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APPENDIX

FORM 541.

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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LM. 319	CAPT W/O Blane, J.D. NAV P/O Chapman, A.D. A/B SGT Humming, G.A. W/O P/S Platt, A.L. P/E P/L Wood, W.M.R. M/G SGT Davidson, M.G. A/G SGT Durkin, J.P.	C.198 J.24538 R.161248 R.165189 C.18086 992091 R.163457	21.00	02.51	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.06 hrs. flying 15,000 ft. and travelling at 170 M.P.H. No clouds - visibility good. The red target indicators had just gone out but bombs were dropped where they were last seen. P.F.F. were well concentrated and a goodly number of bomb bursts were seen. One large oily fire was seen near the red target indicators. No congestion over the target area and no encounters with E/A. No damage sustained by flak and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.141
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LM. 432	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.F. NAV P/O GANSHY, A.C. A/B P/O GREENE, P.S. W/O W/O VIVIAN, J.K. P/E SGT ROBERTS, G.R. M/G SGT MORRILL, W.A. A/G SGT HURF, W.B.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106517 R.123750 R.191123 R.163427	20.52	03.24	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.17 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 170 M.P.H. Good clear visibility. Dropped all but 2 x 500 lb. bombs which hung up, on the centre of the red target indicators on the ground. Two clusters of red flares were seen marking the E. and W. of the target. Several large explosions were seen particularly one large oily explosion seen at 00.08 in the middle of the target area. Attack was quite concentrated, bombing very accurate. A large number of A/C were seen on the way in to the target but there was no congestion over the target. Good trip. No flak damage and no damage by fighters. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.142
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "S" LM. 437	CAPT P/O LAMBERT, J.M. NAV P/O PHACOCK, M.T. A/B P/O COUTTS, G.L. W/O W/O MATTHEW, J.A. P/E SGT SCAMMILL, R.B. M/G SGT FINEAU, C.J. A/G SGT HARRIS, E.J.	J.20360 R.98453 J.20167 R.124635 R.836156 R.217641 R.192833	20.56	22.18	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs had to abandon the task due to collision with another Halifax III, LM. 551, from LEADING over base at 21.18 hrs. at 8,000 ft. while setting course. This collision tore off lower part of left rudder and rendered 1/5 the whole of the rear turret and wheel. Upon regaining control of A/C proceeded out to position 54.09N, 00.23E. to jettison bombs before returning to base where it was brought to the ground safely and without injury to any of the crew. The crew in the other A/C "G" LM. 551 baled out and while all the crew members safely the result was a washed out A/C.	A.143
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LM. 910	CAPT W/O MACHONIGLE, D.R. NAV P/O COMBE, C.J. A/B P/O CARLE, R.D. M/G SGT BAILLY, P.A. P/E SGT CAMPBELL, J.D. M/G SGT MALLORY, B.D. A/G SGT GIBBS, F.H.	R.142387 J.14215 J.14215 J.14215 J.14215 R.163274 R.166279	20.57	22.43	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.07 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 160 M.P.H. Visibility good with some slight haze. No P.F.F. markers seen but the marshalling yards could be plainly seen by the glow of the fires. Dropped bombs in the centre of the target area. A large explosion noticed at 00.03 hrs. and an orange flame shot up followed by a huge ball of white smoke. P.F.F. were three minutes late. Good trouble-free trip. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained to A/C by flak. Should prove to be a successful raid.	A.144

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9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" IN 961	CAPT E/L LOUDON, H.G. NAV P/S HALL, R.E. W/O SGT WILSON, R.M. W/O SGT WOODMAN, A.G. P/E SGT THOMPSON, B.E. M/G SGT CORREY, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 R.148995 R.155065 R.135783 1514897 R.155727 R.164254	21.01	02.53	BOMBING VILLERUVE ST. GEORGES	A.145
						This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.13 hrs. flying 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Visibility excellent, no clouds. Dropped bombs on target. P.E.s. were good with red target indicators. P.E.P. was late but was concentrated. Had to make an orbit and numerous bombs burst and several large explosions were seen as the first wave were bombing just ahead of this A/C. The H23 and FISH-POD went W/G. The target area on the first run was fairly congested but the other A/C could easily be seen. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained to this A/C by flak. Should be a successful raid. This A/C landed safely at base.	
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" IN 316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV F/O HORSWILL, T.S. P/A F/S DOWNER, J.A. W/O SGT PARSONS, I.E. P/E SGT MICHAELS, S. M/G SGT SHERKIN, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.L.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 1600097 1674783 R.152332 R.191757	21.08	03.04	BOMBING VILLERUVE ST. GEORGES	A.146
						This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.12 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Clear, good visibility. P.E.s. were three minutes late but bombs were dropped on centre of red target indicators. Good bombing results were seen. Own bombs seem to burst right across the target. Good concentration, target should be well covered. Trouble free trip. No E/A/C and no damage sustained to this A/C from flak. Crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "C" IN 961	CAPT F/O MILLMAN, T.E. NAV P/L AMY, H.T. P/A W/O STANUP, B.J. W/O SGT GRANTON, L.R. P/E SGT GRANTON, L.R. M/G F/O MARSHALL, W.E. A/G F/O WILSON, F.N.	J.26745 C.2233 R.125779 1.27881 2209846 1.57835 89417	21.06	02.45	BOMBING VILLERUVE ST. GEORGES	A.147
						This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target area at 00.11 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Visibility was very good with no clouds. Dropped bombs on centre of red flares surrounded by green stars. P.E.s. appeared to be late and we saw some of the first were attached and their bombs were seen to burst right in the marshalling yards. The bombing was well concentrated. Two fires were seen and a considerable amount of smoke. Should be successful raid. Good trips trouble free. No E/A/C encountered and no damage received by flak. Brought A/C safely back to base.	
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" IN 947	CAPT F/O WILSON, H.M. NAV P/L LEE, J.G. P/A F/S MOOREY, H.G. W/O F/S MEYER, W.M. P/E SGT BUCKLETON, R. M/G SGT BURGARD, W.S. A/G F/S MARSHALL, W.A.	J.19098 J.9511 R.135635 R.138000 2209021 R.204833 R.112754	21.07	03.00	BOMBING VILLERUVE ST. GEORGES	A.148
						This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.13 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Visibility was good with a slight ground haze. Dropped bombs on red target indicators. Large number of small fires seen and one large explosion at 00.02 hrs. near North end of target. Dropped 1 x 1000 lb. bomb at 45.57N 00.19E. at 00.53 hrs. flying 16,000 ft. Very good trip. Target well attached. PARIS could be clearly seen. No E/A/C encountered and no damage by flak sustained to this A/C. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	

* (3 hrs used as hangar and was left behind)

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9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "C" HL 318	CAPT LT. COMPTON, A. NAV F/O WORDSWORTH, T. W/O F/S PARKER, M.G. W/O CLARKE, J. P/O SGT JARVIS, D. W/O S/O WARDON, R. A/C SGT JACOBSON, J.	O.886286 J.20965 E.155991 E.113921 E.160438 E.155072 E.194844	20.58	02.57	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.13 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. and dropped bombs on two clusters of red target indicators seen on run-in close together. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up. No congestion over target area although saw about 25 HALIFAX A/C. Little opposition met with. No E/A/C and no flak damage received by this A/C. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.149
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL 959	CAPT W/O MATHER, A.T. NAV W/O CRAIG, A. W/O F/S COCHRAN, D.A. W/O SGT CLARK, G. P/O SGT CLAYTON, H.J. W/O SGT PARK, E.J. A/C W/O HAYWARD, G.T.	E.95377 E.141034 E.157430 E.112694 E.1821082 E.194323 E.112303	20.54	02.21	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.01 hrs. flying 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Clear over the target - visibility excellent. Dropped bombs on red target indicators and saw them burst across the target. There was a good concentration of bomb bursts. P.P.P. particularly good and target well marked. Should be a very successful raid. Trouble free trip. No E/A/C and no damage inflicted on A/C from flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.150
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" HL 962	CAPT F/O CROSBIE, D.A. NAV F/S MOLONEY, P.M. W/O F/S TIMELINE, J.E. W/O SGT BROWN, R.W. P/O SGT PHILLIPS, G.A. W/O SGT BOUDREAU, L.J. A/C SGT TRUDEAU, R.Z.	J.21660 J.421364 J.26318 E.161283 E.186604 E.178922 E.185396	20.59	02.27	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.06 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Visibility very good, no cloud. Dropped bombs on concentration of red target indicators on ground. Large explosion seen at 00.04 hrs. near red target indicators. Many bomb bursts seen. One 1000 lb. bomb hung up. Not particularly congested over target and should prove to be a good raid. Quiet uneventful trip. No E/A/C and no damage sustained to this A/C from flak. Crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	A.151
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" HL 780	CAPT F/L MALLIST, E.L. NAV F/O EMMIS, E.A. W/O F/S SHAWMAN, K.G. W/O W/O WARELY, W.G. P/O SGT MUIR, M. W/O SGT FREEMAN, G.M. A/C W/S PORTA, V.	J.6186 J.14212 E.120655 E.59927 E.1914501 E.190568 E.165480	21.05	02.33	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.03 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Good visibility. Dropped bombs on red target indicators and saw own bomb burst across the target. Saw large explosion at 00.02 hrs. P.P.P. were well placed and well concentrated. Saw large number of A/C on way in to target. Attack well concentrated and should prove highly successful. Uneventful trip. No E/A/C and no flak damage to A/C. Crew brought this A/C safely back to base.	A.152
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL 313	CAPT F/O SHROOD, M.C. NAV SGT BURCHARD, R.A. W/O F/O SPACKMAN, G.L. W/O F/S SHILL, E.F. P/O SGT SUMMERS, W.B. W/O SGT WILK, G.D. A/C SGT GANDLER, D.T.	J.23409 E.148415 J.23988 E.76425 E.1864520 E.76462 E.191353	21.09	03.08	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.15 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 173 m.p.h. Very clear, good visibility. Dropped bombs in centre of red target indicators. P.P.P. was 1/2 to 4 minutes late. Good concentration of bomb bursts in target area. The No. 2 bomb made a big explosion as it hit and dull red fire mushroomed out from it and then died out. No congestion of A/C over target. A quiet trip. No E/A/C and no flak damage to A/C. Should be a successful raid. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.153

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9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LM.384	CAPT F/S KIRKBY, R.A. NAV W/O VANDERHOUT, T. B/A F/O DRUMMOND-HAY, G.J. W/E SGT PARRY, R.E. P/E SGT GAINES, P.S. M/G SGT CUMBERS, J.W. A/G SGT SMITH, R.A.	R.155719 CAR.4832 G.J.24013 1411387 1800910 R.210110 R.15420	21.04	03.14	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.16 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 165 m.p.h. Visibility very good as there were no clouds. Dropped bombs on centre of a group of red target indicators on the ground which could be clearly seen. Numerous bomb bursts were seen on and around the markers. P.F.F. were well concentrated but a bit late necessitating two runs over the target. There was a fair amount of congestion over the target. This was a well concentrated attack and should prove to be very successful. No H/A/C encountered and no flak damage to A/C. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.154
9/10th APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LM.433	CAPT F/O BASSON, R.A. NAV W/O LOFTHOUSE, J. B/A F/O LYNN, J.F. W/E SGT WERN, G.A. P/E SGT BROMLEY, R.J. M/G SGT TISDELL, J.L. A/G F/S CABLE, A.B.	J.19840 R.147155 J.25705 1199877 1870630 R.207827 R.171696	20.55	03.17	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 00.18 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. at 180 m.p.h. Visibility good and clear. Dropped bombs on the centre of red target indicators. P.F.F. very good but could have bombed visually as the rails and river glistened in the moonlight. There was a good concentration of bomb bursts in the target area. Two explosions were seen in the Northern end of the Marshalling Yards at 00.05 hrs. when a bluish flame shot up and gradually died down. No difficulties encountered. No H/A/C and no damage to this A/C by flak. It is considered that this will prove to have been a very successful raid. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.155
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LM.432	CAPT F/S SEWART, G.J. NAV F/O GAMESBY, A.O. B/A F/S GREEN, P.B. W/G W/O VIVIAN, J.E. P/E SGT ROBERTS, G.E. M/G SGT MORRIS, W.A. A/G SGT HUFF, W.B.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106317 R.123750 R.191123 R.163427	20.50	00.47	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.47 hrs. flying at 13,500 ft. at 170 m.p.h. There was a slight haze but visibility was good. Dropped bombs on centre of red and green target indicators and could see the bombs bursting in a good concentration on the target. P.F.F. was splendid and it is felt this was a very successful raid. No trouble on trip. Encountered no H/A/C and no damage to A/C by flak. Landed at base.	A.156
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LM.433	CAPT F/O LAMBERT, J.M. NAV W/O FRADOCK, W.T. B/A F/O COULTS, G.L. W/G W/O MALLMAN, L.A. P/E SGT SCAMMILL, R.H. M/G SGT FINEAU, G.J. A/G SGT HARRIS, R.J.	J.20360 R.98453 J.20167 R.124635 1836156 R.217641 R.192633	20.41	00.37	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.46 hrs. flying at 13,800 ft. at 180 m.p.h. There was 8 to 9/10th cloud with tops to 8,000 ft. with good visibility above the clouds. Dropped bombs on centre of red glow on the clouds. One 1,000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back to base. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated as there was a good concentration of markers as indicated by the glow on the clouds. Results of bombing could not be observed due to cloud but it is believed to have been very successful. This crew encountered no H/A/C and no damage to A/C from flak. Brought A/C back to base.	A.157

