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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "D" NZ-845	(Captain) CAN10151 F/S Batty	H.E. Bombing	14:58	22:37	Low cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 18:51.7 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 031Z, speed 160, on green T.I., near centre of fading red and green T.I. Reds going out and green about gone at time of bombing. Very good attack, no congestion, S/L searching. No difficulties. Rear Gunner spotted unidentified aircraft over the T/A, about 450 yards, on port quarter. Searchlights momentarily silouted this A/C and Rear Gunner identified it as an FW,190. The E/A was observed to close in and Rear Gunner gave the order "Corkscrew Port". At 350 yards Rear Gunner opened fire and at 300 yds. Mid-upper Gunner also opened fire. E/A did not open fire though it followed in on corkscrew before breaking off starboard quarter up at about 200 yards. No claim is made of damage but enemy aircraft was not seen again.	Appendix CI.
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J27868 F/O S.V. McKellar	Bombing	14:52	22:28	3/10ths thin cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s, H2S and river. Bombed at 18:49.8 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 012Z, speed 155, on centre of concentration of red and green T.I.'s. Visual check by river to the east, some fires and bomb bursts seen. Loose flak at 18:58 hours from 20-30 seconds, orange and red. Everything favoured a good trip. Target well marked and clearly identified.	

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2nd Jan.	Halifax III "S" NZ-883	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Bombing	14:47	21:44	5-6/10ths thin cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked by Gee, and visually by bend of river seen in flashes. Bombed at 18:49.5 hours from 19,500 feet, speed 150, heading 355Z, on centre of concentration of red and green T.I., well grouped. T.I. well grouped and seemed accurate. On run up large orange explosions with considerable smoke and flame and incendiaries seen around A/P. Very good attack. Concentration of A/C to target very good. No difficulties.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "I" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 P/O E.E. Barclay	Bombing	14:33	21:54	4/10ths low stratus, tops 6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by bends of Rhine, red and green T.I. Bombed at 18:48 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 035Z, speed 150, on centre of red. Red T.I. well concentrated, by visual check should be on A/P. About 2 or 3 small explosions south of A/P at 18:48 1/2 hours. One large explosion. No congestion, good route, Good concentration of A/C over target.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "Y" NZ-464	(Captain) J9554 P/O R.W. Andrea	Bombing	14:37	22:08	Clear, thin ground cloud, 4-6/10ths, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. checked on Gee. Bombed at 18:49 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 028Z, speed 155, on centre of cluster of three red and two green T.I. T.I. clearly grouped with green T.I. close to reds. Other bombing seen among markers. One large orange explosion, 5 seconds, seen on run in. Some fires seen starting. Good attack, good concentration of A/C. Tactics and met. O.K. No difficulties.	

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2nd Jan.	Halifax III "W" LW-122	(Captain) J6269 F/L J.E. Vallance	Bombing	14:55	21:57	Some ground haze, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. checked on Gee fix. Bombed at 18:49 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 031E, speed 170, on centre of 3-4 clusters of red T.I. Red T.I. well concentrated and green T.I. right on edge of reds. Explosions of bombs seen close to T.I. and fires starting. Large explosion, bright red, seen on run out of target, 2-3 seconds. Good attack. Coded by 5 S/L's just before A/P, took evasive action. Tactics O.K.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "X" ME-815	(Captain) J89783 P/O J.D. O'Neill	Bombing	14:51	22:02	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and by visual and Gee check. Bombed at 18:48.1 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 024, speed 155, on concentration of two clusters of red T.I. Main weight of bombs was definitely on A/P. Red markers were in two clusters in southern portion of A/P. A good trip and should be a very good raid. Concentrated stream and headings good. Tactics excellent.	

