

Crash du Halifax LL384 le 07/02/1945 près de Phalempin (59)

Extrait de l'ORB

BAHIS COLNE,	7th Feb. (Contd)	sorties to an area N.W. of the Ruhr. Nine completed their mission, one (P/O. WOOD) forced landed in France and one (S/LDR. HOBBS) crashed landed near LILLE, clipping the top off a church spire. The pilot reports that this latter aircraft (Halifax W. LL384) had been difficult to control throughout the journey from base, and when trouble was experienced with the port outer engine, it proved impossible to feather the aircrew. A safe spot was found to jettison the load, one bomb exploded on the ground after a temporary hang up and greatly increased the pilot's difficulties. The aircraft, now losing height rapidly, finally sailed down an avenue of poplar trees, fouled electric cables ENE at the end and consequently caught fire. All the crew sustained burns, the navigator and bomb aimer most seriously.	Appendix 'A' Form 54i.
		FLYING TIME. DAY 3.50. NIGHT 18.30.	

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