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4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" BK. 398	(CAPT) S/L. Comar J. (W/OP) P/O Bousillard J. (NAV) P/O Thompson R.W. (B/A) P/O Hassbaum L.R. (W/OP) Sgt Terry C.F. (A/G) " Smith G.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.53	23.57	This aircraft reached the target at 20.42 hrs. height 15,000 feet, direction 070°. Visibility was good with no cloud but some haze and smoke from fires. Target was identified by pin-point on mouth of river. Ran up West of town, turned and bombed. Target was seen in bomb sight but fires in area prevented seeing actual aiming point or results. Load of 780 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type incendiaries. Aircraft returned undamaged after a successful operation.	A. 37
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" L. 3789	(CAPT) P/O Brown L.M. (2nd Flt) P/S. Mayer H.M. (NAV) Sgt Barr L.M. (B/A) P/Sgt Dransford W.N. (W/OP) Sgt Levy S. (A/G) " Thomson F.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.53	23.50	This aircraft reached the target without incident at 20.29 hrs. at a height of 17,500 feet, direction 250°. Visibility was good with no cloud. The target was identified by the river and built-up area and "Geo" fix. Target was caught in bomb sight and load of 780 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type incendiaries was dropped. Actual results were not observed but another load of incendiaries was seen burning on leaving the area some good fires were seen starting. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 38
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "R" Z. 1691	(CAPT) P/Sgt Forbes L.W. (2nd Flt) Sgt Baulf H.M. (NAV) Sgt Wood G. (B/A) " Duncan M.M. (W/OP) " Martin H.A. (A/G) " MacGillivray J.D.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.52	00.37	Primary target was reached at 20.34 hrs, height 16,000 feet, direction 240°. Visibility was good with 2/10 cloud. Pin-point obtained railway bridge just North of aiming point but "Geo" was u/s. Target seen in bomb sight and a load of 735 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type incendiaries was dropped. Own incendiaries were not seen but several fires were burning at or near aiming point. 45 x 4lb incendiaries were hung up and brought back. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 39
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "X" DF. 673	(CAPT) Sgt Groat A.O. (NAV) " Flanagan B.W. (B/A) " Gilbert G.W. (W/OP) " Dore G. (A/G) " Galloway D.B. (2nd Flt) P/Sgt Mang R.F.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.52	00.24	Captain reports more flak and searchlight activity than on previous trip. Primary target was reached at 20.30 hrs. at a height of 14,000 ft. heading magnetic 180°. Visibility was good with no cloud but a slight haze. "Geo" fix and visual pin-point obtained on railway bridge North of aiming point. Target was caught in bomb sight and load of 780 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type was dropped. They were seen to fall in docks area which appeared to be well alight. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 40
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "O" DF. 621	(CAPT) Sgt Cox R.T. (NAV) P/O Patterson J. (B/A) Sgt Allen F.J. (W/OP) " Coates E.D. (A/G) " Dismick W. (A/G) " Anderson M.G.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.31	01.15	Visibility was good at target which was reached at 21.22 hrs height 13,000 feet, direction 196°. Coast line and town were seen and the built-up area was found in bomb sight. Load of 1 x 4,000 lb bomb was released. Own results were not observed but many fires were seen burning in town area and other bombs were bursting. Aircraft returned to base undamaged after a successful operation.	A. 41

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4th FEB. Night.	WELLINGTON III "G" Z.1674	(CAPT) W/C Carscallen (NAV) P/O Parker F.L. (B/A) Sgt Pate A.W. (W/CP) " Shearer H.M. (A/G) P/O Burke A.L. (2nd Flt) Sgt Andrews P.C.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.30	00.33	Moderate flak was encountered both heavy and light, some mine searchlights were observed around town. Target was reached at 21.07 hrs., height 13,500 ft., direction 150°. Weather clear, visibility good. Pin-points taken on South of town and town was identified. Target was found in bomb sight and load of 2 x 1000 lb and 3 x 500 lb G.P.'s was released. Own results were not observed due to smoke and fires. One very large fire was burning. Three large dummy fires were observed to North of target and two smaller to the South. The town was well alight and visible for 80 miles. Aircraft returned to base undamaged after a successful operation.	A-42
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "B" DF.618	(CAPT) Sgt Boden P.G. (NAV) P/O Taylor F.R. (B/A) Sgt Souch G.A. (W/CP) " Binnie G.M. (A/G) " Bjarnason A. (2nd Flt) Sgt Molanus J.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.33	00.47	Defences were reported as considerably increased. Primary target was reached at 21.16 hours, height 13,000 ft., direction 270°. Visibility was good with 4-5/10 clouds. The river, railway bridge and town were clearly seen. One 4000lb bomb was released with target in bomb sight. The bomb was seen to explode. Good fires were seen burning in the dock area and many scattered fires around on both sides of the river. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A-43
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "L" Z.1692	(CAPT) P/Sgt Copenhagen (NAV) Sgt Jones G. (B/A) " Suss F.H. (W/CP) " Pears F.J. (A/G) " Tisbury G.G. (A/G) " Tucker W.W.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.51	00.18	Target was reached at a height of 14,000 ft., direction 240° at 20.35 hrs with visibility good. Target was identified by "Dec" fix and observation of built-up area West of river. Target was seen in bomb sight and 780 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type incendiaries were dropped and seen to explode in target area. Other bombs were seen to explode in the same area following our own bombs. One large decoy fire was observed South of LORIENT.	A-44
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "K" DF.671	(CAPT) Sgt Bain G.C. (NAV) " Brown E.H. (B/A) " Wilson A.H. (W/CP) " Miller J. (A/G) " Sims W.D. (W/CP) " Larson A.P.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.50	00.15	On reaching target area, course was followed down river and target was seen in bomb sight with good visibility at 20.31 hrs., height 14,500 feet, direction 280°. Load of 780 x 4 lb and 30 x 4 lb "X" type incendiaries was dropped but own results were not observed. Several good fires were seen burning in town. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A-45
4th FEB. Night	WELLINGTON III "U" BK.435	(CAPT) Sgt Dugas E.R. (NAV) " McMichael D.C. (B/A) P/O Spencer M.J. (W/CP) Sgt Baldwin V.E. (A/G) " Moore J.H. (A/G) " Thompson G.V.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.34	00.54	At 21.12 hours, height 16,000 ft., direction 009° in good visibility, load of 540 x 4lb and 30 x 4lb "X" type incendiaries and 3 x 500 lb G.P.s. was released. Target was identified by large fires which were seen in bomb sight when load was released. Concentrated fires were seen in the target area. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A-46

