

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON**

APPENDIX

**SECRET**

161  
PAGE No. **ONE**

(Type) WL 525-55 50,000 512 T.S. 780

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST** 19 **43**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "V" HS.296	(CAPT) P/O WILSON, L.G. (NAV) SGT DAVIS, J.R. (B/A) SGT CUNNINGHAM, J. (W/AG) SGT BURNHAM, W.A. (A/G) SGT WATSON, W.E. (2nd Plt) P/S WEBB, A.S.	BOMBING RAIDAZZO	01.35	06.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived at what is believed to have been the target at 04.37 hrs. Identification by the river and built up area. Bombs were dropped and one fire seen burning immediately after. Mount Rima was also seen. No flak or S/L. Very difficult to locate but confident bombs hit right place.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "W" HS.492	(CAPT) P/O GROUT, A.C. (NAV) P/S AGRIES, J.E. (W/CF) SGT DORE, G. (B/A) SGT GILBERT, C.W. (A/G) P/O GALLAGHER, D.B. (2nd Plt) P/L Metzler, H.W.	DO.	01.40	06.50	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs could not find the target. Visibility was almost nil. All flares were used on primary and 35 minutes were spent in the target area. No flak or S/L. Gun flashes were seen west of target, may have been field artillery. Unsatisfactory trip.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "H" HS.583	(CAPT) SGT MCINTYRE, E.J. (NAV) SGT MCHILLAN, C.W. (B/A) SGT HAMILTON, N.E. (W/CF) SGT WILSON, A.H. (A/G) SGT BEARCE, G.S.	DO	01.04	06.03	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived at what is believed to be the target at 03.48 hrs. Very poor visibility. Identification made by coast run to target. Flares were seen and bombs dropped. No flares did not work. Some scattered light and heavy flak. No S/L. Not very successful trip.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "T" HS.510	(CAPT) P/O DUGAS, B.R. (NAV) P/L MURPHY, K.C. DEC. (B/A) P/O SPENCER, M.J. (W/CF) P/O ATKINS, G. (A/G) P/S MOORE, J.H.	DO	01.05	06.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived at what is believed to be the target at 03.52 hrs flying at 11,000 feet. Very poor visibility. Made D.R. run to Mt. Rima and dropped flares. Flares were seen and bombing made accordingly. It is believed that the road near the town was hit. Not a very successful trip.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "N" HS.240	(CAPT) SGT PARKER, D.G. (NAV) P/O BROOK, A.H. (B/A) P/O HACKETT, D. (W/CF) SGT MORRIS, T. (A/G) SGT ANDERSON, M.G. (2nd Plt) P/O SHEPHERD, E.T.	DO	00.35	06.10	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over what they think was the target at 03.43 hrs. flying at 8,800 ft. Poor visibility. Flares were dropped and the river near the town was seen. Bombed on D.R. and were on the target 15 minutes. Some flak. No S/L. Not a successful trip.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "R" HS.974	(CAPT) P/O BAIN, G.C. (NAV) SGT BROWN, E.H. (B/A) P/O WILSON, A.H. (W/CF) SGT MILLER, J. (A/G) SGT BLUE, W.D. (2nd Plt) SGT WILSON, H.M.	DO	23.42	04.43	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.30 hrs flying at 11,500 ft. Very poor visibility. Flares did not go off. D.R. run from Grande. Bomb burst were seen. No flak or S/L. Not very successful trip.	
1/2nd July Aug.	WELLINGTON X "H" HS.476	(CAPT) P/L AMES, C.F. (NAV) P/O LEITCH, A.K. (B/A) SGT BOSS, F.H. (W/CF) SGT MORIEL, D.H. (A/G) SGT ARDILL, R.L. (2nd Plt) SGT VORBERG, W.F.	DO	23.40	05.05	The A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 02.55 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. Very poor visibility. Coast line identified but could not find the target after 45 mins looking. No flak or S/L seen. Only one flare burned for ten seconds. Not very optimistic about results.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1/2nd JULY. <i>day</i>	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	(CAPT) SGT WHITE, R.C. (NAV) P/O JAMES, C.F. (B/A) P/O MOORE, A.W. (WO/P) SGT HUGHES, G.J. (A/G) SGT REED, L.A. (2nd Plt) SGT MACLEOD, J.S.	BOMBING RANDAZZO	00.10	05.40	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs could not find the exact target although they searched 40 mins. Poor visibility. Flares noticed but did not last long enough to identify. Bombs were dropped at sea at 0312 hrs from 9,000 ft. Position 3510 N 1437 E. What is believed to be an A/C was going home in flames 10 miles S.W. of G. Malassa. Very poor trip.	
1/2nd JULY. <i>day</i>	WELLINGTON X "C" NF.477	(CAPT) S/L ALLISON, W.E. DFC. (NAV) P/S HENDERSON, D.R. (B/A) P/O IRLINE, A.J. (WO/P) SGT PINLAYSON, S.E. (A/G) P/L MOORE, J.S. (2nd A/G) P/L GINGRAS, L.R.	DO.	23.05	24.00	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs had an ordinary take-off. Shortly before this there was a peculiar smell in the A/C, something like carbide. 15 minutes later when this A/C was approximately at 5,000 ft, 2 P.P. flares blew up suddenly, filling the A/C with heavy thick smoke. The crew immediately used the fire extinguishers. Luckily the photo flash did not go off. The fire was brought under control and it was decided to jettison the bomb load. This was done at 23.37 hrs at 3540 N. 1015 E. It is not believed that the A/C sustained any serious damage but this was quite a "shaky do" specially after what had happened here the week before. Good crew co-operation, self control on the part of all unquestionably saved this A/C and perhaps the lives of all the crew.	
1/2nd JULY. <i>day</i>	WELLINGTON X "D" NF.794	(CAPT) P/O KELLY, R.L. (NAV) SGT LIVINGSTON, J.R.O. (B/A) SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. (WO/P) SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. (A/G) SGT CAMERON, R.K.H.	DO.	00.05	01.54	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs developed engine trouble soon after take-off as the port engine started overheating. It was decided to return to base so bombs were jettisoned at safe position 3646 N. 1112 E. from 7,500 ft. This A/C landed safely at base.	
1/2nd JULY. <i>day</i>	WELLINGTON X "F" NF.795	(CAPT) P/O COEDENHAY, L.B. (NAV) P/O PARKER, F.L. (B/A) P/S WARRATH, C.A. (WO/P) P/O SHEARER, H.M. (A/G) SGT SMITH, G.A. (2nd Plt) P/O SHERLOCK, A.A.	DO	23.05	04.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs could not find the primary target after looking around 54 minutes so decided to bomb alternative which they did at 0220 hrs at 8,000 ft. Visibility very poor. Flares did not go off. The alternative target was identified by the coast. Some light flak in primary target area. An enemy A/C was seen at 0204 hrs 3810 N 1405 E. heading West at 10,000 ft. No attack was made. Our bombs were dropped on the neck of the cape position 3812 N. 1514 E. Not a very successful trip.	
1/2nd JULY. <i>day</i>	WELLINGTON X "O" NF.967	(CAPT) P/S BOWSER, S.G. (NAV) SGT HALLAM, T.A. (B/A) SGT DIXON, E.G. (WO/P) SGT DANIELS, P.G. (A/G) SGT SHOUBERT, H.G.	DO	00.37	-	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bomb took off at 00.37 hrs. Unfortunately nothing has been heard of them since.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 341.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

