 Sgt. Ashelford, R.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) 320666 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	20:58	02:15	5 to 6/10ths cloud, tops 5/6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 23:46 1/2 hours from 8500 feet on centre of green T.I.'s. Red markers were very dim when A/C made run so bombed the centre of all greens. At 23:45 hours a very bright yellow explosion seen to left of the markers.	
20/21 April	Halifax III "W" IW-992	(Captain) 45499 P/O H.F. Patterson (Navigator) 31324 P/O R.C. Dunbar (W/O) 35614 P/O Gannon, W. (Air Bomber) 312986 P/O J.A. Grudokshnik (Air Gunner) 72204 P/O W.J. Fry (Flight Engineer) 57377 P/O A.M. Dohse (Mid-upper Gunner) 336622 Sgt. Dean, R.F.	Bombing	21:18	01:50	3 to 4/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red, green and yellow T.I.'s and bomb bursts. Bombed at 23:47 hours from 8500 feet on red T.I. As A/C came in to bomb, a single green fell, then a single red right beside it. One large sheet of flame shot up a good 100 feet right beside the markers, and a few other bomb bursts seen close to the markers.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "A" 708-260	(Captain) 24925 P/O all A/C - "BRASSLUDORF"	Bomb load per following A/C:-			1 x 2000 lb. H.C.M.I.s, 56 x 30 lb. I.B.s., 480 x 4 lbs. I.B. & 60 x 4 lbs. "X" type I.B.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "A" HK-268	(Captain) 32148 P/O J.R. Harrison (Navigator) 320875 P/O J.F. Kinder (W/O) 324322 P/O H.E. Duffield (Air Bomber) 327281 P/O K.T. Widenoja (Air Gunner) 313640 Sgt. Beauchamp, J.G.R. (Flight Engineer) 322419 Sgt. Whitbread, D.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 326744 Sgt. Bourne, R.	Bombing	02:25	04:26	A/C in vapour trails, visibility good. Target identified by green and red T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:25 hours from 19,200 feet on centre of green T.I.'s. Reds were burned out and greens seemed somewhat scattered. Target area mass of fires. A/C seemed congested over route and over target. No difficulties encountered.	

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22/23 April	Halifax III "I" IN-368	(Captain) 120947 P/O E. Byrjolfson (Navigator) 122228 P/O C.E. Willner (W/O) 124288 P/S Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) 125362 P/O J.M. Kirney (Air Gunner) 1201757 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) 122008 Sgt. Smutwick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1206039 Sgt. Mohan, Y.S.	Bombing	22:34	04:30	2 to 3 A/C the cloud to 20,000 feet, visibility poor due to smoke haze and vapour trails. Target identified by red and green T.I. and visual pinpoint on river bend. Bombed at 01:30 hours from 20,000 feet on centre of smoke covered area. A/C was late due to engine trouble. On arrival red T.I.'s were falling on both sides of the river. The eastern side was completely covered by a dense mass of smoke. T.I.'s in an area that didn't appear to have been attacked. Engines were not very good, couldn't get any speed, arrived late on target.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "D" IN-842	(Captain) 11646 P/O J.C. Skith (Navigator) 125288 Sgt. Boustead, W.R.W. (W/O) 122177 Sgt. Halley, J. (Air Bomber) 120221 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) 122320 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) 1257166 Sgt. Meares, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1258034 Sgt. Neil, E.J.	Bombing	22:19	05:55	Very thin cloud and vapour trails encountered, visibility very good. Target identified by many fires, very few red and green markers, well concentrated, and outline of river. Bombed at 01:32 hours from 21,000 feet on red and green T.I.'s, very close together. Very large area of fire seen, appeared to be well concentrated around red T.I.'s. 180 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "E" IN-840	(Captain) 129213 W/O Bourgnault, J. (Navigator) 1226115 W/O Dennstedt, W.G. (W/O) 122838 W/O Miller, T.A. (Air Bomber) 125586 P/O J.W. Gaulton (Air Gunner) 1264776 Sgt. Plante, J. (Flight Engineer) 1224297 Sgt. Bowman, D.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1222087 Sgt. Lafranchise, J.	Bombing	22:22		This aircraft failed to return from the operation.	

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22/23 April	Halifax III *I* LW-914	(Captain) 159567 P/O D. Brown (2nd Pilot) 13468 P/O F. Kilison (Navigator) 160080 P/S Hubble, H. (W/O) 126700 P/S Surtees, J. (Air Bomber) 19852 P/O R.L. Desome (Air Gunner) 129446 Sgt. Brotherhood, K. (Flight Engineer) 180457 Sgt. Capon, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 115466 P/O A.W. Jennings	Bombing	22:21	04:21	High broken strata on and contrails 14 - 15,000 feet, visibility good to fair. Target identified by red T.I's. Bombed at 01:25 hours from 21,400 feet on red T.I. Not many T.I's going down at time of bombing. Very good concentration of fires around T.I's. Several small explosions seen, but smoke obscured detail. Glow of fires could be seen for 100 miles.	
22/23 April	Halifax III *S* HG-275	(Captain) 135026 P/O J.L. James (2nd Pilot) 125000 P/O J.A. Morgan (Navigator) 115668 P/S Smeaton, G.B. (W/O) 157402 Sgt. Gubbins, J. (Air Bomber) 1174053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) 1190889 Sgt. Bretach, J.H. (Flight Engineer) 169894 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 118578 Sgt. Schade, C.B.	Bombing	22:11	04:04	Clear, visibility fair, vapour trails. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 01:24 hours from 20,200 feet on centre of red T.I's. Markers and bombing very well concentrated. An area of about five square miles was one mass of fires.	
22/23 April	Halifax III *I* LW-370	(Captain) 115274 P/S Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) 114943 P/S Jones, L.H. (W/O) 113864 Sgt. Gorman, M.G. (Air Bomber) 126530 P/O H.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) 122262 P/O J.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) 185062 Sgt. Elliot, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 112554 Sgt. Drington, G.	Bombing	22:15	03:52	No cloud, visibility poor due to vapour trails. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 01:22 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of red T.I's. Fires and T.I's well concentrated in one mass. One large yellow coloured explosion seen at 01:22 hours. A/C were above, below and on both sides when this A/C bombed. Vapour trails were very heavy all along the route and over the targets.	

