

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX "A"

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FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D.382 "A"	F/Sgt. RyJohnson, H.C. P/O G.E. Siddell F/Sgt. McGaughey, L.H. Sgt. Pattie, J.L. Sgt. Tunstall, R.D. Sgt. Gosnar, A.E. Sgt. Gallacher, G.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.28	00.49	Successful. Target KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 48 x 30 lb. L.C. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target identified by white flames in bombsight. Concentration of fires seen in T/A. Convoy observed on way out, 19.15 hours, 54.23'N 00.21'E at 6,000 feet. Centre of target mass of large dull red fires, dense black smoke to 6000 ft. Scattered fires around edge of T/A.	A.989
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D.436 "B"	F/Sgt. Doubassoff, T. Sgt. Garrett, E. Sgt. Davis, J. Sgt. Marshall, H. Sgt. West, D.A. Sgt. Hurie, R. Sgt. Pilon, J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.32	01.08	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Visibility good, all clear. Green markers in bombsight. Ground base 14,000 ft. over Dutch coast, otherwise clear. Little flak or S/LA on route, encountered numerous fighter planes after turn at HANNOVER. FFF markers good, saw some bombing at white markers, HANNOVER good visible.	A.990
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D.465 "B"	Sgt. Fawc, A.R. Sgt. Chapman, G.E. Sgt. Kemner, W.L. Sgt. Boyde, W.J. Sgt. Winterbottom, G.E. Sgt. Beach, G.H. Sgt. Paddison, R.E.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.36	01.15	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Easy over continent, slight haze over target, no cloud. Green T.I. in bombsight. Bomb bursts very concentrated around markers on leaving, fires appeared to be taking good hold, heavy black smoke billowing over T/A at 21.34 hours. At 22.05 hours very large explosion seen over target which lit the sky, visible 200 miles away. Many fighter planes seen over HANNOVER.	A.991
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D.466 "B"	Sgt. Parker, J.A. P/O P. Bartlett Sgt. Donald, J.L. Sgt. Ross, R.H. Sgt. Raine, H.E. Sgt. Hopper, D.A. Sgt. Pownier, C.N.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.40	01.38	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Visibility clear, ground base. Green markers in bombsight. Incendiaries from first A/C on raid were still burning. Attack appeared well concentrated.	A.992
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D.567 "B"	F/Sgt. Cook, D.F. P/O O.W. Fonger F/Sgt. Campbell, H.H. Sgt. Packer, R.J. Sgt. Simpson, A. Sgt. Kessell, A.E. Sgt. Robertson, D.W.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.36	00.50	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. No cloud, misty. Bombed centre of green markers. FFF good, red fires over T/A, apparently the blowing-up of the gas works. On the return trip aircraft attacked by enemy intruder just W/W of HANNOVER. Aircraft hit by cannon shells, crashed on landing at base. SAMPSON injured.	A.993
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.E.929 "B"	F/Lt. H.A. Hewitt P/O P.T. Judah P/O H.A. Lee Sgt. Salaba, J.J. Sgt. Robinson, J. Sgt. Griffiths, F.V. Sgt. Broadhurst, J.W.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.30	01.01	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. No cloud, some smoke and haze. Bombed on green markers. Convoy seen about 4 miles N of SCARBOROUGH. Before arrival at red T.I. on route, HANNOVER factory tower attack with aerial flare path. A/C two minutes early on arrival. T/A marked with T.I. yellow and green, group of green to port and in fields. Ground detail seen, bombs observed burning in streets. No fires seen then, fires seen from RHINE later however.	A.1000

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3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II L.W. 239 "K"	Sgt. Hamilton, J.G. Sgt. Rogers, B. Sgt. Eisey, W.F. Sgt. Spinks, S.E. Sgt. Vickers, R.G. Sgt. Wiggins, W.H. Sgt. Harris, R.W.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.34	01.50	Successful. Target KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 48 x 30 lb. L.C. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visibility good. Green markers in bombight. Spoof attack at HANNOVER seen as A/C came to red track marker. Observed fighter planes being laid on route to HANNOVER. PFF appeared trifle late, only two green S.I.'s seen on arrival. River observed on way in, on leaving concentrated fires seen to S.E. of city, burning brightly, much smoke rising 10,000 feet. Glow of fires seen 75 miles away.	A.994
