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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1944.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
6/TH MARCH.	HALIFAX III "K" LW385.	CAPT. F/O. WILSON, H.M. NAV. W/O. MOORE, K.W. W/O. F/S. MEYER, W. M. P/S. SGT. BOYLESTON, A. W/O. SGT. BERNARD, W.A. A/G. F/S. MARSHALL, W.A.	BOMBING TRAFFES	18.11	23.22	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.46 hours at 13,000 ft at 190 MPH. There were no clouds and visibility was quite good, the marshalling yard and village being quite discernable. Red flares outlined the target area and were very concentrated. Bombs were seen bursting in the marshalling yards. No damage from flak and no enemy fighters encountered. This A/C sustained no damage throughout the trip and it is believed a great deal of damage was accomplished by this raid. This A/C returned safely to base.	A-34
DO.	HALIFAX III "J" LW440.	CAPT. F/O. BASSON, R.A. NAV. W/O. LINTHURST, J. B/A. W/O. HOLMAN, L.F. W/O. SGT. WHEAT, G.A. P/S. SGT. BROWLEY, B.J. W/O. SGT. TINDALL, J.L. A/G. SGT. CABLE, A.B.	DO.	18.08	23.59	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.53 hours at 13,500 ft at 180 MPH. Clear with good visibility. Two groups of red flares seen marking eastern and western ends of marshalling yards. Dropped bombs to the right of eastern group of flares. Large number of bomb bursts seen. One small fire seen by western group of flares. If flares were accurate bombing should be successful. No damage by flak and no enemy fighters encountered. This A/C sustained no damage throughout the trip but due to shortage of petrol landed at TUGCLIFFE.	A-35
DO.	HALIFAX III "S" LW437.	CAPT. F/S. DALGLEISH, J. NAV. W/O. BARRY. B/A. F/S. DWYER, J.A. W/O. SGT. ADDISON, W.A. P/S. SGT. CLOUSTON, D.J. W/O. SGT. EEDDARD, J.H. A/G. F/S. TURNER, R.A.	DO.	18.34	23.20	This A/C carrying 3 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.46 hours at 13,000 ft at 155 MPH. No clouds and good visibility. Bombed centre of red flares which were well concentrated and the marshalling yards could be plainly seen. Some bomb bursts seen both short of and beyond the flares. Attack developed very quickly and if F.F.F. were accurate this raid should be successful. No damage by flak and no enemy A/C contacted. This A/C received no damage throughout raid and crew brought it safely back to base.	A-36
DO.	HALIFAX III "P" LW384.	CAPT. IIC. COMPTON, A.M. NAV. F/O. WORDSWORTH, T. B/A. F/O. MITCHELL, G.D. W/O. W/O. CLARKE, J.N. P/S. SGT. JARVIS, C.J. W/O. F/O. WATSON, F. A/G. SGT. JACOBSON, J.W.	DO.	18.39	00.04	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.49 hours at 13,000 ft at 180 MPH. No clouds with clear visibility. Red flares seen on ground. Saw many bombs burst within target area. Saw a large fire in east end of the marshalling yard. This fire was visible for 30 miles. Encountered no enemy fighters and no flak. Should be a successful raid. No damage sustained to A/C and the crew brought it safely back to base.	A-37
DO.	HALIFAX III "C" HW314.	CAPT. F/O. BANNIER, R.H. NAV. F/O. MAY, A.D. B/A. F/O. MORRISON, J.H. W/O. W/O. TOMLINSON, W.H. P/S. SGT. DAWSON, L.B. W/O. F/O. KELLISTON, H.L. A/G. F/O. GIBSON, G.D.	DO.	18.07	23.55	This A/C carrying 8 x 1000 and 7 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.49 hours at 13,000 ft at 180 MPH. Visibility good with no clouds. Red flares indicated the target which could be seen plainly. One bomb dropped to right of flares. Target area well covered with bomb bursts. No enemy fighters encountered and very little flak seen. If F.F.F. were accurate this raid should be successful. This A/C sustained no damage of any kind but due to petrol shortage had to land at TUGCLIFFE.	A-38

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6/7TH MARCH	HALIFAX III "E" LW436.	CAPT. F/O. SHERWOOD, M.O. NAV. SGT. FORBES, R.A. P/O. F/O. SPADMAN, G.L. W/O. F/O. ANGLIS, E.F. P/O. SGT. SULLERS, W.B. M/O. SGT. WILKS, G.D. A/G. SGT. FARR, B.	BOMBING TRAFFES	18.12	19.26	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs had to over abandon the task due to engine trouble. The starboard outer oil pressure dropped and temperature rose immediately after take-off. Flying control ordered the jettisoning of some of the weight. At 5420 N 0020 E at 18.54 hours flying at 6,000 ft this A/C jettisoned 6 x 500 lb bombs. This crew landed safely at base with the 9 x 1000 lb bombs. No damage sustained to A/C.	A.39
DO.	HALIFAX III "B" HK313.	CAPT. F/L. MALLIN, R.L. NAV. F/O. IRWIN, R.A. P/O. F/O. SWANMAN, K.D. W/O. W/O. WAKLEY, W.O. P/O. SGT. MUIR, R. M/O. S/O. FERGUSON, C.S. A/G. S/O. FORT, V.	DO.	18.20	00.07	This A/C carrying 8 x 1000 and 7 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.50 hours at 15,000 ft at 170 MPH. Visibility good with no clouds. Red flares indicated target and lake could be seen also. Dropped bombs to right of red flares and the target area seemed to be well concentrated with bomb bursts. If FFF were accurate raid should be quite successful. No enemy fighters encountered and no damage sustained from flak. This crew returned safely to base.	
DO.	HALIFAX III "Q" LW432.	CAPT. F/O. BURTON, R.W. NAV. F/O. THREASER, G.R. P/O. SGT. MURRAY, D.L. W/O. W/O. CRAWFORD, E.M. P/O. SGT. MOLEND, J.L. M/O. SGT. REEF, S.G. A/G. SGT. MCKAY, G.L.	DO.	18.02	23.14	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.48 hours at 15,000 ft at 180 MPH. Good visibility with no clouds. Red flares, very concentrated and bombs dropped on centre of concentration. Many bomb bursts seen in target area and some beyond markers. If flares were accurate this raid should be successful. There was much congestion over the target at time of bombing. No enemy fighters encountered and no damage by flak. This crew landed safely at base.	A.41
DO.	HALIFAX III "O" HK318.	CAPT. F/L. TURBULL, J.C. NAV. F/O. ALBERT, E.T. P/O. F/O. MORRIS, A.H. W/O. SGT. GILLESPIE, A.G. P/O. SGT. MICHAEL, P.S. M/O. F/O. HUNT, G.A. A/G. SGT. MALED, J.	DO.	18.01	23.21	This A/C carrying 8 x 1000 and 7 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.47 hours at 15,000 ft at 165 MPH. Good visibility with no clouds. Red flares marked the target and bombs released at centre of concentration. Could dimly see western end of marshalling yards and bomb bursts close by. Should be a successful raid. Great suggestion of A/C over target area at time of bombing. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage. No damage sustained by A/C throughout trip and crew landed safely at base.	A.42
7/8TH MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LV879.	CAPT. F/L. LOUDOUN, M.G. NAV. F/O. HALL, R.E. P/O. SGT. WADSON, R.M. W/O. SGT. WOODMAN, A.S. P/O. SGT. THOMPSON, H. M/O. SGT. CORSEY, R.E. A/G. SGT. DONALD, R.G.	J8946 RM49095 R155065 R135783 1516097 R195727 R164254	18.26	00.44	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the approximate position of the target but due to 10/10th cloud could not positively identify the target so did not bomb. Made two circuits using up 22 minutes but still was very doubtful so turned home with full load. Jettisoned 6 x 500 lb bombs at 4941N 0049W at 23.30 hours flying at 14,500 ft. Brought back safely to base 5 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb bombs. Encountered no enemy fighters and no damage from flak. This A/C returned safely to base.	A.43

