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FOR THE MONTH OF March, 1942

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
3-3-42	WELLINGTON Z8961	S/L Turner Sgt. Harris P/Sgt. Fowler P/Sgt. Robson P/O O'Callaghan P/Sgt. Dell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1900	0115	Target PARIS with bomb load 2 x 1000, 6 x 250 G.P. .025. One stick was dropped down the centre of the island from 5000 feet. The whole main part of the target was a mass of flames. The body press shop and fire station of the REMAULT WORKS were burning well.	
3-3-42 2	WELLINGTON Z1055	P/L Wolfe Sgt. Dutton Sgt. Pearce Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison Sgt. Steeves	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1845	0045	Target PARIS REMAULT WORKS with bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 G.P. .025. Two sticks were dropped from 4000 ft., the first on the mainland the second straddling the island. Bursts were observed on the target and a big explosion was seen on the island.	
3-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1067	P/O Cavaghan Sgt. Higgins Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1835	0035	Target PARIS with bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 G.P. .025. Aircraft dropped two sticks both from 4000 ft. The first bursts were not seen but the second showed one burst on the mainland with the remainder straddling the island. The weather was good with cloud base at 9000 ft.	
3-3-42	WELLINGTON X9920	P/Sgt. Thomson P/O Fillmore P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1845	0050	Target PARIS with bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 G.P. .025. Dropped from 5000 ft. in two sticks both of which straddled the island. The bursts of the first stick were observed but those of the second stick were not observed. Aircraft made crash landing near SHIPPA HILL when port engine cut over base and airscrew tore off.	
3-3-42 4	WELLINGTON X97A3	P/O Holson P/Sgt. Marcotte P/O McCormack Sgt. Paul P/Sgt. Bailey P/O Brodrick	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1840	0020	Target PARIS with bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250. Bombs were dropped from 3500 and 3000 ft. Bursts were seen on north end of island. Fires were burning brightly over most of target.	
3-3-42 5	WELLINGTON Z1077	Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Skinner	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1850	0050	Target PARIS. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 G.P. .025. One stick dropped from 6000 ft. burst on the island. Many fires were seen and smoke was billowing over the target area.	
3-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1095	Sgt. Shannon P/O Higham Sgt. Brichta Sgt. Crosby Sgt. O'Brien P/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1845	0045	Target PARIS. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 G.P. .025. Dropped two sticks from 4000 ft. Large explosions were observed accompanied by vivid blue flames. One very large explosion was observed on the island.	

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3-3-42	WELLINGTON Z8967	G/C Evans-Evans P/Sgt. Wilson P/Lt. McIner Sgt. Olien Sgt. Grant Sgt. Fudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	1910	0045	Target PARIS. Bomb load 1 x 4000 HE Hi. The bomb was dropped on the target and a tremendously large explosion was seen. Two photographs were taken over the target and attempts were made to take further pictures by the flashes from other bombs. Great fires were burning in all the target area.	
8-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1067	Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Weeks Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Wainwright Sgt. MacDougall	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	0510	0715	Target LE HAVRE. Bomb load 12 x 250 (2 M 8.025 TI). Bombs were dropped in one stick 135° across docks one and thirteen. Bursts were observed but no other results. Photograph was taken.	
8-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1053	P/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Bontlier Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith P/O Kenyon P/Sgt. Bast	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	0520	0800	Target LE HAVRE. Bomb load 12 x 250. Dropped in one stick 360° across docks thirteen and seven. Bursts were seen and one seemed to cause a dull red glow. Another stick of bombs was observed bursting along DUNE ST. JEAN. A Photograph was taken.	
8-3-42	WELLINGTON Z8961	P/O Cavaghan Sgt. Wiggins Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	0515	0730	Target LE HAVRE. Bomb 12 x 250 dropped in one stick 250° across docks 5 and 6 bursts were observed. Photograph was taken.	
8-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1077	Sgt. Denning Sgt. Turner Sgt. Whitehead P/Sgt. Graham Sgt. Holcombe Sgt. Peterson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	0100	0530	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 4 x 250 S.P. .025 dropped in one stick 231° across built up areas. Two big red flashes were seen when bombs burst. One photograph was taken at time bombing.	
8-3-42	WELLINGTON D7509	P/Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pihla P/O Croxson Sgt. Casimir P/Sgt. Rainville Sgt. Faulkner	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	0105	0525	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 4 x 250 G.P. .025. Dropped in one stick 170° in built up area believed just west of KRUPP WORKS. No bursts or other results were seen. One 1000 bomb hung up and was brought back. No Photograph was taken.	
9-3-42	WELLINGTON Z1053	P/Sgt. Thomson P/O Fillmore P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2005	0040	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 4 x 250 G.P. .025. Dropped in one stick 360° across centre of town. Bursts seen and a fire started. Visibility very good. Photograph taken.	

