

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	Reference to Appendices			
(SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1942)							
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1075783	Sgt. Kennedy	25/7/42	From 1652 C.U.	1375105	Sgt. Davis		Returned from A.C.S.B. Blackpool w/f. 14/7/42.
1250449	Sgt. Murray	27/7/42	"	1176875	Sgt. Roberts		Admitted S.S.C. Linton w/f. 23/7/42.
857304	Sgt. Patterson		Posted to No. 1 Depot H.E. w/f. 26/7/42.	12405472	Sgt. Cairns		Admitted York Military Hospital w/f. 27/7/42.
892570	Sgt. Hall			624362	F/Sgt. Miller	30/7/42	From 10 C.T.N.
883586	Sgt. Lanklater						
920125	Sgt. Collins						
777705	Sgt. Wilson						
546669	Sgt. Gissing						
1180593	Sgt. Moss		Posted to No. 1 Depot H.E. w/f. 27/7/42.				
1252631	Sgt. Holmes						
863731	Sgt. Bridgewater						
861623	F/Sgt. Blott						
544832	Sgt. Wright						
133222	F/Sgt. Smith	27/7/42	From 1652 C.U.				
878011	Sgt. Smith						
1213895	Sgt. Hanks	30/7/42	From 1454, T.F. Flt.				
1138262	Sgt. Hutchinson						
634191	Sgt. Harrison						
1905254	Sgt. Green						
1375932	Sgt. Corpe						
610543	Sgt. Baker						
1116631	Sgt. Byrne						
968210	Sgt. Bowley						
747788	F/Sgt. Beak	30/7/42	Reposted for Temporary Air Bomber Duties.				
834592	Sgt. Price						
1310481	Sgt. Bradley						
855325	F/Sgt. Meagher						
1050626	Sgt. Hindle						
867968	Sgt. Watson						
891358	Sgt. Oliver						
872843	Sgt. Lane						
874320	Sgt. Pridden						
1487329	Sgt. Sprouston						
922351	Sgt. Lister						
983234	Sgt. Pierre						
933155	Sgt. Bygrave						

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
8/7/42	Halifax W71157	F/O. Agutter. Cpt. Sgt. Quinlan. 2nd Plt. F/O. Bergell. W/O. Sgt. Oliver. W/O. F/O. Blide. W/O. Sgt. Cantillon. W/O. Sgt. Martin. W/O. Sgt. Galloway. W/O.	BOMBING	0001	0454	Target - WILMESHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000 lb. T.D. *025. Bombed on T.R. all went. Burst not seen. Flares seen burning at T.R. release point. Flares in T/A intensified here and succeeded in obscuring all ground detail. Weather: Clear over the sea but high Cu. at 12000 ft. about 70 miles from enemy coast. Coast line not seen. This haze broken up when target reached. Burst at 0200 from 12000 ft. Hdg. 095-04.1. Fair amount of defenses. Lt. flak up to 13000 ft. W/L. 2 when N.W. of target. About 6 W/L in each and another just S. Not troubled. No flak seen in outgoing out. Flares flash seen in sea about 10 miles to S. of W/L at 0214. Appeared to be W/L shot down. Still burning when lost from view.	Ops. Order No. 2 Bald No. 199.
8/7/42	Halifax W7751	C/Ldr. Emnis. Cpt. F/O. Williamson. 2nd Plt. F/Sgt. Powell. W/O. Sgt. Siddons. W/O. Sgt. Watson. W/O. Sgt. Silveiman. W/O. F/A. Watkins. W/O. Sgt. Lewis. W/O.	BOMBING	0001	0430	Target - WILMESHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000 lb. T.D. *025. Bombed on T.R. owing to haze from 11500 ft. at 0104 hrs. Hdg. 101-10. No. Bursts of sea level seen but results not discernible owing to haze. Weather: C/10 over sea, clearing as target area was reached. Target not identified in detail as ground haze was thick and obscured by flares. But scattered flares clearly visible before target was reached. Some flares were seen on arrival in W/L. Followed W.L. 88 came up on beam just S. of NORMY with orange light in sea and following to target. Appeared to be following track indicators but obviously did not see our W/L. Enemy then checked off and not seen again. Lt. flak predicted fairly accurately at 12000 ft. along route NORMY - TARGET. Large dump 2 miles S.W. of target clearly seen. INTCO TAKEN.	Ops. Order No. 200 Bald No. 200
8/7/42	Halifax W71162	F/O. Phillips. Cpt. F/O. Harvey. W/O. Sgt. Thompson. W/O. Sgt. Byrne. W/O. F/O. Curtis. W/O. Sgt. Furness. W/O. F/O. Kee. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	0002	0506	Target - WILMESHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000 lb. C.F. T.D. *025. Route followed as ordered. Clouds everywhere at different layers but clear in target area although coast not seen going in. Bombs dropped from 12500 ft. at 0157 hrs. Hdg. 090-10. H. Going to ground haze could not pinpoint target but believed target area. Flares were seen but were scattered and small. T.R. was used. Some accurate heavy and Lt. flak seen but did not bother W/L. One W/L seen shot down 3 miles S.W. of W/L. 5 min. before bombing. Burst into flame and came slowly down. 2 flares seen N. of W/L. switched off at approach of W/L.	Ops. Order No. 2 Bald No. 201.

