

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 19 44

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "T" WL 385	(CAPT) P/O H.W. Wilton (W/O) W/O Moore, K.W. (B/A) P/S Mooney, H.G. (W/O) P/S Meyer, W.L. (P/E) Sgt Eccleston, A. (A/C) Sgt Barnard, W.S. (A/C) P/S Marshall, W.A. (2nd P) W/O Basson, R.A.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.16	20.40	This A/C carried 834 incendiary bombs. Due to engine trouble this crew turned back after two hours flying and landed at R.A.F. Station, Golby Grange.	A.1
15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "A" HL 311	(CAPT) S/L A.V. Reilander (NAV) P/O B.W. Foskett (B/A) P/O J.W. Fisher (W/O) P/O F.W. James (P/E) P/O A. Dowling (A/C) Sgt Lucas, S. (A/C) P/S Bartley, T.W. (2nd P) P/L R.H. Penelagan	BOMBING BERLIN	17.21		This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries took off on schedule. Unfortunately nothing has been heard of the crew or the A/C since take-off time. S/L Reilander had 22 operations to his credit.	A.2
15th FEB. 1 NIGHT	HALIFAX III "B" HL 313	(CAPT) P/L R.J. Lemler (NAV) Sgt Whone, J.P. (B/A) P/S Woycik, K. (W/O) Sgt Manning, A.G. (P/E) Sgt Bowley, C.E. (A/C) Sgt Larson, S.C. (A/C) Sgt Bradshaw, J.L.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.22	00.10	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 21.44 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. Good visibility above 10,000 ft. with 10/10 cloud below. No P.F.P. flares were seen on reaching the target but a large area of fires was seen reflected on the clouds. Bombs were dropped in the centre of this glow but due to adverse weather conditions no results could be observed as to own bombing. No E/A were seen but heavy inaccurate flak was experienced. From reflections on clouds it appears that fires covered a large area of the target. Glow could be seen 60 miles away. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at Hethel.	A.3
15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "T" HL 319	(CAPT) P/O P.C. Hamilton (NAV) P/O D.R. McConnaick (B/A) P/S McCubbin, R.C. (W/O) Sgt Pallett, G.D. (P/E) Sgt Gousins, W.L. (A/C) Sgt Cornelius, G.B. (A/C) Sgt Compton, G.A.F.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.17	23.59	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 21.31 hrs. flying at 180 M.F.H. and 22,500 ft. 10/10th cloud obscured visibility up to 15,000 ft. Red flares and green stars for markers were seen and bombs dropped in centre. It was also noticed that flares were scattered over a large area. 60 - 4 lb. incendiaries hung up. Experienced both heavy and light flak. No E/A were seen during this trip. Although weather conditions did not permit visual observations of own bombing, the glow from numerous fires was observed through cloud. No damage was sustained by this A/C. Due to adverse weather conditions at base, this crew was diverted to Hethel.	A.4

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15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "J" LW.440	(CAPT) F/S Kirkby, H.A. (NAV) Sgt Vanhook, R. (B/A) F/O Drummond-Hay, G. (W/G) Sgt Parry, R.H. (P/S) Sgt Summers, W.H. (W/G) Sgt Chambers, J.W. (A/G) Sgt Snider, F.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.20	21.20	This A/C carrying 8 3/4 incendiary bombs abandoned the task at 20.37 hrs. while at a height of 19,000 ft. due to fighter damage sustained. The elevators were damaged and the fuselage near the flare chute was shot up and it was considered advisable to turn back for fear that A/C would not stand stress of further evasive action. Bombs were jettisoned safely 5443 N. 1105 E. at 20.42 hrs. while flying at 19,000 ft. 90 - 4 lb. bombs would not release. Shortage of petrol was a contributory factor in decision of Pilot to abandon task. Due to adverse weather conditions at base this crew was diverted to Hethel.	A.5