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5th Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "HANNOVER"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 16 x 500 lbs.	Appendix III, Battle Order
5th Jan.	Halifax III "N" ME-857	(Captain) J27716 P/L R.F. Bertman	Bombing	16:25	22:05	10/10ths low strata cu., visibility clear. Targets identified by sky markers cascading, E.T.A., heard M/B. Bombed at 19:25 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 139T, speed 155, on centre of concentration of red and green Wangami as instructed by M/B. Distinct red glow under cloud which was clearly seen on leaving target. Diverted to Carnaby on account of hydraulics being U/S and lack of brake pressure. Good concentration of A/C to target, met. as briefed. Effective trip if markers accurate.	No. 218.
5th Jan.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) CAF10151 P/S Batty, H.E.	Bombing	16:25	22:34	10/10ths cloud, tops 13000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Gee fix and Wangami flares. Bombed at 19:36 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 137T, speed 160, on target, on glow through cloud as instructed by M/B. Glow fires seen through cloud. Difficult to assess but appeared to be a concentration of fires in T/A. An A/C was observed astern with navigation lights on at 800 yds. It moved up to starboard beam level and held station at about 400 yds. for three minutes. The Rear Gunner identified it as a T/E A/C. When it closed in on starboard quarter he ordered corkscrew starboard. The U/I A/C followed and when in second corkscrew the Rear Gunner and Mid-upper Gunner opened fire with a burst of about 50 rounds each at 300 yds. range. The A/C broke away at 200 yds. on starboard beam level. This A/C appeared to be undamaged and did not extinguish its navigation lights.	Appendix III.

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5th Jan.	Halifax III "Q" ME-417	(Captain) J16536 P/O A. Strolomk	Bombing	16:56	22:13	10/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 feet, strata cu., visibility good. Target identified by H2S and Wanganui. Bombed at 19:21.5 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 137, speed 160, on red flares with green stars. Few to starboard, main concentration was good. Could not see any thing below because of cloud. M/B not heard. Glow seen below cloud. Could be good effort if FFF were on. Concentration fair, route and tactics good. Approaching T/A the Mid-upper Gunner sighted a JUBB on port quarter down, range 500 yds. It momentarily silhouetted against a flare. The E/A commenced his attack and the Mid-upper Gunner ordered 'orkscrew' port. The E/A followed into theorkscrew and when at 300 yds. range the Rear Gunner gave a short burst. At 250 yds. range the E/A broke away on starboard quarter up without opening fire. No damage claimed on E/A.	Appendix CIII
5th Jan.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J6681 P/L L.D. Allatt	Bombing	16:27	22:25	10/10ths cu., tops 8-10,000 feet, visibility above good. Target identified by red and green stars checked partially on H2S. Bombed at 19:24.7 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 137, speed 160, on centre of three groups of Wanganui. Markers were good, on time and plentiful and well grouped. Other bombing not seen below cloud. M/B heard clearly when about 3 minutes from target, instructed to bomb Wanganui. Glow seen 50-60 miles. Good attack if markers O.K. Mot. was bang on, tactics O.K., no difficulties.	

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5th Jan.	Halifax III "g" NR-117	(Captain) 020393 F/L R.W. Patterson	Bombing	16:29	19:04	A/C returned early due to starboard outer engine being U/S. Unable to gain or maintain height or air speed. Jettisoned full bomb load, 535W 0216N, 12,000 feet, 18:01 hours.	
5th Jan.	Halifax III "t" NR-135	(Captain) 77544 F/L R.E. Barsby	Bombing	16:20	22:10	10/10ths low cloud, tops 5-6000 feet, clear above. Target identified by illuminating flares and green T.I's ascending, checked by H2S. Bombed at 19:21.7 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 137E, speed 155, on glow of green T.I's and three candles of Wanganui. Quite large yellow explo- sions at 19:24 hours which lit up target for about three seconds. Wanganui not too plentiful, fairly good concen- tration of A/C on target. Tactics were good.	
5th Jan.	Halifax III "v" ME-464	(Captain) 39554 F/L R.W. Andrew	Bombing	16:30	22:23	10/10ths cloud over target, tops 5,000 feet, visibi- lity good. Target identified by green T.I's and Wanganui. Bombed at 19:25.5 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 155, speed 155, on centre of cluster of green T.I. Fires seen through break in cloud, orange and red smoke. Green T.I's seen in fires and some bombing around them. If FFF were on it was a good effort. Big glow seen below cloud. Con- centration good, tactics good, route O.K.	

