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of (Unit or Formation) No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
MILDERSHALL	1/4/42		Four aircraft took off to mine near mouth of SEINE and all returned safely.	
	2/4/42		Four aircraft took off to sow mines QUIBREON BAY and returned safely.	
	3/4/42		Operations cancelled. Training.	
	4/4/42		Operations cancelled. Training.	
	5/4/42		Eight aircraft took off to attack COLOGNE, one with H.E. and two with H.E. One aircraft (Freshman) attacked LE HAVRE.	
	6/4/42		Three aircraft took off to attack ESSEN and returned safely.	
	7/4/42		Stand down for operations - maintenance day.	
	8/4/42		Thirteen aircraft took off on operations. Nine attacked HAMBURG. One aircraft failed to return. The names of the missing are:- P/O(A/P/O) A. B. CRIGGON, Captain. P/Sgt. MACMILLAN, W.R. 2nd Pilot. Sgt. H. BROOKS, Navigator. P/Sgt. LARON, J.P. W/Operator. Sgt. PARKER, W.G. 2nd W/Op. A.G. P/O E. R. EDWARD, A.G. Two aircraft sowed mines in the HELIGOLAND area, and two aircraft attacked LE HAVRE, all returning safely.	
	9/4/42		Operations cancelled.	
	10/4/42		Nine aircraft took off, seven to attack ESSEN, one mining and one to LE HAVRE. All returned.	
	11/4/42		Operations cancelled.	
	12/4/42		Eleven aircraft took off to attack ESSEN, one mining and one to LE HAVRE. All returned safely.	
	13/4/42		P/O(A/P/Lt) P. MERRIATY, Squadron Adjutant, posted to No. 24 O.T.U., HENKINGBOURN for Admin. duties w.e.f. 13/4/42. Posted from No. 419 Squadron to Headquarters, MILDERSHALL, for supplementary Admin. duties w.e.f. 27/2/42. P/Lt. R. S. McNEIL assumed duties of Squadron Adjutant w.e.f. 27/2/42.	
	14/4/42		Three aircraft took off for mining and one (Freshman) for BOULOGNE. All returned safely. Seven aircraft took part in a successful raid on DORCHESD and returned safely. One aircraft detailed to attack LE HAVRE failed to return. The names of the missing crew are:- P/Sgt. MORRIS, J.R. Captain. P/Sgt. BARBOUR, F.D. 2nd Pilot. P/Sgt. DARLEY, H.F.S. Navigator. Sgt. ROBERTSON, A.W.M. W/Operator. Sgt. LAMHLOIS, L. 2nd W/Op. A.G. Sgt. McMILLAN, A. A.G.	
	15/4/42		Eleven aircraft took part in a successful raid on DORCHESD and returned safely.	
	16/4/42		Stand down ordered.	
	17/4/42		Stand down ordered.	
	18/4/42		Operations cancelled.	
	19/4/42		Five planes detailed for "gardening". News was received that P/O BRODRICK, P/Sgt. MAROTTA, J.G.A.,	

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MILDENHALL	19/4/42	(Cont)	Sgt. PAUL, K.H. and P/Sgt. BAILEY, S.J., who were missing from operations on the 25th March, 1942 are prisoners of war.	
	20/4/42		Five aircraft went "gardening" and all returned to base. Group Captain HUNTER, P.M.C. from R.C.A.F. HEADQUARTERS visited the Squadron.	
	21/4/42		Operations cancelled.	
	22/4/42		Eleven aircraft took part in a successful raid in COLOGNE and returned safely.	
	23/4/42		Six aircraft took part in a highly successful raid on BOSTOCK and all returned safely. AIR WIFE MARSHALL EDWARDS visited the Squadron.	
	24/4/42		BOSTOCK was again raided by seven aircraft, one of which was forced to return owing to turret trouble. A great number of big fires were seen.	
	25/4/42		Stand down.	
	26/4/42		Eleven aircraft set off for BOSTOCK and successfully bombed the target, though one was forced to return owing to turret trouble with Pilot's escape hatch. One other aircraft set out gardening but could not locate area and brought vegetable back.	
	27/4/42		Stand down.	
	28/4/42		Eight aircraft took off to raid KIEL and one Freshman went gardening as ordered. All aircraft returned. Aircraft piloted by WING COMMANDER J. FULGH badly shot up on return trip but limped home to make successful belly landing.	
	29/4/42		Operations cancelled - training.	
	30/4/42		Operations cancelled - training.	
			The strength of the Squadron at the end of April was:-	
			R.C.A.F. Officers - Aircraft 15	
			" " Groundcrew 4	
			R.C.A.F. Airmen - Aircraft 100	
			" " Groundcrew 154	
			R.A.F. Officers - Aircraft 5	
			" " Groundcrew 2	
			R.A.F. Airmen - Aircraft 4	
			" " Groundcrew 216	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3592 F	R/O Fillmore P/Sgt. McEain Sgt. Moloss P/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmacott Sgt. Fudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.35	00.35	Mine laying near mouth of SEINE ESTUARY. Mole and docks identified. Five bursts observed.	
1/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3277 J	P/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spector Sgt. Wainwright Sgt. Lane Sgt. Foster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.40	01.45	Mine laying estuary of SEINE. Followed river down to south, where Navigator thought he recognised Docks area. Damage to tail wheel (tyre and tube) and small hole in fabric rear of tail wheel, presumed due to flak.	
1/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3494 O	Sgt. Fikda P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clalland Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.45	03.15	Mine laying estuary of SEINE. ILE DE GROIX definitely identified. Two mines which hung up were brought back.	
1/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3702 Q	P/Sgt. Shannon P/O Morris Sgt. McCoy P/Sgt. Hibbard P/Sgt. Kelsey Sgt. West	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	19.10	01.30	Mine laying estuary of SEINE. ILE DE GROIX and PIZ. ST. NICHOLAS identified. Mines seen to hit water.	
2/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3484 Q	Sgt. Fikda P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clalland P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	19.20	01.30	Mine laying QUIBERON BAY. Mines sown 10 miles south-east of instructed point, parachutes seen to open and mines enter water.	
2/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3357 T	Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes P/Sgt. Macaulay	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	19.15	01.00	Mine laying QUIBERON BAY. Position pinpointed. Mines seen to hit water.	
2/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3592 F	R/O Fillmore P/Sgt. McEain Sgt. Moloss P/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmacott Sgt. Fudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	19.35	01.40	Mine laying QUIBERON BAY. Position pinpointed and parachutes seen to open.	

