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2.12.44	Halifax A ME421	F/L Porter, C.	J11973	P	1706	0020	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2101 hrs. 18,000 ft. 056°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, 16/17,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Saw nothing but slight glow. A scattered attack. Bomb Load: 1 x 2000 lb & 7 x 1000 lb.	✓
2.12.44	Halifax B ME447	F/L Burden, P.	J23035	P	1707	0034	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2102.4 hrs. 17,000 ft. 058°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud, tops 16,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Bomb flashes over wide area; cloud conditions prevented assessment. A scattered attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax D ME435	F/L Henry, R.	J14688	P	1719	0021	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2102.5 hrs. 18,000 ft. 090°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud 17-18,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Bomb flashes observed only. Good concentration of A/G over A/P. Bomb Load same as "A". (See Combat report)	✓
2.12.44	Halifax H ME116	F/O Marlow, G.	J36615	P	1714	0039	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2107 hrs. 18,000 ft. 058°T. IAS 160. Bombed on red glow in sky. Rm up on Gee. Landed Linton (slight damage to fuel). Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax J ME913	F/L Rothenbush, J.	J13048	P	1718	0032	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2101.5 hrs. 17,300 ft. 055°T. IAS 165. 10/10th cloud, tops 17,300 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. A fair concentration of bomb flashes but saw nothing else. Bomb Load same as "A". (See Combat report)	✓
2.12.44	Halifax K ME115	F/O Hall, J.	J20938	P	1709	0043	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2101 hrs. 17,000 ft. 059°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud with tops at 16,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Many bomb flashes. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax L ME145	F/O Barr, V.	J23213	P	1720	0049	Target: HAGBN. Primary. 2103.1 hrs. 18,000 ft. 054°T. IAS 150. 10/10th cloud, tops 17,200 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Saw bomb flashes only. Very scattered attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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2.12.44	Halifax M NR141	F/O Kowalchuk, T.	J2726	P	1716	0050	Target: HAGN. Primary. 2102.2 hrs. 16,000 ft. 079°T. IAS 165. 10/10th cloud, tops 15,500 ft. Ident and bombed on Gee. Only bomb explosions observed. More cloud than briefed. Very scattered attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax N NR961	F/O Andres, I.	J29273	P	1727	0028	Target: HAGN. Primary. 2100 hrs. 17,000 ft. 058°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud, tops 17,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Glow of explosions seen through cloud. More cloud than briefed. Effort appeared scattered. DRC u/s. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax O NR846	F/O Ferris, C.	K79732	P	1722	0018	Target: HAGN. Primary. 2102.5 hrs. 18,000 ft. 070°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. Ident. Gee. Bombed on photo-flash glow on cloud. Cloud obscured results. Gee run indicated good bombing. Icing conditions very heavy and more cloud than briefed. Had to climb to 17,000 ft. by point "X". Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax P NR852	F/L Coghlan, T.	J14087	P	1710	0009	Target: HAGN. Abortive. N.O.N.E. Furthest point reached 5020N 0550E at 2045 hrs. Jettisoned full load - 5207N 0216E 2221 hrs. 7,000 ft. Safe. More cloud than briefed. Fert inner u/s. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax T NR126	F/L Eccleston, A.	J26114	P	1705	0038	Target: HAGN. Primary. 2101.7 hrs. 17,300 ft. 020°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud, tops 17,300 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. More cloud than briefed. Attack appeared scattered. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax V NR839	F/O Munroe, G.	J28546	P	1715	0035	Target: HAGN. Primary. 2103 hrs. 18000 ft. 061°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud, tops 17/18000 ft. Ident and bombed on Gee. Saw Red TI go through cloud and disappear. Attack seemed to be scattered. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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2.12.44	Halifax X NR124	P/O Telford, R.	J87333	P	1717	0048	Target: HAGEN. Primary. 2103.9 hrs. 17000 ft. 052°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. Ident and bombed on Gee. Saw glow of 4 explosions, very large reddish white. Jettisoned 1 x 1,000 lb. 504.3 M 0716H 2148 hrs. 15,000 ft. Live. Front over target. Scatter-attack. H2B w/s. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax Y NR276	P/O Alger, G.	J87340	P	1712	0039	Target: HAGEN. Primary. 2102.5 hrs. 18,000 ft. 061°E. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Cloud obscured vis. Effort scattered. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
