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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2/3 Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "HAGEN"				Bomb load for each A/C:- 9 x 1000 lbs.	Appendix "A"
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-129	(Captain) J19626 F/O J.L. Egger	Bombing	17:46	00:23	10/10ths solid cloud, tops 16,000 feet, visibility good. Homed on Gee to identify target. Bombed at 21:08 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 047, speed 165 m.p.h., on Gee fix. Glow of bomb explosions seen through clouds. Rough trip due to weather. Concentration of A/C in Z/A appeared good.	Battle Order No. 196, attached.
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) J17446 F/L W.H. Miller	Bombing	17:43	23:54	Bombed at 21:07.5 hours from 17,400 feet, heading 065 degrees. Oil leak. Diverted to Horham.	
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "C" ME-807	(Captain) J11319 F/L W.H. Cook	Bombing	17:49		This A/C failed to return from this operation. J11319 F/L W.H. Cook, - 5 trips, 29:50 hours. J39333 F/O J.E. Grant, Navigator - 3 trips, 18:45 hours. J43279 F/O J.B. Pittman, WOP/A.G. - 3 trips, 18:45 hours. J38422 F/O R.H. Shiells, Air Bomb, - 3 trips, 18:45 hours. R265262 F/S L.A. Malloy, Air Gun, - 3 trips, 18:45 hours. R.A.F. 3011067 Sgt. Aimsworth, R.E., F/S - 3 trips, 18:45 hrs. R174210 Sgt. Ash, J.W., Air Gunner, - 3 trips, 18:45 hours.	
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "E" ME-818	(Captain) G20393 F/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	17:50	00:07	10/10ths alta cu., tops 16,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Gee fix. Bombed at 21:10 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 060, speed 160, on Gee homing. Glow and flashes seen underneath cloud. Landed at Horham. Uncertain, attack depending on accuracy of navigation aids. Very poor met. conditions, icing bad, fair concentration of A/C in stream.	

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2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "H" ME-909	(Captain) J28613 P/O G.L.D. O'Grady	Bombing	17:41	00:27	10/10ths cloud, visibility good. Target identified by Gee fix 15 miles from target. Bombed at 21:06.6 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 060, speed 160, on Gee. Glow of bomb bursts seen. A/C that bombed on Gee should be accurate.	
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "J" ME-905	(Captain) J16120 P/O N.D. Mara	Bombing	17:47	00:32	10/10ths solid cloud, tops 17,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by H2S and Gee. Bombed at 21:10.6 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 060, speed 160, on H2S and Gee fix. Photo flashes were pretty well concentrated in one spot so bombing must have been fairly concentrated on the area. Difficult to assess. Made an orbit to be sure of target. If Gee fix O.K. should be fair blind bombing attack. While on homeward leg the Rear Gunner spotted on ME-10 at 700 yards range on port fine quarter up. The enemy A/C then moved to port quarter down and started to close range. Rear Gunner ordered "Corkscrew Port" and opened fire at 600 yards with short burst. The E/A broke away at 400 yards on starboard quarter down and was not seen again. Rear Gunner does not think he damaged the E/A. The ME-10 did not open fire. No casualties to crew or damage to bomber.	

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2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "N" NP-857	(Captain) J10246 S/L E.B. Van Slyck DFC	Bombing	17:38	00:05	10/10ths medium cloud, tops 14-15,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by H2S and Gee. Bombed at 21:08.1 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 065, speed 155. Seemed to be many explosions lighting up cloud. 10/10ths cloud prevented assessment. There were many bomb bursts in the T/A. Target identified by H2S and Gee fix, bombed by these aids. No trouble, uncertain raid.	
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III "O" NP-936	(Captain) J89220 P/O W.T. Jensen	Bombing	17:31	00:30	10/10ths stratus cu., tops 17,200 feet, 12,000 feet thick, visibility above good. Target identified by Gee fix Bombed at 21:09.5 hours from 17,300 feet, heading 058, speed 160. Homed to target on Gee lattice line, bombed on Gee release pt. Flashes seen below clouds, these flashes fairly well concentrated. Nothing else seen. No difficulties except heavy icing (Rime), from 14,000 feet to 7,000 feet, descending out of target.	
2/5 Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) J27868 P/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	17:45	00:36	10/10ths st. cu., tops 17,000 feet, bottoms 4,500 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by Gee fix. Bombed at 21:08.2 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 060, speed 160. Bombed on Gee fix over target on run up, by lattice line run-up checked on H2S. Photo flashes seen below cloud were in close approximation. No difficulties except severe icing-climbing through cloud on second leg previous to target. Concentration very good at least 6 A/C bombing small area at this A/C's "Bombs away".	

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2/3 Dec.	Halifax III	(Captain) J28647 P/O T.J. Kelly	Bombing	17:25	00:25	10/10ths alto stratus, tops 17,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by H2S and Gee. Bombed at 21:07 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 056, speed 160, on H2S and Gee. A fair concentration of bomb bursts east to west, scattered north to south. Uncertain effort due to poor Met. Encountered bad icing.	
	"Q" MZ-417						
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III	(Captain) J29268 P/L J.H. Howe	Bombing	17:26	00:35	10/10ths cloud, tops 16,500 feet, moonlight, visibility good. Target identified by homing on Gee fix 20 miles from target. Bombed at 21:08 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 060, speed 160. Bombed on Gee. Few bomb bursts observed under cloud base. No congestion, good concentration of A/C.	
	"R" NR-136						
2/3 Dec.	Halifax III	(Captain) J7344 P/L E.E. Barseby	Bombing	17:40	23:43	Bombed at 21:10 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 067 degrees. Engine trouble, short of fuel. Landed at Horham.	
	"Y" MZ-910						

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4/8 Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "KARLSRUHE"				Bomb load for each A/C:- 2 x 1000 lbs. & 1080 x 4 lb. I.B.	Appendix "B" Incend. Battle Order
4/8 Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) J19626 P/O J.L. Egger	Bombing	16:44	23:45	Clear over target, visibility good. Target identified by Rhine River and dock area, green T.I. and fires. Bombed at 19:40.4 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 105, speed 155, on centre of fires. Red and green T.I. were obliterated by fires in 2/A, about four or five explosions, possibly cookies. Whole city was on fire. Some incendiaries on east of Rhine. Visibility was so good that city streets could be seen in glow of fires. About fifteen A/C fired off colours of day over Orfordness.	No. 197, attached.
4/8 Dec.	Halifax III "F" NZ-572	(Captain) J26099 P/L P.D. Holmen	Bombing	16:36	23:11	9/10ths patchy cloud, 8,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by town and fires, Rhine and harbour clearly visible. Bombed at 19:40.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 110F, speed 155, on centre of fires. Plenty of fire in built up area. Fires visible for 75 miles on approach. 160 x 4 lb. hung up and brought back. Photo flash went off after bombs. Landed away at Tempsford due to shortage of petrol. Several A/C over France with navigation lights on. Bombing very concentrated, looked effective effort. Target well lit up.	