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2/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3277 J	F/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. LeBlanc Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkiner Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	19.10	01.00	Mine laying QUERON BAY. Parachutes seen to open and mines enter water.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3481 A	W/O Thomson F/Sgt. McLaren P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain Navigator Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.15	05.00	Target COLOGNE. 810x lb. incendiaries. Bombs dropped on T.H. fix, target not visually identified. 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Photo attempted.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3659	S/Ldr. Turner Sgt. Harris F/Sgt. Fowler F/Sgt. Jans F/Sgt. Arthur F/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.15	04.40	Target COLOGNE. Bombs 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Visual fix marshalling yard east of main town. Bombs dropped between main station and river. The incendiaries were seen to burst but no fire started. 60 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Large number of fires seen after leaving target. Two photographs.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3484 B	Sgt. Finlay F/Sgt. Roberts F/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clarend F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	REHE. Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.30	05.30	Target COLOGNE. Owing to 10/10ths cloud attacked last resort, believed 50 miles E.S.E. of COLOGNE. Bomb load 810 x 4 lb. incendiaries. 180 hung up and brought back, remainder seen to burst through cloud.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3703 Q	F/Sgt. Shannon P/O Morris Sgt. McCoy F/Sgt. Hibbard F/Sgt. Marroy Sgt. West	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.25	05.10	Target COLOGNE. 890 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Visual fix of RHINE. Bombs dropped in city area west of river. Torrential rain during bombing-up. Severe icing conditions during flight. 300 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3711 R	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O McCormack Sgt. Robertson Sgt. Langlois P/O O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.20	04.50	Target COLOGNE. Identified by river. Bombs 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries fell west of river. Exact part of town not identified. 180 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Photograph attempted.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON Z 3486 C	F/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higgins F/Sgt. Brighta Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson F/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			Target COLOGNE. 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. RHINE recognized, exact part not pin-pointed. Incendiaries seen to burst in town west of river starting fires. 90 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back.	

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5/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3277 J	F/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Le Blanc F/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Austen Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	01.00	07.00	Target COLOGNE. <u>REINE</u> identified and followed to target. Bombs 2 x 4,000 lb. and 3 x 500 lb. (.025). Five storey warehouse or factory seen burning. After bombing flashes seen close to building and fire to have increased. One photograph taken at time of bombing. Stinks seen to burst in target area.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3257 T	Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes F/Sgt. Macaulay	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	01.20	07.00	Target COLOGNE. Bomb load, 2 x 4,000 lb. and 3 x 500 lb. (.025). Identified by stretch of river south of target. Bombs seen to fall south-west part of town. One burst seen through cloud. Reflection of fire seen in cloud.	
5/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3457 N	F/O Crighton F/Sgt. Barbour Sgt. Brooks Sgt. Patton Sgt. Foster F/O Howard	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			Target LA HAYE. Visual fix of river estuary. Bombs, 14 x 250-lb. (40 x .025, 2 N.I. and 2 E.I.) dropped north-west BASSIN DE MARIN and inner port. Bursts observed by Navigator (number and position not known). One bomb dropped safe owing to mechanical defect.	
6/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3451 A	W/O Thomson F/Sgt. McLaren F/O Badi Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.20	05.35	Target BRESBY. Bombs (810 x 4-lb. incendiaries by T.R. fix. Saw ROUR river after dropping bombs. Bursts not observed but red glow of fire against low cloud seen on leaving target. 400 x 4-lb. bombs hung up. Large holes in starboard wing and bomb doors and smaller holes in fuselage due to flak over target.	
6/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711 K	S/Ldr. Wolfe F/O Jost F/O McCormack Sgt. Robertson Sgt. Langlois F/Sgt. Foggy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.39	01.54	Target BRESBY. Aircraft returned owing to exceptionally bad weather conditions about 40 miles out to sea from OXFORDNESS. All bombs (810 x 4-lb. incendiaries) jettisoned into sea.	
6/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3453 S	W/Odr. Fulton F/Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Alexander F/Sgt. Olien Sgt. Steeves F/O O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.40	05.46	Target BRESBY. 6 flares dropped from another aircraft coincided with fix for BRESBY. Large Hamac covering works and buildings seen. Incendiaries fell on works. No results observed owing to concentration of flak and searchlights. Heaviest flak concentration in Wing Commander's experience.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3659 B	S/Ldr. Turner F/Sgt. De Bartok F/Sgt. Foster F/Sgt. Jans F/Sgt. Arthur F/Sgt. Doll	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.43	04.02	Target HAMBURG. Owing 9/10ths cloud HAMBURG itself could not be identified. An aerodrome and built-up area in HAMBURG area were seen and bombed. Bomb load 44 x 30-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025 dropped across both targets. Bursts seen on or near aerodrome and five on second target. 4 x 30-lb. incendiaries hung up. Five bundles of nichels dropped.	