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7/28th MARCH.	HALIFAX III "K" LW385.	CAPT. P/O. WILSON, H.M. NAV. W/O. MOORE, K.W. P/A. P/S. MOONEY, H.O. W/O. P/S. MAYER, W.M. P/S. SGT. BOGLESTON, A. M/G. SGT. BERNARD, W.S. A/G. P/S. MARSHALL, W.A.	J19098 R142515 R135635 R138040 2209021 R204933 R112754	18.28	00.40	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs dropped this load directly the glow from the red flares could be seen on the clouds. 10/10 cloud obscured the view of the target although all bomb flashes were right in vicinity of red flare glow. Had to make 3 circuits before any red flares were dropped by P.F.F. If P.F.F. flares were accurate bombing attack should be successful. Bombs were dropped at 21.30 hours flying at 13,000 ft at 170 MPH. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage. The crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.44
DO.	HALIFAX III "P" LW38.	CAPT. P/O. BASSON, R.A. NAV. W/O. LOPEHOUSE, J. P/A. W/O. HOLMAN, L.F. W/O. SGT. WHEAT, G.A. P/S. SGT. BROMLEY, P.J. M/G. SGT. TISDALE, J.L. A/G. SGT. CAMER, A.B.	J19840 R17155 R153658 1199877 1870630 R207827 R171696	18.36	23.56	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs could not definitely identify target due to 10/10th cloud with a top of 8000 ft. Visibility good above clouds but P.F.F. markers could not be seen although a faint red glow could be seen on clouds. 6 x 500 lb bombs were jettisoned. Brought back 6 x 1000 and 3 x 500 lb bombs. Encountered no enemy fighters and received no damage by flak. This A/C sustained no damage throughout trip and crew brought it safely back to base.	A.45
DO.	HALIFAX III "P" LW38.	CAPT. W/O. DALGLISH, J.M. NAV. W/O. BART, J.D. P/A. W/O. DAVIES, J.A. W/O. SGT. ADKINSON, W.E. P/S. SGT. CLOUSTON, D.J. M/G. SGT. BERNARD, J.R. A/G. P/S. TURNER, R.A.	R129072 R368843 R123930 1127026 1821921 R220008 R116946	18.17	00.11	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs dropped this load at 21.26 hours at 13,000 ft while travelling 170 MPH at the centre of the red glow. There was 10/10th cloud over the target. The P.F.F. was late and had to make two circuits before red flares were noticed. Visibility above cloud was excellent but due to cloud it is very difficult to assess damage on the target. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.46
DO.	HALIFAX III "R" LW35.	CAPT. P/O. HUBB, W.F. NAV. P/O. COLEMAN, G.S. P/A. P/S. MAY, H.S. W/O. SGT. FORD, G.A. P/S. SGT. DOHERTY, W. M/G. SGT. MAYOR, G.W. A/G. SGT. CHAPMAN, R.S.	J12224 J22862 R156717 1510043 1562816 R210290 R164478	18.15	00.21	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs dropped this load at centre of red glow seen on the clouds at 21.24 hrs flying at 13,000 ft at 190 MPH. 10/10th cloud obscured target and PFF were late arriving but as soon as red flares went down the bombs were released. A "GEE" fix was taken which proved target. No enemy A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.47
DO.	HALIFAX III "P" EX313.	CAPT. P/O. BANCHE, R.H. NAV. P/O. MAY, A.D. P/A. P/O. MORRISON, J.H. W/O. W/O. TOMLINSON, W.H. P/S. SGT. DANSON, L.B. M/G. P/O. MELLSTROM, M.L. A/G. P/O. QUEEN, S.J.	J23899 J22859 J23207 R67302 1803226 J18414 J27920	18.24	00.17	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb bombs released this load at 21.24 hours flying at 13,000 ft at 175 MPH at the centre of red glow seen through 10/10th cloud over the target area. Bomb burst at centre of the glowing spot. 1 x 1000 lb bomb hung up. PFF was late which caused considerable congestion. No enemy fighters were encountered and no damage sustained from flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.48

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7/8TH MARCH.	HALIFAX III "D" HK316.	CAPT. P/S. VAILER, S. R135334 NAV. P/O. LAWRENCE, W.J. J23494 B/A. P/O. SIVARS, R.D. R143800 W/G. SGT. ROGERS, R. 1323173 P/S. SGT. JACKSON, F.R. 1364789 M/G. SGT. ADAM, J.R. R135216 A/G. SGT. FLORENCE, J.P. R195070		18.31	00.02	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb bombs released this load through 10/10th cloud at centre of glow on clouds caused by red flares dropped by PFF. Bombs were released at 21.25 hours at 14,000 ft while travelling 180 MPH. PFF late and had to make one circuit before markers fell. Bomb bursts could be seen through clouds in glow area. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage to A/C. No damage sustained to this A/C and crew brought it safely back to base.	A.49
DO.	HALIFAX III "Q" HK318.	CAPT. P/S. MCKENZIE, D.R. R142387 NAV. P/O. COBLE, C.J. J142155 B/A. P/O. GABLE, S.D. J22189 W/G. SGT. BAILLEY, F.A. 1338285 P/S. SGT. CAMPBELL, J.D. 1822155 M/G. SGT. MALLORY, B.D. R163274 A/G. SGT. GIBBS, F.H. R166279		18.18	23.46	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb bombs released this load at 21.29 hours at 12,500 ft travelling at 160 MPH. PFF late and had to make one circuit but as soon as flares were dropped the bombs were released at the centre of the red glow on clouds. No enemy fighters were encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.50
DO.	HALIFAX III "S" LW37	CAPT. P/S. STEWART, C.J. R159028 NAV. P/O. GIBBS, S.G. J23114 B/A. P/O. GREENE, E.S. R162840 W/G. W/O. VIVIAN, J.K. R106317 P/S. SGT. ROBERTS, C.H. R123750 M/G. SGT. MORRIS, W.A. R191123 A/G. SGT. HUFF, W.D. R163427		18.20	00.42	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs dropped this load through 10/10th cloud at 21.27 hours flying at 13,000 ft at 180 MPH at the centre of the red glow on the clouds through which the red flares had just been dropped by PFF. Had to make three circuits before PFF arrived to drop flares. Bomb bursts appeared to be concentrated in the red glow area. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	A.51
DO.	HALIFAX III "U" LW416.	CAPT. P/O. GRAVE, W.S. J24321 NAV. P/O. FLEMING, A.G. J23722 B/A. P/O. TILGAT, W.G. R155018 W/G. SGT. JEWELL, L.G. R161346 P/S. SGT. MACKINTOSH, J. 1822242 M/G. SGT. EVANS, S.G. R187401 A/G. SGT. HARRIS, H.J. R192633		18.16	00.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb bombs released this load through 10/10th cloud at 21.27 hours flying at 13,000 ft at 180 MPH at the centre of the red glow on the clouds left by the flares dropped by PFF. PFF were late but all the bomb bursts were seen to explode on and around the glow area. No enemy fighters encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.52

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13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" LN. 316	CAPT P/O HILL, W.F. NAV P/O HERSWELL, T.S. P/A P/O DOWNS, T.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, I.E. P/E SGT THORNTON, S. W/G SGT SHERIDAN, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 1600297 1674783 R.125232 R.191737	22.26	04.03	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.45 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Visibility good, quite clear. Dropped all the bombs at the centre of the red flares which were well concentrated and the bomb bursts could be seen covering the whole target area. There were a few scattered bombs dropped S.W. of the target proper. Encountered no E/A/C and no damage sustained to this A/C by flak. Should be a successful raid. Returned safely to base.	A.53
13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "J" LN. 440	CAPT P/S KIRKBY, R.A. NAV P/S VAUGHAN, T. P/A P/O DRUMMOND-HAY, C.J. W/G SGT LEBRY, R.H. P/E SGT GIBBS, F.H. W/G SGT GIBBS, F.H. A/G SGT GIBBS, F.H.	R.153719 CAN. 4832 J.24019 1411387 1800916 R.210110 R.165420	22.17	01.01	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs had to abandon the task at 52 degrees N. 0015 M. due to an engine failure. The bombs were jettisoned at 54° 07' N. 0041 E. and this A/C returned to base.	A.54
13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "T" LN. 438	CAPT S/L MESTER, R.W. NAV P/L DIBNEY, R.J. P/A P/O MACQUIN, P.F. W/G P/O MACALAN, M.A. P/E SGT BYLES, G.E. W/G SGT BERRY, J.L. A/G P/L WILLIAMS, L.H.	J.5666 J.9497 J.22094 J.19100 2209135 R.196449 48725	22.20	04.06	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.45 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. and 180 M.P.H. No clouds and visibility was good. Dropped bombs at centre of the red flares dropped by P.F.F. which were very concentrated and many bomb bursts were noticed around the red flare indicators. 3 or 4 fires were also noticed to the N. of the flares. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained to this A/C by flak. No congestion over the target and it is considered that this raid was successful. Landed safely at base.	A.55
13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "W" LN. 910	CAPT P/S MCKENZIE, D.R. NAV P/O GIBBS, G.J. P/A P/O GIBBS, E.D. W/G SGT BAILLY, P.A. P/E SGT GIBBS, J.D. W/G SGT MALLORY, R.D. A/G SGT GIBBS, F.H.	R.142387 J.14215 J.22189 1338285 1822155 R.163274 R.166279	22.19	03.41	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.42 hrs. flying 12,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. No clouds and good visibility. Released bombs at the centre of the red flares. Flashes of bombs exploding lit up tracks in the marshalling yards. Whitish smoke seen issuing from target up to 6/3000 ft. No E/A/C encountered. No damage by flak sustained. Raid should be successful. Crew brought this A/C back to base safely.	A.56
13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" LN. 416	CAPT P/O SHROOD, M.C. NAV SGT FORBES, R.A. P/A P/O BACHMAN, G.A. W/G P/S ARKLE, R.F. P/E SGT SHERIDAN, W.F. W/G SGT WILE, C.D. A/G SGT GIBBS, D.T.	J.23409 143445 R.23998 R.76423 1866920 R.76462 R.191153	22.34	03.48	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over target and released bombs at 00.40 hrs. flying 12,000 ft. and 160 M.P.H. The visibility was very good, there being no cloud. P.F.F. flares were very accurate and bombs from this A/C were seen to burst straddling buildings in the marshalling yards. No E/A/C seen throughout trip and no damage sustained by flak. No congestion over target at time of bombing and it is considered that this was a most successful raid. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.57