15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "U" LW.460	(Capt) F/S Dalgleish, J.W. (NAV) W/O Barry, J.B. (B/A) W/O Dwyer, J.W. (W/G) Sgt Addison, W.E. (P/S) Sgt Clouston, D.J. (W/G) Sgt Bedard, J.D. (A/G) F/S Turner, R.A.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.24	23.50	This A/C carrying 8 3/4 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.27 hrs. at 23,500 ft. travelling at 165 M.P.H. 10/10th cloud with tops at approximately 12,000 ft. above which was fair visibility. Red flares and green stars as markers were seen and the bombs dropped in the centre. Warning markers were noticed en route but exact time was not logged. Attack developed very quickly, there was no congestion whatever and approximately 30 other A. engines A/C were over the target releasing their loads at the same time. Inaccurate flak but no E/A were encountered. 9 bombs hung up. A/C sustained no damage from this trip but due to adverse weather at base this A/C was diverted to Hethel.	A.6
15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "V" LW.462	(CAPT) F/S MacKenzie, D.R. (NAV) F/O G.J. Combe (B/A) F/O E.D. Gable (W/G) Sgt Bailey, F.A. (P/S) Sgt Campbell, J.D. (W/G) Sgt Mallory, B.D. (A/G) Sgt Gibbs, F.H.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.23	00.03	This A/C carrying 8 3/4 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.25 hrs. flying 160 M.P.H. at 22,500 ft. 10/10th cloud with top at 9,000 ft. - above this was good visibility. Red flares and Green star markers were observed and the bombs were dropped in the centre. F.P.F. seemed to be widely scattered and no definite results of own bombs could be seen because of cloud layer below. 30 - 4 lb. bombs hung up. Many other A/C were seen bombing at the same time and it is considered that if F.P.F. was accurate, this raid should be a very successful one. No E/A were encountered and the flak was very inaccurate. No damage was sustained by this A/C but due to adverse weather conditions at base this crew was diverted to Hethel.	A.7
15th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "C" SX.314	(CAPT) F/L J.C. Turnbull (NAV) F/O E.T. Albert (B/A) F/O E.H. McBeath (W/G) Sgt Gillett, R.G. (P/S) Sgt Michael, F.E. (W/G) Sgt Hutt, C.A. (A/G) Sgt Males, J. (2nd F) W/O Kather, A.T.	BOMBING BERLIN	17.19	00.25	This A/C carrying 8 3/4 incendiaries arrived over target at 21.23 hrs. at 21,000 ft. and 160 M.P.H. 10/10th cloud with top of 16,000 ft. good visibility above that. Red flares and green stars markers were seen and bombs dropped in centre. F.P.F. flares were quite concentrated a few moments before bombs were released but were scattered as bombs were dropped. No congestion over target. Inaccurate flak but no E/A encountered. Attack developed quickly and if F.P.F. accurate, the attack was successful. No damage sustained by A/C but due to adverse weather conditions at base this crew was diverted to Hethel.	A.8

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19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "3" HX. 514	(CAPT) P/L R.L. Mallett (NAV) P/O A.G. Gensley (B/A) P/O Deschamps, R.C. (W/G) P/O Wakely, R.C. (P/S) Sgt Muir, R. (W/G) Sgt Freeman, G.F. (A/G) P/S Poppa, V.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.46	06.50	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 04.01 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. 10/10th cloud up to 5,000 ft. but good visibility above this height. P/PsP markers were well concentrated and own incendiaries were dropped in the centre of fires. Owing to cloud thickness it was impossible to assess own bombing results. Many other A/C were seen bombing the target. Several E/A were seen and evasive action was taken to lose them. Light and heavy flak was plentiful but inaccurate. No damage was sustained by this A/C which owing to petrol shortage landed at Douvren Market.	A.9