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10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LM.552	CAPT F/O BASSON, R.A. NAV W/O LOFTHOUSE, J. R/A F/O LING, J.P. W/O SGT WHEAT, G.A. P/A SGT BUCKLEY, E.J. W/O SGT FISKE, J.L. A/G W/S GABLE, A.B.	J.19840 R.147155 R.23705 R.139887 R.207830 R.207887 R.171696	20.45	00.43 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.47 hrs. flying at 13,500 ft. at a speed of 170 m.p.h. 2/10th cloud with tops at from 5 to 7,000 ft. Visibility was good above the clouds. Dropped bombs on the centre of a group of 8 or 9 red target indicators. Both ends of the marshalling yards were well marked and bombing was well concentrated in the target area. Bomb flashes could be seen all over the target area. One 1,000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back. No trouble encountered on trip. No E/A/C seen and no damage sustained to this A/C by flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.158
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL.519	CAPT F/S BURTON, R.W. NAV F/S THREASHER, G.R. B/A SGT MCMAH, D. W/O W/O CRANFORD, E.M. P/A SGT MCLEOD, J.M. W/O SGT KELP A/G SGT MCKAY, C.L.	R.147766 R.161157 R.155712 R.125148 R.57895 R.163088 R.206817	20.47	00.35 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.48 hrs. flying at 13,500 ft. at 170 m.p.h. There was 5/10th cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Visibility above clouds good. Dropped bombs on centre of red and green target indicators. P.P.P. markers appeared well concentrated but no bombing results could be observed due to clouds. One 1,000 lb. bomb hung up and was brought back to base. If P.P.P. were accurate the raid should be highly successful. Encountered no E/A/C and A/C received no damage from flak. A/C was flown back to base safely.	A.159
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL.959	CAPT F/O HUGGILL, W.F. NAV F/O COLEMAN, G.S. B/A F/S MAY, H.L. W/O SGT POUND, C.A. P/A SGT DOUGHERTY, W. W/O SGT MAYOR, G.W. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.D.	J.12224 J.22862 R.156717 R.1501041 R.156284 R.210290 R.164478	20.48	00.39 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.47 hrs. flying at 13,500 ft. at 170 m.p.h. There was a thin haze but above this visibility was very good. Dropped bombs on the centre of a concentration of red and green target indicators. P.P.P. were well concentrated except for one red and green target indicator which was well to the South of the target area. Due to haze and smoke no definite results of the bombing could be observed. Considerable congestion over the target area as A/C could be seen coming in from various angles. No trouble during trip. No E/A/C encountered and no damage by flak sustained to A/C. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.160
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL.513	CAPT F/O SHERWOOD, M.C. NAV W/O POMERAY, R.A. B/A F/O SPACKMAN, G.L. W/O W/O ARKLE, R.F. P/A SGT SUMMERS, W.B. W/O F/S WILE, G.D. A/G SGT CANDY, D.T.	J.23409 R.148415 R.23998 R.76423 R.186520 R.76462 R.191153	20.43	00.29 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.48 hrs. flying at 13,500 ft. at 171 m.p.h. There was a slight low haze but visibility was good. Dropped bombs on centre of concentration of bomb bursts but the ground detail could not be observed due to haze. It is felt that this raid should prove highly successful. No trouble on trip. No E/A/C met with and no damage sustained to A/C due to flak. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.161

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10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "P" IM. 384	CAPT F/S KIRBY, H.A. NAV W/O VANDUCK, T. P/A F/O DRUMMOND-HAY, C. W/G SGT PARRY, R.H. P/S SGT CAINE, F.S. M/G SGT CUMBERS, J.W. A/G SGT SMITH, E.A.	R.153719 CAN. 4832 J.24019 J.411387 R.900910 R.210110 R.165420	20.46	00.55 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.51 hrs. flying at 13,000 ft. at 170 m.p.h. There was 7/10th low strata - cumulus cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. which gave only fair visibility. Dropped bombs on centre of red target indicators and if P.F.F. were accurate, target should be well hit. Low flying cloud obscured ground detail. No congestion of A/C over target. A very good trip, no A/C encountered and no damage sustained to A/C by flak. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.162
10/11th APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" IM. 788	CAPT F/S VANIER, B. NAV F/O LAWRENCE, W.J. P/A F/S SIRVAGE, R.V. W/G SGT ROGERS, R. P/S SGT JACKSON, F.R. M/G SGT ADAM, J.R. A/G SGT FREEDMAN, J.	R.135334 J.23484 R.143800 J.321176 R.864789 R.132216 R.195070	20.44	00.51 BOMBING GHENT	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.46 hrs. flying 13,700 ft. at 180 m.p.h. There was 2/10th cloud with tops of 8 to 9,000 ft. and visibility was good above the clouds. Dropped bombs on the centre of two clusters of red flare target indicators. P.F.F. markers could be seen very clearly and the bombing was well concentrated around them. This should prove to be a very successful raid. No trouble on trip whatsoever, no A/C encountered and no damage sustained to the A/C from flak. This crew brought the A/C safely to base.	A.163
11/12th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HK. 316	CAPT W/O BLAKE, J.D. NAV F/O CHAPMAN, A.D. P/A SGT RUNNING, G.A. W/G F/S FLATT, A.L. P/S F/L WOOD, W.M.B. M/G SGT DAVIDSON, W.C. A/G SGT BURNIN, J.P.	G.198 J.24538 R.161249 R.165189 G.18886 992092 R.163437	20.25	02.51 GARDENING	This A/C carrying two mines planted them at 2617N 1103E. at 23.19 hrs. from 15,000 ft. There was 8/10th strata - cumulus and cumulus cloud to 8,000 ft. but horizontal visibility was good. A very good trip and no difficulties such as A/C, etc. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.164
11/12th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Y" IM. 910	CAPT W/O MACKENZIE, D.R. NAV F/O COMBE, G.J. P/A F/O CABLE, E.D. W/G SGT BAILEY, P.A. P/S SGT CAMPBELL, W.D. M/G SGT MALLORY, E.D. A/G F/S GIBBS, F.H.	R.142387 J.14215 J.22189 J.538286 J.1822155 R.163274 R.166279	20.24	01.15 GARDENING	This A/C carrying two mines had to return to base without being able to plant them as the H2S equipment went U/R. At 22.40 hrs. at a position 5614N 0825E while flying at 15,000 ft. the H2S unit just would not function. This A/C went in over the enemy coast at a position 5610N 0805E. and came out at a position 5605N 0808E. There was 10/10th clouds with tops at 5,000 ft. at point of turnback. Visibility was fair. Brought back both mines and landed safely at base.	A.165
11/12th APRIL	HALIFAX III "O" HK. 318	CAPT F/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV F/O ALBERT, E.T. P/A F/O MCBAIN, A.M. W/G SGT GILBERT, R.G. P/S SGT MICHAEL, F.E. M/G F/O HUTT, G.A. A/G SGT MAIER, J.	J.21570 J.14793 J.23638 J.575683 R.60144 J.19839 R.22529	20.19	02.25 GARDENING	This A/C carrying two mines planted them at 5608N 1114E. at 23.14 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. travelling 200 m.p.h. There was 10/10th Stratus cloud to 10,000 ft. but the horizontal visibility was good. The lanyard of one of the mines broke off and remained in the A/C which caused that parachute to fail to open. Very good trip with the exception of the above. Nothing encountered during the whole journey. This crew brought the A/C safely back to base.	A.166

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11/12th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 951	CAPT F/L LOUDON, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. W/O SGT WADSON, R.M. W/O SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/O SGT THOMPSON, R. A/G SGT GIBBERT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J. 0946 R. 140905 R. 155005 R. 155783 R. 155987 R. 155727 R. 164254	20.22	02.06	GARDENING	A.167
11/12th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 962	CAPT F/O GROSSIK, D.A. NAV P/O MOLOONEY, P.M. P/O SGT STELLING, J.R. W/O SGT BROWN, R.W. P/O SGT PHILLIPS, C.A. M/G SGT BOURDEAU, L.J. A/G SGT TRUDEAU, R.Z.	J. 21660 J. 21354 J. 26316 R. 161283 R. 1606204 R. 178922 R. 185396	20.18	00.59	GARDENING	A.168
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL. 313	CAPT F/L LAWLOR, R.J. NAV SGT HOWE, J.F. P/O SGT BOZICA, E. P/O SGT MARINKO, A.G. P/O ROWLEY, C.R. SGT M/G SGT LARSON, S.O. A/G SGT BRADSHAW, J.L.	J. 2102 J. 155437 R. 132427 J. 127307 R. 1804110 R. 181816 R. 222606	20.51	01.30	BOMBING NOISY-LE-SEC	A.169
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW. 947	CAPT F/O RANKIN, R. NAV S/O MAY, A.D. P/O SGT MORRISON, J.N. W/O SGT TOMLINSON, M. P/O SGT DAWSON, D. M/G SGT KELSTROM, T. A/G P/O QUEEN, S.J.	J. 23899 J. 23269 J. 23207 R. 67302 R. 1803226 J. 18434 J. 27920	20.32	01.45	BOMBING NOISY-LE-SEC	A.170
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW. 780	CAPT F/O VANIER, E. NAV S/O LARIVE, J. P/O SGT SINGH, R.D. W/O SGT ROGERS, R. P/O SGT JACKSON, P.R. M/G SGT ADAM, J.R. A/G SGT FLORENCE, J.	R. 135334 J. 23494 R. 143800 R. 132176 R. 186478 R. 135216 R. 195070	20.39	02.51	BOMBING NOISY-LE-SEC	A.171

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18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "O" HK. 318	CAPT L. COMPTON, A. NAV P/O WOODSWORTH, T. P/A P/S PARKER, M.C. W/O W/O CLARKE, J. P/E SGT JARVIS, G. M/C P/O WATSON, P. A/G SGT JACOBSON, J.	Q. 886286 J. 20965 R. 155991 R. 113921 1604938 155072 R. 194844	20.43	02.46	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.59 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Dropped bombs on red and green target indicators which were on time and well concentrated. Many bomb bursts seen in target area. An illuminating flare was noticed on S.E. tip of PARIS and some flak was being shot up from this point. A/C returned undamaged to base and made a safe landing.	A.172
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "E" LW. 959	CAPT P/O HUGLI, W.F. NAV P/O COLEMAN, G.S. P/A P/S MAY, H.E. W/O SGT POUND, G.A. P/E SGT DOHERTY, W. M/C SGT MAYOR, G.W. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.D.	J. 12224 J. 22862 R. 156717 1520041 1562814 R. 210290 R. 164478	20.45	03.03	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over target at 23.58 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 165 m.p.h. Visibility over target was very good. Dropped bombs on red and green target indicators which seemed to be accurately placed. Bomb bursts near centre of P.F.F. markers and several large explosions noticed. There was some congestion over target. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up and fell out of bomb doors off DIERPPE. A/C and crew returned and landed safely at base.	A.173
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 962	CAPT P/O HAMILTON, P.C. NAV P/O MCCORMICK, D. P/A P/S MCCURBIN, R.C. W/O W/O PALLERT, G.C. P/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. M/C SGT CORNELIUS, C. A/G P/S COMPTON, G.A.	J. 11556 J. 24223 R. 156217 R. 143179 2201368 R. 210069 R. 124448	20.56	02.16	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.55 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 178 m.p.h. Visibility was good and target was identified visually in illumination of flares. Bombs were dropped on markers which were well concentrated and seemed accurate. Sticks of bombs could be seen bursting across M/YDS. One large fire burning when leaving target. A/C returned safely and landed at base, undamaged. <i>1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up and fell out of bomb doors.</i>	A.174
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "U" LW. 991	CAPT P/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV P/O ALBERT, E.T. P/A P/O MURRAY, A.H. W/O SGT GILBERT, R.G. P/E SGT MICHAEL, P.E. M/C P/O HUNT, G.A. A/G SGT MAIR, J. 2nd P/O P/O BROW, E.S.	J. 21570 J. 14793 J. 23638 1575683 R. 60144 J. 19839 R. 225229 J. 21418	20.40	02.10	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over target at 23.55 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 161 m.p.h. No clouds only a slight haze, visibility good over target. Bombs dropped on red and green target indicators which were on time and concentrated. Bombs seen bursting around markers. Should be very successful raid if P.F.F. accurate. There was no congestion over target. No R/A or flak encountered and A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A.175
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW. 951	CAPT P/L LOUDON, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. P/A SGT WADSON, R.W. W/O SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/E SGT THOMPSON, H. M/C SGT CORNETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.C.	J. 8946 R. 148095 R. 155065 R. 135783 1526897 R. 195727 R. 164254	20.52	01.35	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 lb. and 6 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over target at 23.57 hrs. flying at 15,600 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility good and target was identified by RIVER SKINS and red and green target indicators. Attack well concentrated and P.F.F. seemed well placed. Many bomb bursts seen in target area. On return Pilot landed A/C at LITTLE HORWOOD as understated this was definite diversion. Crew brought A/C on to base undamaged in the morning.	A.176

