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| 6/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1091 | Sgt. Young P/O Grogan Sgt. Thomas P/Sgt. Hall Sgt. Williams Sgt. Roche | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.05 | 23.30 | Target HX22, with bomb load 6 x 500 S.A.P. Owing to navigational error target could not be reached in time allowed, and aircraft returned to base. Thick cloud made the return journey hazardous and made it necessary to jettison bombs before landing at HX22. Bombs jettisoned only at 23.45 hours from 2,000 feet, 47 miles from NOTTINGHAM. | |
| 6/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1091 | S/Ldr. Turner P/O Hobson P/Sgt. Fowler P/Sgt. Hobson P/Sgt. Arthur P/Sgt. Dull | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.40 | 23.00 | HX22 not located owing to 10/10ths cloud. All bombs (6 x 500) brought back. Aircraft believed to have reached HX22 area. | |
| 6/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.9757 | S/Ldr. Hall P/O Grighton P/O East Sgt. Page Sgt. Rowell P/O Armstrong | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.30 | 23.30 | 10/10ths cloud prevented target at HX22 being located and all bombs, 6 x 500 (S.A.P.), were brought back. No photographs were taken. | |
| 6/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1077 | S/Ldr. Patten Sgt. Gorman Sgt. Ingleton Sgt. Crossly Sgt. Fox Sgt. Wilson | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.40 | 00.01 | HX22 could not be seen plainly enough to pinpoint the target and all bombs, 6 x 500 S.A.P., were brought back. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1057 | P/Sgt. Thomas Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Longley Sgt. Vallender Sgt. Archer Sgt. Whitley | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.40 | 22.40 | 6 x 500 S.A.P. bombs dropped on target at HX22. Flashed area through cloud. Starboard engine hit by flak and most spray of oil over cockpit. Aircraft landed safely at HX22. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1055 | S/Ldr. White Sgt. Dutton Sgt. Payne Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison Sgt. Purrier | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.45 | 22.45 | Target HX22, 6 x 500 S.A.P. bombs dropped on target area but no results could be seen owing to thick cloud. Aircraft diverted to HX22. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1091 | S/Ldr. Turner P/O Hobson P/Sgt. Fowler P/Sgt. Hobson P/Sgt. Arthur P/Sgt. Dull | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op. A.G. A.G. | 17.45 | 23.00 | Target area at HX22 located with 6 x 500 S.A.P., but 10/10ths cloud prevented results from being seen. Aircraft landed at HX22. | |

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| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1083 | W/Odr. Tolton Sgt. Whelan Sgt. Bridgman Sgt. Quinby Sgt. Jones Sgt. Wilson | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 17.35 | 23.30 | Target HERT. Bomb load 6 x 500 S.A.F. but were brought back as 10/10ths cloud obscured the whole area. Aircraft landed at HERTON. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.9757 | W/Odr. Reid W/O O'Connell W/O Bond W/Sgt. Fairbank W/O Holland W/O Armstrong | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 17.25 | 22.50 | Target area at HERT obscured by 10/10ths cloud and bomb load, 6 x 500 S.A.F., was brought back. Aircraft landed at HERTON. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.9980 | W/Odr. Tolton W/O Holman W/Sgt. Parker W/Sgt. Nelson W/Sgt. Arthur W/O O'Callaghan | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 17.00 | 20.35 | This aircraft was detailed with another two of the same Squadron to make a daylight attack on the German warships off the HERTON Coast. The take-off was 16.50 hours, and after flying round the target area for forty minutes was obliged to return to base, being hindered from finding the ships by very bad weather although as low as 600 feet. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1091 "A" | W/Sgt. Vanden W/O Anderson - H G Sgt. Thomas - I J W/Sgt. Reid - M A W/Sgt. Williamson - N Sgt. Necks - J | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 17.00 | - | This aircraft was one of the formation which attacked the warships but after being ordered to break formation and make individual attacks, were not seen again, and it can only be assumed that this crew found the target, pressed home their attack, and were hit by the turret fire from the ships and their escort. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1146 | W/O Lohg - K A Sgt. Ross - G H S W/O Bond - W F W/Sgt. Fairbank - J W Sgt. Russell - H W/O Armstrong - K | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 17.00 | - | This was another of the aircraft of the formation, and having failed to return it can only be assumed that it met a similar fate as the previously mentioned aircraft. There was 10/10ths cloud over the target area, and combined with the slight drizzle made visibility less than 1,000 yards and the attack had to be made individually. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.1067 | Sgt. Crosswell Sgt. Innes Sgt. Reid W/Sgt. Quinn Sgt. Fennell Sgt. Taylor | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | 16.30 | 21.30 | IN HERTON was the target for this aircraft carrying 4 x 500 G.P. bombs but due to fog the aircraft was forced to return to base having fatigued their load 5 miles south-west of HERTON at 19.30 hours. Aircraft was losing height and engines failed to pick up, port engine particularly. | |
| 10/2/42 | WELLINGTON L.9854 | W/Sgt. Thomas Sgt. Brophy W/Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Austen Sgt. Whitley | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O.A.G. A.G. | | | The main target, IN HERTON, could not be located owing to 10/10ths cloud, and OBERBORG was attacked instead. The target there was plainly visible but the aircraft was caught in searchlights and subjected to heavy flak, and could not, therefore, see any results. The bomb load was 14 x 250 G.P. 's. | |