2.12.44	Halifax Z NR293 N514	P/O Ikenberg, M.	J87286	P	1704	0046	Target: HAGEN. Primary. 2102 hrs. 18,000 ft. 065°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. Ident. and bombed on Gee run and H2B. Explosion glow on cloud scattered. Had to fly higher than briefed. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax B NR240	P/L Burden, F.	J23035	P	1620	2349	Target: KANIGHEE. Primary. 1932.9 hrs. 18,000 ft. 070°E. IAS 160. 10/10 the cloud w/ty tops at 14,000 ft. Target ident. and bombed on TI's green. Fires reported over wide area in 7/8. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax C NR295	P/O Marlow, G.	J36615	P	1619	2329	Target: KANIGHEE. Primary. 1931 hrs. 17000 ft. 101°E. IAS 165. 10/10 the patchy cloud. Target ident and bombed on Gee. glow of fires. After leaving target saw large area of fires also some TI's. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax D NR235	P/L Buckstone, A.	J26114	P	1641	2355	Target: KANIGHEE. Primary. 1932.3 hrs. 18,000 ft. 085°E. IAS 155. 6/7-10 the patchy cloud. Target ident green TI's and bombed centre of same. One very large explosion seen at 1531 hrs. Many fires in three rows seen for 110 miles. H2B and fishpond U/S. Very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax A NR224	P/O Marree, G.	J28546	P	1631	2322	Target: KANIGHEE. Primary. 1931.3 hrs. 19000 ft. 094°E. IAS 155. 10/10 the patchy cloud. Target ident. TI's Green and bombed them with overshoot of 1 sec. Many fires seen for 150 miles. Bomb Load: 1 x 2000 lb & 12 S.B.G. (50 x 4 lb)	✓

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4-12-44	Halifax B M287B	E/L Rotherham, J.	J17068	P	1626	2340	Target: KANGSHIRE. Primary. 1912.6 hrs. 19,000 ft. 085°T. IAS 155. 9/10ths patchy cloud. Ident. by Green TIA and overhead these one second when bombing. Many fires with black smoke seen. Fishpond w/s. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4-12-44	Halifax F M2405	E/L Malone, G.	J16599	P	1612	2335	Target: KANGSHIRE. Primary. 1929 hrs. 18,000 ft. 092°T. IAS 165. 10/10ths cloud, tops 15,000 ft. Vls. Good. Ident. glow below cloud base. Bombed glow of fires seen through cloud. Good concentration of bombing and 1 definite fire was noted. No large explosions were seen. Reflection of fires could be seen for 1/2 hrs. en route. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4-12-44	Halifax G M2121	E/O Hall, J.	J20938	P	1613	2354	Target: KANGSHIRE. Primary. 1933 hrs. 17,000 ft. 110°T. IAS 165. 4/10ths cloud. Tops 8/10,000 ft. Ident. TI green. Bombed centre of concentration of TI green and checked on Gee. Appeared to be well carpeted with incendiaries and many large fires well concentrated, glow could be seen 175 to 200 miles away. At 4848'N 0833'E 17,000 ft. No. 109 Port fire quarter approached to 300 yds. in vertical bank. E/C fires short burst. Evasive action to port and enemy AGI disappeared. No claim. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4-12-44	Halifax L M2145	E/O Barr, V.	J29213	P	1622	2355	Target: KANGSHIRE. Primary. 1935.2 hrs. 19,000 ft. 094°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud. Ident. Gee and E28 and glow of fires. Bombed on Gee. Many fires seen on run out of target. Concentrated. Many fires North and East of target. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4-12-44	Halifax M M2143	E/O Kowalchuk, T.	J27726	P	1628	2359	Target: KANGSHIRE. Primary. 1931.7 hrs. 18,000 ft. 099°T. IAS 160. 9/10ths thin str. Cls. Top 17,000 ft. Ident. many black marks and green TIA's. Bombed centre of TI's green. 1st seen early but concentrated, 3 distinct fires were seen when we were about 75 miles away. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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4.12.44	Halifax N NP961	P/O Andrea, I.	J29273 P	1623	2336	Target: KARLSRUHE. Primary. 1930 hrs. 17000 ft. 150°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud. Tops 10,000 ft. Ident. Green TI's. Bombed on glow of green TI's. After leaving target saw whole town lit up by fires from French coast. Very well concentrated attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax P ME852	FEL Coghlan, T.	J1A087 P	1615	2350	Target: KARLSRUHE. Abortive. N.O.E.T. Jettisoned 1 x 2000 lb 50 27°N 004°E 1825 hrs. 10,000 ft. Safe. Stbd. inner engine w/s due to oil pressure. Brought back rest of load. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax Q ME921	P/O Telford, R.	J87333 P	1615	2350	Target: KARLSRUHE. Primary. 1930.5 hrs. 18,000 ft. 099°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud 16,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. No detail due to thick cloud. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax S NP050	P/O Chapman, G.	J27858 P	1614	2357	Target: KARLSRUHE. Primary. 1934.4 hrs. 17,000 ft. 088°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud. Ident. Gee and glow of fires on cloud. Bombed on Gee. A large mass of fires over large area. One explosion. Good effort. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax T ME126	P/O Ferris, G.	E79732 P	1618	2347	Target: KARLSRUHE. Primary. 1932.6 hrs. 19,000 ft. 105°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud. tops 13,000 ft. Ident. Gee and H2S. red glows. Bombed on Gee. After leaving target we could see much activity in the way of fires. Should be good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