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22/23 April	Halifax III "C" HK-280	(Captain) R157469 P/O Porter, R.I. (Navigator) 1572560 P/O Rathbone, Y. (P/O) R102528 P/O Bonnett, L.D. (Air Bomber) 10601524 P/O Off. Ramsdell, G. (Air Gunner) R206069 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) 1562212 Sgt. Wood, D.V. (Mid-upper Gunner) R189537 Sgt. Buckingham, J.	Bombing	22:28	04:26	High haze to 2000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:20 hours from 19,000 feet on green T.I.'s. Ten or twelve fairly large fires seen, seemed somewhat scattered. Good route, target seemed to be well fringed.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "V" HK-290	(Captain) R22978 P/O J.T. Luskater (Navigator) R2224 P/O M.W. Emmett (P/O) 146658 P/O G.R. Rowsell (Air Bomber) R2343 P/O A. Benford (Air Gunner) R19724 Sgt. BURGESS, H.C. (Flight Engineer) R2474 Sgt. Ashelford, R.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R208668 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	22:23	04:04	Vapour trails very dense, nil cloud, visibility very good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s seen on ground. Bombed at 01:23 hours from 20,000 feet on red T.I. marker on ground. Many fires seen over a vast area and appeared to be mostly short of T.I. markers. At 01:22 hrs. a large explosion seen in target area, lasting about two seconds. 30 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back. Large number of A/C over target area at time of bombing - slight congestion encountered.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "W" HK-291	(Captain) R1765 P/O W.L. Carter (Navigator) R2021 P/O A.W. Norris (P/O) R1287 P/O F.A. Solmehh (Air Bomber) R12120 P/O Bodiasvain, H. (Air Gunner) R18830 Sgt. Camenzuli, A.M. (Flight Engineer) 131298 Sgt. Cummings, G.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R20547 Sgt. Seedhouse, H.C.	Bombing	22:24		This aircraft failed to return from the operation.	

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22/23 April	Halifax III	Bomb load for each following aircraft:- 4 x 2000 lb.				H.C.N.I., 48 x 30 lb. I.B., 390 x 4 lb. I.B., & 60 x 4 lb. I.B. *X-type	
22/23 April	Halifax III *N IV-967	(Captain) 132673 P/O S. Hall, C.A.E. (Navigator) 171306 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 170293 P/O E.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 162941 P/O J.O. Brookes (Air Gunner) 12443267 P/O C.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 1623207 Sgt. Jones, T.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1498382 Sgt. Barnborough, R.	Bombing	22:27	03:44	Light layer of cirrus cloud to 21,000 feet, numerous vapour trails, visibility fair to good. Target identified by two salvos of red and one salvo of green T.I.'s seen on ground. Bombed at 01:23 hours from 21,000 feet on red T.I.'s on ground. Only a few red and green T.I.'s seen at time of bombing, but several more seen cascading immediately afterwards. 8 x 30 lb. and 180 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back.	
22/23 April	Halifax III *N IV-992	(Captain) 15459 S/O H.T. Patterson (Navigator) 13821 P/O H.G.S. Dumar (W/O) 159678 P/O W. Grison (Air Bomber) 12386 P/O J. Cruickshank (Air Gunner) 172204 P/O W.J. Fry (Flight Engineer) 162141 Sgt. Powell, W.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1396652 Sgt. Dean, R.F.	Bombing	22:27	03:35	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and H.C.S. Bombed at 01:20 hours from 20,500 feet on centre of red T.I.'s. Markers very well concentrated and fires were just starting as A/C bombed. The fires grew rapidly and after leaving the target there was an area of flame about five miles square. One large explosion seen at 01:26 hours. 4 x 30 lbs. hung up and brought back.	
22/23 April	Halifax III *N IV-966	(Captain) 145769 P/O S. Thomas, R. (2nd Pilot) 119990 P/O G.A. Wolstenhcraft (Navigator) 166133 P/O McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) 159272 W/O Butson, L.G. (Air Bomber) 163405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) 148891 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) 1024126 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1467209 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	22:20	03:44	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:25 hours from 20,500 feet on red T.I.'s. T.I. concentration good, numerous fires and bomb bursts seen in the target area. Large explosion and immense ball of orange flame seen at 01:23 hours lasting for ten seconds, then died down. Black smoke obscured further view. Good trip and should be a very successful effort.	

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22/23 April	Halifax III "J" IV-390	(Captain) J16496 P/O G.C. Burns (Navigator) 1575084 Sgt. Dunford, J.W. (W/O) 1571224 Sgt. Morris, T.M. (Air Bomber) R163323 Sgt. MacDougall, D.G. (Air Gunner) 133159 P/O A.S. Holmes (Flight Engineer) R26659 Sgt. Redard, J.R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R171245 Sgt. Des Roches, J.	Bombing	23:08		This aircraft failed to return from the operation.	
22/23 April	Halifax III "Q" IV-972	(Captain) R50158 W/O Monahan, G.M. (Navigator) R128258 P/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) 1555216 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R161571 Sgt. Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R190788 Sgt. Motherdill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) 1630533 Sgt. Knight, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R210244 Sgt. Field, L.R.	Bombing	22:10	03:38	High patch strata cu to 20,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s and H2S. Bombed at 01:20 hours from 21,000 feet on red T.I.'s. The green T.I.'s seemed to be scattered over a large area, but the reds were close together. Large mass of fire seen near red T.I. and incendiary fires seen over a wide area.	
24/25 April	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"KARLSRUHE"	Bomb load for following A/C - 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I., 48 x 30 lb. Inc., 390 x 4 lb. Inc., and 60 x 4 lb. "X" type (4 min.)			
24/25 April	Halifax III "K" IV-944	(Captain) 155527 P/L D. Brown (Navigator) 1600840 P/S Hamble, H. (W/O) 155348 P/L P.K. Brown (Air Bomber) 149852 P/O R.L. Deane (Air Gunner) 171103 P/O K.R. Brotherton (Flight Engineer) 1804657 Sgt. Capon, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 145466 P/O A.W. Jennings	Bombing	21:24	03:59	10/10ths layers of mist, visibility poor. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 00:50 hours from 20,500 feet on red T.I. P.F.P. red markers scattered, fires scattered over a large area. Appeared to be very scattered raid, hard to assess on account of clouds. North of track outward and homeward, landed at Woodbridge. 30 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back. <i>0% hit by heavy flak 49/8N D225 Ecl 00:20</i>	