19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "L" LW. 426	(CAPT) P/O D.A. Crooble (NAV) P/S Moloney, D.M. (B/A) P/O J.E. Tinline (W/G) Sgt Brown, R. (P/S) Sgt Phyllis, G.A. (W/G) Sgt Boudreau, L.J. (A/G) Sgt Trudeau, L.R.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.47	07.33	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries flew away past the target because of wrong wind information and was too late to return. This crew decided to drop their bombs on a flak position 5040 N 1114 E which was carried out at 04.20 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. No results were observed. Unsatisfactory and disappointing trip for the whole crew.	A.10
19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "H" LW. 552	(CAPT) P/L R.C. Loudoun (NAV) P/O Hall, R.E. (B/A) Sgt Radson, R.M. (W/G) Sgt Woodman, R.A. (P/S) Sgt Thompson, H. (W/G) Sgt Corbett, R.E. (A/G) Sgt Donald, R.G.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.49	01.30	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries had to abandon trip before setting course owing to a technical failure, the W/T being completely U/S. All bombs were jettisoned before returning to base.	A.11
20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "3" LW. 432	(CAPT) P/O Hamilton P.O. (NAV) P/O McDonald D.R. (B/A) P/S McRobbin R.G. (W/G) SGT Pallett G.O. (P/S) SGT COUSINS W.L. (W/G) SGT Cornelius G.E. (A/G) SGT Compton G.A.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.40	07.21	This aircraft carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 04.09 hrs. flying 21,000 feet. 10/10 cloud but good visibility above 5,000 feet. P/Ps were concentrated and our bombs dropped in the centre. Numerous fires were reflected on the clouds as markers were going down. Intense flak was experienced raising up to 25,000 feet. Slight fighter activity was noticed around the target. When this aircraft was on the way back glow from fires could be seen 70 miles away. Very successful trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.12

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "G" LW 434	(CAPT) P/L E.L. Mallett (NAV) P/O A.C. Gansky (B/A) P/O J.E. Tinsline (W/G) W/O Wakely, W.G. (P/S) Sgt Muir, M. (W/G) Sgt Freeman, G.F. (A/G) P/S Poppa, V.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.46	06.50	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 04.01 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. 10/10th cloud up to 5,000 ft. but good visibility above this height. P.P.P. markers were well concentrated and own incendiaries were dropped in the centre of flares. Owing to cloud thickness it was impossible to assess own bombing results. Many other A/C were seen bombing the target. Several B/A were seen and evasive action was taken to lose them. Light and heavy flak was plentiful but inaccurate. No damage was sustained by this A/C which owing to petrol shortage landed at Douvrenham Market.	A.9
19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "L" LW 436	(CAPT) P/O D.A. Croesbie (NAV) P/S Moloney, D.M. (B/A) P/O J.E. Tinsline (W/G) Sgt Brown, R. (P/S) Sgt Phyllis, G.A. (W/G) Sgt Boudreau, L.J. (A/G) Sgt Trudeau, Z.R.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.47	07.33	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries flew away past the target because of wrong wind information and was too late to return. This crew decided to drop their bombs on a flak position 5040 N 1114 E which was carried out at 04.20 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. No results were observed. Unsatisfactory and disappointing trip for the whole crew.	A.10
19th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "H" LW 552	(CAPT) P/L H.G. Lowdown (NAV) P/S Hall, R.M. (B/A) Sgt Wadson, R.M. (W/G) Sgt Woodman, A.C. (P/S) Sgt Thompson, H. (W/G) Sgt Corbett, R.E. (A/G) Sgt Donald, R.G.	BOMBING LEIPZIG	23.49	01.10	This A/C carrying 834 incendiaries had to abandon trip before setting course owing to a technical failure, the W/T being completely U/S. All bombs were jettisoned before returning to base.	A.11
