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By No. 431 (BCAF) SQUADRON.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1944 Jan. 20th	Halifax V "A" LL175	S/L C.W. Higgins	J15695 Pilot	16:23 1/2	00:38	Target: BERLIN. Primary: 1950 hours. 20,000 feet. 120 degs. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud stratus tops 5-6,000 feet. Identified target by Red Flares with green stars. Large explosion seen 1949 hours. West of target area, fires could be seen below cloud, and covering a large area, as far as it's possible to tell, they were concentrated. Spoof attack on Kiel seen. Spoof attack on Kiel seen. Spoof marker seen over Hanover. A lot of red flares seen going down over whole routes.	
		F/L C.G. Bull	J3486 2nd Pilot				
		F/L D.B. Moyes	126901 Nav.				
		F/O G.O. Gurney	135360 B/A				
		F/O J.H. Gribbon	169142 W/AG				
		Sgt. C. Kelway	R225375 MU/AG				
		AUS 431091 F/L L.L. McLeod	R/G				
		F/O H.G. Young	168996 F/S				
		F/L J. Valentine	31183 Pilot	16:04 1/2	00:16 1/2		
		F/S J.K. Gustafson	R132528 2nd Pilot				
Halifax V "B" LK896		F/O E. Molham	148462 Nav.			Target: BERLIN. Primary: 1938 hours. 18,500 ft., 165 degs. I.A.S. 165. 10/10ths cloud tops 8/10th. Bombed Red flare with Green stars. Second wave. Fires visible. Markers good on a lane across target, and appeared concentrated. Route marking excellent, with marks over dangerous areas. A great help. Target well marked. Spoof attacks should be backed up (suggestion).	
		F/O R.D. Lawson	135113 B/A				
		F/O J.A. Cable	169153 W/AG				
		F/S J.S. Baron	1380119 MU/AG				
		F/O W.M. Lawrence	51603 R/G				
		Sgt. C.D. Little	1805035 F/S				
		F/O W.R. Hewatson	J19423 Pilot	16:06	00:47		
		F/O R. MacLean	J21623 Nav.				
		Sgt. A.C. Thompson	R65728 B/A				
		F/S G.T. Moody	637036 W/AG				
Halifax V "C" LL173		Sgt. G.F. Carter	1499168 MU/AG			Target: BERLIN. Primary: 1941 hours. Height 18,500 feet. 165 degs. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud tops 10-14,000 ft. FFF flares and T.I's seen. A/C nearly hit by T.I. Bombed one Green T.I. falling Red fighter flares seen dropped at intervals along route. Attack on Kiel seen. FFF was well concentrated.	
		Sgt. N.A. Bell	R190751 R/G				
		Sgt. J. McIver	1562336 F/S				
		F/O R.L. Christison	J10969 Pilot	16:10	01:01		
		F/S M.E. Schwartz	R145326 Nav.				
		F/O J.R. Shaw	J23637 B/A				
		F/L J. Fielding	J7216 W/AG				
		R185802 Sgt. G.S. Robinson	MU/AG				

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20th Jan.	Halifax V	Sgt. E.L. Foure	R194119 R/G			but concentration developed <del>later</del> later. Came back on three engines, the port inner point U/S, just after leaving the target area.	
1944	"G" L1142 (cont'd)	Sgt. O.W.L. Tongue	1870924 F/S			Target: BERLIN. Primary 1939 hours. 19,000 ft. 160 degs. I.A.S. 170.	
	Halifax V	F/O E.O. Johnson	J19424 Pilot	16:13	00:21	10/10ths cloud tops 15,000 feet. Target identified by red flares, and green stars, and dummy fighter yellow flares. Bombed green star.	
	"P" LK918	F/O L.C.B. Garrity	J20923 Nav.			Cloud base was well lit, but no accurate assessment of attack could be made. Attack appeared very successful depending on accuracy of FFP. Spoof attack on Keil, and spoof TI's on Hanover, seen about a dozen spoof flares seem to reach the target.	
		F/S G.B. Jose	R157745 B/A			Target: BERLIN. Primary. 1950 1/2 hours. 18,000 ft. 150 degs I.A.S. 170.	
		Sgt. W.R. Chapman	1454040 W/AG			10/10ths cloud Strata C.U. tops 10,000 feet. Bombed red flares with green stars. Good red glow seen reflected on cloud. Glow seen about 20/80 miles away. Small hole in wind screen probably caused by flak.	