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18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW. 384	CAPT F/O BASSON, R.A. NAV W/O LOPHOUSE, J. B/A F/O LYNN, J.P. W/O SGT WREN, G.A. F/E SGT BROWLEY, R.J. M/G SGT TIDWELL, J.L. A/G F/S CABLE, A.B.	J.19840 R.147155 J.25705 1199677 1870630 R.207967 R.171696	20.40	02.08	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.57 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. and 170 m.p.h. No clouds and visibility very good over target. Dropped bombs on red and green target indicators which appeared to be very concentrated. Saw a few bombs bursting around markers. Slight congestion in target area at time of bombing. Should have been successful raid. 4 x 500 lb. bombs hung up and trouble free trip and A/C and crew returned and landed safely at base.	A.177
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW. 436	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F. DEW NAV W/O BURNS, C.D. B/A F/O SMITH, R.V. W/O SGT THOMPSON, W.P. F/E SGT McALPINE, W. M/G SGT MYLCHREEST, W. A/G SGT POWER, J.M.	J.16121 R.129859 J.20914 R.130883 1824496 R.210600 R.187753	20.33	03.07	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.57 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 161 m.p.h. Visibility clear with bit of ground haze. Identified target visually by river and red and green markers. Dropped bombs on centre of target indicators which were well concentrated. Many bomb bursts seen. Should be a very good raid. No E/A/C nor flak encountered and A/C and crew returned safely to base.	A.178
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" HL 519	CAPT F/L MALLETT, E.L. NAV F/O IRWIN, R.A. B/A F/S SNEADMAN, K.G. W/O W/O WAGLEY, W.G. F/E SGT WILKIN, M. M/G SGT FREEMAN, G.P. A/G F/S PORTA, V.	J.6186 J.14212 R.120655 R.99927 1914501 R.190568 R.165480	20.42	02.59	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.58 hrs. flying at 15,700 ft. and 160 m.p.h. No clouds, slight haze but visibility very good. Dropped bombs on mixed red and green target indicators which were on time and well concentrated. No congestion. Many bombs seen bursting around markers. Good raid. A/C returned undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.179
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW. 970	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.J. NAV F/O GAMESBY, A.C. B/A F/S GREENE, P.S. W/O W/O VIVIAN, J.K. F/E SGT ROBERTS, C.E. M/G SGT MORRIS, W.A. A/G SGT HUFF, W.B.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106317 R.125750 R.191123 R.163427	20.48	02.28	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.56 hrs. flying at 15,800 ft. and 165 m.p.h. Horizontal visibility good but slight ground haze. Bombed on centre of red and green target indicators which seemed accurate in relation to river bend. Some congestion in target area. 5 or 6 close calls on run up. Many bomb bursts seen, should be good attack. Saw two large explosions at 00.15 hrs. on way out. Stayed 14 - 20 miles to port of track on way home to avoid LONDON. S/L waved A/C over. No damage sustained and A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A.180
18/19th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW. 433	CAPT F/O LAMBERT, J.M. NAV W/O PEACOCK, W.T. B/A F/O CUTTS, C.L. W/O W/O MAILMAN, L.A. F/E SGT SCAMMELL, R.B. M/G SGT PINNAU, C.J. A/G SGT DURKIN, J.P.	J.20360 R.98453 J.20167 R.124635 1836157 R.217641 R.163437	20.49	02.54	This A/C carrying 6 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over target at 23.58 hrs. flying at 15,800 ft. and 160 m.p.h. 3/10th broken cloud but visibility good. Bombed on red and green target indicators which were on time and concentrated. Saw one large explosion at 23.56 hrs. lasting a few seconds and large fire East of markers. Should be successful raid. No E/A/C nor flak encountered and A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A.181

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18/19th April	Boeing P-11 "T" 17,910	Capt W/O McGeehan, R.D. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W.	1104397 71215 72218 133285 182155 1163274 1166279 117799	20:44	02:00	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb and 10 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21:56 hrs, flying at 17,700 ft. and 150 mph. No clouds, slight haze, visibility good. Target visually identified by red and green markers and RIFLE SIGHTS. P.F.P. was on time and very concentrated. Many bombs seen bursting right on center, slight congestion at time of bombing target. Should be very successful raid. No damage to this A/C which returned safely at base.	A-182
18/19th April	Boeing P-11 "J" 17,440	Capt W/O McGeehan, R.D. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W.	71272 71476 72454 131156 159126 1159948 1161311 116772	20:55	02:19	This A/C carrying 7 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over target at 21:56 hrs, flying at 17,800 ft. and 170 mph. No clouds, slight haze, visibility good. Bombs on mixed red and green target indicators which were on time and very concentrated. Risk of bombs seen bursting in target area and large explosion at 21:58 hrs. Lasting about 3 seconds. If P.F.P. accurate should be very successful raid. No A/C encountered and no flak. A/C was returned safely and landed safely at base.	A-183
19/21st April	Boeing P-11 "P" 17,519	Capt W/O McGeehan, R.D. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W.	61298 72653 136154 1165189 116936 99292 1165437	21:07	01:52	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb and 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21:42 hrs, flying at 17,000 ft. and 165 mph. There was 8/10th clouds with tops at 7,000 ft. Horizontal visibility good. Bombs were dropped on the red target indicators. P.F.P. were on time and very concentrated. One bomb seen bursting in the middle of center. One large fire noticed in the target area. Slight congestion at time of bombing. Master of Ceremonies was not heard but it is felt that this should be a successful raid. No flak or A/C encountered and crew returned safely to base.	A-184
20/21st April	Boeing P-11 "H" 17,950	Capt W/O McGeehan, R.D. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W.	71224 72662 115672 133044 155244 1160490 1165470	21:10	02:53	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21:47 hrs, flying at 18,000 ft. and 165 mph. Visibility = 3/10th cloud at 5 to 6,000 ft. Projected bombs on centre of red target indicators and blue, red & blue. P.F.P. were on time and very concentrated. Bombs were dropped on the red target indicators. P.F.P. were on time and very concentrated. One bomb seen bursting in the middle of center. One large fire noticed in the target area. Slight congestion at time of bombing. Master of Ceremonies was not heard but it is felt that this should be a successful raid. No flak or A/C encountered and crew returned safely to base.	A-185
20/21st April	Boeing P-11 "V" 17,953	Capt W/O McGeehan, R.D. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W. W/O Galt, S.W.	712928 72116 115672 133044 155244 1160490 1165470	21:12	02:44	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21:46 hrs, flying at 18,000 ft. and 165 mph. 1/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 to 6,000 ft. Projected bombs on the centre of the ground target indicators. P.F.P. were on time and very concentrated. Bombs were dropped on the red target indicators. P.F.P. were on time and very concentrated. One bomb seen bursting in the middle of center. One large fire noticed in the target area. Slight congestion at time of bombing. Master of Ceremonies was not heard but it is felt that this should be a successful raid. No flak or A/C encountered and crew returned safely to base.	A-186

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20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LW.552	CAPT P/O BASSON, R. NAV W/O LOPTHOUSE, J. B/A P/O LYNN, J.P. W/C SGT WREN, G.A. P/E SGT BROMLEY, R.J. M/G SGT TISDELL, J.L. A/G P/S CABLE, A.B.	J.19840 R.147155 J.25705 1199877 1870630 R.207827 R.161696	21.19	01.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.40 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. Dropped the bombs on the centre of the yellowish target indicators. Some haze, visibility fair, 1/10th thin cloud. Yellowish T.I.'s were well concentrated in the centre of the illuminating flares. Many bomb bursts seen in the area. A large explosion seen at 23.42 hrs. yellowish blaze which burned for some time after. Arrived early for the attack. Master of Ceremonies heard 2m very faintly. Told us to go on in as we were leaving. His voice was jammed part of the time. Should be a successful raid. No E/A/C encountered nor any flak damage sustained. Returned and landed safely at base.	A.187
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LW.947	CAPT P/O BANNIER, R.H. NAV P/O MAY, A.D. B/A P/O MORRISON, J.M. W/C W/O TOMLINSON, W.H. P/E SGT DAWSON, D. M/G P/L WILLIAMS, L.H. A/G P/O QUEEN, S.J.	J.23899 J.22859 J.23207 R.67302 1803226 48725 J.27920	21.01	01.22	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. 5/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft. and horizontal visibility good. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen on the ground. P.P.P. reds were well concentrated also saw many illuminating flares. P.P.P. Picked out the red flares easily. Many bomb bursts seen in the target area. One large explosion seen on leaving the target at 23.47 hrs. Master of ceremonies heard calling for illuminators. If P.P.P. accurate, the attack should prove very successful. No E/A/C nor flak encountered and A/C and crew returned safely to base.	A.188
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX "Y" LV.910	W/O MACKENZIE, D.R. NAV P/O COMBE, C.J. B/A P/O CABLE, E.D. W/C SGT BAILLY, P.A. P/E SGT CAMPBELL, J.B. M/G SGT MALLORY, J.B. A/G P/S GIBBS, F.H. 2nd FLT P/O DEBOW, E.S.	R.142587 J.14215 J.22189 1338285 1822155 R.163274 R.166273 J.214416	21.09	01.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.45 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. Clear over the target with about 4/10th cloud around the target. Dropped the bombs on the red T.I.'s seen on the ground. While approaching the target saw illuminating flares at 23.42 hrs. Saw the M/TDS. lit up quite clearly then saw the ground target indicators but passed over and on second run dropped the bombs on the reds and greens. Several bomb bursts seen close to the indicators. A large explosion seen at 23.45 hrs. after which a lot of black smoke billowed up. Very little opposition. Large number of other A/C seen on the way. Bombs seen bursting right on the target. This Pilot suggests staggering the heights and times of bombing to relieve congestion over small targets. No damage by flak and no E/A/C encountered. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.189

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20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW.951	CAPT F/L LOUDOUN, N.G. NAV W/O VANBUCK, T. B/A F/O DRUMMOND-HAY, G. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. F/E SGT THOMPSON, H. M/G SGT CORNETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 CAN.4832 J.24019 R.135763 1516897 R.195727 R.164154	21.05	02.38	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 166 m.p.h. Visibility, 5/10th strato cumulus clouds with tops at 8,000 ft. horizontal visibility good. Dropped bombs on the centre of the red T.I.'s. P.P.F. were well concentrated. Many bombs seen bursting on the markers - a few short of the markers. Two large explosions noticed at 23.45 hrs. lasting about 5 seconds. No congestion over the target and it is felt this should be a very successful raid. No flak damage nor E/A/C encountered and crew returned safely to base.	A.190
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HL.313	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F.E.M. NAV F/O DUNN, J. B/A F/O SMYTH, R.V. W/G W/O THOMPSON, W.F. F/E SGT MCALPINE, W. M/G SGT MICHREEST, W. A/G SGT POWELL, J.M.	J.16121 J.23117 J.20914 R.130883 1824486 R.210600 R.187763	20.59	02.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. Visibility good and clear. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s seen on the ground. On the run in saw two sticks of bombs burst right across R.R. Yards 200 yards N.W. of the aiming point. One large explosion noticed to the West of the T.I.'s. Flames issued upward from this for 1,000 ft. at 23.45 hrs. Bombing seemed quite accurate and it is considered that this will be a successful raid. No trouble from E/A/C or flak. Crew returned and landed A/C safely at base.	A.191
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "C" HL.318	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F.E.C. NAV F/O MCCORMICK, D.R. B/A F/S MCCUBBIN, R.C. W/G W/O PALLETT, G.C. F/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. M/G SGT CORNELIUS, C. A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A.	J.11556 J.24223 R.156217 R.141179 2261368 R.210069 R.124448	21.16	01.24	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.40 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 180 m.p.h. 8/10th strato clouds with tops at 6,000 ft., visibility good. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s. P.P.F. on time and own bombs seen to burst to the starboard of red markers. Other bombs also seen around the markers. One large explosion at 23.44 hrs. lasting about 3 seconds. Master of Ceremonies heard only for a few minutes and just before the zero hour. Bombed at nearly zero hour but unable to assess value of raid. No congestion over the target. No E/A/C encountered and no damage from flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.192
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" LW.970	CAPT W/O MATHER, A.T. NAV W/O CHAIN, A.P. B/A W/O COOPER, D.A. W/G SGT CAREY, G. F/E SGT CARTON, E.J. M/G SGT SEELY, G.A. A/G W/O HAYWARD, G.T.	R.95377 R.143034 R.157430 1126974 1821082 R.77145 R.112303	21.11	01.53	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lbs. of bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. 3 to 5/10th thin cloud with clear visibility above cloud. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s. Could see the M/MS. in the light of the illuminating flares. Red flares were well concentrated in two clusters close together. Bomb bursts seen on run. One large explosion noticed at 23.45 hrs. Master of Ceremonies was very faint. Large number of 4-engine A/C seen over the target area. Slip streams gave made run in very bumpy. No trouble from either E/A/C or flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.193