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6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "N" X.3789	(CAPT) F/O Brown, L.N. (2nd Plt) F/O Hess, G.B. (NAV) Sgt Barr, L.M. (B/A) F/Sgt Drummond, W.N. (W/OP) Sgt Levy, G. (A/G) Sgt Thomson, F.A.	GARDENING TREPOIL	17.39	21.35	Target was reached at 19.14 hrs, direction 300°. A load of 1 x 108 and 1 x 102 (1/2 Day Steriliser) was dropped from a height of 600 ft. visibility was good with no cloud, target was identified by pin point on twin lakes. No congestion was reported in target area and aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.47
6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "U" BK.435	(CAPT) F/Sgt Mang, R.F. (NAV) Sgt Hindley, N. (B/A) Sgt Campbell, D. (W/OP) Sgt Garland, J. (A/G) Sgt Vanderbeek, R.E. (A/G) Sgt Anderson, M.G.	GARDENING NEOTARINE	17.21	22.17	Flying conditions were poor due to low cloud, visibility in target area was fairly good with 7/10 clouds. Primary was identified by pin point on the east end of TERSCHELLING ISLAND but was unable to obtain "Gee" fix over dropping area. Vegetables (1 x 200 and 1 x 202) were dropped from a height of 700 feet at 19.19 hours from a direction of 332°. The aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.48
6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "R" Z.1691	(CAPT) Sgt Groot, A.G. (NAV) Sgt Flanagan, B.W. (B/A) Sgt Gilbert, C.W. (W/OP) Sgt Dore, G. (A/G) Sgt Galloway, D.B. (A/G) Sgt Barnett, H.A.	GARDENING NEOTARINE	17.21	21.18	Pin point was obtained on east end of TERSCHELLING. A run was made to dropping point which was reached at a height of 700 feet at 19.10 hours, direction 342°. Vegetables (1 x 200 and 1 x 202) were dropped. Visibility 1-2 miles with 7/10 clouds at 1,700 feet. Captain reports an uneventful trip, no congestion and meteorological information. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.49
6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "Q" BJ.658	(CAPT) Sgt Cox, E.T. (NAV) F/O Patterson, J.M. (B/A) Sgt Allen, F.J. (W/OP) Sgt Coates, E.D. (A/G) Sgt Booth, A.E. (W/OP) Sgt Duke, H.M.	GARDENING NEOTARINE	17.22	----	It is regretted that no report has been received regarding this aircraft since the time of take off. 2 x 200 "Vegetables" were carried.	A.50
6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "G" Z.1674	(CAPT) Sgt Harrison, A.R. (NAV) Sgt Rath, F. (B/A) Sgt Malkin, J.E. (W/OP) Sgt McQuarrie, E.A. (A/G) Sgt Goodaday, A.W. (A/G) Sgt Kuinaky, J.V.	GARDENING NEOTARINE	17.23	22.29	No pin point could be obtained on "GARDENING" position the first time over. On the second attempt visibility closed down to practically zero. "Gee" was unobtainable. Aircraft returned to base undamaged with load of 2 "Vegetables" (2 x 200).	A.51
6th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "I" Z.1692	(CAPT) Sgt Caldwell, R.G. (NAV) F/O Cory, G.J. (B/A) Sgt Gopping, W.P. (W/OP) Sgt Larson, A.P. (A/G) Sgt Parker, L.A. (A/G) Sgt Ferguson, L.A.	GARDENING NEOTARINE	17.22	22.02	Pin point was obtained on the east end of TERSCHELLING and a run made to dropping point, reached at 1,800 feet at 19.10 hours, direction 327°. 2 "Vegetables" (1 x 200 and 1 x 202) were dropped, visibility was about one mile with 9/10 - 10/10 clouds, base 1,000 feet. No congestion was reported in the "Garden". The generator became u/s on approach to base and both propellers and the nose of the aircraft were damaged on landing.	A.52

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7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "N" X.3789	(CAPT)P/O Brown, L.N. (2nd Flt)P/O Hess, G.R. (NAV)Sgt Barr, L.M. (B/A)P/Sgt Drummond, W.N. (W/OP)Sgt Levy, G. (A/G)Sgt Thomson, P.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.26	00.54	After pin point was obtained on the Bay, South of town, it was necessary to make two runs to target due to heavy smoke. Actual aiming point could not be located in bomb sight. Load of 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb. "X" type and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.'s. was dropped at 21.15 hours, height 17,000 feet, direction 180°. Very large fires were seen in the dock area, one appearing an oil fire. Large fires were observed in centre of town. Incendiaries were seen burning on target after release of own bombs and incendiaries. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.57
7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "R" Z.1891	(CAPT)P/Sgt Forbes, L.W. (NAV)Sgt Wood, G. (B/A)Sgt Duncan, M.M. (W/OP)Sgt Martin, H.A. (A/G)Sgt McGilivray, J.D. (2nd Flt)Sgt Baulf, L.H.W.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.25	01.12	After obtaining pin point on edge of peninsula, run was made to target area and load of 510 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb, "X" type and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.'s. released at 21.37 hours, at a height of 15,000 ft., direction 000°. Visibility was obscured by smoke which was up to 18,000 feet. Many incendiaries and H.E.'s were seen to fall in target area. Captain reports that this is a more successful raid than previous four efforts. At 21.51 hrs., height, 14,000 ft., unidentified enemy aircraft with white light in nose was seen flying parallel to our aircraft. Turn was made to port and enemy aircraft was lost. Moderate to heavy flak was encountered North and West of town and it appeared to moderate as attack developed, this also applies to searchlights which were active during the first phase of the attack.	A.58
7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "U" BK.435	(CAPT)Sgt Parker, D.F.G. (NAV)P/O Brook, A.H. (B/A)Sgt Hackett, D. (W/OP)Sgt MacDonald, H.D. (A/G)Sgt Anderson, H.D. (A/G)Sgt Vanderbeck, R.L.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.25	23.50	Target was identified by visual on the river mouth and a "Gee" fix north of target. Target was found in bomb sight and 480 x 4 lb, 30 x 4 lb, "X" type and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.'s. released at 21.27 hrs. at a height of 12,000 ft., direction 190°. 500 lb bombs were seen to burst. Flak was encountered 1 1/2 miles N.N.W. of dock area and on the east bank of river. 15 searchlights operated in a circle around the area. Unidentified aircraft with two white lights appeared to cross about a mile south of target, heading west, and flak concentrated on him. This aircraft landed at MORETON VALLANCE with the rear star-board bomb door damaged by flak and a hole in the rear star-board tail plane. One can of incendiaries brought back through container being damaged by flak. Crew reports a very successful trip with very large fires burning around docks.	A.59

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7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "G" Z.1674	(CAPT) F/O Taylor, F.V. (NAV) Sgt Henderson, D.E. (B/A) "Fate, A.W. (W/OF) " Shearer, E.H. (A/G) F/O Horke, A.L. (2nd Plt) Sgt McManus, J.P.E.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.23	01.16	Pin point was obtained on coast to south of town. Ground haze or smoke and 2/10 clouds at 3,000 feet were reported. Target was found in bomb sight, load of 510 x 4 lb. 30 x 4 lb. "X" type and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.'s. released at 21.27 hours, height 14,500 ft., direction 197°. Our own bombs were seen to explode North of aiming point. Very large fires were burning in Southern part of town. Results appeared satisfactory and better than last trip. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.60
7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "K" DP.671	(CAPT) Sgt Bain, G.C. (NAV) " Crown, E.H. (B/A) " Wilson, A.H. (W/OF) " Miller, J. (A/G) " Blue, W.D. (A/G) " Tisbury, G.C.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.24	00.42	"Gee" fix by aircraft North of town and run was made to the target. Visibility was good with 3/10 clouds. Bomb load 510 x 4 lb., 30 x 4 lb. "X" type and 2 x 500 lb. was released at 21.17 hrs., height 16,000 feet, direction 190° while doing evasive action. The incendiaries were seen to light up in built-up area. Large fires were seen in town, one particularly in target area. Captain reports that this was a more concentrated attack than formerly and seems to be successful. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.61
7th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "V" BK.144	(CAPT) Sgt Andrews, P.C. (NAV) " Cran, J.N. (B/A) " Ramsden, L. (W/OF) " Bowker, F. (A/G) " Kucinsky, J.W. (W/OF) " Berdahl, I.J.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.27	01.06	Visibility was moderate over target area, partly obscured by smoke haze rising to 3,000 feet. Pin point was obtained on small tributary S.W. of town and the target area was sighted. Visual aiming point was seen in bomb sight and 1 x 4000 lb. bomb released at 21.37 hrs., height 14,500 feet, direction 104°. Actual burst was not observed. The centre and Northern part of town was a mass of flame, and fires were scattered throughout with vast quantities of smoke rising 2 or 3,000 feet. Captain reports a successful trip, inconvenient on account of intercommunication being w/s. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.62
9/10th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "G" Z.1674	(CAPT) S/Ldr Allison, W.E. (NAV) Sgt Henderson, D.E. (B/A) " Irvine, A.L. (W/OF) " Finlayson, S.E. (A/G) P/Sgt Spence Matthews, E.A. (B/A) Sgt Topping, W.H.	GARDENING TREPOLL	00.30	04.36	Weather was very bad crossing the North sea due to snow and hail. Visual pin point was obtained on DREHLEDER, aircraft made run of nine miles down the coast to the dropping point. Vegetables (1 x A.102 42 Day Sterilizer and 1 x A.108) were laid, height 700 feet at 5250 N 0430 E, direction 298°. Visibility was good between gaps in 8-9/10 clouds, no congestion was found in the "Garden". Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.63