SECRET

PAGE NO. TWO

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945

(Note: Wellington Super class T.A. 200)

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "B" ME.515	(CAPT) W/O NICOLLE, S.J. (NAV) P/O GARDNER, E.H. (B/A) SGT. MCANDREWS, T.F.D. (W/O) SGT. BERNARD, I.J. (A/G) P/O DIMMICK, W.	BOMBING PACALA.	19.04	01.20	This aircraft carrying 1 x 4,000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.20 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility was good and flares very well placed. The 4000 lb bomb was seen to burst in the centre of the town and other bursts were seen in the repair shops. One gun South of the town shooting up light flak 9/10,000 ft. No S/L. Very good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "J" ME.477	(CAPT) SGT. WILTON, H.W. (NAV) SGT. MOORE, E.W. (B/A) SGT. WATT, L.E. (W/O) SGT. MEYER, W.W. (A/G) SGT. MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	19.15	01.10	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility good and flares very effective. The Rear Gunner saw bombs burst across the repair shops. One light flak gun sending tracer up 9/10,000 ft. No S/L. Good trip. A convey of 12 ships was seen off Cape Horn. Another convey of 6 ships was seen at sea later on. Two hospital ships were also seen.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "D" ME.794	(CAPT) SGT. FOWLER, B.S. (NAV) SGT. ZUSSMAN, J. (B/A) SGT. BUCKLAND, G.A. (W/O) SGT. FLOWER, H. (A/G) SGT. BETHURIDGE, E.E.	DO.	19.08	01.44	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs, arrived over the target at 22.11 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility was good and flares effective. Bombs were dropped and burst seen in marshalling yards and repair shops. No flak or S/L. Very good and successful trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "R" ME.585	(CAPT) P/O FORBES, L.W. (NAV) P/O WOOD, G. (B/A) SGT. DUNCAN, M.M. (W/O) SGT. MARTIN, H.A. (A/G) P/O MACGILLIVRAY, J.D.	DO.	18.53	00.40	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Visibility fair, but flares very good. Bombs hit aiming point. One 4,000 lb bomb was seen to drop in the marshalling yards. Other bombs were also seen to hit the aiming point. Two guns shooting heavy flak 6/7,000 ft. No S/L. Very good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "V" ME.296	(CAPT) P/O WILSON, L.G. (NAV) SGT. DAVIS, J.R. (B/A) SGT. CUMMINGHAM, W.J. (W/O) SGT. BURGELL, W.A. (A/G) SGT. WATSON, W.H. (2nd Plt) P/S WEBB, A.B.	DO.	18.50	00.50	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Fair visibility, but flares were excellent. Bombs were seen to burst on buildings and on marshalling yards. One fairly big fire was seen burning on the coast near the target. No flak or S/L. Good successful trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "G" ME.477	(CAPT) S/L ALLISON, W.E. DEE. (NAV) P/S HENDERSON, D.H. (B/A) P/O IRVINE, A.J. (W/O) SGT. FILLARDON, B.E. (A/G) P/L MCGRAE, J.S.	DO.	19.00	20.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs had to return early owing to a faulty generator. Bombs were jettisoned safe in the Salt lake 15 miles East of Pavillier.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "L" ME.433	(CAPT) P/O LEBBY, G.E. (NAV) P/O MOCHGORE, W.K. (B/A) SGT. MICKELMAN, R. (W/O) SGT. KELLNER, J.A. (A/G) SGT. RUDE, A. (2nd Plt) SGT. VORBERGON, W.S.	DO.	19.15	23.45	This A/C carrying 1 x 4,000 lb bomb had to return when a short distance from the target, owing to the explosion of the accumulator. The bomb was jettisoned at 2130 hrs and exploded.	

www.bombercommand.com



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "Q" HE.968	(CAPT) P/O DUFFIELD, G.W. (NAV) SGT KIRK, F.P. (B/A) SGT WATSON, A.N. (W/CP) SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. (A/G) P/O PADDOCK, G.W. (2nd Plt) P/L METTLER, H.W.	BOMBING PACIA.	18.55	00.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 9,000 ft. Good visibility and perfect flare illumination. Bombs were seen to drop on aiming point. As this A/C left, 3 x 4,000 lb bombs were seen to burst on the target. No flak and no S/L. Very good and successful trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "X" IN.443	(CAPT) P/O GROSS, A.C. (NAV) P/S AGHOS, J.E. (B/A) SGT GILBERT, G.W. (W/CP) SGT DOBE, G. (A/G) P/O GALLOWAY, D.B. (2nd Plt) SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO	18.50	00.35	This A/C carrying 1 x 4,000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 9,000 ft. Visibility was good and flares were very effective. Bombs were seen to drop near shops. One heavy flak gun was operating near the station. No S/L. Good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "F" HE.795	(CAPT) P/O COFFINHAVER, L.B. (NAV) P/O PARKER, F.L. (B/A) P/S WALRATH, C.A. (W/CP) P/O SHERRER, H.M. (A/G) SGT SMITH, G.A. (2nd Plt) P/O SHERLOCK, A.A.	DO.	19.05	00.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs flying at 7,500 feet. Visibility was good and flares were very well dropped. Bombed across marshalling yards and bomb flashes were seen in the T/A. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "S" IN.423	(CAPT) SGT DINGLAKY, W. (NAV) SGT MCFARLANE, U.I. (B/A) SGT SOLARIS, G.H. (W/CP) P/O FORRESTER, T.R. (A/G) SGT SKINNER, F.	DO	19.00	01.00	This A/C carrying 1 x 4,000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility fair and flares very effective. Bomb was seen to drop near the repair shops. Other bomb burst were seen. No flak or S/L. Very good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON "N" HE.540	(CAPT) SGT PARKER, D.P.G. (NAV) P/O BROOK, A.E. (B/A) P/O HACKITT, D. (W/CP) SGT MURKIN, T. (A/G) SGT ANDERSON, M.G. (2nd Plt) P/O SHERLOCK, E.A.	DO	18.51	01.10	The A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 6,600 ft. Visibility fair but flares very well placed. Bombs were seen to drop across aiming point. No flak or S/L. very good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "T" HE.510	(CAPT) P/O LAURO, J. (NAV) SGT CASANO, A.L. (B/A) SGT MERRILL, D.J. (W/CP) SGT WILMER, H.A. (A/G) SGT KELLY, J.F.	DO.	18.40	01.20	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.19 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Good visibility and flares perfect. Two bombs were clearly seen to fall on R.R. others were also seen to burst on the aiming point. Two guns were firing some heavy flak. No S/L. Quite a bit of smoke over the target as this A/C left. A convoy was seen on the way out. Good trip.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON "K" HE.	(CAPT) P/O RAIN, G.G. (NAV) SGT BROWN, E.H. (B/A) P/O WILSON, A.H. (W/CP) SGT MILLER, J. (A/G) SGT BLAIR, W.D.	DO.	19.00	00.58	This A/C carrying 3x illumination flares arrived over the target at 22.11 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility very good and town easy to identify. Flares were dropped slightly N.E. of target. Several bomb burst were seen in the target area. Negligable flak. No S/L. Should be a successful raid.	
3/4th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON "H" MS.476	(CAPT) P/L ALLES, C.F. (NAV) P/O LEITCH, A.K. (B/A) SGT BUSH, P.H. (W/CP) SGT MURPHY, D.H. (A/G) SGT ARBOLD, R.L. (2nd Plt) SGT MACLEOD, J.S.	DO.	19.00	01.40	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.22 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Fair visibility and flares very effective. Bombs were dropped on the aiming point and one 4,000 lb bomb was seen to burst right on the target. Quite a lot of smoke over the target. Some light flak from the town. No S/L. A successful trip.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541, 162

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

SECRET

PAGE NO. THREE.