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20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LV.962	CAPT F/O CHOSRIE, D.A. NAV F/S MCLOONEY, P.M. B/A F/O TIMLINE, J.E. W/G F/S BROWN, R.W. P/E SGT BRYALL, C.A. M/G SGT BOURGHEAU, L.J. A/G SGT THURMAN, R.E.	J.21660 421364 J.26318 R.161283 R.1866204 R.178922 R.185396	21.08	01.55	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.41 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 175 m.p.h. 3/10th cloud with top of 4,000 ft. Visibility good horizontally. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s which were well concentrated and it is felt this should be a very good raid. One large explosion noticed at 23.42 hrs. lasting for a few seconds. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb hung up. No congestion over target. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained by flak. Crew returned and brought A/C safely to base.	A.194
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LV.780	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV F/O HORSWILL, T.F. B/A F/S DOWNER, J.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, I.E. P/E SGT NICHOLS, S. M/G SGT SWENNEY, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 R.1600297 R.1674783 R.125232 R.191757	21.22	02.29	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.45 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. at 165 m.p.h. 2/10th clouds with tops of 5,000 ft. Visibility good. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s which were well concentrated. Bombs seen falling on red flares also saw other bombs seen falling to starboard. At 23.46 hrs. two large explosions lasting a few seconds were noticed. Master of ceremonies heard but faintly after which he was jammed. It is felt this should be a very successful raid. No E/A/C encountered and no damage from flak. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.195
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LV.440	CAPT F/O SHERWOOD, M.C. NAV W/O FORGAVE, R.A. B/A F/O SPACKMAN, G.L. W/G W/O ARKLE, S.F. P/E SGT SUMMERS, W.B. M/G F/S WILE, C.E. A/G SGT GARDNER, D.T.	J.23409 R.145415 J.23998 R.76423 R.1866520 R.76462 R.191153	21.20	02.27	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 lb. and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.44 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. 3/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Horizontal visibility good. P.F.F. well concentrated and many bombs seen bursting around markers, also some North of the markers. One large explosion at 23.45 hrs. which lasted almost a minute. No opposition at all. Should be very successful if P.F.F. accurate. Master of Ceremonies heard calling for markers and advising that they were dropping their markers short. No congestion over target. Trouble free trip. No E/A/C encountered and no damage sustained from flak. Crew returned and A/C landed safely at base.	A.196
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LV.961	CAPT S/L WESTLAND, J.A. NAV F/O HALL, J.B. B/A F/O GALVIN, J.W. W/G F/S BROWN, S.W. P/E SGT DAVIES, H.C. M/G SGT REILSTEIN, R. A/G F/S ATKINSON, W.S. 2nd P/T F/O DOLTER, F.W.	J.9072 J.14776 J.22864 J.131306 R.1653126 R.183945 R.141311 J.19999	21.23	01.26	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 161 m.p.h. 5/10th cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Visibility good horizontally. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. P.F.F. on time and very concentrated. Many bombs seen to burst around markers. One large explosion at 23.55 hrs. lasting about ten seconds. All bombs seen falling to the starboard edge of the red flares. Slight congestion over the target but it is felt that this should be a very successful raid. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	A.197

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20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "U" LW. 991	CAPT F/L MALLITT, E.L. NAV F/S FREEMAN, C.B. P/A F/S SWATHMAN, K.G. W/G W/O WAKELY, W.G. F/E SGT MITT, M. M/G SGT CUMBERS, J.W. A/G F/S POPPA, V.	J.6186 R.157649 R.120655 R.99927 R.1914501 R.210110 R.165480	21.13	02.54	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 4 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.47 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 156 m.p.h. 2/10th clouds with tops at 5,000 ft. Visibility good. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s and green markers which were concentrated. P.F.F. well concentrated and all bombs seen to burst around markers. One stick of bombs seen to burst about 3 miles N.W. of the markers which started a big fire. One large explosion in the target area noticed at 23.45 hrs. No congestion over target. Master of Ceremonies was heard and was very helpful. Should be a very successful raid. No E/A/U encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.198
20/21st APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LW. 433	CAPT F/O LAMBERT, J.M. NAV W/O PEACOCK, W.T. P/A F/O COUTTS, G.L. W/O W/O MATHEW, L.A. F/E SGT SCAMPELLI, R. M/G SGT FINEAU, C.J. A/G SGT SNIDER, R.A. 2nd FIL. F/O BROWN, E.	J.20360 R.98453 J.20167 R.124635 R.1836157 R.217641 R.165420 J.24772	21.10	01.38	This A/C carrying 9 x 1000 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.41 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good and flares could be seen for some distance before reaching target. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen on the ground. As we ran in to target saw illuminating flares go down, saw green and then red T.I.'s. Bomb bursts were clustered near the markers and sticks straddled the markers. Large explosions seen at the Eastern end of the M/TG. with consequent large fire which was blazing at 23.40 hrs. Target was well marked and if P.F.F. was accurate, this must be a successful raid. No E/A/U nor damage from flak sustained and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.199
20/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "O" HK. 318	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, P.C. NAV F/O MCCORMICK, D. P/A F/O MCCURBIN, R.O. W/G W/O PALLET, S.C. F/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. M/G SGT CORNELIUS, C. A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A.	J.11556 J.24223 R.156217 R.141179 R.2801368 R.210069 R.124448	20.22	02.16	<i>Target Destroyed</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" dropped them on a position 48.18 30 W. and 04.40 W. at 23.33 hrs. from 12,300 ft. flying at 210 m.p.h. 10/10th cirrus cumulus cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., horizontal visibility good. A good trip, no fighters encountered and only slight opposition over the target area. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.200
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 970	CAPT W/O MATHER, A.T. NAV W/O GRAIN, A.F. P/A W/O CORDER, D.A. W/G SGT GAREY, G. F/E SGT CATTON, H.J. M/G SGT SEELEY, C.T. A/G W/O HAYWARD, C.T.	R.95577 R.141034 R.157430 R.1126974 R.1821082 R.77345 R.112303	20.21	01.56	<i>Target Destroyed</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at 48.18 30 N. 04.40 W. at 23.24 hrs. from 12,000 ft. and flying at 243 m.p.h. There was 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility fair. A trouble free trip throughout. Felt to be quite successful. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.200A
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" HL. 319	CAPT F/O CROSBIE, D.A. NAV F/S MOLONEY, P.M. P/A F/O TINKLE, J.L. W/G F/S BROWN, R.W. F/E SGT PHILL, C.A. M/G SGT BOUDRAU, L.J. A/G SGT TRIDEAU, R.Z.	J.21660 R.421364 J.26338 R.161283 R.1866204 R.178922 R.186396	20.19	02.05	<i>Target Destroyed</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at position 48.18 30 N. 04.40 W. at 23.30 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. whilst flying at 215 m.p.h. Visibility good and it was an easy trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.201

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21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MACHONIGER, D. NAV F/O COMBE, C.J. E/A F/O CABLE, E.D. W/G SGT BAILEY, F.A. P/E SGT CAMPBELL, J.B. M/G SGT MALLORY, R.D. A/G F/S GIBBS, F.H.	R.142387 J.14215 J.22189 J.338285 J.1822155 R.163274 R.166279	20.17	01.32	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at a position 48.18N. and 04.40 W. at 23.08 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. flying at 215 m.p.h. 10/10th cloud with tops at 7,000 ft., visibility quite good. Trouble free trip, felt to be successful. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.202
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LW. 440	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.J. NAV F/O GAMESBY, A.C. E/A F/S GREENE, F.S. W/G F/L KERR, C.G. P/E SGT CAINE, F.S. M/G SGT MORRILL, W.A. A/G SGT HUFF, W.D.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 J.17500 R.1800910 R.1911123 R.163427	20.20	02.01	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at a position 48.18N. 04.40W. at 23.28 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. flying at 217 m.p.h. 9/10th cloud up to 6,000 ft. Visibility good. H23 was very helpful. Successful trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.203
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "V" LW. 953	CAPT F/O HUGH, W.F. NAV F/O COLEMAN, G.S. E/A F/S MAY, H.E. W/G SGT POUND, C.A. P/E SGT DOHERTY, W. M/G SGT DAVIDSON, W.G. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.D.	J.12224 J.22862 R.156717 J.150041 R.1562814 J.992091 R.164478	20.37	02.21	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at 48.18N. 04.40 W. at 23.24 hrs. while flying at 12,000 ft. and 215 m.p.h. 9/10th cloud to 6,000 ft. Visibility good. H23 was very good. "Gee" could also have been used. Successful trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.204
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LW. 991	CAPT F/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV F/O ALBERT, E.T. E/A F/O MURRAY, A.H. W/G SGT GILBERT, R.G. P/E SGT MICHAEL, F.S. M/G F/O HUTT, C.A. A/G SGT MALES, J.	J.21370 J.14793 J.23638 J.1575683 R.493444 J.19839 R.225229	20.18	02.09	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" planted them at 48.18 N. 04.41 W. at 23.24 hrs. while flying at 12,000 ft. and 220 m.p.h. 10/10th cirrus cloud with tops from 6 to 8,000 ft. Visibility good. Some opposition at the target but a good trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.205
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HW. 313	CAPT S/L WESTLAND, J.A. NAV F/O HALL, J.B. E/A F/O GALVIN, J.W. W/G F/S BAKER, F.W. P/E SGT DAVIES, H.G. M/G SGT BELLSTEIN, R.C. A/G F/S ATKINSON, W.S.	J.9072 J.14776 J.22864 J.131306 J.1653126 R.1783945 R.141311	20.25	02.25	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" deposited them at position 48.18N. 04.40 30W. at 23.31 hrs. from 12,000 ft. whilst flying at 206 m.p.h. 10/10th cirrus cloud with tops at 6,000 ft. Visibility good. Successful trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.206
21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HW. 316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV F/O HORSWILL, T.F. E/A F/S DOWNER, J.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, E.L. P/E SGT NICHOLS, S. M/G SGT SWEENEY, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 J.1600297 J.1674783 R.125232 R.191757	20.16	02.19	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" deposited them at 48.18N. 04.40W. at 23.27 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. whilst flying at 298 m.p.h. 10/10th cloud up to 8,000 ft. above which visibility was good. H23 gave very good results. Successful trip.	A.207

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21/22nd APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LW.947	CAPT F/O BANGHR, R.H. NAV F/O MAY, A.D. W/A F/O MORRISON, J.M. W/G W/O TOMLINSON, W. P/E SGT DAWSON, D. M/G F/L WILLIAMS, D.H. A/G F/O QUEEN, S.J.	J.23899 J.22859 J.23207 R.67302 R.303226 R.48725 J.27920	20.15	02.19	<i>Target East Harbour</i> This A/C carrying two "Jellyfish" arrived at position 48.18N 044.00E at 23.25 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. and 210 m.p.h. One "Jellyfish" was deposited but other would not release and had to be brought back to base. There was 20/10th cloud to 8,000 ft. but visibility was good. H23 gave very good results and at 12,000 ft. a large ship believed to be a warship was seen 10 miles due East of the starting point of planting. Successful trip. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.208
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW.951	CAPT F/L LOUDON, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. E/A E/O CARLE, S.D. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.F. P/E SGT THOMPSON, H. M/G SGT CORRETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 R.149095 J.22189 R.135783 R.151697 R.195727 R.164154	22.32	04.15	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 48 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.26 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. A bit hazy but visibility good. Dropped bombs on centre of green T.I.'s. P.F.P. were well concentrated and the target area around the markers was covered with a carpet of fires. One large explosion noticed at 01.29 hrs. lasting from 4 to 5 seconds. Heavy congestion at time of bombing and it is considered this was a successful raid. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.209
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HL.316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV E/S DOWDER, J.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, I.E. P/E SGT NICHOLS, S. M/G SGT SWEENEY, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J.24296 R.23110 R.156772 R.1600297 R.1674783 R.125232 R.191757	22.31	04.14	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 48 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.26 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 175 m.p.h. Visibility good although a bit hazy. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s in centre of number of greens. Three concentrations of bomb-bursts noticed. The greatest in the centre around the markers. Several large explosions at 01.20 hrs. seen on the run in. Most concentrated raid seen as fires were all over the target area. Half a can of 30 lb. bombs were jettisoned at 51.50N 02.55E at 02.24 hrs. from 19,000 ft. One other bomb hung up and could not be released. Concentration over target too great for size of target. Several A/C seen crossing the stream. One A/C as we left the target almost had a collision with another Halifax over the target area. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged. <i>case of 30 lb incendiaries being very obstructed at 51.50N 02.55E for 15,000 ft.</i>	A.210
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW.780	CAPT W/O VORNEBROCK, W.F. NAV E/SGT LAIRD, J.S. E/A W/O CAMMART, F.P. W/G SGT HANSON, L. P/E SGT WATERS, L. M/G SGT RENNING, J.J. A/G F/S MORRISSEY, F.P.	R.135676 R.148405 R.145376 R.1131665 R.1850361 R.197906 R.166374	22.30	04.14	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 48 incendiaries failed to return and is missing from this operation.	A.211
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LW.959	CAPT F/O HUGLI, W.F. NAV F/O COLEMAN, G.S. E/A F/S MAY, H.E. W/G SGT FOUNE, C.A. P/E SGT DOUGHERTY, W. M/G SGT MAYOR, G.W. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.S.	J.12224 J.22852 R.156717 R.1510041 R.1562844 R.210290 R.164478	22.16	01.59	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 48 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.27 hrs. flying at 19,700 ft. and 175 m.p.h. Visibility good although a thin cloud haze up to 19,500 ft. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen on the ground. Could see the bend in the RIVER RHINE and a large number of fires concentrated near the aiming point. One large explosion beside East river bank at 01.26 hrs. Raid somewhat scattered but results appeared good. Some congestion over the target. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.212