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24/25 April	Halifax III "P" IV-966	(Captain) R157169 P/S Thomas, R. (2nd Pilot) R122282 P/O G.A. Wolstencroft (Navigator) R164133 P/S McNaughton, J.G. (W/O) R30373 W/O Hutson, L.G. (Air Bomber) R168405 Sgt. Kern, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) R02436 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167209 Sgt. Gorman, R.M.	Bombing	21:30	04:47	Cirrus cloud 20 - 23,000 feet, visibility good underneath. Target identified by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 00:44 hours from 20,000 feet on red T.I.'s. P.F.F. seemed well concentrated and well marked, target well alight on and around markers, other fires scattered. No difficulty on route. Good trip, attack successful, somewhat scattered.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "Q" IV-972	(Captain) R50158 P/S Monahan, G.M. (Navigator) R183288 P/S Cartie, W.A. (W/O) R154226 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R161571 Sgt. Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) R130788 Sgt. Metherell, H.J. (Flight Engineer) R163053 Sgt. Knight, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R21024 Sgt. Field, J.R.	Bombing	21:32	04:11	Thin alta stratus to 23,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by green T.I.'s. Bombed at 00:50 hours from 22,000 feet on two green T.I.'s, the only ones visible at bombing time. Too much cloud or haze to make assessment. 8 x 30 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Came back on track to 0500, then straight to Ostend, Bradwell Bay, then home. Icing encountered to 22,500 feet and spasmodic static electricity. P.F.F. scattered over a very wide area and raid also very scattered. Not a very good effort.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "U" IV-115	(Captain) R157460 P/S Porter, W.L. (Navigator) R130180 W/O Jacoback, J.M. (W/O) R105506 W/O Bonnett, L.D. (Air Bomber) R168370 Sgt. Sephton, G.S. (Air Gunner) R206099 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) R1669245 Sgt. Wood, D.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R189537 Sgt. Buckingham, J.	Bombing	21:29	04:27	Very hazy, 10/10ths strata cu, visibility poor. Target identified by H.2.S. check, no markers seen. Bombed at 00:48 hours from 23,500 feet, on H.2.S. check. A/C was over target eight minutes waiting for markers to cascade or be seen. Off track from target to base, flew by D.R., unable to get a fix until just east of Flamborough Head. Light icing encountered at 5025N, 0550E at 22,500 feet, lasted until reaching Belgium coast on route to base. Not a good effort, P.F.F. believed to be off. Met was definitely off.	

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24/25 April	Halifax III	Bomb load for each of the following A/C:-	1 x 2000 lb.			H.C.N.I., 40 x 30 lb. Inc., 390 x 4 lb. Inc., & 60 x 4 lb. (4 min.) "X" type	
24/25 April	Halifax III "V" MX-290	(Captain) 422978 F/O J.T. Linklater (Navigator) 422236 F/O M.W. Bennett (W/O) 156728 F/S Shaw-Brown, K.W. (Air Bomber) 477401 F/O S. Banford (Air Gunner) 419756 Sgt. Burgess, N.C. (Flight Engineer) 189414 Sgt. Ashelford, R.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) 420868 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	21:30	05:10	10/10ths cloud, base 19,200 feet, top 24,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by fires caused by incendiaries. Bombed at 00:47 hours from 22,000 feet on fires. Markers seen cascading at 00:48 hours, red T.I.'s only seen at this time. Red flares with red stars seen in the sky after turn of bombing. Six of seven fairly large fires seen when leaving target area. 30 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back. Returned to base on route, was about 75 miles off track to starboard.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "S" MX-36 "W" 273	(Captain) 485226 F/O J.A. James (2nd Pilot) 425000 F/O J.A.W. Morgan (Navigator) 415686 F/S Slaton, G.B. (Air Bomber) 4171053 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (W/O) 157402 Sgt. Gabbins, J. (Air Gunner) 419083 Sgt. Brotsch, J.H. (Flight Engineer) 169494 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 4185576 Sgt. Schade, C.A.	Bombing	21:33	04:58	7 to 10/10ths alto cu, tops above 2200 feet. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 00:43 hours from 19,500 feet on red T.I. markers. Red and green T.I.'s scattered. Many fires seen when covering target area, appeared very scattered. Bombed through a break in the cloud. At 00:32 hours, 4916N, 0727E, 21,000 feet this A/C collided with a 47. E. U. I. A/C, their port wing hitting the starboard elevator and rudder and damaging them. Slight icing conditions encountered from French coast to target area. Nearly had collisions with several A/C, they were flying in all directions.	

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24/25 April	Halifax III "L" IN-368	(Captain) 220947 P/O E. Ryjolfson (Navigator) 22228 P/O C.E. Willner (W/O) 242386 P/S Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) 28362 P/O J.M. Kinney (Air Gunner) 203757 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) 172008 Sgt. Swarbrick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 206039 Sgt. Mohan, P.	Bombing	21:34	05:19	540ths cloud, tops 20/21,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by fires on ground and H ₂ S ₄ , no markers were visible, built up area seen. Bombed at 00:48 hours from 20,000 feet on glow of fires. Made a dummy run over two groups of pale red T.I.'s well apart, but they looked funny, so bombed the fires on ground. Met poor, had a hard time identifying target. 30 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "I" IN-914	(Captain) 244282 P/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) 21522 P/O D.G. Tomiszek (W/O) 261167 P/S Campbell, L. (Air Bomber) 25056 W/O Grulix, F. (Air Gunner) 217663 Sgt. Harton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) 27524 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) 225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	21:39	04:56	Alto on to 21,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by what was considered the red T.I.'s. Bombed at 00:53 hours from 21,000 feet on glow of T.I.'s. Just a few fires seen after leaving target area. Target totally obscured on bombing run. Considered rather a poor effort on account of weather conditions prevailing. 90 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "B" IN-967	(Captain) 243273 P/S Hall, G.E. (Navigator) 21338 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 20293 P/O E.J. Shaul (Air Bomber) 6904 P/O J.G. Brooks (Air Gunner) 2241267 P/O W.S. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 162367 Sgt. Moser, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 24382 Sgt. Darabrough, E.	Bombing	21:52	04:52	Alto cirrus and haze to 17,000 feet, visibility varying to poor. Target identified visually and by red T.I.'s. Bombed at 01:00 hours from 17,000 feet on concentration of fires. Fires were scattered, although there were several large ones burning in the area. 30 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back. Weather made navigation difficult. Attack seemed very poorly concentrated. Had weather been good route would have been O.K. A disappointing effort.	

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24/25 April	Halifax III "H" IN-364	(Captain) 719897 P/O J.J. Major (Navigator) 421978 P/O R.H. Bower (W/O) 1182489 P/S Moss, B.F.S.A. (Air Bomber) 812428 P/S Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) 8191238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 1459464 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 8170629 Sgt. Coughlin, H.T.	Bombing	21:36½	05:03	Clears cloud to approximately 25,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red glow on cloud. Bombed at 00:48 hours from 19,500 feet on red glow on ground. Cloud totally obscured target and no P.F.F. seen, assessment impossible. Weather made navigation difficult. Consider effort to-night rather poor. P.F.F. ?	
24/25 April	Halifax III "D" LW-242	Bomb load for Main A/C: 1 x 2000 H.C. E.O.N.I., 40 x 30 lb. Inc., 390 x 4 lb. "X" type. (4 min.) (Captain) 171545 P/O J.C. Smith (Navigator) 162560 Sgt. Bountead, W.E. (W/O) 1443637 Sgt. Hailey, J. (Air Bomber) 142024 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) 1023820 Sgt. Davis, A.E. (Flight Engineer) 1697466 Sgt. Mearns, E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 8188024 Sgt. Neil, R.J.	Bombing	21:35	04:49½	5/10ths cloud, 18 to 20,000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by E.T.A., markers fell after bombing. Bombed at 00:44 hours from 22,000 feet through cloud. Bombed on E.T.A., markers fell at the same time on approximately the same spot. Returned on second route due to being late. Ran into ice.	
24/25 April	Halifax III "A" HK-268	(Captain) 21448 P/O J.R. Harrison (Navigator) 320675 P/O J.F. Kinder (W/O) 324665 P/O L.S. Dufresne (Air Bomber) 27281 P/O E.P. Widenoja (Air Gunner) 8143640 Sgt. Beaudette, E.G. (Flight Engineer) 1624912 Sgt. Whitbread, D.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 8155048 Sgt. Bourne, E.	Bombing	21:36	05:07½	10/10ths cloud, base 18,000 feet, 5/10ths cloud below. Target identified by green and red T.I. and red flares with green stars and visually. This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 H.C. N.I., 40 x 30 lb. Inc., and 390 x 4 lb. "X" type (4 min.) bombed at 00:50 hours from 17,000 feet on red T.I.'s. No greens burning when A/C bombed and sky markers were dropped as run was made. Markers were scattered and some fires were visible in and around them. H.2.S. became iced up. Ran into ice about one hour before reaching target. Attack scattered due to weather, A/C could not climb so bombed low.	