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11th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "N" X.3789	(CAPT)E/O Brown, L.N. (NAV)Sgt Barr, L.M. (B/A)E/Sgt Drummond, W.N. (W/OF) "Levy, S. (A/G) "Thomson, F.A. (2nd Plt)Sgt Hewitt, R.A.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	18.00	22.31	Pin point taken on East end of TERSCHELING and run made to dropping point. One B.200 and One B.202 were dropped from 600 feet at 19.47 hours. Visibility half to one mile. 7/10 8/10 clouds, base about 2,000 feet. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.64
11th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "W" BK.398	(CAPT)Sgt Parker, D.F.G. (NAV)E/O Brook, A.H. (B/A)Sgt Mackett, D. (W/OF) "MacDonald, N.D. (A/G) "Anderson, M.G. (A/G) "Skeels, F.J.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	18.00	22.01	One B.200 and one B.202 dropped from 700 feet at 19.21 hrs. Visibility nil at 700 feet but location was obtained by "Gee" fix. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.65
11th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "U" BK.435	(CAPT)F/Sgt Mang, R.E. (NAV)Sgt Hindley, N. (B/A) "Campbell, D. (W/OF)Sgt Garland, J. (A/G)Sgt Vanderbeek, R.E. (A/G) "Sparrow, W.A.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	17.59	21.48	Captain reports 10/10 clouds with base below 400 feet in designated area, therefore returned to base according to Group instructions, with a load of 1 x B.200 and 1 x B.202 "Gee" was u/s from the English coast to the furthest point reached and for about 20 minutes on return journey.	A.66
11th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3790	(CAPT)F/S Copenhagen, L.E. (NAV)Sgt Jones, G. (B/A) "Buss, F.H. (W/OF)Sgt Pears, F.J. (A/G)Sgt Brown, C.H. (2nd Plt)Sgt Sarge, F.A.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	18.01	21.56	10/10 clouds with base below 600 feet found at designated area. Vegetables (1 x B.200 and 1 x B.202) were brought back in accordance with Group instructions. The weather was very bad with low cloud and rain. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.67
11th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "G" Z.1674	(CAPT)Sgt Harrison, A.E. (NAV) "Eath, F. (B/A) "Makin, J.E. (W/OF) "McQuarrie, E.A. (A/G) "Cookday, L. (B/A) "Barter, J.J.H.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	18.02	22.07	Good "Gee" fixes all the way enabled pin point to be obtained on the West end of TERSCHELING. Vegetables, 2 x B.200's, were dropped from 700 ft. at 19.44 hours. Visibility was less than a mile with 4/10 clouds. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.68
11th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "J" BK.343	(CAPT)E/O Ames, C.F. (NAV)E/O Leitch, A.K. (B/A)E/O Gardner-Madwin, A. (W/OF)Sgt McNeill, D.H. (A/G) "Arnold, R.W. (B/A)E/O Crouch, R.G.	"GARDENING" NEOTARINE I	18.03	22.36	"Gee" fix was obtained and D.R. run made to dropping point. Vegetables (1 x B.200 and 1 x B.202) were dropped from 500 feet at 19.58 hours with visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ miles under 9/10-10/10 clouds. Light and heavy inaccurate flak and three searchlights were encountered in centre of island. Enemy recognition cartridge was fired with the immediate result of complete dousing of all searchlights and cessation of flak. Our aircraft was not actually held in searchlights at the time the recognition cartridge was fired.	A.69

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13th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "N" BK.398	(CAPT)S/Ldr Cemar, J. (NAV)E/O Thompson, R.W. (B/A)E/O Buschbaum, L.R. (W/CP)Sgt Terry, G.P. (A/G)" Smith, G.R. (W/CP)E/O Scaillard, J.J.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.15	00.23	Bomb load: 3 x 500 lb. H.E. 480 x 4 lb and 8 x 30 lb incendiaries. Primary was identified by pin point and target found in bomb sight at 20.59 hrs., height 15,000 feet, direction 160°. Visibility was good, 30 to 40 fires were observed. Aircraft returned to base undamaged after a successful trip.	A.70
13th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "N" X.3789	(CAPT)E/O Brown, L.N. (NAV)Sgt Barr, L.M. (B/A)E/Sgt Drummond, M.N. (W/CP)Sgt Levy, S. (A/G)Sgt Thomson, F.A. (A/G)Sgt Paddock, C.W.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.31	00.30	Target was identified by pin point in extremely good visibility. Aiming point was clearly seen in bomb sight and load was dropped at 21.12 hrs., height 17,000 ft., direction 150°. Actual bursts were seen and seven very large fires were observed in area. Aircraft remained in target area for 15 minutes and fires were visible half way across channel on return. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.71
13th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "V" BK.144	(CAPT)Sgt Wilson, L.G. (NAV)" Davis, J.R. (B/A)" Cunningham, W.J. (W/CP)" Burnell, N.A. (A/G)" Watson, W.H. (A/G)" Skeels, F.J.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.36	00.41	Bomb load: 1 x 4000 lb. H.E. Pin point was obtained on the island and target clearly seen in bomb sight. The one 4,000 lb bomb was dropped at 20.54 hrs., from a height of 15,000 feet. It was seen to explode on centre of group of long buildings on aiming point "2". Area west of the river was well ablaze and dock area on the east bank was starting to blaze. Flak was heavier than last trip but aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.72
13th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "U" BK.435	(CAPT)E/Sgt Mang, R.F. (NAV)Sgt Hindley, N. (B/A)Sgt Campbell, D. (W/CP)" Garland, J. (A/G)" Vanderbeek, R.E. (B/A)" Haywood, G.B.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.14	01.24	Actual aiming point was seen in the bomb sight and load was released at 21.14 hrs. from a height of 16,400 feet. Visibility was excellent, although no results of our own bombs were seen. Crew is certain that target was hit. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.73
13th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "X" DP.613	(CAPT)Sgt Parker, D.H.G. (NAV)E/O Brook, A.R. (B/A)Sgt Hackett, D. (W/CP)" MacDonald, N.D. (A/G)" Anderson, M.G. (A/G)" Sparrow, W.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.14	23.55	Target was identified visually and by "gee" fix. Actual aiming point could not be found in bomb sight owing to smoke haze. Owing to a mechanical defect, some bombs could not be released and on return, 2 x 500 lb G.P.'s were jettisoned over the channel and 1 x 500 and some incendiaries were brought back. Three enemy aircraft were observed at a distance. Light and medium heavy flak and eight searchlights were encountered. Aircraft landed at R.A.F. Station, BRAULIEU.	A.74

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13th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "C" DF. 621	(CAPT)E/Sgt Forbes, L.W. (NAV)Sgt Wood, G. (B/A)Sgt Duncan, M.M. (W/CP)Sgt Martin, H.A. (A/G)Sgt MacGillivray, J.D. (W/CP)Sgt Kinnerley,	BOMBING LORIENT	17.37	01.01	Bomb load: 1 x 4000 lb. H.E. Target was identified by pin point. Smoke haze obscured target on two runs but was got in bomb sight on the third run and 1 x 4000 lb bomb was released at 21.00 hrs at 15,000 feet. One enemy aircraft appeared on port beam and rear gunner fired one short burst and pilot took evasive action. The enemy aircraft did not reply and disappeared. On the way back to base, at approximately 00.34 hrs. at 2,500 feet in the vicinity of YORK, another aircraft suddenly appeared and nearly crashed head-on. The other aircraft went directly over and damage was sustained to front turret from impact. Aircraft went out of control and captain ordered crew to bale out. Two members, Sgt. MacGillivray and Sgt. Duncan (who was in astrodome) baled out. Control was regained and a safe landing was made at base with other four members. A slight ankle injury was suffered by Sergeant DUNGAN, Sergeant MacGillivray was uninjured.	A. 75
13th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "J" BK. 348	(CAPT)W/O Carscallen, H.M. (NAV)P/O PARKER, P.L. (B/A)Sgt Fete, A.W. (W/CP)Sgt Shearer, H.M. (A/G)P/O Burke, A.L. (A/G)Sgt Ferguson, L.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.12	00.36	Visibility over target was clear except for smoke haze. Three runs were made but aiming point could not be observed. Incendiaries were released at 21.08 hrs. from a height of 14,000 feet but 3 x 500 lb bombs were hung up and brought back. Many fires were observed. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 76
13th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "B" X. 3790	(CAPT)P/O Amies, G.R. (NAV)P/O Leitch, A.K. (B/A)P/L Mandle, J.K. (W/CP)Sgt McNeill, D.L. (A/G)Sgt Arnold, R.L. (2nd Pilot)Sgt Sarge, R.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.12	00.40	Target was visually identified. Actual aiming point was obscured by smoke but load was released south of railway bridge at 21.26 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet. Many concentrated red fires were observed in target area. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered. Aircraft returned to R.A.F. Station, WICKSBY undamaged.	A. 77
13th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "B" DF. 618	(CAPT)Sgt Heden, P.G. (NAV)P/O Taylor, F.R. (B/A)Sgt Souch, G.A. (W/CP)Sgt O'Connor, H.M. (A/G)Sgt EJPATRASH, A.L. (A/G)Sgt McAndrews, T.F.	BOMBING LORIENT	17.35	00.14	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb. H.E. Town was clearly identified by light of P.F.F. flares. Target was seen in bomb sight and 1 x 4000 bomb released at 20.42 hrs. from 13,000 feet. Explosion of our own bomb was not observed but other bombs were seen exploding and fires were seen in town. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 78