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13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "S" LW. 437	CMPT P/O LAMBERT, J.M. NAV P/S FRADDOCK, W.T. P/A P/O COATES, G.W. W/G P/S MATHIAS, L.H. P/A SGT SCOTT, R.D. W/G SGT FLEMAN, G.J. A/G SGT DICKIN, J.F.	J.20360 R.98453 J.80167 R.124635 1836596 R.217643 R.163437	22.18	04.17 BOEING LE MANS	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over target at 03.54 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. and 180 M.P.H. Visibility was fair - sensed a bit of ground haze but was probably smoke. Dropped bombs on the red flares and saw them all burst in the target area. Saw one stick of bombs burst across the N. end of Marshalling Yards and fires noticed later in this area. Encountered no R/A and received no damage from flak. Consider this raid was very successful. This crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.59
13/14th MARCH	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 347	CMPT P/O HAMILTON, R.C. NAV P/O MCNORRICK, D.R. P/A P/S DOUGHERTY, R.S. W/G P/S PALFREY, G.O. P/A SGT COHEN, W.L. W/G SGT CORNELIUS, C.L. A/G SGT COFFIN, G.A.T.	J.11556 J.24223 R.156217 R.141179 2501360 R.210069 R.124448	22.15	03.55 BOEING LE MANS	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 03.42 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. and 180 M.P.H. Visibility was very good as there was no cloud. Released bombs on the centre of concentrated red flares where large number of bomb bursts were seen. There were five large fires seen in the target area just prior to releasing bombs. One large explosion seen at 00.46 hrs. which lasted about 3 seconds. No congestion over target at time of bombing. Should be a very successful raid. No R/A/C encountered. No damage from flak sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.60
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 379	CMPT P/L LOUDON, N.G. NAV P/S HALL, R.E. P/A SGT WADSON, R.L. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/A SGT THOMPSON, H. W/G SGT CORREY, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 R.149095 R.159065 R.135783 1516097 R.195727 R.164254	18.37	02.07 BOEING STUTTGART	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.20 hrs. flying at a height of 21,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. 8/10th cloud with tops at 8 to 10,000 ft. but horizontal visibility was good as ground markers could be plainly seen. Released bombs at centre of red flares. There were a few small fires around markers. Some of the markers were quite scattered and it is questionable if this was a highly successful raid although the glow from the fires could be seen a distance of 75 miles. No congestion over the target. No R/A encountered and no damage sustained by flak to this A/C. This crew landed this A/C at TRENT ISLAND and brought it back to base next day.	A.61

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16/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" HX. 313	CAPT F/L LAMOR, R.J. NAV SGT WHEAT, J.F. P/O SGT WYCK, E. W/O SGT HANING, A.G. P/S SGT ROWLEY, J.E. M/G SGT LARSON, S.O. A/G SGT READSHAW, J.L.	J.5102 1456197 R.132421 1127307 1804110 R.181816 922606	18.36	02.00	This A/C carrying 4 x 500 lbs. of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.21 hrs. There was 5/10th cloud at 10 to 12,000 ft. but the ground target indicators could be plainly seen and seemed to be well placed in the centre of the city. Released bombs on the centre of flares. Many wide spread fires were noticed burning well. Encountered no night fighters and had little trouble with flak either over the target or on in the way in or out. No damage sustained to this A/C. This crew landed this A/C at THORNY ISLAND and brought it back to base next day, Mar. 16th.	A.62
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" HX. 314	CAPT F/O BARRING, R.H. NAV F/O MAY, A.D. P/O F/O MORGANSON, J.H. W/O F/O TOMLINSON, W.H. P/S SGT DAWSON, L.B. M/G F/O BELLSTRICH, M.L. A/G F/L WILLIAMS, L.H.	J.23899 J.22899 J.23207 R.67302 1805226 J.18414 48725	18.40	02.25	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.28 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. There was 7/10th cloud (strato-cumulus) to 22,000 ft. but visibility was good. Bombs were released at a cluster of red flares and while the target indicators were widely scattered, there were many fires burning well which were visible for more than 80 miles after leaving target area. There was some congestion of A/C over target during bombing but no A/C were encountered and no damage to the A/C sustained through flak. This crew landed at FOGG and flew back to base the next day.	A.63
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "I" LW. 416	CAPT F/O SHERRWOOD, M. NAV SGT FORBES, R.A. P/O F/O BRADMAN, G.L. W/O F/O ARKIE, R.F. P/S SGT SHERR, W.H. M/G SGT HILL, C.D. A/G SGT GARDNER, D.T.	J.27409 148415 J.23998 R.70423 1866920 R.70462 R.391153	18.42	03.05	This A/C carrying full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.19 hrs. Flying 22,000 ft. at 165 M.P.H. There was 8/10th cloud with tops of 10,000 ft. but visibility was good. Bombs were released at centre of green flares and red stars. Some of the target indicators were obscured by the clouds at the time of bombing but after leaving the target it could be noticed that two large fires, one to the N.W. and one to the E. of the markers were spreading into one large fire. This was clearly seen through a break in the clouds. No congestion over the target and if P.P.A. were accurate, this should be a successful raid. No A/C encountered and no damage sustained from flak throughout trip. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at LEEHILL.	A.64
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "H" LW. 438	CAPT F/O BRIGHT, W.F. NAV S/O COLEMAN, G.S. P/O F/S MAY, R.S. W/O SGT FORD, G.A. P/S SGT DOHERTY, W. M/G SGT MAYOR, G.W. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.S.	J.12224 J.22862 R.156717 1510041 1562814 R.210290 R.164478	18.35	02.45	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.27 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. There was 7/10th cloud with tops at 10,000 ft. but the ground markers while visible seemed to be very scattered. The main concentration appeared to be in the centre of the city. There was a large fire burning there. Released bombs on the concentration of flares. There was a little heavy flak and much light flak but it was inaccurate and all exploded below height A/C was flying. Encountered no A/C and received no damage by flak throughout the trip. Crew landed this A/C at THORNY ISLAND and flew it back to base next day.	A.65

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15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "S" LW. 437	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.J.	R.159028	18.34	02.13	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.24 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. There was 6/10th cloud with tops at 15,000 ft. but horizontal visibility was good. The target indicators were visible and the bombs were released on a cluster of green flares and red stars. The target indicators were scattered but many fires were noticed around markers and many others noticed scattered over a large area. F.F.F. was so scattered it is hard to determine whether raid was successful or not. 30 - 4 lb. bombs were brought back. No A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew landed this A/C at THORNY ISLAND and brought it back to base next day.	A.66
		NAV F/O GIBNEY, A.C.	A.23114				
		1/A F/S GIBNEY, P.S.	R.162840				
		W/C F/O WYLLIE, J.L.	R.106317				
		2/E SGT ROBERTS, C.E.	R.123750				
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "X" LW. 547	1/W SGT MORRIS, W.A.	R.191103	18.33	02.22	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.29 hrs. flying at 21,600 ft. at 185 M.P.H. There was 6/10th cloud with tops of 8 - 10,000 ft. with good visibility. Released bombs on centre of red and green target indicators. F.F.F. markers were widely scattered and insufficient. Only small fires were noticed where markers were going down. No concentration over the target at time of bombing. No A/C encountered and no damage sustained to this A/C from flak. Could not consider this to be a successful raid. This crew landed at THORNY ISLAND refueled and came on to base the next day.	A.67
		2/W SGT GIBSON, C.L.F.	R.124448				
		CAPT F/O BELLAMY, I.C.	J.11556				
		NAV F/O BOOTHBY, B.R.	J.24223				
		1/A F/S MCCORMACK, R.C.	R.156217				
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "O" LW. 310	2/W SGT GIBSON, C.L.F.	R.220136	18.47	02.29	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.28 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. with good visibility. Released bombs on a concentration of green flares and red stars but the F.F.F. target indicators were so scattered it is difficult to determine whether raid was success or not. Many fires were observed and the glow from these could be seen at distance of 100 miles. No A/C were encountered and no flak damage sustained to this A/C. This crew landed at THORNY ISLAND and brought the A/C back to base next morning.	A.68
		1/A F/S FALLET, G.C.	R.141179				
		2/E SGT CORRIE, W.E.	R.210059				
		NAV F/O ALBERT, A.T.	J.14793				
		1/A F/O MCBAIN, A.H.	J.23635				
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "V" LW. 462	W/C SGT GILBERT, R.G.	1575683	18.44	02.21	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.20 hrs. at 22,000 ft. at 165 M.P.H. There was 5/10th cloud with tops of 7 - 8,000 ft. and visibility was good. Released bombs at centre of red target indicators which seemed fairly concentrated. Not many fires were noticed around the marker although many scattered fires were seen and the glow from these could be seen for 100 miles after leaving target. This is not considered a highly successful raid due to lack of concentration. No A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained to this A/C. Landed at THORNY ISLAND, refueled and flew back to base the next morning.	A.69
		2/E SGT MICHAEL, P.D.	R.60144				
		NAV F/O HUNT, G.A.	J.19839				
		1/A F/S TURNER, E.A.	R.116945				
		CAPT F/O DAUGHERIE, J.M.	R.128072				

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15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" HK. 316	CAPT R/O HILL, W.F. NAV R/O HORSWELL, T.S. W/A R/S DOWDER, J.A. W/C SGT PARSONS, I.A. W/E SGT NICHOLS, S. W/G SGT SWEENEY, D.L. A/G SGT GURRY, W.A.	R.24296 R.23110 R.156772 R.600297 R.674783 R.125232 R.191737	18.49	02.25	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.26 hrs. flying 22,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. There was 5/10th cloud over the target but visibility was good. Bombs were released over a concentration of red flares. I.F.F. target indicators were very scattered but two large fires were noticed, one to the N.W. and the other in the centre of red target indicators and was seen to be merging into one large fire. Quite a number of A/C were bombing below 20,000 ft. and seemed to be very scattered. There was some fairly concentrated light flak over the target. One twin-engine R/A/C was seen but not encountered. No damage by flak sustained. This A/C landed at THORNY ISLAND but the crew flew it back to base next morning.	A.70
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "F" LW. 305	CAPT R/S KIRBY, M.A. NAV W/O VAUGHAN, T. W/A R/O DILLON-MAY, G. W/C SGT PARRY, R.H. W/E SGT GAIN, F.S. W/G SGT GIBBERD, J.W. A/G SGT SMITH, F.A.	R.153719 R.4832 R.24319 R.141387 R.609210 R.210110 R.165420	18.48	02.10	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.24 hrs. at 22,000 ft. There was 7/10 cloud with tops of 10,000 ft. Bombed sky markers which were very scattered. One large fire was seen to the West of the target. A large number of fighter flares were seen on the way in to the target. On the return trip when nearing the coast this A/C was attacked by an M.E. 110 which gave a short burst as it passed by. No hits were received and while we shot at him we do not claim to have hit him. No damage was sustained from flak but when this A/C landed at THORNY ISLAND it was found not able to be flown back to base without being properly checked. Flown to base the following day.	A.71
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "J" LW. 440	CAPT W/O VOORBRUCK, W.F. NAV SGT LAMB, J.S. W/A R/S CHAMBER, F.F. W/C SGT HANSON, L. W/E SGT WATERS, L. W/G SGT REYNOLDS, J.J. A/G R/S HERRICK, F.F.	R.135876 R.148405 R.145376 R.1131665 R.850361 R.197906 R.166374	18.43	21.15	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs had to abandon the task at 4970N 000E at 20.48 hrs. while flying at 21,000 ft. due to the port lower engine failure. The pilot reports that the starboard outer engine was not running smoothly either. All the bombs were brought back to base.	A.72
15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MANN, A.T. NAV W/O CHAIN, A. W/A R/S CHAMBER, F.F. W/C SGT CARY, G. W/E SGT CLAYTON, H.J. W/G SGT SHELLEY, C.A. A/G W/O HAYWARD, C.T.	R.95377 R.141034 R.157430 R.1126974 R.1821882 R.77145 R.112303	18.46	03.15	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.18 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. at 180 M.P.H. There was 4/10th cloud over the target area with good horizontal visibility. Bombs were dropped on the centre of a cluster of three red flares. I.F.F. mapping was quite scattered and numerous fires were seen burning over the target area. I.F.F. was accurate. Indications are that the raid should be fairly successful. No R/A/C encountered and no damage sustained to A/C by flak. A trouble-free trip throughout. This crew landed the A/C at THORNY ISLAND and brought it back to base the next day.	A.73