20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "Q" LW 432	(CAPT) P/O Hamilton P.O. (NAV) P/O McDonick D.R. (B/A) P/O McQuibbin R.O. (W/G) Sgt Fallett G.C. (P/S) Sgt Cowling W.L. (W/G) Sgt Cornelius C.B. (A/G) Sgt Compton G.A.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.40	07.21	This aircraft carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target at 04.09 hrs. flying 21,000 feet. 10/10 cloud but good visibility above 6,000 feet. P.P.P. were concentrated and our bombs dropped in the centre. Numerous fires were observed reflected on the clouds as markers were going down. Intense flak was experienced raising up to 25,000 feet. Slight fighter activity was noticed around the target. When this aircraft was on the way back flares from fires could be seen 70 miles away. Very successful trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.12

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20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "E" LW 416	(CAPT) P/O Bannier R.E. (NAV) P/O May A.D. (P/A) P/O Morrison J.H. (W/G) W/O Tomlinson W.H. (P/E) Sgt Dawson L.R. (W/G) P/O Mellstrom M.L. (A/G) P/O Queen J.V.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.46	06.55	This aircraft carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target A.13 at 04.08 hrs flying 22,000 feet. 5/10 clouds but good visibility above 7,000 feet. Wireless information was poor and had to waste 10 minutes.IFF markers were well concentrated and our incendiaries were dropped in the centre of the concentration. Large areas of fires were seen and flames seemed to be spreading rapidly all over the town. Intense barrage was put up between 18,000 and 25,000 feet. On the way to the target this crew saw an enemy a/c coming in on them from above. Evasive action was taken and the enemy was lost from sight. This a/c sustained no damage and landed at Rustone due to petrol shortage. A successful trip.	A.13
20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "P" LW 384	(CAPT) P/S Kirkby R.A. (NAV) P/S Vanchuck T. (W/A) P/O Drummond May C. (W/G) Sgt Perry R.H. (P/E) Sgt Jackson F.R. (W/G) Sgt Chambers J.W. (A/G) Sgt Snider P.A.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.46	01.47	This aircraft carried 834 incendiaries. Had to return without completing its mission due to a technical failure; the oxygen regulator being unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned from 10,000 ft. at 52.10 N 00.52 W at 00.40 hrs. This aircraft returned to base.	A.14
20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "S" LW 437	(CAPT) P/S Dalglish J.M. (NAV) P/S Lofthouse J. (W/A) P/S Dwyer J.A. (W/G) Sgt Addison W.E. (P/E) Sgt Clouston D.J. (W/G) Sgt Bedard J.R. (A/G) P/S Turner R.A.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.46	03.45	This aircraft carrying 834 incendiaries aborted the trip at 01.59 hrs owing to the D.R. Compass being unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned from a height of 22,000 feet. This aircraft returned to base.	A.15
20th FEB. NIGHT	HALIFAX III "H" LW 444	(CAPT) P/L Loudoun N.G. (NAV) P/S Hall R.S. (W/A) Sgt Watson R.M. (W/G) Sgt Woodman A.S. (P/E) Sgt Thompson H. (W/G) Sgt Corbett R.E. (A/G) Sgt Donald R.G.	BOMBING STUTTGART	23.45	07.50	This aircraft carrying 834 incendiaries arrived over the target A.16 at 04.22 hrs flying 21,000 feet. 5/10 clouds to 23,000 feet. Good visibility. IFF were well concentrated and our incendiaries were dropped in the middle of the concentration. Two very large fires were noticed and numerous other fires seemed to be spreading all over the town. Intense flak was experienced but no fighters were seen. Fires could be seen 100 miles away on the return trip. A very successful sortie.	A.16