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13th Feb Night	WELLINGTON III "G" 41674	(CAPT) Sgt Harrison, A.R. (NAV) Sgt Rath, P. (W/O) Sgt McKelvie, J.R. (W/O) Sgt Dochow, A.R. (W/O) Sgt Dodges, G.	BOMBING COAST	18.11	23.20	There was no cloud over the target which was clearly identified. Bombs were released at 21.03 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet and were seen to burst in the target area. Six very large fires were observed in target area and were visible for 100 miles prior to reaching target. Many incendiary fires were encountered. Aircraft returned to R.A.F. CHIFFING WADEN undamaged.	479
13th Feb Night	WELLINGTON III "H" 43401	(CAPT) Sgt Andrew, F.R. (NAV) Sgt Green, G.R. (W/O) Sgt Davidson, L. (W/O) Sgt Bowden, F. (W/O) Sgt Lindsay, J. (W/O) Sgt Barclay, L.	BOMBING COAST	18.11	00.46	Bomb load: 10,500 lb. 4 x 500 lb. 24 x 50 lb. "X" Type and 8 x 50 lb. incendiaries. Identity of target was established by pin-point. R.F.F. markers were right on the spot and load was released from 15,500 feet at 21.00 hrs. Actual bursts were not observed. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	480
14th Feb Night	WELLINGTON 10 "H" 44398	(CAPT) Sgt Jones, J. (NAV) Sgt Thompson, R. (W/O) Sgt Murray, G. (W/O) Sgt Smith, G. (W/O) Sgt Soudillard, J.	BOMBING COAST	18.09	23.45	Bomb load: 690 x 4 lbs. 50 x 4 lbs. "X" Type, 8 x 50 lbs. incendiaries. Target was identified by R.F.F. flares in 10/10 cloud. Load was dropped at 20.36 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet. Bomb bursts were seen reflected in the clouds. The R.F.F. method of attack appeared to be effective. Aircraft returned to base with one small hole in wind screen from flares. The Captain received a small glass splinter in the eye which was removed with no ill effects.	481
14th Feb Night	WELLINGTON 10 "H" 44399	(CAPT) Sgt Brown, L.R. (NAV) Sgt Davis, L.R. (W/O) Sgt Davidson, L.R. (W/O) Sgt Levy, R. (W/O) Sgt Thompson, F. (PILOT) Sgt Ross, G.R.	BOMBING COAST	18.08	00.23	The "Gee" was u/s but flares were sighted and bombs were dropped on the R.F.F. markers at 20.32 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet through 10/10 cloud. 24 x 500 lbs. A glow was seen through the clouds but no actual bursts could be seen. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	482
14th Feb Night	WELLINGTON 10 "H" 44400	(CAPT) Sgt Hogg, R.F. (NAV) Sgt Smith, R. (W/O) Sgt Campbell, R. (W/O) Sgt Garland, J. (W/O) Sgt Lindsay, G. (W/O) Sgt Trenchard, F.	BOMBING COAST	18.06	23.49	At 20.26 hrs. green flare was observed and at 20.27 hrs. from a height of 15,000 feet bombs were dropped in the centre of triangle made by six green and red flares. A large red glow showed through 10/10 clouds but actual bursts could not be observed. Captain reports a successful trip and remarked that apparently flares were being fired from ground as decoys. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	483

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14th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "R" Z.1691	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson, L.G. (NAV) Sgt Davis, J.R. (B/A) Sgt Cunningham, W.J. (W/OP) Sgt Burnell, W.A. (A/G) Sgt Watson, W.H. (B/A) Sgt White, D.T.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.07	00.44	Target was identified by green flares dropped by P.P.P. Bombs were dropped on cluster of red and green stars at 20.28 hrs. from a height of 11,000 ft. White defused lights like incendiary fires were seen through 10/10 clouds. Actual burst could not be observed. On outward trip an ME 109 was encountered at 19.43 hrs., height 11,000 feet near WALSHEREN which followed our aircraft at about 1,500 yards astern until 20.19 hours when he closed to 250 yards and fired a short burst which went low. He then broke away but returned to 550 yards for a further attack when our rear gunner fired two bursts of 400 and 600 rounds. Tracer was seen to enter nose of enemy aircraft which was seen to burst into flames and went down through cloud. Aircraft returned to base undamaged except for one hole in rear turret from flak.	A. 84
14th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "J" BK. 348	(CAPT) S/Ldr Allison, W.E. (NAV) P/Sgt Henderson, D.R. (B/A) P/Sgt Irvine, A.J. (W/OP) Sgt Finlayson, S.E. (A/G) P/Lt McCrae, J.S. (2nd Plt) Sgt Dove, W.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.09	00.32	Bomb load: 8 x 500 lb. G.P.'s. Target was reached and identified by P.P.P. markers. Bombs were released from 12,000 ft. at 20.21 hrs. Bomb bursts were seen reflected in 10/10 clouds 5,000 ft. tops. Captain reports P.P.P. method very effective. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 85
14th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "K" DF. 671	(CAPT) P/Lt Taylor, F.V. (NAV) P/O Wade, K.G.R. (B/A) P/Sgt Taylor, L.K. (W/OP) Sgt Cook, H.R. (A/G) Sgt Lees, A.G. (2nd Plt) Sgt Grizz, W.H.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.09	00.07	Ground was not seen at all after crossing enemy coast but this aircraft flew on targets as ordered until P.P.P. flares were observed. Bombs were dropped on special red and green flares from 16,000 feet at 20.22 hrs. Glare of incendiary fires was observed through 10/10 clouds 5,000 ft. tops. Captain reports a successful trip and favourable on this method of attack. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 86
14th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "B" DF. 618	(CAPT) Sgt Haden, P.G. (NAV) P/O Taylor, P.R. (B/A) P/Sgt Southe, G.G. (W/OP) Sgt O'Connor, H.M. (A/G) Sgt Bjarnasch, A.L. (2nd Plt) Sgt McInnes, J.P.H.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.05	00.03	Bomb load: 1 x 4000 lb. H.E. Special P.P.P. flares were observed and the 4,000 pounder was dropped on these from 13,000 ft. at 20.20 hrs. Red glow was observed through 10/10 clouds, 5,000 ft. tops but no actual burst could be seen. Aircraft returned to base undamaged, captain reporting good trip and a good meteorological forecast.	A. 87