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8/7/42	Halifax "F" W7753	F/O. Chambers, Spt. F/O. Withy, 2nd Plt. Sgt. Thomas, A/Cob. Sgt. Lister, A/Sgt. Sgt. Stewart, W/O. Sgt. Leaky, W/O. F/O. Marshall, R/O. Sgt. Smith, R/O.	BOOMBING	2355	0448	Target - WILMUNSHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Bombed at 0152 hrs. from 12500ft. Hdg. 098 dg. M. Target identified by flash concentration and harbour in starboard side and by T.R. Flk. A series of bomb bursts were seen. A number of small scattered fires seen in T.A. also incendiaries seen burning. A very thick haze reported over Target Area.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.202
8/7/42	Halifax "M" W1038	F/O. Bradshaw, Spt. Sgt. Provinge, A/Cob. Sgt. Smart, A/Sgt. Sgt. Davis(106) W/O. Sgt. Brindley, W/O. F/O. Petherbridge, R/O. Sgt. Roy, R/O.	BOOMBING	2358	0503	Target - WILMUNSHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Route followed as ordered. In spite of haze on ground Target identified visually and by T.R. and fires. Bombed by T.R. on second run at 10000 ft. at 0200 hrs. Hdg. 095 dg. M. Own bursts seen as if on soft ground, probably short of T.A. at head of Bay and N. of T.A. Weather. Clouds varied at different heights. Thinning towards T.A. 2 R/A. believed seen but no encounter. 3/Lt. Bell N.W.W. working - large cones 20-30. All flak Lt. and some accurate. One a/c seen believed shot down between BURENI and coast on way in 3000 ft.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.203
8/7/42	Halifax "M" W7750	Sgt. Dillon, Spt. Sgt. Roberts, 2nd Plt. Sgt. Watkins, A/Cob. Sgt. Seymour, W/O. Sgt. Stait, W/O. Sgt. Davies(874) R/O. Sgt. Rogers, R/O.	BOOMBING	2347	0516	Target - WILMUNSHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Route followed as ordered. Bombed just west of BAHAFEN. 7 x 1000 lb. Hdg. 12000 ft. 0157 hrs. Hdg. 120 dg. M (1 x 1000lb. G.P. hung up and brought back) BAHAFEN identified by flames in curve main roads and warehouses - clearly seen by incendiaries but own bombs not seen to burst. No really large fires seen. Defences reported moderate. Lt. Flak up to 12000 ft. especially right of aiming point. Two streaks of incendiaries seen 10 miles N.W. of town believed to be dummy.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.204
8/7/42	Halifax "M" W7745	W/O. Stevens, Spt. Sgt. Beckman, 2nd Plt. F/O. Fairburn, A/Cob. Sgt. Perrett, W/O. Sgt. Campbell, W/O. Sgt. Paine, R/O. Sgt. Hope, R/O.	BOOMBING	2352	0456	Target - WILMUNSHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Route followed as ordered. No cloud in T/A. but very heavy bombs dropped from 12000 ft. at 0145 hrs. Hdg. 060 dg. M. Own bombs not seen to burst but two moderate fires seen burning in centre of town. Target was definitely identified by concentration of flames and coast line to S. of town clearly seen also built up area. Lt. Flak at 15000 ft. to N.E. of Target. 12 Searchlights to N. of town. Small anti. ar heavy and med. Flak. (not varying) Two dummies S.W. outskirts of town looked like electric light bulbs. a/c seen shot down just N. of Schiermonnikoog in flames. One a/c at 12000 ft. 0135 hrs.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.205

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8/7/42	Halifax "M" W1179	F/O. Skelley, Spt. Sgt. Smith(784) A/Cob. Sgt. Walton, W/O. Sgt. Eaton, W/O. Sgt. North, R/O. Sgt. Dunn, R/O.	BOOMBING	2350	0441	Target - WILMUNSHAVEN. Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Primary attacked with 6 x 1000 lb. G.P. at 0157 hrs. from 10000 ft. Hdg. 090 dg. Thick ground haze. Target not identified apart from T.R. Flk and Flak. Bursts not seen. Believed 1 mile W. of town. Some fires seen when leaving. Estimated T.A. 1 x 1000 lb. G.P. jettisoned in Borden Area. Flak concentrations at 0147 hrs. 3000 ft. and 1 x 1000 G.P. jettisoned in Borden Area at 0140 hrs. from 2500 ft. in order to make height.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.206
8/7/42	Halifax "M" W1164	Sgt. Dent, Spt. Sgt. Burridge, A/Cob. Sgt. Evershed, W/O. Sgt. Gains, W/O. Sgt. Fergie, R/O. Sgt. Marshall, R/O.	BOOMBING	2301	0426	Target - BURENI. Nickels. (12 Containers) Primary reached BURENI. Dropped on two runs from 12000 ft. at 0135-0137 hrs. Hdg. 120 dg. M. and 120 dg. M. respectively. T.R. was a/c. Damage to a/c nil. a/c caught by 3/2 for 6 seconds and then left 12 circling round. These were not effective.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.207
8/7/42	Halifax "G" D2027	F/Sgt. Rebb, Spt. Sgt. Fowtrelle, A/Cob. Sgt. Santell, W/O. Sgt. Craft, W/O. Sgt. Hartness, R/O. Sgt. Dodd, R/O.	BOOMBING	2307	0458	Target - BURENI. Nickels. (12 Containers) All dropped in specified area 30 miles W. and N.W. of Borden from 14000 ft. at 0126 to 0140 hrs. Results not recorded. It was reported heavy in target area.	Ops. Order No.2. Raid No.208
8/7/42	Halifax "G" W1040	S/Lt. Hewitt, Spt. F/Lt. Somerville, A/Cob. Sgt. Hooper, W/O. Sgt. Reber, W/O. Sgt. Davison, R/O. Sgt. Sharp, R/O.	BOOMBING	2331	0420	Target - BURENI. Nickels. (12 Containers) Wireless transmitter a/c. All Nickels returned. No damage.	
						a/c "H" Sgt. Coplan - Cpt. Cancelled a/c w/a.	Ops. Order No.2.
13/7/42	Halifax "M" W1164	Sgt. Dale, Spt. F/O. Davies, A/Cob. Sgt. Spurgeon, A/Sgt. Sgt. Bailey, W/O. Sgt. Greenfield, W/O. Sgt. Davison, R/O. Sgt. Billington, R/O. F/O. Yeo, 2nd Plt.	BOOMBING	0008	0517	Target - DELSBURG. Bomb Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. Primary attacked from 12500 ft. at 0224 hrs. heading 115 dg. T. approx. One burst seen but a/c was caught by 3/1 at the time and held for 10 min. Clear patches over Target with cloud all round. Hazy all over. Vis. reasonable in patches in T/A. Target identified visually - T.R. W/S. Camera started. Photograph attempted. 3 Hts. Nickels dropped over T/A. No failures or damage to a/c.	Ops. Order No.3. Raid No.209