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8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717 C	P/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Le Sims P/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkmier Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.39	02.40	Target HAMBURG. Bombed on SEA with aids somewhere in HAMBURG area. 10/10ths cloud/bomb load 48 x 30-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. 8 x 30-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Five bundles of nickels dropped. Oxygen equipment useless.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715 G	P/O O'neghan P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Dewar P/Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.52	03.21	Target HAMBURG - last resort. Flak concentration in CHERBYN area attacked. Bomb load 48 x 30-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. Hung up and brought back. 2 x 500 G.P. and 40 x 30-lb. incendiaries. Presumed electrical trouble.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3467 "N"	P/O O'righton A.G. - POW P/Sgt. MacMillan W.R. Sgt. Brocks H. Sgt. Patton J.D. Sgt. Parker W.C. P/O Howard E.R.	Captain - POW 2nd Pilot - POW Navigator - POW W/Operator - POW W/Op.A.G. - POW A.G. - Killed			This aircraft failed to return. A bearing almost due east of HULL was obtained at 01.16 hours, third class. Estimated position east of FRENCH ISLANDS.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3357 T	Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson P/Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.34	03.11	Target HAMBURG. Bomb load, 540 x 4-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. Unable to identify target owing to 10/10ths cloud. Bombs thought to fall in HAMBURG area. 30 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Seven bundles of nickels dropped.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699 V	P/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higham P/Sgt. Brianta Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.41	03.16	Target HAMBURG. Owing to cloud no pin-point obtained. Bombs, 48 x 30-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025 dropped believed HAMBURG area. No definite indication apart from concentration of flak. Six bundles of nickels dropped.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711 R	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O MacCormack Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison P/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.32	03.05	Target HAMBURG. Cloud conditions made pin-pointing impossible. HAMBURG area believed bombed, on ER but target not identified. Incendiaries bursts seen on ground. Bomb load, 540 x 4-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. .025 G.P. 68 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Seven bundles of nickels dropped.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3486 U	P/Sgt. Elliot P/Sgt. McHaffin P/O O'neghan Sgt. Goodwin P/Sgt. Radcliffe P/Sgt. McCaw	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.37	03.29	Target HAMBURG. Bomb load, 48 x 30-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025 dropped believed HAMBURG area. but owing to cloud no pin-points obtainable. Seven bundles of nickels dropped.	

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8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703 d	F/Sgt. Shannon F/O Morris Sgt. McCoy F/Sgt. Hubbard F/Sgt. Massey Sgt. West	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.25	03.32	Target HAMBURG. Bomb load, 540 x 4-lb. incendiaries and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. Owing to 10/10ths cloud target could not be identified. Bombs dropped believed HAMBURG area on DE position. Incendiary bursts seen through cloud. 120 x 4-lb. incendiaries brought back. Seven bundles of nitrobs dropped.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723 H	F/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spector Sgt. Wainwright Sgt. Lane F/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.30	03.51	Target HELIGOLAND area, mining. 10/10ths cloud. Doubtful of position and mines brought back.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3592 F	F/O Fillmore F/Sgt. McCain Sgt. Malcolm F/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmacott Sgt. Page	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.30	02.35	Target HELIGOLAND - mining. Position pin-pointed and mines dropped and seen to hit water.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3470 E	Sgt. Harris Sgt. MacCollum F/O Porter Sgt. McKinley F/Sgt. Macmurray F/Sgt. Page	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.25	01.50	Target LE HAVRE. 8/10ths cloud. Attack alternative, CHERBOURG. Harbour identified visually and bombbs (14 x 250-lb. .025) dropped across docks Nos. 11, 7 and 6. Results not seen on account of evasive action flak.	
8/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3464 O	F/Sgt. Morris F/Sgt. Barbour F/Sgt. Darley Sgt. Robertson Sgt. Langlois Sgt. McMillan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.30	02.10	Target LE HAVRE. Could not identify target and brought bombs (14 x 250-lb.) back.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3470 E	Sgt. Harris Sgt. MacCollum F/O Porter Sgt. McKinley F/Sgt. Macmurray F/Sgt. Page	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.16	01.15	Target LE HAVRE. Bomb load, 14 x 250-lb. G.P. .025 dropped across Dock 13, clearly seen. Bursts seen and a blue-green light with some red centre which may have been fire, was still visible when aircraft was approaching English coast.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3592 F	F/O Fillmore F/Sgt. McCain Sgt. Malcolm F/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmacott Sgt. Page	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.15	03.01	Target ESSEN. Bomb load, 2 x 1,000-lb. G.P. .025 and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. Target not recognised visually but a large fire coinciding with fix was attacked. A number of dummy fires came on immediately after bombing. Six bundles of nitrobs were dropped, ESSEN area.	