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4/1 Dec.	Halifax III "H" NZ-909	(Captain) J28618 P/O G.L.D. O'Grady	Bombing	16:50	23:22	2/10ths cu., tops 5,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 19:41.3 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 088, speed 165, on centre of red. Whole T/A was well alight and bombing very good and definitely concentrated around A/E. Only one stick of bombs short of target. Fires could be seen for approximately 100 miles. A very good raid, concentration of A/C very good and bombing on good heading.	
4/1 Dec.	Halifax III "J" NZ-905	(Captain) G1849 W/O G.A. Tambling	Bombing	16:39	23:46	9/10ths thin stratus, visibility good. Target identified by Rhine, port area, red and green T.I. and Gee fix. Bombed at 19:41 hours from 16,000 feet, heading 102T, speed 155, on centre of fires. No T.I. seen at time of bombing. Bombing was around fires. By visual check raid appeared to be on target. No congestion, glow of fires seen about 100 miles away.	
4/1 Dec	Halifax III "O" NP-936	(Captain) J10246 S/L E.B. Van Slyok	Bombing DFC	16:33	23:44	5-6/10ths strato cu., tops 6-7,000 feet, visibility good. Bombed at 19:41.8 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 075, speed 155, on fires and centre of glow. Very good run in by river dock. Glow of fires in cloud. Bombed centre of fires. Good raid and fires good. Attack seemed to open early, concentration of A/C good.	

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4/9 Dec.	Halifax III "Q" NZ-417	(Captain) J27716 P/O R.F. Bertran	Bombing	16:32	00:06	8/10ths broken cloud, tops 16,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Rhine River, green T.I.'s and homing on Gee. Bombed at 19:40.8 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 013T, speed 165, on built up area in centre of fires. Targeted well gummed with incendiaries. Good conflagration. Cloud cleared eastern end of town. Plenty of fires and incendiaries, the latter skirting the fires. Good concentration of A/C, appeared to be a good effort.	
4/9 Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J29268 P/L J.H. Howes	Bombing	16:45	23:42	10/10ths thin stratus, visibility good, clear one mile short of target. Target identified by Rhine River, port area, red and green T.I. and HES. Bombed at 19:35 hours from 18,000 feet, speed 160, heading 120T, on centre of red and green T.I. Green and red T.I. well concentrated, I.B. well scattered. Many bombs bursting around T.I. markers. 120 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back. No congestion, raid appeared slightly short of A/P. Glow of fires seen 105 miles away.	
4/9 Dec.	Halifax III "S" NZ-883	(Captain) J29267 P/O R.H. Simpson	DFC Bombing	16:40	23:17	4/10ths layered strata cu., tops 9,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by green T.I. Bombed at 19:41 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 096, speed 150, on near side of glow on cloud. Fires burning well, lighting up whole area. Some green seen to be off A/P to north but mass of fires made an excellent pin point. Bombing concentrated in T/A. A pretty good raid, A/P was very well concentrated, concentration good.	

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4/4 Dec.	Halifax III "F" NB-135	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Bombing	16:35	23:28	3/10ths thin cloud, 13,000 feet, visibility very good. Target identified by River Dent and harbor and fires out to dock area. Bombed at 19:40.7 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 080, speed 155, on centre of concentration of fires west of centre of city. No T.I.'s, mass of flames. Lit up with incendiaries. Good stream of A/C over target. Target well lit up. Appeared to be effectively bombed and confined to town proper.	
4/4 Dec.	Halifax III "V" NZ-164	(Captain) J86735 P/O R.A. Forbes	Bombing	16:47	23:26	5/10ths thin cloud, tops 14,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by river and T.I.'s. Bombed at 19:41.2 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 100 degrees T, speed 160, on concentration of red T.I.'s. T/A mass of flames, incendiaries skirting the fires. Good concentration of A/C over target, 2/4 mass of flames, was effective trip.	
4/4 Dec.	Halifax III "W" IW-122	(Captain) 020393 P/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	16:42	23:49	Cloud over target, tops 16,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by fires and River Rhine. Bombed at 19:37 hours, from 19,000 feet, heading 050, speed 155, on centre of fires. T.I.'s seen to cascade but could not be seen when A/C bombed. A few fires seen east of target but nearly all bombing very concentrated on target. Would say the whole city was severely damaged by this raid. 60 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Many A/C with lights on across France, over target, out on route to base.	

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4/8 Dec.	Halifax III "K" LV-944	(Captain) J16120 F/O N.D. Mara	Bombing	17:26	19:23	Bomb load for this A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs. & 1080 x 4 lb. I.B. Incendiary.  Abortive sortie, starboard outer engine U/S. Jettisoned full bomb load, 540N 046E, at 18:28.9 hours, from 8,000 feet.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "SOEST"				Bomb load for each A/C:- 2 x 1000 lbs.	Appendix "C" Battle Order
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "F" MZ-872	(Captain) J25099 F/L P.D. Holmes	Bombing	17:47	00:54	Thin cloud, tops 9/10,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 21:25.1 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 120, speed 155, on red and green T.I., 7/8 altogether. Red and green T.I. formed a triangle in T/A. One very large explosion about 21:25.5 hours, giving off an orange explosion which came up to 2000 feet. A good glow visible for some distance away. A few undershots of target. 1 x 1000 lb. hung up and brought back. A very good trip, Hanover could be seen burning, bombing concentration very good.	No. 198, attached)
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "H" MZ-909	(Captain) J17146 F/L W.H. Miller	Bombing	17:45	00:13	4 to 5/10ths strato cu., tops 16,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified visually and by green T.I. Bombed at 21:23.9 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 123, speed 160, on green T.I. and fire. Target was being well bombed. Good run up and green T.I. being dropped on top of each other. Fires burning in northern and southern section of target. Large explosions at 21:23 and 21:25 hours. A successful raid under good conditions. Concentration not good. Good trip, no difficulty.	

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5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "J" MZ-905	(Captain) J16120 F/O N.D. Mara	Bombing	17:52	00:39	4/10ths low thin strata cu., tops 4,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and Gee check. Bombed at 21:24 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 116, speed 165, between concentration of red and green T.I. Three reds and three greens on port and reds on starboard, bombed centre of lane and all bursts were around markers. One explosion seen at 21:23.5 hours. Seemed like a very good attack, PFF good and bombing seemed well on route. Tactics good.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "L" MZ-425	(Captain) J3917 F/L D.S. Rogers	Bombing	17:55	23:40	3/10ths strata cu., tops 6-8,000 feet, thin cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked by H2S. Bombed at 21:24.6 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 124, speed 160, on centre of mixed red and green T.I., seven clusters. Markers rather scattered at this time with group of red on starboard and greens on port. Bombing seemed rather scattered. Landed at Horham due to insufficient petrol. Attack seemed somewhat scattered, stream seemed good in and out of target. No special difficulties.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "K" MZ-419	(Captain) 020393 F/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	17:53	23:43	3-5/10ths thin strata cu., tops 10,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by green T.I. Bombed at 21:24.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 120, speed 165, on fires in northern part of target. Flares were burning pretty well over the whole target area and bombs bursting well within the radius of target. Could be seen for 70 miles after leaving target. Should be a good effort, route and tactics O.K. Landed at Horham, refuelled and returned to base.	

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5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "N" ME-857	(Captain) J28647 P/O T.J. Kelly	Bombing	17:42	00:52	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by green T.I. Bombed at 21:24.5 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 130, speed 165, on centre of four clusters of green T.I. Fires and bombs bursting in the whole area. Fires burning well and several large explosions seen. Target should be well taken care of. Good trip, route and tactics O.K., no difficulty.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "O" NF-936	(Captain) J89320 P/O W.T. Jensen	Bombing	17:37	00:47	4-6/10ths cu., 7,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by H2S. Bombed at 21:24.3 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 116, speed 160, as briefed, H2S and timed run. One huge red explosion seen at 21:25 hours. Met. was good. A/C well concentrated over target.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "P" NF-937	(Captain) J27868 P/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	17:43	00:42	10/10ths cloud, tops 12-14,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by API homing only. Bombed at 21:25.1 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 110, speed 160 on API homing (cloud). No T.I. seen when A/C bombed, only photo flashes and flak. A/C was ordered to bomb on H2S and H2S was very poor.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "Q" ME-147	(Captain) G35376 P/O W.G. Simpson	Bombing	17:39	00:44	8/10ths cu. nim., 18,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by ETA. Bombed at 21:24.5 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 116, speed 175, on ETA. Target obscured by cloud. No returns from H2S. Fires burning after leaving T/A.	