4.12.44	Halifax V ME144	P/O Isenberg, M.	J87286 P	1624	2331	Target: KARLSRUHE. Primary. 1932.0 hrs. 18000 ft. 101°T. IAS 160. 6-8/10th cloud tops 14,000 ft. Ident. and bombed TI's green in concentration. On way out of target for at least 100 miles, fires could be seen in centre of a built-up area. Should result in a very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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4.12.44	Halifax Y ME676	W/L Kiehlbauch, A.	J18584	P	1617	2323	Target: KANIGHEHE. Primary. 1931.2 hrs. 17000 ft. 075°E. IAS 165. 10/20th cloud, tops 13000 ft. Ident. TI given. Glow only. Bombed centre of glow with 4 second overshoot. A huge concentration of fires reported in whole target area. Should be a good effort. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax A ME421	W/C Blackburn, A.	0846	P	1745	0058	Primary. Target: GEGST. 2120.5 hrs. 17000ft. 122°E. IAS 165. No cloud, vis good. Ident. FIR and TIG. Bombed centre of concentration of TIG. Very good concentration & very large red fires N.W. corner of town and 1 very large bright red fire South edge of town. Centre of town lit up plainly by by fires. Considered a very good attack. Bomb Load : 1 x 2000 lb & 1A x No. 1A MK 1 Cluster.	✓
5.12.44	Halifax B ME417	E/L Porter, C.	J11973	P	1741	0112	Target: SOHST. Primary. 2130.5 hrs. 19000 ft. 119°E. IAS 155. Vis. clear with slight haze. Ident B&G TI's. Bombed TI Red. Many large concentrated fires around TI's. Red glow prominent. Hydraulics and 8th unlock U/S after target area. Very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax C ME495	E/O Marlow, G.	J36615	P	1735	0055	Target: SOHST. Primary. 2130.7 hrs. 19,000 ft. 100°E. IAS 160. Vis. clear - ground haze. Ident. Red and Green TI's. Bombed centre of red TI. Whole town was seen to be burning. One No. 1A MK 1 hung up. Very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax D ME435	E/L Henry, R.	J14688	P	1746	0036	Target: SOHST. Primary. 2130 hrs. 19000 ft. 120°E. IAS 155. Vis. clear. Ident. and bombed on Red TI's. Large fires covering town. Good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax F ME405	E/L Coghlan, T.	J14087	P	1743	0033	Target: SOHST. Primary. 2132.5 hrs. 18000 ft. 120°E. IAS 160. Vis. clear. Ident. TI's red and green. Bombed centre of green TI's. 3 good fires with plenty of smaller ones over whole area. Attack should prove successful. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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5.12.44	Halifax G NR121	P/O Hall, J.	J20936	P	1740	0113	Target: SOEST. Primary. 2128 hrs. 17000 ft. 121°E. IAS 165. Vis. clear with few scattered clouds in area. Ident. TI Green and red. Bombed TI Green. FFF not concentrated, a good concentration of incendiaries, surrounding the TI's. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax J NR913	P/O Halero, G.	J16599	P	1738	0039	Target: SOEST. Primary. 2130 hrs. 16,000 ft. 125°E. IAS 160. Vis. clear with 8/10th cloud with 12,000 ft. in immediate area. Ident. TI red and green. Bombed centre of 2 groups of TI's. FFF quite concentrated and many fires seen in target. A very good trip. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax L NR145	P/O Barr, F.	J29213	P	1749	0050	Target: SOEST. Primary. 2129/7 hrs. 17,000 ft. 115°E. IAS 165. Vis. clear. Ident. and bombed red and green TI. 2 small fires burning in the South of town. Effort seemed well concentrated, whole town well concentrated with bombs and town outlined with fires. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax M NR145	P/O Kowalchuk, T.	J27726	P	1748		Target: SOEST. This A/U was airborne at 1748 hrs. Since when nothing has been heard from it.	✓
		P/O Christian, K.	J38780	Nav				
		SGT Frouse, V.	R163240	P/A				
		P/S Lavallee, D.	R88129	WO/SG				
		P/S Coughlin, G.	R208660	MI/SG				
		SGT De Macedo, J.	R215235	P/AG				
		SGT Higginbotham, C.	2205657	P/E				