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13/7/42	Halifax "M" W7766	Sgt. Bond, Opt. Sgt. Surridge, A/Cob. Sgt. Pridden, A/Bob. Sgt. Evershed, W/Op. Sgt. Cairns, W/U/S. Sgt. Porgies, R/Gnr. Sgt. MacCall, P/Bng.	BOMBING	0010	0350	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. *025. DID NOT ATTACK PRIMARY. Owing to fading in continuous cloud farthest point reached was 52 deg. 12 min. N. 04 deg. 25 min. E. Bombs jettisoned safe in sea position 59 deg. 14 min. N. 04 deg. 03 min. E. from 14000 ft. at 0147 hrs. Nickels brought back a SORTIE however.	Ops. Order No. 3. Raid No. 210
13/7/42	Halifax "S" W1179	F/O. Skelly, Opt. Sgt. Smith, A/Cob. Sgt. Pierre, A/Bob. Sgt. Paton, W/Op. Sgt. Murphy, W/U/S. P/Sgt. McLachlan, R/Gnr. Sgt. Jillinge, P/Bng.	BOMBING	0001	0145	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. *025. Primary attacked from 11000 ft. at 0210 hrs. hdg. 120 deg. N. in 2/10ths to 3/10ths cloud. Clear beneath in target area. Target identified visually. 3/4 not working over 7/4. One bomb burst and others in a large oval patch like an aeroplane. 3 Fkts. of Nickels dropped W. of Target. No damage or failures to 4/0.	Ops. Order No. 3. Raid No. 211
13/7/42	Halifax "Q" W3227	F/Sgt. Robb, Opt. Sgt. Rowland, A/Cob. Sgt. Cantell, W/Op. Sgt. Craft, W/U/S. Sgt. Hartness, R/Gnr. Sgt. Bodd, P/Bng. Sgt. Haas, A/Bob.	BOMBING	0017	MISSING	Target - DUISBURG. A/C MISSING. Nothing heard since leaving base. (Camera & Gen).	Ops. Order No. 3. Raid No. 212
13/7/42	Halifax "K" W7745	S/Ldr. Hewitt, Opt. P/Lt. Somerville, A/Cob. Sgt. Simkins, A/Bob. Sgt. Hooper, W/Op. Sgt. Stewart, W/U/S. Sgt. Gray, R/Gnr. Sgt. Sharp, P/Bng.	BOMBING	0014	0131	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. *025. NO SORTIE. Bomb Target U/S. Faulty Laser caused Target to jam. Bombs jettisoned safe 15 miles E. of Bridlington.	Ops. Order No. 3.
13/7/42	Halifax "D" W7753	Sgt. Dillon, Opt. Sgt. Watkins, A/Cob. Sgt. Seymour, W/Op. Sgt. Stait, W/U/S. Sgt. Davison, R/Gnr. Sgt. Rogers, P/Bng.	BOMBING	0010	0504	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. *025. Primary Area attacked, from 12500 ft. at 0224 hrs. 210 deg. N. through about 2/10ths of cloud with tops at 10000 ft. V.I.P. good and clear. T.R. U/S and Target could not be seen, so bombed on R.T.D. Bursts not seen but flashes of 5 bursts seen through clouds but uncertain if own. Judging by position of very bright object (suspected HAMBURG DUMBY). Thought bombs dropped across built up area N. of DUISBURG Docks. 3 Fkts. Nickels dropped W. of Mine 15 miles from 7/4 on way in. Camera started but no attempt to photograph made owing to weather. Failures and damage nil. T.R. U/S however.	Ops. Order No. 3. Raid No. 213

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13/7/42	Halifax "M" W7753	F/O. Broadbent, Opt. Sgt. Frimings, A/Cob. Sgt. Smart, A/Bob. Sgt. Walton, W/Op. Sgt. Brindley, W/U/S. F/O. Featherbridge, R/Gnr. Sgt. Ray, P/Bng. Sgt. Kendall, 2nd Pil.	BOMBING	0005	MISSING	Target - DUISBURG. A/C MISSING. Nothing heard since leaving base. (Camera & Gen).	Ops. Order No. 3. Raid No. 214
19/7/42	Halifax "M" W1108	S/Ldr. Davis, Opt. F/Sgt. Powell, A/Cob. F/Sgt. Beck, A/Bob. Sgt. Hobson, W/Op. Sgt. Silverman, W/U/S. P/Lt. Watkins, R/Gnr. Sgt. Lewis, P/Bng.	BOMBING	2347	0142	Target - WEENACK. Load 7 x 1000 lb. R.D.K. T.D. *025. Bombed Primary on T.R. and R.T.D. List T.R. fire obtained 10 miles from T.R. Bombed from 13500 ft. at 0206 hrs. on 1 deg. 08 deg. N. 2/10th cloud at Target with tops to 12000 ft. Target was not seen in sight. Bursts seen. Flare were seen on departure though not known if own. Nickels (3 Fkts) dropped over target area.	Ops. Order No. 4. Raid No. 215
19/7/42	Halifax "A" W1157	F/O. Agutter, Opt. F/O. Gerpell, A/Cob. F/Sgt. Meagher, A/Bob. Sgt. Evershed, W/Op. Sgt. Cartillon, W/U/S. Sgt. Martin, R/Gnr. Sgt. Galloway, P/Bng.	BOMBING	0340	0136	Target - WEENACK. Load 7 x 1000 lb. R.D.K. T.D. *025. Primary bombed on 3/4 from 13000 ft. at 0214 hrs. hdg. 025 deg. N. Big glare seen below clouds. Bombs not seen to detonate. 10/10th cloud at Target. 3 Fkts. of G. Nickels dropped just after leaving 7/4.	Ops. Order No. 4. Raid No. 216
19/7/42	Halifax "M" W7745	S/Ldr. Hewitt, Opt. F/O. Fairbairn, A/Cob. Sgt. Pierre, A/Bob. Sgt. Bennett, W/Op. Sgt. Campbell, W/U/S. Sgt. Fahn, R/Gnr. Sgt. Hope, P/Bng.	BOMBING	2303	0503	Target - WEENACK. Load 7 x 1000 lb. R.D.K. T.D. *025. T.R. not working so bombed visually from 14000 ft. at 0210 hrs. hdg. 140 deg. River seen and also course plotted from Eden Flak. Bombs seen to burst and big fire along N. of River. Big fire seen in W/A. and bombs dropped near it. 3 Fkts. Nickels dropped just after leaving Target. Clouds 5/10/10th over 7/4. one clear patch.	Ops. Order No. 4. Raid No. 217
19/7/42	Halifax "S" W1179	F/O. Skelly, Opt. Sgt. Smith, A/Cob. Sgt. Simkins, A/Bob. Sgt. Paton, W/Op. Sgt. Rennie, W/U/S. P/Sgt. McLachlan, R/Gnr. Sgt. Jillinge, P/Bng.	BOMBING	2243	MISSING	Target - WEENACK. A/C MISSING. Nothing heard after take off.	Ops. Order No. 4. Raid No. 218