		Sgt. G.T. O'Bright	R197080 MU/AG			Routine trip. Some flak encountered crossing Kiel canal.	
		Sgt. W. Thornes	969983 R/G				
		Sgt. D. Shenton	1186790 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/S E.W. Smith	1314935 Pilot	16:11	00:46		
	"H" LK963	F/S A.W. Timmuth	R135221 2nd Pilot				
		F/S J.H. Ormesher	1257979 W/V.				
		F/S H.G. Wynn	1437316 B/A				
		F/O W.D. Gould	169397 W/AG				
		Sgt. W.J. Houghton	193146 MU/AG				
		Sgt. W.J. Walton	R123425 R/W				
		Sgt. E.S. Lowen	1801227 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/O P.E. Guillevan	G2448 Pilot	16:04	19:44	Target: BERLIN. Early return at 1739 hours. Jettisoned live at 17:39 hours, at 16,000 feet. At 5445N 0436E. Intercom U/S between Pilot, and both turrets. Gee U/S. Also rear gunners electric clothing.	
	"K" LK952	F/O J. Geddes	168958 Nav.				
		F/O W.K. Naylor	J17273 B/A				
		Sgt. S. Morris	1385623 W/AG				
		F/O E. Lainsbury	145427 MU/AG				
		Sgt. M. Harris	642850 R/G				
		Sgt. P.C. Howe	1804654 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/S E.E. Halliwell	R152455 Pilot	16:09	01:28	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 1946 hours. 20,000 feet. 165 M.I.S. 160.	
	"H" L1150	F/S R.J. Howray	R130979 Nav.			10/10ths cloud. Tops 18,000 feet. Red flares with green stars seen. No. TI's. Red flares with green stars in bomb sight.	

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(C472) Wk. 242204550. 180M. 8/40. P.I. 81-7751.

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1944 20th Jan.	Halifax V	Sgt. J.B.Kingston	R119453 B/A.			Clouds were lit up. Slight red glow seen. Attack on Keil could	
	"H" EL150	W/O J.R.Baker	R143243 W/AG			be seen as aircraft went into starboard outer cut, just after	
	(Cont'd)	Sgt. W.J.Davies	2209731 MU/AG			the aircraft left the target area.	
		Sgt. J.Coates	R174377 R/G				
		Sgt. J.Turner	1676754 P/E				
	Halifax V	P/L J.M.Hill	J7761 Pilot	16:07	00:08	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 19:42 hours. 21,000 feet. 165 M. 155 I.A.S.	
	"O" LL174	P/O M.Sonshine	J23899 2nd Pilot			9-10/10ths over target. Tips 15-16,000 feet. Ident target, by red	
		P/O J.Stoyke	J14513 Nav.			flares with green stars. Red T.I.'s were seen. Bombed green T.I..	
		P/S A.C.Donnell	R125180 B/A.			By time aircraft left cloud, was beginning to show a glow over a	
		Sgt. G.G.Gage	1357592 W/AG			large area. Unable to tell if fires were concentrated or scattered.	
		P/O C.O.Rooks	J27817 MU/AG			IFF very good, and dead on time over the target. Spoof attack red T.I.'s	
		Sgt. J.L.Layne	R163503 R/G			seen over Keil, as aircraft passed. Cloud covered entire route both	
		Sgt. J.B.Miller	R59997 P/E			ways. Trip was very successful.	
	Halifax V	P/S J.J.Maher	R141173 Pilot			Target: BERLIN. Primary. Report on this aircraft is not available	
	"P" LL151	P/O M.Davis	J22080 Nav.			as yet, since aircraft was diverted, and Pilot is now missing.	
		P/S D.Bonkowski	R155883 B/A.				
		Sgt. T.H.Lookyer	658068 W/AG				
		Sgt. B.S.Rowe	R188196 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.R.Bothwell	156670 R/G				
		Sgt. T.Boyd	1340800 P/E				
	Halifax V	P/S F.A.Badgery	AN9412565 Pilot	16:03	00:14	Target: BE RLIN. Primary 19:45 hours. 20,000 ft. 153M. LAS 160.	
