

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1942

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
				Up	Down		
5-8-42	WELLINGTON III M664	P/O. Pattison Sgt. Whisman S/O McCannick Sgt. Noonan Sgt. Fleming P/Sgt. Graham	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O/A.G. W/O/A.G. Air Gunner	23:25	02:45	Target HESSE with bomb load 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 2 x 250. Aircraft was recalled as cloud cover gave out. Bombs dropped singly about 10 miles north of GELDEREN. One burst seen but results not observed. No cloud but considerable haze.	
5/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3360	P/O. Swaffling P/Sgt. Hensley Sgt. Jones Sgt. Churchill Sgt. Lawton Sgt. Johnson	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O/A.G. 2nd W/O/A.G.	23:15		Aircraft set out to attack HESSE with bomb load of 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 2 x 250, but failed to return from the operation.	
5/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3752	Sgt. McLaughlin P/Sgt. Penall Sgt. Nelson Sgt. Liddell Sgt. Saunders P/Sgt. Galloway	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O/A.G. W/O/A.G. A.G.	23:30	02:05	Target HESSE with 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 2 x 250 G.F. No cloud cover so Captain decided to return to base according to instructions. Furthest point reached, STILBRO area. All bombs brought back.	
5/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3609	Sgt. Frederick Sgt. Sayer Sgt. Connolly P/Sgt. Miller	Captain Observer W/O/A.G. W/O/A.G. A.G.	23:30	02:15	Target HESSE with 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 2 x 250 G.F. No cloud cover so Captain returned to base in accordance with instructions. Furthest point reached, 10 miles south of HESSE. All bombs brought back. Results dropped in GELDEREN area.	
5/8/42	WELLINGTON M. 775	Sgt. Stone P/O. MacLellan P/O. Stewart Sgt. Nolan Sgt. Pollock	Captain Observer W/O/A.G. W/O/A.G. A.G.	23:45	01:55	Wessex result paid on LILLE area. No visual pin-points. Results dropped on TR.	
5/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 5711	Sgt. Clark P/O. Morrison	Captain Observer	23:50	01:45	Result paid on LILLE area. Results dropped on TR as TR was W/S. No visual pin-points obtained. 10/10ths	
		Sgt. Murray	W/O				
5/8/42	WELLINGTON M. 602	Sgt. Kerton Sgt. Bayle Sgt. Miller Sgt. Johnston P/O. Hume	Captain Observer W/O/A.G. W/O/A.G. A.G.	23:55	01:25	Set out to drop results in LILLE area but as TR was W/S, and conditions of 10/10ths cloud prevailed, Captain decided to return to base. Furthest point reached, OXFORD HESSE.	

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4/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3711	Sgt. Shook P/O Morrison P/O McIlroy Sgt. Osm Sgt. Dealey	Captain Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.	01.30	05.30	Target IS HAVEN with 14 x 250 bombs. Owing to 10/10th cloud over IS HAVEN BODEN, and impossibility of pin-pointing target, all bombs were brought back.	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON N. 778	Sgt. Stone P/O Morrison	Captain Observer	01.30	05.15	Target IS HAVEN with 14 x 250 bombs. Owing to 10/10th cloud at 4,000 feet, Deaks could not be identified. Bombs	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON N. 608	Sgt. Barton Sgt. Eagle Sgt. Riddler Sgt. Robertson P/O Morris	Captain Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.			Target IS HAVEN with 14 x 250 bombs. Unable to identify target owing to 10/10th cloud. Two runs were made looking for a break in cloud, but without success. All bombs brought back.	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3752	Sgt. McLaughlin P/Sgt. Powell Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Litchell Sgt. Saunders P/Sgt. Daniels	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.	01.25	03.25	Target DUISBURG with 48 x 30-lb. L.O., 3 x 500 and 2 x 250 G.P. Target not attacked as rear gunner, who injured himself while entering aircraft before take-off, became ill. All bombs brought back.	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 1604	P/Sgt. McLaughlin Sgt. Chapman P/Sgt. Clouston P/O Baker Sgt. Morrison P/Sgt. Tom	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.	01.35	04.05	Target DUISBURG with 12 x 3 flares, 6 x 500 bombs. Trouble developed in port engine and all provisions dropped to sea. Flares continued in use. Bombs brought back. Nearest point reached, east end of BIELEN.	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON N. 608	P/O Jost Sgt. Osm P/O Chapman P/O Macpherson Sgt. Cassidy P/Sgt. Hart	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.	01.00	04.30	Target DUISBURG with 12 x 3 flares and 6 x 500 bombs. Almost 10/10th cloud over target area. SE not working well enough to obtain fix over DUISBURG. Flares and bombs dropped on E.T.A. Long dock and built-up area south of 10 am. No results observed. Scattered small fires over wide area. Bombs dropped in DUISBURG area.	
4/8/42	WELLINGTON N. 604	P/Lt. Pabstmann Sgt. Johnson P/O McDermott Sgt. Brown Sgt. Fleming P/Sgt. Craddock	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/O Gunter W/O p.A.G. A.G.	01.15	04.10	Target DUISBURG with 12 x 3 flares and 6 x 500 bombs. Cloud prevented pin-pointing of target and bombs dropped on SE fix and E.T.A. 4 bundles of bombs dropped in DUISBURG area. Attack was commented but only glare could be seen owing to low cloud.	

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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1942

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
5/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 5592	Captain Sgt. Robinson Sgt. McNeill Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Murphy	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	01.20	04.25	Target <u>WILMINGTON</u> with 12 x 3 Flares and 6 x 500-lb. bombs. Conditions cloudy, 6/10ths to 5/10ths. Bombed on N.E.A. <u>SEVERE</u> seen. Flares seen to go off and bomb bursts seen. One very large fire seen in <u>WILMINGTON</u> area but exact position not pin-pointed. Bombs dropped in <u>WILMINGTON</u> area.	
6/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 3699	Sgt. Frederick Sgt. Miller Sgt. Gwynn Sgt. Connolly Sgt. Miller	Captain Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	01.15	04.50	Target <u>WILMINGTON</u> with 12 x 3 flares and 6 x 500-lb. G.P. 6/10ths low cloud, thick haze. Bombed on <u>SE</u> . Bombs not seen owing to cloud and haze. <u>Starburst</u> balloons and observer damage. Believed to have hit another aircraft whilst taking evasive action.	
6/8/42	WELLINGTON L. 1626	Sgt. Gwynn Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			Target <u>WILMINGTON</u> with 500 x 4-lb. incendiaries, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250 G.P. 6/10ths low cloud over target. Bombs believed to have fallen north of aiming point. No bursts seen. 4 bursts of smoke dropped in <u>WILMINGTON</u> area.	
23/8/42	WELLINGTON	Sgt. Clark Sgt. McNeill Sgt. Miller Sgt. Miller	Captain Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.20	04.00	Target <u>BAIRDRECH</u> with 1 x 500 G.P. and 8 x 30-lb. L.G. Too late to reach target on N.E.A. so Captain decided to return to base. Bombs jettisoned safe in sea.	
3/9/42	WELLINGTON DF 665 "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S" "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"	Sgt. Soper Sgt. Soper Sgt. Soper Sgt. Soper Sgt. Soper Sgt. Soper	Captain Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.			Aircraft sent out to attack <u>BAIRDRECH</u> <u>SEEN</u> but failed to return next operations.	
23/8/42	WELLINGTON	Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald	Captain Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.20	02.10	Details not available.	
23/8/42	WELLINGTON	Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald Sgt. Macdonald	Captain Observer W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	20.10	02.15	Details not available.	

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