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15/16th MARCH	HALIFAX III "P" RL 319	CAPT P/L BALLETT, B.L. NAV P/O IRWIN, R.A. S/A P/S SWEATON, L.G. W/C W/O WAGLEY, W.G. P/S SGT HUIE, H. W/C P/S FRASER, G.E. W/C P/S FORTE, V.	J.6186 J.14212 R.120655 R.92227 R.1194501 R.157649 R.165480	18.45	02.02	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 23.21 hrs. flying at a height of 22,000 ft. There was 8/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. but ground markers could be seen and appeared quite scattered. There were two main concentrations of fire in the centre of the city and the glow from the fires could be seen a distance of 125 miles and the smoke was seen rising to a height of 11,000 ft. Dropped bombs on the ground markers but it is difficult to state whether the raid could be classed as successful due to widely scattered markers. In position 40.10 N. 03.30 E. a white light was seen continuing to flash G. U. E. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained by this A/C by flak. This crew landed at Tishnet Island and flew back to base next day.	A.74
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" DL 789	CAPT P/L LINDOUM, H.G. NAV P/S HALL, R.E. S/A SGT WAGSON, R.M. W/C SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/S SGT THORPSON, W. W/C SGT CORBETT, R.E. W/C SGT DOWD, R.E.	J.8346 R.149095 R.155065 R.135783 R.151697 R.195727 R.161251	19.00	01.05	This A/C carrying 69% incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 100 M.P.H. Dropped bombs on target indicators and saw several large explosions in target area like chemicals burning. There was a good concentration of A/C over the target area but no difficulties experienced. No enemy fighters encountered and no damage sustained to A/C through flak. If P.P.F. was accurate, this should be a successful raid. This crew was diverted to FRANKLINHAM where A/C was checked and refueled before returning to base.	A.75
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" DL 314	CAPT P/O BANNER, R.E. NAV P/O MAY, A.D. S/A P/O MORGAN, J.H. W/C W/O TOLINSON, W. P/S SGT DAWSON, L.D. W/C P/O BELLISCH, R. W/C P/O QUINN, S.J.	J.23899 J.22859 J.23267 R.67302 R.1803226 J.16144 J.27920	18.52	01.02	This A/C carrying 69% incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.10 hrs. flying 22,000 ft. and 150 M.P.H. Visibility was good although a bit hazy at height. Released bombs on target indicators which appeared somewhat scarce at time of bombing. 90 - 4 lb. bombs hung up which were brought back to base. P.P.F. markers few and scattered but should be a fair raid. Fires could be seen for over twenty miles after leaving target. Numerous S/L in target area but were diffused due to the haze. Encountered no E/A and received no damage from flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.76
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "H" DL 552	CAPT P/S YALLEN, D. NAV P/O LAWRENCE, W.A. S/A P/S SIKVASS, H.B. W/C SGT HUGHES, R. P/S SGT JAMESON, F.R. W/C SGT ADAM, J.H. W/C SGT WINTER, J.	J.135374 J.23484 R.145000 R.1352120 R.106789 R.135226 R.195070	19.06	00.53	This A/C carrying 69% incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.05 hrs. flying 19,500 ft. at 175 M.P.H. Visibility only fair due to haze. Dropped bombs on target indicators but P.P.F. seemed to be scattered over 2 or 3 miles. Very few fires seen at time of bombing but glow could be seen 50 - 60 miles away after leaving target area. 30 - 4 lb. bombs hung up. Attack appeared to be scattered but there was no concentration over target. No flak experienced. No E/A/C encountered. This A/C was diverted to FRANKLINHAM and was flown back to base the next day.	A.77

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18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "E" LW.436	CMPT P/O HAMILTON, F.S. NAV P/O MOOREHEAD, D. B/A P/S BOURBON, R.S. W/G P/S BOURBON, R.S. P/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. W/C SGT CORRIE, D. A/C SGT CONTON, G.	J.11556 J.24223 E.155215 E.141179 E.141179 E.210079 E.124448	18.55	00.44 BOMBING FRANKFORT	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.10 hrs. flying 21,600 ft. at 150 M.P.H. Poor visibility due to thin cloud or haze. Dropped bombs on red flares. Fires seemed to be spreading to the East of where the ground markers could be seen. There were several large fires in the target area. No 2/4 met and no flak damage sustained by this A/C. Many other 4-engine A/C in the target area noticed but there did not seem to be any congestion. 1/3 of a can of 4 lb. bombs did not release. No fighters seen, no flak experienced. This A/C was diverted to FRANKFORT and was flown back the next day.	A.78
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "R" LW.435	CMPT LT. COMPTON, A. NAV P/O WORDSWORTH, T. B/A P/S FARGHER, G. W/G W/O CLARKE, J. P/E SGT JARVIS, G. W/C P/O WATSON, E. A/C SGT JACOBSON, J.	G.386206 J.20965 E.155991 E.113021 E.160435 E.155072 E.194834	19.15	01.28 BOMBING FRANKFORT	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.18 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Light haze - visibility fair. Late in bombing, no markers seen so bombed centre of fire. One large fire noticed and two smaller ones. 30 - 4 lb. bombs did not release. Very difficult to assess the result of the raid. No 2/4/C encountered and no damage sustained through flak to A/C. This A/C landed at base.	A.79
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LW.432	CMPT P/O HUNN, W.F. NAV P/O COLGAN, G.S. B/A P/S MAY, H.R. W/G SGT FORD, G.A. P/E SGT DOUGHERTY, W. W/C SGT MAYOR, G.W. A/C SGT CHAPMAN, R.S.	J.12224 J.22362 E.156717 E.151004 E.156204 E.210290 E.164478	19.11	00.48 BOMBING FRANKFORT	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Hazy but visibility down was good. Dropped bombs on centre of target area where there were thickest. P.F.F. fairly concentrated. No congestion over target and should prove to be good attack. No 2/4/C encountered and no damage to A/C by flak. This crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.80
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "U" LW.460	CMPT W/O DALGLEISH, J. NAV W/O BARRY, J.D. B/A W/O Dwyer, J.A. W/C SGT ADISON, W.E. P/E SGT GLOUSFORD, D.W. W/C SGT BIRD, J.R. A/C P/S TURNER, R.A.	E.128072 E.96849 E.128930 E.1127026 E.1621921 E.220008 E.116946	19.24	BOMBING FRANKFORT	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs is missing on completion of this mission. No messages were received from this A/C so it is difficult to state in just what location it was and what happened.	A.81
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "X" LW.347	CMPT P/O CROSSIE, D.A. NAV P/O McHONEY, F.W. B/A P/O TINDLE, J.B. W/G SGT BROWN, E.W. P/E SGT FRYALL, G.A. W/C SGT BOURGAIN, L.J. A/C SGT TRUDEAU, R.L.	J.21660 E.21564 E.26318 E.161283 E.166204 E.178922 E.185356	19.13	00.12 BOMBING FRANKFORT	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. There was a light film of cloud at 18 - 20,000 ft. which made visibility just fair. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares. There was one good concentration of incendiaries around target indicators but not enough target indicators at 22.07 hrs. Some incendiaries were rather scattered. 60 - 4 lb. bombs hung up. No congestion over target. Too early in attack to make an accurate assessment as to value of the raid. No 2/4/C encountered and no flak damage sustained to A/C. Quiet trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.82