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5th Jan.	Halifax III "Y" NZ-910	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Bombing	16:50	22:37	10/10ths low strata cu., tops 12,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by illuminating flares, green T.I. and sky markers. Bombed at 19:24.6 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 137, speed 155, on centre of string of five flares. Could see some reflections of green T.I. on cloud. Three separate columns of black smoke over target approximately 10-12000 feet. No accurate assessment possible. B2S failed at 19:29 hours. If markers on it should be a fair raid. Good glow seen on leaving target. Route and tactics O.K.	
6th Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/Cs - "HANGU"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs. & 1440 x 4 lb. Incend. Appendix VIII (12 x GP No. 14 CG/10) Battle Order	
6th Jan.	Halifax III "P" NP-937	(Captain) GAR10151 P/S Batty, H.E.	Bombing	15:24	22:49	10/10ths stratus, tops 8,000 feet visibility good. Target identified by sky marking, red and green stars and Gee check. Bombed at 19:10.8 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 140, speed 160, on Wanganui flare. A marked shortage of flares, only one seen and it was bombed as it disappeared into cloud. Bright glow could be seen underneath cloud indicating fires. If FFF were on raid could be fair. Concentration excellent, route and tactics O.K.	No. 219.

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6th Jan.	Halifax III "Q" NZ-417	(Captain) J16536 F/O A. Strelchuk	Bombing	15:15	22:37	10/10ths strata cu., tops 8,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by Wanganui and glow below clouds. Bombed at 19:10.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 137E, speed 155, on main centre of three flares. Glow could be seen beneath cloud, explosion seen underneath. Accurate assessment not possible. H/P necking out markers as they dropped from A/C. If flares were on it was a good effort. Concentration of A/C good over target, tactics good.	
6th Jan.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J6681 F/Lt L.D. Allatt	Bombing	15:41	22:38	10/10ths stratus cu., tops 8-10000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red sky markers with green stars checked on Gee. Bombed at 19:11 hours from 18,000 feet, heading 137E, speed 160, between two flares. Glow seen beneath clouds. If markers were accurate it was a good effort. Fires well concentrated. Met. and tactics were good. Flares were concentrated and fires were glowing below clouds. Bombing seemed good, could be a fair effort.	
6th Jan.	Halifax III "S" NR-117	(Captain) 020393 F/Lt R.W. Patterson	Bombing	15:10	21:53	10/10ths stratus, tops 8,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by Wanganui checked with Gee and timed run. Bombed at 19:10 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 138E, speed 155, on centre of glow beneath cloud. Sky markers at time of bombing were very sparse. Last of first group burnt out during run. Other bombing seemed well grouped under cloud. Huge glow beneath clouds. Route as ordered by French coast, on return diverted to Manston and diverted from there to Tangmere due to fuel shortage and Pilot's escape hatch being blown off. Seemed good attack if markers O.K. No difficulties, route and tactics seemed O.K.	