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19/7/42	Halifax "F" #1162	Sgt. Dillon, Opt. Sgt. Medicus, A/Obs. Sgt. Hodder, A/Bob. Sgt. Seymour, W/Op. Sgt. Godfrey, W/U/G. Sgt. Peattie, R/Gnr. Sgt. Rogers, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2356	Missing	Target - DUISBURG . A/C MISSING. A C.D.L. of 264 dg. given at 0255 hrs. but nothing heard since.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 219
19/7/42	Halifax "F" #1164	P/O. Hardy, Opt. P/O. Archer, A/Obs. Sgt. Urwin, A/Bob. Sgt. Bailey, W/Op. Sgt. Gavenfield, W/U/G. Sgt. Wilson, R/Gnr. Sgt. Cobain, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2351	0911	Target - DUISBURG . Load 7 x 1000 lb. H.B.M. T.D. #025. No ground seen. Bombed on T.R. in T/A. from 13500 ft. at 0214 hrs. hdg. 060 dg. M. Saw 3 bursts. One large fire seen in T/A. 3 Pkts. Nickels dropped just after leaving Target. A/C - "F" P/O. Hardy Opt. Cancelled, temp. gauge U/S.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 220
21/7/42	Halifax "C" #1215	P/O. Phillips, Opt. P/O. Tudor-Jones, A/Obs. Sgt. Thompson, W/Op. Sgt. Byrnes, W/U/G. P/O. Curtis, R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2354	0300	Target - DUISBURG . Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. Jettisoned in sea at 52 dg. 28 min. N. 06.11 N. from 7000 ft. which was farthest point reached. A/C would not climb up to point reached which was 50 miles from the Dutch coast. GUNNERS AT GUNNERS.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 221
21/7/42	Halifax "H" #7766	Sgt. Bond, Opt. Sgt. Burridge, A/Obs. P/O. Neagher, A/Bob. Sgt. Overhead, W/Op. Sgt. Campbell, W/U/G. Sgt. Davison, R/Gnr. Sgt. Marshall, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2349	0433	Target - DUISBURG . Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. No cloud at Target but thick haze prevented observation of results but a good many small fires seen in area. Target identified by H.T.A. fire and flares. No ground detail seen, bursts seen but not located. 2 Pkts. of Nickels dropped at 0150 hrs. on leaving Target. Bombed from 14000 ft. at 0146 hrs. Primary attack.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 222
21/7/42	Halifax "G" #1040	P/O. Hardy, Opt. P/O. Archer, A/Obs. Sgt. Urwin, A/Bob. Sgt. Hall, W/Op. Sgt. Gavenfield, W/U/G. Sgt. Wilson, R/Gnr. Sgt. Cobain, R/Eng. P/O. Yee, 2nd Flt.	BOMBING	0004	MISSING	Target - DUISBURG . A/C MISSING. Nothing heard since leaving base.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 223
21/7/42	Halifax "H" #7790	P/O. Hayden, Opt. P/O. Davies, A/Obs. Sgt. Haddock, A/Bob. Sgt. Thorsen, W/Op. Sgt. Deben, W/U/G. Sgt. Palm, R/Gnr. Sgt. Fox, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2344	0433	Target - DUISBURG . Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. No cloud but heavy primary attack by running up on T.R. and bombing visually. Target area identified but not in daylight. Bursts dropped from 10000 ft. at 0151 hrs. one bomb seen to burst, the other was brought back as it hung up. No attempt made to jettison externally. Five seen. 2 Pkts. Nickels dropped over Target area.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 224

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21/7/42	Halifax "K" #7745	P/O. White, Opt. P/O. Johnstone, A/Obs. Sgt. Mogg, A/Bob. Sgt. Holmes, W/Op. Sgt. Bridgewater, W/U/G. P/Sgt. Mott, R/Gnr. Sgt. Wright, R/Eng. Sgt. Quinlan, 2nd Flt.	BOMBING	2358	0654	Target - DUISBURG . Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. No cloud but thick haze. Aiming point not seen but bombed on T.R. fix and pinpoint on confluence of R. Rhine or R. Rhur. Bomb bursts estimated 1/2 mile E. of aiming point. Both seen to burst. Bombed from 13000 ft. at 0158 hrs. Five fires seen in T/A. 3 Pkts. of Nickels dropped in T/A.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 225
21/7/42	Halifax "J" #1211	P/O. Porter, Opt. Sgt. Paterson, A/Obs. Sgt. Hall, A/Bob. Sgt. Linklater, W/Op. Sgt. Collins, W/U/G. Sgt. Wilman, R/Gnr. Sgt. Gaining, R/Eng.	BOMBING	2332	0506	Target - ANGERS - NICKEL RAID . 9 to 10/10ths cloud with a few clear patches. Dropped Nickels on E.T.A. and scattered at 10 sec. intervals. Aiming point 25 miles N.W. of Target. Dropped from 15000 ft. from 0203 to 0209 hrs.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 226
21/7/42	Halifax "V" #B208	P/O. Sparko, Opt. P/O. Aris, A/Obs. Sgt. Watson, A/Bob. Sgt. Middleton, W/Op. Sgt. Silverman, W/U/G. P/O. Marshall, R/Gnr. Sgt. Alcock, R/Eng.	BOMBING	0008	0555	Target - ANGERS - NICKELS . Nickels out and spread from 9000 ft. from 0251 to 0254 hrs. One container held up and one container missing. Identified on E.T.A. Nickels dropped at 47 dg. 33 min. N. 02.55 E. Two holes in fuselage. Not known how and when caused as apparently no opposition encountered.	Ops. Order No. 5. Raid No. 227
23/7/42	Halifax "K" #7745	W/Odr. Stevens, Opt. P/O. Fairbairn, A/Obs. Sgt. Pierre, A/Bob. Sgt. Ferrett, W/Op. Sgt. Campbell, W/U/G. Sgt. Palm, R/Gnr. Sgt. Hope, R/Eng. Sgt. Beckman, 2nd Flt.	BOMBING	0020	0518	Target - DUISBURG . Load 2 x 4000 lb. H. Inst. Bombed 16000 ft. at 0215 hrs. on hdg. 110 dg. M. on T.R. Built up area seen through cloud gap after bombing. Flashes of own bombs not definitely identified. Glow of fires and flares seen through cloud. 3 Pkts. Nickels in T.A. Captains remarks in 11 of Raid Report were "A first class performance by the Navigator, P/O. Fairbairn." PRIMARY.	Ops. Order No. 6. Raid No. 228
23/7/42	Halifax "A" #1157	S/Ldr. Hewitt, Opt. P/O. Tudor-Jones, A/Obs. Sgt. Sproston, A/Bob. Sgt. Hooper, W/Op. Sgt. Stewart, W/U/G. Sgt. Clark, R/Gnr. Sgt. Sharp, R/Eng.	BOMBING	0024	0512	Target - DUISBURG . Load 8 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. #025. Bombed from 17500 ft. in 8-10ths cloud at 0219 hrs. on hdg. 105 dg. M. by T.R. Fix. No gaps in cloud actual near Target Aiming Point so bombsight not used. Two bursts seen but not pinpointed. Results not seen. Clouds glazing very red with fires below. 3 Pkts. Nickels dropped coming out of T/A. PRIMARY.	Ops. Order No. 6. Raid No. 229