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14th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "B" X. 3401	(CAPT)P/Sgt Copenhagen, L.B. (NAV)Sgt Jones, G. (B/A)E/O Drouth, R.G. (W/CP)Sgt Peare, F.J. (A/G)Sgt Tucker, W.W. (A/G)Sgt Thompson, G.W.	BOMBING OCLOONE	18.06	23.59	Bomb load: 8 x 500 lb. G.P.'s Special F.P.F. flares were observed and bombs were dropped from 14,000 ft. at 20.20 hrs. Actual bursts or results could not be seen due to 10/10 clouds, 6,000 ft. tops, but a glare of fires was seen reflected in clouds. On home-ward journey unidentified enemy aircraft approached from below and astern. Wellington turned in towards it; rear gunner gave short burst and enemy aircraft sheared off and was not seen again. The crew reports that the raid was unquestionably successful providing the F.P.F. markers were correctly laid. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 88
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "W" BK. 398	(CAPT)P/L Klassen, W.C. (NAV)P/Sgt McAllister, J.B. (B/A)Sgt Ross, W.B. (W/CP)P/O Chittenden, F.J. (A/G)Sgt Martin, E.J. (A/G) "Sparrow, W.F.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.14	00.50	Target was reached without incident and bombs were dropped from 15,000 ft. at 20.57 hrs. direction .025°. Visibility was good with no cloud, but a little haze. Aiming point was found in bomb sight, identified by F.P.F. flares. Bombs were seen to fall in dock area. A big explosion followed by black smoke was observed west end of railway bridge. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A. 89
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "U" BK. 35	(CAPT)P/Sgt Ryan, J.E. (NAV)P/Sgt Agrios, J.E. (B/A)P/Sgt Walrath, C.A. (W/CP)Sgt Kellner, J.A. (A/G) "Davis, R.H. (B/A) "White, B.T.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.28	23.37	Target was visually identified and found in bomb sight. Bombs were dropped at 21.05 hrs. from 11,500 feet, direction 160° but actual results were not observed owing to clouds of smoke. Immense fires were burning over dock area. Four 50 lb. incendiaries were hung up and brought back. Aircraft landed at BEAULIEU undamaged.	A. 90
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "X" DF. 613	(CAPT)Sgt Grout, A.C. (NAV) "Planagan, B.W. (B/A) "Gilbert, G.W. (W/CP) "Dore, G. (A/G) "Galloway, D.B. (B/A) "Haywood, G.B.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.14	23.52	Visibility at target area was good with 3/10 cloud. Aiming point was caught in bomb sight and load was dropped at 20.55 hrs. from 15,000 ft. direction 192°. Actual bursts were observed on target. An extremely heavy explosion was observed from 50 miles distance and it was followed by a cloud of heavy black smoke which rose 5,000 ft. Aircraft landed at BEAULIEU with minor flak damage in fabric below bomb bay on starboard side.	A. 91
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "V" BK. 144	(CAPT)Sgt Wilson, L.C. (NAV) "Davis, G.R. (B/A) "Cunningham, W.J. (W/CP) "Burnell, W.A. (A/G) "Watson, W.H. (B/A) "Crowbridge, F.W.H.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.16	23.57	Target was reached at 21.11 and bomb released in good visibility from 15,000 ft. direction .060°. Bomb was seen to burst alongside docks. Another 4,000 lb. bomb was seen to burst on N.E. side of river causing large explosion throwing cloud of black smoke 5,000 ft. in the air. Aircraft landed at BEAULIEU undamaged.	A. 92

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16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "E" X.3401	(CAPT)P/Sgt Copenhagen, (NAV)Sgt Jones, G. (B/A) "Bunn, F.H. (W/OP) Pears, F.J. (A/G) "Baker, W.W. (2nd Flt)Sgt Dove, W.	L.B. BOMBING LORIENT	18.13	01.00	Target was identified by pin point. Actual aiming point was seen in bombsight and load released at 20.46 hrs., height 14,000 ft. direction 140°. Our own incendiaries were seen to explode in centre of dock area. Large fires and heavy smoke were observed on west side of town. Light and heavy inaccurate flak encountered N.W. of town. S/L's were ineffective. Aircraft thought to be Halifax was seen to explode with terrific flash lasting 5 seconds. Our aircraft returned to base undamaged after a successful operation.	A.93
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3790	(CAPT)P/Sgt Leddy, G.E. (NAV)Sgt Jordan, K.W. (B/A) "Miskimin, E. (W/OP) "Burnell, A.W. (A/G) "Hardy, A. (W/OP) "Hardy, L.G.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.13	00.05	Visibility in target area was very good and aiming point was found in bombsight and load released at 20.51 hrs., height 15,000 ft. direction 180°. Actual results were not observed but target area was well on fire. On leaving target an ME 110 was observed following a Halifax. Our aircraft turned to port and lost enemy. This was considered a most successful trip. Aircraft landed at BOWLING undamaged with 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up.	A.94
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "O" BK.560	(CAPT)Sgt McManus, J.P.H. (NAV)P/O Pickard, W.H.J. (B/A)Sgt McAndrews, T.F.B. (W/OP) "Canning, J. (A/G) "Ferguson, L.A. (B/A) "Rollinson, S.D.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.15	00.10	Target was identified, aiming point caught in bombsight and load released at 20.55 hrs. from 15,500 ft., heading 180°. Bursts were observed on target. One ME 109 was encountered over target approaching from portside. Our aircraft opened fire and S/L climbed off from starboard. Heavy and light inaccurate flak was encountered, 3 or 4 dummy fires observed west of town, near target area. Aircraft landed at BULFINGTON, undamaged, owing to petrol shortage.	A.95
16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "K" DP.671	(CAPT)Sgt Sarge, B.A. (NAV)P/Sgt Gardiner, W.H.R. (B/A)Sgt Hodges, G. (W/OP) "Crulshank, M.L. (A/G) "Brown, G.H. (A/G) "Roberts, W.R.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.12	01.04	Primary was reached in good visibility. Dock area clearly seen in white P.F.P. flares and aiming point seen in bombsight. Bombs were released at 20.56 hrs. from 14,500 ft., direction 170°. Many bombs were seen falling in target area. Quite a few good fires were burning. Aircraft returned to base undamaged except for few flak splinters in cockpit.	A.96

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16th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "G" Z1674	(CAPT) Sgt Caldwell, R.G. (NAV) P/O Gory, G.J. (B/A) Sgt Topping, W.E. (W/CP) "Larson, A.A. (A/G) "Parker, L.A. (B/A) "Barter, J.J.H.	BOMBING LORIENT	18.11	23.45	Target was definitely identified and aiming point seen in bomb-sight. Visibility was excellent. No cloud and bright moonlight. Bombs were dropped from 13,500 ft., heading 195°, at 20.48 hrs. Actual results could not be observed owing to smoke. Aircraft landed at BRAULEU undamaged.	A.97
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "F" DF.671	(CAPT) P/L Taylor, R.V. (NAV) P/O Wade, K.G.E. (B/A) P/Sgt Taylor, L.K. (W/CP) Sgt Cook, H.R. (A/G) "Lees, A.G. (2nd Plt) Sgt Buie, R.M.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.58	23.19	Target reached and visibility reported as good with a slight haze. Load was dropped at 20.06 hrs. from 15,000 ft., direction 135°. Target was seen in bomb-sight. Actual results of our own bombing were not observed but bombs and many incendiaries were seen exploding. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.98
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3790	(CAPT) P/O Ames, C.F. (NAV) P/O Leitch, A.K. (B/A) P/L Mandle, J.K. (W/CP) Sgt McNeill, D.H. (A/G) "Arnold, R.H. (2nd Plt) Sgt Grigg, W.H.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.59	23.54	Cloud of from 9 to 10/10 obscured target but bombs were dropped on P.F.F. markers at 20.12 hrs. from 15,000 ft., direction .090°. Bursts could not be distinguished from other falling at the same time. The whole town appeared to be burning and glow could be seen through cloud. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.99
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "E" X.3401	(CAPT) Sgt Copenhagen, L.R. (NAV) "Jones, G. (B/A) "Buse, F.H. (W/CP) "Pears, F.J. (A/G) "Tucker, W.W. (2nd Plt) Sgt Dove, W.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.55	23.39	Bombs were released at 20.19 hrs. from 14,000 ft., direction .090°, through 10/10 clouds. P.F.F. markers were seen in bomb-sight. Own bursts could not be observed but concentrated fires were seen around aiming point. Crew report a successful trip and target well pasted. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.100
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "B" DF.618	(CAPT) Sgt Harrison, A.R. (NAV) P/Sgt Rath, F. (B/A) Sgt Malkin, J.E. (W/CP) "McQuarrie, S.A. (A/G) "Gockaday, A.V. (A/G) "Roberts, W.R.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.50	23.29	Two ton bomb was dropped in centre of P.F.F. flares at 20.05 hrs. from 16,300 ft., direction 135°. Large flash thought to be our burst was observed. Several large fires were concentrated in area. On return our aircraft was followed by an E/A which was lost by evasive action. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.101
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "E" EK.398	(CAPT) P/L Klassen, W.C. (NAV) P/Sgt Wallister, J.B. (B/A) Sgt Rose, W.L. (W/CP) P/O Chittenden, F.J. (A/G) Sgt Martin, E.J. (2nd Plt) Sgt Baulf, I.H.W.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.56	22.58	On arrival at target ground detail could not be observed due to 5/10 cloud. P.F.F. flares were identified and bombs dropped at 20.03 hrs. from 17,000 ft., direction 145°. Our bursts were not observed due to cloud. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.102