	"Q" LL181	P/O A.Pitt	168975 Nav.			10/10ths cloud strata G.W. Tops 12,000 feet. Identified target by	
		Sgt. D.Weddings	1578595 W/AG			red T.I.s, and red flares, with green stars. Bombed green stars. A/C	
		P/O R.J.Kee	J23901 B/A.			early, and could not see fires. Routine trip. IFF appeared to be	
		Sgt. F.J.MacIntyre	R164476 MU/AG			a little late. Markers could first be seen by R/G behind the A/C,	
		Sgt. A.B.Heron	1568971 R/G			and had to make another run.	
		Sgt. W.S.Sparks	1601722 P/E				



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1944 20th Jan.	Halifax V "T" LK964	P/S J.H. Howell	151888 Pilot	16:23	00:46	Target: BERN. Primary. 19:48 hours. 18,400 feet. 169M. IAS 155. 9/10ths cloud, tops 12,000 feet. Identified target by red flares. Green stars, and green T.I. Bombed centre of concentration of green stars. No assessment could be made, as only a glow on the cloud base could be seen, plus some green T.I.'s through the cloud. Spoo attack seen on Keil. Many red, reddish orange, and yellow flares seen in the T/A	
		P/O J.H. Cunningham	J22993 Nav.				
		Sgt. B.H. Cutler	R160454 B/A				
		W/O2 L.G. Howell	R122111 W/AG				
		P/S S.J. Vernon	CAW4160 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.D. Bates	R188615 E/G				
	Halifax V "U" LL152	Sgt. D.J. Rawlinson	1710329 F/S	16:40	00:11	Target: BE MLIN. Primary 19:49 hours. 19,500+ feet. 169M. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 16,000 feet. Ident target by red flares, and green stars. Bombed same. Glow on cloud base, was all that could be seen in T/A. Routine trip. Spoo fighter flares seen to the East of target. Spoo attack on Keil seen.	
		P/O G.B. Philbin	J13999 Pilot				
		P/S J.D. Fetherston	R153778 2nd Pilot				
		P/O A.C. Brook	J10422 Nav.				
		P/S T.E. Lee	R116821 B/A				
		P/S L.G. Stamp	1270317 W/AG				
	Halifax V "T" LK708	Sgt. L.E. Barker	R181954 MU/AG	16:53	01:06	Target: BERN. Primary. 19:48 hours. 18,000 feet. 169M. 165 IAS. 10/10ths cloud. Tops 10,000 feet. Red sky markers with green stars. Bombed centre of concentration of red, and green sky markers. Large red glow reflected under the clouds. Could be seen 30 miles after leaving the target. PFF well concentrated. Should be a very successful effort. Red flares seen over Keil, area. Yellow flares seen East of target.	
		P/O I.G. Klein	R147712 E/G				
		Sgt. W.P. Gracie	R114324 F/S				
		P/S R. Krentz	R140579 Pilot				
		P/O J.A. Linde	J22075 Nav.				
		Sgt. W.J. Loutch	R156777 B/A				
21st Jan.	Halifax V "A" LL175	W/O2 J.S. McLeod	R180649 W/AG	19:45	03:19	Target: MAREBURG. Primary 23:07 hours. 20,000 feet. 240M. IAS 165. 6/10ths strata. C.U. tops 10,000 feet. Vision good above. Identified target by green stars, and river bank. Bombed centre of concentration of green T.I.'s. PFF markings scattered, and small scattered fires seen.	
		Sgt. W. Kingham	1351436 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.H. Dipinto	R188302 E/G				
		Sgt. C. Gilroy	1590120 F/S				
		W/O W.F.M. Newson	J983 Pilot				
		P/L O.G. Bull	J3496 2nd Pilot				
		P/O W.J. Harris	J9766 Nav.				
		P/O W.K. Naylor	J17272 B/A				

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1944 2nd Jan.	Halifax V	P/O A.R. Johnston	J18988 W/AG			Very poor scattered attack. FFF did not seem to have any concentration whatsoever. Recommend that red spot fires be used only in conditions of no clouds.	
	"A" LL175 (cont'd)	P/O W. Conley	J18328 MU/AG				
		P/O D.M. McArter	J18293 R/G				
		P/L R.N. Martin	J17751 F/S				
	Halifax V	P/O F.E. Guillevan	G2448 Pilot	19:47½	23:25	Target: MAGEBURG. Early return. From base, it was found impossible to obtain height from take-off. It took 20 minutes to climb 1700 feet. After 36 minutes airborne, height was 4500 ft. Boost increased gradually to 7, and rev. to 2700, but rate of climb still insufficient. Highest height obtained was 14,000 feet. After being airborne for 1 hour, and 28 minutes, and for a further 13 minutes, height could not be increased. Jettisoned bombs 5436N 0453E, 2131 hours at 13,500 feet.	