(Note: Wt. 5000-55 60000 lbs. T.S. 700)

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
4/5th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.296	(CAPT) P/O 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. (2nd Flt)	BOMBING MESSINA.	19.31	00.28	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs. Very good visibility and flares very accurate. The bombs were seen to straddle the marshalling yards area. 1 x 4000 pounder seen to burst west of the dock area. Slight to moderate heavy flak to 10000 ft. Light flak from ships in the harbour. Both inaccurate and working with S/L. A very successful trip. On the way out a terrific explosion was seen in an area NW of Mt. Stna.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	(CAPT) S/L ALLESON, W.R. RMC. (NAV) F/S HENDERSON, D.R. (B/A) F/O IRVING, A.J. (W/OP) SGT FINDLAYSON, S.E. (A/G) F/L MCCRAB, J.S. (2nd Flt)	DO.	19.40	00.40	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb and 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 2203 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility was good and flares had been dropped. The R/C stated that he saw several sticks burst across railway and docks, and also saw 1 x 4000 pounder burst just S. & W. of the docks. Moderate heavy flak but inaccurate, from N. of the town. 20 to 25 S/L were operating to the west of the town. One burning fire was also noticed. A successful raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	(CAPT) F/O DUFFIELD, G.W. (NAV) SGT EYRE, P.F. (B/A) SGT WATSON, A.N. (W/OP) SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. (A/G) F/O PADDOCK, C.W.	DO.	19.30	20.10	This A/C developed engine trouble soon after take-off. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 1950 hrs in Salt Lake.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.441	(CAPT) F/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. (NAV) SGT FRACKSON, W.T.F. (B/A) F/O COULTS, G.L. (W/OP) SGT MAITMAN, L.N. (AB) SGT VIAN, R.G.	DO.	19.32	21.50	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb had its rear turret unserviceable and had to jettison the bomb safe at sea, position 34.16N 115.1E at 20.34 hrs. Bomb exploded.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.794	(CAPT) SGT FOWLER, B.S. (NAV) SGT ZUSSMAN, J. (B/A) SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. (W/OP) SGT FLOWER, N. (A/G) SGT RENTERIDGE, E.E.	DO.	19.22	23.30	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 plus 5 x 500 lb bombs reached Cape Sau Vita and turned back as it was believed that there was a general recall, as a signal was received and apparently was not interpreted correctly. Besides this there was some engine trouble. Bombs jettisoned, this crew will be paraded before the G.O. to-day to clarify this situation.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.535	(CAPT) F/O FORBES, L.W. (NAV) F/O WOOD, G. (B/A) SGT DUNCAN, M.M. (W/OP) SGT MARTIN, H.A. (A/G) F/O MACGILLIVRAY, J.D. (2nd Flt) F/S Webb, A.S.	DO.	19.25	00.40	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Visibility was very good and flares were dropped at the proper place. The marshalling yards were bombed and bombs bursts were seen in the R.M. JUNCTION. Large fires were seen in the town. Slight scattered, inaccurate heavy flak. 30 S/L working in cases, were also seen. Ineffective. A smy fire was noticed. A successful trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
4/5th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	(CAPT) SGT MCINTYRE, R.J. (NAV) SGT MCMILLAN, C.G. (B/A) SGT HAMILTON, N.R. (W/OF) SGT WILSON, A.H. (A/C) SGT FRASER, G.S.	BOMBING MESSINA.	19.33	01.00	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 13,000 feet. Good visibility and flares right on the spot. Our bombs seen to straddle causeway to S at locks at R.R. junction. A 4000 pounder was also seen to burst on the causeway near the locks. Slight scattered inaccurate heavy flak. Light flak from the town 5/10,000 ft. A few S/L were noticed N of the town. Several large explosions were seen as this A/C left. A good trip.	
4/5th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	(CAPT) SGT KIVINDSON, E.T. (NAV) SGT THALER, J.D. (B/A) SGT HERRIBROCKE, L.B. (W/OF) SGT DRACON, L.R. (A/C) SGT HANNA, W.T.	DO.	19.40	01.05	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Good visibility and flares well placed. This crew bombed an oil storage on the neck of land and flames were seen shooting from it after bombs struck. Very little heavy and light flak. Some S/L. 2 cones N.W. of the town. Should be a successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	(CAPT) F/L BROWN, L.N. (NAV) F/O BARR, L.M. (B.A) F/S DUNBAR, W.N. (W/OF) F/O LEVY, S. (A/C) F/O THOMSON, F.A. (2nd Flt) F/O SHERLOCK, E.T.	DO.	19.25	00.25	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility fair and flares very accurate. Own bombs seen to burst on marshalling yards and several other bombs including a 4000 pounder were seen to explode in the same neighbourhood. Very accurate bombing. Little heavy and some light inaccurate flak. Numerous but not effective S/L operating in cones. A most successful effort.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X HE.492 "W"	(CAPT) W/O G.A. ROY, DEC. (NAV) F/O MCALLISTER, J.B. (B/A) SGT ROSE, W.B. (W/OF) F/O COOK, H.R. (A/C) SGT MARTIN, E.J. (2nd Flt) F/L MEYER, H.W.	DO.	19.20	00.30	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs. Visibility was good and flares were dropped right on the target and soon to illuminate docks and ships. One 4000 pounder was seen to burst in the middle of the town. Heavy accurate flak from S of the town. This A/C was held in several places. A fair amount of S/L were seen on the way to the target. Good effort.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.476	(CAPT) F/O BALN, G.C. (NAV) SGT BROWN, E.H. (B/A) SGT WILSON, A.H. (W/OF) SGT MILLER, J. (A/C) SGT BLAIR, W.D. (2nd Flt) SGT MACLEOD, J.S.	DO.	19.37	00.47	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs, arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Visibility was good and flares very effective. Bombs were seen to hit the marshalling yards. Little heavy flak and some inaccurate S/L were operations. A very good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON "J" HE.477	P. SGT WHITE, R.C. NAV. F/O BARR, C.F. B/L F/O MOORE, A.W. W/OF. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/C. SGT REED, L.A. 2nd Flt. F/O SHERLOCK, A.A.	DO.	19.40	01.00	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs flying 10,300 ft. Visibility very good, flares very helpful. Bombs seen to burst just on edge of the southern part of town. One 4000 pounder seen to burst dead on ships. Light and heavy scattered flak. Several S/L seen in N part of the town. Good effort.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.515	Flt. SGT WILSON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, L.W. B/A. SGT. WATTS, L.R. W/OF. SGT. MEYER, W.M. A/C. SGT. MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	19.35	00.50	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived on the target at 22.01 hrs flying 12,000 ft. Visibility good and flares very effective. Own bomb burst seen in marshalling yards. Other bursts were also seen in the bombing area. Heavy inaccurate flak from N of the town. Several singly operating S/L were seen, ineffective. Good successful trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

R.A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.**

**SECRET**

PAGE NO. **FOUR**

(7472) Wk. 242201650. 1800L. 8/40. P.I. 51-7751.