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5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "B" NR-135	(Captain) J7544 F/L E.E. Barsby	Bombing	17:44	23:45	Clear patch in 6/10ths cu., tops at 10-12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked on H2S run up. Bombed at 21:25 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 145, speed 160, on centre of concentration of five clusters of red T.I. T.I. concentrated on run up, greens to starboard of red T.I. At 21:26.5 hours large orange coloured explosions seen, black smoke mushrooming up. Landed at Horham due to insufficient petrol. Good attack. Fair concentration of A/C at time of target. No congestion over target and no difficulties.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "X" NR-910	(Captain) 16681 F/L L.D. Allatt	Bombing	17:49	01:02	5-6/10ths wispy stratus and strato cu., tops to 12,000 feet or 7-8,000, visibility good, some haze. Target identified by fires checked visually by built up area of town. Bombed at 21:40.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 230, speed 160, on centre of fires in N.W. edge of town. No T.I. at time of bombing. Large explosion seen over cloud at 10,000 feet, 21:51 hours in 7/A. Target mass of flames with streets outlined in flames. Good attack, navigation instruments all packed up and some navigational difficulties.	

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5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "S" NZ-683	(Captain) J28667 P/O R.H. Simpson, DFC	Bombing	17:40	00:45	3/10ths strata cu., tops 10,000 feet, visibility excellent. Target identified by red T.I. on ground and green T.I. cascading. Bombed at 21:23.7 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 125, speed 165, on centre of concentration of red and green T.I. Marking plentiful and compact. Large red explosion on leaving target. 1 x 1000 lbs. hung up over target, jettisoned, safe, 513E 0207E, 23:01 hours, 7,000 feet. Poor concentration in stream, appeared to be good effort.	
5/6 Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J29263 P/L J.H. Howes	Bombing	17:51	00:21	Nil cloud over target, visibility good. Target identified by green and red T.I., mostly green, and API homing and Gee. Bombed at 21:24.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 120, speed 160, on several clusters of green T.I. Gee was very good. Only three red T.I. seen and mixed in with green. No outstanding explosions seen. Bombing very concentrated but many incendiary fires seen. Bombs all bursting among red and green T.I. markers. Met. and tactics O.K. Many colours of day shot off at English coast on route to base. Some colours of day fired when A/C were about 15 minutes over France on route to target.	

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6th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OSNABRUCK"				Bomb load for each A/C:- 2 x 1000 lbs. & 1000 x 4 lbs., I.B. 10% "X" Type.	Appendix "D", Battle Order No. 199,
6th Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) J19626 P/O J.L. Egger	Bombing	16:19	22:35	Target identified by timed run and Gee fix. Bombed at 19:50.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 097, speed 155. Three different glows seen, may have been dummy fires on target. Jettisoned 90 x 4 lb. I.B., 5335 0131, 21:43 hours, 9,000 feet. Rather poor, no markers seen, disappointing effort.	attached)
6th Dec.	Halifax III "B" NZ-572	(Captain) J16120 P/O N.D. Mara	Bombing	16:15	22:15	9/10ths cloud, visibility good. Target identified by fires under cloud base and AFI homing. Bombed at 19:52.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 090, speed 165, on glow of fire under cloud base. Not much observed on account of clouds, glow of I.B. appeared scattered. 180 x 4 lbs. hung up and brought back. Landed at Woodbridge. <sup>in this engine</sup> No con- gestion, should be a very scattered raid.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "H" NZ-909	(Captain) J89607 P/O G. Walton	Bombing	16:39	22:33	8/10ths st. cu., tops at 8,000 feet, no medium cloud, limited visibility. Target identified visually by glow of fires etc. checked by Gee fix 5 miles before target. Bomb- at 19:54 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 160T, speed 160, on centre of general fires following run through two dummy sites. No markers seen on target nor any on run up. Some glow of green below cloud on run up. Flashes and glow of fires below cloud. Seemed rather scattered. Glow seen 60 miles after target. Marking very poor. A/C under- powered.	

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6th Dec.	Halifax III "L" NZ-425	(Captain) J8917 F/L D.S. Rogers	Bombing	16:25	22:36	10/10ths thick cloud, 17,000 feet, hazy. Target identified by H2S and flak puffs. Bombed at 19:52 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 108T, speed 155, on H2S. Glow of fires seen. Weather not good, difficult to assess results. Fair concentration but spread out over target on account of no markers.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "L" NZ-419	(Captain) G20393 F/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	16:24	22:45	8/10ths strata cu, tops 6-8,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by green T.I. and visual on fires. Bombed at 19:54.5 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 110 degrees, speed 160, on centre of fires. Approximately 12 scattered green T.I. on edge of fires, large glow on sky. 270 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Attack may have been successful as a good prang in progress.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "N" NZ-857	(Captain) J28647 F/O T.J. Kelly	Bombing	16:33	22:26	10/10ths alto strata, tops 12-15,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by red T.I. Bombed at 19:50.7 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 120, speed 170, on glow of red T.I. Glow of red T.I. definitely seen through cloud and other glow could have been fires. Assessment impossible. 120 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Rather a duff effort due to weather and no PFF marking. Vapour trails made visibility poor.	

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6th Dec.	Halifax III "O" NP-936	(Captain) J89320 P/O W.T. Jensen	Bombing	16:14	22:30	10/10ths cloud, tops 7,000 feet, hazy above, visibility fair. Target identified by incendiaries, fires and red glow and Gee fix after bombing. Bombed at 19:50.6 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 100, speed 155, on red glow visible through cloud. No T.I. or sky markers seen at this A/C's time. About 3-4 different glows seen through cloud when A/C bombed. Assessed as a fair raid, a few scattered loads but bombing concentration pretty fair. 80 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Some A/C were jettisoning incendiaries for 5/6 minutes after leaving target. Two A/C seen with navigation lights on over Rhur and back over Holland.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-957	(Captain) J27868 F/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	16:18	22:24	10/10ths thin strata cu., tops 7,000 feet. No markers seen owing to late arrival through starboard outer engine cutting at 50 degrees N 0230E, but target identified on EBA checked by AFI homing and glow below cloud. Bombed at 20:00 hours from 14,000 feet, heading 070, speed 165, on centre of glow of fires. Good glow of fires seen below cloud. Attack seemed concentrated. Landed at Stradishall.	

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6th Dec.	Halifax III "Q" ME-417	(Captain) C35376 F/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	16:09	22:24	3/10ths mixture cu. and stratus, tops 19-20,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and visually through cloud breaks. Bombed at 19:51.2 hours from 21,000 feet, heading 104 degrees, speed 165, on one cluster of red T.I. Largest fire in cluster of 2/A. A smaller concentration of fires on port and starboard with distinct areas in between not on fire. Looked pretty good. 90 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up and brought back. Seemed like a fair do, route and tactics O.K. While on homeward journey from target the Rear Gunner observed an amber light which he took to be a night fighter. It was on the starboard fine quarter level and approximately 400 yards range. The Rear Gunner ordered "Corkscrew Starboard" and the other A/C followed through the two corkscrews. When rolling to start third corkscrew the Rear Gunner opened fire point blank. He fired about 200 rounds and the enemy aircraft exploded and went down in flames. The Engineer and both Gunners observed a second explosion when it struck the ground about half a minute later. No stoppages occurred in the combat. The Mid-upper Gunner did not fire.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "Q" LW-164 (424 Sqn. A/C)	(Captain) 37344 F/O E.E. Marshy	Bombing	17:04	22:48	9/10ths cloud; tops 6/7,000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by H2S run and glow of red T.I. Bombed at 19:54.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 110, speed 160, on centre of glow seen through cloud. Red T.I. were only just visible. A couple of loads dropped about 5/6 miles short of target which left quite a fire. Would say this was a scattered raid. The glow observed through cloud was quite large. No difficulties.	