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10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3483 S	Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.48	02.34	Target BSHW. Bomb load, 2 x 1,000-lb. G.P. .025 and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025 dropped on a large fire which agreed with fix. Two large flashes followed by three small flashes seen on northern part of fix.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715 G	P/O O'Connell P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Dewar Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.48	02.40	Target BSHW. Bomb load, 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombed on fire which agreed with previous visual confirmation, results not seen. One photograph attempted at time of bombing. Five bundles of nichols dropped in BSHW area. A few small holes in bombing doors from heavy flak.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3689 V	P/Sgt. Gannon P/O Higham P/Sgt. Bright Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.55	02.21	Target BSHW. Bombs, 72 x 50-lb. incendiaries dropped on fix with previous visual confirmation. Three fires going well in target area before bombing.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723 H	P/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spence Sgt. Wainwright P/Sgt. McInville Sgt. Power	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.21	02.40	Mining off HELLHOUND. Position pin-pointed and mines dropped.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717 C	P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. De Bontk P/Sgt. Ruggie Sgt. Valmier Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.50	02.43	Target BSHW. Bombs, 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped on fix. No visual pin-point. Incendiaries seen to get good hold.	
10/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712 D	P/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutillier P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith P/Sgt. Chandler P/Sgt. Best	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.52	02.55	Target BSHW. Bombs, 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped on fix. Not confirmed visually. Several flames seen and scattered fires to east and south of point attacked. Light superficial damage by flak.	

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18/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3451 A	P/O Pillmore P/Sgt. McEain Sgt. Malone P/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmeott Sgt. Pudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	23.09	04.20	Target ESSIN, with bomb load 4 x 1,000-lb. and 5 x 500-lb. Target found and bombed. Fires seen all over target area. Heavy flak bursts near aircraft and damaged wing, which broke off when heavy landing was made.	
18/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717 C	P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. De Bartok P/Sgt. Follenier Sgt. Austen Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.27	03.13	This aircraft set out for ESSIN but was forced to return owing to engine trouble. Furthest point reached, 20 miles off north-east GIVRE. 540 x 4-lb. incendiaries jettisoned ENROUTE REANIL.	X
18/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712 D	P/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutillier P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Robertson P/Sgt. Chandler P/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.29	03.35	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped in southern part of ESSIN and were seen to burn red on hitting target. Many fires seen by rear gunner.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711 R	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O McCormack Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison P/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.16	03.25	Target ESSIN. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombing done visually. Confirmed by TR flares. Several small fires observed while leaving target. Searchlight belt considerably reduced north-west of ESSIN. No flak. One photograph attempted of ESSIN. Five bundles of nickels dropped over REANIL area.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715 G	P/O O'Keefe P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Dwyer P/Sgt. Wilkinson Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.30	03.58	Target ESSIN. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Green flare seen. Bombs seen to fall on built-up area not definitely identified as target but believed to be ESSIN, and start fires. Two fighters seen; one in vicinity of GIVRE and one three miles south-west of REANIL.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723 H	P/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spector Sgt. Wainwright Sgt. Swinson Sgt. Power	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	23.12	04.40	This aircraft took a bomb load of 4 x 1,000 and 5 x 500-lb. to ESSIN and dropped them in the target area. Large fires were seen. Bombing was done on TR.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3732 P	Sgt. Fay P/Sgt. Vautour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Prestons Sgt. Munday Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	23.07	00.50	Oxygen failure forced this aircraft to return shortly after take off and bomb load (4 x 1,000-lb. and 5 x 500-lb. G.P.) were brought back. Target ESSIN.	X

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12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703 Q	2/Sgt. Shannon 2/O Morris Sgt. McCoy 2/Sgt. Jones 2/Sgt. McCreary Sgt. Went	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.14	03.18	Bomb load of 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries were dropped north-east of ESSM, and were seen to burst but not develop. Severe lack of oxygen experienced.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. T	Sgt. Dunn 2/Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.19	03.45	Owing to front turret being 1/5 this aircraft had to return to base after setting out for ESSM with 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries, which were jettisoned in sea.	X
12/4/42	WELLINGTON U	2/Sgt. Elliot 2/Sgt. Barbour 2/O Gration Sgt. Casinari 2/Sgt. Redville 2/Sgt. McGee	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.24	02.59	Target ESSM. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombed on ER fix but bursts could not be seen owing to blinding searchlights. Fires seen on leaving target. Captain's oxygen supply failed.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699 V	2/Sgt. Swanson 2/O Higham 2/Sgt. Brichra Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson 2/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.21	03.30	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries to ESSM and bombed on ER fix. Impossible to identify sea bursts with so many other sticks of incendiaries. One green flare seen over target. Very bad ground haze.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3577 J	Sgt. Harris Sgt. MacCallum 2/O Porter Sgt. McKinley Sgt. Macaulay 2/Sgt. Foggy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.03	03.07	This aircraft went gardening and planted vegetables as ordered. Rear gunner saw splashes. Pin-pointed SEVENHAYES.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3484 O	Sgt. Dutton 2/Sgt. McEuffin Sgt. Pearce Sgt. Rice 2/Sgt. Arthur 2/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	21.16	00.56	4 x 250-lb. G.P. bombs dropped east of No. 7 Dock at LE HAVRE and bursts seen. Nichols also dropped in HAVRE area.	
12/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3277 J	Sgt. Harris Sgt. MacCallum 2/O Porter Sgt. McKinley 2/Sgt. Macaulay 2/Sgt. Foggy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	21.24	02.29	Gardening, and vegetables were dropped. Rear gunner saw splashes in sea.	