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24/25TH FEB.	HALIFAX III "C" HW.314	CAPT. F/O HILL, W.F. NAV. F/O. HORSWILL, T.S. B/A. F/S. DOWDER, J.A. W/G. SGT. PARSONS, I.E. F/E. SGT. NICHOLS, S. M/G. SGT. SWANNEY, D.M. A/G. SGT. GREEN, W.A.	BOMBING SCHWEINFURT	17.59	02.00	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.14 hrs, at 22000 ft, at 180 MPH. Good visibility and no clouds. Bombs were released at centre of red flares. Light flak over the target area. This A/C was attacked by an enemy fighter on the return trip but by taking evasive action this A/C was shaken off without any damage being sustained. If F.P.F. was accurate this raid should be successful. On return this A/C was diverted to SCVLINGTON due to adverse weather conditions at base.	A.17
DO.	HALIFAX III "U" LW.416	CAPT. F/L. LAWLER, J. NAV. SGT. WICKET, J.F. B/A. F/S. WOYNIK, E. W/G. SGT. MARTIN, A.C. F/E. SGT. ROWLEY, C.E. M/G. SGT. LARSON, S.O. A/G. SGT. BRADSHAW, J.L.	DO.	18.07	01.45	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.24hrs, at 22000 ft, at 180 MPH. Good visibility and red flares plainly marking the target. Some inaccurate flak but no enemy fighters encountered. Navigators light went U/S over the target. Good concentration of bombing achieved. Considered very successful. Port inner motor went U/S on nearing landing point. This A/C landed at MAINSTON due to the fact that there was adverse weather conditions at base.	A.18
DO.	HALIFAX III "2" LW.384	CAPT. F/S. KIRKBY, R.A. NAV. F/S. VANDRUCK, T. B/A. F/O. DRUMMOND-HAY, C. W/G. SGT. FARRY, R.H. F/E. SGT. GAINES, F.S. M/G. SGT. CUMBERS, J.W. A/G. SGT. SHEDDEN, F.A.	DO.	18.09	01.53	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.09hrs, at 22500 ft, at 170 MPH. Bombs were released at 23.11hrs in the centre of red flares. Red flares were scattered and many widely scattered incendiary fires were noticed. No enemy fighters were encountered and there was no trouble from flak. Good trip and if F.P.F. were accurate should be a very successful raid. No damage sustained throughout trip to this A/C. This A/C was diverted to GARDAY DUE to adverse weather at base.	A.19
DO.	HALIFAX III "H" LW.552	CAPT. F/O. WILTON, E.M. NAV. W/O. MOORE, K.W. B/A. F/S. MOONEY, H.C. W/G. F/S. MEYER, W.M. F/E. SGT. ECCLESTON, A. M/G. SGT. BARNARD, W.S. A/G. F/S. MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	18.05	02.00	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.34hrs flying at 21000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs released at centre of red flares with good results. No enemy fighters encountered and this A/C was not hindered by flak. Good trip. Several large fires seen burning and whole target area well covered. No damage sustained throughout trip. This A/C was diverted to WEST MALLING due to adverse weather conditions at base.	A.20
DO.	HALIFAX III "Q" LW.432	CAPT. F/S. BURTON, R.W. NAV. F/S. THRASHER, C.R. B/A. SGT. REMAIN, D.L. W/G. W/O. CRAWFORD, E.M. F/E. SGT. MOLEND, J.M. M/G. SGT. REIF, E.G. A/G. SGT. NOKAT, C.L.	DO.	18.00	01.35	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.29hrs flying at 22000 ft. Good visibility with no clouds. Bombs released in centre of red flares. No enemy fighters encountered but wings were holed with flak over the target. No injury was sustained by any crew members. Due to adverse weather at base this crew was diverted to WEST MALLING.	A.21

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DO.	HALIFAX III "S" LW.437	CAPT. F/S. STEWART, C.J. NAV. F/O. GIBBS, A.C. P/L. F/S. GREENE, F.S. W/G. W/O. VIVIAN, J.K. F/S. SGT. ROBERTS, C.E. W/G. SGT. MORRILL, W.A. A/G. SGT. HUFF, W.D.	DO.	17.55	02.15	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.09 hrs flying at 24000 ft. Good visibility and bombs were released in centre of concentration of flares. Many fires were seen over the whole of the target area. No enemy fighters seen. Due to adverse weather this crew was diverted to WING.	A.23