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II D.T. 751 "M"	P/O B.E. Betcher P/Sgt. Johnson, T.B. Sgt. Barlow, J.A. Sgt. Darney, B. Sgt. Bayliss, E.J. Sgt. Turbutt, D.G. Sgt. Robb, T.H.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.25	01.12	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Weather clear, visibility good although smoky and hazy. Bombed PFF markers. HANNOVER attack visible, PFF visible at all points. Good concentration of fires in T/A, heavy black smoke to 12,000 ft. Great concentration of A/C over target at same time, had difficulty avoiding collision and bombing target rather than other A/C.	A.995
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II L.W. 242 "N"	Sgt. Marjoram, C.E. Sgt. Lees, F. Sgt. Round, D.S. Sgt. McKane, W.J. Sgt. Parker, R. Sgt. Sylvester, V.S. P/O R.J. Wagner	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.44	01.58	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. 6,000 ft. strata cumulus over N. sea, ground haze toward T/A. Bombed on green markers. PFF well concentrated to center of target, explosions seen over T/A after leaving at 22.15 hours 100 miles away. Defences over T/A negligible.	A.996
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 114 "O"	Sgt. Herbert, R.G. P/O J.L. EBBEN Sgt. Sarsho, M.E. Sgt. Owen, L.P. Sgt. Hall, J.H.F. Sgt. Miles, R.E. Sgt. Crisp, B.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.55	01.42	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Clear over target, no cloud, visibility good on route. Green markers in bombight. Fires well concentrated around markers, catching hold well as A/C left. A terrific seen from T/A. Some PFF seen from HANNOVER, presumably spoof attack.	A.997
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II L.W. 251 "P"	P/O D.D. Laidlaw P/O W.E. Rempel P/O E.W. Kemp Sgt. Brakes, B.E. Sgt. Ashton, J.N.S. Sgt. Miller, A.S. Sgt. Bachard, J.D.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.54	01.19	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Thin layer of cloud over T/A, tops 8,000 feet, scatter cloud to 5,000 ft. on route. Green markers in bombight. Best concentration of fires yet seen. Large explosions observed at 22.06 hrs., large red flames and a good deal of tracer seen from P.I. markers right to target. Heavy A/C observed coming downland. Fires could be seen from a distance of 150 miles.	A.998
3rd/4th Oct.	HALIFAX II L.W. 282 "Q"	P/O J.C. Turnbull, P/O E.L. Albert P/O A.L. McEwin Sgt. Gillett, R.G. Sgt. Board, D.M. Sgt. Nutt, C.A. Sgt. Maloy, J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.47	02.20	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Visibility good, all PFF seen. Bombed on green markers, white S.I. not visible. HANNOVER attack seen. Good concentration of fires seen in T/A, heavy black smoke to 8,000 feet. Weather better than predicted, route good.	A.999

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3rd/4th. Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 420	P/O J.A. Westland P/O J.D. Hall P/O G.W. Galvin Sgt. Dear, S.W. Sgt. Davis, H.G. P/Sgt. Abbott, H.W. Sgt. Atkinson, W.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.49	01.25	Successful. Target KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 48 x 50 lb. L.C. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries. 3/10ths cloud tops 5,000 feet. PFF markers in bombsight. Target area mass of large red fires, black smoke to 15,000 ft., attack well concentrated. Huge red explosion seen in T/A which lit up the sky for about 1 minute at 22.05 hours, 18,000 ft., on 07.15 H.	A.1001
3rd/4th. Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 468	P/Sgt. Palmer, P.H. P/O F. Forrest P/O G.E. Lemrick Sgt. Reilly, F.P. Sgt. Parrott, J.H. Sgt. Tarbot, R. Sgt. Milner, E.F.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.42	02.11	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. No cloud, some smoke and haze. All PFF visible, bombed green T.L. crossed TEELE at 16,000 ft. owing to icing. Route clear free except for couple of bursts from AMEND. Aerial flare path from HANNOVER seen. A/c seen bombing HANNOVER. Masses of incendiaries seen in T/A, no really large flames; little smoke; glow of fires seen from RHINE.	A.1002
3rd/4th. Oct.	HALIFAX II LW. 243	Sgt. MacLean, D.H. P/O A.E. Baker Sgt. Clancy, P.G. Sgt. Woodhall, A.E. Sgt. Harris, D.W.H. Sgt. Auld, J.H. Sgt. Stephenson, E.V.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	18.51	02.05	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Slightly hazy on route, no cloud over T/A. Target identified by green markers which were in bombsight. All bombs dropped in one concentrated area. Large explosions seen about 130 miles from target on way back.	A.1003