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19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "N" X.5789	(CAPT) Sgt Duffield, G.W. (NAV) "Ryre, F.F. (B/A) "Watson, A.H. (W/OP) "Illingworth, C. (A/G) "Paddock, G.W. (A/G) "Smith, G.A.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.56	22.35	P.F.F. flares were seen and bombs dropped at 20.06 hrs. from 17,500 ft. direction 142°. Results were not observed due to 10/10 cloud but glow of fires was reflected. Trip is considered successful and aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.103
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "R" Z.1691	(CAPT) Sgt Parker, D.F. (NAV) P/O Brook, A.H. (B/A) Sgt Hackett, D. (W/OP) "MacDonald, N.D. (A/G) "Anderson, M.G. (A/G) "Arpin, J.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.57	23.42	Crew report visibility at target good with 5/10 cloud. P.F.F. markers were seen and bombs dropped at 20.14 hrs. from 14,400 ft. direction 290°. Bombs were seen to burst around aiming point. Good fires were already burning, both at aiming point and in town. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.104
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "V" BK.144	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson, L.G. (NAV) "Davis, J.E. (B/A) "Cunningham, W.N. (W/OP) "Burnell, W.A. (A/G) "Watson, W.H. (2nd Plt) Sgt Hewitt, R.A.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.51	23.25	Visibility restricted by 8 to 10/10 cloud and bombs were released on P.F.F. marker at 20.30 hrs. from 15,000 ft. direction 105°. Bombs were seen through a gap in cloud and bombs were seen to burst in centre of markers. Other bombs were also bursting. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.105
19th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON 10 "U" BK.435	(CAPT) P/Sgt Mapp, R.F. (NAV) Sgt Hindley, N. (B/A) "Campbell, D. (W/OP) "Garland, J. (A/G) "Vanderbeek, R.E. (W/OP) "O'Connor, N.M.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	17.57	00.12	Target was identified by pin point and bombs were dropped on P.F.F. flares. At 20.16 hrs. direction 135°, height 16,000 ft. Actual bursts could not be seen due to 8/10 cloud. Scattered fires were seen around target area. Concentrated light flak in target area.	A.106
20th Feb. Day.	WELLINGTON III "E" BJ.712	(CAPT) Sgt McManus, J.P.H. (NAV) P/O Pickard, W.H.L. (B/A) Sgt McAndrews, J.B.B. (W/OP) "Canning, J. (A/G) "Ferguson, L. (W/OP) "Hannafor, R.J.	DINCHY SEARCH	10.20	16.44	Search for crew of missing aircraft of 426 Squadron in locality 5405 N. 5415 N. by 0220 E. 0300 E. in co-operation with aircraft from other Squadrons. No success or incidents to report.	A.107
20th Feb. Day.	WELLINGTON III "X" DF.613	(CAPT) Sgt Groat, A.O. (NAV) "Flanagan, B.W. (B/A) "Gilbert, G.W. (W/OP) "Dore, G. (A/G) "Galloway, D.B. (B/A) "Haywood, G.B.	DINCHY SEARCH	10.21	16.58	Search for crew of missing aircraft of 426 Squadron in locality 5405 N. 5415 N. by 0220 E. 0300 E. in co-operation with aircraft from other Squadrons. No success or incidents to report.	A.108

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20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3789	(CAPT) S/Ldr Comar J. (NAV) P/O Thompson R.W. (B/A) P/O Mussham L.R. (W/OF) Sgt Terry, G.S. (A/G) Sgt Smith, G.A. (A/G) Sgt Davis, H.L.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.40	21.54	Bomb Load: 1 x A104, 1 x B200. Target was identified by pin point on end of TERSCHELLING. "Vegetables" were dropped at 1930 hours from 600 ft. Para- chutes were seen to open. A/C returned to base undamaged after an uneventful and successful trip.	A.109
20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "K" X.1691	(CAPT) Sgt Hewitt R.A. (NAV) Sgt Liddle G. (B/A) Sgt Crowbridge J.W.N. (W/OF) Sgt Killick G.K. (A/G) Sgt Sparrow (W/OF) Sgt O'Connor H.M.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.42	21.57	Bomb Load: 1 x A104, 1 x B200. Run was made five miles south of "Gee" fix obtained. Visibility was good except for slight haze. Load was dropped at 1932 hrs. from 750 ft. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	A.110
20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "U" B.K.435	(CAPT) Sgt Baulf, I.M.W. (NAV) P/O Fleasance W.N. (B/A) Sgt White B.T. (W/OF) Sgt King L.J. (A/G) Sgt Skeeliss P.J. (A/G) Sgt Arpin J.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.42		Bomb Load: 1 x A104, 1 x B200. No report was received from this A/C from the time of take off. An A/C from another Squadron reports seeing an orange light descend into sea, explode and burn for several minutes position 5350 N. 0500E, time between 1940 and 1943. It is feared that our missing aircraft was the one described above, as only one is missing from the operation.	A.111
20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3790	(CAPT) Sgt Caldwell B.G. (NAV) P/O Gory G.J. (B/A) Sgt Topping W.P. (W/OF) Sgt Larsen A.E. (A/G) Sgt Parker L.A. (NAV) P/O Moore A.W.J.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.40	21.30	Bomb Load: 1 x B200, 1 x B202. Position was identified by pin point on East end of TER- SCHELLING also by "Gee" fix. "Vegetables" were dropped in good visibility from 800 ft. at 1921 hrs. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.112
20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "U" B.K.560	(CAPT) Sgt Sarge B.A. (NAV) P/Sgt Gardner W.H. (B/A) Sgt Hodges G. (W/OF) Sgt Cruickshanks M.L. (A/G) Sgt Brown C.H. (B/A) Sgt Baxter J.J.B.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.43	21.38	Bomb Load: 2 x B200. Aiming point was reached after pin point obtained on TER- SCHELLING and also on "Gee" fix. "Vegetables" were dropped from 800 ft. at 1932 hrs. Parachutes were seen to open. Captain reports a good trip with no congestion in the "Garden". A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.113
20th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON X "K" D.F.671	(CAPT) Sgt Dove W. (NAV) P/O Brown H.M. (B/A) P/O Crouch B.G. (W/OF) Sgt Simpson W.G. (A/G) Sgt Tucker W.W. (A/G) Sgt Reed K.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	17.41	22.36	Bomb Load: 1 x B200, 1 x B 202. Pin point obtained on East end of TERSCHELLING. Visibility good except for a slight mist from sea. Load was dropped at 2010 hrs. from 600 ft. Trip was successful, with no congestion and A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.114