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22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "V" LW.953	CAPT F/O GROSSE, D.A. J.21660 NAV F/S MCDONNELL, P.M. J.21364 P/A F/O TINKLE, J.S. J.26518 W/G F/S BROWN, R.W. R.161283 F/E SGT PHILL, G.A. R.186204 M/G SGT BOURGEOIS, L.J. R.179822 A/G SGT THURAU, R.Z. R.185396	J.21660	22.18	04.18	This A/C carrying 1x2000lb. and 2 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.25 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 175 m.p.h. Broken cirrus cloud from 20 - 21,000 ft. Vertical visibility good. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s. Attack seemed scattered. Numerous explosions and small fires resulting seen. One 2,000 lb. bomb jettisoned at 52,000 ft. and 01.50 hrs. flying at 14,000 ft. which hung up and would not release at time of bombing. Best concentration of A/C ever seen over target area. Necessary to keep sharp look out at all times to avoid collision. Fires could be seen from the French Coast on the way back to base. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.215
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "W" LW.433	CAPT F/O LAMBERT, J.M. J.20360 NAV W/O PROCTOR, W.T. R.98453 P/A F/O OULTS, G.L. J.20167 W/G W/O MALLMAN, L. R.124635 F/E SGT SCAMMELL, R.B. R.186357 M/G SGT PINNAU, G.J. R.217641 A/G SGT DUKIN, J.F. R.163437 2nd FLT F/O DEBOW, E.M. J.21418	J.20360	22.17	01.58	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 2 incendiary bombs had to abandon the task at a position 51.22N. 02.25 E. at 21.00 hrs. as it was impossible to get above 18,000 ft. Brought back full bomb load. Arrived safely at base.	A.216
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "X" LW.962	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F.G. J.11556 NAV F/O MCCORMICK, D. J.24223 P/A F/O MCDONNELL, R.C. R.156217 W/G W/O FALLET, G.C. R.141179 F/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. R.2201368 M/G SGT CORNELIUS, C. R.210069 A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A. R.124448	J.11556	22.15	03.53	This A/C carrying 1x 2000 lb. and 2 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.24 hrs. flying at 19,000 ft. and 175 m.p.h. 6/10th alto stratus cumulus clouds with tops of 21,000 ft. and good visibility. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. P.F.F. were well concentrated. Many fires noticed around the markers and some extending to the North and West. 8 x 30 lb. bombs hung up. Should be a successful raid if P.F.F. accurate. Very slight congestion at time of bombing over the target. No E/A/C encountered nor flak damage sustained and crew returned safely to base.	A.217
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LW.440	CAPT F/O SHERWOOD, M.O. J.23409 NAV W/O FORGRAVE, R.A. R.148415 P/A F/O SPACKMAN, G.L. J.23998 W/G W/O ARKLE, R.F. R.76423 F/E SGT SUMMERS, W.B. R.186620 M/G F/S WILE, C.B. R.76462 A/G SGT GANDLER, D.T. R.191153	J.23409	22.30	04.08	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 2 incendiary bombs arrived over the target flying at 20,000 ft. and 170 m.p.h. 5/10th alto stratus clouds with tops at 21,000 ft. Visibility poor. Dropped bombs on the centre of green flares. P.F.F. well concentrated. Carpet one square mile of fires where the markers were going down. Some congestion over target. It is felt this raid should be very successful if P.F.F. were accurate. Crew brought A/C back to base undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.218

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22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LW.947	CAPT P/O BANNIHR, R. NAV P/O MAY, A.D. S/A P/O MORRISON, J.N. W/C W/O TOMLINSON, W. P/E SGT DAWSON, D. W/C P/L WILLIAMS, L. A/C P/O QUEEN, S.J.	J.23889 J.22869 J.23207 R.67302 R.803226 A.8725 J.27920	22.29	03.46	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.25 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Vertical visibility good but some haze. Dropped bombs over the centre of the green T.I.'s. Numerous explosions seen and heavy black smoke billowing up from the target area. P.F.F. seemed concentrated. Saw the RHINE RIVER on the run in very clearly. One heavy explosion in the target area at 01.46 hrs. and dark yellow flame issued up lasting 15 seconds. 1 x 2000 lb. bomb hung up. Tried to jettison this but it was impossible. Heavy concentration over target. It is felt that this is a good successful raid. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.219
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "C" HL.318	CAPT P/S STEWART, C.J. NAV P/O GANSEY, A.C. S/A P/S GREEN, P.S. W/O P/L KEER, C.G. P/E SGT CAINE, P.S. W/C SGT MURILL, W.A. A/C SGT HUFF, D.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.17500 R.1800910 R.191123 R.163427	22.20	04.28	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.35 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. 6/10th alto stratus cloud to 8,000 ft., visibility good. Dropped bombs on centre of the green T.I.'s. Bombed late, the P.F.F. markers were dying out. Many fires appeared to be burning South of the markers. The whole target area appeared to be covered with fires. It is considered that this was a successful raid. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.220
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LW.970	CAPT W/O MATHER, A.T. NAV W/O CRAIN, A.P. S/A W/O COOPER, D.A. W/C SGT CARRY, G. P/E SGT CATTON, H.E. W/O SGT SEELY, C.A. A/C W/O HAYWARD, C.T.	R.95377 R.141634 R.157430 R.126974 R.1821082 R.77145 R.112303	22.14	03.48	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.24 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility clear, hazy in patches. Dropped bombs on the centre of the red T.I.'s surrounded by green flares. Numerous bomb bursts seen in the target area and small fires covered most of this area. Considerable difficulty picking out detail due to brightness of the S/L. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.221
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "P" HL.319	CAPT P/L MALLETT, R.L. NAV P/O IRWIN, R.A. S/A P/S SWEATMAN, K.C. W/C W/O WAGLEY, W.G. P/E SGT MUIR, M. W/C SGT CUMBERS, J.W. A/C W/S POPPA, V.	J.6186 J.14212 R.120655 R.99929 R.1914501 R.210110 R.165480	22.13	03.57	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.27 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility good but a bit hazy. Dropped bombs on the centre of the green T.I.'s. P.F.F. were good and many fires noticed around the markers. Bomber stream well concentrated, should be a successful raid for markers were accurate. No congestion over target. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.222
22/23rd APRIL	HALIFAX III "U" LW.991	CAPT P/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV P/O ALBERT, R.T. S/A P/O MCBAIN, A.T. W/C SGT GILBERT, R.G. P/E SGT MICHAEL, F.E. W/C P/O HUTT, G.A. A/C SGT MALES, J. 2nd PLT P/O DOLTER, F.W.	J.22570 J.14793 J.23638 R.69144 R.19839 R.225229 J.19999	22.12	04.10	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.21 hrs. flying at 19,700 ft. and 160 m.p.h. 9/10th thin stratus clouds with tops at 20,000 ft., good visibility. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. P.F.F. well concentrated. Heavy concentration of fires. Two large explosions observed, one at 01.21 hrs. and the other at 01.24 hrs. lasting a few seconds each time. Appears to be a successful raid and very congested over target at time of bombing. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.223

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24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LV.951	CAPT F/L LOUDON, W.C. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. B/A SGT WADSON, R.N. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. F/E SGT THOMPSON, H. M/G SGT CORNETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J8946 RL49095 RL55065 RL35783 RL51697 RL95727 RL64154	21.50	04.44	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.05 hrs. flying at 20,500 ft. and 160 mph. Visibility poor owing to a heavy layer of mist. Dropped bombs on centre of the fires seen. P.P.P. poor on account of mist. No markers seen at time of bombing. Fires scattered over large area. Icing conditions very bad. Is doubtful if this will be a successful raid. No damage from flak nor E/A/G sustained and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 224
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HX.316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV F/O HORSWILL, T.S. B/A F/S DOWNER, J.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, J.E. F/E SGT NICHOLS, S. M/G SGT SWEENEY, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J24296 J23110 RL56772 RL60097 RL67483 RL23232 RL91737	21.49	04.30	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.45 hrs. flying at 19,000 ft. and 160 mph. 10/10th cloud, visibility poor. Bombed in the centre of the fires seen. No markers at the time of bombing. P.P.P. markers disappeared in the clouds. Not much observation on account of heavy cloud. Appeared to be very scattered. 60 x 4 lb. bombs hung up. No congestion over target. Is difficult to assess success of effort. No E/A/G encountered and no damage from flak sustained. A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A. 225
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "G" LV.961	CAPT F/O MILLMAN, E.R. NAV F/L AMY, R.T. B/A W/O STARGIE, B.V. W/G F/O GIBBERSON, L.H. F/E SGT SWANWICK, J. M/G F/O MARSHALL, W.H. A/G F/O WILSON, F.N.	J26745 G.2233 RL25779 J27861 J220946 J37835 89417	21.57	04.35	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.50 hrs. flying at 21,800 ft. and 160 mph. Visibility poor due to heavy conditions over target. Dropped bombs in centre of red and green markers. Was early on the first approach and made second run when markers were seen to go down and bombed on the red and green markers as they went down. Slight overshoot but many bomb bursts seen and fires fairly well concentrated in the target area. Doubtful about success of raid as it seemed quite scattered. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A. 226
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LV.947	CAPT F/O BANNER, R.H. NAV F/O MAY, A.D. B/A F/O MORRISON, J.H. W/G W/O TOMLINSON, W.H. F/E SGT DAWSON, D. M/G SGT BARNARD, W.D. A/G F/O QUEEN, S.J.	J23899 J22859 J23207 R67302 RL80326 RL20433 J27920	21.49	05.01	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.47 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 160 mph. Target area seemed fairly clear although 10/10th cloud surrounded the target to 22 - 23,000 ft. Visibility good. Bombed centre of the green T.I.s. Red T.I.s were well grouped but greens fairly scattered. Did not have time to bomb the reds. Some bomb bursts seen near the markers. Five yellowish flares seen by the Rear Gunner breaking through the clouds from 35 miles away. Red icing conditions at 22,000 ft. Weather very poor. No congestion over target. No E/A/G encountered and no damage from flak sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 227

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24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "P" HX.319	CAPT F/L MALLETT, E.L. NAV F/O IRWIN, E.A. B/A W/O SWATHMAN, K.O. W/O W/O WAKELLY, W.G. F/E SGT MUIR, M. M/G SGT PARR, E.J. A/G F/S POFFA, V.	J6186 J14212 R120655 R99927 1914501 R194123 R165480	21.42	04.40	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 4 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.50 hrs. flying at 20,000 ft. and 156 m.p.h. 10/10th misty layers of cloud. Visibility poor. Dropped bombs on centre of large fires seen through the clouds. No P.P.F. markers seen on arrival so made dimmy run and then bombed centre of fires. Heavy icing conditions both to and from the target. Not considered a very successful raid as many A/C were seen dropping their bombs all along the road outward believed to have been due to icing conditions. No E/A/G encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C back and landed safely at base.	A. 228
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "V" LV.953	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F.O. NAV F/O MOOREMICK, D. B/A F/O MOURBIN, R. W/O W/O PALLETT, G.O. F/E SGT CORRIE, W.L. M/G SGT CORRIE, W.L. A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A.	J11556 J24233 R156217 R141179 2201368 R210069 R124448	21.45	01.38	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 4 incendiary bombs had to abandon the task due to a leak in the main line to oxygen regulator. Turned back at position 53.10N. 01.00W. at 22.58 hrs. at a height of 20,500 ft. Passed FLAMFORD HEAD at 00.45 hrs. at 5,000 ft. Jettisoned 1 x 2000 lb. bomb at 54.10N. 01.30E. at 00.33 hrs. from 5,800 ft. Brought back all incendiaries and landed safely at base.	A. 229
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HX.313	CAPT F/O BASSON, R. NAV W/O LOFTHOUSE, J. B/A F/O LYNN, J.F. W/O SGT WIGN, G.A. F/E SGT BROOKLY, R.J. M/G SGT TISDELL, J.L. A/G F/S GABLE, A.B. 2nd FLT F/O DICKOW, E.S.	J19840 R147155 J25705 1199877 1870630 R207827 R171696 J21418	21.48	05.27	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 4 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.48 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility was poor due to 10/10th cirrus cloud. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s which were quite scattered. T.I.'s were nearly all burned out by time of arrival over target area. Bombing seemed scattered over a wide area. Some icing conditions prevailed. Not considered a very successful effort. No E/A/G encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C back and landed safely at base.	A. 230
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "U" LV.991	CAPT W/O BLANE, J.D. NAV F/O CHAPMAN, A.D. B/A SGT BUNNING, G.A. W/O F/S FLATT, A. F/E F/L WOOD, W.M.B. M/G SGT DAVIDSON, W.G. A/G SGT DUNKING, J.F.	G.198 J24538 R161249 R165189 C18686 992092 R163437	21.45	04.21	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 4 incendiary bombs arrived in target area at 00.43 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Bombed on centre of red and green T.I.'s but bombing was widely scattered and it is not felt that they were sure of the target. Possibly may have bombed MAINHEIM. Brought back a 1/2 ctn of bombs due to hang-up. Very poor concentration and with a great possibility of a mistake in the target. Weather very poor. No E/A/G encountered and no damage from flak sustained. Crew brought A/C back to land safely at base.	A. 231 <i>markers nearly to reach in generally and not to this particular aircraft.</i>
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "E" LV.436	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F. DEM. NAV W/O BURNS, G.D. B/A F/O SKYTH, R.W. W/O W/O THOMPSON, W.P. F/E SGT MCALPINE, W. M/G SGT MYLCHREEST, W. A/G SGT POWER, J.M.	J16121 R129889 J20914 R130883 1824486 R210600 R187753	21.47	00.23	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 4 incendiary bombs had to abandon trip due to technical failure. Turned back at 53.25N. 00.55E. at 23.00 hrs. flying at a height of 17,000 ft. Came across English Coast on the way back at 53.55 N. 00.10W. at 23.44 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Jettisoned the bomb load at 53.18N. 01.36E. at 23.06 hrs flying at 17,000 ft. and brought A/C safely back to base.	A. 232