	"B" LX896	P/O J. Geddes	168954 Nav.				
		P/O D.J. Frauts	J23642 B/A				
		Sgt. G. Morris	1385623 W/AG				
		P/O E. Leachbury	145467 MU/AG				
		Sgt. N. Harris	642850 R/G				
		Sgt. F.C. Howe	1804654 F/S				
	Halifax V	P/O W.R. Hewatson	J19423 Pilot	20:07	23:22	Target: MAGEBURG. Returned early, due to a big hole in perspex in nose, and a large hole in the fuselage behind the nose. At approximately 5400N, 0350E, a Halifax aircraft came in from the starboard beam at own height, and the aircraft with the fin of the port rudder. Jettisoned bombs at 5400N 0350E. 2120 hours, at 14,000 feet.	
	"C" LL173	P/O R. MacLean	J21623 Nav.				
		Sgt. A.C. Thompson	R63728 B/A				
		F/S G.T. Moody	637036 W/AG				
		Sgt. G.F. Carter	1489168 MU/AG				
		Sgt. N.A. Bell	R190751 R/G				
		Sgt. J. McIver	1562336 F/S				
	Halifax V	P/L J.M. Hill	J7761 Pilot	20:00½	02:53	Target: MAGEBURG. Primary 23:15 hours. 21,000 feet. 218N IAS 155. Dark, 9/10ths cloud, tops 15,000 feet, layer. Identified target by D/R run from 5247N 1200E. Bombed concentration of fires. No T.I. markers visible. River seen by R/G on bombing run. Fires only seen in T/A. No indication of FFF markers within 40 miles of T/A, as estimated by D.R.M. One photo attempted.	
	"D" LL174	F/S J.P. Artymuk	R130902 2nd Pilot				
		P/O J. Stoyko	J14513 Nav.				
		F/S A.C. Donnell	R125180 B/A				
		Sgt. G.G.H. Gage	1337592 W/AG				
		P/O C.O. Brooks	J27317 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.L. Layne	163503 R/G				
		Sgt. J.B. Miller	R29297 F/S				

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1944 21st Jan.	Halifax V "R" LX680	F/S H.Krentz	R140579 Pilot			Target: MANTZBURG. Nothing heard from this aircraft since the time of takeoff.				
		F/O J.A. Linde	J22075 Nav.							
		Sgt. W.J. Louth	156777 B/A							
		W/O2 J.S. McLeod	R108649 W/AG							
		Sgt. W. Kingham	1351436 MU/AG							
		Sgt. J.H. Dipinto	R188302 R/G							
		Sgt. C. Gilroy	1590120 F/S							
26th Jan.	Halifax V "T" LX964	F/S J. Howell	151886 Pilot	20:10	02:39	Target: MANTZBURG. Primary. 25:20 hours. 20,000 feet. 174M. IAS 155. Dark broken 8/10ths clouds tops 6/8,000 ft. Good vision. Fires seen but times of T.I. markers definite to indicate target. Bombed red T.I. ground markers. Explosion, and incendiary fires seen. T.I. markers seen to be scattered over a very wide area.				
		F/O J.H. Cunningham	J22593 Nav.							
		Sgt. E.H. Cutler	R163454 B/A							
		W/O2 L.G. Rowell	R122111 W/AG							
		F/S S.J. Vernon	CAN4160 MU/AG							
		Sgt. J.D. Bates	R188615 R/G							
		Sgt. D.J. Rawlinson	1710325 F/S							
26th Jan.	Halifax V "A" IL175	S/Lt C.W. Higgins	J15695 Pilot	23:44	07:26	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 03:18 hours. 21,000 ft. 120 degs. I.A.S. 155/160. 5/10ths Strata, tops 10,000 ft. Vis Good. Bombed centre of concentration of flares red with green stars. Fires seen on run into target from 60/70 miles away. Appeared concentrated, spreading from N.W. to S.E. At 03:14 hours one terrific explosion seen lighting up sky for miles around, and illuminating aircraft in all directions. PFF appeared to be well placed. Raid seemed to be well concentrated. Good trip.				