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13/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3752 P	Sgt. Foy P/Sgt. Vautour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Freestone Sgt. Hndley Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	21.37	02.03	Gardening carried out as ordered and vegetables seen to splash in sea.	
13/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3757 U	Sgt. Dunn P/Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	21.38	02.09	Vegetables planted as ordered but thought to have fallen safe as fusing wires were not brought back. Cause under investigation. Vegetables seen to hit water.	
13/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3484 O	Sgt. Dutton P/Sgt. McHaffin Sgt. Pearce Sgt. Rice P/Sgt. Arthur P/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.00	01.53	14 x 250-lb. G. F. brought back as Dunks at BOULOGNE could not be identified owing to poor visibility, although a 40-minute search was made.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717 C	P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. De Bartok P/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Volkender Sgt. Austen Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.32	03.56	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries on DORTMUND. Burst seen to take hold and fires and thick black smoke seen in target area.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715 G	P/O Cavanaugh P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Doser P/Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	22.42	03.54	Target DORTMUND. 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped on target and many fires seen on leaving target area.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723 H	P/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spator Sgt. Wainwright P/Sgt. Rainville Sgt. Poser	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.	23.01	04.05	Main target DORTMUND not bombed owing to inter-comm. being U/S. Bombs (81- x 4-lb. incendiaries) dropped in SOHRETT area. No bursts seen but fires, including two large ones seen in area attacked. Four bundles of nickels dropped in DORTMUND area.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712 D	P/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Soutlier P/Sgt. O'Brien P/Sgt. Jones P/Sgt. Chandler P/Sgt. Rest	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A. G. A. G.			Target DORTMUND not reached owing to failure of TR. 12 bundles of flares and 3 x 500-lb. and 1 x 250-lb. bombs detonated in sea. Aircraft returned safely.	X

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14/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3711 R	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O McCormack Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison P/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.16	04.40	12 Bundles of flares and 3 x 500-lb., 1 x 250-lb. bomb load taken to DORCHARD. Heavy opposition prevented any definite results being seen but both flares and bombs were thought to have dropped slightly north of target. Bursts were seen but no fires. Three bundles of nickels also dropped.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3703 U	P/Sgt. Shannon P/O Morris P/Sgt. McCoy Sgt. Casimiri P/Sgt. Moisy Sgt. Went	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.07	04.31	Same load as X.3711 and thought to have fallen north of DORCHARD. Bursts were seen and red flares. Nickels also dropped.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3699 Q	P/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higham P/Sgt. Bright Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.19	05.00	Target DORCHARD. Bomb load, 1 x 250-lb., 3 x 500-lb., and 12 bundles of flares. H.B.'s were brought back as panel lights indicated that flares were hung up. Nickels were dropped in DORCHARD area.	
14/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3684 O	P/Sgt. Morris J.R. P/Sgt. Barbour F.P. P/Sgt. Durley H.F.S. Sgt. Robertson A.W.H. Sgt. Langford L.M. Sgt. McMillan A.	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.30		This aircraft took off for LE HAVRE and failed to return. They took a bomb load of 14 x 250-lbs.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3699 B	S/Ldr. Turner P/Lt. Pattison P/Sgt. Fowler P/Sgt. Jones P/Sgt. Arthur P/Sgt. Bell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.08	05.49	DORCHARD target with 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombing done on TR and seen to burst through cloud. Flares seen in target area. 480 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back. Although the flares helped to guide onto the target it is pointed out that they are useless in cloud conditions due to reflection.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3717 C	P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. De Bartok P/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.44	05.37	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries taken to DORCHARD and dropped on TR fire. Red glow of apparently large fires seen through cloud.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3712 D	P/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutiller P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith P/Sgt. Chandler P/Sgt. McGee	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.46	02.45	Target DORCHARD. 12 bundles of flares, 3 x 500-lb., and 1 x 250-lb. G.P. jettisoned in sea as TR went U/S.	

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15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723 H	Y/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters Sgt. Spector Sgt. Wainwright Sgt. Swainson Sgt. Poser	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.01	01.22	This aircraft set out for DORTMUND with 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries but jettisoned load at BUNTERS HEATH and returned owing to intercom. being U/S. 30 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up.	X
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3592 F	R/O Thomson W/Sgt. McLaren P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.50	05.30	Target DORTMUND. Bomb load, 3 x 500-lb., and 1 x 250-lb. G.P., and 12 bundles of flares. Flares seen to drop 30 miles south-east of DORTMUND and two sticks of incendiaries seen burning in same place. No bomb bursts seen but two fires observed in built-up area. Damage by flak to starboard wing, tailplane, bomb doors and fuselage.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715 G	R/O Geoghegan P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Forbes P/Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.52	01.23	Bomb load, 72 x 30-lb. incendiaries brought back after setting off for DORTMUND as oxygen mask of Captain went U/S. Alternative targets not bombed because of incendiaries bomb load.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3357 T	Sgt. Dunn P/Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.10	05.08	Target DORTMUND with incendiary load of 72 x 30-lb. bombs. Dropped in centre of built-up area believed to be DORTMUND and fires seen burning over large area. Large red fire also seen burning in western end of built-up area, followed by explosions. Flares seen over target area.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699 V	P/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higham P/Sgt. Brichta Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.05	04.55	12 bundles of flares, 3 x 500-lb. and 1 x 250-lb. bomb load taken to DORTMUND. H.E. bursts not seen but fires seen over target and when leaving. Flak hit port wing and engine.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703 S	P/Sgt. Shannon P/O Morris Sgt. McCoy P/Sgt. Hibbard P/Sgt. Makroy Sgt. Went	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.29	06.19	Cloud prevented target at DORTMUND being identified. 12 bundles of flares and 3 x 500-lb. and 1 x 250-lb. G.P. bombs dropped on TR fix coinciding with DORTMUND.	
15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3470 N	P/Sgt. Fildes P/Sgt. Roberts P/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clalland P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	00.21	02.09	Target DORTMUND with bomb load of 72 x 30-lb. incendiaries jettisoned on account of oxygen failure.	X