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18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" HQ 313	CAPT P/O HILL, W.F. NAV P/O BORSWILL, T.A. P/A P/O DOWNES, J.A. W/O SGT PARSONS, I.E. P/S SGT NICHOLS, S. A/C SGT GREEN, T.A.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 1600297 1574765 R.125232 R.191737	19.05	01.10	This A/C carrying 694 incendiaries arrived over target at 22.10 flying at 22,500 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Haze to 20,000 ft. above which was good visibility. Dropped bombs on centre of two concentrations of red flares. Many fires both large and small covered large area. Glow on clouds could be seen considerable distance. Twelve 4 lb. bombs hung up and could not be released. Considerable flak but was able to keep A/C above this. Many A/C seen bombing beneath the height at which this A/C was flying. Well concentrated attack and should be successful. This A/C landed at FRANKFURT and crew flew it back to base next day. Arrived safely at base.	A.84
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" HQ 416	CAPT P/O Sherwood, H.C. NAV SGT POWERS, R.A. P/A P/O MACKAY, G.L. W/O P/O KERR, C.G. P/S SGT GREEN, W.B. A/C SGT WILK, C.D. A/C SGT GARDNER, D.T.	J.23409 R.149415 J.23993 J.17500 1666520 R.76462 R.191153	19.01	01.20	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs. flying 23,500 ft. at 165 M.P.H. Visibility was poor due to haze and thin layer of cloud up to about 20,000 ft. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares visible on the ground. Fires could be seen burning on both East and West sides of City and many bomb bursts seen in target area. Seemed to be well concentrated attack and if F.P.F. were accurate, should be a successful raid. No A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained to the A/C. Crew was diverted to FRANKFURT and flew the A/C back to base the following day.	A.85
18/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "F" HQ 384	CAPT P/L LAWLER, R.J. NAV SGT WOOD, J.P. P/A P/S WYLLIE, S. W/O SGT HARRIS, A.C. P/S SGT ROWLEY, C.S. A/C SGT ATKINS, R.J. A/C SGT BRIDGMAN, J.L.	J.5102 1456197 R.132421 1127307 1804110 R.191525 322606	19.56	00.02	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. at 175 M.P.H. Visibility only fair due to a heavy haze. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares which were quite concentrated. If F.P.F. were accurate should be a successful raid but as this A/C dropped the bombs early in the attack it is difficult to assess the extent of damage wrought. There was no damage sustained to this A/C by flak and no A/C encountered. This A/C was diverted to FRANKFURT and the crew flew it back to base the following day.	A.86

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16/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" LN. 319	CPT F/L BALLETT, E.I. NAV F/C BROWN, R.A. F/A F/C BREWSTER, Y. F/S W/C WAKEL, E.S. F/S SGT HUIE, L. W/C F/C FREEDMAN, C.E. A/C F/S FORTA, V.	R.56186 J.14212 R.120655 R.22227 1194501 R.157648 R.165430	18.51	22.12	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs abandoned the task at 20.42 hrs. while flying at 19,000 ft. at a position 51.30N 02.00 E. due to the airspeed indicator going U/S and the fact that they were running into icing conditions. Returned safely to base and brought back the full load of bombs.	A.87
16/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "G" LN. 437	CPT F/S STEWART, C.J. NAV F/C GAGNEY, G. F/A F/S GAGNEY, F.S. F/S W/C VIVIAN, J.H. F/S SGT BOWEN, G.E. W/C SGT MORRILL, W.A. A/C SGT HUGH, W.D.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106317 R.123750 R.191123 R.163427	19.12	01.13	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 170 M.P.H. Visibility was only fair due to thin haze. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares which were quite well concentrated. One large fire was noticed about one mile west of the concentration of red flares. Fairly heavy concentration over target at time of bombing. Should be a very successful raid. Glow of fires could be seen over 50 miles. No E/A's encountered and no flak damage sustained by this A/C. This A/C was diverted to FRANKFURT and the crew flew it back to base the following day.	A.88
16/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "V" LN. 462	CPT F/S BIRTON, R.W. NAV F/S STRAHER, C.R. F/A SGT MERRIN, D.L. W/C W/C CRANFORD, S.L. F/S SGT BOWEN, G.E. W/C SGT BELL, E.C. A/C SGT HUGH, W.D.	R.147766 R.161157 R.159712 R.125148 R.57095 R.163088 R.200017	19.44	23.40	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs abandoned the task at 20.47 hrs. position 51.03 N 03.42 E. while flying at 22,000 ft. due to navigational aids becoming unreliable. "See" fires were putting the A/C over land when it should have been over the sea. Returned to base safely and brought back full load of bombs.	A.89
16/19th MARCH	HALIFAX III "T" LN. 910	CPT W/C MATHER, A.R. NAV W/C CLARK, A. F/A F/S COOPER, D.A. W/C SGT GARY, G. F/S SGT CATTON, H.J. W/C SGT SEELY, C.A. A/C W/C HAYWARD, C.T.	R.95377 R.140034 R.157430 1126974 1421052 R.77145 R.112303	19.18	00.50	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. Visibility was poor due to a heavy haze. Bombs were dropped at centre of red target flares. F.P.F. were well concentrated and many fires seen in the target area which could be definitely identified as being in the built-up area. There were also bombs seen to burst in the area circled by dummy decoys. The attack developed quickly and it can be generally said that the bombing was quite concentrated. No E/A's encountered and no flak damage sustained. A/C was diverted to FRANKFURT but crew after D.L. and refuel flew it back to base next day.	A.90

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22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" LW. 318	CAPT LC. JOSEPH, A. NAV P/O WOODSWORTH, J. W/A P/S TARDER, E.G. W/G W/O JAMES, J. P/S SGT JARVIS, C. W/G S/O WATSON, J. W/G SGT JACOBSON, J.W.	C. 886286 J. 20965 R. 155991 R. 113921 R. 1604938 R. 155072 R. 194844	17.48	00.47 GARDENING	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.20 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 250 M.P.H. in position 54.36N. 10.54.30" East. Visibility good with 1/10th broken cloud with tops 7-8,000 ft. Released all successfully, no defects found. No trouble of any kind with fighters, flak. Red flares were well grouped about 1/2 mile apart and were accurately placed. Good trip and crew brought it safely back to base.	A.91
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" LW. 430	CAPT P/O READE, E.S. NAV P/O FLEMING, A.G. W/A P/S TARDER, E.G. W/G SGT JEWELL, E.G. P/S SGT MACDONALD, J. W/G SGT EVANS, E.G. W/G W/O ROOPE, C.W.	J. 24321 J. 25722 R. 155018 R. 161346 R. 162242 R. 187401 R. 63411	18.04	00.41 GARDENING	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.17 hours flying at 15,000 ft. at 248 M.P.H. in position 54.36 N. 10.54.30. Visibility was good only 1 to 2/10th cloud. Released all successfully, no trouble with flak or fighters. Flares were well concentrated. Good trip, uneventful and crew brought it safely back to base.	A.92
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" LW. 462	CAPT P/S BURTON, E.W. NAV P/S STRASSER, O.H. W/A SGT MERRILL, D.L. W/G W/O CHAMFORD, E.H. P/S SGT MURPHY, J.M. W/G SGT REIF, E.G. W/G SGT HENRY, C.L.	R. 147766 R. 161157 R. 155712 R. 125148 R. 157895 R. 163088 R. 209817	18.05	23.50 GARDENING	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.24 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 248 M.P.H. at position 54.36 N. 10.54.30" E. Visibility - slight haze but no cloud on target area. No trouble of any kind. Markers were placed accurately on track. Should be a very successful effort. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.93
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" LW. 438	CAPT P/O HUGH, W.F. NAV P/O STEINMAN, G.E. W/A P/S MAY, E.S. W/G SGT FORD, C.A. P/S SGT DOUGHERTY, W. W/G SGT MAYOR, G.W. W/G SGT CHATWIN, R.D.	J. 12224 J. 22862 R. 156717 R. 151041 R. 156684 R. 210290 R. 164478	19.02	0117 BOOMBING FRAGPARADE	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. 1/10th cloud, patchy at 19,000 ft. but visibility was good. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares which were well concentrated and well placed. Fairly large fires seen, the glow of which could be seen for a distance of 120 miles. No A/C encountered but no flak. Had a very good trip. think this should be a successful effort. Came back to base safely but on landing the undercarriage was not locked down with the result that the A/C made a belly landing doing considerable damage.	A.94
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 379	CAPT P/L LOUDON, M.S. NAV P/S HALL, E.S. W/A SGT MADON, R.M. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/S SGT THOMPSON, H. W/G SGT CORRENT, E.S. W/G SGT DOWD, E.W.	J. 0846 R. 149095 R. 155065 R. 135703 R. 156597 R. 189727 R. 164254	17.29	00.35 GARDENING	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.26 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 234 M.P.H. at position 54.55 N. 10.55 E. Visibility was good with 6/10th light layer of cloud with tops at 6-8,000 ft. Released full load successfully and had a good trip being neither bothered by A/C or by flak. Returned safely to base.	A.95

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22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "2" LW. 34	CDT P/O KIRBY, R.A. NAV P/O FAIRBANK, R. P/O A/C DRYDEN, R.A. P/O SGT PARRY, R.A. P/O SGT CAINE, P.A. P/O SGT CUBBER, J.A. A/C SGT BRIDGES, P.A.	R.153729 CAN. 4832 4.27079 1411387 1000910 R.210116 R.165420	19.00	01.11	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.58 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. 6-7/10th cloud with tops of 15,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombs dropped at centre of cluster of red flares. Many fires concentrated in target area. Three large fires seen and the glow of these could be observed over 100 miles. 8 - 30 lb. bombs hung up but they were successfully jet-timed at 21.15 hr. 02.34 hr. at 23.25 hrs. Some congestion over the target. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. This A/C returned safely to base.	A.96
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "1" LW. 40	CDT P/O HILL, W.F. NAV P/O HERRICK, J.A. P/O SGT DOWNEY, J.A. P/O SGT FALCONER, P.A. P/O SGT RICHARDS, S. P/O SGT GIBSON, J.A.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 1600637 167,763 R.125232 R.191757	19.11	01.55	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 21.58 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. 6/10th broken patches of cloud with tops of 17,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombs dropped in centre of three clusters of markers which is believed to have been the concentration in the centre of the city. There were a large number of fires in the target area. All the bombs were successfully released. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	A.97
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "1" LW. 700	CDT S/L WESTLAND, J.A. NAV P/O HALL, J.B. P/O SGT DAVIES, J.A. P/O SGT BARR, S.W. P/O SGT DAVIES, P.A. P/O SGT ATKINSON, W.A. A/C SGT BRIDGES, P.A.	J.2072 J.14776 J.22064 1311306 1655223 R.141311 R.183940	18.09	00.21	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.26 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 256 M.P.H. at position 54.35N. 1056E. Visibility was good with 4/10th broken cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Load successfully released, no E/A/C encountered and no flak to contend with. On the whole a very good trip.	
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "1" LW. 319	CDT P/O HAMILTON, P.A. NAV P/O MCCORMICK, D. P/O SGT LYON, J.E. P/O SGT FALLOTT, G.O. P/O SGT DOWLING, W.A. P/O SGT CORNELIUS, G. A/C SGT COMPTON, G.A.	J.11556 J.24223 J.25705 R.141179 2209566 R.210069 R.124448	17.45	00.16	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.23 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 230 M.P.H. at position 54.37N. 1054E. Weather was clear and visibility exceptionally good. Full load released successfully, no E/A/C seen or encountered and no flak. Pilot reports that markings appeared to be dropped in a fairly scattered pattern. A/C brought safely back to base.	A.99
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "3" LW. 437	CDT P/O STEWART, G.J. NAV P/O GAGNEY, A.G. P/O SGT GREEN, P.A. P/O SGT VIVIAN, J.E. P/O SGT ROBERTS, G.A. A/C SGT HUFF, W.D. P/O SGT MORRIS, R.A.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106317 R.125760 R.163427 R.191125	17.55	00.54	This A/C carrying RADISHES planted them at 21.50 hrs. flying 15,000 ft. at 230 M.P.H. at position 54.35 N. 1054E. Visibility was good although there was 1/10th broken clouds with tops to 6,000 ft. Pilot reports red flares were well grouped about one mile apart between clusters. No E/A/C seen and no flak. Good trip and A/C was brought safely back to base.	A.100