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24 Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "C" B.K.560	(CAPT) Sgt Heden F.G. (NAV) P/O Taylor F.R. (B/A) P/O Crouch R.C. (W/CE) Sgt Binnie G.M. (A/G) Sgt Bjernson A.W. (2nd Plt) Sgt White R.C.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.15	23.15	Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. Incend., 16 x 30 lb. Incendiary. Bombs were dropped on P.F.F. markers at 2031 hrs. from 11,000 ft. Results could not be observed due to 10/10 clouds. Aircraft returned to base undamaged reporting a good trip.	A.115
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "K" D.F.871	(CAPT) P/O Bain G.C. (NAV) Sgt Brown E.H. (B/A) Sgt Wilson A.H. (W/CE) Sgt Miller J. (A/G) Sgt Blue W.D. (A/G) Sgt Roberts W.R.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20		Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. Incend., 16 x 30 lb. Incendiary. Target was identified by P.F.F. markers and load was dropped from 16,500 ft. Results could not be observed due to 10/10 clouds. Light flak was encountered. A/C landed at Leamington undamaged.	A.116
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "B" D.F.618	(CAPT) Sgt Caldwell R.G. (NAV) P/O Cory G.J. (B/A) Sgt Topping W.P. (W/CE) Sgt Larson A.F. (A/G) Sgt Parker L.W. (B/A) Sgt Barker J.C.H.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.25	23.55	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb. P.F.F. markers were identified and the 4000 pounder was dropped on flares from 11,500 ft. Burst could not be observed but three large red glows of fires were reflected in clouds. Heavy and accurate flak was encountered but A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.117
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "C" Z.1674	(CAPT) Sgt Dugas B.R. (NAV) Sgt Michael D. (B/A) P/O Spencer M.W. (W/CE) Sgt Baldwin V.E. (A/G) Sgt Moore J.H. (A/G) Sgt Thompson G.W.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.24	23.05	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 G.P., 270 x 4 lb. incendi., 8 x 3 lb. incendi. Target was identified by P.F.F. flares and bombs dropped from 16,000 ft. Result could not be observed. On return starboard engine out and A/C crash landed at Goltishall Aerodrome. None of the crew were injured but undercarriage of the A/C was damaged.	A.118
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" B.K.398	(CAPT) P/L Klassen W.C. (NAV) P/Sgt McAllister J. (B/A) Sgt Rose W.B. (W/CE) P/O Chittenden F.J. (A/G) Sgt Martin B.J. (A/G) Sgt Burnett H.A.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.15	23.15	Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. Incend., 16 x 30 lb. Incendiary. Target was identified by recognized P.F.F. markers and load was dropped at 20.35 hrs from 15,000 ft. Visibility in target area was nil therefore results could not be observed. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.119
24th Feb.	WELLINGTON I "R" Z.1691	(CAPT) P/Sgt Forbes L.W. (NAV) Sgt Wood G. (B/A) Sgt Haywood G.B. (W/CE) Sgt Martin H.A. (A/G) P/Sgt MacGillivray J.B. (B/A) P/Sgt Walrath D.A.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20	00.10	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 G.P., 270 x 4 lb. incendi., 8 x 3 lb. incendi. Primary was reached in 10/10 cloud but target was identified by P.F.F. flares. Load was dropped from 15,500 ft. but results could not be observed. However, large fires were reflected in clouds. A/C landed at Leamington undamaged.	A.120

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24th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "M" X.3789	(CAPT) P/O Brown L.N. (NAV) Sgt Barr L.M. (B/A) P/Sgt Drummond W.N. (W/CE) Sgt Levy S. (A/G) P/Sgt Thomson P.A. (W/CE) Sgt O'Connor H.M.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20	21.20	Bomb Load: 5 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. Incend., 16 x 30 lb. Incendiary. Bombs were dropped from 17,000 ft. on P.P.P. markers but results could not be observed due to poor visibility. On return port engine failed but a landing was made at Woodhall on one engine.	A.121
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "F" H.E.369	(CAPT) P/Sgt Banks J. (NAV) Sgt Harrison J. (B/A) Sgt Morley R.B. (W/CE) Sgt Wiles A.A. (A/G) Sgt Sparrow W.A. (B/A) Sgt Trowbridge F.W.N.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20	00.40	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 G.P., 270 x 4 lb. incend., 3 x 3 lb. incend. A/C was returning to base approximately 1 hr. after scheduled time and crashed on the perimeter. Three of the crew escaped with minor injury but the Pilot, Bomb Aimer, and Air Gunner Wireless were killed.	A.122
24th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "V" B.K.144	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson L.C. (NAV) Sgt Davis J.R. (B/A) Sgt Cunningham W.J. (W/CE) Sgt Burnell W.A. (A/G) Sgt Watson W.W. (NAV) P/O Fluthero W.R.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20	23.55	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb. Target was identified by P.P.P. markers and the 4000 pounder was released from 35,000 ft. Bursts could not be observed due to visibility but reflection of bursts could be seen in the clouds. A/C landed at Leeming undamaged.	A.123
24th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "X" D.F.613	(CAPT) Sgt Groat A.C. (NAV) Sgt Flanagan B.W. (B/A) Sgt Gilbert S.W. (W/CE) Sgt Dore G. (A/G) Sgt Galloway D.B. (W/CE) Sgt Hannaford R.J.	BOMBING WILHELMSHAVEN	18.20	00.20	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 G.P., 270 x 4 lb. incend. 8 x 3 lb. incend. Target was identified and bombs were dropped on P.P.P. markers from 15,000 ft. through 10/10 cloud. Results of bombing were obscured. A/C landed at Leeming undamaged.	A.124
25th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "J" B.K.348	(CAPT) Sgt Parker D.F.G. (NAV) P/O Brook A.H. (B/A) P/O Mackett D. (W/CE) Sgt MacDonald N.D. (A/G) Sgt Anderson M.G. (B/A) P/Sgt Taylor E.K.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	21.25	0275	Bomb Load: 1 x G300, 1 x B200. Primary was identified by "Gee" fix and "Vegetables" were laid from a height of 900 ft. Parachutes could not be observed due to 10/10 cloud. Crew reported successful trip and A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.125
25th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "I" D.F.613	(CAPT) P/Sgt Ryan J.E. (NAV) P/Sgt Agrios J.E. (B/A) P/Sgt Walrath G.A. (W/CE) Sgt Kellner J.A. (A/G) Sgt Burnett H.A. (W/CE) Sgt Kinserly J.W.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	21.10	01.25	Bomb Load: 1 x G300, 1 x B200. No pin point could be obtained due to extremely bad visibility and 10/10 cloud. Six minutes were spent over B.F.A. and nothing could be seen. It was impossible to accurately get position for planting "Vegetables" so they were brought back. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.126
25th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "H" X.3790	(CAPT) Sgt Sarge B.A. (NAV) Sgt Gardner W.R. (B/A) Sgt Hodges G. (W/CE) Sgt Cruickshanks (A/G) Sgt Brown C.H. (W/CE) Sgt Hardy L.G.	GARDENING NEOTARINE I	21.20	01.30	Bomb Load: 1 x G300, 1 x B200 No Pin point could be obtained and the "Gee" fix did not work in the target area. Crew reported 10/10 cloud down below 700 ft. "Vegetables" were brought back, A/C returned to base undamaged, the crew reporting a disappointing trip.	A.127

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25th Feb. Night.	WELLINGTON III "C" B.K.560	(CAPT) Sgt McManis (NAV) P/O Pickard W.H.J. NEOTARINE I (B/A) Sgt McAndrews T.F.B. (W/OF) Sgt Canning J. (A/G) Sgt Ferguson A.L. (W/OF) Sgt Hughes C.J.	GARDENING	21.20	01.20	Bomb Load: 1 x G300, 1 x B200. Primary was reached at 23.13 hrs. and "Vegetables" were released from 300 ft. Pin-point had been obtained from the centre of TERSCHELLING confirmed by "Gee" fix, three minutes after planting. Both parachutes were seen to open. A/G returned to base undamaged reporting a successful quiet trip.	A.128
25th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "A" D.F.671	(CAPT) Sgt Doye W. (NAV) P/O Brown H.M. (B/A) P/O Grouch R.C. (W/OF) Sgt Simpson W.O. (A/G) Sgt Reed K. (B/A) P/O Moore A.W.F.	GARDENING	21.20	02.10	Bomb Load: 1 x G300, 1 x B200. "Garden" could not be identified due to 10/10 cloud. The "Gee" failed at 40 East and did not work in designated area although A/G climbed to 7000 ft. A/G returned to base undamaged with both "Vegetables".	A.129
26th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "A" D.F.671	(CAPT) P/O Bain G.G. (NAV) Sgt Brown S.E. (B/A) Sgt Wilson A.E. (W/OF) Sgt Miller J. (A/G) Sgt Roberts W.B. (W/OF) Sgt Hardy L.G.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.50	00.07	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 L.D., 2 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi. 16 x 30 lb. incendi. Visibility over target area was very good with 2/10 clouds. Bombs were dropped at 21.17 hours from 16,500 ft. on P.E.P. Flares which were caught in the bomb site. Actual bursts were not observed. Very big fires were burning where markers were falling. A/G returned to base undamaged after a successful operation.	A.130
26th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "J" D.K.348	(CAPT) W/O Caracallen H.M. (NAV) P/O Parker F.L. (B/A) Sgt Fete A.W. (W/OF) Sgt Shearer H.M. (A/G) P/O Horke A.L. (2nd Plt) P/Sgt Nicolle S. J.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.50	00.29	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 L.D., 2 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi. 16 x 30 lb. incendi. Primary was reached in good visibility except for slight haze. Load was released at 21.21 hrs. from 16,500 ft. on designating the P.E.P. flares. Results of own bombing were not observed. Five large fires were clearly seen on leaving target. A/G returned to base undamaged.	A.131
26th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "B" D.F.618	(CAPT) Sgt Haden P.G. (NAV) P/O Taylor F.R. (B/A) Sgt South G.A. (W/OF) Sgt Binnie C.M. (A/G) Sgt Bjarnson A.L. (2nd Plt) Sgt White R.C.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.52	00.53	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 H.G. Target was identified by river and built-up area. The 4000 pounder was released at 21.09 hrs. from 16,000 ft. The centre of the built-up area was seen in the bomb sight. P.P. marker fell immediately after in the same place and in each case bomb was seen to burst. No fires were observed when A/G arrived but large fires and explosions were seen after leaving target. A/G returned to base with several small holes in fuselage and tail plane.	A.132
26th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "T" D.F.613	(CAPT) P/O Brown L.M. (NAV) Sgt Barr L.M. (B/A) P/Sgt Brummond W.H. (W/OF) Sgt Levy S. (A/G) P/Sgt Thomson F.L. (A/G) Sgt Anderson M.G.	BOMBING COLOGNE	18.53	23.52	Bomb Load: 1 x 500 L.D., 2 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi. 16 x 30 lb. incendiary. Visibility was fair, obscured slightly by haze over target. Bombs were released at 21.13 hrs. from 17,500 ft. Fires from previous incendiaries were used as aiming point. No results of our own bombing were observed. Target area was well afire when A/G left. A/G returned to base undamaged reporting a successful and uneventful trip.	A.133