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15/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3752	Sgt. Poy P/Sgt. Venture Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Freestone Sgt. Hunday Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	00.02	05.30	The target at DORCHES was bombed with 72 x 30-lb. incendiaries by four sets of flares dropped by the previous aircraft. Target was not seen but bomb bursts were seen and fires seen to last. Front gunner's intercom. went U/S at the FRENCH coast on way out. One engine peaked up as aircraft was coming in to land.	
19/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717	P/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Le Elmo Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Vallender Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.34	00.44	This aircraft went gardening but met with bad visibility and brought vegetables back. Coastline could not be pin-pointed.	
19/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3552	Sgt. Poy P/Sgt. Venture Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Freestone Sgt. Hunday Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.37	01.02	Vegetables planted as order. The rear gunner saw splashes.	
19/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703	P/Sgt. Shannon Sgt. Morris Sgt. McCoy P/Sgt. Hibbard P/Sgt. Halsey Sgt. Kent	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.38	01.18	Vegetables planted as order and parachutes were seen to open. Hydraulics went U/S. No hydraulic oil. Made flap-less landing.	
19/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3483	W/Obr. Fulton P/Sgt. Wilson P/Sgt. Alexander P/Sgt. Olien P/Sgt. Steeves P/Lt. O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.30	01.45	Vegetables planted as ordered and rear gunner saw splashes.	
19/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	P/O O'Garra P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford P/Sgt. Forbes P/Sgt. Walkinshaw P/Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.38	00.50	Vegetables planted as ordered and parachute seen to open.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3552	P/O Pillmore Sgt. Moore Sgt. Molloy P/Sgt. Grant P/Sgt. Westmacott P/Sgt. Pudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	21.24	05.28	Target COLCHESTER. Bomb load, 1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. Bombing done on TR and bursts seen. Rear gunner baled out over IPWICH on return journey through mis-understanding on intercom and T.R.S. Rear turret starboard door torn off.	

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22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	D/O Caraghan P/Sgt. Higgins P/Sgt. Crawford P/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow P/Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	21.59	01.45	Target COLOGNE but owing to TR failure astrodrome, believed to be BALKENBURG, was attacked. Bombs were seen to burst and FIVE BOMBS hit in south-east corner. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3725	P/Sgt. Weeks P/Sgt. Peters P/Sgt. Spector Sgt. Hainwright P/Sgt. Hainville Sgt. Pomer	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.08	04.00	Bomb load of 1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. bombs dropped on COLOGNE by TR fix. No bursts seen, but after leaving target six large fires were seen through break in cloud. This aircraft was hit by flak but returned safely.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712	P/Sgt. Bennett Sgt. Bottlier P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Dewar P/Sgt. Chandler P/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			This aircraft failed to take off owing to TR trouble.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3659	S/Lt. Turner P/Lt. Pettison P/Sgt. Fowler P/Sgt. Jones P/Sgt. Arthur P/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.09	00.15	This aircraft set off for COLOGNE with a bomb load of 1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. bombs but owing to the rear turret going U/S this aircraft was forced to return and the bombs were jettisoned at BIEBERS HEATH.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3726	P/Sgt. Picola P/Sgt. Roberts D/O McDowell Sgt. Clelland P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.07	04.50	72 x 30-lb. incendiaries to COLOGNE. Bombs were seen to burst and catch hold. Several large red glows seen in same area caused by other aircraft bombing. Photograph taken.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3752	Sgt. Fay P/Sgt. Yantour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Freestone P/Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.16	23.58	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries jettisoned at BIEBERS HEATH owing to trouble with rear turret. TR went U/S on return.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3483	W/Odr. Fulton P/Sgt. Wilson P/Sgt. Alexander P/Sgt. Olson P/Sgt. Macaulay P/Lt. O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.01	02.50	Target COLOGNE with bomb load 1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. Bombing done on TR. No bursts seen but fires seen burning below cloud or haze in what believed to be target area. Heavily defended. Six bundles of nichals dropped in same area.	

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22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3357	Sgt. Dunn P/Sgt. Murphy P/Sgt. Evans P/Sgt. Ferguson P/Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.15	02.37	1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. bombs dropped on target area in COLOGNE but no bursts seen. Aircraft holed just behind bomb bay by heavy flak.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O McCormack P/Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison P/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.15	03.35	Target COLOGNE with 1 x 1,000-lb. and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. Bombed on TR and bombs were thought to have fallen south-west of target but could not be certain as aircraft was taking evasive action. Hit by heavy flak on starboard side of fuselage. One photograph attempted but flashes did not explode.	
22/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699	P/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higham P/Sgt. Brichra P/Sgt. Crosby P/Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			This aircraft failed to take off owing to trouble with petrol pipe.	
23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3357	P/Sgt. Swanson P/O Higham P/Sgt. Brichra P/Sgt. Crosby P/Sgt. Wilkinson P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.09	06.21	Target BOSTOCK with 72 x 30-lb. incendiaries. Fires and smoke prevented target being seen but the incendiaries were seen to burst and many widely spaced groups of fires seen burning in target area. Four bundles of nickels dropped in same area. One photograph taken.	
23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3726	P/Sgt. Finkle P/Sgt. Roberts P/O McDowell Sgt. Olland P/Sgt. O'Brien P/Sgt. Bell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.05	05.55	840 x 4-lb. incendiaries taken to BOSTOCK and were seen to fall in stack from eastern side of old town. Fires were so numerous that one burst was difficult to see. Bursts of heavy bombs seen from as far away as DAVENEE coast. Four bundles of nickels were also dropped.	
23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Jost P/O McCormack P/Sgt. Goodwin P/O Kenyon Sgt. Morrison	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.55	06.17	Target BOSTOCK with 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. which fell on south side of old town. Many large and small fires seen in target area, and a very large one in BOSTOCK WARE. Two photographs taken over target. Nickels also dropped.	
23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717	P/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Le Blanc P/Sgt. Murphy P/Sgt. Valkander P/Sgt. Austin P/Sgt. McDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.01	06.15	Fires were seen to start by rear gunner after 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries burst in eastern part of old town at BOSTOCK. Fires seen all over target area on arrival and departure. One photograph taken over the old town. Four bundles of nickels dropped.	