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST**, 19**43**.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME Up	DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
5/6th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	P/O OFFERHAVER, L.B. NAV. P/O PARSON, P.L. B/L. W/S WATKINS, C.A. W/CP. P/O SHAWER, W.L. A/G. SGT SMITH, C.A.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	21.40	03.00	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target area at 00.30 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility hazy. A large number of flares were seen in the target area but no large ones. Ground details were identified and bombs were dropped at a point 5 miles from Cape Pelara. Heavy scattered but inaccurate flak was experienced north of Messina. A few scattered S/L were seen. A stick of bombs were seen to explode at Messina.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P/O LEMLEY, G.B. NAV. SGT COLLIS, R.A. B/L. SGT MICKELSON, R. W/CP. SGT KELLY, J.A. A/G. SGT RUND, A.	DO	21.55	03.16	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.43 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility fair but hazy. Flares were noted. Bombs were dropped two miles S.W. of Cape Pelara. As this aircraft was leaving the aiming point a large number of bombs were seen bursting. Scattered inaccurate flak from Messina. 5 S/L were also seen N of the same place. On turning a very large fire was seen at Messina. Should be a good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, R.H. B/L. SGT MCANDREWS, T.F.R. W/CP. SGT BERDAHL, I.J. A/G. P/O DIMITON, W.	DO.	21.59	03.35	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.53 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Weather hazy. Identified cape in the reflections of the water. Bombed 5 miles from the tip. Heavy scattered flak from San Goovand. Several accurate S/L operating in cones of 2/3. Difficult to assess results of raid due to visibility. A very large fire seen S of Cape Vaticano and 2 small fires W of Messina.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	W/O ROY, G.A. DEC. NAV. P/O MCALLISTER, J.B. B/L. SGT ROSE, W.D. W/CP. P/O COCK, H.R. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	21.40	03.45	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs could not identify definitely the target. Only one flare worked and the two remaining flares did not work. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> This crew searched for the target from 00.30 hrs to 01.00 hrs. Poor visibility and very hazy. Bombs were jettisoned near the Italian coast safe. Cape Vaticano, 2 1/2 miles south. Very poor trip.	
DO	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	SGT DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCPARLANE, C.I. B/L. SGT SOLARS, C.H. W/CP. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. SGT SKINNER, F.	DO	22.10	03.50	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived at what is believed to be the Messina beaches at 01.05 hrs flying at 8,500 ft. Visibility very poor and hazy, and the cape was identified by the defences. Bombs were dropped 3 miles N of Messina. Gase scattered but accurate heavy flak. Effective S/L were also operating. Could not estimate results. Several fires were seen.	
DO	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	P/L BROWN, L.H. NAV. P/O BARR, L.M. B/L. P/S DRUMMOND, W.N. W/CP. P/O LEVY, S. A/G. P/O THOMSON, F.A.	DO.	22.12	03.59	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs arrived over what is believed to be the Messina beaches at 0018 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Poor visibility hazy. Bombed 2/3 miles South of the tip. A few S/L and some inaccurate flak was experienced. Poor trip. Very difficult to assess.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
5/6th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	PLT. P/O AMES, C.E. NAV. P/O LINTON, A.K. B/A. SGT BUSS, F.H. W/OP. SGT MONIEL, D.H. A/G. SGT ARNOLD, R.L. 2nd B/A. P/L MEDWIN.	BOMBING MESSINA BRACHES.	21.42	01.02	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs plus 16 x 40 lb arrived over the target area at 0115 hrs flying at 5,000 ft. Very poor visibility. Little or no activity in the target area. Cape Pelera was identified and bombing made 3/4 miles S of cape. Defenses negligible. A large fire was seen at San Giovanni.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.296	PLT. P/O GROUT, A.C. NAV. P/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. SGT GILBERT, C.W. W/OP. SGT DONE, G. A/G. P/O GALLOWAY, D.B.	DO.	22.00	04.10	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target area at 0154 hrs. Poor visibility. Flares did not burn long enough to help identify the target. No flak. No S/L. Jettisoned bombs safe off Cape Vaticano. Fear trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.515	PLT. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASARES, A.R. B/A. SGT MONTGOMERY, D.J. W/OP. SGT WILMER, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F.	DO.	22.07	04.20	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0154 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very poor visibility. Flares identified coast line of Messina. Two flares did not work. Bombs were bombed although there was nothing visible. Some light inaccurate flak. A few scattered S/L were operating. Naval units were seen firing their guns towards the mainland.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	PLT. P/O DUFFIELD, C.W. NAV. SGT EYRE, P.F. B/A. SGT WATSON, A.N. W/OP. SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. A/G. P/O PARDOCK, C.W.	DO.	22.25	05.00	This A/C carrying 18 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target locality at 0130 hrs. Low cloud, poor visibility and haze. It was very difficult to see the coast. Only one flare operated properly. Searched over the target for 50 minutes. Bombs were jettisoned 10 miles N of Panarea Island safe. No flak or S/L. Fear trip.	
6/7th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "L" EL.433	PLT. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O GREER, M.G. B/A. SGT MOORE, M.W. W/OP. SGT PLAMMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHEVING, A.K.	BOMBING NAPLES.	18.55	01.42	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 10,500 ft. Weather hazy but target identified by flares. One bomb was seen to drop in marshalling yards and other bursts were also seen in the target area. Light and heavy flak was experienced and several S/L were also noticed. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.296	PLT. P/O WILSON, L.G. NAV. SGT DAVIS, J.H. B/A. SGT CUNNINGHAM, W.J. W/OP. SGT BURNELL, W.A. A/G. SGT WATSON, W.H.	DO.	18.53	00.55	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 22.01 hrs flying at 11,000 ft. The aiming point was identified by D.R. run from Mt. Vesuvius. Patches of cloud near the target but fairly clear over the latter. It is believed that flares were dropped on and near the aiming point. Heavy accurate flak from the town and moderate light flak, with green tracers were co-operating with S/L. Flares were seen burning N of Mt. Vesuvius between 9/10,000 ft. Should be good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "P" HE.795	PLT. SGT FOWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT BUSHMAN, J. B/A. SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/OP. SGT FLOWER, N. A/G. SGT BEYMERIDGE, E.E.	DO.	19.00	01.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs flying at 13,000 ft. Visibility was fair although hazy. Flares were very effective. Bombs were dropped in R.R. Junction. Some inaccurate heavy and light flak was shot up from the target area. Several S/L were operating. Several fires were noticed. Should be a good raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. SGT MONTGOMERY, R.J. NAV. SGT HAMILTON, C.C. B/A. SGT HAMILTON, H.R. W/OP. SGT WILSON, H. A/G. SGT PEARCE, G.S.	DO.	18.56	00.46	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Visibility fair but flares quite effective. Bombs were seen to drop in R.R. yards. Some heavy flak and inaccurate light flak working with S/L operating from the town. Successful trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

R.A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

SECRET

PAGE No. FIVE.