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6th Dec.	Halifax III "H" LW-122	(Captain) J16536 F/O A. Strelchuk	Bombing	16:15	22:34	10/10ths cloud, 12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by ETA, glow through cloud and red T.I. Bombed at 19:52 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 110T, speed 160, on centre of glow. Some incendiaries scattered. Terrific red explosion seen when about 50 miles from target home-ward. Not a clear cut target, difficult to assess results.	
6th Dec.	Halifax III "J" NR-205 (424 Sqdn. A/C)	(Captain) J25592 S/L W.C. Plerce	Bombing	16:58	22:59	10/10ths stratus cu., tops about 10,000 feet, thin cumst. 21,000 feet, clear above cloud. Target identified visually on fires and glow on cloud checked on H2S. Bombed at 19:55.7 hours from 21,000 feet, heading 062, speed 160, on centre of the glow of fire. Very large explosion at 19:55 hours in large glow beneath cloud of fire. Seen for at least 40 miles on return. 270 x 4 lb. I.B. hung up over target, unable to shake off, brought back. Scattered bombing but large explosion and strong varicoloured glow beneath cloud.	

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18th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "DUISBURG"				Bomb load for each A/C:- 4 x 1000 lbs. & 10 x 500 lbs.	Appendix "E", Battle Order
18th Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) 025776 F/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	03:01	08:49	4-5/10ths thin layer cloud, tops 16/17,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. seen through cloud and fires. Bombed at 06:15 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 090, speed 155, on centre of red glow of red T.I. Glow of red T.I. seen through cloud, was in centre of fires. Base of cloud well lit up by glow of fires. Red T.I. were well concentrated and this attack fairly well concentrated. Diverted to Doncaster. Met. Forecast was quite a way off, no difficulties.	No. 203,
18th Dec.	Halifax III "H" NZ-909	(Captain) J25885 F/L D.F. McGrath	Bombing	03:16	09:09	10/10ths cloud, visibility poor. Target identified by glow of fires. Gee homing, H2S. Bombed at 06:17.7 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 045, speed 155, on H2S. No T.I. seen going down on run up. Bombed on H2S. Some bomb bursts observed under cloud base where there was a green glow. Landed at Ossington. No congestion, hard to assess on account of 10/10ths cloud.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "J" NZ-905	(Captain) J26099 F/L F.D. Holmes	Bombing	02:48	09:44	10/10ths stratus, tops 10,000 feet, visibility poor, Target identified by red glow of markers under cloud and Gee homing. Bombed at 06:18.2 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 045T, speed 155, on centre of glow. Only glow of T.I. seen under cloud haze. Some red T.I. seen going down after leaving target where glow was. No congestion, not much observed. Raid appeared very scattered.	

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16th Dec.	Halifax III "K" LV-941	(Captain) J6917 F/L D.S. Rogers	Bombing	02:51	09:20	10/10ths st. cu., tops up to 15,000 feet, thin layers of patchy cloud above, visibility good. Bombed at 06:18 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 047 degrees T. Landed at Metheringham.	
16th Dec.	Halifax III "M" ME-419	(Captain) J16120 F/L N.D. Mara	Bombing	02:46	09:35	10/10ths cloud, tops 8/10,000 feet. Target identified by Gee and fires. Bombed at 06:16 hours from 17,500 feet, heading 050T, speed 165, on fires. No markers seen at all but many fires covered the area, which were quite distinguishable from the dummies in the surroundings. Concentration of bombing appeared to be good. Landed at Binbrook on account of wireless distortion making A/C unable to pick up the diversion A/D given until near Leeds, petrol to short to return to given A/D.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "N" ME-857	(Captain) J27716 F/O R.F. Bertran	Bombing	02:31	08:48	10/10ths thick patchy cloud, tops 19,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by glow of red T.I. and heading on Gee. Bombed at 06:18.7 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 052, speed 160, on centre of glow of red T.I., bombed on Gee. Glow of red T.I. seen under cloud base, some green seen cascading after bombing. Some bomb bursts seen reflecting on cloud base. Landed at Metheringham. No congestion, hard to assess on account of 10/10ths cloud.	

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18th Dec.	Halifax III "C" NP-936	(Captain) J89320 P/O W.A. Jensen	Bombing	02:42	08:55	10/10ths cloud, visibility poor. Target identified by green T.I. disappearing in cloud, Gee fix. Bombed at 06:17.5 hours from 17,500 feet, heading 042, speed 160, on glow of green T.I. Few scattered bomb bursts seen under cloud base. Landed at Metheringham. No congestion, very poor raid.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) J27888 P/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	02:43	09:14	10/10ths st. cu., tops up to 15,000 feet, thin layers of patchy cloud above, visibility good. Bombed at 06:22.3 hours from 17,500 feet, heading 044 degrees T, speed 165. Landed at Metheringham.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "R" NP-136	(Captain) J6684 P/L L.D. Allatt	Bombing	03:27	09:12	10/10ths st. cu., tops up to 15,000 feet, thin layers of patchy cloud above, visibility good. Bombed at 06:18.7 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 051 degrees T. Landed at Metheringham.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "S" NZ-883	(Captain) J28567 P/O R.H. Simpson DFC	Bombing	02:45	09:38	10/10ths cloud, tops 15,000 feet with odd layers above, visibility poor. Target identified by Gee heading. Bombed at 06:17 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 045T, speed 155 I.A.S. No markers seen. Target totally obscured. No results seen. Diverted to Eastmoor.	

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18th Dec.	Halifax III "V" NZ-464	(Captain) J86735 F/O R.A. Forbes	Bombing	02:35	09:06	10/10ths alta. cu., tops 25,000 feet, visibility poor. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked by Gee. Bombed at 06:16.2 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 048, speed 155, on cascading red T.I.'s. Bombed where four reds were seen cascading. Green seen cascading approximately two miles to port. A red glow seen underneath, may have been fire glow. Icing in cloud from 6,000 feet. Uncertain attack if red T.I.'s on target should be fairly well bombed. Met. conditions made trip difficult.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "W" LW-122	(Captain) J16736 F/O A. Strelchuk	Bombing	02:24	09:10	10/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by glow of red T.I. and Gee fix over target. Bombed at 06:26 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 160, speed 165, bombed on Gee fix. Not much observed on account of 10/10ths cloud. Landed at Metheringham. No Congestion.	
18th Dec.	Halifax III "X" NZ-815	(Captain) J7344 F/O E.E. Bareby	Bombing	03:13	09:00	10/10ths strato cu., tops 13,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Gee fix. Bombed at 06:20 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 042, speed 155, on glow of fires. Markers had burned out at bombing time. Ferrific glow of fires underneath. Landed at Eastmoor. Rather hard to assess accurately but seemed to be burning fiercely as this was a very intense glow. Route and tactics O.K.	