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6th Jan.	Halifax III "B" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 P/L E.H. Baraby	Bombing	15:11	22:31	10/10ths stratus, tops 5-6,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by sky markers and H2S. Bombed at 19:18.9 hours from 20000 feet, heading 138, speed 155, between a Wangami flare and a red T.I. Flares were burned out and PFF seemed slow in remarking. Nothing seen below except S/L's and bomb bursts which seemed to be fairly well concentrated. Dependent on PFF. If markers were good raid could be a fair effort. Good stream over target.	
6th Jan.	Halifax III "B" NZ-464	(Captain) J9554 P/L R.W. Andrea	Bombing	15:14	22:25	10/10ths strata, tops 8-10000 feet, visibility fair. Target identified by red Wangami and faint glow of T.I.'s. Bombed at 19:10.6 hours from 20000 feet, heading 144, speed 160, on centre of salvo of 6 Wangami. Yellow glow on run up then S/L's switched on and lit up clouds with white ones, fairly large. Orange explosions seen on leaving target. Marking well concentrated. Good concentration of A/C. Effective trip if marking accurate.	
6th Jan.	Halifax III "B" LN-967	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Bombing	15:19	22:32	Bomb load for this A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs. & 1520 x 4 lb. Incend. (11 x GR No. 14 06/10) 10/10ths thin stratus, tops about 10-12,000 feet, visibility good above. Target identified by Wangami checked on Gee and H2S. Bombed at 19:09.4 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 138, speed 155, on centre of 4 fading sky markers across target. Markers sparse and not backed up at time of bombing. Seemed well grouped below cloud. Glow of incendiaries below cloud was well developed. Flashes seen 30 miles away from target. T.I. of 2nd A/P seemed in right relative position. Seemed to be good attack if T.I. O.K. No difficulties, route and tactics O.K.	

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12th Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:-	"FLEISBURG HARBOUR"			Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1850 lbs. Mk. VI Mines.	Appendix B.VI, Battle Order
12th Jan.	Halifax III "P" NR-937	(Captain) 327868 F/O S.V. McKellar	Gardening	17:23	23:24	Mines were laid at a position 544905N 095615E. Last pin-point, H2S bearing 8 distance from datum - 5.7 miles. Mined at 21:18, 12 hours from 15,000 feet, heading 280F, speed 198. 10/10ths st. cu., tops 5,000 feet, visibility above very good. Mines hung up on first run, possibly due to electrical failure. Orbitted to starboard, returned and made new run from chart. Good trip, met. and tactics O.K., route good, no difficulties.	No. 220.
12th Jan.	Halifax III "S" NR-117	(Captain) J89420 F/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	17:21	23:13	Mines were laid at a position 545000N 094845E. Last pin-point, H2S bearing and distance from datum. Mined at 21:05, 12 hours from 15,000 feet, heading 272T, speed 198. 10/10ths strate cu., tops 5,000 feet, visibility above good. Good trip, tactics and route O.K., no difficulties.	
12th Jan.	Halifax III "R" NR-136	(Captain) J27716 F/L R.F. Bertran	Gardening	17:25	23:22	Mined at a position 544905N 095615E. Last pin-point, H2S bearing distance from datum. Mined at 21:06, 12 hours, from 15,000 feet, heading 278T, speed 199. 10/10ths st. cu., tops at 5000 feet, visibility above good. Trip, tactics and route good, no difficulties.	

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13th Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "SAARBRUCKEN"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 8 x 250 lbs. & 8 x 500 lbs.	Appendix B.V, Battle Order
13th Jan.	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) J19626 F/L J.L. Egger	Bombing	15:13	22:50	Clear, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and sky marking, red and yellow stars, visually and by Gee check. Bombed at 19:18.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 103, speed 150, on centre of red T.I. Markers were very good and centred around A/P. Bombing was definitely on markers and numerous bomb bursts were seen. No fires. A perfect marking job by E/F, other target seen. Met., tactics, route and concentration all good. If T.I.'s on then raid was very good.	No. 222.
13th Jan.	Halifax III "K" LV-941	(Captain) CAF10151 F/S Matty, H.E.	Bombing	15:16	22:25	Slight haze, visibility fair. Target identified by red T.I.'s ascending and on ground, river seen through photo flashes, Gee check. Bombed at 19:17 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 095, speed 155, on port edge of concentration of red T.I.'s. Several bomb bursts seen, some fires starting. T.I.'s seen dropping on A/P to port. Met. favourable, good concentration of A/C on target. Marking plentiful and compact, good trip.	
13th Jan.	Halifax III "Q" ME-417	(Captain) J89320 F/O W.T. Jensen	Bombing	15:30	22:54	Met. good, slight haze. Target identified by red T.I.'s three groups, checked on Gee. Bombed at 19:15.3 hours from 18,300 feet, heading 102E, speed 160, on centre of red T.I. Concentration of markers good, bomb bursts among T.I. Target appeared well saturated. Fires burning on ground, fair concentration of A/C by the number of photo flashes. Could be successful raid by the look of T.I.'s.	