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23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5712	F/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutlier F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith F/Sgt. Chandler F/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.55	06.10	Smoke and fires at ROOSTOCK made the target difficult to find. 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped in target area and larger white explosions seen to east of old town on departure. Four bundles of nickels dropped on target. Two photographs taken.	
23/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5653	W/Odr. Fulton F/Sgt. Wilson F/Sgt. Alexander F/Sgt. Olien F/Sgt. Macosley F/Sgt. O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.57	06.07	Target ROOSTOCK with 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. Visibility fairly good over target. Bombs were seen to burst and seventeen fires were counted by the rear gunner. Whole town appeared to have been badly blitzed. Photograph taken.	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5712	F/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutlier F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith F/Sgt. Chandler F/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.40	01.04	Target ROOSTOCK. Aircraft forced to return as rear turret was U/S. Bomb load, 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. jettisoned safe at sea.	X
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5703	Sgt. Fay F/Sgt. Ventour Sgt. Falkiner Sgt. Freestone F/Sgt. Walkinshaw Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.			Target at ROOSTOCK was easily identified by fires already burning and 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries fell in south-east of city. Rear gunner saw bursts which turned red as aircraft moved off. One photograph taken.	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5357	Sgt. Dunn F/Sgt. Murphy F/Sgt. Evans F/Sgt. Ferguson F/Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.			72 x 50-lb. incendiaries in target area at ROOSTOCK and were seen to burst. Big fires seen in <u>HERSCHE FACTORY</u> and many smaller ones seen in town. <u>HERSCHE</u> dunny located. Also one on opposite side of estuary.	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5470	F/O Fillmore Sgt. Moore Sgt. Moloss F/Sgt. Grant Sgt. Westmacott F/Sgt. Peary	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.			Good run up obtained on ROOSTOCK, and 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries were seen to burst. Many fires and explosions seen in area. Nickels were dropped. One photograph taken at time of bombing.	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 5715	F/O Caragher F/Sgt. Higgins F/Sgt. Crawford F/Sgt. Poston F/Sgt. Gairdri F/Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.			Target ROOSTOCK. 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries seen to burst, starting fires which merged with larger fires. Large fire seen in <u>HERSCHE WORKS</u> and a larger explosion which sent debris some two hundred feet in the air. One photograph taken.	

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24/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3717	F/Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Peters F/Sgt. Spector Sgt. Wainwright F/Sgt. Radcliffe Sgt. Foster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. dropped in old town at ROOSTOK. Bursts seen which started three small fires, and increased to four one large one in east section of old town. <u>Eight large fires on riverside.</u>	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3699	S/Ldr. Turner F/Sgt. Pattison F/Sgt. Fowler F/Sgt. Jones F/Sgt. Arthur F/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			Target ROOSTOK. Bomb load, 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. which dropped in target area. Large fires seen in town and <u>BRIDGE WORKS</u> . Aircraft lit up by glow. Two photographs taken.	
24/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3726	F/Sgt. Dutton F/Sgt. McDuffie Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Iles Sgt. Swinson F/Sgt. McGee	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			This aircraft went to <u>DEBRUNGE</u> with 1 x 250-lb. G.P. which were dropped between No.2 and No.3 DOCKS. Fires were seen in DOCK area. Good photographs obtained.	
25/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3712	F/Sgt. Sawcott F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Dwyer F/Sgt. Chandler F/Sgt. Hensley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.39	06.10	2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. seen to drop <u>among BRIDGE WORKS at ROOSTOK</u> . Fires were seen in hangars and buildings along water front. Smoke was rising to 3,000 feet.	
25/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3699	F/Sgt. Swanson Sgt. Pearson F/Sgt. Richards F/Sgt. Grogby F/Sgt. Wilkinson F/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.38	05.30	Target ROOSTOK. 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. believed to have dropped on south part of factory but bursts not seen owing to heavy flak. Large explosions and fires seen in target area.	
25/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3357	Sgt. Darn F/Sgt. Gance F/Sgt. Evans F/Sgt. Ferguson F/Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.41	05.44	2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. seen to fall short on south end of <u>aerodrome at ROOSTOK</u> . Large fires seen in town. One photograph taken at time of bombing.	
25/4/42	WELLINGTON X.3483	Sgt. Day F/Sgt. Vauhour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Preston F/Sgt. Walkingham Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.47	05.21	Assembly shed at ROOSTOK seen to be hit by 1 x 1,000 and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. Large fires seen on target when aircraft arrived. Another aircraft seen shot down.	