3rd/4th. Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 459	Sgt. Soade, G.H. Sgt. Hart, A.C.T. Sgt. Phommson, G.O. Sgt. Hallett, A.W. Sgt. Apper, C.H. Sgt. Mason, P.D. Sgt. Lee, G.R.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	19.05	01.44	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Light cloud in broken patches in T/A. Green markers in bombsight. Fires well concentrated around PFF markers, as a/c left target terrific red explosion seen with smoke hanging at about 7,000 ft., explosion reached it and hung in sky in a flaming column for a second. Spoof attack over HANNOVER seen.	A.1004
4th/5th. Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 382	W/Lt. H.K.P. Dyer P/O R.A. Mackenzie P/O L.D. Swenerton Sgt. Brooks, W.A. Sgt. Bolton, W.F. W/O Greenhill, J. Sgt. Duncan, H.J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.46	00.54	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 48 x 50 L.C. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Slight ground haze, visibility good. Identified target by PFF T.L. visible in T/A. 10/10ths cloud on route to 20 mins. from target. PFF visible on route in and out, good at DUISBURG seen. Tremendous explosion seen seven miles due E of green T.L., entire sky lit up. Well concentrated attack, fires starting to take hold, some black heavy smoke to 6,000 ft.	A.1005
4th/5th. Oct.	HALIFAX II J.D. 456	P/Sgt. Doubessoff, T. Sgt. Gargett, E. Sgt. Davis, S. Sgt. Marshall, H. Sgt. Ward, R.A. Sgt. Murie, R. Sgt. Pilon, J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.49	01.12	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. Solid cloud tops 10/12,000 ft. until RHINE then drifting cumulus. Target identified by red T.L. on route and PFF technique. Bombed centre of green T.L. on ground. Wall of S/L's from HANNOVER enclosing DARMSTADT, well N of FRANKFURT to N of MAIN and WEISBADEN. One very large fire at 21.41 hrs, huge explosion. Many scattered fires, one large, concentrated around green T.L., smoke to 1,000 ft. W/F flames seen in bunches on route home. Some combats N of FRANKFURT on route home.	A.1006

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4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 463 "D"	Sgt. Fare, A.R. Pilot Sgt. Chapman, G.B. Navigator Sgt. Remer, W.L. Air Bomber Sgt. Boyce, W.J. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. Winterbottom, C.R. Flight Eng. Sgt. Beach, G.H. 2nd Gunner Sgt. Paddison, R.E. Rear Gunner	D/D	17.37	--	This a/c took off to attack FRANKFURT with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 28 x 30 lb. L.C. and 630 x 1 lb. incendiaries since which time nothing has been heard from it. Monica and Window were carried.	A.1007
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 466 "E"	Sgt. Parker, J.A. Pilot P/O F. Bartlett Navigator Sgt. Donald, J.L. Air Bomber Sgt. Ross, R.H. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. Reiney, H.B. Flight Eng. Sgt. Hopper, D.A. 2nd. Gunner Sgt. Fouldier, G.N.A. Rear Gunner		17.43	01.29	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. No cloud, smoke and haze. Target identified by red and green T.I., bombed estimated centre of red and green. T/I moderately defended with heavy flak, S/I's intense and appeared to be in line with route in and out of target. Concentration of fires A.1008 E of markers, smoke rising to 8,000 ft. PFF well concentrated except for a few scattered green and red markers N of main concentration.	
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JB 929 "G"	P/O H.A. Brown Pilot P/O L. Leagho Navigator P/Sgt. Plumer, F.S. Air Bomber W/O Greer, J.J. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. McDonald, W. Flight Eng. Sgt. Whitcross, P. 2nd Gunner P/O M.G. Willard Rear Gunner		18.00	01.19	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. Visibility fair. Target identified by red and green T.I. and fires, bombed red T.I. on ground. Markers well concentrated, surrounded by fires. Large bright red explosions seen (21.38) A.1009 hrs. N.E. of markers. Attack on LUDWIGSCHAFEN seen going well with small but concentrated fires.	
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II LW 239 "H"	Sgt. White, K.E. Pilot Sgt. Rathbone, J. Navigator Sgt. Woodall, S. Air Bomber Sgt. Hibbins, H.C. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. Dawkins, R.E.G. Flight Eng. Sgt. Pross, G.H. 2nd Gunner Sgt. Godfrey, N.E. Rear Gunner		17.44	01.20	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by PFF technique, bombed concentration of green T.I. Fires well concentrated and really good. Explosion mushrooming red flames (21.50) hrs. A.1010 S.E. of fires, black smoke to 10,000 ft. Glow of fires seen for 200 miles on way out.	