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23/7/42	Halifax "E" W1108	P/O. Phillips, Cpt. F/O. Harvey, A/Obs. Sgt. Price, A/Bmb. Sgt. Thompson, W/Op. Sgt. Byrne, N/U/G. F/O. Curtis, R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0021	0506	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Primary attacked from 15000 ft. at 0211 hrs. hdg. 112 dg. N. on E.T.A. 7/10th to 10/10th cloud tops 5000 ft. as T.R. U/S bursts not seen. Nothing seen whatsoever owing to cloud. 3 Pkts. Nickels dropped over T/A. A few small flak holes received by A/C.	Ops. Order No. 6. Raid No. 230 3 Pkts.
23/7/42	Halifax "E" W7753	F/O. Chambers, Cpt. Sgt. Thomas, A/Obs. Sgt. Lister, A/Bmb. Sgt. Davis(106) W/Op. Sgt. Beber, N/U/G. Sgt. Davies(874) R/Gnr. Sgt. Smith, F/Eng. Sgt. Quinlan, 2nd Ptl.	BOMBING	0019	0049	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. 10/10ths cloud at Target. Bombed Primary on E.T.A. having obtained T.R. Fixes till just before T.A. Bombed at 0223 hrs. from 15500 ft. hdg. 122 dg. N. Target not seen owing to cloud. Bomb bursts seen but not pinpointed. Good fires seen glowing through cloud on std. give approaching target. 3 Pkts. Nickels on way in. The following 3 A/C did not take off. "U" F/Lt. Porter, Cpt. T/R. U/S. "W" Sgt. Bond, Cpt. Fuel Pressure trouble, port ctyer. "V" F/O. Sparks, Cpt. Glycol leak in Starboard Inner.	Ops. Order No. 6. Raid No. 231
25/7/42	Halifax "J" W1211	F/Lt. Porter, Cpt. Sgt. Paterason, A/Obs. Sgt. Hall, A/Bmb. Sgt. Linklater, W/Op. Sgt. Collins, N/U/G. Sgt. Wilson, R/Gnr. Sgt. Gunning, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0011	MISSING	Target - DUISBURG. A/C MISSING. Signal received at 0213 hrs. "Am being attacked by fighters. Abandoning A/C."	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 232
25/7/42	Halifax "K" W7745	S/Ldr. Hewitt, Cpt. F/O. Tudor-Jones, A/Obs. Sgt. Sproston, A/Bmb. Sgt. Hooper, W/Op. Sgt. Stewart, N/U/G. Sgt. Clark, R/Gnr. Sgt. Sharp, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0009	0305	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. Jettisoned in sea. Rear Turret U/S so turned back at 0120 hrs. at 52.17 N. 044 E. Rear Turret door jammed. Runners came out of tops of doors and doors caught on fuselage. Unable to free inside or outside without assistance from Engineer. COUNTS AS SORTIE.	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 233
25/7/42	Halifax "M" W1130	Sgt. Caplan, Cpt. Sgt. Fleet, A/Obs. Sgt. Harcourt, W/Op. Sgt. Stait, N/U/G. Sgt. Daubop, R/Gnr. Sgt. Frederick, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0028	0512	Target - CHARTRES - NICKELS. Nickels (54 Pkts.) at Point 48 dg. 32 min. N. 00 dg. 45 min. E. to fall on Chartres. Cloud at point 10/10ths. 4500 ft. Another cloud layer base at 6000 ft. no nickels from 5000 ft. at 0500 hrs. hdg. 172 dg. N.	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 234

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25/7/42	Halifax "P" W7753	F/O. Chambers, Cpt. Sgt. Thomas, A/Obs. Sgt. Lister, A/Bmb. Sgt. Davis(106) W/Op. Sgt. Dyer, N/U/G. Sgt. Davies(874) R/Gnr. Sgt. Smith, F/Eng. Sgt. Winch, 2nd Ptl.	BOMBING	0021	0340	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Bombed from 16000 ft. at 0218 hrs. on hdg. 117 dg. T. attacking Primary on T.R. run up. Very large fires showed through 9/10ths cloud and few gaps and lit up buildings through a gap. Two bursts of ear-bombs seen by rear-gunner next to fire. 3 Pkts. of Nickels dropped over T/A.	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 235
25/7/42	Halifax "B" W1164	F/O. White, Cpt. F/O. Johnstone, A/Obs. Sgt. Mogg, A/Bmb. Sgt. Holmes, W/Op. Sgt. Bridgewater, N/U/G. F/Sgt. Elett, R/Gnr. Sgt. Wright, F/Eng. Sgt. Hughes, 2nd Ptl.	BOMBING	0018	0435	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Bombed Primary on T.R. run from 12500 ft. at 0217 hrs. on hdg. 130 dg. N. 6/10ths cloud but ground seen clearly through gaps. Built up area in bombight on release of bombs but not identified. Five bombs seen to burst. One very big fire seen like a very long building and about 10 other scattered fires. 3 Pkts. of Nickels dropped before and bombing run. Captain's remarks "Very successful trip".	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 236
25/7/42	Halifax "V" B2208	F/O. Sparks, Cpt. F/O. Aris, A/Obs. Sgt. Watson, A/Bmb. Sgt. Middleton, W/Op. Sgt. Dawson, N/U/G. Sgt. Collyer, R/Gnr. Sgt. Ballington, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0014	0458	Target - DUISBURG. Load 2 x 4000 lb. Primary attacked on T.R. from 17500 ft. at 0221 hrs. on hdg. 128 dg. N. 8/10ths cloud via. HLL. Both bombs seen to explode. 3 Pkts. of Nickels dropped on run in and out of T/A.	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 237
25/7/42	Halifax "C" W1215	F/O. Phillips, Cpt. F/O. Harvey, A/Obs. Sgt. Price, A/Bmb. Sgt. Thompson, W/Op. Sgt. Byrne, N/U/G. F/O. Curtis, R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness, F/Eng.	BOMBING	0046	0350	Target - DUISBURG. Did not attack Primary owing to inability to climb over cloud. Got up to 15000 ft. and ran into cloud. Also R/Turret U/S. Approached by W/A near IEDON. So turned back. T.I.R. U/S. Farthest point reached 5207 N. 0420 E. Jettisoned 2 x 4000 lb. bombs N. of Dutch Coast at 0207 from 15000 ft. safe in sea. COUNTS AS SORTIE. A/C "H" F/Lt. Hayden Cpt. Scrubbed as A/C was U/S.	Ops. Order No. 7. Raid No. 238
26/7/42	Halifax "G" W1108	S/Ldr. Ennis, Cpt. F/O. Powell, A/Obs. F/Sgt. Mesgher, A/Bmb. Sgt. Hotson, W/Op. Sgt. Silverman, N/U/G. F/O. Hanson, R/Gnr. Sgt. Lewis, F/Eng.	BOMBING	2248	0417	Target - HAMBURG. Load 2 x 4000 G.P. and 12 S.B.G. (90 x 4) Weather at Target very clear. Target easily identified in moonlight by AUBEN ALSTER, R. Elbe and Docks. Bombed from 15400 ft. at 0221 hrs. 180 dg. N. seen to burst in line 1/2 to 1 1/2 miles S.E. of AUBEN ALSTER. Incendiaries started fire along line of bombs. Many other fires in wide circuit round W.S.E. of AUBEN ALSTER. Especially to E. Nickels dropped. Captain said "Excellent trip. A/Bmb. did very well, bomb dropped right in Target Area.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 239