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9.3.42	WELLINGTON Z.1077	F/Sgt. Graham Sgt. Roberts Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clelland Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Morrison	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2015	2145	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 4 x 250. Aircraft returned early owing to flying control trouble and engine overheating, bombs being jettisoned safely.	
9.3.42	WELLINGTON Z.8904	S/Ldr. Turner Sgt. Harris Sgt. Fowler Sgt. Robson Sgt. Balley P/O Brodrick	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2005	0020	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 4 x 250 G.P. .025. Dropped in one stick across a very large red fire. Buildings could be seen and fire immediately increased in extent after bombs dropped. Two photographs were taken.	
9.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3277	W/Cdr. Fulton Sgt. Alexander Sgt. Olien Sgt. Steeves P/O O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2020	0005	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 6 x 250 S.P. .025 dropped in one stick 340° straight across south of ESSEN from 15,000 feet. Bursts seen. No other results.	
10.3.42	WELLINGTON X.9748	P/Lt. Wolfe Sgt. Dutton Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Pearce Sgt. Morrison Sgt. Parlow	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1930	0030	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 2 x 500 G.P. .025. Dropped in one stick 180° believed ESSEN area. No bursts or other results seen. Height 13,500 feet. Visibility poor, 10/10 cloud in layers. No photograph taken. Two S/L concentrations reported East and West of ESSEN the past two nights believed identified.	
10.3.42	WELLINGTON Z.1067	W/O Thomson P/O Millare P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1935	2135	Target ESSEN. Aircraft landed MARLESHAM HEATH having turned back 35 miles east-south-east of SOUTHWOLD owing to starboard engine failing. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 2 x 500 G.P. .025 jettisoned safely in sea.	
10.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3277	G/C Evans-Evans Sgt. Harris Sgt. Alexander Sgt. Paton Sgt. Pariser Sgt. McDougal	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1945	0045	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500 G.P. .025 dropped in one stick from 15,000 feet 180° believed ESSEN area. Bursts seen among incendiaries but no other results seen. Visibility good but searchlights made pin-pointing impossible. Photograph taken.	
10.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3467	W/Cdr. Fulton P/O Orighton P/O McCormack P/Sgt. Olien Sgt. Steeves P/O O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1950	0100	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500 G.P. .025 dropped in one stick 330°. No bursts seen. Searchlight glow made pin-pointing impossible.	

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10.3.42	WELLINGTON Z. 4077	Sgt. Poy Sgt. Vautour Sgt. Falkinder Sgt. Van Geun Sgt. Munday P/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1930	2340	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 1000 and 2 x 500 G.P. .025 dropped in one stick RUMR believed ESSEN area. Bursts seen. 3/10 cloud made pin-pointing impossible. No photograph taken. Aircraft overshot field on landing and was written off. No-one seriously injured.	
10.3.42	WELLINGTON DV909	F/Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Pikula P/O Croxton Sgt. Casimiri F/Sgt. Rainville Sgt. Holmes	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1925	2335	Target ESSEN. Bomb load 2 x 500 G.P. .025 and 2 x 1000 G.P. .025. First stick dropped 120° across searchlights. No bursts seen. Other stick 270° across north end of dock 20 ROTTERDAM. No bursts seen owing to searchlight glare. 3/10 cloud over RUMR made pin-pointing impossible.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X. 3484	W/O Thomson F/Sgt. McLaren P/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	0015	Target ESSEN. One stick of 3 x 500 G.P. .025 and 360 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped south-west corner of KRUPPS WORKS area on TR after visual recognition of ESSEN outskirts. No fires observed. Photograph taken.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X. 3659	P/O Hobson F/Sgt. Marcotte P/O McCormack Sgt. Paul F/Sgt. Bailey P/O Brodrick	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2010	0030	Target ESSEN. One stick 3 x 500 G.P. .025 and 360 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped 090° on built-up area, agreeing with TR fix for ESSEN. No bursts seen but fires started. Bombs dropped on large fire beneath a red flare. No photographs taken.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X. 3712	F/Sgt. Fawcett Sgt. Boutillier F/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Smith F/Sgt. Chandler F/Sgt. East	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2015	2245	Target ESSEN. Returned early having reached OVERFLAKKEE, rear turret being completely unserviceable. 2 x 500 G.P. .025 bombs jettisoned on BERGERS HEATH Bombing Range.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X. 3470	P/O Gavighan Sgt. Wiggins F/Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2010	0020	Target ESSEN. Bombing done on TR fix. One stick 3 x 500 G.P. .025 and 360 x 4-lb. incendiaries 090° across built-up area believed south part of ESSEN. River south of ESSEN recognised visually and red flares seen outlined over wide area. Photographs taken of OVERFLAKKEE.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X. 3486	F/Sgt. Elliot F/Sgt. King P/O Croxton Sgt. Casimiri F/Sgt. Rainville F/Sgt. McCaw	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2010	2340	Target ESSEN. One stick 3 x 500 G.P. .025 and 360 x 4-lb. incendiaries. River bend south of ESSEN seen and bombs dropped north of this bend. One red flare seen after bombing three to four miles north of place attacked. No photographs taken.	