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 204 "I"	P/O W.H. Hamilton Pilot P/O M.L. Riley Navigator P/O J.R. Dale Air Bomber Sgt. Reay, T.L. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. McSwan, F. Flight Eng. Sgt. Griffin, R.H. 2nd Gunner P/Sgt. Bortolussi, A. Rear Gunner		17.40		This aircraft took off to attack FRANKFURT with bombload as above since which time nothing has been heard from it. Monica and Window were carried.	A.1011
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II DE 751 "J"	P/O E.E. Retcher Pilot P/Sgt. Johnson, T.B. Navigator Sgt. Barlow, J.A. Air Bomber Sgt. Darnay, B. W/Op.A.G. Sgt. Bewick, E.J. Flight Eng. Sgt. Turbitt, D.G. 2nd Gunner Sgt. Robb, T.M. Rear Gunner		17.57	01.08	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. Clear but smoky. Target identified by yellow, red and green T.I. and fires, bombed green T.I. on ground, large fires seen on run in at MANNHEIM. At (21.38) hrs. and (21.42) hrs. two very large explosions seen on run in to target slightly N.E. to green markers. Only two green markers seen at one time, area surrounding them a mass of flares. Route good, and route markers clearly seen.	A.1012

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4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 242 "H"	Sgt. Soede, G.M. Sgt. Hart, A.S.E. Sgt. Thompson, D.O. Sgt. Hallett, A.W. Sgt. Gapper, C.H. Sgt. Mason, P.D. Sgt. Lee, O.R.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.45	01.39	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 48 x 30 lb. L.C. and 650 x 4 lb. incendiaries. 4/10ths strata cumulus, tops 3/10,000 ft., visibility good. Target identified by red and green T.I. Bombed approx. centre of three green stars seen descending. W.I. active and intense, appeared to light up sky and estimated at 2000 ft. Part of 3/4 from 2200 HRTM to W/A. Flare moderate in barrage form. 3/4 red explosions bursting about 20,000 ft. surrounding in various coloured stars. Big concentration of fires around ground markers, glow seen 100 miles away. W/F seen at 16,000 ft.	A.1013
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 114 "H"	Sgt. Herbert, R.G. P/O E.A. Ebdon Sgt. Gardin, M.E. Sgt. Owen, L.E. Sgt. Kelly, J.W.F. Sgt. Miles, R.I. Sgt. Crisp, B.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.42	01.46	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. Visibility good, clear over T/A. Target identified by T.I. all colours, bombed approx. centre scattered green T.I. on ground. 10/10ths cloud to 25 mins. of PFF route markers, T.I. all visible also spoof attack. Tremendous orange explosion seen N.E. of T/A, concentration of fires in T/A, not much smoke.	A.1014
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 459 "H"	P/O R.L. Boe P/O J.R. Smith Sgt. McClelland, J.C. Sgt. Hughes, A.T. Sgt. Dearman, L.W. Sgt. Ford, H.G. Sgt. Balkold, H.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.38	01.54	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. 10/10ths cloud approx. 8/10,000 ft. on route, clear over target. Route markers seen both ways, red on way home disturbed. Red and green T.I. seen over T/A, green T.I. in h/s. Own bursts seen. Fires numerous and all concentrated around PFF markers. Explosion seen ahead as a/c ran run, may have been aerial flare path.	A.1015
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 231 "H"	Sgt. Nielsen, C.M. Sgt. Arvey, D.E. Sgt. Millward, L.V. W/O Cooper, H. Sgt. Perrow, C.W. Sgt. Wells, J.J. Sgt. McLaughlin, J.G.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.36	01.19	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. Visibility good, clear. PFF clearly seen on ground. 10/10ths cloud on route almost to target. PFF T.I. on route out and back and spoof attack visible. Tremendous explosion seen E. of T/A at 22 hours. Large aerial well concentrated fires seen on leaving target, slight smoke to 9,000 ft.	A.1016
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 282 "H"	P/O J.C. Turnbull P/O M.T. Albert P/O A.H. McBain Sgt. Gillett, R.G. Sgt. Board, D.M. Sgt. Shiry, G.A. Sgt. Halse, J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.48	01.16	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. No cloud over target, 2/10ths 6,000 ft. just before target. Green T.I. in h/s. Fires concentrated well around markers getting good hold. Large red and yellow explosion seen 21.44 hrs. when a/c five or six minutes away from T/A. Spoof seemed effective.	A.1017
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 420 "H"	Sgt. McLeslie, J.H. P/O A.R. Baker Sgt. Cluskey, J.C. Sgt. Woodhall, A.R. Sgt. Harris, P.W.H. Sgt. Auld, H.J. Sgt. Stephenson, E.B.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op. A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.39	01.25	Successful. Target FRANKFURT with bombload as above. No cloud, thick haze. Bombed centre of green T.I., red markers seen on run in as a/c over target but went out. Concentration of large fires slightly N. running to N.E. of markers, scattered fires further to N.E. Large orange explosion seen 21.40 hrs. slightly N.E. of markers, pall of thick smoke over target. Appeared to be two attacks on FRANKFURT with two sets of target marking, both causing scattered fires. Heavy four-engined w/c seen at 19.50 hours 17,000 ft. between WEEF and BRACHY heading N.W. with Nav. lights burning.	A.1018