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24/25 April	Halifax III "W" IV-992	(Captain) 39201 S/L J.C. McNeill DFC (Navigator) 31828 F/O G.P. Harkins (W/O) 46604 F/O G.R. Downall (Air Bomber) 10442 F/O J.G. McLeod (Air Gunner) 278367 W/O Graham, M.W. (Flight Engineer) 627745 P/S Margraave, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1210153 Sgt. Glasier, J.P.	Bombing	21:38	04:37	10/40ths cloud, tops 23,000 feet, visibility nil. Target identified by E.T.A. and red T.I. seen falling. This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I., 48 x 30 lb. Inc., and 390 x 4 lb. "X" type (4 min.), bombed at 00:52 hours from 19,000 feet on cloud where red T.I. had fallen previously. Cloud up to 21,000 feet, at the Ruhr had gone up to 23,000 feet. At the target the A/C dropped down to 19,000 feet to try to get under it, but no luck. Crossed a S/L belt and observed a T.I. marker fall, bombed on the spot where it was last seen. 60 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back. Nothing could be seen with high cloud, expect attack to be a failure.	
26/27 April	Halifax III	Target - all A/C -	"ESSEN"	Bomb load for following A/C:- 6 x 30 lb. Inc., 570 x 4 lb. Inc., & 60 x 4 lb. "X" (4min).			
26/27 April	Halifax III "A" HK-268	(Captain) 33227 F/O E. Rydolfson (Navigator) 32228 F/O C.E. Willner, (W/O) 212388 P/S Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) 28362 F/O J.M. Kinney (Air Gunner) 263277 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) 122508 Sgt. Swarbrick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 220609 Sgt. Mohan, E.	Bombing	22:45	04:13	Vapour trails but no cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 01:35 hours from 20,000 feet on red T.I's. P.M.F. very good and fires taking hold well. Centre of fires were on the T.I. area. Route O.K. and no opposition encountered. Consider raid a very good effort.	

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26/27 April	Halifax III "C" HK-352	(Captain) 1719273 P/O Hall, G.R. (Navigator) 171304 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) 170255 P/O E.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 159641 P/O F.G. Brookes (Air Gunner) 1224227 P/O G.R. McLaren (Flight Engineer) 1623207 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1458382 Sgt. Darnborough, R.	Bombing	22:47	01:53	This A/C returned early due to the oxygen system not functioning. Brought back full bomb load.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "D" LV-342	(Captain) 1716465 P/O J.C. Smith (Navigator) 1625404 Sgt. Boustead, W.R. (W/O) 1449427 Sgt. Halley, J. (Air Bomber) 1320221 P/O Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) 1023520 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) 1625152 Sgt. Meares, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1458304 Sgt. Neil, E.J.	Bombing	23:16	03:55	Clear, visibility excellent, heavy vapour trails at 21,000 feet. Target identified by red and green T.I. and fires. Bombed at 01:30 hours from 22,000 feet on red T.I. with a green T.I. right on it. Markers concentrated and fires started quite early and burning well. Some congestion, such as a Lancaster directly overhead with bomb doors open. Very good effort. 4 x 30 lb. hung up and brought back.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "I" LV-911	(Captain) 1714285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) 121822 P/O D.G. Townsend (W/O) 1254167 P/O Gambold, L. (Air Bomber) 1425056 W/O Groulx, E. (Air Gunner) 1476443 Sgt. Horton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) 175224 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	22:48	04:30	Very good visibility. Target identified by red and green T.I., flares and yellow stars. Bombed at 01:33 hours from 21,500 feet on red T.I's. P.P.F. very good in their marking. Enormous fires well concentrated in target area. One large explosion seen at 01:30 hours, large mass of red flame shot up to 1000 feet then died down. Dense black smoke rose to quite a height. 90 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back.	

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26/27 April	Halifax III "C" HK-280	(Captain) JN 3468 F/O T. Ellison (Navigator) JN 2697 F/O W.A. Charley (W/O) R 2502 Sgt. Henderson, R.G. (Air Bomber) R 2548 F/O D.B. McKinnon (Air Gunner) R 21078 Sgt. Stevens, F.A. (Flight Engineer) R 25278 Sgt. McFall, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 212157 Sgt. Stowe, H.S.	Bombing	22:51	01:36	No cloud, visibility good, many vapour trails above us. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s and fires. Bombed at 01:33 hours from 18,000 feet just to right of a red T.I. between the T.I. and the fires. Not many markers seen but they were well concentrated with fires spread all around them and heavy smoke was rising thickly over them. 4 x 30 lb. hung up and brought back. . . .	
26/27 April	Halifax III "R" IH-361	(Captain) JN 9897 F/O J.A. Major (Navigator) R 21278 F/O R.N. Bower (W/O) R 118222 F/S Mcns, B.P. (Air Bomber) R 24284 W/O Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) R 91238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) R 145964 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 170629 Sgt. Coughlin, H.S.	Bombing	22:56	01:24	Nil cloud, considerable haze, visibility very good. Target identified by red T.I. on ground. Bombed at 01:21 hours from 22,000 feet on red and green T.I., well concentrated. Two fairly large explosions seen on approach to target and four explosions seen when over target. Glow of two large fires seen as far as the Dutch coast after leaving target. P.F.F. very well concentrated. Considerable S/L activity in target area, but A/C was not coned although it was held for about half a minute at one time. 2 to 3/10ths cloud, tops 21,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and fires. Bombed at 01:55 hours from 21,000 feet on centre of a close group of four or five red T.I. Markers well concentrated and fires starting around them. Some bursts seen right on the markers. Glow of fires still visible at enemy coast on return.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "S" HK-275	(Captain) R 35056 F/O J.L. James (Navigator) R 56866 W/O Seston, J.B. (W/O) R 27702 Sgt. Gubbins, J. (Air Bomber) R 71053 Sgt. Lard, A.J. (Air Gunner) R 85576 Sgt. Schade, C.B. (Flight Engineer) R 69434 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) R 20669 Sgt. Breisch, J.H.	Bombing	22:53	01:21		