BY NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943.

(7472) VOL. 242701480. 1800. 8/40. P.1. 51-7781.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
6/7th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	PLT. S/L ALLISON, W.E. DEC. NAV. P/S. HENDERSON, D.R. B/A. P/O IRVINE, A.J. W/CP. SGT PILLAYSON, S.E. A/G. P/L MCCRAE, J.S.	BOMBING NAPLES.	19.00	00.35	This A/C arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 11,000 ft. Visibility fair but flares were quite effective. Bombs were dropped between the marshalling yards and docks. Numerous bomb bursts seen on the target. Moderate to heavy A.A. fire. Scattered but accurate coming up from the docks and town. A few ineffective S/L were also operating. Four destroyers escorting 6 ships were seen at 30.15N 11.30E. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	PLT. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, C.F. B/A. P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, K.A. 2nd PLT. SGT KELLY, D.	DO.	19.01	00.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs flying at 9,000 ft. Weather hazy but flares effective. Own bombs not seen to burst but several others were noticed. Very heavy accurate flak over the target. The most yet encountered. Concentrated heavy flak from the town and heavy light flak from the docks. Many S/L working in the town. One A/C seen to be canon and blown up at 22.09 hrs at 9,000 ft over the target. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	PLT. P/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MOONEY, H.C. W/CP. SGT MAHON, J.H. A/G. P/S HAMES, A.J.	DO.	18.48	01.01	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 12,500 ft. Visibility fair but flares very helpful. Bombs were seen to fall on the marshalling yards and five other bursts seen in East of the docks. Considerable heavy flak from NW of the town. Some scattered flak in the town. S/L were seen operating in the town. A successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" LN.411	PLT. P/L MESTLER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNEH, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, P.F.F. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	18.46	01.06	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Weather hazy but flares quite effective. Own bombs and a number of others seen to explode on marshalling yards. Quite a lot of smoke in target area, but did not appear to be a smoke screen. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak in dock area and some light flak over the town. Concentration of S/L over NW of town and docks. A few small holes near the mid gun section. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X HE 492 "W"	PLT. P/O DUGAS, B.R. NAV. P/L MURPHY, K.C. DEC. B/A. P/O SPENNER, M.J. W/CP. P/O COCK, J.R. A/G. P/S MOORE, J.H.	DO.	18.45	00.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs flying at 11,500 ft. Visibility clear over the target but flares very helpful. Bombs were seen to drop diagonally on the marshalling yards and several other bursts were seen. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak and some light flak with red tracers was experienced. Mainly shot up from the docks. 40/50 effective S/L were operating E. & W. of the town and in the dock area. Successful raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	PLT. P/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. P/O CROSWELL, T.H. B/A. P/O RAIKE, S.W. W/CP. SGT MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RIPLEY, G.M.	DO.	18.50	00.25	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility fair but flares accurate. Own bomb hit just S of marshalling yards. Heavy flak moderate and some light inaccurate flak up to 9,000 ft. S/L not effective. This crew had to make an emergency landing at Cape Ben. Port oil main damaged. Crew unhurt. Good trip.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
6/7th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	PLT. P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.R.C. NAPLES. B/A. SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP. SGT O'CONNOR, R.M. A/G. SGT CAMERON, R.E.H. 2nd PLE. SGT VORNBROOK.	BOMBING	18.55	00.10	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.01 hrs flying 10,000 ft. Some haze over the target but flares very helpful. Bombs burst were seen on R.R. lines. Very little heavy flak. Some light inaccurate flak up to 10,000 ft from marshalling yards. 30/40 S/L were operating in cones in the target area. Very good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	PLT. P/O PARKER, D.F.G. NAV. P/O BROOK, A.H. B/A. P/O HACKETT, P. W/CP. SGT McDONALD, N.D. A/G. SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	DO.	18.45	00.28	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility clear over the target and flares very helpful. Bombs fell on the junctions of the R.R. tracks, and it is believed that fires were started by bombs. Scattered inaccurate heavy flak and some light flak up to 11,000 ft. Red tracers, 25 S/L were operating E. & W. of the docks. Not very effective. On the way out about one dozen ships in convoy with one destroyer. Position 3820 N 1250 E heading west. Good trip.	
7/8th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	PLT. P/L AMIES, C.F. NAV. P/O LEITCH, A.K. B/A. SGT BURS, F.H. W/CP. SGT MCHIEL, D.H. A/G. SGT ARNOLD, R.L.	BOMBING CAPE BARDI	18.45	00.20	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.38 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Visibility fair but low stratus at 3,000 ft. Nothing was seen on the beaches. Bombs were dropped south of BARDI and on the beaches and road. No flak or S/L. A burning fire was seen inland near Cape Pelera. Difficult to assess this trip as nothing was seen.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "I" HE.515	PLT. P/O DUGAS, B.R. NAV. P/L MURPHY, K.C. DFC. B/A. P/O SPENCER, M.J. W/CP. P/O COOK, H.R. A/G. P/S MOORE, J.R.	DO.	19.20	00.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the railing and road beside the beach. No flak or S/L. One burning fire seen inland SE 5/8th miles from cape Vaticane. Some flak from Messina. One 40 lb bomb hung up and was brought back. Poor trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	PLT. P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.R.C. B/A. SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP. SGT O'CONNOR, R.M. A/G. SGT CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	19.25	01.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.21 hrs flying at 5,500 ft. The weather was cloudy over the target. Flares were good and bombs were dropped near the river at PALMI. Bomb bursts were seen on the beach. No flak or S/L. Could not see any results. Disappointing raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	PLT. P/L BETZLER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, P.F.F. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	19.45	01.10	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.35 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility poor but flares quite effective. The river mouth was seen at PALMI and bombs released at this point. Bomb bursts were seen. Nothing seen on the beaches. No flak or S/L. A tiny fire was seen at Resarne. Disappointing trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.503	PLT. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP. SGT SMITH, T.J. A/G. P/O MCGILLIVRAY, J.D.	DO.	19.45	01.15	This A/C carrying 12 H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 22.38 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Poor visibility but flares effective. Bombed on CAPE BARDI and bomb bursts were noticed. A few fires were also seen burning. No flak or S/L. Nothing could be seen on the beaches. Poor trip.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.**

**SECRET**

PAGE NO. **SIX.**

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST** 19**43**

(Notes: Wt. 220-25 00,000 lbs T.O. 700)