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22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "X" LN. 910	CAPT W/O MATHER, A. T. NAV W/O CRAIN, A. P/A P/S CORCORAN, M. A. W/C SGT CARRY, E. P/S SGT CATTON, R. W/C SGT SEWELL, J. A. W/O W/O HAYWARD, C. T.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 157430 R. 1126974 R. 1521082 R. 77145 R. 112303	18.00	00.38 GASLIGHTING	This A/C carrying RAD15883 planted them at 21.25 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 250 M.P.H. at position 54.26N. 1054 E. Visibility moderate as there was a slight haze at 12,000 ft. Released load successfully and met with no difficulties throughout whole trip. Four ships seen at 54.8N. 1023E while flying at 15,500 ft. at 21.30 hrs. Good trip and A/C brought safely back to base.	A. 1021
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "X" LN. 437	CAPT P/O CROSBIE, D. A. NAV P/S MCLENNAN, P. A. P/A P/O WILKINSON, J. A. W/C SGT BROWN, R. W. P/S SGT FRYE, C. A. W/C SGT BOWEN, M. J. W/C SGT TRUMAN, R. D.	J. 21660 4.21364 J. 36318 R. 161283 R. 1866204 R. 178922 R. 140396	17.56	21.59 GASLIGHTING	This A/C carrying RAD15883 planted them at 54.26N. 1054E. at 21.25 hrs. while flying 15,000 ft. at 248 M.P.H. Good visibility with 1/10th broken cumulus clouds. Released whole load successfully. No 2/A/C encountered and no flak to contend with. Got back to base and overhauled the runway on touchdown and swung which necessitated 750C action. (note ff)	A. 102
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" LN. 416	CAPT P/O SHERRICK, M. C. NAV SGT FERGUSON, J. A. P/A P/O SHERRICK, M. C. W/C P/S SMITH, R. P. P/S SGT SMITH, W. E. W/C SGT WILK, C. D. W/C SGT ANDREWS, D. T.	J. 21409 R. 141415 J. 29984 R. 76423 R. 166520 R. 76462 R. 191153	18.08	01.30 FRANKING	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.01 hrs. flying 23,500 ft. at 165 M.P.H. Visibility good with 2/10th cloudy and fog with tops at 10,000 ft. Released bombs on target in concentration of red flames. P.P.P. very congested and heavy firing fiercely burning in the target area. One large explosion at 21.57 hrs. lasting 3 seconds. 30 - 4 lb. bombs hung up. Should be a very successful raid if P.P.P. was accurate. No congestion over target. Flare of fires seen for about 100 miles. No 2/A/C encountered and no damage sustained from flak. Brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 103
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" LN. 552	CAPT P/S VANCE, E. NAV P/O LAWRENCE, W. P/A P/S SHAW, E. W/C SGT ROGERS, E. P/S SGT JAMESON, P. A. W/C SGT ADAM, J. R. W/C SGT FERGUSON, J.	R. 135334 J. 23484 R. 143000 R. 1832120 R. 1664769 R. 135216 R. 195070	19.03	20.07 BOSSING FRANKING	This A/C carrying 694 incendiary bombs had to abandon the task due to Air Speed Indicator not functioning. Jettisoned bombs at 19.29 hrs. from a height of 3,000 ft. at position 54.2N 0009E. Landed at base but at too great a speed and overshot the runway causing damage to the A/C. 750C action required. No personnel hurt but all shaken up.	A. 104
22/23rd MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" LN. 314	CAPT P/O BOWEN, R. H. NAV P/O MAY, A. P/A P/O HORTON, W. E. W/C P/O HORTON, W. E. P/S P/S MICHAEL, R. W/O P/O SHERRICK, M. C. W/C SGT WILSON, R. D.	J. 23589 J. 22828 J. 23207 R. 67302 R. 60144 J. 18614 R. 193038	18.02	00.15 GASLIGHTING	This A/C carrying RAD15883 planted them at 21.24 hrs. while flying at 15,000 ft. at 230 M.P.H. at position 54.26N. 1054E. Visibility good - 3/10th broken clouds. No congestion for 2/A/C or flak to contend with. Trouble free trip throughout. Good trip.	A. 105

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24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" 124.318	COPT W/C BATES, A. T. NAV W/C CHAM, A. W/A W/C CORREY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 1257430 1125974 1321082 R. 17445 R. 112303	18.35	01.55 BOBING BOBING	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.36 hrs. Flying at 21,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. Dropped bombs on concentration of red flames and yellow stars. Early on target, difficult to say degree of success of raid although after leaving target glow of fires could be seen for several minutes. No A/C encountered and no damage received by flak. Returned safely to base.	A. 106
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" 124.335	COPT W/C BATES, A. T. NAV W/C CHAM, A. W/A W/C CORREY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 1257430 1125974 1321082 R. 17445 R. 112303	18.35	01.55 BOBING BOBING	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs is missing from operations.	A. 107
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "T" 124.310	COPT W/C BATES, A. T. NAV W/C CHAM, A. W/A W/C CORREY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 1257430 1125974 1321082 R. 17445 R. 112303	18.35	02.28 BOBING BOBING	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.35 hrs. Flying at 21,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. 10/10th strata cloud with top at 5-5,000 ft. Visibility good. Identified target by concentration of red flames and yellow stars. Dropped on glow on clouds. Glow on clouds covered large area but it was too thick to assess damage created. Rather disappointing trip but think the target pretty well bombed. No A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Returned to base.	A. 108
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "L" 124.316	COPT W/C BATES, A. T. NAV W/C CHAM, A. W/A W/C CORREY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 1257430 1125974 1321082 R. 17445 R. 112303	18.35	01.45 BOBING BOBING	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.43 hrs. Flying at 20,500 ft. at 180 M.P.H. 8/10th cloud covered target area. No flak visible so bombed on glow of fires when master of ceremonies could be heard the loudest. Concentration of fires was large w/l could be discerned but they could not pierce the clouds. No A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Landed at 02.15 and flew A/C back to base the following day.	A. 109
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" 124.304	COPT W/C BATES, A. T. NAV W/C CHAM, A. W/A W/C CORREY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G. W/C SGT CARRY, G.	R. 95577 R. 141034 R. 1257430 1125974 1321082 R. 17445 R. 112303	18.36	02.00 BOBING BOBING	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.46 hrs. Flying at 21,500 ft. at 165 M.P.H. 6 to 7/10th cloud over the target area but horizontal visibility good. Dropped bombs on several small white lights. Target area seemed well lit by fires as this A/C arrived after most of raid was over. Hard to assess damage created. Landed at WEST RAYNSHAM and flew A/C back to base the following day.	A. 110

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24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "C" DL 314	CAPT P/O DOUG, J. J.16112 MAY P/O MASON, J.R. J.20714 W/A P/O GROSCHAU, A. E.161229 W/E SGT STEWART, P. 137541 P/E SGT BOLTON, J.S. 1581788 W/G SGT ATKINS, R.J. E.191525 A/G SGT ROGERS, T.J. 1852120		18.40	01.55	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.58 hrs. flying at 20,500 ft. at 180 M.P.H. Dropped bombs on centre of red target indicators. There was a good concentration generally but there were some scattered fires. Noticed one large explosion 5 minutes before this A/C released bombs. Damage sustained to starboard inner nacelle and starboard flap by cannon shell from E/A/C. Took evasive action but did not return fire. No flak damage to A/C. Master of ceremonies very helpful. Attack seemed well concentrated. Short of petrol so landed at ONDERSBURGH and flew A/C back to base on following day.	A.111
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" DL 318	CAPT P/O GROSCHAU, A. J.21660 MAY P/O HOLMES, R. E.421364 W/A P/O TITMUS, J. J.26310 W/E SGT BROWN, R. E.161283 P/E SGT FRYAL, C. E.178222 W/G SGT BOURNE, R. E.185396 A/G SGT CHILKOT, R. E.185396		18.30	02.15	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. Visibility hazy, broken cloud 2-3/10th with tops at 3-4,000 ft. Horizontal visibility good. Bombed on centre of red flares. Fires seemed concentrated around target indicators. Slight opposition. Large number of ineffective S/L seen. Not a very heavy concentration of effort by whar could be observed. Returned safely to base.	A.112
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "V" DL 462	CAPT P/O BROWN, R. E.147766 MAY P/O THORP, J. R. E.161157 W/A SGT LALAN, J. E.155712 W/E W/O JOHNSON, E. E.125148 P/E SGT BROWN, R. E.197695 W/G SGT BELL, E. E.163008 A/G SGT MOULT, J. E.203317		18.32	02.07	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.39 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 180 M.P.H. Horizontal visibility good - low heavy haze over target area. Dropped bombs on concentration of red flares. Many fires were burning over target area. Some small scattered fires were noticed also. Although E.P.M. markers were too meagre it should prove to be a good effort. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. A/C flew back to base.	A.113
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "W" DL 780	CAPT P/O WESTLAND, J. E.2072 MAY P/O HALL, J. E.14776 W/A P/O GALT, J. E.22864 W/E P/O DEER, S. E.131306 P/E SGT DAVIES, H. E.165383 W/G SGT BAILLIE, R. E.183945 A/G P/O ATKINSON, W. E.183311		18.52	02.30	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 22.57 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. 3/10th cloud with tops at 20,000 ft. Horizontal visibility good. Bombed centre of red flares and yellow stars. No fire seen. Three large explosions noticed which lasted 2 to 3 seconds. Should be fairly successful raid. Master of ceremonies helpful and well heard very clearly. Glow of fires could be seen 80 miles. No E/A/C and no flak damage sustained to this A/C. Landed safely at base. 60-8 lb. bombs hung up.	A.114