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| 14/2/42 | WELLINGTON Z. 6984 | W/O Dr. Fulton Sgt. Harris P/Sgt. Foster P/Sgt. Nelson P/Sgt. Archer P/Sgt. Bell | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 18.35 | 01.45 | This aircraft endeavoured to find the target at HANNEB through 2/10ths cloud and although the bombs (1 x 1,000 and 3 x 500 G.P.M.) were dropped in the target area, no definite results could be seen. A photograph was taken at the time of bombing. | |
| 16/2/42 | WELLINGTON Z. 9768 | P/O Coraghan Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Greenfield Sgt. Vallonier Sgt. Austin Sgt. Whitley | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 19.35 | 20.15 | This aircraft was forced to return owing to trouble with starboard engine on a proposed nickel raid on LILLE. | |
| 16/2/42 | WELLINGTON Z. 1067 | Sgt. Greenwell Sgt. Walker Sgt. Bright P/Sgt. Graham Sgt. Paradise Sgt. Taylor | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 19.35 | 20.35 | Due to go on a nickel raid on LILLE area, this aircraft was forced to return early owing to being unable to close escape hatch which had blown open. | |
| 16/2/42 | WELLINGTON Z. 1077 | Sgt. Shannon Sgt. Shannon Sgt. Evans Sgt. Crosby Sgt. Jones Sgt. Wilson | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 19.35 | 23.05 | 10/10ths cloud made it difficult for this crew to locate target area but nickels were dropped in the area believed near LILLE. | |
| 16/2/42 | WELLINGTON Z. 1095 | P/O Oughton P/O Scott Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Van Coten Sgt. Pidge | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 19.45 | 20.35 | A nickel raid around LILLE was the object of this aircraft but had to land shortly after taking off as the inter-com. failed. | |
| 16/2/42 | WELLINGTON ZV-309 | Sgt. Denning Sgt. Farmer Sgt. Whitehead Sgt. Rodgers Sgt. Holcomb Sgt. Patterson | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/O p.a.g. A.G. | 19.40 | 00.05 | This aircraft could not find the LILLE area and dropped their nickels on PARIS area. Returned safely to base. | |

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| 18/3/42 | WELLINGTON Z.1053 | P/O Hobson Sgt. Neale Sgt. Alexander Sgt. Paul Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Faulkner | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Opt.A.G. A.G. | 19.40 | 23.15 | | | |
| 18/3/42 | WELLINGTON Z.9980 | P/O O'Connell Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Valentin Sgt. Austin Sgt. Whitley | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Opt.A.G. A.G. | 19.35 | 22.40 | | | |
| 18/3/42 | WELLINGTON Z.1087 | Sgt. Crosswell Sgt. Walker Sgt. Bright W/Sgt. Graham Sgt. Paradise Sgt. Taylor | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Opt.A.G. A.G. | 19.40 | 23.10 | These five aircraft took part in a night raid on LILLE. There was 10/10th down over the target area but the bombs were dropped over the target area. All aircraft returned safely. | | |
| 18/3/42 | WELLINGTON Z.1099 | P/O O'Connell P/O Jost P/O Macdonald Sgt. O'Leary Sgt. Van Genn Sgt. Pidge | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Opt.A.G. A.G. | 19.45 | 00.30 | | | |
| 18/3/42 | WELLINGTON Z.1077 | Sgt. Swanson Sgt. Swanson Sgt. Evans Sgt. O'Leary Sgt. Jones Sgt. Wilson | Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Opt.A.G. A.G. | 19.35 | 23.15 | | | |
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