5.12.44	Halifax N NR961	P/O Amore, I.	J29273	P	1800	0057	Target: SOEST. Primary. 2129.1 hrs. 18000 ft. 140°E. IAS 160. Vis. clear over aiming point with 6/8/10th cloud in immediate area. Ident. TI's red and green. Bombed centre of 2 groups of green TI's. TI's were on Western end of town. Many fires seen in area and a number of explosions. FFF was very good. A good trip. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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5.12.44	Halifax O ME846	WO Ferris, C.	W79732	P	1756	0052	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2129.7 hrs. 17000 ft. 140°T. IAS160. Vis. clear. Ident. Red and Green TI's. Bombed centre of Red TI's. Whole town covered with fires. Very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax Q ME824	P/O Telford, R.	J87333	P	1807	0043	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2129.5 hrs. 19000 ft. 115°T. IAS155. Clear vis very good. Ident. TI red and green. Bombed TI Red. Very well concentrated attack according to bomb bursts and many incendiary fires. Many good sized red fires. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax T ME826	P/O Chapman, G.	J27858	P	1753	0046	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2130.3 hrs. 18,000 ft. 123°T. IAS 165. Vis. clear. Ident. TI red and green. Bombed centre of all TI's. Good attack with target well on fire, one large explosion, glow of fires seen for 75 miles. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax W ME899	P/O Monroe, G.	J28546	P	1757	0109	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2130.5 hrs. 17,000 ft. 116°T. IAS160. Vis. clear. Ident. Red and green TI's and sea. Large fires covered whole town and well concentrated. Good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax Y ME876	P/L Kiehlbauch, A.	J18588	P	1755	0039	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2130 hrs. 19,000 ft. 110°T. IAS 155. No cloud, vis. good. Ident. TI red and green. Bombed centre of concentration of TI G. A very well concentrated attack. A very large dull red explosion at 2131.5 hrs. Much smoke com- ing up as we left. Very good attack and very well concen- trated. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
5.12.44	Halifax Z ME814	P/O Isenberg, M.	J87296	P	1753	0043	Target: SOBST. Primary. 2130 hrs. 18000 ft. 120°T. IAS 160. Vis. clear for bombing. Ident. and bombed TI Red and Green. Bomb bursts seen in area and many fires. A good concentrated attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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6.12.44	Halifax A MEA21	F/L Porter, C.	J11973	P	1558	2230	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.1 hrs. 21,000 ft. 098°E. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 14/16,000 ft. Ident. Gee and Red glow. Bombed near edge of Red Glow. About 10 mins. after leaving W/A a terrific Red Explosion lit up the cloud, visible for 5 mins. after leaving Target. Good effort considering cloud. Bomb Load: 16 x 500 lb.	✓
6.12.44	Halifax B MEA47	F/L Burden, P.	J23035	P	1616	2257	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.7 hrs. 13,000 ft. 098°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. 6/8,000 ft. Ident. E28 and glow. Bombed light glow. Glow lasted 3 mins. Bombing was spread but 4 to 5 good groups of fires were seen on run out. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax G MEA95	F/O Marlow, G.	J36615	P	1557	2240	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1944.1 hrs. 19,000 ft. 100°E. IAS 160. 9/10th cloud. Ident. Gee. Bombed on Gee and explosions on the ground. On second leg out of target we could see many fires well started and bomb-bursts were plentiful. Should be a concentrated attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax D MEA35	F/L Henry, R.	J1A698	P	1606	2255	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1946.4 hrs. 18,500 ft. 075°E. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud, tops 15,000 ft. Ident and bombed on Gee. Glow of many fires seen on leaving target. More cloud than briefed - poor effort. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax E ME678	F/L Rothenbush, J.	J13048	P	1602	2236	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.6 hrs. 18,800 ft. 080°E. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud, tops 15,000 ft. Ident. Gee and Red glow. Bombed near edge of glow. A terrific Red glow lasting for 1 min. Scattered incendiaries. Scattered attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax G ME121	F/O Hall, J.	J20938	P	1602	2308	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943 hrs. 17,500 ft. 091°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud, tops 18000 ft. Ident and bombed on Gee, and D.B. No details seen due to thick cloud - seemed scattered. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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6.12.44	Halifax H ME116	P/O Munroe, G.	J28546	P	1620	2248	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.3 hrs. 21,000 ft. 098°T. IAS 150. 10/10 cloud. Ident. and bombed on Gee run to bomb explosions. Many Red fires seen after leaving target covering large areas. Too early to assess. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax J ME913	P/O Halrow, G.	J16599	P	1605	2251	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.8 hrs. 21,000 ft. 097°T. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud. Ident. on Gee run. Bombed glow on cloud. Some glow on cloud. concentration appeared fairly good. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax L ME245	P/O Barr, Y.	J29213	P	1604	2239	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943.1 hrs. 20,000 ft. 099°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. Ident. by and bombed on Gee run. Glow of fires seemed to cover large areas. Effort would be scattered although many fires seen. FFZ not seen. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax O ME846	P/O Ferris, G.	K79732	P	1615	2238	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1942.8 hrs. 19,000 ft. 103°T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. tops 13/14,000 ft. Ident. HCS and Red glow. Bombed centre of red glow. After bombing (2006 hrs) a terrific bright Red explosion lasting for 20-30 secs. Glow could be seen long after. More cloud than briefed - fair attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax Q ME921	P/O Telford, R.	J87333	P	1638	2244	Target: OSNABRUCK. Primary. 1943 hrs. 19,000 ft. 098°T. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud, tops 17/19,000 ft. Ident. Gee and incendiary fires. Bombed on Gee and HCS. Large number of fires in T/A. Did not see any markers. At 5223H 0613E 1945 hrs. 17000 ft. ME210 attacked from Sthd. quarter astern and passed below, disappearing in cloud on Port side without firing. No claim. Bomb Load same as "A".	no combat report

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6.12.44	Halifax X NR126	F/O Chapman, G.	J27858	P	1622	2243	Target: OSNABRUCK, Primary. 1943.6 hrs. 20,000 ft. 100°E. IAS 150. 10/10 cloud. Ident. glow of cloud and flak seen. Bombed on white glow. Unable to assess due to cloud. E28 cutting in on 1155. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax U NR118	F/L Coghlan, T.	J14087	P	1626	2232	Target: OSNABRUCK, Primary. 1943.6 hrs. 19,000 ft. 109°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. Ident. Gee. Bombed glow of cloud. A great many fires were seen. All started. DE compass u/s on take-off. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax W NP939	F/O Andrea, J.	J29273	P	1619	2233	Target: OSNABRUCK, Primary. 1943.9 hrs. 17,300 ft. 200°E. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud. tops 3,000 ft. Ident. glow of Green TI. Bombed same. Nothing seen except for bomb flashes due to cloud. E28 u/s. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax Y ME876	F/L Kiehlbauch, A.	J18584	P	1559	2228	Target: OSNABRUCK, Primary. 1944.4 hrs. 19,000 ft. 110°E. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud. Ident. Gee run. Bombed on this and glow of bomb-bursts and flak defences. After leaving target could see fires burning through patches in cloud - appeared scattered. Saw TI's after leaving target. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
6.12.44	Halifax Z NR134	S/L Boyle, D.	J4325	P	1611	2253	Target: OSNABRUCK, Primary. 1947.2 hrs. 19,000 ft. 100°E. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud. tops 8/10,000 ft. Ident. by and bombed on Gee and white glow. Nothing observed due to cloud other than increase in glow. Very scattered. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax N NP961	F/O Andrea, J.	J29273	P	0257	0919	Target: DUISBURG, Primary. 0621.2 hrs. 18200 ft. 086°E. IAS 150. 10/10th cloud. Ident. Gee run and TI red. Bombed on TI and glow of TI red. Explosion scattered. No results observed. At 515AM 0618 at 0628 hrs. 17000 ft. W190 attached from Port Quarter level and fired one long burst and broke off to port as we circled to 8thd. E/A lost. Landed at Smoring. Bomb load 1 x 2000 lb & 2 x 1000 lb & 9 x 500 lb.	✓

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18.12.44	Halifax Q ME921	P/O Telford, B.	J87333	P	0254	0858	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0623.2 hrs. 18,500 ft. 052°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud. tops 7/8000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Gee. Saw TI's fall and burst at 10,000 ft. and saw glow in cloud. Scattered attack. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax R ME158	S/L Boyle, D.	JL325	P	0317	0904	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0625.2 hrs. 18,500 ft. 184°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud. Ident. and bombed glow of TI red. On target on time but markers not down. Overshot on Gee then saw markers go down so turned around and bombed them. Glow very bright and concentrated. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax S MF959	P/O Chapman, C.	J28858	P	0251	0910	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0624.6 hrs. 18,000 ft. 044°T. IAS 165. 10/10th clouds. Ident. glow of cloud plus Gee. Bombed on Gee. Jettiscd 1 x 500 lb at 50128-0025°E 0812 hrs. Safe 8,000 ft. Landed at Little Snoring. Scattered attack. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax T ME126	P/O Alger, G.	J87340	P	0258	0907	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0621.4 hrs. 17,500 ft. 053°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud. Tops 10-12,000 ft. Ident and bombed on Gee. Nothing observed. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax V ME118	P/O Farratt, J.	J21251	P	0250		Target: DUISBURG. This A/C was airborne at 0250 hrs. since when nothing has been heard from it.	✓