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21st Dec.	Halifax III	Target, both A/C:-	"OSLO" (Gardening)			Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1900 lb. Mk. VI Mines	Appendix "F", Battle Order
21st Dec.	Halifax III "J" MZ-905	(Captain) J26099 F/L R.D. Holmes	Gardening	23:38	06:35	10/10ths strata ca., tops 6,000 feet, visibility good Mined at 03:37.35 hours from 10,000 feet, heading 340, speed 187, at a position 5924.12N 1031.00E, dropping 1 x C308, Mk VI, 40636, Q res. FIM3, 1 x B248, Mk VI, 16660, Q res., 8 days, 1 x F638/22, Mk VI, 29551, Q res. 5 days, and 1 x G706, Mk VI, 32049, Q res. FIM6. Last pin-point obtained, bearing and distance on H28, 178 -6.5 miles from 59200 GN, 103030E. Homed on H28 350 to 592342N 103045E. Diverted to Charter Hall. Mines laid in areas allotted. Trouble with navigation aids.	No. 206, attached.
21st Dec	Halifax III "B" MZ-818	(Captain) J25885 F/L D.F. McGrath	Gardening	23:37	02:24	Mission abandoned over base on instructions, due to engine failure, starboard inner. Jettisoned full load of 1 x C308 Mk VI 40632 Q res. FIM5, 1 x B248 Mk V- I 16609 Q res. 4 days, 1 x F638/22 Mk VI 29499 Q res. 7 days and 1 x G706 Mk VI 32009 Q res. FIM5, at 5408N 0140E, 0104E hours, 3,000 feet, safe.	

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24th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "SLO AREA" (Gardening)				Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1900 lb. Mk VI Mines.	Appendix "G"
24th Dec.	Halifax III "J" ME-905	(Captain) N25885 F/Lt. D.F. McGrath	Gardening	17:03	23:44	Slight haze, visibility good. Gardened at 20:32:47 hours from 10,000 feet, track 306, speed 187, at a position attached 5952.36N 1040E, dropping 1 x B248, 2 x F636/22 and 1 x F634/19G. H2S bombing run on a pt. 111 sec overshoot 5 mins. from 5952.12N 1039.43E. Homed on H2S 314 degrees to 5952.20N 1039.39E 5 mins. on 10/10ths scale. Diverted to Peterhead. Good trip and mines laid on allotted areas.	Battle Order No. 208,
24th Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) J27668 F/O S.V. McKellar	Gardening	16:59	23:51	Gardened at a position 5952.36N 1040E. H2S bombing run on a point 111 sec overshoot 5 miles from 5952.12N 1039.43E. Gardened at 20:49:01 hours from 10,000 feet, 305 degrees, speed 202, dropping load as in above paragraph. Homed on H2S 314 degrees 5952.20N 1039.39E, 5 mi. on 10/10ths scale. Sea mist, visibility good. Diverted to Peterhead due to H2S mist, made 2 orbits. Good trip and mines on allotted area.	
24th Dec.	Halifax III "S" ME-883	(Captain) J39420 F/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	17:01	23:41	Gardened at a position 5952.45N 1042.12E. H2S bombing run on a point 92 sec overshoot 5 miles from 5952.12N 1039.43E. Gardened at 20:33:30 hours from 10,000 feet, 055 degrees, speed 187, dropping load as in above paragraph. Homed on H2S 057 degrees to 5952.32N 1040.43E. Flight mist, visibility good. Good trip and mines in area. Diverted to Peterhead.	

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26th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:-	"ST. VITH"			Bomb load each A/C:- 1 x 2000 lb. & 1320 ± 4 lb. Incend. (11 x GP No. 14 G.6/10)	Appendix "H", Battle Order
26th Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) J19526 E/L J.J. Egger	Bombing	12:50	19:10	Ceiling and visibility unlimited. Target identified by red T.I.'s and smoke. Bombed at 15:35.2 hours from 10,000 feet, heading 060T, speed 165 on T.I.'s and smoke (Pickwick*). If T.I.'s were good attack should be dead on and as smoke pall concentrated markers were lost in smoke. Landed at Charter Hall. Good trip and successful raid. Some congestion over target, route and tactics O.K.	No. 209, attached
26th Dec.	Halifax III "H" NZ-909	(Captain) J16536 E/O A. Strelomuk	Bombing	13:01	18:20	Clear visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and visually. Bombed at 15:38.8 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 060T, speed 165, one second under-shoot of Pickwick. Very concentrated effort, all in slight cluster around A/P. Diverted to Leuchars. Good trip and a very good raid.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "C" NR-137	(Captain) J8418 S/L H.K. Stinson	Bombing	12:54	19:55	Slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and visually. Bombed at 15:34 hours from 10,000 feet, heading 068, speed 165, overshoot green T.I. one second. Green T.I. clusters on outside of town and N/S instructed to overshoot one second. Bombing well concentrated and around A/P. Landed at Leuchars. Good trip and excellent prang, very well concentrated. Some congestion over target.	

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26th Dec.	Halifax III "O" NP-936	(Captain) J89320 P/O W.T. Jensen	Bombing	13:13	18:41	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by smoke and visual of rail lines and roads. Bombed at 15:37.8 hours from 11,700 feet, heading 067Z, speed 165, port of Pickwick. No T.I. seen, bombing well concentrated. Heavy flak encountered at 15:35 hours, 11,700 feet. Landed at Leuchars. No congestion, good raid, M/B heard clearly and was helpful.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "E" NZ-818	(Captain) C1346 S/L D.J. Cleland	Bombing	13:11	19:15	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by smoke and visually, map reading. Bombed at 15:46 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 062T, speed 175, on centre of smoke. Late on target, no T.I. seen or M/B heard. Target covered with fire and smoke. Landed at Kinross. No congestion. Good fighter cover, appears to be successful raid.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "K" LW-941	(Captain) J9554 F/L R.W. Anders	Bombing	13:05	19:15	Slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and visually. Bombed at 15:34.3 hours from 12,000 feet, heading 077Z, speed 165, one second undershoot on Pickwick. Target really pranged by good concentration of bombing. M/B clear. Landed at Leuchars. Very good raid and route, tactics O.K.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "L" NZ-425	(Captain) J8917 F/L D.S. Rogers	Bombing	13:06	18:45	Clear with light ground haze. Target identified visually and M/B. Bombed at 15:36 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 080, speed 165, Pickwick on instructions of M/B. M/B pleased with bombing, well concentrated around A/P, some red T.I. seen in smoke. Incendiaries somewhat scattered to right of target. Landed at Leuchars. Very good raid and concentration good.	

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26th Dec.	Halifax III "M" NZ-419	(Captain) C20393 F/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	13:03	19:02	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually by railway on starboard of track and road details checked by Gee. Bombed at 15:34.1 hours from 10,000 feet, heading 070T, speed 165, up wind edge of smoke between red and green T.I. on instructions of M/B. T.I. were well placed, reds and greens. M/B heard clearly and gave concise instructions. Other bombing very well concentrated. Landed at Leuchars on diversion. Excellent attack, well concentrated, no difficulties.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "Q" NZ-417	(Captain) B171272 F/S Smyth, M.B.	Bombing	12:59	17:58	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by smoke and red T.I., homed on Gee. Bombed at 15:38 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 068Z, speed 165, on starboard of red T.I. Red T.I. on edge of upwind smoke, bombing short of T.I. M/B encountered at target 15:30 hours, 11,000 feet. Landed at Gravelly with starboard outer engine U/S. No congestion, good concentration, M/B not heard clearly. Good raid.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J6269 F/L J.E. Vallance	Bombing	13:09	19:31	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified visually by rail and smoke, homed on Gee. Bombed at 15:40 hours from 10,000 feet, heading 070T, speed 165, bombed Pielkwick with one second undershoot. No T.I., bombing well concentrated. Landed at Leuchars. No congestion, concentration rather spread. M/B heard clearly and was helpful.	