DO.	HALIFAX III "T" LW.438	CAPT. F/O. MATHY, A.T. NAV. W/O. GRAY, A. P/L. F/S. COOPER, D.A. W/G. SGT. GAGNEY, G. F/S. SGT. CATTON, R.J. W/G. SGT. BELLEBELL, R.G. A/G. W/O. HAYWARD, J.E.	DO.	18.14	02.10	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.26hrs flying at 22000 ft. Good visibility and bombs were dropped in centre of red flares. If F.P.F. was accurate this raid should be very successful. No enemy fighters encountered and flak was very inaccurate. Due to adverse weather base this crew was diverted to WESTCOTT.	A.24
DO.	HALIFAX III "R" LW.435	CAPT. F/O. GROSBIE, D.A. NAV. F/S. MCLOONEY, T.M. P/L. F/O. TINGLES, J.E. W/G. SGT. BROWN, R.W. F/S. SGT. PHILLIPS, C.A. W/G. SGT. BOUDREAU, L.J.H. A/G. SGT. TRUDEAU, R.E.	DO.	17.57	22.23	This A/C carrying incendiaries had to abandon task at 5055N 0022E at 20.33 hrs flying at 20500 ft due to the failure of the immersion pump on the overload tank. All bombs were jettisoned safe. This A/C returned to base without incident.	A.25
25/26 FEB	HALIFAX III "E" LW.436	CAPT. F/O. PARSON, R.A. NAV. W/O. LOFTHOUSE J. P/L. F/S. HOLLAN L.F. W/G. SGT. WOOD, G.A. F/S. SGT. BRIDLEY R.J. W/G. SGT. TIDDALE J.L. A/G. SGT. CABLE A.B.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.01	04.25	This aircraft loaded with incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.18 hrs flying 180 m.p.h. at a height of 21,000 ft. Visibility good no clouds to obstruct view. Red flares marked the target and markers were in the bombight when bombs were released. Large fires were noticed both in the target area and south of the target. Three guns in rear burst w/s after a short burst. Four night fighter attacks encountered all from dead astern. One of these A/Cs is claimed as being shot down. Evasive action was taken on all four attacks and were successful. Some flak experienced but it seemed to be anti-burating below. Searchlights were active but not very accurate. No damage sustained to A/C, but due to adverse weather, the crew was diverted to Lasham.	A.26

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25/26 FEB	HALIFAX III "R" LW 385	CMPT F/L LOUDON, N.B. NAV F/S HALL, R.E. B/A SGT WADSON R.M. W/G SGT WOODMAN A.G. P/E SGT THOMPSON R. M/G SGT CORSEY R.E. A/G SGT DOUGLAS R.G.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.11	04.23	This aircraft carrying a full load of 670 incendiaries bombs found good visibility with no cloud. Arrived over the target at 01.14 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Bombs were dropped in the centre of the red flares. Flares were well concentrated and large fires were seen raging over the whole target area. If PFF was accurate this raid was highly successful. This aircraft sustained no damage and no enemy fighters were encountered. The crew were diverted to Harford Bridge.	A.27
DO	HALIFAX III "L" LW 416	CMPT F/O KRAGE W.R. NAV F/O PIERING A.G. B/A F/S TILMAN W.G. W/G SGT JENSEN L.G. P/E SGT JACKINSON J.L. M/G SGT EVANS E.G. A/G SGT WILSON R.D.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.10	04.10	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.12 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. Visibility good no cloud. Bombs were dropped in the centre of concentration of fires raging below. Black smoke was rising to a height of 6,000 to 8,000 feet. Fires could be seen for over 20 miles. Considerable flak over target, also some concentration of search lights. This aircraft sustained no damage throughout trip, but due to length of flight the crew was diverted to Foston as petrol was running short.	A.28