		F/Lt D.B. Moyes	126901 Nav.							
		F/O G.C. Gurney	135360 B/A							
		F/O J.H. Gribbon	169141 W/AG							
		Sgt. C. Kelway	R225375 MU/AG							
		F/Lt L.L. McLeod	AUS411091 R/G							
		F/O E.G. Young	168996 F/S							
		Halifax V "B" LX896	W/O1 W.S. Woodrow	R54264 Pilot					Target: BERLIN. Returned from position 55 10'N 08 32'E at 0222 hrs. 14,500 ft. owing to the aircraft unable to gain further height. Bombed the island of Rome on the centre of PFF flare at 0222 hours, from 14,500 feet.	
			F/O W.R. Knowlton	J22596 Nav.						
			F/O J.J. Long	J25542 B/A						
F/O L.L. Anderson	J18158 W/AG									
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19 & 20th Jan.	Halifax V	Sgt. A.L. Gabel	R18418 MU/AG				
	"B" LX896 (cont'd)	Sgt. R.E. Hasael	R187722 R/G				
		Sgt. D. Harrison	R72945 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/O F. Davis	159868 Pilot	23:41	08:21	Target: <u>BERLIN</u> . Primary. 03:18 hours. 20,000 ft. 160 degs. I.A.S. 150. 9-10/10ths cloud. Via. horizontal hazy. Bombed centre of concentration of red flares with green stars. Large explosion seen reflected through cloud. Yellow orange colour on run up to T/A at 0314 hours. Large red glow seen 100 miles after leaving target. IFF concentration fair. Appeared to be reasonably successful. Yellow spoof T.I.'s at 0334 hours S.W. of target.	
	"D" LX905	F/L R.F. Meade	J7760 2nd Pilot				
		F/O S.E.R. Davies	148009 Nav.				
		F/O D. McConnell	159676 B/A				
		F/O J.W. Cant	169396 W/AG				
		W/O G. Berresford	939251 MU/AG				
		F/S B. Clarke	1004554 R/G				
		Sgt. E.M. Freeman	R132963 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/O J.C. King	AUS412558 Pilot	23:43	Landed at Dishforth.	Target: <u>BERLIN</u> . Primary. 0318 hrs. 20,000 feet. 160 degs. IAS 165. Vis. good. Some thin cloud about 8-10,000 ft. Bombed sky markers red with green stars. Many S/L's which did not appear to penetrate cloud layer. Large explosions seen at 0217 hours, and 0306 hours. In position as briefed. Aircraft crashed on landing at Dishforth.	
	"F" LX918	F/S J.K. Gustafson	R132529 2nd Pilot				
		F/S A. Barnes	1581382 Nav.				
		F/O O.M. Gilmour	136910 B/A				
		Sgt. F.D. Fym	1320555 W/AG				
		Sgt. J.B. Lamoureux	R159383 MU/AG				
		Sgt. I.M. Black	1309586 R/G				
		Sgt. J.T.H. Beech	1583055 F/S				
	Halifax V	F/S E.E. Halliwell	R152455 Pilot	23:45	08:31	Target: <u>BERLIN</u> . Primary. 0331 hours. 20,000 feet. 160 degs. IAS 170. 10/10ths broken cloud tops. App. 10,000 feet. Ident target by red flares with green stars, and some fighter flares. Red T.I. in bomb sight seen falling no good concentration. Many fires seen once a relatively large area compound blast attack. One terrific flare up seen three minutes after bombing. Spoof fighters flares seen to S.W. of target.	
	"E" LL142	F/S R.J. Nowtray	R130979 Nav.				
		F/S J.B. Kingston	R139543 B/A				
		W/O J.R. Baker	R143243 W/AG				
		Sgt. W.J. Davies	2209731 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J. Coates	R184377 R/G				
		Sgt. J. Turner	1676754 F/S				

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1944 28th Jan.	Halifax V "H" LX963	F/S J.J. Maher	R141173 Pilot			Target: BERLIN. This aircraft was airborne at 23:48 hours. Since then nothing has been heard from the aircraft.	
		F/O M. Davis	J22080 Nav.				