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13th Jan.	Halifax III "P" NR-135	(Captain) J16536 P/O A. Strelchuk	Bombing	15:12	22:42	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually, by red and green and D.R. Bombed at 19:17.6 hours from 17,500 feet, heading 122, speed 160, on centre of red T.I. Red and green T.I. were bunched together and marking excellent and on A/P by visual check. No scattered bombing seen. A good effort and should be a successful raid, route, tactics and concentration good.	
13th Jan.	Halifax III "Y" NR-910	(Captain) J29592 S/W W.C. Pierce	Bombing	15:14	22:35	Very slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I.'s ascending, glimpse of river and built up area, checked with Gee fix. Bombed at 19:17.2 hours from 17,000 feet, heading 103E, speed 160, on centre of concentration of reds and green. Bomb bursts numerous. Photo flashes lit up target which aided pin-pointing the A/P and town. Met. better than briefed, tactics suitable, marking plentiful and accurate, bombing concentrated on markers. Should be effective raid.	
14/15 Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/G:- "ORLO AREA"				Mine load, each A/G:- 4 x 1500 lb. Mk. IV Mines.	Appendix B-VI, Battle Order
14/15 Jan.	Halifax III "P" NR-937	(Captain) J27868 P/O S.V. McKellar	Gardening	19:32	02:09	Mined at a position 595230N 1044E. Last pin-point, H28 heading from datum 595212N 103948E, timed run 118 sec, track 351 degrees T. Mined at 23:20.48 hours from 12,500 feet, track 343 degrees, speed 192. Clear, visibility good. Good trip, mines laid in allotted areas, no difficulty encountered.	No. 223.

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14/15 Jan.	Halifax III "P" NB-136	(Captain) J27716 P/L R.F. Bertran	Gardening	19:33	02:31	Mined at a position 595248N 104212E. Last pin-point, H28 homing from datum - 595212N 103948E timed run 118 sec., track 052°. Mined at 23:30.10 hours from 12,500 feet, heading 041, speed 193. Clear, visibility good. Four chutes seen to open. Mines laid in allotted areas.	
14/15 Jan.	Halifax III "S" NB-117	(Captain) J89420 P/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	19:30	02:20	Mined at a position 595248N 104212E. Last pin-point, H28 homing from datum, timed run 118 sec., on track of 052 degrees T. Mined at 23:17.17 hours from 12,300 feet, track 035 degrees, speed 192. Clear with low mist, visibility good. Good trip, vegetables planted in proper area, all chutes seen to open.	
14th Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "GREVENBROICH"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 8 x 250 lbs. & 8 x 500 lbs.	Appendix B-VII Battle Order
14th Jan.	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) J6269 P/L J.R. Yallance	Bombing	15:51	21:59	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and Gee fix. Bombed at 19:36.2 hours from 18,500 feet heading 051°, speed 155, on Gee. Bomb sight U/S, bombed on Gee. Red well concentrated. No congestion, good route. Met. as briefed except for winds.	No. 223.
14th Jan.	Halifax III "D" MZ-845	(Captain) GAM10151 P/S Batty, H.E.	Bombing	15:55	22:06	No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I., Gee fix. Bombed at 19:37.8 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 051°, speed 155, on centre of red T.I. Red T.I. well concentrated, some bomb bursts seen on it. No congestion, should be a good raid if FFF accurate.	