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
7/8th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	PLT. P/O COFFINGHAM, L.B. NAV. P/O PARKER, F.L. B/L. P/S WALRATH, C.A. W/OP. P/O SHERAR, H.M. A/G. SGT SMITH, G.A.	BOMBING CAPE BARDI.	19.50	00.05	This A/C carrying high explosive bombs arrived on the target at 21.32 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility good with scattered low clouds. No particular target seen. Beaches empty, no bombed N of Cape. Bomb burst seen. No flak or S/L. Poor trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	PLT. P/S WILSON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/L. SGT CAMERON, F.F. W/OP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	19.21	00.50	This A/C carrying H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 22.03 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility but low patches of cloud. Bombed road S of the Cape at the junction as no target was seen at the beaches. No flak or S/L. Lots of ships seen and barges around Idigari Island. Poor trip.	
7/8th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	PLT. P/S PARKER, D.F.C. NAV. P/O BROO, A.E. B/L. P/O HACKETT, D. W/OP. SGT MACDONALD, N.D. A/G. SGT ANDERSON, M.C.	DO.	19.51	01.08	This A/C carrying HE bombs arrived over the target at 22.24 hrs flying at 5,000 ft. Good visibility and low clouds. Bombed Gidea S of Cape. Light flak but no S/L. Fire seen at CAPE BARDI. Nothing seen on beaches. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.796	PLT. P/O WILSON, L.G. NAV. SGT DAVIS, J.R. B/L. SGT CUNNINGHAM, W.J. W/OP. SGT BURNELL, W.A. A/G. SGT WATSON, W.E.	DO.	19.48	01.18	This A/C carrying H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 22.35 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility. Nothing could be seen on beaches. Bombed Gidea R.R. Bridge and bursts seen on town. No flak, or S/L. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	PLT. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, R.E. B/L. SGT MCANDREWS, T.P.B. W/OP. SGT BREIDAH, I.J. A/G. P/O DINGDOK, W. 2nd Plt. SGT KELLY, D.	DO.	18.50	00.28	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 2138 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility fair, but cloudy South of CAPE BARDI. Bombs were dropped on the beaches N of the CAPE. Bomb bursts seen in the target area. No flak or S/L on the aiming point. Plenty of activity noticed at Messina. Difficult to assess.	
8/9th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "C" HP.479	PLT. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORIO, A.E. B/L. SGT MONTES, D.J. W/OP. SGT WILMER, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	23.35	04.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 lb S.B.C. arrived at the target area at 02.25 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Poor visibility on the way over but clear over the target with 3/10 cloud. CAPE PELORA was identified and bombs were dropped on the beaches at PARALISO. No flak or S/L. No activity whatsoever on the beaches. A burning fire was seen on the Italian coast across from CAPE PELORA. Several warships were seen N of the latter place. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	PLT. P/S EYVINDSON, R.T. NAV. SGT THALER, J.D. B/L. SGT MORRIBROOKE, L.B. W/OP. SGT DEACON, L.R. A/G. SGT HANNA, W.T.	DO.	00.11	02.03	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs did not reach the target area, as the generator became unserviceable. Bombs were jettisoned at sea.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.477	PLT. P/O LEWY, G.B. NAV. P/O MCGREGOR, W.K. W/OP. SGT SMITH, T.J. B/L. SGT MICKHAM, R. A/G. SGT RUD, A. 2nd Plt. SGT YORNBROOK, W.S.	DO.	23.53	05.25	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 500 lb; arrived over the target at 02.43 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility over the target. Beaches were bombed at S. ASTRA. Nothing could be seen on the beaches except NUMEROUS CRATES. No flak or S/L on the target. Two of the latter and some flak were seen on the way out. Unsatisfactory trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
8/9th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "D" HE.794	PLT. SGT FOWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT ZUSSMAN, J. B/A. SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/CP. SGT FLOWER, N. A/G. SGT BETTERIDGE, E.E.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	06.07	05.50	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs could not identify the target due to cloud. No flak was experienced or S/L seen during this trip. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 0530 hrs position 38.32 N 14.08 E. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "W" HE.492	PLT. P/O GHOUT, A.C. NAV. P/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. SGT GILBERT, C.W. W/CP. SGT DORE, G. A/G. P/O GALLOWAY, D.B.	DO.	23.55	05.50	This A/C carrying 6 SBO x 40 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs could not identify beaches due to cloud thickness. Very poor visibility. Bombs were jettisoned at sea N. of CAPE PELORA. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "K" HE.974	PLT. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O GREEN, M.G. B/A. SGT MERAE, M.W. W/CP. SGT PLAMMER, S.O. A/G. SGT SCHEVING, A.K.	DO.	00.20	06.20	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 01.35 hrs. Visibility was bad with 6/10 cloud up to 8,000 ft and quite hazy. The target area was identified in flares and bombs dropped on beaches at S. AJARA, although nothing appeared to be moving on the beaches. Some heavy inaccurate flak at the former point, 6 guns and a few S/L were operating just N of the town. Some flak was shot up from SAN GIOVANNI. A large fire was also seen at CAPE PAUL. Numerous flashes were noticed at sea, S. of MARITIMO. May have been a naval engagement. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "J" MS.477	PLT. P/O WHITE, R.G. NAV. P/O JAMES, G.F. B/L P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, K.A.	DO.	00.11	05.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.56 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Broken cloud between 5,000 ft and hazy. Little activity could be seen. Bombs were dropped on beaches N of PAGE. No flak and only one S/L was seen. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "N" HE.540	PLT. P/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. P/O GROSSWILL, T.E. B/L P/O RALKE, S.W. W/CP. SGT MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RAFFIN, C.M.	DO.	23.40	05.30	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 SBO plus 2 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.45 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility poor with patches of cloud over the beaches. Identification by flares. Bombs were dropped just N of MESSINA. No flak but 2 S/L seen N of the town. No action seen on the beaches. Poor trip. Lighted Hospital Ship sighted off CAPE PAUL.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "T" HE.515	PLT. P/O LANGRISH, J.H.L. NAV. SGT PRADOCK, W.T.P. B/A. P/O COUTTS, G.L. W/CP. SGT MALLMAN, L.A. A/G. SGT VIAN, R.G.	DO.	23.38	05.48	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 lb SBO plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.56 hrs. 7/10 cloud but visibility good over the target. Beaches were clearly seen and bombs were dropped at GANZERRI near CAPE PELORA. No flak. 1 Blue S/L and 2 white ones were seen 6 miles N of CAPE PELORA. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "Q" HE.968	PLT. P/O WEBB, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MOONEY, H.C. W/CP. SGT MARX, J.H. A/G. P/O HAMES, A.J.	DO.	00.01	06.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 lb SBO plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 03.18 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Scattered cloud but clear over the beaches. No activity seen on the beaches at PAGE. No flak but 7 S/L were seen at CAPE PELORA. One Seafighter A/C seen flying at 6,000 ft on return trip. Unsatisfactory trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

R.A.F.  
FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

BY NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

SECRET

PAGE NO. SEVEN.