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27th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "X" D.F.613	(CAPT) F/S Ravan J.E. (NAV) F/S Agrios J.E. (B/A) F/S Walrath C.A. (W/CP) Sgt Kellner J.A. (A/G) Sgt Watson W.H. (B/A) Sgt Watson A.N.	GARDENING NECTARINES I	18.02	22.25	Bomb Load: 2 x D400. "Vegetables" were dropped from 600 ft. at 20.05 hours. Visibility was fair. Pin point had been obtained from island. Both chutes were seen to open. A/C returned to base undamaged reporting a quiet and successful trip.	A.134
27 Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" B.K.398	(CAPT) Sgt Hewitt R.A. (NAV) Sgt Liddle G. (B/A) Sgt Haywood G.B. (W/CP) Sgt Killick C.K. (A/G) Sgt Burnett H.A. (B/A) F/S Taylor K.L.	GARDENING NECTARINES I	18.03	22.30	Bomb Load: 2 x Q300. Visibility ranged from one to two miles with a slight haze. Pin point was obtained on SIMONSAND. "Gee" was U/S after 30 East. "Vegetables" were dropped at 20.07 hrs. from 700 ft. and parachutes were seen to open. A/C returned to base undamaged after a good trip.	A.135
27th Feb.	WELLINGTON III "E" X.3401	(CAPT) Sgt Dove W. (NAV) P/O Brown H.L. (B/A) P/O Crouch R.D. (W/CP) Sgt Simpson W.O. (A/G) Sgt Reed K. (W/CP) Sgt Bowker P.	GARDENING NECTARINES I	18.01	22.17	Bomb Load: 2 x D400. At 19.51 hours Airgunner fired 800 rounds at a gun position on the East end of Ameland. The guns stopped firing. Visibility was good with a slight sea haze. After obtaining pin point on East end of SIMONSAND, course was set for "Garden". Load was dropped from 700 ft. at 19.59 hrs. and parachutes were seen to open and go into the sea. A/C returned to base undamaged after a successful trip.	A.136
27th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "E" X.3401	(CAPT) Sgt Sarge B.A. (NAV) Sgt Gardiner W.A. (B/A) Sgt Hodges G. (W/CP) Sgt Cruickshanks M.L. (A/G) Sgt Brown C.J. (B/A) Sgt Ramsden L.	GARDENING NECTARINES I	18.01	22.09	Bomb Load: 2 x D400. A pin point was obtained on SIMONSAND and a "Gee" fix on dropping point. "Vegetables" were dropped from 750 ft. at 20.06 hrs. Visibility was clear with a very slight haze and both parachutes were seen to open. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.137
27th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "K" D.F.671	(CAPT) Sgt McManis A.F. (NAV) P/O Pickard W.H.J. (B/A) Sgt McAndrews F.F.B. (W/CP) Sgt Canning J. (A/G) Sgt Ferguson A.A. (B/A) P/L Mundle J.K.	GARDENING NECTARINES I	18.00	22.35	Bomb Load: 2 x D400. Just off East end of TERSCHELLING, twin engine B/A tailed our A/C to within 100 yds. at 19.58 hrs. from 1000 ft. our Airgunner opened fire with 100 rounds. Tracer went low but B/A disappeared and was not seen again. Slight heavy and lighter flak and S/L were encountered from East end of TERSCHELLING AND AMELAND. "Vegetables" were dropped after obtaining pin point at TERSCHELLING at 800 ft. at 20.11 hrs. Visibility was good with a slight haze and both parachutes were seen to open. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.138

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28th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" B.K. 398	(CAPT) F/L Klassen W.C. (NAV) F/S McAllister J.B. (P/A) Sgt Ross S.E. (W/CE) P/O Chittenden P.J. (A/G) Sgt Martin S.J. (2nd Plt) P/O Hess C.B.	BOMBING ST. HAZAIRE	18.10	01.00	Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi., 16 x 30 lb. incendiary. Load was released at 21.27 hrs. from 16,500 ft. in excellent visibility on P.F.F. markers. It was difficult to identify own bursts due to many large concentrated fires already burning. One S.B.C. 4 lb. incendiary was brought back, hung up. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.139
28th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" S.D. 144	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson L.G. (NAV) Sgt Davis J.R. (P/A) Sgt Cunningham W.J. (W/CE) Sgt Burnell W.A. (A/G) Sgt Watson W.H. (W/CE) Sgt O'Connor H.M.	BOMBING ST. HAZAIRE	18.08	01.17	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb. A/C reached target area in good visibility and dropped 4000 pounder at 21.22 hours from 15,000 ft. on P.F.F. flares. Large fires were observed all along the dock area, one appeared to be an oil fire. On returning a Halifax was seen to crash in flames and explode on ground at 21.58 hrs. Our A/C landed at Boscombe Down, undamaged.	A.140
28th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" L.N. 402	(CAPT) Sgt Duffield G.W. (NAV) Sgt Byre F.F. (P/A) Sgt Watson A.M. (W/CE) Sgt Illingworth C. (A/G) Sgt Smith G.A. (A/G) Sgt Anderson M.G.	BOMBING ST. HAZAIRE	18.06	01.07	Bomb Load: 1 x 4000 lb. Visibility over target area was very good and aiming point was seen visually with P.F.F. markers in place. The 4000 pounder was released at 21.35 hrs. from 15,000 ft. but the burst could not be discerned due to numerous fires burning all over the aiming point area. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.141
28th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "E" X3790	(CAPT) F/L Taylor F.V. (NAV) P/O Wade K.G.M. (P/A) P/S Taylor L.K. (W/CE) Sgt Cook H.R. (A/G) Sgt Lees A.G. (2nd Plt) F/S Nicolle S.J.	BOMBING ST. HAZAIRE	18.07	00.33	Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi., 16 x 30 lb. incendiary. Bombs were released at 21.20 hrs. from 15,500 ft. Aiming point was identified visually and P.F.F. markers were seen in bomb site. Actual bursts were not observed due to extent of the fires already burning. The crew reported that the P.F.F. markers appeared to be right on the aiming point and that the town was in a bad way when they left. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.142
28th Feb. Night	WELLINGTON III "E" X. 3401	(CAPT) Sgt Copenhagen L.B. (NAV) Sgt Jones G. (P/A) Sgt Buss F.H. (W/CE) Sgt Berdahl L.J. (A/G) Sgt Tibury G.D. (A/G) Sgt Rucinsky J.W.	BOMBING ST. HAZAIRE	18.09	01.03	Bomb Load: 3 x 500 G.P., 360 x 4 lb. incendi., 16 x 30 lb. incendiary. Crew reported visibility fair obscured somewhat by haze and smoke. P.F.F. flares were clearly seen however and load was released on them at 21.24 hrs. from 15,500 ft. Actual bursts could not be observed on account of the target being already well alight. One very large fire was blazing in the centre of the town and the glare could be seen at least 70 miles on return. A/C returned to base undamaged.	A.143

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