		P/O Pearce, S.	J27505	Nav				
		P/S Kurshals, A.	H110453	B/A				
		P/O Brown, H.	J90827	WG/AG				
		P/S Davitoff, A.	E209473	MI/AG				
		P/S Olafsen, G.	H192540	B/AG				
		SGT Jansen, L.	E.96704	P/E				

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18.12.44	Halifax V NR144	F/O Isenberg, M.	J87286	P	0220	0855	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0623.5 hrs. 20,000 ft. 055°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 18,000 ft. Ident. Gee and glow of TIR. Bombed Gee. Reflection of bomb flashes. Landed Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax W NR939	F/O Munroe, G.	J28546	P	0241	0917	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0621.8 hrs. 19,000 ft. 062°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 8-9,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on H28. Appeared to be a lot of fires but scattered. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax X NR124	F/O Wegman, J.	J35150	P	0246	0902	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0620.5 hrs. 19,000 ft. 050°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 12,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Geb. Nothing observed due to cloud. At 5:14 AM 0618R 0630 hrs. 16,000 ft. ME109 came in Port Quarter 450 yds above and fired. We corkscrewed to port then Mid Upper and Rear Gunner opened fire and enemy A/G followed in to 150 yds. He continued to fire and went into a steep dive still firing. R/A seen to burst into flames before going through cloud tops. Reflection of an orange explosion seen through cloud. 1 ME109 claimed destroyed. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax Y NR876	F/L Kiehlbauch, A.	J18584	P	0227	0900	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0621.5 hrs. 080°T. 18500 ft. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 20,000 ft. Ident. flares and Gee. No results observed other than reflection of bomb explosions. Very scattered attack. Landed at Little Snoring. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓
18.12.44	Halifax Z NR128 NR 134	F/L Coghlan, T.	JM087	O	0253	0837	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 0621.4 hrs. 19,000 ft. 068°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud. Ident. and bombed on Gee: run and glow. No results observed. Flashes appeared scattered. Landed Northolt. Bomb Load same as "H".	✓

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21.12.44	Halifax P 12447	Coghlan, T. P/O XXXXXXXX	J14087	P	1511	2126	Target: KOLN. Primary. 184.6 hrs. 18,000 ft. 055°T. IAS 155. 10/10th cloud, tops 7,000 ft. Ident. and bombed markers red with green stars. A large red flash seen amidst glow. A fair attack. Bomb Load: 1 x 2000 lb & 2 x 1000 lb & 2 x 500 lb.
21.12.44	Halifax U 12252	P/O Monroe, G.	J28546	P	1525	2153	Target: KOLN. Primary. 1837 hrs. 18,000 ft. 055°T. IAS 156. 10/10th cloud, tops 8,000 ft. Vis. good. Ident. and bombed Red and Green TI's sky flares. Cookies seen exploding. seemed well concentrated. Jettisoned 1 x 500 lb 5207H 0305H 2010 hrs 8,000 ft. Safe. If TI's were on should be a good attack. Bomb Load same as F.
21.12.44	Halifax W 124 12939	P/O Wagner, J.	J35150	P	1506	2128	Target: KOLN. Primary. 1836 hrs. 17500 ft. 050°T. IAS 165. 10/10th cloud, tops 9,000 ft. Vis. good. Ident. and bombed on glow of Red TI's on clouds. Several flashes seen concentration seemed good. cloud obscured any definite estimation. If TI's on figure should be good effort. Flak appeared heavy. Bomb Load same as FEE "P".
21.12.44	Halifax Y 12121	W/O Blackburn, A.	0846	P	1505	2111	Target: KOLN. Primary. 1835.7 hrs. 17,000 ft. 055°T. IAS 163. 10/10th cloud: S. On. tops 4,000 ft. Ident. and bombed on Red TI's. No detail of attack seen due to being first on target and dense cloud. If markers were well placed the attack would seem to be well concentrated. Bomb Load same as "P".
21.12.44	Lancaster G 12829	P/O Marlow, G.	J16615	P	1135	1815	Target: DUISBURG. Primary. 1A51 hrs. 18000 ft. 081°T. IAS 170. Vis. clear with ground base. Ident. Red TI and visually bombed Green TI and visually as instructed by N.E. Bomb falling on airfield and lots of smoke was seen over whole area. Landed Charter Hall. Bomb Load: 2x1000 lb & 4x500 lb & 4 x 250 lb.