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26th Dec.	Halifax III "W" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 P/L E.E. Barsky	Bombing	13:15	19:08	Good clear visibility. Target identified visually.  Bombed Pickwick on instructions of M/B. Gas checked O.K. and one second undershoot as instructed. Bombed at 15:46.9 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 079T, speed 160 I.A.S., on some T.I.'s and smoke as Pickwick. Well concentrated bombing, large amount of smoke and dust. A/C late out corners on way in to target due to late take off. Landed at Leuchars. Good prang, no congestion.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "V" MZ-164	(Captain) J86735 P/O R.A. Forbes	Bombing	13:10	19:22	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and visually. Bombed at 15:35.9 hours from 12,000 feet, heading 068T, speed 165, one second undershoot on Pickwick. Really concentrated effort, only one overshoot and one undershoot seen, area covered in smoke and dust. M/B good. Diverted to Leuchars. Very good effort and successful raid.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "W" LW-122	(Captain) J89783 P/O J.D. O'Neill	Bombing	13:07	19:21	Hazy, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and visually. Bombed at 15:38.4 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 070, speed 165, one second undershoot on Pickwick. Target well covered with dust and smoke. A well concentrated effort. Diverted to Leuchars. Should be a successful raid, no trouble.	

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26th Dec.	Halifax III "X" MZ-815	(Captain) J28667 F/O R.H. Simpson	DPG Bombing	13:12	19:28	Bombed at 15:35 hours from 10,000 feet, full load dropped. Results were good. Diverted to Leuchars.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "Y" MZ-910	(Captain) J28592 S/L W.G. Fierbe	Bombing	13:14	18:51	Bombed at 15:35.8 hours from 11,000 feet, 07M, speed 165, full load dropped. Encountered H/F. Diverted to Leuchars. Bombing concentrated.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III "Y" MZ-857	(Captain) J27716 F/O R.F. Bertran	Bombing	13:13	19:15	Bomb load for this A/C:- 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.N.I. Clear, target identified visually and by T.I's. Bombed at 15:36.2 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 063T, speed 165 I.A.S., Picwick. Good prang, concentrated bombing. Landed at Leuchars. Good concentration of A/C. W/B heard very clearly on Marconi only.	
<del>27</del> /28 Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OPLADEN"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 3 x 500 lbs. & 9 x 1000 lbs.	(Appendix "I" Battle Order
<del>27</del> /28 Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) J89783 F/O J.D. O'Neil	Bombing	03:16	09:22	10/10ths low stratus, tops 8,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I's. Bombed at 06:35.4 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 100 degrees, speed 165, on centre of red T.I's. Not a great deal could be seen. Glow seen underneath should indicate a good raid. If T.I's were well placed raid should be successful. Good trip, concentrated and somewhat congested.	No. 211, attached)

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4/28 Dec.	Halifax III "H" ME-909	(Captain) 035376 P/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	03:12	09:11	Low fog and high cirrus tops, 21,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 06:37 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 050 degrees, speed 165, on concentration of red and green T.I. Quite a bright glow in cloud over target, may have been some fires. Bombing well concentrated and explosions could be seen. Marking was good. If T.I.'s were on target it should be a good raid. Concentrated and congested, good trip.	
4/28 Dec.	Halifax III "L" ME-425	(Captain) 18917 P/L D.S. Rogers	Bombing	03:17	09:04	10/10ths haze from 1000 feet down, visibility poor. Target identified by red and green T.I. glow checked by Gee and H2S. Bombed at 06:35 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 050T, speed 155, on centre of concentration of glow of red T.I. Only glow of T.I.'s seen at 4/P. T.I.'s cascading on run up. Other bombing not located but seemed concentrated around T.I. Concentration to target good and on way back. Seemed good attack, no difficulties.	
4/28 Dec.	Halifax III "N" ME-419	(Captain) 020393 P/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	03:38	09:20	10/10ths strato cu., tops 4,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. homed on Gee. Bombed at 06:36.8 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 054T, speed 155, on centre of glow of red. Glow of T.I. well concentrated. Few bombs burst around markers. Jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs., 514GN 015CE, 07:50 hours, 9,000 feet, safe, fell through bomb door. Heavy congestion, concentration of A/C good. If markers accurate should be a successful raid.	

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27/28 Dec.	Halifax III "G" MZ-883	(Captain) J28667 F/O R.H. Simpson DFC	Bombing	03:22	08:51	No cloud, heavy haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. homed on Gee. Bombed at 06:34.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 051T, speed 165, on centre of red and green T.I. T.I. and bombing very well concentrated. Slight congestion, good concentration of A/C.	
27/28 Dec.	Halifax III "H" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 F/L E.E. Barnby	Bombing	03:03	09:14	10/10ths cloud to 1000 feet, visibility fair above only. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked on Gee lattice line. Bombed at 06:39 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 040T, speed 155, on centre of glow of concentration of red and green T.I. T.I. were on time and seemed well placed. Bomb bursts seen were mainly in the concentration of T.I. Good attack if the FFF was accurate. Concentration over target was good, no difficulties.	
27/28 Dec.	Halifax III "Y" MZ-164	(Captain) J6269 F/L J.E. Vallance	Bombing	03:02	09:23	10/10ths ground fog, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. homed on Gee. Bombed at 06:34.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 050T, speed 160, on centre of green T.I. T.I. well concentrated. If FFF accurate it should be a successful raid. Jettisoned, safe, 1 x 1000 lbs, hung up, 5215N 0305E, 09:05 hours, 2000 feet. Landed at Woodridge, shortage of fuel. Slight congestion on way out. Good concentration of A/C over target.	

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17/28 Dec.	Halifax III "H" IW-122	(Captain) J9554 P/L R.W. Andrew	Bombing	03:31	09:23	Thick haze, tops 1500 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s cascading, Gee fix. Bombed at 06:39.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 048T, speed 165, on centre of red glow of T.I.'s. Several orange explosions with red glow over T/A which could be seen 50 miles. Jettisoned 2 x 1000 lbs., safe, 510E 015E, 07:55 hours, 7,000 feet, and 511N 0140, 08:02 hours, hung up. Landed at Rivenhall due to shortage of petrol. Fairly good effort, considered to be too short of petrol to proceed to allotted jettison area.	
17/28 Dec.	Halifax III "X" NZ-815	(Captain) J28647 P/O T.J. Kelly	Bombing	03:34	09:13	Medium cloud and low fog, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and APT and Gee. Bombed at 06:35 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 048 degrees, speed 170, on centre of red and green T.I. Marking was excellent, reds and greens were falling on top of each other. Bombing was definitely concentrated and around A/P. Good raid if the T.I.'s were on AP/. Some congestion but concentration definitely tight. Good trip.	
26th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OSLO FVYORD" (Gardening)				Mine load, each A/C:- 1 x F638/22, 1 x F638/22, 1 x G706, & 1 x G718. Each mine weighs 1900 lbs	Appendix "J" BattleOrder
28th Dec.	Halifax III "C" NR-137	(Captain) J28885 P/L D.P. McGrath	Gardening	16:01	22:52	Gardened at a position 592412N 1031E, at 19:50 hours from 5000 feet, track 350T, speed 178. Visibility perfect with moonlight. Inter-com. U/S from point F. Two parachutes seen to open. Convoy of approximately 10 ships seen 4 miles to port, 5947N 1005E, 20:07 hours, 3,000 feet.	No. 212, attached.