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26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711	S/Ldr. Wolfe Sgt. Eden F/O McCormack F/Sgt. Goodwin F/O Kerren Sgt. Morrison	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.36	05.50	Bomb load of 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. thought to have fallen west of main assembly shed. Bursts seen by rear gunner, and fires seen burning in the works. Large explosions and fires seen on the waterfront.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3726	F/Sgt. Pihala W/O McDowell Sgt. Ollmond F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.45	00.44	Bombs, 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb., jettisoned safe at ROOSTOCK owing to trouble with pilot's escape hatch which could not be rectified.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	F/O Cavaghan F/Sgt. Crawford F/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow F/Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.34	06.01	2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. seen to burst on assembly shed at ROOSTOCK. Very large fires seen burning and one heavy explosion which looked like petrol or oil storage tank.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717	F/Sgt. Roberts F/Sgt. Droopy F/Sgt. Valkender F/Sgt. Austen F/Sgt. MacDougall	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.35	05.54	This aircraft was hit and engine cowling (starboard) fell off, and petrol tank drained dry. Turned for home and dropped 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. on built-up area 5 to 10 miles west of WAREHOUSE.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723	F/Sgt. Vesala F/Sgt. Spector Sgt. Walwright F/Sgt. Redville Sgt. Pomeroy	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.46	06.30	2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. dropped on assembly shed at ROOSTOCK and bursts seen. Three large red fires seen along riverside, thought to be HUNKEL WORKS.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699	S/Ldr. Turner F/Lt. Pattison W/Sgt. Fowler F/Sgt. Jens F/Sgt. Arthur F/Sgt. Bell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.33	05.58	Target ROOSTOCK. 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. bomb load. Hits observed in centre of factory by the water-side. Large explosions and fires seen. Target destroyed	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3692	F/O Pallasov Sgt. Holmes F/Sgt. Grant F/Sgt. Southcott F/Sgt. Pegg	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.	22.30	06.15	Target at ROOSTOCK successfully bombed and bursts seen. Aircraft hit by light flak over target.	
26/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3686	F/Sgt. Dalton F/Sgt. McPuffin Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Rice Sgt. Sveinson F/Sgt. McCar	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op., A.G. A.G.			This aircraft went gardening but could not locate area where vegetables were to be planted, and returned to base.	

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28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3557	2/Sgt. Swenson 2/Sgt. Brichka 2/Sgt. Crosby 2/Sgt. Wilkinson 2/Sgt. Wilson	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.25	06.06	Target KIL. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombs appeared to fall south-east of lower dock area. Bursts seen by rear gunner. Smoke screen over floating dock area. An aircraft seen to fall in flames over FLEISBURG area. Photograph taken at time of bombing.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	2/O O'Garrahan 2/Sgt. Crawford 2/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow 2/Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.26	05.56	Target KIL. Bomb load, 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500 G.P. Pin-pointing made difficult by considerable smoke from smoke generators but estuary and small lake north-east of target recognized. Stick fell straight across aiming points. Several bomb bursts seen. Large fires started. Aircraft seen shot down north of FLEISBURG.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3404	2/O Pillmore Sgt. McLeod 2/Sgt. Grant 2/Sgt. Westmacott 2/Sgt. Pidge	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.19	06.00	Target KIL. Bomb load, 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Good run up on target obtained. Bombs appeared to fall in town west of estuary where good fire was already burning. No bursts seen owing to evasive action taken after release of bombs. Two large fires in target area. Number of busy fires seen, including large one south-east of target.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3726	2/Sgt. Filada W/O McDevell Sgt. Clelland 2/Sgt. O'Sullivan Sgt. Webster	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.21	04.52	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped in a built-up area, believed to be HEBENBERG. Bursts seen by rear gunner. Many fires burning. German fighters very active.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703	Sgt. Poy 2/Sgt. Vintour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Preston 2/Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.28	05.40	810 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped on FLEISBURG and believed to have obtained a good hold.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3717	2/Sgt. Roberts 2/Sgt. Brophy 2/Sgt. Yellmanier 2/Sgt. Austin 2/Sgt. McDougall	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.22	03.35	This aircraft set out to attack KIL, but forced to turn back owing to petrol gauges being 1/3. 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025 bombs brought back.	
28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3406	2/Sgt. Dutton 2/Sgt. Robertin Sgt. Macpherson Sgt. Rice Sgt. Swenson 2/Sgt. McCaw	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	22.58	04.35	This aircraft went to HELIGOLAND gardening. Vegetables planted and seen to enter water. One hung up and brought back.	

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28/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3711	W/Odr. Fulton P/Sgt. Alexander P/Sgt. O'Brien P/O Kenny P/Lt. O'Callaghan	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.34	05.10	Target KIEL, with bomb load 2 x 1,000-lb. and 3 x 500-lb. G.P. .025. Run up made from SELESTER LAKE and bombs thought to have fallen very close to aiming point. Bursts seen through smoke screen. Photograph taken. Aircraft shot up by Me over NORTH SEA on return journey. Badly damaged but reached home and made belly landing at HILDESHEIM. Crew uninjured.	
29/4/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712	P/Sgt. Pascoe P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Dewar P/Sgt. Ghander P/Sgt. Macmillan	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.25	05.50	Target KIEL with bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Pin-pointing difficult owing to searchlight glare but bombs dropped and large red glow seen. Other fires seen in target area during run up, which was made from SELESTER LAKE. Photograph taken.	
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