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24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LV. 988	CAPT F/O SHERWOOD, M.O. NAV W/O FORGRAVE, R.A. W/O SPADMAN, G.L. W/O ARLEIGH, R.F. P/O SGT BURGESS, W.F. W/O WILK, C.D. A/G SGT GAUDIER, D.T.	J23409 R148415 J23998 R76423 R164520 R76426 R191153	21.51	05.05	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 48 x 50 and 450 x 44 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.41 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 165 mph. There was a 10/10th layer of cloud and visibility very poor. Dropped bombs on the centre of the red and green T.I.L.'s. Only two red and one green T.I.L.'s seen. A few bomb bursts noticed around the markers just before bombing. Severe icing conditions both on the outward and homeward journey. E28 calculation at 00.36 hrs. appeared to be dropping markers 40 miles short of the target. Fires were very concentrated. It is not felt that this raid was very successful. No E/A/G encountered and no flak damage sustained. Returned and landed safely at base.	A.235 <i>incendiary bombs to land in ground and not to this particular aircraft</i>
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "O" HL. 318	CAPT F/O HUGLI, W.F. NAV F/O COLLEMAN, G.S. W/O F/S MAY, H.E. W/O SGT FOUN, C.A. P/O SGT DOHERTY, W. W/O SGT MAYOR, G. A/G SGT CHAPMAN, R.B.	J12224 J22862 R156717 R150041 R156281 R210290 R164478	21.43		This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 48 x 50 and 450 x 44 incendiary bombs failed to return and is listed as missing from this operation.	A.234
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LV. 970	CAPT W/O MATTHEW, A.E. NAV W/O GRAIN, A.F. W/O W/O COOPER, D.A. W/O SGT CAREY, G. P/O SGT CATTON, H.J. W/O SGT SEELEY, C.A. A/G W/O HAYWARD, C.T.	R95577 R141034 R157430 R126978 R210882 R77145 R112303	21.44	04.24	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 48 x 50 and 450 x 44 incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 00.52 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 180 mph. 10/10th cloud, very misty, and visibility poor. Dropped bombs on the estimated centre of the markers going down. P.R.F. very scattered and very few seen. Not much observation on account of heavy mist. Does not appear to be a successful raid. No congestion over target area. No E/A/G encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.235
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "X" LV. 962	CAPT F/O CROSSIE, D.A. NAV F/S MOLODKY, P.W. W/O F/O TIMLINE, J.S. W/O F/S BROWN, R.W. W/O SGT PHILLIPS, G.A. W/O SGT BOURDEAU, L.J. A/G SGT TRIDRAU, R.Z.	J21660 R21964 J26318 R161283 R186804 R178922 R185396	21.41		This crew carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 48 x 50 and 450 x 44 incendiary bombs failed to return and is listed as missing from this operation.	A.236
24/25th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Y" LV. 910	CAPT W/O MACKENZIE, D. NAV F/O COLES, C.J. W/O F/O CABLE, E.D. W/O SGT BAILEY, P.A. P/O SGT CAMERON, J.B. W/O SGT MALLORY, B.D. A/G F/S GIBBS, F.H. 2nd F/O F/O BROWN, E.	R142387 J14215 J22189 R138885 R182159 R163774 R166279 J24772	21.43	04.16	This A/C carrying 1 x 2000 lb. and 400 48 x 50 and 450 x 44 incendiary bombs arrived over target at 00.49 hrs. flying at 21,500 ft. and 165 mph. Dense haze from 19,000 to 22,000 ft. Visibility very limited. Out of haze, visibility good. Dropped bombs on the red target indicators seen on the ground. Saw T.I.L.'s go down and scattered bomb bursts noticed. Saw a group of 5 flares well concentrated through a break in the haze. Many bomb bursts noticed and fires burning quite well. Some flak going up from this area. 2 can of 30 lb. bombs hung up. Weather very poor and effort considered unsuccessful. Crew brought A/C back to base undamaged and landed safely.	A.237 <i>in case of 30 lb. incendiary bombs should</i>

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26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HK.316	CAPT F/O MILL, W.F. NAV F/O HORSWILL, T. E/A F/S DOWNER, J.A. W/O SGT PARSONS, L.E. F/S SGT NICHOLS, S. W/O SGT SWENNEY, D.H. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J24296 J23110 R156772 1600257 1674783 R125232 R191757	23.02	04.09	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 180 mph. Clear sky, visibility good. Dropped bombs on red flares in the centre of a group of green flares. Fires were well concentrated around the markers. P.F.F. seemed good and it is felt this was a successful raid. A/C returned and landed safely at base undamaged.	A.238
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "G" LV.361	CAPT F/O MILLMAN, T.R. NAV F/L AMY, H.T. E/A W/O STAGHUE, E.J. W/O F/O GEORGEON, L.R. F/A SGT SWARRECK, J. W/O F/O MARSHALL, W.E. A/G F/O WILSON, F.N.	J26745 Q2233 R125779 J27981 2209846 137835 89417	23.04	04.34	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.35 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. and 160 mph. Clear sky, visibility good. Dropped bombs on concentration of red T.I.'s. The whole target area was carpeted with fires. Very good concentration. It is felt this was a successful raid. 8 x 30 lb. bombs hung up and were brought back. A/C returned and landed safely at base undamaged.	A.239
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "F" LW.304	CAPT F/S KIRKBY, H.A. NAV W/O VANHUCK, T. E/A F/O DRUMMOND-HAY, C. W/O SGT PARRY, A.H. F/S SGT CAINE, P.S. W/O SGT CUMBERS, J.W. A/G SGT SNIDER, P.A.	R153719 QAN.4832 J24019 1411387 1800910 R210110 R165420	23.07	04.03	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.29 hrs. flying at 23,000 ft. and 180 mph. Good visibility. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen on the ground. Bombed a bit early as there were only small fires seen near the red flares. Green flares went down after we left the target area. 8 x 30 lb. bombs were brought back. If red target indicators were accurate, should be a good raid. A/C returned and landed safely at base undamaged.	A.240
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "E" LW.436	Capt F/O HAMILTON, F.DEM. NAV W/O BURNS, G.D. E/A F/O SMITH, R.V. W/O W/O THOMPSON, W.F. F/S SGT MOLLINE, W. W/O SGT MYLCHREEST, W. A/G SGT POWER, N.J.	J16122 R219859 J20914 R130883 1824486 R210600 R167753	23.00	03.50	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. at 180 mph. Visibility good but a slight haze and lots of contrails. Dropped the bombs on red T.I.'s. Two large explosions seen at 60 degrees from red T.I.'s at 01.29 hrs. 4 x 30 lb. bombs were brought back. Raid seemed very concentrated and should be successful if P.F.F. were accurate. No trouble and A/C returned to base undamaged and landed safely.	A241
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "R" LV.959	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F.D. NAV F/O MCCORMICK, D. E/A F/O PALLETTE, G.C. W/O SGT COUSINS, W.L. W/O SGT CORNELIUS, G. A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A.	J11556 J24223 R156217 R141179 2201368 R210069 R124448	23.14	03.29	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.29 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. and 180 mph. Visibility fairly good although 3/10th stratus to 25,000 ft. Bombed on the first salvo of green T.I.'s. Saw the incendiary bombs catching fire all over the target area. Two large explosions seen, one at 01.28 hrs., the other at 01.31 hrs. If P.F.F. accurate, this raid should be successful. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A242

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26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "U" LW. 991	CAPT F/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV F/O ALBERT, E.T. B/A F/O MCBAIN, A.H. W/G SGT GILBERT, R.G. P/E SGT MICHAEL, F.E. M/G S/O HUTT, G.A. A/G SGT MAIRD, J.	J.21570 J.14793 J.23638 1575683 E.69044 J.19839 R.225229	23.22	03.48	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.31 hrs. flying at 24,200 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Good visibility. Very clear except for vapour trails with a slight haze near the ground. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. Both red and green T.I.'s were seen in good concentration. Brought back 8 x 30 lb. and 30 x 4 lb. bombs. No congestion over target and was a well concentrated raid. Should be very successful. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.243
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "T" LW. 910	CAPT W/O MACHENZIE, D. NAV F/O COMBE, C.J. B/A F/O CABLE, E.D. W/G SGT BAILEY, R.A. P/E SGT CAMPBELL, J.B. M/G SGT MALLORY, B.D. A/G F/S GIBBS, F.H.	R.142387 J.14215 J.22188 J.338885 1822155 R.163274 R.166279	23.11	03.35	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.28 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 170 m.p.h. No clouds, visibility good. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. P.F.P. well concentrated and many bomb bursts seen around the markers. One large explosion at 01.29 hrs. in the target area. If P.F.P. accurate, should be very successful raid. Glow of the fires could be seen 100 miles away. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.244
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" HW. 513	CAPT F/L LOUDOUN, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. B/A SGT WADSON, R.N. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/E SGT THOMSON, H. M/G SGT CORBETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 R.149095 R.155065 R.135783 1516487 R.195727 R.104154	23.12	04.19	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 21,000 ft. and 165 m.p.h. No clouds, visibility good with a slight ground haze near ground. Bombed on red T.I.'s seen cascading. P.F.P. very good. One large explosion at 01.28 hrs. to the port of the markers. 60 x 4 lb. bombs hung up. It was felt that this was a very successful raid and the glow of the fires could be seen 100 miles away. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.245
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "J" LW. 440	CAPT F/O SHEKWOOD, M.C. NAV W/O PORCHAYE, R.A. B/A F/O SEACROFT, G.L. W/G W/O ARKLE, E.F. P/E SGT SUMMERS, W.B. M/G F/S WILK, C.D. A/G SGT GANDLER, D.T.	J.25409 R.148415 J.23998 R.76423 1866520 R.76462 R.191153	23.09	03.39	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. and 160 m.p.h. No clouds, visibility good, slight haze near ground. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen cascading at 01.24 hrs. P.F.P. very concentrated. Many bombs seen bursting around markers. At 01.32 hrs. noticed one large explosion. 8 x 30 lb. bombs hung up. Very successful raid. No congestion over target. Glow of fires could be seen 100 miles away. Crew brought A/C back undamaged and landed safely at base.	A.246
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LW. 947	CAPT F/O MANNING, R.H. NAV F/O MAY, A.D. B/A F/O MORRISON, J.N. W/G W/O TOMLINSON, W.H. P/E SGT DAWSON, D. M/G SGT BARNARD, W.S. A/G F/O QUEEN, S.J.	J.25889 J.22859 J.23207 R.67302 1803286 R.204833 J.27920	22.59	03.41	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds but many vapour trails. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen cascading at 01.28 hrs. P.F.P. very well concentrated, both red and green being seen. Many bomb bursts seen in a radius of 1000 yards around the markers. 12 x 30 lb. bombs hung up. Slight congestion over target. Fires seen for 75 miles and it is considered this was a successful raid. Crew brought A/C safely to base base undamaged.	A.247