DO	HALIFAX III "P" HE 316	CMPT LT. COMPTON A.M. NAV F/O WORDSWORTH T. B/A F/S PARKER M.G. W/G W/O CLARKE, J.H. P/E SGT JARVIS G.J. M/G F/O WATSON P. A/G SGT JACKSON J.W.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.07	04.32	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.24 hrs., 20,000 ft., at 200 m.p.h. Weather clear, good visibility. Bombs were released at centre of red flares and many good good fires were seen raging in target area. B/A H.E.177 was noticed dropping flares in an attempt to confuse our bombers. Some enemy fighters were seen, one J.U.88 and several others but this aircraft was not attacked. The rear gunner gave a J.U.88 a burst as he went by. Considerable flak over the target and plenty of searchlights, but the aircraft was not covered. If PFF was accurate, this raid was very successful. This A/G lost its pilot's escape hatch over the North Sea on its way to the target, making it very cold for all the crew. No damage sustained to this aircraft and it was diverted to Harford Bridge.	A.29
DO	HALIFAX III "R" LW 435	CMPT F/O CROSSIE D.A. NAV F/S MOLONEY P.M. B/A F/O TINGLES J.E. W/G SGT BROWN R.W. P/E SGT FRIDALE W.L. M/G SGT BOURDEAU L.J. A/G SGT TRIDEAU R.E.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.13	04.10	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.45 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Weather clear, visibility very good. On approaching the target fires could be seen for a distance of 50 miles as the result of the first wave of bombers. Bombs were released at centre of red flares and attack seemed well concentrated. Many fixed searchlights within target area. Heavy flak bursting at 20,000 to 22,000 ft. Attacked by enemy fighter which was shot down and seen to crash and burn on the ground some miles away a little later. This aircraft was struck by flak and some damage sustained but the crew were uninjured. Returned safely but diverted to Latham. If PFF was accurate the raid should be successful.	A.30

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25/26 FEB	HALIFAX III "V" 1W 452	CAPT F/O HENRI W.F. NAV F/O COLLIER G.S. P/A F/S MAY E.E. W/G SGT SMITH D.W. P/S SGT DOHERTY W. M/G SGT MAYOR G.W. A/G SGT CHAFFIN R.S.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.08	04.34	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.22 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. at 185 m.p.h. Good visibility, no cloud. Red flares seen and bombs of leading s/o seen bursting in target area. Bombs released in centre of red-flare area. Bombs seen to burst and fires start in target area. No enemy fighters encountered, but heavy flak experienced over target. One twin engine aircraft seen with one engine smoking diving down over the target. Heavy flak also seen at Friedrichshaven. "G" went w/s on homeward trip. If HFF were accurate this raid was very successful. Aircraft sustained no damage, and the crew was diverted to Lasham.	A.31
25/26 FEB	HALIFAX III "Q" 1X 318	CAPT F/L TRENKLE J.C. NAV F/O ALBERT E.P. B/A F/O MCGAIN A.H. W/G SGT GILBERT H.G. P/E P/L WOOD W.H. M/G SGT HUNT G.A. A/G SGT MAIZE J.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.03	00.25	This aircraft had to abandon due to an oil leak which developed on starboard inner engine and oil pressure dropped and temperature rose dangerously. Furthest point reached was 52.17 N. 0117 E. at 22.12 hrs., at a height of 17,500 ft. Jettisoned bombs safely and crossed English Coast at Flesbore Head at 22.43 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. This crew brought the aircraft safely back to base.	A.32
25/26 FEB	HALIFAX III "F" 1X 319	CAPT F/O HAMILTON E.C. NAV F/O MCCORMICK D.R. B/A F/S DOUGHERTY R.G. W/G SGT FALLET G.C. M/G SGT FISHER G.C. A/G SGT CROFTON G.A.	BOMBING AUGSBURG	21.12	00.30	This aircraft carrying 670 incendiaries had to abandon the task due to a leak developing in the oxygen system. All the oxygen escaped and was used up before sufficient height could be lost. Furthest outward point reached was 52.28 N. 0305 E. at 22.42 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at which time the leak was discovered. Bombs were jettisoned at 5356 N. 0145 E. at 23.19 hrs. at 11,000 ft. Sixty 4-pound bombs hung up. Crossed the English Coast at Flesbore Head at 23.42 hrs. at 9,800 ft. This crew brought the aircraft safely back to base.	A.33
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