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4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD.468 "W"	W/Sgt. Palmer, P.H. E/O P. Porrett E/O G.W. Lewerick Sgt. Reilly, R.P. Sgt. Parrott, J.H. Sgt. Tushet, R. Sgt. Miller, R.P.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.34	01.56	Successful. Target BRANKFURT with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 8 x 30 lb. L.C. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visibility good, clear over target. Good concentration green T.I. on ground. PFF visible on route out and in also spoof attack. Two tremendous reddish orange explosions seen, one due E. and one due W. at target 21.37 hrs. 21,000 ft. Good concentration of fires in T/A, heavy grayish black smoke to 8,000 ft., fires could be seen from 100 miles away on route to target.	A.1019
4th/5th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN.213 "W"	W/O B.H. Pringle E/O W.H. Sheppard E/O A. Minchiffie E/Sgt. Billingsley, F.D. Sgt. Vins, W.E. Sgt. Vanier, J.E. E/Sgt. Jacobs, R.E.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.35	01.42	Successful. Target BRANKFURT with bombload as above. Clear over target, 19/10ths cloud at 10,000 ft. on route clearing within 50 miles of T/A. Green markers slightly to port of E/A, no bursts seen. Fires good and concentrated around markers, much black smoke. Huge explosion seen at BRANKFURT 21.38 hrs. Dark red colour, another at 22.17 hrs at MANNHEIM 50.11 N. 06.18 E. 20,000 ft. Reddish orange aerial flares seen bunched to N.E. of A.P., also stringing across E. to W. about three miles N. of target. Spoof attack on LUDWIGSCHAFEN appeared good.	A.1020
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD.392 "W"	E/Dt. H.R.F. Dyer E/O H.A. MacKenzie E/O L.D. Swanton Sgt. Brooks, M.B. Sgt. Swain, S.J. W/O Gosnell, J. Sgt. Duncan, E.V.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.30	03.49	Successful. Target HANNOVER with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 32 x 30 lb. L.C. and 610 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visibility clear, haze and smoke. Target identified by red T.I. which were in E/S. No fires had started, T.I. well concentrated, also bombed in two places - one to E. of A/P and one to W. A/C bombed first T.I. to drop on E. side. A/C landed at GREAT SHEFFIELD.	A.1021
8th/9th Oct.	Halifax II "B"	E/Sgt. Douglas, T. E/O GAGGET, E.H. Sgt. Davis, J. Sgt. Marshall, H. Sgt. West, D.A. Sgt. Murie, R. E/Sgt. Playley, D.C.	Pilot Navigator Bomb Aimer W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.35	03.49	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, smoke haze. Target identified by route markers and PFF technique, ground details visible. Red T.I. in E/S. No special report by pilot. A/C landed at THORP ABBOT	A.1022
8th/9th Oct.	Halifax II JD.466 "W"	E/O H.E. Brown E/O L. Leisho E/Sgt. Finney, P.S. W/O Green, J.S. Sgt. WIDFORD, W. Sgt. Whitecross, P. E/O M.G. Willard	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.37	01.39	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, slight ground haze. Target identified by Red T.I., seen falling 1 mile S.W. of A/P. Good concentration of markers in T/A, fires not started but were developing as A/C leaving. Two big explosions seen at 01.37 and 01.41, smoke to 5,000 ft. Many H/P in the area, S/L's on ground pointing toward HANNOVER from BREMEN, also aerial flare path laid for BREMEN. A/C landed MILDENHALL.	A.1023
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN.259 "W"	Sgt. Hamilton, J.G. Sgt. Rogers, R. Sgt. Elsey, W.E. Sgt. Spinks, S.E. Sgt. Vickers, S.G. Sgt. Wiggins, W.H. Sgt. Harris, R.W.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.39	01.41	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Cloud over N. SEA, haze on route. Route markers seen, ground detail visible. Red markers in E/S, own results not seen. Two huge explosions noted among markers, one violet blue. On leaving not many fires seen going but good concentration of incendiaries around markers. Aerial flare path seen over BREMEN, also spoof attack carried out, a dozen aerial flares seen over HANNOVER as A/C leaving.	A.1024

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8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX III DL 731 "B"	Egt. Parker, J.A. P/O E. Harcourt Sgt. Donald, J.L. Sgt. Ross, R.H. Sgt. Raine, H.T. Sgt. Hopper, R.A. Sgt. Couture, J.J.M.M.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.35	01.15	Unsuccessful. Target HANNOVER with 1 x 2000 lb. H.G., 32 x 30 lb. H.G. and 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries. A/c returned early owing to the rear turret being w/s from 52.40 N. 02.25 E. 10,000 ft. at 00.01 hours. The 2,000 lb. H.G. dropped 11va at 53.50 N. 02.02 E. 00.04 hours 9,400 ft. All incendiaries brought back.	A.1025
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN 242 "B"	Sgt. Neilsen, C.M. Sgt. Awrey, D.M. Sgt. Milward, L.V. W/O Cooper, H. Sgt. Penton, G.W. Sgt. Wells, J.J. Sgt. McLaughlan, J.G.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.45	03.54	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, but hazy. Target identified by FOUR ROUTE T.I.s and red T.I. over T/A. Bombed five red T.I. on ground A.1026 Red T.I. well concentrated, plenty of small fires seen but nothing large as a/c early in first wave. A/c land at THORP ABBOTT.	A.1026
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 114 "B"	E/Sgt. Palmer, F.H. P/O E. Mowbray P/O G.F. Lemarick Sgt. Keilly, P.P. Sgt. Parrott, J.H. Sgt. Farbet, R. Sgt. Milner, E.F.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.52	04.15	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, hazy. Ground detail seen. Target identified by T.I. markers which were in bombsight. Heavy flak encountered at BASSIN. After reaching turning point observed string of flares at right angles to track. River clearly seen, burst of own bombs believed seen. Asymmetrical very active on way back. Fires not really started when a/c leaving.	A.1027