(747) W.D. 2422/1630. 1806. R.40. P.1. 51-771.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
9/10th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "B" HR.583	PLT. P/O FORRES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	20.35	01.50	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.18 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility was cloudy. Bombs were dropped on beaches S of the lake. Several small fires were seen. Heavy accurate flak was shot up from the CAPE. Apparently 3 guns were operating. A few ineffective S/L were also noticed. A fair trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HR.477	PLT. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. SGT MCANDREWS, T.F.B. W/CP. SGT BERDAHL, I.J. A/G. P/O DIMICK, W.	DO.	20.05	05.30	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 lb SBO plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.47 hrs flying at 2,500 ft. Visibility poor and cloudy. Flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at S. AGATA. Burst were noticed. Nothing could be seen on the beaches. No defences on the latter but heavy flak was sustained from CAPE PELORA. No S/L or enemy A/C were seen. One H of CAPE PELORA heading N at 4,000 ft. Another was seen heading 330° over STRAITS at about 5,000 ft. No attack in either case.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HR.974	PLT. SGT MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT COLLIS, R.A. B/A. SGT WATT, L.R.A. W/CP. SGT DELALLA, J.P. A/G. SGT RENFRET, R.P.	DO.	20.21	01.49	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 SBO bombs arrived over the target at 23.11 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility poor but flares quite effective. Nothing could be seen on the beaches. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen at FACE. Heavy flak from CAPE PELORA near lakes. 8 S/L were operating from the mainland. Fairly good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HR.479	PLT. SGT DIMLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCPARLINE, G.I. B/A. SGT SOLMES, C.H. W/CP. P/O FORKESTER, T.R. A/G. SGT SKINNER, F.	DO.	20.35	01.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 01.15 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Visibility was poor but flares were effective. No activity whatsoever was noticed on the beaches. Bombs were dropped on the beach near S. AGATA. Bomb bursts were seen. Three S/L co-operating with some inaccurate light flak N of MESSINA. A very ordinary trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HR.795	PLT. P/O COOPERHAYES, L.B. NAV. P/O PARKER, P.L. B/A. P/S. WALRATH, C.A. W/CP. P/O SHERRER, H.M. A/G. SGT SMITH, G.A. 2nd Plt. SGT KELLY, D.	DO.	20.05	01.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 SBO (40) arrived over the target at 22.44 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility poor 6/10 cloud. Flares were effective and target was well seen. There seemed to be some activity at certain points. Some heavy flak from CAPE PELORA, scattered and inaccurate. Not eventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HR.968	PLT. P/O DUFFIELD, G.W. NAV. SGT EYRE, F.F. B/A. SGT WATSON, A.M. W/CP. SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. A/G. P/O FALDOCK, G.W.	DO.	20.35	01.25	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target area at 23.15 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Visibility poor but clear over beaches. Flares were effective. Bombs were dropped on the beach between 2 lakes at CAPE PELORA. One fire started after this A/C left. One S/L was noticed at CAPE PELORA. Flak negligible. A large enemy A/C was seen off CAPE PELORA. Looked like a transport plane (JU 52 or JU 90). A short burst was fired at it as it passed going east. Uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HR.540	PLT. P/S PARKER, D.F.G. NAV. P/O BROOK, A.H. B/A. P/O HACKETT, D. W/CP. SGT MACDONALD, M.D. A/G. SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	DO.	20.22	01.31	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.09 hrs flying at 5,000 ft. 6/10 cloud but flares quite helpful. Bombs were dropped on the beaches between the 2 lakes. Several bomb bursts were noticed. No flak or S/L over the target. One gun firing S of CAPE PELORA. One hospital ship seen 20 miles S of MARITTIMO. Uneventful trip.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
9/10th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I "J" MS.477	PLT. SGT WILTON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. P/O IRVINE, A.J. W/CP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	BOMBING MESSINA BRACHES.	20.10	01.20	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 GPC (40) arrived over the target at 22.53 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Low cloud 6/10th but enough holes to see the beach below. Bombs were dropped although no activity could be seen. It is believed that an enemy aircraft crashed this A/C's track at 3/4000 ft above it. Great number of large explosions were noticed S.W. towards Mt. ETNA. An interesting but uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "H" MS.476	PLT. SGT VORNBROCK, W.F. NAV. SGT FINDLATER, H.A. B/A. SGT CAMLAART, F.P. W/CP. SGT HANSON, L. A/G. SGT HUNT, L.C.	DO.	20.10	02.10	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 SBC (40) arrived over the target at 23.12 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. The target was identified with flares. 2 x 250 lb bombs were dropped on the tip of CAPE PRICORA. Several small fires were seen. No flak or S/L.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "W" HE.492	NAV. P/L METZLER, R.W. NAV. P/O DIGNBY, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, F.F.F. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	20.48	02.07	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.34 hrs flying at 6,300 ft. Poor visibility but identified target by flares. Bombs were dropped at S. AGATA. As this A/C was leaving one large fire was seen to start. Several explosions noticed at tip of lake on CAPE PRICORA.	
10/11th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON I P. "C" HE.477	P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.E.C. B/A. SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP. SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. A/G. SGT CAMERON, R.R.H.	BOMBING MESSINA BRACHES.	22.05	03.20	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC. bombs arrived over the target at 0055 hrs flying 4500 feet. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts noticed on beaches. A fire was seen to start. No flak or S/L on target but two of the latter were operating from SAN GIOVANNI and two at MESSINA. The R/C reported seeing 6 or more very large explosions near the target area. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "W" HE.492	P. P/O GROUT, A.C. NAV. P/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. SGT GILBERT, C.W. W/CP. SGT DOBE, G. A/G. P/O GALLOWAY, D.B.	DO.	22.07	03.27	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0056 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility was very good and beaches were clearly seen. No activity on the latter. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at PARALISO. No flak, one S/L seemed to be working. No enemy A/C were seen. Fired were noticed at CASTARRE. Three warships were also seen N of CAPE. Good if uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "T" HE.515	P. P/O DUGAS, B.R. NAV. P/L MURPHY, K.C. DFL. B/A. P/O SPENCER, M.J. W/CP. P/O COOK, H.R. A/G. P/S MOORE, J.H.	DO.	22.10	03.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0053 hrs flying 6500 ft. Very good weather and very clear. No activity could be seen on the beaches. Bombs were dropped on the beaches near the point at GANZISSI. No flak or S/L. Very ordinary trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON I "R" HE.583	P. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP. SGT MARTIN, E.A.	DO.	22.35	03.40	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0105 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very good visibility. No activity was noticed on the beaches. The latter were bombed. No flak but a few accurate S/L were operating from AGATA. As this A/C approached the target area, several large explosions were noticed about one mile from the coast at PACE. Good trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON**

APPENDIX

**SECRET**

R.A.F. FORM 541.  
175  
PAGE NO. **EIGHT.**

(1472) Wk. 242261450. 1000. 2400. P.I. 51-7791.