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14th Jan.	Halifax III "I" ME-815	(Captain) J6681 F/L L.D. Allatt	Bombing	15:49	21:53	Clear, some haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. and Gee check. Bombed at 19:37.5 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 055, speed 165, on centre of red T.I. Excellent concentration of T.I.'s, reds in centre ringed by greens. Bombs bursting right in T.I.'s and shaking them up. A successful raid by indication at this time. Route and tactics good.	
14th Jan.	Halifax III "I" ME-910	(Captain) J29592 S/L W.C. Pierce	Bombing	15:45	22:17	Target identified by red and green T.I., visually and Gee. Bombed at 19:35.5 hours from 14,700 feet, heading 045, speed 150, on centre of red T.I. Marking was excellent, reds were in crotch of junction point in railway. Bombs were bursting in T.I.'s. No fires or explosions seen. Marking left nothing to be desired and it should be a very successful raid.	

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FOR THE MONTH OF January, 1945

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "OSLO AREA"				Mine load, each A/C:- 4 x 1850 lbs. Mk. VI Mines	Appendix B-VIII
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "B" NR-136	(Captain) J16536 P/L A. Strelchuk	Sensitizing	18:03	01:45	Mined at a position 592430N 103848E. Last pin-point, bearing and distance .053T 4.8 from 592154N 103236E. Mined at 21:44,00 hours from 11,000 feet, heading 344, speed 186. Clear, visibility good. Faulty switch in nav. compartment. Met, winds considerably cut, four parachutes seen to open and mines felt leaving A/C. Gribbled to starboard A/P and did a second run. No assurance that mines laid in allotted area due to high winds.	Battle Order No. 224.
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "S" NR-117	(Captain) J89428 P/O R.F. Saunders	Gardening	18:04	01:32	Mined at a position 592430N 103848E. Last pin-point, bearing and distance .053T - 4.8 miles from 592154N 103236E. Mined at 21:32,27 hours from 12,000 feet, heading 338, speed 191. Clear, visibility good. Met. definitely off, mines in allotted area, felt mines go and checked visually.	
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "T" NR-135	(Captain) J7344 P/L E.E. Barsey	Gardening	18:11	01:21	Mined at a position 592430N 103848E. Last pin-point, bearing and distance .053T - 4.8 miles from 592154N 103236E. Mined at 21:26,00 hours from 12,000 feet, heading 340, speed 191. Clear, visibility good. Felt mines drop. Mines in allotted area.	
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "T" ME-910	(Captain) J29592 S/L W.C. Pierce	Gardening	18:05	01:30	Mined at a position 592430N 103848E. Last pin-point, bearing and distance .053 - 4.8 miles from 592154N 103236E. Mined at 21:30,00 hours from 12,000 feet, heading 332, speed 192. Clear, visibility good. Met. poor as regards winds. Felt mines leave A/C. Released as briefed.	

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16/17 Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "MAGDEBURG"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 1 x 2000 lbs. & 1272 x 4 lbs. Incend.	Appendix B-IX
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "N" LV-941	(Captain) CAN 10151 F/S Batty, F.E.	Bombing	19:06	01:20	Slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 21:49.5 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 110Z, speed 170, overahot red T.I. by 2 seconds. Heavy concentration of fires around red T.I., covering an area of about 3 miles square. About 6 large explosions in succession on east bank of river. Nonconcentration, glow of fires seen 100 miles away, M/B heard but with interference.	Battle Order No. 22a
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "P" NF-937	(Captain) J6681 F/L L.D. Allatt	Bombing	19:03	01:08	Visibility good. Target identified by red T.I. and H2S. Bombed at 21:50.3 hours from 19,500 feet, heading 106Z, speed 160, on red T.I., overahot markers 12 seconds on M/B's instructions. Slight haze. T.I. well concentrated and lots of fires. Three or four explosions in built up area. Fires burning well, visible 75 miles coming out of target. T.I. according to H2S were underahot on A/E. Very good prang, fires end to end of city, explosions seen many miles on homeward journey. Good concentration of A/G.	
16/17 Jan.	Halifax III "Q" ME-417	(Captain) J6269 F/L J.E. Vallance	Bombing	18:53	01:03	Ground haze, visibility good. Target identified by green T.I.'s cascading, check on H2S. Bombed at 21:46.2 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 012, speed 155, on centre of concentration of reds. Several bomb bursts and fires seen starting. Glow of fires seen for 50 miles. Visibility very poor at low altitude. Good concentration over target. Appeared to be well hit and concentrated.	