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LE 238 "B"	Sgt. MacLean, D.H. P/O Baker, A.R. Sgt. Shewry, F.G. Sgt. Woodhall, A.R. Sgt. Harris, D.W.E. Sgt. Auld, J.H. Sgt. Stephenson, K.V.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.44	04.06	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. V/A clear, slight ground haze. Target identified by red T.I. which were in bombsight. Time: 00.45 4,300 ft. 0.30 4,100 ft. All FFF visible on route and T/A, also BOMB attack. Brown T.I. appeared scattered. A/c on target early, few fires seen were well centered near T.I., clouds of black smoke starting. A/c landed at DOTTENHALL.	A.1028
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 169 "B"	E/Sgt. Coutlee, C.M. P/O W.S. Hendry E/Sgt. Hay, W.E. E/Sgt. Norman, J.W. Sgt. Booth, R.A. Sgt. Child, F.G. Sgt. Barnes, W.H.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.58	03.37	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. No cloud over T/A, very hazy. Ground detail seen in lighted flares, T.I. appeared in two patches one of red and green to 5000 ft. and numerous white flares illuminated fields. Cluster of five red T.I. in B/S. No good fires as yet started, but large concentration of T.I.s. One large explosion seen at about 01.40 hours between HEBER and target. A/c landed at THORP ABBOTT.	A.1029
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LE 231 "B"	P/O D.D. Laidlaw P/O W.E. Kemp Sgt. Brakes, R.H. Sgt. Ashby, J.H.S. Sgt. Miller, A.S. Sgt. Bowman, J.D.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.54	04.01	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, but smoky and hazy. Target identified by route T.I. and FFF target markers. Red T.I. in B/S. No special report by pilot. A/c landed at THORP ABBOTT.	A.1030

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8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN 282	F/O J.C. Turnbull F/O E.T. Albert F/O A.H. McEain Sgt. Gillett, R.C. Sgt. Beard, D.M. Sgt. Nutt, C.A. Sgt. Halse, J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.20	04.29	Successful. Target HANNOVER with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 32 x 50 lb. L.G. and 60 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visibility good. Bombed 2nd T.I. machine. HANNOVER opened opening, attack appeared developing. Some 2/A moderate light flak bursting well below. About 100 2/L's surrounding 2/A working independently. Much tracer seen, very many 2/e thought to be in stress. Attack very concentrated, many fires seen getting good hold.	A.1031
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 120	F/O J.A. Westland F/O J.D. Hall F/O G.W. Galvin Sgt. Beer S.H. Sgt. Davis, H.G. Sgt. Poole, S. Sgt. Atkinson, W.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.43	04.23	Unsuccessful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Particular point reached 24.25 N. 00.45 E. 12.25 hours 6,000 ft. 1/e turned for home seeing no error lighting in port inner engine. Pressure went down and temperature went up to normal. Fuel load jettisoned 2/e at 24.44 N. 00.44 E. at 22.45 hours, 6,000 ft.	A.1032
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II JD 160	Sgt. White, R.F. Sgt. Robinson, J.E. Sgt. Russell, G. Sgt. Hibbins, R.G. Sgt. Downes, R.E.G. Sgt. Free, G.H. Sgt. Godfrey, H.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.42	04.36	Successful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. Visibility clear, some haze. Just prior to reaching target 12.109 observed coming up 2/A beam in curved path. 1/e about 1000 ft. landing about 1000 ft. and bombed on 1st drop. On way out 2/L's observed dropping flares at about 20,000 ft. behind 2/e. Flare from 2/A observed from about 150 miles away. No flares had started when 2/e arrived at 2/A, no ground attack observed.	A.1033
8th/9th Oct.	HALIFAX II LN 283	Sgt. Herbert, R.G. F/O Ebon, F.A. Sgt. Gurnea, R.D. Sgt. Owen, L.F. Sgt. Miles, R.L. Sgt. Crisp, R.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	22.36	04.35	Unsuccessful. Target HANNOVER with bombload as above. In cloud, heavy ground haze. Target identified by markers which were in 2/e. Heavy flak seen before ascending coast at 22.38. Heavy attack on HANNOVER seen. 1/e arrived on 2/A at beginning of attack, no tracer seen. On leaving flares seen starting and heavy flak bursting at 22,000 ft. About 30 2/L's seen, working individually. 1/e landed at WERSH ARBORE.	A.1034
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II LN 282	F/O G.A. Murray F/O W.G. Williams F/O H.A. Richards Sgt. Woods, R.F. Sgt. Williams, E. F/O Embleton, F.G. F/O Robinson, H.G. Sgt. Collins, A.B.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.40		This 2/e took off to attack KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 32 x 50 lb. L.G. and 60 x 4 lb. incendiaries, and nothing has since been heard from it.	A.1035
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II LN 282	F/O Debenport, E. Sgt. Gumpert, E. Sgt. Dudge, J. Sgt. Marshall, H. Sgt. East, D.A. Sgt. Harris, R. F/O Pyle, D.J.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op-A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.05	20.32	Unsuccessful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. 1/e returned early owing to oil leak in port outer engine. Particular point reached 24.25 N. 02.53 E., at which point fuel load was jettisoned 2/e.	A.1035

Sgt. Barber, W.L. 2nd Pilot.