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24.12.44	Lancaster D KB830	F/L Porter, C.	J11973 P	1133	1817	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary. 1451.5 hrs. 15,000 ft. 081°T. IAS 160. Clear vis - good. Ident. TI red and green and visually. Bombed hangars to S.W. Stalk of bombs right across RW. runway concentration on built-up area with some in other runways. Landed Leuchars. Bomb Load same as "C".	✓
24.12.44	Lancaster E KB824	W/O Blackburn, A.	0846 P	1147	1735	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary. 1451.7 hrs. 16000 ft. IAS 160. Vis. VERY good. Ident. visually and TI's. Bombed centre of block of buildings to S.E. Bomb bursts in centre of frame overshoot by 2 sec TI red. Well concentrated attack. Bomb Load same as "C". <i>Handled at airfield.</i>	✓
24.12.44	Lancaster F KB832	P/O Hart, F.	J90792 P	1145	1816	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary. 1451.4 hrs. 17,800 ft. 080°T. IAS 160. Vis. good. Bombed overshoot Red TI by 2 sec as per MB. 1 x 1000 lb hung up and 1 x 1000 lb jettisoned at 5210N 0313E 1537 hrs. Safe. Landed Gärter Hall. Bomb Load same as "C".	✓
24.12.44	Lancaster G KB816	F/L Buttle, T.	J9178 P	1141	1638	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary. 1451 hrs. 17000 ft. 092°T. IAS 160. No cloud - heavy @ vis. good. Ident. TI red and confirmed by ground detail. As we ran up we ident. band in river and at 1458 hrs. we saw red TI ascending. We could see that the TI's were on the airfield and we overshoot the band slightly to bomb the aiming point. Hit by flak in Dusseldorf area at 1453 hrs. 17,000 ft. Damage to port outer engine and port wheel. Short of fuel. Landed at Downham Market. Bomb Load same as "C".	✓
24.12.44	Lancaster H KB826	P/O Coulter, J.	J27630 P	1130	1730	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary. 1450.8 hrs. 15500 ft. 087°T. IAS 160. Vis. clear. Ident. Red TI and visually. Bombed overshoot Red by 2 sec as per MB. No details seen over target, but on leaving area, bomb bursts seen over airfield. Landed Winfield. Bomb Load same as "C".	✓

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24.12.44	Lancaster J KB835	F/L Botheringham, K.	J13048	P	1137	1735	Target: DUSSELDORF. Primary: 1452.3 hrs. 15,500 ft. 075°T. IAS 180. Target ident. green TI's and visual. Bombed concentration of green TI's. Bombs seen to hit runways and a number of fires seen around outside of airfields. Landed at Winfield. Bomb Load same as "E".	✓
26.12.44	Lancaster B KB811	F/L Burden, F.	J23035	P	0302	0919	Target: EPLADON. Primary: 0647.1 hrs. 17,500 ft. 025°T. IAS 190. 10/10ths cloud and fog tops 1000 ft. Target ident. and bombed centre of concentration of same. Nothing observed other than red glow and bomb flashes. PFF very well concentrated. Bomb Load same as 10x500 lb & 6x500 lb.	✓
26.12.44	Lancaster G KB821	F/O Iuill, E.	J89071	P	0255	0925	Target: EPLADON. Primary: 0616.7 hrs. 18000 ft. 0134E. IAS 170. 10ths cloud with tops at 2000 ft. Target ident: TI's red and green and bombed centre of TI's red. TI's green were well west of TI's red which were very well concentrated. Only photo flashes and bomb bursts in area but were not scattered. Bomb Load same as "D".	✓
26.12.44	Lancaster D KB830	F/L Porter, C.	J11973	P	0308	0920	Target: EPLADON. Primary: 0637 hrs. 20000 ft. 044°T. B8160. Clear moonlight with ground haze. Target ident: TI's red and green. Bombed TI's red. Many photo flashes and bomb bursts in a small area and providing TI's were well developed into a very successful attack. Bomb Load same as "B".	✓
26.12.44	Lancaster H KB824	F/S Murray, V.	E174702	P	0311	0925	Target: EPLADON. Primary: 0638 hrs. 19,000 ft. 050°T. IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud with tops 2/8000 ft. via good. Target ident: Red and green TI's and gas fix. Bombed centre of red TI's. Bomb bursts seen to burst in red glow below cloud. Obs. of A/C very good. H28 was bad on way in, couldn't get any range marker. Fishpond also w/s. Bomb Load same as "B".	✓

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28.12.44	Lancaster F KB832	F/O Hall, J.	J20938	P	0303	0918	Target: GFLADEN. Primary. 0635.2 hrs. 18000 ft. 04A'T. IAS 165. Clear with ground fog. Target ident. TI's red and green and bombed same. Concentration good with bombs falling in centre of TI's. Fog obscured vis. Good tactics. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
28.12.44	Lancaster K KB836	F/O Coulter, L.	J27630	P	0305	0923	Target: GFLADEN. Primary. 0637.4 hrs. 20,000 ft. 050'T. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud, more like heavy fog. 1000/1500 ft. vis. Good concentration of A/G. Bombight U/S. Fairly scattered effort, seemed spread out after we left target. Bomb Load same as "B".	✓