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25.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3483	W/Odr. Fulton F/Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Alexander F/Sgt. Olien Sgt. Steeves F/O O'Gallaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	2355	Target ESSEN. One stick 3 x 500 G.P. .025 and 360 x 4-lb. incendiaries dropped 090°. Burst and incendiaries seen. RHIDE at DUISBURG seen just as TR fix put aircraft over ESSEN. No photographs taken.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3277	F/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. Le Blanc F/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Westmacott Sgt. McDougal	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1900	0935	Target St.NAZAIRE. Bomb load 10 x 250 .025, 2 x 250 N.I and 1 x 150 T.I dropped 200° on building east side of docks which were identified. Several bursts seen. Aircraft landed ORCHARD owing to feared petrol shortage. One 250-lb. bomb hung up.	
25.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3703	F/Sgt. Shannon F/O Morris Sgt. McCoy F/Sgt. Hibbard F/Sgt. Macauley F/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1900	0155	Target WREXHAM St.NAZAIRE. Unable to identify same so attacked alternative, LORIENT. Bomb load 14 x 250 G.P. Several bomb bursts in dock area. Aircraft landed at WREXHAM.	
26.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3484	W/O Thomson Sgt. McLaren F/O Budd Sgt. Pope Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Baker	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2210	0410	Target LUBECK. Bomb load 1 x 1000 .025, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I. Dropped one stick 200° parallel to railway on west side of machine tool site. Bursts seen. Heavy black smoke and explosions seen on leaving. The central city island was seen to be a mass of flames. Two photographs taken.	
26.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3659	F/O Gavaghan Sgt. Wiggins F/Sgt. Greenford Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	0200	Target LUBECK. One stick 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I dropped 160° south end of island. Bursts seen. Good fires seen. No photograph taken owing to faulty manipulation of flash.	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3477 "G"	F/O Hobson <i>K.E. Maddy</i> F/Sgt. Marcotte <i>VCA</i> Sgt. Flesch <i>A.I. Maddy</i> Sgt. Paul <i>K.H. P.W.</i> F/Sgt. Bailey <i>P.W.</i> F/O Brodick <i>W.E. P.W.</i>	Captain <i>pkw</i> 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	-	-	Target LUBECK. Bomb load 1 x 1000 .025, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I. This aircraft is missing, nothing being heard from time of take off. <i>2nd Paul later reports from POW camp that they were shot down in SW Germany after fighting two ME's and flash.</i>	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3467	F/Lt. Wolfe Sgt. Dutton F/O McCormack Sgt. Goodwin Sgt. Morrison F/O Kenyon	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	2330	Target LUBECK. Port engine overheated badly and pressure dropped below safety limit so Captain returned to base, dropping bombs (1 x 1000, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I) safely in sea.	

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28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3557	F/Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Evans Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Fudge	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	0130	Target LUBECK. Bomb load 1 x 100 .025, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I. dropped in one stick 250°, probably in SCHLESWIG area. No bursts observed, aircraft being held in cone of searchlights. No fires burning. No photographs taken.	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3486	F/Sgt. Elliot Sgt. King F/O Croxton Sgt. Casiniri F/Sgt. Rainville F/Sgt. McCaw	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2000	0210	Target LUBECK. One stick 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 .025 and 3 x 500 T.I. dropped 260° north-west of aiming point 'A' and burst seen. Good fires seen. One photograph taken.	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3277	F/Sgt. Roberts F/Sgt. McEhin F/Sgt. Brophy Sgt. Valkenier Sgt. Austin Sgt. McDougal	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	1902	0117	Nickels dropped over PARIS area.	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3484	Sgt. Pikula F/Sgt. Roberts Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Clelland F/Sgt. O'Brien F/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2030	0030	Nickels dropped over PARIS area.	
28.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3705	F/Sgt. Sharnon F/O Morris Sgt. McCoy Sgt. Hibeard Sgt. McArroy Sgt. Went	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2015	0125	Nickels dropped over PARIS area.	
29.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3481	W/Cdr. Pulton F/Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Evans F/Sgt. Olien Sgt. Steeves F/O O'Callaghan	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	0945	1215	Search for dinghies over NORTH SEA for aircraft missing on previous night's raid (LUBECK). No results.	
29.3.42	WELLINGTON X.3470	F/Sgt. Swanson F/O Higham F/Sgt. Brichta Sgt. Crosby F/Sgt. East F/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	0950	1150	Search for dinghies over NORTH SEA for aircraft missing on previous night's raid. No results.	

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