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28th Dec.	Halifax III "C" NP-936	(Captain) J86735 F/O R.A. Forbes	Gardening	15:58	22:54	Gardened at a position 592412N 1031E, at 19:48 hours, from 5000 feet, heading 352T, speed 180. Moonlight, no cloud. No trouble mapping and identifying A/P.	1
28th Dec.	Halifax III "B" NP-937	(Captain) J27716 F/L R.F. Burton	Gardening	15:56	23:01	Gardened at a position 592412N 1031E, at 19:53.36 hours from 5,000 feet, heading 349T, speed 169. Good trip and very successful.	
28th Dec.	Halifax III "Y" NZ-910	(Captain) J89420 F/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	15:57	23:09	At position 583CN 103CE, 19:45 hours, 5,000 feet, three large ships and 4 or 5 smaller ones seen, no wake seen. Gardened at 19:59.37 hours from 5,000 feet, heading 348T, speed 175. No cloud, clear moonlight, visibility perfect. Map reading very good.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "GERMAN"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 16 x 500 lbs.	Appendix "K" Battle Order
29th Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) C35376 F/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	15:39	21:51	10/10ths stratus, tops 2000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.L. Bombed at 19:18.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 053, speed 160, on centre of red and green. Not much could be seen through cloud. Marking looked concentrated. Good trip and effort may develop, A/C was in early.	No. 213, attached

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29th Dec.	Halifax III "H" ME-909	(Captain) J89783 P/O J.D. O'Neil	Bombing	15:46	21:53	Ground haze, 2000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. cascading. Bombed at 19:21.3 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 045T, speed 160, on centre of concentration of reds. Red glow through haze and black smoke rising after leaving target. Good concentration of A/C in stream, good trip.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "J" ME-905	(Captain) R174272 P/O S. Smyth, M.R.	Bombing	15:43 $\frac{1}{2}$	22:23	10/10ths cloud, tops 3000 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by Wanganui and glow of markers, check on Gee lattice homing. Bombed at 19:23.5 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 048, speed 165, on Wanganui, one cluster. Red glow beneath cloud, only one sky marker seen when bombing. Other bombing not seen. Good trip, not able to assess raid, no difficulties. Concentration not as good as usual.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "N" ME-857	(Captain) J19459 P/O E.R. Smyth	Bombing	15:34	21:55	10/10ths cloud or fog, visibility excellent. Target identified by red T.I.'s cascading and Gee fix. Bombed at 19:20.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 040T, speed 155, on red T.I. cascading. Huge orange explosion at 19:19 hours. Smoke and dust seen rising after leaving T/A. Good trip.	

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29th Dec.	Halifax III "M" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 F/L B.E. Barsby	Bombing	15:23	21:50	10/10ths low stratus, tops 2-3,000 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by red T.I. seen cascading at 19:17 hours, checked on Gee lattice line. Bombed at 19:19.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 052T, speed 155, on bright glow of red T.I. beneath ground fog. Several clusters of T.I. cascading during run up. Green T.I. observed in this concentration on leaving target. Large orange explosion, 10-15 seconds duration, seen on leaving target. Too early to assess bombing. Early in bombing, T.I. seen through ground fog, if they were on it should develop into a good attack. Concentration good, no difficulties.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "V" NZ-464	(Captain) J9554 F/L B.W. Andrea	Bombing	15:48	22:00	10/10ths strato cu., tops 2,000 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by red T.I. followed by green T.I., checked on Gee run. Bombed at 19:22 hours from 17,500 feet, heading 053E, speed 165, on centre of glow and red T.I. cluster of about three. More red T.I. cascading on run up. T.I. well concentrated, green T.I. together. Bombing seemed on the markers and fires seen. Good attack if markers O.K. Good concentration, no congestion, no difficulties.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "H" IW-122	(Captain) J6269 F/L J.E. Vallance	Bombing	15:28	21:57	10/10ths strata cu., tops 2-3000 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by green sky markers and red stars, checked on Gee lattice line bombing. Bombed at 19:18.8 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 050T, speed 155, on centre of three groups of sky markers. Red glow of T.I. under cloud, sky markers well grouped. Early in raid, other bombing not seen.	

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29th Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J8418 S/L H.K. Stinson	DFC Bombing	15:50	22:01	10/10ths cloud, tops 2,000 feet, visibility excellent. Target identified by red T.I's cascading, checked with Gee fix. Bombed at 19:18.5 hours from 20000 feet, heading 056Z, speed 155, on centre of red glow. Bomb bursts seen through clouds. Target well marked with T.I's followed by Wanganui. Concentration of A/C on target good.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "P" NR-937	(Captain) J28617 P/O T.J. Kelly	Bombing	15:35	21:54	10/10ths stratus, tops 3000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 19:19.8 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 050, speed 155, on red and green T.I. Glow of T.I's seen, and two small and one large explosion at 19:20 hours making a terrific glow on clouds then dying down. No accurate assessment possible, bomb bursts and explosions blanketed T.I's. If T.I's were good it could develop into a good raid. Concentration very tight, good trip.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III "G" NR-137	(Captain) J8917 P/O D.S. Rogers	Bombing	15:43	22:03	10/10ths low cloud, tops 3,000 feet, visibility above very good. Red T.I. cascaded on run up, checked Gee and H2S. Bombed at 19:19.8 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 053Z, speed 165, on glow of red T.I. that had been seen to cascade. T.I. all in a small group, too early to assess raid. Rear Gunner saw bluish flame on leaving target, black smoke to top of cloud. Good trip, no difficulties.	

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29th Dec.	Halifax III "I" ME-425	(Captain) J89607 P/O G. Walton	Bombing	15:42	22:04	10/10ths st. ca., tops 5-6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by red T.I. checked on Gee lattice line. Bombed at 19:21 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 015T, speed 155, on centre of red glow in cloud. Red T.I. well grouped. Greens down early some distance from reds, later greens O.K. Wanganui on later. Several large explosions seen after bombing. Good trip, should be good if T.I. O.K. Made dog leg to starboard on run in because of being early. No difficulties.	
29th Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OSLO AREA" (Gardening)				Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1900 lb. Sea Mines, Mk. VI.	Appendix "I" Battle Order
29th Dec.	Halifax III "S" ME-451	(Captain) J27868 P/O S.V. McKellar	Gardening	15:29	23:27	Gardened at a position 59342N 102542E, at 19:02.35 hours from 2000 feet, track 193, speed 161. Clear with light haze, visibility good. Good trip and mines laid in allotted area. No difficulties encountered.	No. 213, Part 2, attached.
29th Dec.	Halifax III "I" ME-902	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	15:45	23:22	Gardened at a position 59342N 102542E, at 19:13.12 hours from 2,000 feet, track 191, speed 161. Hazy, visibility fair. Good trip and mines laid in areas allotted.	

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30/31 Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "CLOGS"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs., 4 x 1000 lbs. & 8 x 500 lbs.	Appendix "M" Battle Order
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) J19526 P/L J.L. Egger	Bombing	17:35	23:56	10/10ths strato cu., tops 12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red flares and green stars, homed on Gee. Bombed at 21:05.5 hours from 20000 feet, heading 100T, speed 155, on centre of four red flares. Very good sky marking, well concentrated. Many bomb bursts under cloud base where sky markers were going down. No congestion, stream well concentrated.	No. 214, attached.
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "P" NZ-872	(Captain) C35376 P/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	17:31	00:10	10/10ths cloud, tops 9,000 feet, visibility excellent. Target identified by Wanganui and homing on Gee. Bombed at 21:10.3 hours from 20000 feet, heading 10JT, speed 160, on one red and green flare. Wanganui pretty well scattered over T/A. Bright glow through clouds and flashes of explosions on leaving T/A. Good concentration of A/C over target. Winds higher than briefed and may have blown Wanganui off A/P to the south.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "G" NR-137	(Captain) J89607 P/O G. Walton	Bombing	17:51	00:07	10/10ths st. cu., tops 6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by Wanganui, checked by Gee fix Bombed at 21:07 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 100T, speed 160, on Wanganui disappearing through cloud. Wanganui somewhat scattered, lots of bomb explosions in the area designated, assessment doubtful. Very good raid, concentration of A/C good, no congestion, no difficulties.	