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22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 456	P/Sgt. Parker, J.A. P/O P. Hartnett Sgt. Donald J.I. Sgt. Ross, R.H. Sgt. Racine, H.E. Sgt. Webber, J.C. Sgt. Hopper, B.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.17	23.41	Successful. Target KASSEL with 2000 lbs. H.C., 32 x 30 lb. L.C. and 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visibility clear except for small cloud over target at 19,500 ft. Target identified by red and green T.I. on ground; bombed red T.I. spot attack at BLANKFUR seen. White flares seen in T/A during run in. Demonstrated incendiaries seen in T/A 21:00 hrs. 21,000 ft. Huge bright white explosion seen in T/A. On leaving, T/A seemed covered with red and white flares, black smoke rising to 5,000 ft.	A.1037
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 325	P/Sgt. Cook, D.S. P/O O.W. Fonger P/Sgt. Campbell, H.H. Sgt. Packer, R.H. Sgt. Swain, S.S. Sgt. Degenais, J.J.G. Sgt. Robertson, D.W. P/Sgt. Sedgwick, A.I.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.22	23.46	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Clear over T/A, red and green markers seen descending and on ground. Red T.I. in bombight. Attack seemed very wide-spread, not particularly successful. About seven good sized flares seen taking hold. T/A attempting to lay aerial flares with one on way in and one on way out, which were not very effective. Good deal of R/P activity over T/A.	A.1038
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 235	P/Sgt. Eyolfson, H.C. P/O G.E. Siddall P/Sgt. McLaughry, L.E. Sgt. Pettie, J.H. Sgt. Tunstall, R.D. Sgt. Gosser, A.D. Sgt. Galliotier, G.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.26	23.34	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. No cloud, visibility good. Target identified by PFF markings and flares, centre of six red T.I. on ground in bombight. Cloud 10/10ths enroute, T/A clear. Attack just beginning, flares had just started and were well concentrated around markers. Many bomb bursts seen in marked area. Route markers not seen owing to cloud.	A.1039
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II 22.751	P/O R.K. Bateber P/Sgt. Johnson, F.D. Sgt. Barclay, J.A. Sgt. Denny, E. Sgt. Baylis, E.J. Sgt. Burditt, D.G. Sgt. Robb, R.M. P/O M.P. Stromach	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.00	00.28	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Visibility clear, target identified by white PFF flares, red and green T.I. on ground. Red T.I. in B/S. No route markers seen, impressive spot attack seen at BLANKFUR. A/c covered by 7 G.A.I. just as bombs dropped. Concentrated fires seen in T/A with grey smoke. Fourteen white aerial flares seen in line at 19,000 ft. indicating route out from target. Six rocket flares seen about 20,000 ft. on way out from T/A.	A.1040
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II 2W.212	P/Sgt. Marjoram, G.H. P/Sgt. Dews, F. Sgt. Round, D.S. Sgt. McKane, W.J. Sgt. Parker, R. Sgt. Couture, J.J.M. Sgt. Sylvester, V.S.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.34	21.40	Unsuccessful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Furthest point reached 52.15 N. 02.50 E. 19.23 hrs. 20,000 ft. All bombs jettisoned safe at 19.30 hrs., position 52.33 N. 02.23 E. 20,000 ft.	A.1041
22nd/23rd Oct.	HALIFAX II JD. 114	P/O R.L. Bee P/O J.V. Smith Sgt. McChesney, J.G. Sgt. Hayter, A.J. Sgt. Downham, L.H. Sgt. Fox, E.G. Sgt. Salkeld, H.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.19	00.25	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Visibility 10/10ths cloud most of route, clear 10/50 miles from target to T/A. Red and green T.I. seen in T/A, red T.I. in bombight. Yellow T.I. seen on route out but not on route home. Flares slight over a large area, grouped well around markers. Huge reddish explosion seen 21.02 hrs. Three flares seen in cluster 20/21,000 ft. on approach run in, string of six flares at 18,000 ft. seen as a/c leaving.	A.1042

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22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 258 "B"	W/Sgt. Bullis, H.L. W/Sgt. Towars, A.H. T/Sgt. Boisvert, D.H. Sgt. Karpassitti, N.W. Sgt. Ferguson, D.J. Sgt. Samlersch, F.G. Sgt. Potter, M.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.35	00.32	Successful. Target KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C., 32 x 50 lb. L.C. and 810 x 1 lb. incendiaries. Mild icing encountered enroute, clear over target. Ran in to some icing conditions. T.I. yellow barely seen en route due to cloud. Spoof attack at 1.10.43 at FRANKFURT seen. No large fires seen but incendiaries observed starting around a concentration of red T.I. M/F flares being dropped enroute into target as a/c left also a few on the way out.	