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26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LW.998	CAPT F/O BASSON, R.A. NAV W/O LOFTHOUSE, J. B/A F/O LYNN, J.P. W/G SGT WREN, G.A. P/E SGT BROOKLEY, R.J. W/G SGT TIEDELL, J.L. A/G F/S CARLE, A.B.	J.19840 R.147155 J.25705 1199577 1870630 R.207827 R.171696	23.08	03.44 BOMBING ESSEN	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds, slight haze near the ground. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen cascading at 01.25 hrs. P.F.F. very concentrated and bombing concentrated around the markers. Fires starting to take a good hold. Good raid, trouble free, and the glow of the fires could be seen 50 to 70 miles away. Crew brought A/C undamaged back to base and landed safely.	A.248
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Q" LW.117	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.J. NAV P/O GAMESY, A.C. B/A P/S GREENE, P.S. W/G W/O VIVIAN, J.K. P/E SGT ROBERTS, G.F. W/G SGT MORRILL, W.A. A/G SGT HUFF, W.B.	R.159028 J.23114 R.162840 R.106317 R.125750 R.191123 R.165427	23.13	04.18 BOMBING ESSEN	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.30 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 160 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds but slight haze near ground. Bombs were dropped on red T.I.'s seen cascading at 01.25 hrs. P.F.F. red and green markers well concentrated. One large explosion at 01.28 hrs. slightly East of the red flares. Many fires burning briskly. Best marking seen yet by P.F.F. Should be very successful raid. Glow of fires seen 75 miles away. A/C brought safely back to base undamaged.	A.249
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "M" LW.970	CAPT W/O MATTHEW, A.T. NAV W/O CRAIN, A.F. B/A W/O CORDER, A.B. W/G SGT CAREY, C. P/E SGT GATTON, H.J. W/G SGT SERLEY, C.A. A/G W/O HATWARD, C.T.	R.95377 R.144034 R.157430 1126974 1821082 R.77145 R.112303	23.06	05.52 BOMBING ESSEN	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.35 hrs. flying at 22,500 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen on the ground. Fires were starting in the built-up area and were well concentrated. Some congestion over the target but bombing seemed quite accurate. It is felt this was a most successful raid. Crew brought A/C back to base undamaged and made a safe landing.	A.251
26/27th APRIL	HALIFAX III "V" LW.953	CAPT F/S BURTON, R.W. NAV F/S THRASHER, C.R. B/A SGT MCMALIN, E. W/G W/O GREENBERG, A. P/E SGT HOLBROD, J.W. W/G SGT KELF, E.C. A/G SGT MCKAY, C.L.	R.147766 R.161157 R.155712 R.111612 R.57895 R.163088 R.208817	23.10	04.26 BOMBING ESSEN	This A/C carrying a full load of incendiary bombs arrived over the target at 01.36 hrs. flying at 22,000 ft. and 170 m.p.h. There was a slight haze but visibility was good. Dropped bombs on the centre of a cluster of 3 T.I.'s. Made two runs, on the first run bomb doors did not open; on the second run was successful and bombing seemed quite concentrated. Some congestion over the target as we re-entered the stream. 4 x 50 lb. bombs hungup and were brought back. Raid considered successful. No trouble and A/C landed safely at base.	A.252
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LW.951	CAPT F/L LOUDOUN, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. B/A SGT WADSON, R.M. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. P/E SGT THOMPSON, M. W/G SGT CORRETT, E.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 R.149095 R.155065 R.139783 1516397 R.195727 R.164154	00.02	04.16 BOMBING AULNOYE	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.02 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility was good with some low haze to about 2,000 ft. The Master Bomber was of great help as he directed the aim of the bombs and he told them to aim slightly East of the red T.I.'s which was done and the bombs were seen to burst in the proper area. It was difficult to assess particular damage due to the haze. Little opposition over the target. No S/L, nor E/A/C encountered, but there was some heavy flak. This crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.253

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27/28th APRIL	CAPT F/L MALLETT, HALIFAX III "A" LX.319	E.L. J8946 NAV. P/O IRWIN, R.A. R149095 P/O W/O SWEETMAN, R.O. R155065 W/O W/O WALKER, M.O. R155783 P/O SGT MITCHELL, M. 191501 S/O SGT FARR, R.A. R194125 A/G P/S POPPA, V. R165480		23.45	04.33	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.02 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 181 mph. Visibility good, slight haze near forward. Dropped the bombs on the red T.I.'s as the Master Bomber had directed them to bomb there. Numerous bomb bursts were seen in and around the markers. No congestion over the target and it is felt that this should be a very good raid. No E/A/C encountered, no damage sustained by flak, and crew returned and landed safely at base.	A.254
27/28th APRIL	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, P.O. HALIFAX III "B" LX.259	J11556 NAV. P/O MCCORMICK, D. J24223 P/O P/O MCDONNELL, R.O. R156217 W/O P/O PALMER, G.O. R141179 P/O SGT COUSINS, W.L. 2201368 M/O SGT CORNELIUS, C. R20069 A/G P/S COOPER, C.A. R124448		23.50	04.24	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.02 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 mph. Visibility good with some haze. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s and bombs were seen to burst all around the area. P.F.F. could have dropped more T.I.'s off to starboard. If P.F.F. were accurate, this should be a very successful raid as there seemed to be a good concentration of bombing in the target area. No E/A/C nor damage from flak and no E/A/C encountered. Crew returned safely to base.	A.255
27/28th APRIL	CAPT LT. COLEMAN, A. HALIFAX III "C" LX.910	0.886286 NAV. P/O DUNN, J.W. J23117 P/O P/O PARKER, M.G. R155992 W/O W/O CLARKE, J.W. R143992 P/O SGT JARVIS, C.J. 1604998 W/O P/O WATSON, P. 125072 A/G SGT JACOBSON, J. R194844		23.49	04.44	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.04 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 190 mph. Visibility good and no cloud. Dropped bombs on the centre of a cluster of markers. Could not hear the Master Bomber. Bombs seen bursting inside the markers. P.F.F. were somewhat scattered. No congestion over the target. No damage from flak and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.256
27/28th APRIL	CAPT P/O BARNIER, R.H. HALIFAX III "K" LX.947	J23899 NAV. P/O MAY, A.D. J22859 P/O P/O MCGIBBON, J.H. J23207 W/O W/O FOLKINSON, W.H. R67302 P/O SGT DAWSON, D. 1805286 M/O SGT BARBER, W.S. R204833 A/G P/O QUINN, S.J. J27920		23.45	04.22	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.00 hrs. flying at 5,700 ft. and 180 mph. Visibility good. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. Many bombs seen bursting on and around red T.I.'s. Many bombs seen bursting on and around red T.I.'s. Good results observed. Slight congestion over the target at time of bombing otherwise trip was very good. No E/A/C encountered, no damage from flak and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.257
27/28th APRIL	CAPT P/O SHERRWOOD, M.O. HALIFAX III "J" LX.998 L.M. 1110	J23409 NAV. W/O FORGAVE, R.A. R142415 P/O P/O SPACKMAN, G.L. J23996 W/O W/O ASKILL, E.F. R76423 P/O SGT BOLLESTON, A. 2205021 M/O SGT GARDNER, D.T. R191153 A/G P/S WILE, C.D. R76462		23.41	02.55	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.01 hrs. flying at 5,000 ft. and 180 mph. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s and just after bombs dropped a piece of flak hit one of the 1000 lb bombs and ricocheted off spraying the A/C. Putting holes in the flaps, through the mid-upper turret and the bomb bays. The Mid-Upper Gunner received a wound in his left leg when a piece of flak travelled from his ankle up through his leg into his knee. The wing-bulkhead near the port outer engine caught on fire and while attempts were made to put this fire out, it was found impossible. The A/C burned the whole of the return journey. On touching down at 03.00 hrs. at WATKIN, the P/O climbed out on the wing and was handed one by one all the extinguishers and by the time the A/C came to a stop,	A.258

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27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LV.552	CAPT F/S VANDER, B. NAV F/C LAWRENCE, W.J. W/C F/S SIVAKS, W.D. W/C SGT ROGERS, R. F/E SGT JACKSON, F.H. W/C SGT ADAMS, W.H. A/C SGT FLORENCE, J.	R15534 J23434 R143600 1323176 1334789 R135446 R195070			the flames were under control. The fire fighting equipment of MASTON finished the job.	A.258
				23.52	04.47	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 04.00 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 mph. Weather clear with good visibility. Dropped bombs on the centre of red and green T.I.'s. P.F.F. seemed scattered and at the time of bombing it was too early to assess the success of the raid. The Master Bomber was not heard clearly due to interference. If P.F.F. accurate, this should be a very successful raid. A/C sustained no damage from fire. No R/A/C encountered and crew returned safely to base.	A.259
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "E" LV.997	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, P.DEM NAV W/O BURNS, C.D. H/A F/O SMYTH, R.V. W/C W/O THOMPSON, W.F. F/E SGT McALPINE, W. W/C SGT MCGHEESSE, W. A/C SGT POWELL, J.N.	J16121 R129859 J20914 R130883 1324486 R120600 R187753	23.44½	05.07	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 04.09½ hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 mph. Visibility good, no cloud but some haze. Dropped the bombs between the red and yellow T.I.'s as directed by the Master Bomber. Numerous bomb bursts were seen while in the target area. No congestion over the target. No difficulties whatever and the Master Bomber was a very great help. A/C and crew returned safely to base.	A.260
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LV.991	CAPT F/L TURNBULL, J.C. NAV F/O ALBERT, E.H. H/A F/O MCRAE, A.H. W/C SGT CHILLEY, R.D. F/E SGT MICHAEL, P.D. W/C F/O HUFF, C.A. A/C SGT MAIR, J.	J21370 J24793 J23638 1575683 R69444 J19839 R225229	23.47	04.54	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 04.09 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 170 mph. Visibility quite good, some haze. Dropped bombs on the yellow and green T.I.'s. Saw quite a number of bombs burst in the target area. Some of the T.I.'s seemed scattered but the Master Bomber was clearly heard directing the aiming of the bombs. If P.F.F. were accurate, this should be a very successful raid. No trouble encountered throughout the trip and A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A.261
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "V" LV.953	CAPT F/S BURTON, R.W. NAV F/S THORNTON, C.H. H/A SGT MORGAN, E. W/C W/O GREENBERG, A. F/E SGT MILES, J.M. W/C SGT MURRAY, C.L. A/C SGT REIL, E.G.	R147766 R161157 R155712 R111612 R57895 R208317 R163068	23.49	05.01	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 04.10 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 mph. Visibility good, some smoke haze. Dropped bombs on the centre of a group of red T.I.'s. Very few markers visible when we went in so made an orbit and on the second run bombed on the red as ordered by the Master Bomber. Bomb bursts seen and they were well on the markers. No trouble throughout trip. No R/A/C encountered and A/C returned safely to base.	A.262
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Q" LV.117	CAPT F/S STEWART, G.J. NAV F/O GANSEY, A.C. H/A F/S GREENE, F.S. W/C W/O VIVIAN, J.K. F/E SGT ROBERTS, C.B. W/C SGT MORRILL, W.A. A/C SGT HUFF, W.D.	R159028 J23114 R162840 R106317 R123750 R191123 R163427	00.14	04.51	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 04.06½ hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 mph. Sky clear and good visibility with slight ground haze. Dropped bombs between red and yellow T.I.'s as instructed by Master Bomber. COULD NOT see any ground detail but saw bombs burst in the target area. If P.F.F. markers were accurate, this should be a very successful raid. NO DIFFICULTIES and no R/A/C encountered and crew returned A/C safely to base.	A.263

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27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" HL 316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. J.24296 NAV F/O HORSWILL, T.J. J.23110 R/A F/S DOWDER, J.A. R.156772 W/C SGT PARSONS, I.E. 1600297 P/E SGT NICHOLS, S. 1674783 M/G SGT SWENNEY, D.M. R.125232 A/G SGT GREEN, W.A. R.191737	J.24296 J.23110 R.156772 1600297 1674783 R.125232 R.191737	23.46	04.27	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 10 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.02 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Good visibility, some smoke haze. Dropped bombs on the red T.I.'s as ordered and numerous bomb bursts seen across these markers. No congestion over the target and no difficulties experienced throughout the trip. A/C and crew returned safely to base.	A.264
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "E" LW.113	CAPT F/S KIRBY, H.A. R.153712 NAV W/O VANHUCK, T. CAN.4832 R/A F/O DRUMMOND-HAY, C. J.24019 W/C SGT PARRY, R.H. 1431387 P/E SGT CAINE, F.S. 1800910 M/G SGT CUMERS, J. R.210110 A/G SGT SMITH, P.A. R.165420	R.153712 CAN.4832 J.24019 1431387 1800910 R.210110 R.165420	23.48	04.56	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.05 hrs. flying at 5,400 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility good, a thin layer of cloud about 2000 ft. Dropped bombs between red and yellow T.I.'s as instructed by Master Bomber. Bombs seen bursting in the target area. If P.F.F. were accurate, this raid should be very successful. No trouble, no R/A/C encountered, no flak damage sustained and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.265
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "G" LW.961	CAPT F/O MILLMAN, T.R. J.26745 NAV F/L AMY, H.T. G.2233 R/A W/O STARRUP, B.J. R.142779 W/G F/O GIBBESON, L.R. J.27981 P/E SGT SWANSTON, J. 2209846 M/G F/O MARSHALL, W.E. 137835 A/G F/O WILSON, F.N. 89417	J.26745 G.2233 R.142779 J.27981 2209846 137835 89417	23.51	04.19	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. bombs and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.02 hrs. flying at 5,500 ft. and 181 m.p.h. Visibility was good, some smoke haze near ground. Dropped bombs between red and yellow T.I.'s as instructed by Master Bomber. Bombs seen to burst between and around the markers. No congestion over target, should be a very good attack. Crew returned A/C safely to base.	A.266
27/28th APRIL	HALIFAX III "H" LW.970	CAPT S/L LAMOR, R.J. J.2102 NAV SGT WHEDE, J.F. 1456197 R/A F/S WOTIK, E. R.132421 W/C SGT MANNING, A.G. 1127367 P/E SGT ROWLEY, C.E. 1804110 M/G SGT LARSON, S.C. R.181816 A/G SGT BRADSHAW, J.L. 922606	J.2102 1456197 R.132421 1127367 1804110 R.181816 922606	23.42	04.35	This A/C carrying 5 x 1000 lb. and 8 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.03 hrs. flying at 5,800 ft. and 185 m.p.h. Visibility fair, some haze and approximately 3/10 cloud. Dropped bombs on the centre of all visible markers. Did not hear Master Bomber so made for the yellow T.I.'s which were clustered between the reds and greens. Saw bomb bursts in the target area. No difficulties and no congestion over the target. A/C returned safely to base.	A.267
28/29th 30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Y" LW.953	CAPT F/S BURTON, R.W. R.147766 NAV F/S THRAKIE, C.R. R.161157 R/A SGT MCMAIN, B. R.155712 W/C W/O GREENBERG, A. R.111612 P/E SGT MOLLOD, J.M. R.57895 M/G SGT MEKAY, C.L. R.208817 A/G SGT REIS, R.G. R.163088	R.147766 R.161157 R.155712 R.111612 R.57895 R.208817 R.163088	21.45	01.49	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.33 hrs. flying at 6,600 ft. and 175 m.p.h. No clouds, visibility good with slight haze. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. P.F.F. markers well concentrated and bombs seen bursting around markers. One large explosion noticed at 23.34 hrs. lasting a few seconds. A/C was struck by flak at 50.10N. 01.15 E. at 00.01 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. There was considerable heavy flak. The Master Bomber was heard distinctly but no direction was given at the time of our bombing. After we had bombed, the Master Bomber was heard telling to hold off then advised to bomb on the yellow markers. No R/A/C encountered and A/C was brought safely back to base by crew.	A.268