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26/27 April	Halifax III "M" W-370	(Captain) M 52746 P/S Edmondson (Navigator) M 49413 W/O Jones, J.S. (W/O) M 3584 Sgt. Coonan, M. (Air Bomber) M 24530 F/O M.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) M 28282 F/O M.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) M 60068 Sgt. Elliot, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 12545 Sgt. Ovington, G.	F.R. Bombing	22:54	01:15	Nil cloud, slight haze and many contrails, visibility very good. Target identified by red T.I. cascading on approach to target. Bombed at 01:37½ hours from 21,000 feet on several red T.I. Both red and green P.P.F. very concentrated. Several large explosions seen in target area on approach to target. Considerable congestion over target area, otherwise trip very good.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "V" W-290	(Captain) M 22278 F/O J.A. Ianclater (Navigator) M 22278 F/O M.A. Bennett (W/O) M 61278 P/S Russell, F.S. (Air Bomber) M 27401 F/O R. Benford (Air Gunner) M 97264 Sgt. Burgess, M.C. (Flight Engineer) M 39474 Sgt. Ashford, E.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 200668 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	22:49	01:17	Clear, vapour trails, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and two good fires. Bombed at 01:35½ hours from 21,000 feet on red T.I. Only one red T.I. visible when this A/O bombed and it was well circled by a good area of fires.	
26/27 April	Halifax III					Bomb load for following A/O:- 56 x 30 lb. Inc., 480 x 4 lb. Inc., and 60 x 4 lb. "X", (4 min).	
26/27 April	Halifax III "M" W-992	(Captain) M 3601 S/L J.G. McNeill (Navigator) M 3601 F/O G.F. Harkins (W/O) M 5604 F/O G.R. Rowell (Air Bomber) M 6143 F/O J.G. McNeill (Air Gunner) M 78367 W/O Graham, M.W. (Flight Engineer) M 27765 P/S Hargreaves, J. (Mid-upper Gunner) M 21083 Sgt. Glaisher, L.P.	F.R. Bombing	22:50	01:06	Thin cirrus at 20,000 feet, about 3/10ths, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and fires. Bombed at 01:24 hours from 22,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I. concentrations. Good concentration of markers to bomb on and large fires sprang up very quickly all around them. Very good effort, attack developed very quickly.	

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26/27 April	Halifax III "P" LV-966	(Captain) R57169 F/S Thomas, R. (2nd Pilot) R21433 F/O J.C. Walk (Navigator) R161135 W/O J. McNaughton (W/O) R50379 F/O Dutton, L.G. (Air Bomber) R168405 Sgt. Kean, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188911 Sgt. Grant, P.A. (Flight Engineer) R102436 Sgt. Mackay, W.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167809 Sgt. Goodman, R.M.	Bombing	22:46	03:47	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 01:30 hours from 22,000 feet on red T.I. Quite a few incendiary fires were beginning to take hold and four explosions seen, one at 01:28 hours and others two or three minutes later. Large balls of orange flames lasting five to ten seconds rose and then died down. P.F.F. very good and target very well marked. Some congestion of A/C over target.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "Q" LV-972	(Captain) R50158 W/O Monahan, G.M. (Navigator) R128258 F/S Curtis, W.A. (W/O) R154524 Sgt. Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) R114551 Sgt. Pearson, W.W. (Air Gunner) R190788 Sgt. Mothershill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) R130453 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) R210241 Sgt. Nield, I.R.	Bombing	22:57	03:56	Slight ground haze, visibility clear. Target identi- fied by red and green T.I. Bombed at 01:30 hours from 21,300 feet on red T.I. P.F.F. good and target was well alight from incendiary fires which were merging into large fires as A/C left the area. Very good "bang", and route was excellent and trouble free. 30 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back.	
26/27 April	Halifax III "U" IW-115	(Captain) R171449 F/S Porter, E.J. (Navigator) R1579260 Sgt. Rathbone, A. (W/O) R105506 W/O Bonnett, L.D. (Air Bomber) R10691526 Flt/Ofr. Ramsdell, G. (Air Gunner) R236063 Sgt. Millbank, D. (Flight Engineer) R1569915 Sgt. Wood, D.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) R189537 Sgt. Buckingham, J.	Bombing	22:52	04:05	Mil cloud, many contrails in the sky, visibility very good. Target identified by red and green T.I. cascading. Bombed at 01:34 hours from 21,500 feet on red T.I. on the ground. Many red and green markers seen on the ground. Many fires burning and markers were well concentrated. At 01:50 hours a large explosion was seen in the target area. Target area very congested. A very concentrated raid.	

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27/28 April	Halifax III	Target, all A/Cs - "ALLNOYE". Bomb load, all A/Cs - 5 x 1000 lb. M.C. .025 sec. T.D., 10 x 500 M.C. .025 sec. T.D.					
27/28 April	Halifax III "A" IX-268	(Captain) J24448 P/O J.R. Harrison Bombing (Navigator) J20875 P/O S.F. Kinder (W/O) J24035 P/O L.E. Dufresne (Air Bomber) J27281 P/O S.T. Widensja (Air Gunner) R143640 Sgt. Beaulette, J.G.R. (Flight Engineer) 1624319 Sgt. Whitbread, D.L. (Mid-upper Gunner) R155043 Sgt. Bourne, R.	Bombing	00:07	04:53	Easy to 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by ground detail, red and yellow markers. Bombed at 02:02 hours from 6,000 feet midway between red and yellow T.I.'s, as directed by Hannibal. Rear gunner saw numerous bomb bursts in vicinity. If P.P.F. were accurate and if M.C. of G. correct in direction, then raid should be good.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "C" IX-352	(Captain) J19273 P/O G.E. Hall, G.E. (Navigator) J17304 P/O W.J. Bernard (W/O) J10252 P/O H.A. Shaul (Air Bomber) 169644 P/O F.C. Brooks (Air Gunner) R143267 P/O G.R. Molaren (Flight Engineer) 1623607 Sgt. Jones, T.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) R198382 Sgt. Barnrough, R.	Bombing	00:09	04:32	No clouds, easy, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 02:03 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.I. as instructed from master bomber. Red T.I. well concentrated. Several sticks of bombs seen straddling markers. Heavy congestion at time of bombing. If bombing accurate, master bomber very helpful; was heard very clearly.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "B" IX-84E	(Captain) J17565 P/O J.C. Smith (2nd Pilot) J19888 P/O W.T.G. Watson (Navigator) 1625500 Sgt. Rountead, W.R. (W/O) 149497 Sgt. Hailey, J. (Air Bomber) J20224 P/S Oldman, J.K. (Air Gunner) 1023820 Sgt. Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) 1626166 Sgt. Meares, R. (Mid-upper Gunner) R188019 Sgt. Neil, R.J.	Bombing	00:20	04:24	Base and thin strata to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by yellow T.I.'s. Bombed at 02:07 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.I. surrounded by yellow T.I. Numerous bomb bursts seen near T.I. markers. If T.I.'s accurate, should be successful raid. This A/C was late. saw numerous A/C ahead over T.I. At 02:05 hours large explosion seen, quite red in centre of T.I. markers.	