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24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" LW. 440	CAPT P/O BARROW, R.A.	J. 19040	19.10	23.25	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs had to abandon the task at position 5500 N 09 30E at 21.07 hrs. while flying at 21,000 ft. as the Rear Gunner claimed he was not getting sufficient oxygen to carry on. Turned back as stated above and brought full load of bombs safely back to base. On investigation it turned out that Rear Gunner was suffering from a very bad cold and a headache and should not have gone on the operation.	A. 115
		NAV W/O LOTHOUSE, J.	R. 147155		BOEING		
		W/O W/O KILIAN, R.A.	R. 103026		BOEING		
		W/O SGT WOOD, R.A.	R. 119011				
		W/O SGT BAKER, R.A.	R. 107517				
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 879	CAPT P/O HILL, W.R.	J. 24296	18.44	02.25	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 22.27 hrs. but as no I.P.M. markers had been and there was 10/10th cloud covering target area no action was taken. Came back at 22.57 hrs. flying at 20,500 ft. at 100 M.P.H. and bombed the glow of fires on the ground. DROUGHT to assess damage created due to cloud covering target area. No A/C and no flak to be observed. Brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 116
		NAV P/O BORGWILL, T.	J. 23110		BOEING		
		W/O SGT DOWSON, W.R.	R. 156772		BOEING		
		W/O SGT PARSONS, I.E.	1600297				
		W/O SGT SHERIDAN, S.	R. 167485				
24/25th MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" LW. 316	CAPT P/O HILLMAN, T.R.	J. 26745	18.34	02.02	This A/C carrying 506 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 24.05 hrs. while flying at 21,600 ft. at 100 M.P.H. This A/C arrived late over the target and bombed on fire, which could be seen through gaps in the clouds. Clouds reflected glow of many fires. HZ became W/S at about 21.00 hrs. came on again at 01.30 hrs. Useless throughout trip. No signs of fighting wind. Waited for wind broadcast at 21.20 hrs. and arrived over target late. No A/C and no flak damage to A/C. Landed at WIDEFELM. and flew A/C back to base the following day.	A. 117
		NAV P/O HAY, R.A.	G. 2213		BOEING		
		W/O W/O SPANDE, R.A.	R. 125779		BOEING		
		W/O P/O GOSWORTHY, I.R.	J. 27001				
		W/O SGT SHERIDAN, S.	R. 1600296				
25/26th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" LW. 313	CAPT P/O HAMILTON, R.A.	J. 16121	18.51	00.35	This A/C carrying full load of 5 - 1,000 lb. bombs and 12 - 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.48 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Visibility good above cloud but 1/10th haze to a height of 4,000 ft. interfered somewhat. Dropped bombs on group of 100 I.P.M. markers seemed to be in three areas in target area and we landed in the centre of one where most of the bombs seemed to be going. Looked like a very successful attack. No trouble throughout the whole trip. Completely uneventful. Brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 118
		NAV W/O BURN, J.A.	R. 129059		BOEING		
		W/O W/O BERRY, R.A.	J. 20914		BOEING		
		W/O SGT KELSON, W.R.	R. 130883				
		W/O SGT HARRISON, W.	R. 124466				
25/26th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" LW. 313	W/O SGT HARRISON, W.R.	R. 210500				
		W/O SGT TOWN, J.M.	R. 137753				

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26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "E" IX.319	W/C WATSON, P.O. W/C MACDONALD, D. W/O MITCHELL, J.F. W/O PALLETT, G.O. W/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. W/C SGT CORNELIUS, C. W/C SGT COLLIER, G.A.	J.11556 J.24223 J.15703 J.14179 J.23136 J.21006 J.12448	19.51	01.23	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lbs. and 630 x 4 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs. flying at 21,900 ft. 10/10th cloud with small breaks and good visibility. The target was identified by markers and green stars. The A.C. appeared to be very concentrated and although clouds prevented accurate observations the attack appeared to be heavily concentrated and should be successful. 96 x 4 lb. bombs hung up and were brought back.	A.119
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "S" IX.437	W/C S/L BISHOP, H.W. W/C DUNN, R.V. W/O FAULSTICH, R.F. W/O SGT MILES, G.E. W/C SGT BERRY, J.H. W/C SGT ALLEN, J.B.	J.9666 J.9487 J.22084 J.19300 J.280135 J.196449 J.144019	20.04	01.31	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs. flying at 22,300 ft. 10/10th cloud with tops 15,000 ft. Numerous vapour trails below this A/C spoilt visibility to a large extent. Red and green markers were seen and bombs were dropped accordingly although results could not be observed due to heavy clouds. Should be a successful raid. 30 x 4 lb. bombs hung up and were brought back. The glow of fires could be seen reflected on the clouds.	A.120
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "P" IX.384	W/C WATSON, P.O. W/O BURNS, C.D. W/O SEXTON, R.V. W/O SGT THOMSON, W.F. W/O SGT BISHOP, H.W. W/C SGT MIDDLEBURY, W. W/C SGT POWERS, J.H.	J.16121 J.129899 J.20814 J.130883 J.180466 J.210600 J.187753	20.01	02.02	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. Visibility was fair due to vapour cloud and 10/10 cloud with tops of 14,000 ft. Markers were seen and bombs dropped accordingly. Heavy clouds prevented seeing results of bombing but glow of fires could be seen reflected on the main clouds. Should be successful raid.	A.121
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "V" IX.402	W/C S/L BISHOP, H.W. W/O BISHOP, G.R. W/O SEXTON, R.V. W/O SGT BISHOP, H.W. W/C SGT MILES, G.E. W/C SGT HOLLY, C.L.	J.14766 J.161357 J.135636 J.125148 J.157695 J.163088 J.209037	19.53	01.03	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. 8/10th cloud with tops at 2,000 ft. Markers were seen and bombs were dropped accordingly. Bursts were seen reflected on clouds. Attack appeared to be accurate, and well concentrated and should give good results. The glow from the fires could be seen very faintly reflected on the clouds. Opposition was less than anticipated.	A.122
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" IX.316	W/C S/L BISHOP, H.W. W/O BISHOP, G.R. W/O SEXTON, R.V. W/O SGT BISHOP, H.W. W/C SGT MILES, G.E. W/C SGT HOLLY, C.L.	J.24296 J.23110 J.156772 J.1600297 J.1574283 J.125323 J.191757	20.05	01.15	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.10 hrs. flying at 20,500 ft. poor visibility and 10/10th cloud but markers were seen through breaks in clouds and bombs were released accordingly. Flashes were seen and a large area of fire. Glow was seen reflected on clouds. Should be a successful raid. 4 x 30 lb. bombs hung up and were brought back.	A.123

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25/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LW.432	CAPT P/O CROSBIE, D.A. NAV P/O MURPHY, J.H. P/O P/O TRENKLE, J.H. P/O SGT BROWN, R.W. P/O SGT RYALL, C.W. P/O SGT BOURNEMOUTH, J. P/O SGT HARRIS	J.22660 J.23154 J.25318 R.151283 R.1866204 R.270922 R.192633	19.52	01.14	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. Fair visibility. 10/10th cloud with top at 16,000 ft. Target was identified by shapes and green starry marks were dropped accordingly. Due to heavy cloud no direct assessment could be made as to results although two "GLOW" bombs were seen reflected on the cloud. Should be a successful raid.	A.124
25/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "F" LW.910	CAPT P/O MACKENZIE, J.D. NAV P/O JONES, C.J. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H.	A.142387 J.14235 J.22119 J.132825 J.22119 R.194123 R.186279	19.51	01.08	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. 10/10th cloud top at 15,000 ft. but hundreds of vapour trails below this A/C hindered visibility. Markers were identified and bombs dropped accordingly. Although no results could be seen because of cloud. Glows could be seen reflected on cloud covering a fairly large area.	A.125
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "H" LW.780	CAPT P/O MILLER, T.H. NAV P/O AM, H.T. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H.	J.25745 O.2233 R.125779 J.27681 R.225946 J.27635 J.29417	20.06	01.52	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. and 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. cloud with top at 18,000 ft. with fresher here and there. Markers were identified and bombs dropped accordingly. Due to cloud thickness results were difficult to assess but glows could be seen reflected on clouds and covering a large area. Should be a successful raid.	A.126
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "H" LW.745	CAPT P/O YAMER, E. NAV P/O LAMBERT, W.J. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H.	R.135134 J.23494 R.143600 J.132176 R.1864769 R.135216 R.195070	20.07	01.09	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. 6/10th cloud with top at 2,000 ft. Markers were identified through breaks in cloud and bombs dropped accordingly. Bombing effect concentrated and glows could be seen reflected on clouds and covering a large area. Should be a successful raid. <i>slightly damaged on landing</i>	A.127
26/27th MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" LW.313	CAPT P/O BARNES, R.H. NAV P/O LAY, A.D. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H. P/O SGT BAKER, E.H.	J.23099 J.22859 J.23097 R.67302 R.1864769 J.18414 J.2725	19.59	01.27	This A/C carrying 64 x 30 lb. plus 630 x 4 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. 6/10th cloud, poor visibility, partly due to vapor trails. Target was identified by markers seen in breaks in clouds. Difficult to assess results due to cloud but glows could be seen reflected on clouds, and covering a considerable area. Should be a successful raid.	A.128