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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1945

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
2nd Jan.	Halifax III	Target, all A/C:- "LUDWIGSHAVEN"				Bomb load, each A/C:- 16 x 500 lbs.	Appendix B1, Battle Order No. 216.
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "A" NR-120	(Captain) C35376 P/O W.G.R. Simpson	Bombing	14:55	21:39	Slight haze, visibility good. Target identified by bends of Rhine River and green T.I. Bombed at 18:47.8 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 030T, speed 150, starboard of red T.I. T.I. well concentrated, by visual check on A/P many bombs were starboard of T.I. No congestion, by visual check should be on A/P.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "B" LV-967	(Captain) J25885 P/O D.F. McGrath	Bombing	14:56	21:43	Clear, visibility good. Target identified visually and by red T.I. Bombed at 18:48.4 hours from 18,500 feet, heading 025, speed 150, centre of red T.I. Two large explosions seen on run up, bombing right T.I.'s. A very good prang if T.I.'s were on A/P. Good trip, tactics D.K.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "B" LZ-872	(Captain) J89607 P/O G. Walton	Bombing	15:00	22:06	2/10ths thin broken cloud, visibility very good. Target identified by red T.I. on ground and visual check with bulge in river. Bombed at 18:48.3 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 240T, speed 150, on centre of large group of red T.I.'s. Reds well concentrated, greens scattered. Many incendiaries starting up after leaving target. Target well marked and easily identified. No congestion of A/C over target, good trip.	

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2nd Jan.	Halifax III "H" ME-909	(Captain) JG 18 S/L H.K. Stinson, DFC	Bombing	14:49	22:03	7/10ths low stratus, tops 10000 feet, visibility heavy. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 18:49.7 hours from 19,500-feet, heading 005T, speed 150, on centre of red and green. T.I.'s well concentrated and many bomb bursts around them. Nearly collided with another Halifax going on heading 060T. Glow of fires seen 100 miles away.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "N" ME-857	(Captain) J27716 P/L R.E. Bartran	Bombing	14:42	21:45	4/10ths cloud, light haze. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed at 18:47.8 hours from 19,000 feet, heading 092T, speed 150, on centre of three clusters of red T.I. with green T.I. falling among them. T.I. on time, well grouped with red and green T.I. together. One large explosion in 1/4 to starboard of A/P. Whole area lit up for 1/2 minute with yellow orange glow. Two minutes after leaving target other bombing seen going into centre of T.I. concentration. Very good attack, good concentra- tion over target. Tactics O.K. No difficulties.	
2nd Jan.	Halifax III "O" ME-417	(Captain) J19459 P/O B.R. Smyth	Bombing	14:44	21:52	7/10ths thin broken cloud, 3-4,000 feet, visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I.'s cascading, and visually by river. Bombed at 18:49.8 hours from 20,000 feet, heading 000T, speed 150, slightly to star- board of concentration of red T.I.'s. Incendiaries start- ing up, river clearly seen to N.E. Some green T.I.'s under- shooting reds. Large explosion lit up target in sudden flash at 18:51 hours. Target well marked, good visual check, net. favourable, good trip.	

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