22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II JD.459 "B"	F/Lt. H.L. Shackleton Sgt. Gibson, R.C. W/O A.H. Ashford Sgt. Williams, H. Sgt. Palmer, W.R. Sgt. Walker, J.W. Sgt. Newton, E. W/Sgt. Johnson, I.W.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot.	17.31	23.50	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Severe icing conditions encountered, visibility good over W/A except for one or two patches of cloud at 1,500 ft. PFF markers in 1.10.44 B/S. Fires well concentrated around markers, one very large fire in centre of red markers. Many dummy fires seen principally to N. of A/P.	
22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 251 "B"	W/Sgt. MacLean, D.H. W/O A.R. Baker Sgt. Glancy, P.G. Sgt. Woodhall, A.R. Sgt. Harris, D.W.H. Sgt. Auld, J.H. Sgt. Stephenson, E.V.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.33	23.55	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. 20 mins. icing conditions over YORK, heavy to the RHHS, clear over W/A except for cloudy patch to N.W. PFF markers in B/S. No fires seen as a/c in first wave. M/F flares marking route in and out seen from 30/40 miles after leaving W/A. T.I. yellow on way back very scattered.	A.1045
22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II LN. 282 "B"	F/O J.C. Turnbull F/O E.T. Albert F/O A.H.A. McBain Sgt. Michael, F.E. Sgt. Hutt, G.A. Sgt. Malec, J. F/O L.T. LUGGS	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.12	00.36	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. Little cloud but heavy. Red T.I. in B/S. No flak encountered enroute. Glow of Route markers seen through cloud. ATTACK BEGGINS developing well, with main concentration of fires around F.I. A.1046 red, smoke rising to 6/7,000 ft. At 20.40 hrs. huge bright red explosion seen at FRANKFURT.	A.1046
22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II JD.420 "B"	F/O J.A. Westland W/O I.B. Hall W/O G.W. Galvin Sgt. Beer S.W. Sgt. Davis, R.G. W/Sgt. Mount, R.W. Sgt. Atkinson, W.S. Sgt. Thompson, R.L.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot	17.15	00.10	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. No cloud but heavy. Centre PFF markers in B/S. Route cover with varying cloud and haze, with a little icing and electrical storms. Attack started early, red and green markers seen going down at 20.48 hrs. About 12 fair sized fires seen around markers; appeared to be much under shooting. Spoof attack seen going well. Route good, free from flak.	A.1047
22nd/23rd. Oct.	HALIFAX II JD.458 "B"	W/Sgt. Metheral, R.K. W/Sgt. Oswald, H.B. W/Sgt. Edwards, E. W/Sgt. Kettlewell, H.B. Sgt. Pollard, O.H. W/Sgt. Marriot, R.H.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/Op.A.G. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.07	00.21	Successful. Target KASSEL with bombload as above. 8/10ths cloud at 20,000 ft. enroute, clear over target. Moderate icing encountered. PFF markers in B/S. Fires very scattered, A.1048 one very large one seen S. of F.I. Markers surrounded by fires, a/c too early to judge results of operation.	
		W/Sgt. Marriot, R.H. Sgt. Clarke, S.E.	Rear Gunner 2nd Pilot.				

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22nd/23rd OCT.	HALIFAX II HX.162 "A"	Sgt. Nielsen, C.M. 2/Sgt. Anway, D.M. Sgt. Milward, L.V. W/O Cooper, H. Sgt. Forter, G.W. Sgt. Trux, J.L. Sgt. McLaughlan, J.C.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/O.P.A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner	17.38	23.37	Successful. Target KASSEL with 1 x 2000 lb. H.C. 32 x 50 lb. L.C. and 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Thick haze and cloud encountered enroute, no cloud over T/A. Target identified by red and green T.I. markers, bombed concentration of red and green T.I. and one green descending. T/A smothered with fires developing, black smoke seen rising. Target moderately defended with heavy flak, cone of S/L's W. of T/A.	A.1049
22nd/23rd OCT.	HALIFAX II HX.215 "B"	2/Sgt. Herbert, R.G. 2/O Ebdon, F.A. Sgt. Garino, M.D. Sgt. Owen, L.E. Sgt. Hall, J.W.F. Sgt. Miles, E.L. Sgt. Crisp, E.A.	Pilot Navigator Air Bomber W/O.P.A.C. Flight Eng. 2nd Gunner Rear Gunner			Unsuccessful. Target KASSEL with bomload as above. A.S.L. u/s, stbd. coolant system u/s, stbd. inner engine feathered owing to over heating. A/C returned early from position 51.55 N. 03.40 E., 1340 hrs. 19,000 ft. full load jettisoned safe at 52.27 N. 03.18 E.	A.1050

  
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