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30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "J" MZ-905	(Captain) J25885 P/L D.F. McGrath	Bombing	17:45	00:13	10/10ths strato cu., tops 6,000 feet, visibility very good. Target identified by H2S and flares, red. Bombed 21:07.8 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 093, speed 160, on H2S only. Some sky markers were about 1 1/2 to 2 miles south of Cologne and on west of Rhine River. Two bunches of sky flares seen, widely scattered as much as four miles. Many explosions seen through cloud. Would assess as a scattered raid, only bomb bursts seen. A/C appeared to come in on correct heading, then veered south to bomb sky flares.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "M" MZ-419	(Captain) J27716 P/L R.F. Bertran	Bombing	17:37	00:09	10/10ths cloud, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Gee fix and Wanganui. Bombed at 21:07.2 hours from 20000 feet, heading 100T, speed 155, on red and green Wanganui. Glow seen through clouds. Wanganui appeared to shift to south with wind and number of A/C in stream drifted to starboard of A/P.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) J27868 P/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	17:44	00:02	10/10ths st. cu., tops 6,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by Wanganui, checked on Gee lattice line. Bombed at 21:08 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 100T, speed 160, on clusters of red and green stars. Sky markers were well placed. Other bombing on markers, only red glow seen on clouds. "Bang on show", concentration good, no congestion and no difficulties.	

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30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "G" NR-117	(Captain) J29592 S/L W.C. Pierce	Bombing	17:19	00:16	10/10ths low strata cu., tops 6-8,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Wanganui and Gee fix. Bombed at 21:08.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 098T, speed 160, on centre of red and green flares. White glow seen through clouds, some small and large explosions seen. Wanganui 1½ to 2 miles south of A/P as checked on Gee. No congestion over target, mt. good except for stronger winds, tactics good.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J6269 P/L J.E. Wallace	Bombing	17:36	00:03	10/10ths cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red flares and Gee check. Bombed at 21:07.3 hours from 18,500 feet, speed 160, heading 100, on north edge of white glow under cloud. Two red flares well off to port, about 500 yards when A/C bombed but the one it was running up on went out before bombing. Gee check would make all bombing overshooting of A/P. If white glow seen under cloud was fires this would be a fair attack. Good concentration of A/C over target.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-135	(Captain) J7346 P/L E.E. Borsky	Bombing	17:42	23:50	10/10ths stratus, tops 3-4,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by sky markers and Gee check. Bombed at 21:08 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 101, speed 160, on fires and glow. Markers were burning out and fires under seemed to be burning well. A/C ran up on flares but these were out before it got there so A/C bombed on Gee check and fires. White glow covered very large area. As far as it could be assessed raid was fair, depending on PFF marking. Concentration of A/C C.K., route and tactics good.	

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30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "V" ME-464	(Captain) J19459 P/O E.R. Smyth	Bombing	17:44	00:06	10/10ths stratus, tops 5,000 feet, visibility fair.  Target identified by sky marking, red with green stars and Gee fix. Bombed at 21:08.7 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 100, speed 155, on concentration of flares. Ran up on three flares and aimed on centre. Whole mass of white flares seen through cloud and bombs seen bursting through cloud. Appeared to be a good raid. If flares on target it should be a good raid. Concentration of A/C good and bombing on good headings. Good trip.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "W" LW-122	(Captain) J9554 P/O R.W. Andres	Bombing	17:36	00:15	10/10ths stratus, tops 9,000 feet, visibility good.  Target identified by Wagram, red and green stars. Bombed at 21:09.4 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 097, speed 160, roughly on the centre of six scattered flares. Flares were scattered and were burning out. Ground markers could be seen faintly through the cloud, A/C's bombs were slightly north of these. Could not tell much about target due to cloud. Definitely an uncertain effort, if PFF were O.K. may be a fair effort. Concentration O.K., headings good.	
30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "X" ME-815	(Captain) J89783 P/O J.D. O'Neil	Bombing	17:38	23:47	10/10ths stratus, tops 2-3,000 feet. Target identified by sky marking, red with green stars and Gee check. Bombed at 21:09 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 105 degrees, speed 160, on red flare with green stars. There were numerous explosions and what seemed to be fires but could not tell definitely due to cloud density. Landed at Ossington due to starboard inner engine U/S. Depending entirely on the PFF MARKING it should be a fair raid if markers on. Concentration good, some congestion.	

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30/31 Dec.	Halifax III "I" ML-425	(Captain) R171272 P/S Smyth, M.R.	Bombing	17:43	23:59	Bomb load for this A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs., 4 x 1000 lbs., & 6 x 500 lbs.  10/10ths cloud, tops 8/9,000 feet, visibility very good. Identification of target checked by Gee and glow, flares were to starboard. Bombed at 21:07.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 102, speed 160, on glow. Wanganui flare faded out so A/C had to bomb on glow, white in centre. One flare burst to port near as A/C bombed. Could see explosions 50 miles away. Could not assess due to dense cloud cover. Tactics and met. good and concentration of A/C over target fair only.	
31st Dec.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OSLO FJYGED"	(Gardening)			Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1900 lbs. Mk. VI Mines.	Appendix "N"
31st Dec.	Halifax III "J" ML-905	(Captain) J85735 P/O R.A. Forbes	Gardening	16:21	23:14	Gardened at a position 590924N 105745E. Direct visual on track 171T and 63 seconds overshoot of Fred- rekstad. Mined at 20:32 hours from 500 feet, track 172, speed 168. No wind vector used at this height. No cloud above or below, very hazy. No cameras carried. All four parachutes seen to open. A/C circumvented Fredrek- stad due to intense L/F from city. (By fly over this bal flak position) Wake of boats seen where A/C dropped its mines.	Battle Order No. 215, attached.

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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31st Dec.	Halifax III "M" ME-419	(Captain) J27716 P/L R.F. Bertran	G Gardening	16:18	23:22	Gardened at a position 590924N 105745E. Direct visual track true 171, timed run of 63 seconds from Fredrekstad. Mined at 20:27.12 hours from 500 feet, track 165, speed 170, no wind used at this height. Clear visibility, no cloud, very slight haze. No cameras carried. H/P encountered at Fredrekstad, 500 feet, 23:20 hours. Tide was low when A/C mined and several small islands or boats seen. "Can we have information re tidal briefing?"	
31st Dec.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) J27858 P/O S.Y. McKellar	Gardening	16:15	23:21	Gardened at a position 590924N 105745E. Direct visual on a track of 171T and timed run of 63 seconds from centre of Fredrekstad. Mined at 20:30.58 hours from 700 feet, track 170T, speed 170. Clear, no cloud or haze. No cameras carried. All mines seen to enter water. No Mosquitoes seen whatsoever. Much ship activity around mining area.	
31st Dec.	Halifax III "R" NR-135	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	16:16	23:17	Gardened at a position 590924N 105200E. Timed run of 129 seconds from visual pin point 590624 on track 039T to HP sighting angle 75 degrees. Mined at 20:22 hours from 500 feet, track 041T, speed 173. Clear, very good visibility. Good trip, mines in allotted area, some difficulty in briefed R.F., no difficulties otherwise.	
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