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30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Q" LW. 117	CAPT F/S STEWART, C.J. R.159028 NAV F/O GANESY, A.C. J.23114 B/A F/S GREGGIE, F.S. R.162840 W/C W/O VIVIAN, J.K. R.106317 F/E SGT ROBERTS, C.R. R.123750 W/C SGT MORRILL, W.A. R.191123 A/G SGT HUFF, W.D. R.163427		21.46	02.30	This A/C carrying 8 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good, slight haze. Dropped bombs on the yellow and green target indicators as instructed by Master Bomber. One large explosion was seen at 23.54 hrs. Bomb bursts were observed around yellow and green T.I.'s. Two large fires were seen near these markers. Slight congestion over target but it is felt that if P.P.P. accurate, this should be very successful raid. Crew brought A/C safely back to base undamaged.	A.269
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "R" IV. 959	CAPT F/O BROWN, E. J.24772 NAV F/O MILLER, H.R. J.24559 B/A SGT MILLER, A. R.153322 W/C W/O JOHNSON, G.H. R.108904 F/E SGT BROWN, H. R.182921 W/C SGT LINDSAY, M.S. R.203549 A/G SGT BRANCH, H.J. R.194624		21.44	02.19	This A/C carrying 13 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.54 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Sky clear, visibility good. Dropped bombs on the centre of a cluster of red T.I.'s. Markers were well placed and many bomb bursts noticed in the target area. Some congestion over the target as A/C were circling apparently waiting for bombing instructions. No trouble, no E/A/C encountered and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.270
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" IX. 313	CAPT F/L MALLETT, R.H. J.6186 NAV F/O IRWIN, R.A. J.14212 B/A W/O SWATMAN, K.C. R.120655 W/C W/O WAGLEY, E.G. R.99927 F/E SGT MUIR, M. 1914501 W/C SGT FARR, E.J. R.194125 A/G F/S POFFA, W. R.165480		21.36	02.35	This A/C carrying 15 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.57 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds but bit of haze. Dropped bombs on green and yellow T.I.'s on instruction of Master Bomber. Bomb bursts seen straddling greens and yellows. Two large explosions noticed at 23.34 hrs. Orbited on instruction of Master Bomber but many A/C seen to ignore these instructions and bombed on red T.I.'s which appeared to be about 4 miles to the port of yellows and greens. No congestion and only a few A/C seen bombing at our time of bombing. No trouble, no E/A/C encountered and this A/C returned and landed safely at base undamaged.	A.271
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "P" IV. 997	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, R. J.16121 NAV W/O BURGESS, C.D. R.129469 B/A F/O SMYTH, R.V. J.20914 W/C W/O THOMPSON, W.H. R.130883 F/E SGT MCALPINE, W. 1824486 W/C SGT MILDRETT, W. R.210600 A/G SGT POWERS, J.H. R.187753 2nd PLT F/O TIDY, M.R. J.25833		21.32	02.32	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.41 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds. Dropped bombs on the green and yellow T.I.'s. Was held up for 1 1/2 minutes over target on instructions of Master Bomber. A/C that bombed early seemed to bomb the village to the East of the aiming point. Three large explosions noticed to the North of the A/P which looked like oil or petrol. Saw our bursts near the green and yellow markers. It is felt that too many crews were impatient and if they had waited for instructions from the Master Bomber, it is believed bombing would have been more accurate. Master Bomber told us to orbit high when we were briefed to orbit low which caused some congestion. Had to jettison 1 x 1000 lb. bomb off DICKIE at 00.20 hrs. from 6,000 ft. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was brought back due to hang up. No other trouble throughout trip. No E/A/C encountered and no damage received from risk. A/C brought safely back to base.	A.272

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30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW.113	CAPT F/S KIRKBY, H.A. NAV W/O VANDHUCK, T. P/A F/O DETHMUND-HAY, C. W/O F/S SMITH, D.W. P/E SGT CAINE, F.S. M/G SGT CUMBERS, J. A/G SGT SHEDDER, P.A.	R.153712 CAN.4832 J.24019 1540210 1800910 R.210110 R.165420	21.34	01.55	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.37 hrs. flying at 6,400 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility good, quite clear. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. On run in saw large explosion which ascended to 2,500 ft. with some smaller ones at approximately 23.36 hrs. Bomb bursts seen near markers. After leaving target saw greens and yellow going down. P.F.P. appeared late and Master Bomber was of no great assistance at our time of bombing. Lot of smoke over target area. No trouble, no E/A/C nor flak damage and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.273
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW.998	CAPT W/O VANLIER, B. NAV F/O LAWRENCE, J. W/A F/S SIEVAGE, R.V. W/O SGT BORGES, R. P/E SGT JACKSON, F.E. M/G SGT ADAM, J.R. A/G SGT FLORENCE, J.	R.125334 J.23494 R.143800 R.1323176 1896079 R.135216 R.195070	21.39	02.21	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good with slight haze. Dropped bombs on yellow T.I.'s on instructions from Master Bomber who ordered us to orbit to the right at 23.35 hrs. Large bright red explosion noticed at 23.40 hrs. Saw own stick of bombs burst across W/DG. Bombing seemed a bit late. First red markers seemed off the target. By waiting instructions from Master Bomber seemed to increase accuracy. No great congestion over target but several other A/C bombing at same time as us. No trouble, no E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained to A/C. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	A.274
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW.970	CAPT W/O MATHER, A.T. NAV W/O CRAIN, A.P. W/A W/O CORDELL, A.B. W/O SGT CERRY, G. P/E SGT GATTON, H.J. M/G SGT SEELEY, C.A. A/G W/O HAYWARD, C.T. 2nd Plt F/O PARTRIDGE, J.	R.95377 R.141034 R.157430 1126974 1821082 R.77145 R.112303 J.25850	21.47	01.38	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.32 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 180 m.p.h. Visibility good, some light haze. Dropped bombs on yellow T.I.'s. Was early on target and saw first yellow markers go down at 23.29 hrs. Saw two sticks of bombs burst across yellow T.I.'s and several others burst in vicinity of the red flares. Large explosion seen at 23.34 hrs. which looked like oil fire. If P.F.P. were accurate, this is felt to be a successful raid. Master Bomber could be heard clearly. No trouble, no E/A/C encountered nor any flak damage sustained. A/C returned and landed safely at base.	A.275
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "B" LW.119	CAPT L.E. COMPTON, A. NAV F/O DUNN, J.W.K. W/A F/S PARKER, M.G. W/O F/O CLARKE, J.N. P/E SGT JARVIS, G.J. M/G F/O QUINN, S.J. A/G SGT JACOBSON, J.	C.886286 J.23117 R.155991 R.113931 1604938 J.27920 R.194844	21.40	01.51	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.35 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good, quite clear. Dropped bombs on centre of red T.I.'s. Red flares were well concentrated with yellows scattered to the West. Large explosions seen West of the red markers at 23.34 hrs. Looked like ammunition train. Numerous bombs seen bursting near markers which seemed well carpeted. No congestion over target. No damage from flak and crew returned A/C safely to base.	A.276

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30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "Y" LV. 910	CAPT F/O DEROW, E.S. NAV F/O BRADSHAW, F. B/A F/O MILLAN, J. W/G W/O McLAUGH, D.A. F/E SGT SCHOFFIELD, N. W/G SGT HERTZ, E. A/G SGT BORHLIG, H.	J.21418 J.12278 J.14744 E.119313 E.1621305 E.219595 E.216572	21.41	02.45	This A/C carrying 15 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 170 m.p.h. No clouds, visibility good. Dropped bombs between red and yellow T.I.'s seen cascading at 23.32 hrs. Red and yellow markers seemed slightly scattered. Some bombs seen bursting on markers, others about 500 yards to starboard of them. One large explosion seen at 23.34 hrs. No congestion over target. Master Bomber heard clearly. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.277
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "A" LV. 951	CAPT F/L LOUDON, N.G. NAV W/O HALL, R.E. B/A SGT WALSON, E.N. W/G SGT WOODMAN, A.S. F/E SGT THOMPSON, H. W/G SGT CORBETT, R.E. A/G SGT DONALD, R.G.	J.8946 E.149095 E.155065 E.135783 E.166897 E.195727 E.164154	21.38	02.15	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.34 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good, quite clear. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s. Did not hear Master Bomber until after we bombed. Lot of smoke obscured target. Two large explosions seen at 23.34 hrs. Numerous bomb bursts seen near red flares. No E/A/C encountered and no damage from flak sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	A.278
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "D" BX. 316	CAPT F/O HILL, W.F. NAV F/O HOBBSWILL, T.S. B/A F/O DOWNER, J.A. W/G SGT PARSONS, I.E. F/E SGT RICHARDS, G. W/G SGT SWENNEY, D.M. A/G SGT GREEN, W.A.	J.11556 J.23110 E.156772 E.1600297 E.1674783 E.125232 E.191757	21.37	02.25	This A/C carrying 15 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.33 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good with a slight haze. Dropped bombs between clusters of red and yellow markers. Saw own stick of bombs burst on the port of the yellow markers. Numerous other bombs seen bursting. Master Bomber heard quite clearly but was late with his instructions. No trouble; no E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	A.279
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "X" LV. 121	CAPT F/O HAMILTON, F. NAV F/O MCCORMICK, D. B/A F/S MCCORMICK, R.O. W/G W/O PALLIST, G.O. F/E SGT COUSINS, W.L. W/G SGT CORNELIUS, O. A/G F/S COMPTON, G.A. 2nd P/L F/O CHODIN, F.E.	J.11556 J.24223 E.156217 E.144179 E.2201368 E.210069 E.124448 J.25978	21.42	02.02	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.34 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 170 m.p.h. Visibility good with slight haze. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s as no directions were received from Master Bomber at time of bombing. One large explosion noticed at 23.34 hrs. with large billows of white smoke issuing from it. Many bombs seen bursting around red T.I.'s. F.F.F. late and insufficient. Good concentration of bombs. No congestion over target. No E/A/C encountered no damage from flak and crew brought A/C safely back to base.	A.280
30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "G" LV. 961	CAPT F/O MILLMAN, T.R. NAV F/L AYO, L.T. B/A W/O STARRIS, R.J. W/G F/O GEORGESON, L.R. F/E SGT SWARSHOCK, J. W/G F/O MARSHALL, W.E. A/G F/O WILSON, F.N.	J.26745 G.2233 E.125779 J.27881 E.2209846 E.157835 E.89417	21.35	01.58	This A/C carrying 4 x 1000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 23.33 hrs. flying at 6,500 ft. and 161 m.p.h. Visibility good, no clouds. Dropped bombs on red T.I.'s seen cascading at 23.33 hrs. Bombs seen bursting around the red flares. F.F.F. late. Master Bomber late and not very helpful. No congestion over target. No E/A/C encountered and no damage from flak sustained. Crew brought A/C back to base and landed safely.	A.281

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30th APRIL	HALIFAX III "K" LN.947	CAPT E/O DOLTER, F.W. NAV F/S WILSON, G.A. P/A SGT WILSON, N.A. W/O KELLY, J.W. P/E SGT RUMS, M. W/G SGT HARMES, H. A/G SGT ALMOND, J.N.	J.19999 R.156060 R.166829 R.110948 2209127 R.192633 R.200858	21.35	02.03	This A/C carrying 4 x 1,000 lb. and 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 185 m.p.h. and a height of 6,500 ft. Time - 21.35 hrs. Visibility good, no clouds. Dropped bombs on red T.L.'s seen cascading at 23.32 hrs. P.F.F. were late and red T.L.'s were well concentrated concentrated. Our bombs seen bursting straddling the red T.L.'s. One large explosion noticed at 23.34 hrs. One 500 lb. bomb hung up. No congestion over target and P.F.F. were accurate. This should be a very successful raid. No E/A/C encountered and no flak damage sustained. Crew brought A/C safely back and landed at base.	A.282

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