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27/28 April	Halifax III "I" LV-911	(Captain) R144285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R12822 F/O D.G. Tommasend (W/O p.) R26467 F/S Garbold, L. (Air Bomber) R25026 W/O Groulx, P. (Air Gunner) R76443 Sgt. Barton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R75224 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	23:59½	05:04	Nil cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red, yellow and green markers. Bombed at 02:06 hours from 6,000 feet between group of red and green T.I.'s, as directed by master bomber. Large explosion seen at 02:04 hours, appeared to be an oil or gas dump. Plenty of smoke in target area. No difficulties encountered, good trip all around. 1 x 1000 M.C. hung up and brought back.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "I" LV-368	(Captain) R20947 F/O E. Ryjofsen (Navigator) R22228 F/O C.E. Willner (W/O p.) R12388 F/S Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) R20362 F/O J.M. Kinne (Air Gunner) R20357 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) R72908 Sgt. Smartwick, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R206079 Sgt. Mohan, S.	Bombing	00:06	04:58½	Slight cloud to 3,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by ground detail and red T.I.'s, and on direction of Hannibal. Bombed at 02:05 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.I.'s. Fires seen in two places to N.E. and S.W. of T.I. Numerous bomb bursts seen close to T.I.'s. Should be a good rain if P.F.F. were accurate. No congestion.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "O" HV-280	(Captain) R157469 F/S Thomas, R. (Navigator) R16133 W/O Mollaughton, J. (W/O p.) R90379 W/O Butson, J.G. (Air Bomber) R159402 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) R24436 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167202 Sgt. Goodman, R.H.	Bombing	00:03	04:09	No cloud, medium haze up to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 02:02 hours from 6,000 feet east of red T.I. seen cascading at 04:57 hrs. as instructed by master bomber. Red T.I. were well concentrated, many bomb bursts observed around them. Slight congestion at time of bombing.	

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27/28 April	Halifax III "R" IN-364	(Captain) 31987 F/O J.J. Major (Navigator) 321978 F/O R.N. Bower (W/O) 1132189 F/S Moan, B.F.A. (Air Bomber) 312428 W/O Young, J.S. (Air Gunner) 3191238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) 1459461 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) 3170629 Sgt. Coughlin, H.W.	Bombing	00:10	05:02	Thin broken clouds, visibility good. Target identified by red, yellow and green T.I. Bombed at 02:05 hours from 6,000 feet between red and yellow T.I. as instructed by master bomber. Many bombs seen bursting on rails between yellow and red T.I. One large explosion seen at 02:03 hrs. near yellow T.I. Jettisoned safe 1 x 1000 lb. MD. Slight congestion, master bomber very helpful.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "S" IX-275	(Captain) 385056 F/O J.L. James (Navigator) 3156866 W/O Smeaton, J.W. (W/O) 157402 Sgt. Robbins, J. (Air Bomber) 3171023 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) 3190889 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H. (Flight Engineer) 1694944 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 3155276 Sgt. Schade, G.B.	Bombing	00:11	04:11	No clouds, hazy, visibility good. Target identified by red, yellow and green T.I. Bombed at 02:04 hours from 6,000 feet between red and yellow T.I., as instructed by master bomber. Red and yellow T.I. well concentrated and many bombs seen bursting between them. No congestion, master bomber helpful and heard clearly.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "T" IX-370	(Captain) 3152746 F/S Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) 314941 W/O Jones, L.E. (W/O) 3126644 Sgt. Gorman, M.C. (Air Bomber) 324530 F/O H.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) 328282 F/O J.G. Hughes (Flight Engineer) 1850082 Sgt. Elliot, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 1125085 Sgt. Ovington, D.	Bombing	00:05	04:14	ML cloud, slight haze, visibility very good. Target identified by red, green and yellow T.I.'s. Bombed at 02:04 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.I. markers. Green T.I. appeared to be well off to starboard. One large explosion seen at 02:04 hours when leaving target; a column of black smoke rising above target. Master bomber not heard. Target area was well lit up.	

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27/28 April	Halifax III "p" HK-290	(Captain) J22978 P/O J.T. Linklater (Navigator) J22234 P/O M.W. Emmett (W/Ops) R191878 P/S Russell, F.S. (Air Bomber) R27401 P/O S. Banford (Air Gunner) R197364 Sgt. Burgess, N.C. (Flight Engineer) R894344 Sgt. Ashford, E.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) R208668 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	00:13	04:49	Base to 4,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by reds and greens to starboard and by ground detail. Bombed at 02:02 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.I. on direction of Hannibal. Reds appeared to be too far west of A/P. Five sticks seen to burst beside red T.I's. Target well marked. Heard Hannibal who changed to 220 degs after bombing.	
27/28 April	Halifax III	Bomb load for the following A/C:-	5	x 1000	Lb. M.C.	.025 sec. T.D., and 8 x 500 lb. M.C. .025 sec T.D.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "N" LV-992	(Captain) R15159 S/L M.S. Patterson (Navigator) R1381 P/O H.G. Barber (W/Ops) R163674 P/O W. Omsen (Air Bomber) R154453 P/O Wilson, D.F. (Air Gunner) R14552 P/L K.H. Paterson (Flight Engineer) R621 S. Sgt. Cowsh, W.S. (Mid-upper Gunner) R139652 Sgt. Dean, R.F.	Bombing	23:56	04:59	No clouds, hazy. Target identified by red and yellow T.I. Bombed at 02:04 hours from 5500 feet between yellow and red T.I. as instructed by master bomber. P.F.F. yellow well concentrated. One large explosion seen at 02:00 hours between red and yellow T.I. Bombs observed falling on railway tracks. No congestion, if master bomber accurate should be successful raid.	
27/28 April	Halifax III "q" LV-972	(Captain) R159567 P/L D. Brown (2nd Pilot) R14133 P/O J.G. Valk (Navigator) R160880 P/S Bumble, E. (W/Ops) R136700 P/S Surteds, J. (Air Bomber) R19252 P/O R.L. Desore (Air Gunner) R14101 P/O A. Brotherhood (Flight Engineer) R184657 P/S Caplan, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) R145466 P/O Jennings, A.W.	Bombing	00:04	04:38	Nil cloud, slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by red, yellow and green T.I's on the ground. Bombed at 02:10 hours from 6,000 feet on green T.I. marker. Many bomb bursts seen in target area. Some small explosions seen on leaving target. Master bomber directed this A/C to bomb on green T.I. markers, well concentrated. Many A/C encountered right over target. A very good trip.	