28.12.44	Lancaster J KB835	W/G Blackburn, A.	C846	P	0312	0933	Target: GFLADEN. Primary. 0636.7 hrs. 20,000 ft. 045'T. IAS 165. 10/10ths thin cloud, tops 1000 ft. Target ident. TI's red and green and bombed centre of same. FFF was very well concentrated, weather condition prevented assessment. Bomb Load same as "B".	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster A KB825	F/L Bennett, G.	J3189	P	1452	2155	Target: SCHOLYEN. Primary. 1902 hrs. 20000 ft. 320'T. IAS 160. 10/10 cloud, tops 2,000 ft. Ident. TIR and G. Bombed TIR. Many orange coloured explosions and fires, thick black smoke up to 2,000 ft. FFF well concentrated. 1 very large orange orange explosion at 1902 hrs. In A/P. Very successful attack. Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb & 16 x 500 lb.	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster B KB833	F/O Hall, J.	J20938	P	1501	2214	Target: SCHOLYEN. Primary. 1857.5 hrs. 19000 ft. 350'T. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud, tops 3000 ft. Ident. TIR. Bombed flow of Red TI's. Early on target and no results seen after bombing at 1859 hrs. One very large mushroom explosion with black smoke up to 7000 ft. Appeared to be good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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29.12.44	Lancaster G KB829	P/O Yull, E.	J89071	P	1506	2147	Target: SCHOLVEN. Primary. 1901 hrs. 18000 ft. 356°T. IAS 165. 10/10th thin cloud tops, 3000 ft. Ident. TI red and green. Bombed Red TI. One large explosion at 1905 hrs. seen to burst through cloud, black smoke up to 13,000 ft. Bombing over fairly large area. Good attack. Bomb Load same as "A"	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster D KB830	P/O Prime, R.	J371A0	P	1508	2218	Target: SCHOLVEN. Primary. 1859.5 hrs. 17,000 ft. 000°T. IAS 160. 10/10 very low cloud - tops 1-2000 ft. Ident. TIR and G. Bombed centre of TIR. Very large orange red fire with black smoke up to 10,000 ft. A very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster B KB824	P/O Barr, Y.	J29213	P	1512	2136	Target: SCHOLVEN. Primary. 1948.4 hrs. 20000 ft. 357°T. IAS 155. 10/10 cloud. Tops 5000 ft. Vis very poor. Ident. and bombed TI red. Large pinkish explosion seen over target and brown smoke in a huge mushroom up to 10,000 ft. Looked like an excellent attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster F KB832	P/O Hart, F.	J90792	P	1456	2204	Target: SCHOLVEN. Primary. 1904.2 hrs. 19000 ft. 348°T. IAS 165. 7/10 cloud, tops 5,000 ft. Ident. Red and Green TIs. Bombed red TIs. Explosions seen and smoke up to 14,000 ft. Very good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
29.12.44	Lancaster K KB836	P/S Murray, Y.	H17A702	P	1502	2207	Target: SCHOLVEN. Primary. 1987 hrs. 18,000 ft. 290°T. IAS 160. 10/10th cloud (thin). Ident. TIR and G and G. Bombed TIR. The glow of 4 very large orange flashes ^{yellow fires} with billowing black smoke up to 15,000 ft. could be seen for 35 miles. Post wing and leading edge damage not assessed. Very well concentrated attack in small area. Bomb Load same as "A".	1907.60

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30/31.12.44	Lancaster A KB845	F/L Burden, P. P/O [unclear]	J83035 J8970 J8128	P	1715	0021	Target: KOLN. Primary. 2109.2 hrs. 19000 ft. 100' T. IAS 200. 10/10ths cloud tops 7000 ft. Vis. very good. Target ident. by red sky flares. Explosions (Bomb bursts) and flares seen at target. A/C Fairly well concentrated. If PFF on attack, it would be a moderate success. Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb & 6 x 1000 lb & 6 x 500 lb.	✓
30/31.12.44	Lancaster B KB833	F/L Bennett, W.	J9189	P	1720	0008	Target: KOLN. Primary. 2110 hrs. 19500 ft. 096' T. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud tops 7/8000 ft. Target ident by sky markers. Red TI's to our port disappeared through cloud. Wanganui well grouped after we bombed. A good deal of glow under cloud in large circles 2/2 explosions seen. Should be a good attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
30.31.12.44	Lancaster D KB830	F/L Henry, R.	J1468	P	1721	0006	Target: KOLN. Primary. 2108.6 hrs. 18500 ft. 100' T. IAS 165. 10/10ths cloud, unlimited vis. Target ident by sky markers. Reddish glow below cloud with bomb flashes in centre. Good route and markers appeared concentrated. Cloud made observation difficult. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
30.31.12.44	Lancaster E KB824	F/O Prime, R.	J37140	P	1720	0005	Target: KOLN. Primary. 2108.5 hrs. 18000 ft. IAS 160, 100' T. 10/10ths cloud. 8/10,000 ft. Target ident. by flare with green stars. Cloud obscured results. Attack Good. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓
30.31.12.44	Lancaster F KB832	F/O Yull, E.	J89071	P	1724	0007	Target: KOLN. Primary. 2108.4 hrs. 19000 ft. 101' T. IAS 160. 10/10ths cloud 11000 ft. tops. Target ident. by flares red & green stars. White glow over large area. Concentrated attack. Bomb Load same as "A".	✓

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