		F/S D. Bonokoski	R155833 B/A				
		Sgt. D.H. Lockyer	658068 W/AG				
		Sgt. B.G. Rowe	R188196 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.H. Bothwell	1566670 R/G				
		Sgt. T. Boyd	1240800 F/S				
	Halifax V "K" LX952	F/O E.O. Johnson	J19424 Pilot	23:56	07:51	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 03:16 hours. 21,000 feet. 160 degs. IAS 170. 10/10ths cloud strata Cu. tops about 15,000 feet. Vis. good. Target identified by red flares, with green stars, and through thin cloud T.I.'s green. Bombed with flares with green stars. Small cluster of 5 to 6 flares. Big fires seen in run-up, and seemed to expand suddenly. Glow seen from Rostock reflected on sky. FFF considered good, and thought to be well on target.	
		F/O L.C.B. Garrity	J30923 Nav.				
		F/S G.B. Jose	R157745B/A				
		Sgt. W.R. Chapman	1454040W/AG				
		Sgt. V.P.O. Bright	R197080 MU/AG				
		Sgt. W. Thorne	968983 R/G				
		Sgt. D. Shenton	1186790 F/S				
Halifax V "O" LL174	F/L J.M. Hill	J7761 Pilot	00:06	08:17	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 03:19 hours. 21,000 ft. 152 degs. IAS 165. 8/10ths medium layer of cloud thin. Tops 21,000 ft. Visibility good above, horizontally. Bombed centre of concentration. Flared red with green stars. Centre of FFF marking well developed fires. One very large explosion seen on approach to target. Very well concentrated attack. Large fires on south east border of Berlin. Large red fires seen which had been going for a long time. Probably 24 hours.		
	F/S J.D. Petherston	R153778 2nd Pilot					
	F/O J. Stoyko	J14530 Nav.					
	F/S A.G. Donnell	R235180 B/A					
	Sgt. G.G. Gage	1337592 W/AG					
	F/O C.O. Rooks	J27317 MU/AG					
	Sgt. J.L. Lyons	R163503 R/G					
	Sgt. J.B. Miller	R59997 F/S					
Halifax V "P" LL151	F/S M. McMillan	R142713 Pilot	00:04	08:38	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 03:22 hours. 20,000 feet. 119 degs. IAS 180. 507/10th on edge of T.A. building up to 10/10 over target. Vis good tops about 15,000 ft. Target identified by a cluster of flares. Red and green stars. Bombed sky marker faded up just as B/A bombed fire seen through thin clouds. Large explosion seen at 03:14 hours, which lit up clouds. Red glow seen 150 miles away. Attack appeared to be good.		
	F/O A.N. Perstman	J21354 Nav.					
	F/O J.L. Beary	J22230 B/A					
	Sgt. B.L. Clynch	1033744W/AG					
	Sgt. E.W. Carefoot	R192770MU/AG					
	Sgt. F.G. Lewis	R186155 R/G					
	Sgt. F.G. Banbury	R1833587 F/S					

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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1944 28th Jan.	HALIFAX V	P/O W.R. Hewatson	J19423 Pilot	00:17		Target BERLIN. This aircraft was airborne at 00:12 hours since when nothing has been heard from it.	
	"A" LL181	P/O R. MacLean	J21623 Nav.				
		Sgt. A.C. Thompson	R63728 B/A				
		P/W G.T. Moody	637036 W/AG				
		Sgt. N.A. Bell	R190751 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J. McIver	1562336 P/S				
		Sgt. G.F. Carter	1499168 MU/AG				
	Halifax V	P/S J.W. Timmouth	R135231 Pilot	23:59	04:54	Target: BERLIN. Returned from position 54:46N 08 01'E 02:14 hrs. 16,000 feet. Owing to insufficient height to proceed to target. Overload tanks not working. Detonated 1x2000 lb HC INST. 2x30 lb LB's position, and time as stated above.	
	"R" LL232	P/S A.L. Richardson	R162652 Nav.				
		Sgt. L.E. Todaro	R157087 B/A				
		Sgt. V. England	1468764 W/AG				
		Sgt. J.A. Blasco	R223415 MU/AG				
		Sgt. W.J. Wilson	R123425 R/G				
		Sgt. B.C. Warren	1801820 P/S				
	Halifax V	P/S J. Howell	R151888 Pilot	00:01	08:26	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 03:18 hrs. 20,000 feet. 169 degs. IAS 165. Bombed red flare with green stars. Target well alight with very large explosions at 04:00 hours. Fires in S.E., and S.W. mainly. Target well lit. Terrific explosion. Ground defences light.	