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26/7/42	Halifax "A" W1157	P/O. Agutter. Cpt. P/O. Serpell. A/Obs. Sgt. Oliver. A/Smb. P/O. Slide. W/Op. Sgt. Cantillon. W/U/G. Sgt. Martin. R/Gnr. Sgt. Galloway. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2251	0434	Target - HAMBURG. Load 2 x 1000lb. G.P. 12 S.B.C. (90 x 4) Bombed visually in clear weather from 17000ft. at 0110 hrs. 150 dg. N. Saw lots of bomb bursts. T. seen in bomb sight. Good fires. Excellent show. Nicksels dropped coming out. Satisfactory effort but was given a "lousy" time over Bremenhaven.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 240
26/7/42	Halifax "C" W1215	P/O. Phillips. Cpt. P/O. Harvey. A/Obs. Sgt. Price. A/Smb. Sgt. Thompson. W/Op. Sgt. Byrne. W/U/G. P/O. Curtis. R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2306	0412	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Bombs jettisoned safe in sea as Engine (P. Outlet) cut out and rear turret W/E so turned back. Got to HELDORF 0114 hrs. Farthest point reached 5105 N. 0904 E. COURTES AS SORTIE.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 241
26/7/42	Halifax "B" W1190	S/Ldr. Hewitt. Cpt. P/O. Tudor-Jones. A/Obs. Sgt. Sprouton. A/Smb. Sgt. Hooper. W/Op. Sgt. Stewart. W/U/G. Sgt. Clark. R/Gnr. Sgt. Sharp. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2255	0438	Target - HAMBURG. Load 2 x 1000 lb. .025 12 S.B.C. (90 x 4) Perfectly clear at Target. Bombed Primary visually (easily visible and pinpointing easy) at 0120 hrs. from 18000 ft. 170 dg. N. Target in bomb sight. Bursts not identified, but definitely thought to fall a little short between railway yards and town centre. Town was burning on arrival and many bursts seen. 3 Pnts. Nicksels 039 dropped on way out. "A very smooth trip".	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 242
26/7/42	Halifax "H" W7766	P/Mt. Hayden. Cpt. P/O. Davies. A/Obs. Sgt. Huddleson. A/Smb. Sgt. Shearer. W/Op. Sgt. Teber. W/U/G. P/O. Watkins. R/Gnr. Sgt. Fox. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2243	0509	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 G.P. T.D. .025. Primary NOT Attacked as bomb doors failed to open over 2/4. Flew over Target for 12 min. trying to open bomb doors. Used in S/L's for 5 minutes to the South of Hamburg and eventually succeeded in opening doors. 7 X 1000 lb. Jettisoned live 30 miles West of Hamburg at 0201 hours from 15,000 ft. Engineer showed great determination trying to open bomb doors in spite of violent evasive action. COURTES AS SORTIE.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 243
26/7/42	Halifax "I" W2008	P/O. Chantona. Cpt. Sgt. Thomas. A/Obs. Sgt. Hester. A/Smb. Sgt. Davis (106). W/Op. Sgt. Ryan. W/U/G. Sgt. Davis (874). R/Gnr. Sgt. Smith. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2304	0511	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. vis. excellent and Target identified from river and docks. Target in bomb sight. Bombed from 15000 ft. at 0435 hrs. 125 dg. N. Large fire sight in city centre and own bursts seen immediately E. of fire. Whole town lit up. Heavy fires and smoke in city centre and scattered fires in N. of town. Port Outer cut immediately after bombing and came back on 3 engines. "Very good trip indeed" Capt.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 244