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30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "A" LN. 879	C/Pt E/O DOUG, J. NAV E/O MASON, J.R. A/E W/O ORRILL, R.L. W/O SGT STEWART, D. E/E SGT BOLTON, J.S. W/O SGT AUSTIN, R.J. A/O SGT ROBERT, R.J.	J.16112 J.20714 R.1351229 1307541 1581765 R.191525 1852120	21.35	05.19	BOMBING NUREMBERG This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs is missing after this operation.	A.129
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "D" LN. 316	C/Pt E/O HILL, W.F. NAV E/O HORSWILL, R.B. A/E E/O DOWNER, J.A. W/O SGT PARSONS, I.E. E/E SGT HOPKINS, S. W/O SGT SUGGENT, D.M. A/O SGT GREEN, V.L.	J.24296 R.25110 R.156772 1600297 1674783 R.125232 R.191737	21.35	05.19	BOMBING NUREMBERG This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.17 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. There was 4/10th cloud over the target area but horizontal visibility was good. Dropped bombs on red sky markers which were well concentrated. Many fires were seen in the target area and the whole target was well lit up by bomb lights and fires. Target was considerably congested at time of bombing. Two A/C were seen to be sent down to crash by E/A/C. Great S/L activity over the enemy territory particularly in the RUE. The crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	A.130
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "F" LN. 440	C/Pt E/O HAMILTON, S. JES NAV W/O BURNS, O.D. A/E E/O EATON, R.V. W/O E/O THOMSON, W.F. E/E SGT HARRISON, W. W/O SGT KILGORE, W. A/O SGT POWERS, V.L.	J.16121 R.129889 R.30914 R.130883 1824486 R.210600 R.187753	21.35	05.15	BOMBING NUREMBERG This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs had to jettison its bombs 30 miles North of the target at a height of 9,000 ft. due to being badly shot up by enemy fighters before reaching the target. The fighter attacked head on and put equipment in A/C W/S to the extent that the crew could not get back to base. Landed at WEST COLLING and crew came back to base by train as the A/C is being serviced there but will not be ready for some days.	A.131
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "H" LN. 442	C/Pt E/O BURTON, R.W. NAV E/L LEE, J.C. A/E SGT MCNALLY, D.L. W/O W/O ORRILL, R.L. E/E SGT HOLMES, J.M. W/O SGT HILL, S.G. A/O SGT MACK, G.L.	R.147766 J.2311 R.155712 R.125148 R.57695 R.163086 R.208937	21.43	05.02	BOMBING NUREMBERG This A/C carrying a full load of six incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.16 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 170 m.p.h. There was 7/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. but glimpses of target could be seen through rifts in the cloud. Dropped 570 - 4 lb. and 36 - 30 lb. bombs in the centre of a concentration of about ten red and yellow sky marker flares. The fires burning below caused a red glow on the clouds. Bombing seemed to be well concentrated. For some unknown reason 30 - 4 lb. and 4 - 30 lb. bombs hung up. No E/A encountered but had to land at BUNDECH, ST. JOHN, IRELAND due to shortage of petrol. Flew A/C back to base the following day.	A.132
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "J" LN. 437	C/Pt E/O LAMBERT, J.L. NAV W/O PRADON, W.T. A/E E/O GUNTER, G.L. W/O W/O HAINES, L.A. E/E SGT SCHWEL, R.S. W/O SGT FINEAU, G.J. A/O E/O WAT, S.G.	J.20360 R.90453 J.20167 R.124635 1656196 R.217641 J.19099	21.32	05.48	BOMBING NUREMBERG This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.25 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. and dropped the bombs on the centre of concentration of glow. Due to cloud covering this raid is believed to be just moderate in its success as it seemed a bit scattered. Encountered E/A/C on two separate occasions but successfully eluded them. Landed at BUNDECH as two S/L W/S and W/L indicated being there. Flew A/C back to base the next day.	A.133

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30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" EX. 313	1st S/O BARKER, R.H. 2nd S/O MAY, A.H. 3rd S/O MORRISON, J.H. 4th S/O MORRISON, W.H. 5th S/O DAWSON, D. 6th S/O MORRISON, J.H. 7th S/O WILLIAMS, L.H.	J.23899 J.23899 J.23807 E.67502 E.180226 E.180226 40725	21.57	06.50	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.17 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. at 170 m.p.h. 8/10th cloud over target area with tops at 12,000 ft. with some breaks which disclosed target occasionally. Dropped bombs on centre of 3 sets of sky markers. P.P.P. was well concentrated and markers were not hit in these spots fairly close together. At 01.16 hrs. saw a large explosion and white smoke followed by through break in the cloud for over two minutes. S/O encountered twice but evasive action was successful. Many others seen and large numbers of vapor trails noticed indicating fair concentration of A/C over target area. Landed safely at base.	A.134
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" EX. 314	1st S/O BARKER, R.H. 2nd S/O LOPMOUTH, J. 3rd S/O MORRISON, J.H. 4th S/O MORRISON, W.H. 5th S/O DAWSON, D. 6th S/O MORRISON, J.H. 7th S/O WILLIAMS, L.H.	J.19840 E.147155 E.153656 1199677 1870630 E.207627 E.171696	21.43	05.11	This A/C carrying a full load of bombs abandoned the task due to trouble with the port inner engine. Jettisoned bombs at 5500 ft. 0032Z. at 02.24 hrs. flying at 5,000 ft. Returned early to base.	A.135
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" EX. 790	1st S/O YALLES, R. 2nd S/O LAMBERT, R. 3rd S/O BENTON, R. 4th S/O ROBERT, R. 5th S/O ROBERT, R. 6th S/O ROBERT, R. 7th S/O ROBERT, R.	J.135354 J.23494 E.145800 1323176 1664709 E.132216 E.195070	21.22	05.25	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over target at 01.25 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. at 175 m.p.h. There was 5 to 6/10th cloud covering target area with tops at 16 - 17,000 ft. Visibility fair. Released bombs on centre of fire on target indicators could be seen. No sky markers were visible when first over the target area. 30 - 40 bombs did not release. No A/C encountered through the trip. The fires were well concentrated and could be seen for a distance of 40 miles. This crew landed at 10500 ft. due to petrol shortage. Could not land at briefed diversion point due to cloud. Flew A/C back to base the following day.	A.136
30/31st MARCH	HALIFAX III "B" EX. 319	1st S/O BARKER, R.H. 2nd S/O MORRISON, J.H. 3rd S/O MORRISON, W.H. 4th S/O DAWSON, D. 5th S/O MORRISON, J.H. 6th S/O WILLIAMS, L.H. 7th S/O WILLIAMS, L.H.	J.11556 J.24223 E.161240 E.141179 2801368 E.210069 E.126448	21.55	05.34	This A/C carrying a full load of bombs arrived over the target at 01.50 hrs. flying at 20,800 ft. at 160 m.p.h. Dropped bombs on the target where it is thought they would be most effective. Saw three bombers shot down by S/O. One at 2010Z. 0650Z. at 00.16 hrs. one at 2035Z. 0640Z. at 0014 hrs. and the last at 2040Z. 0610Z. at 00.31 hrs. The defenses were very concentrated south of COLOMBE. Landed at FORD due to shortage of petrol but flew A/C back to base next day.	A.137

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30/31st MARCH	BALTIMORE III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MACHENIE, D.R. NAV P/O GIBBS, C.J. W/O SGT RALPH, E.D. P/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D.	R. 142387 R. 14215 R. 22189 R. 138235 R. 1822155 R. 1822155	21.31	05.13 BOMBING BOMBING	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over target at 01.19 hrs. Flying at 21,000 ft. cloud covered target but A/C dropped its bombs where the crew thought they would do the greatest amount of damage. The Rear Gunner reports seeing an unidentified A/C catching fire and disappearing into the clouds leaving a trail of black smoke. Two spare-row flares were seen to burst over the target area at about the same time. Many 3/4-24 in the clouds. Flashes of light and many 2/4-30 about. Landed at LITTON HASTED and flew to base the following day.	A. 138
30/31st MARCH	BALTIMORE III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MACHENIE, D.R. NAV P/O GIBBS, C.J. W/O SGT RALPH, E.D. P/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D.	R. 142387 R. 14215 R. 22189 R. 138235 R. 1822155 R. 1822155	21.31	05.13 BOMBING BOMBING	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs has not been heard of so is reported as missing.	A. 139
30/31st MARCH	BALTIMORE III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MACHENIE, D.R. NAV P/O GIBBS, C.J. W/O SGT RALPH, E.D. P/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D. W/O SGT JAMES, E.D.	R. 142387 R. 14215 R. 22189 R. 138235 R. 1822155 R. 1822155	21.31	05.30 BOMBING BOMBING	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.23 hrs. Flying at 21,000 ft. and proceeded to drop the bombs where it is considered they would have the greatest effect. While going into the target was attacked by 12.109 from astern but evasive action was taken and A/C veered off without landing fire. Saw one of our A/C - supposed to be a 1/2-30 shot down while over the target area. This A/C landed the A/C at LITTON HASTED due to petrol shortage and flew back to base the following day.	A. 140

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