	"T" LX964	P/O J.H. Cunningham	J22592 Nav.				
		P/S D.H. Cutler	R160454 B/A				
		W/O2 L.G. Rowell	R122111 W/AG				
		P/S S.J. Vernon	CAN4160 MU/AG				
		Sgt. J.D. Bates	R188615 R/G				
		Sgt. R.J. Rawlinson	1710329 P/S				
	Halifax V	P/O G.B. Philbin	J13999 Pilot	00:10	08:15	Target: BERLIN. Primary. 0324 hours. 18,000 ft. 160 degs. IAS 160. Bombed centre of concentration. Flares red with green stars. 8/10th /10ths cloud tops 12-14,000 ft. Vis. above good. Concentrated attack developed in the centre of FFF markers. One large explosion seen just <del>after</del> prior to bombing. Concentration of fires. Considered a good raid. Good trip.	
	"U" LL152	P/O M. Sonshine	J23999 2nd Pilot				
		P/O A.C. Brook	J10422 Nav.				
		P/S T.E. Lee	R116821 B/A				
		P/S L.G. Stamp	1270317 W/AG				
		Sgt. L.R. Barker	R181954 MU/AG				
		W/O2 L.G. Klein	R147112 R/G				
		Sgt. W.B. Gracie	R114325 P/S				

DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
				UP	DOWN		
1944 28th Jan.	Halifax V "X" LK705	F/O R. Hamby F/S G.E. Howay F/O R.A. Gibson F/L R.C. Instrell F/O D. Prosser F/O D.R. Wiley F/O W. Henry Sgt. B. Heald	159047 Pilot R146908 2nd Pilot 120068 Nav. 120886 B/A 148778 W/AG J11131 MU/AG 160853 R/G 14900378/E	23:53	04:22	Target: <del>BERLIN</del> . Returned from position 55 06 degs N. 06 35 degs E. 02:01 hours, 13,000 feet. Inability of aircraft to climb, and reach point of concentration on time. Jettisoned 1x2000 lb. 24x30 lb. IB. 61x4 lbs. 'X' type. 486x41 lb. I.B. 'X' type hung up.	
	Halifax V "Y" LL233	S/L H.R. Dow F/O K.W. Jones F/O D.J. Frauts Sgt. R.J. Douglas W/O2 J. Zehanovis Sgt. E.A. Parker Sgt. J.I. Roche	74893 Pilot 713827 Nav. 723642 B/A 1338370 W/AG R149736 MU/AG 1306993 R/G R146207 F/S	00:11	08:11	Target: <del>BERLIN</del> . Primary. 03:21 hours, 20,500 feet. 162 degs. I.A.S. 170. 10/10ths strata C.U. with few breaks here, and there to 15/18,000 ft. Visibility good. Identified target by flares with green stars. Two green stars on bombight, and green patch below the thin cloud. 05:17 hours. Huge explosion seen, in form of a sudden flame which lit the whole sky. Huge red glow seen reflected on the cloud, as far as Rostock. Good attack.	
	Halifax V "W" LL150	F/S J.T. Corrivem W/O2 J.D. Barrie F/S M.J. Charlebois Sgt. S.G.B. Parker Sgt. G.S. Webber Sgt. J.F. Raymond Sgt. R.S. Cole F/S Charlebois, Sgt. Parker, Sgt. Webber, and Sgt. Cole were rescued, but nothing more has been heard from the remainder of the crew.	R96935 Pilot R127857 Nav. R161697 B/A 1324821 W/AG 1890090 MU/AG R180997 R/G R171060 F/S	23:58		Target: <del>BERLIN</del> . Primary. 0320 hours, 19,500 feet. 110 M. IAS 155. 10/10ths cloud, tops 18,000 feet. Target identified by red flares with green stars. Bombed centre of concentration of red flares, with green stars. Red glow seen over target area on our runup. Could see glow of fires from Rostok. FFF well concentrated. Flak damage sustained to fuel line of port outer engine. Lost height to 4,000 ft. When at position 53 00N 00 35E we were out of petrol. No response on darky. Pilot ordered crew to bale out. In water 20 to 30 minutes before the crew were rescued by H.M.S. Minesweepers VARANGA, PROSPECT, PROPERTY and PERCYHEAD. We were extremely well treated while on board. Baled out over the sea.	

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