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26/7/42	Halifax "E" W1161	P/O. White. Cpt. P/O. Johnstone. A/Obs. Sgt. Hoop. A/Smb. Sgt. Wilson. W/Op. Sgt. Bullock. W/U/G. P/O. Bleth. R/Gnr. Sgt. Wright. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2300	MISSING	Target - HAMBURG. A/C MISSING. S.O.S. received. Y.C.F.J. 2050-2055 hrs. not investigated and nothing further heard.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 245
26/7/42	Halifax "V" W7777	P/O. Sparks. Cpt. P/O. Arin. A/Obs. Sgt. Watson. A/Smb. Sgt. McAlister. W/Op. Sgt. Dawson. W/U/G. Sgt. Gollan. R/Gnr. Sgt. Riddington. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2303	0515	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Perfectly clear at Target as bombed visually identifying by docks and top end of BREITENBURG. Target in bomb sight. Saw bombs burst N. and S. along west side of inner town. Bursts clearly seen by P/O. Results not observed but main fires appeared to be in S. part of inner town. Bombed from 12000 ft. at 0437 hrs. 187 dg. N. TORLUX.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 246
26/7/42	Halifax "F" W1214	Sgt. Caplan. Cpt. Sgt. Fleet. A/Obs. Sgt. Harcourt. W/Op. Sgt. Staff. W/U/G. Sgt. Dabson. R/Gnr. Sgt. Frederick. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2318	0452	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Good vis. Heavy clouds below 4000. Bombed visually. Water and fires seen. T. not in bomb sight. Own bursts not seen but plenty of fires seen high and concentrated over a large area. Bursts seen at 10000 ft. co-operation between areas. 1st co-operation good between in view of this. Bombed from 16000 ft. at 0444 hrs. 125 dg. N. TORLUX.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 247
26/7/42	Halifax "W" W7715	W/O. Stevens. Cpt. P/O. Fairbairn. A/Obs. Sgt. Pierre. A/Smb. Sgt. Perrett. W/Op. Sgt. Campbell. W/U/G. Sgt. Paul. R/Gnr. Sgt. Hope. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2302	0440	Target - HAMBURG. Load 7 x 1000 lb. G.P. T.D. .025. Bombed Primary visually from 18000 ft. at 0430 hrs. 310 dg. N. Confusion of water and other lights not identified. Bombs seen to burst N. of main point E. A large red fire seen to start from burst at docks. Heavy fires burning especially in old town.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 248
26/7/42	Halifax "A" W1157	P/O. Agutter. Cpt. P/O. Serpell. A/Obs. Sgt. Oliver. A/Smb. P/O. Slide. W/Op. Sgt. Cantillon. W/U/G. Sgt. Martine. R/Gnr. Sgt. Galloway. P/Eng. Sgt. Winton. 2nd P/O.	BOMBING	2338	0507	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3 x 1000 G.P. 8 x 30. Inc. 2 x 20 x 4. Inc. Primary target not bombed owing to 10/10 cloud. S.O. cut over England on return 2 x 1000 G.P. Jettisoned 5 miles east of Poole. Remainder brought back.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 249
26/7/42	Halifax "Y" W1214	Sgt. Caplan. Cpt. Sgt. Fleet. A/Obs. P/O. Donatillo. A/Smb. Sgt. Harcourt. W/Op. Sgt. Staff. W/U/G. Sgt. Dabson. R/Gnr. Sgt. Frederick. P/Eng.	BOMBING	2323	0534	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3 x 1000 G.P. 30 x 30. Inc. Target not identified owing to cloud. Attacked by fighter off Belgian coast. All bombs jettisoned.	Ops. Order No. 8. Raid No. 250

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29/7/42	Halifax "W" W1038	F/O. Chambers. Cpt. Sgt. Thomas. A/Obs. Sgt. Lister. A/Smb. Sgt. Davis. W/Opt. Sgt. Dyer. M/U/G. Sgt. Davies. R/Gnr. Sgt. Smith. F/Eng. Sgt. Beckman. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	2327	0519	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3x1000 8x8x30 2x900. F/O. out while searching for pinpoint jettisoned bombs live in Saarlautern Area at 0452 hrs. from 8000 ft.	Ops. Order No. 951. Raid No. 251
29/7/42	Halifax "W" W7750	F/Lt. Haydon. Cpt. F/O. Davies. A/Obs. Sgt. Huddless. A/Smb. Sgt. Shearer. W/Opt. Sgt. Beber. M/U/G. Sgt. Gray. R/Gnr. Sgt. Fox. F/Eng. Sgt. Beasley. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	2324	0559	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3x1000 8x8x30 2x900. Pinpointed lake 20 miles S.W. of target. Estimate bombs fell in W. of town. Bombed at 0204 hrs. from 12000 ft. heading 040 deg. N.	Ops. Order No. 9. Raid No. 252
29/7/42	Halifax "H" W7766	F/O. Phillips. Cpt. F/O. Harvey. A/Obs. Sgt. Price. A/Smb. Sgt. Thompson. W/Opt. Sgt. Byrne. M/U/G. F/O. Marshall. R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness. F/Eng. Sgt. Hughes. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	2319	0459	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3x1000 8x8x30 2x900. Target not identified owing to fog. All bombs B.B.	Ops. Order No. 9. Raid No. 253
29/7/42	Halifax "V" W7777	F/O. Sparks. Cpt. F/O. Aris. A/Obs. Sgt. Walton. A/Smb. Sgt. Middleton. W/Opt. Sgt. Dawson. M/U/G. Sgt. Collyer. R/Gnr. Sgt. Edlington. F/Eng.	BOMBING	2318	0525	Target - SAARBRUCKEN. Load 3x1000 8x8x30 2x900. As above. Note :- All A/C carried missiles.	Ops. Order No. 9. Raid No. 254
31/7/42	Halifax "S" W1222	W/O. Stevens. Cpt. F/O. Fairbairn. A/Obs. Sgt. Pierre. A/Smb. Sgt. Ferrett. W/Opt. Sgt. Campbell. M/U/G. Sgt. Palm. R/Gnr. Sgt. Hope. F/Eng.	BOMBING	2351	0459	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 3x1000 12x8x30. 1st Wave Identified Target. Bombs dropped in W. Centre of city. Saw bursts which caused fires.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 255