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27/28 April	Halifax III "H" IM-145	(Captain) M57469 F/S Porter, R.L. (Navigator) M79560 F/S Bathbone, A. (W/O) M105506 W/O Bonnett, L.D. (Air Bomber) M650524 F/O Off. C. Ramsdell (Air Gunner) M206059 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) M569815 Sgt. Wood, D.C. (Mid-upper Gunner) M189537 Sgt. Buckingham, J.	Bombing	00:12	01:02 ¹	Clear, some haze to 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red, yellow and green T.I.'s. Bombed at 02:00 hours from 6,000 feet on cluster of red T.I. on ground. Arrived early on target. Red T.I. seen going down at 01:55 hours. Two sticks of bombs seen to burst, one across red T.I.'s. Greens seen to go down at 01:58 hours, yellow and red followed in succession. As A/C left T.I., rear gunner reports many bomb bursts seen in centre of T.I.'s. M. of G heard to say reds best to bomb on. A/C seen directly above on run in. If T.I. markers accurately placed then it was a good raid.	
30/31/1/51	Halifax III	Target - all A/C:-	"SQUAD" Bomb load each	A/C:- 4	x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D. .025, 9 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025.		
30/31/1/5	Halifax III "H" ME-285	(Captain) M1867 F/O J.J. Major (Navigator) M2978 F/O R.N. Bower (W/O) M182489 F/S Mone, R.P.A. (Air Bomber) M24284 W/O Young, J.B. (Air Gunner) M191238 Sgt. Greening, J.G. (Flight Engineer) M159461 Sgt. Sumner, A. (Mid-upper Gunner) M170629 Sgt. Goughlin, H.J.	Bombing	21:21	01:47	Nil cloud, haze, visibility fair to good. Target identified by yellow T.I. markers on ground. Bombed at 23:33 hours from 8000 feet on yellow T.I.'s. Target area covered with smoke early in attack. Master bombers disagreed on markers to be bombed and were not assistance on this target. A large explosion seen in target area at 23:34 hours with flame rising. A considerable amount of congestion in target area encountered.	

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30/4 - 1/5	Halifax III "P" LW-122	(Captain) R139775 W/O Mitchell (Navigator) R22078 P/O J.K. Sheldon (W/O) R90809 W/O McDougall, S. (Air Bomber) R23428 P/O R.D. Wilson (Air Gunner) R191776 Sgt. Bodaly, S.H. (Flight Engineer) R90538 Sgt. Lammond, G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R187569 Sgt. McDonough, J.F.	J.E. Bombing	21:22	02:00	No cloud, a lot of smoke which cut visibility. Target identified by red and yellow T.I's, red and green spot fires and illuminating flares. Bombed at 23:39 hours from 5000 feet on red T.I's. When A/C made run in the two master bombers were undecided what to bomb, orbited and made second run, master bombers still couldn't decide, so this A/C bombed on red T.I's. One very large explosion followed by heavy smoke rising 2000 to 3000 feet was seen at 23:35 hours. P.F.F. could have been better and if the master bombers could have made up their minds, they would have been more help.	
30/4 - 1/5	Halifax III "J" WZ-284	(Captain) R21448 P/O J.R. Harrison (Navigator) R20875 P/O J.F. Kinder (W/O) R24685 P/O L.E. Dickson (Air Bomber) R27281 P/O S.T. Widenoja (Air Gunner) R143640 Sgt. Beaudette, J.G.R. (Flight Engineer) R62519 Sgt. Whitbread, D.A. (Mid-upper Gunner) R155048 Sgt. Bourne, R.	Bombing	21:23	02:36	Clear, some low haze to 4000 feet, visibility 5 to 10 miles. Target identified by green spot fires, yellow T.I's and visually. Bombed at 23:47 hours from 8,000 feet on green flares and yellow T.I's, per master bomber instructions. P.F.F. were very late and took too long to get target. Bombs seen bursting across T.I's. Large explosions with orange flame seen at 23:33 hours. Rather poor effect for P.F.F.	
30/4 - 1/5	Halifax III "P" LV-966	(Captain) R157189 P/O Thoman, E. (Navigator) R161133 W/O Mollington, J.G. (W/O) R30579 W/O Pitson, L.W. (Air Bomber) R166405 Sgt. Keen, W.D. (Air Gunner) R188911 Sgt. Grant, D.A. (Flight Engineer) R102136 Sgt. Mackay, W.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R167209 Sgt. Goodman, R.H.	Bombing	21:19	01:46	Clear visibility. Target identified by red spot fires. Bombed at 23:34 1/2 hours from 8,000 feet on marshalling yards. Bombed visually as no T.I's were seen but illuminating flares lit up target clearly. P.F.F. were late in marking target. Marshalling Yards were illuminated very well by flares, and as no T.I's were seen at bombing time, this A/C bombed visually. Bombs seen bursting around red spot fires. One explosion seen at 23:33 hours. Too much time lost by master bombers trying to make up their minds on which markers to bomb.	

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30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "R" IN-361	(Captain) 021433 P/O J.C. Valk (Navigator) 013976 W/O Tolmie, J.A. (W/O) 02060 P/O J.C. Skrette (Air Bomber) 014730 P/O G. Scott (Air Gunner) 0195836 Sgt. Baker, T.L. (Flight Engineer) 022219 Sgt. Atkinson, R.I. (Mid-upper Gunner) 020198 P/O M.H. Fleming	Bombing	21:25	02:28	Clear, some ground haze, visibility good. Target identified by green and yellow T.I's. Bombed at 23:47 hours from 8,000 feet on yellow T.I. and green spot fire. Bombs bursting as good concentration in T.I. and there seemed to be some confusion between the master bombers. P.F.F. were late. Apart from this, effort seemed good. Master bombers took too long making their decisions.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "V" HK-290	(Captain) 022978 P/O J.D. Inkblater (Navigator) 022234 P/O N.W. Emmett (W/O) 012178 P/S Russell, F.S. (Air Bomber) 027401 P/O S. Bamford (Air Gunner) 017764 Sgt. Burgess, N.C. (Flight Engineer) 023414 Sgt. Ashford, R.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) 020668 Sgt. Adams, A.	Bombing	21:17	02:22	No cloud, some haze, visibility good. Target identified by red, green and yellow T.I. Bombed at 23:40 hours from 8,000 feet on green and yellow markers. Made three runs on bombing, orbiting to port on first run and starboard on second run, and bombing on the third. All done according to orders of the master bomber. This delay was caused by some A/C bombing while master bomber kept telling them to hold off so he could re-mark the target. Attack appeared to be somewhat scattered.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "D" IN-842	Gardening - "LORIENT AREA" (Captain) 017545 P/O J.G. Smith (Navigator) 015322 P/O W.S. Boustead (W/O) 014637 Sgt. Hickey, J. (Air Bomber) 020224 P/S Oldham, V.R. (Air Gunner) 023820 P/S Davis, A.K. (Flight Engineer) 029766 P/S Hoares, H. (Mid-upper Gunner) 015903 Sgt. Hill, R.J.	Gardening	21:59	03:01	Four A/C, listed below with their respective crews and mine loads, gardened in the Lorient area, dropping mines between 00:33 hours and 00:43 hours from 15,000 feet. No cloud and good visibility was encountered from coast to coast in the allotted area. Flak was slight to moderate, predicted and accurate. No chutes were seen to open. All A/C returned safely.	