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31/7/42	Halifax "W" R9375	F/O. Chambers. Cpt. Sgt. Thomas. A/Obs. Sgt. Lister. A/Smb. Sgt. Davis. W/Opt. Sgt. Dyer. M/U/G. Sgt. Davies. R/Gnr. Sgt. Smith. F/Eng.	BOMBING	0001	0432	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 6x1000 3rd Wave. Clear Vis. Target clearly visible. Bombs seen to burst on Main-Riv. Junction. "Seldon had a more successful trip and found target with greatest of ease. Target was battered. Air Bomber put up a good show". Bombed from 13000 ft. at 0221 hrs. from 119 deg. N.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 257
31/7/42	Halifax "W" W7750	F/Lt. Haydon. Cpt. F/O. Davies. A/Obs. Sgt. Huddless. A/Smb. Sgt. Shearer. W/Opt. Sgt. Beber. W/Opt. Sgt. Gray. R/Gnr. Sgt. Fox. F/Eng. F/O. Beasley. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	0028	0515	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 2x1000. 3rd Wave. Identified Target but own bursts not observed. But estimated to have fallen in N. of City. Many fires seen round aiming point. Bombed from 15000 ft. at 0253 hrs. hdg. 090 deg. N.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 258
31/7/42	Halifax "S" BP193	S/Ldr. Holden. Cpt. F/O. Walker. A/Obs. Sgt. Bailley. W/Opt. Sgt. Murray. M/U/G. Sgt. Leakey. R/Gnr. Sgt. Mundy. F/Eng. Sgt. Finch. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	0007	0459	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 6x1000 3rd Wave. Identified Target visually. Saw bombs bursting in target area. Bombed from 15000 ft. on hdg. 240 deg. N. at 0232 hrs. "An uneventful and successful trip."	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 259
31/7/42	Halifax "S" W1108	S/Ldr. Kniss. Cpt. F/O. Powell. A/Obs. F/Sgt. Meagher. A/Smb. Sgt. Holson. W/Opt. Sgt. Silverman. M/U/G. F/O. Hanson. R/Gnr. Sgt. Lewis. F/Eng. S/Ldr. Seymour. 2nd Plt.	BOMBING	2348	0541	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 3x1000 12x8x30 1st Wave. Landed at Ayr. Bombed Primary from 15000 ft. at 0215 hrs. on hdg. 070 deg. N. In good visibility but slight haze. Bombs were believed to have fallen in target area and fires and explosions were seen.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 260

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31/7/42	Halifax "W" W1190	S/Ldr. Hewitt. Cpt. F/Lt. Somerville. A/Obs. Sgt. Sproston. A/Emb. Sgt. Evershed. W/Op. Sgt. Stewart. N/U/G. Sgt. Clark. R/Gnr. Sgt. Sharp. F/Eng.	BOMBING	0018	MISSING	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 2x1000 3rd Wave. A/C MISSING. Signal received at 0239 by "S" "Attacked by fighters". Signal cancelled 10 min. later. Nothing heard since.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 261
31/7/42	Halifax "D" W1214	Sgt. Caplan. Cpt. Sgt. Fleet. A/Obs. P/O. Donaillo. A/Emb. Sgt. Harcourt. W/Op. Sgt. Stait. N/U/G. Sgt. North. R/Gnr. Sgt. Marshall. F/Eng.	BOMBING	0025	0620	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 2x5000 3rd Wave. Landed at 0420 hrs. Bombed main target from 15000 ft. at 0242 hrs. on 080 Ag. M. Target clearly identified in clear visibility. Own bursts not seen but one large fire in vicinity of marshalling yards and many small fires all over T/A.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 262
31/7/42	Halifax "H" W7766	P/O. Phillips. Cpt. P/O. Harvey. A/Obs. Sgt. Price. A/Emb. Sgt. Thompson. W/Op. Sgt. Byrne. N/U/G. P/O. Marshall. R/Gnr. Sgt. Furness. F/Eng.	BOMBING	0021	0605	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 2x1000 3rd Wave. Landed at 0420 hrs. Bombed main target from 15000 ft. at 0243 hrs. on 080 Ag. M. Identified target visually, centre of which seemed to be "blazing inferno". Many small fires round edge of T/A. observed. A/C received 2 holes in tail plane due to flak.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 263
31/7/42	Halifax "X" W1014	P/O. Crosswell. Cpt. W/O. Myles. A/Obs. Sgt. Murphy. W/Op. Sgt. Walton. N/U/G. Sgt. Lowe. R/Gnr. Sgt. Alcock. F/Eng. Sgt. Hughes. 2nd Pkt.	BOMBING	0010	0645	Target - DUSSELDORF. Load 2x1000 3rd Wave. Landed at 0420 hrs. Bombed Dusseldorf from 12000 ft. at 0232 hrs. 080 Ag. M. in good visibility. Saw burst in old town and many scattered fires. All A/C dropped 2 Pkts. W/39 except 2, 1 Pkt. A/C. "C" P/O. Agutter Cpt. did not take off as oil gauge W/S.	Ops. Order No. 10. Raid No. 264

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
EAST MOOR	1/8/42		Weather: Foggy in morning, but clearing and becoming cloudy in afternoon. Flying: 1.30 hrs. Air Test, one aircraft. Operations: 6 A/c called for, but cancelled at 1800 hours.	
	2/8/42		Weather: Dull and cloudy in morning. Vis. fair. Some heavy rain in afternoon. Flying: 5 A/c did Air Tests lasting 4.20 hrs. Operations: 5 A/c called for, but cancelled at 1800 hrs.	
	3/8/42		Weather: Rain and cloudy in morning. Visibility improving in afternoon. Flying: None. Operations: 5 A/c standing by, but cancelled at 1400 hours.	
	4/8/42		Weather: Cloudy, with very slight rain, becoming fair. Vis. moderate to good. Flying: 4 A/c did air tests lasting 4.10 hours. Operations: 4 A/c standing by, but cancelled at 1700 hours.	
	5/8/42		Weather: Cloudy - Good visibility. Flying: One a/c Air Test one hour. One a/c cross-country - time 2.10 hours. Operations: 5 a/c standing by. 2 took off for Main Ops. 1 cancelled - brake w/s. 1 missing. 2 took off for raids "nickalling". 1 returned W/T w/s. 1 C.O.D. returned to Base. Missing a/c "C" W.1215. Crew- A/RM402539. P/O. Phillips, G. A. Captain. A/RM402539. P/O. Harvey, I. V. Air Observer. C/N/RM4592. Sgt. Price, E. C. Air Bomber. 1310697. Sgt. Thompson, W.A. W/Operator. 954513. Sgt. Byrne, J. Mid Upper Gunner. 117005. P/O. Marshall, J.E. Rear Gunner. 571405. Sgt. Furness, D.H. Flight Engineer.	
	6/8/42		Weather: Cloudy, becoming fair later in day. Visibility very good, deteriorating to fog by end of period. Flying: 3 a/c H.P.T. and T.R., 2 a/c Air Tests, total 3.30 hours. Operations: 6 a/c took off and raided Duisberg. 5 returned having C.O.D. 1 a/c missing. Missing a/c "W" W.7790. Crew- A/RM402552. P/L. Haydon, J.H. Captain. A/RM402528. P/O. Davies, I.H. Air Observer. 1050628. Sgt. Haddless, H. Air Bomber. 1058346. Sgt. Shearer, B. W/Operator. 1282540. Sgt. Bober, A. Mid Upper Gunner. R/L405404. Sgt. Gray, W. J. Rear Gunner. 1018963. Sgt. Fox, G.C. Flight Engineer.	

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