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30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) 159567 P/L D. Brom. (Navigator) 17238 P/O H. Rumble (W/O) 126700 F/S Surtees, J. (Air Bomber) 19252 P/O R.L. Rembe (Air Gunner) 17403 P/O R.E. Brotherhood (Flight Engineer) 180457 F/S Capon, R.J. (Mid-upper Gunner) 145466 P/O A.W. Jennings	Gardening	22:00	02:57	Load:- G,700, D,404	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "Q" LV-972	(Captain) 138268 F/S Reinelt, R.C. (Navigator) 132088 F/S Hardas, A.R.W. (W/O) 656812 F/S Williams, D.M. (Air Bomber) 151266 P/O Wade, G.M. (Air Gunner) 151078 Sgt. D'Amico, G. (Flight Engineer) 142687 Sgt. Penderoorn, J.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) 143594 Sgt. Cairuthers, D.E.	Gardening	22:00	03:06	Mine load:- G,700, M14	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "N" LV-992	(Captain) 120158 P/O Murnan, J.M. (Navigator) 122288 W/O Curtis, W.A. (W/O) 156526 F/S Scott, J.H. (Air Bomber) 146154 F/S Pearson, W.J. (Air Gunner) 149088 F/S Motherwill, H.J. (Flight Engineer) 163053 Sgt. Knights, J.W. (Mid-upper Gunner) 121024 Sgt. Field, L.R.	Gardening	22:02	03:03	Mine load:- B,20, 18 hours, 5 days, and D,404	

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				Up	Down		
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "U" LW-115	(Captain) R157469 P/S Porter, R.L. (Navigator) 157550 P/S Bathbone, J. (W/O p.) R182508 W/O Bennett, L.D. (Air Bomber) 1050152 P/Lt/Crs. C. Ramsdell (Air Gunner) R206069 Sgt. Wallbank, D. (Flight Engineer) 1569915 Sgt. Wood, D.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R182537 Sgt. Buckingham, J.	Bombing	21:22	01:31	Nil cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red spot fires and illuminating flares. Bombed at 23:30 hrs. from 8,000 feet on centre of red spot fires. About ten red spot fires seen in a big cluster on the ground and two illuminating flares. Stick seen to explode about 300 yards to starboard of red spot fires. A very large orange coloured explosion seen at 23:33 hours. Too early in attack to assess results. No difficulties encountered.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III	Bomb load for each following A/C:- 15 x 500 lb.	G.P. T.D.			.025	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "I" LW-911	(Captain) R11285 W/O Wright, W.H. (Navigator) R21822 W/O D.G. Townsend (W/O p.) R25467 P/S Sembold, L. (Air Bomber) R125056 W/O Groulx, F. (Air Gunner) R17641 Sgt. Horton, D.E. (Flight Engineer) R7524 Sgt. Partridge, H.K. (Mid-upper Gunner) R225391 Sgt. O'Reilly, M.D.	Bombing	21:24	02:04	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red spots, red T.I.'s, yellow T.I.'s and flares. Bombed at 23:35 hours from 8,000 feet between red and yellow T.I. Yellow T.I.'s seemed to be covered by smoke and fires. Smoke was blotting out ground detail. P.F.P. were late.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "E" LW-120	(Captain) R20947 P/O E. Rydalson (Navigator) R20383 W/O G.E. Willner (W/O p.) R142388 W/O Hawthorne, W.S. (Air Bomber) R20362 P/O J.H. Kimer (Air Gunner) R20371 Sgt. Armstrong, J.D. (Flight Engineer) 1729008 Sgt. Smartlock, A.G. (Mid-upper Gunner) R206039 Sgt. Mohan, V.N.	Bombing	21:26	02:08	Nil cloud, haze, visibility good. Target identified by green markers cascading and yellow T.I.'s on ground. Bombed at 23:34 hours from 8,000 feet on yellow T.I.'s on ground. Masters of ceremonies A/C were arguing about which markers to bomb. Markers were a little spaced out. Good concentration of A/C in target area.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "O" HK-352	(Captain) #145912 P/S Devine, E.J. (Navigator) #175175 Sgt. Wilkins, E.F. (W/O) #175381 Sgt. Cowan, W.J.H. (Air Bomber) #28351 P/O I.C. Grant (Air Gunner) #12434 Sgt. Cousineau, A.F. (Flight Engineer) #56387 Sgt. Butler, B. (Mid-upper Gunner) #165074 Sgt. Saunders, R.B.	Bombing	21:26	02:13	Nil cloud, visibility very good. Target identified by red spot fires seen on approach to target. Bombed at 23:33 hours from 8,000 feet on red T.I.'s seen on ground. P.F.F. were late on target. Master of ceremonies A/C were undecided as to what markers to bomb. Many markers seen in target area while bombing. Only difficulty encountered was master of ceremonies indecision as to what markers to bomb.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "O" HK-280	(Captain) #85256 P/O J.L. James (Navigator) #156866 W/O Swanton, G.B. (W/O) #157702 Sgt. Gubbins, W.A. (Air Bomber) #171052 Sgt. Lord, A.J. (Air Gunner) #190882 Sgt. Bretsch, J.H. (Flight Engineer) #169454 Sgt. Barber, S.E. (Mid-upper Gunner) #185576 Sgt. Schade, C.B.	Bombing	21:16	01:43	Nil cloud, visibility good. Target identified by yellow T.I. and illuminating flares. Bombed at 23:34 hours from 7850 feet on centre of yellow T.I.'s. Only yellow T.I.'s down when A/C made its run. Bombed on yellow, on master bomber's instructions. Two large explosions seen at 23:35 hours, one of them was really terrific.	
30/4 & 1/5	Halifax III "A" HK-268	(Captain) #152746 P/S Edmondson, F.R. (Navigator) #149413 W/O Jones, L.E. (W/O) #138644 Sgt. Gorman, M.C. (Air Bomber) #24530 P/O R.A. Ellis (Air Gunner) #28282 P/O M.A.S. Hughes (Flight Engineer) #185082 Sgt. Elliott, A.H. (Mid-upper Gunner) #125515 Sgt. Ordington, G.	Bombing	21:32	02:10	No cloud, smoke or haze obscured visibility. Target identified by red, green and yellow markers, and illuminating flares. Bombed at 23:44 hours from 8,000 feet on centre of mixture of green and yellow. Red T.I.'s visible on first run in, but master bomber ordered a standby, A/C orbited to port, and on the second run orbited to starboard when ordered to stand by again. On third run ordered to bomb green and yellow. One large explosion seen at 23:35 hours and numerous bomb bursts seen all around markers. Afraid attack was scattered as P.F.F. were late and somewhat scattered, while master bombers couldn't agree on what to bomb on.	

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