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST**, 19**45**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
10/11th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "K" NR. 974	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAVY SGT KETTEL, J.L. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.V. W/OP. SGT KIDGINGS, R.D.G. A/G. SGT BARNETT, H.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	22.26	00.09	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb. plus 6 x 40 lb SEC. bombs had generator trouble soon after take off. As this could not be corrected it was decided to turn back. Bombs were jettisoned safe at 23.07 hrs position 3617N 1052E.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" NR. 968	P. P/O DUFFIELD, G.W. NAV. SGT EYRE, F.F. B/A. SGT WATSON, A.N. W/OP. SGT SMITH, T.J. A/G. P/O PANDOCK, G.W.	DO.	21.55	02.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.37 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility. No activity seen on the beaches. Bombs were dropped and bursts noticed at S. AGATA. No flak. Two blue S/L were operating from S. GIOVANNI. Very ordinary trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" NR. 479	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORIO, A.R. B/A. SGT MCINTYRE, D.J. W/OP. SGT WILLMER, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F.	DO.	21.45	03.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs. Visibility was very good. Beaches were seen clearly but no activity was noticed. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen near AGATA. No flak or S/L. An unidentified unidentified enemy A/C was seen near USTICA. No attack. Uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" NR. 296	P. P/O PARSON, D.F.G. NAV. P/O BROOK, A.H. B/A. P/O HACKETT, D. W/OP. SGT MACDONALD, N.D. A/G. SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	DO.	21.50	03.10	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 01.36 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts noticed on the beaches at PAGE. No flak but 2 S/L were operating at PARALISO. A few scattered inaccurate burst of light flak from S. GIOVANNI. 2 large orange fires seen 1/2 mile apart near PARO (3 miles S of North shore of Cape). A large convey was noticed heading east, S of VULCANO. Uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" NR. 424	P. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O GREEN, M.G. B/A. SGT MERRIS, M.W. W/OP. SGT PLIMMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHWING, A.K.	DO.	22.40	05.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SEC bombs arrived over the target at 02.15 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Visibility poor and hazy. Spent one hour looking for the exact target. Bombs were dropped and flashes seen at CAPE PELORA. No flak or S/L on target, although some from MESSINA and 3 S/L were operating from SAN GIOVANNI.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" NR. 794	P. P/O STEVENSON, E.T. NAV. SGT THALER, J.D. B/A. SGT HORNIBROOK, L.B. W/OP. SGT DRAGON, L.R. A/G. SGT HADDA, W.T.	DO.	22.25	03.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb arrived over the target at 01.04 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. No activity seen on beaches. Bombs were dropped one mile N of PAGE. No flak or S/L over the target. Some accurate heavy flak from CAPE PELORA and from SAN GIOVANNI. 2 blue S/L were operating across straits from the latter palos. Flickering white lights were seen at sea off CAPE BON at 02.57 hrs, position 2716N 1131E.	
11/12th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "L" LN. 433	P. P/L AMES, G.P. NAVY P/O LITCH, A.K. B/A. SGT BUSS, F.H. W/OP. SGT MCNIEL, D.H. A/G. SGT ARNOLD, R.L.	BOLOGNA (NICKELS)	19.20	03.48	This A/C carrying 63 packages of Nickels arrived over the target at 23.45 hrs flying at 11,000 ft. Visibility was poor over the coast, 10/10 cloud, but fair over the target with 1/10 cloud over BOLOGNA. This A/C made a 9 mile orbit NE of the town, 11 miles away. All leaflets were dropped. A Hospital ship was seen at PIOMBINO. Some flak was shot up from ships in the GULF OF FLORENCE. A successful sortie.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
11/12th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. SGT DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCPARLANE, C.I. B/A. SGT SOMERS, C.H. W/CP. F/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. SGT SCINDLER, F.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	20.55	02.10	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 23.31 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility. Nothing was seen on the beaches. Bombs were seen to burst at PARALISO 1/2 mile inland. Several large red fires were seen at a point just S of PARALISO.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.515	P. F/O LAUBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.F. B/A. F/O OULTIS, G.L. W/CP. SGT MAILMAN, L.A. A/G. SGT VIAU, R.G.	DO.	21.07	02.57	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 23.42 hrs flying at 6,300 ft. Good visibility. No flak or S/L. Bombs were dropped at PACE. Some scattered fires were seen along the beaches. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAV. SGT KEPPEL, J.H. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.W. W/CP. SGT KIMMINGS, R.D.C. A/G. SGT BASNETT, H.	DO.	20.27	02.28	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.08 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Nothing was seen on the beaches. No flak or S/L. Bombs were dropped on AGATA. A very large fire was noticed by the largest lake near AGATA. A square fire was also seen at the CAPE. Uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.296	P. F/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. F/O GROSSELL, T.H. B/A. F/O BAILEY, S.W. W/CP. SGT MORRIS, E. A/G. SGT RAHELY, C.M.	DO.	21.10	22.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC bombs had to jettison its load safe in Salt Lake 15 miles N of KAIROUAN, owing to having its petrol flaps unlocked. Bombs jettisoned safe.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. F/O OOPENHAVER, L.B. NAV. F/O PIERCE, F.L. B/A. F/O WALKER, C.A. W/CP. F/O SHARER, H.M. A/G. SGT SMITH, G.A.	DO.	20.40	01.40	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.14 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. No activity noticed on the beaches. Bombs were dropped and bursts noticed S of PARALISO. Some scattered inaccurate flak, and some ineffective S/L operating from the latter place. A very large fire was seen S of the largest lake at the point, at 23.05 hrs. A very large explosion was seen on the ground from a point 20 miles away from the target area. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. F/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORRO, A.R. B/A. SGT MCENTER, D.J. W/CP. SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F.	DO.	20.50	02.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.27 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at tip of CAPE PELORA. One barge was seen on the beach and this A/C bombed. Negligible flak and three ineffective S/L were operating from the town at CAPE PELORA. A large fire was also noticed in the same town.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	P. F/O BAIN, G.C. NAV. SGT BROWN, E.H. B/A. F/O WILSON, A.H. W/CP. SGT MILLER, J. A/G. SGT BLAKE, W.D.	DO.	20.55	02.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb arrived over the target at 23.28 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the beach at BRAZZINI. Flak negligible. 3 S/L were noticed working horizontally over the water. A very large explosion was seen on the N shore of the CAPE at 23.17 hrs. A large fire was also seen at MESSINA, very red. May have been an explosive also.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

SECRET

PAGE NO. 111.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
16/11th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. F/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. F/O JAMES, C.F. B/A. F/O MOORE, A.W. W/OP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, A.A.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	20.47	01.57	This A/C carrying 6 x 40 SBC plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.27 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped at S. AGATA. Bomb bursts appeared to start a petrol fire on the beach. Several fires were also seen burning. Some scattered heavy flak shot up from S. GIOVANNI. Three S/L including one blue one were operating from the same place. Good trip.	
16/11th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. F/O GROUT, A.G. NAV. F/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. SGT GILBERT, C.W. W/OP. SGT DORE, G. A/G. F/O GALLOWAY, D.B.	DO.	21.05	02.19	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC bombs arrived over the target at 23.41 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility. Negligible flak. No S/L. Nothing seen on beaches. Bombs were dropped at S. AGATA and a few small fires were started. One enemy A/C seen. No attack.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HF.477	P. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. F/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. SGT MCANDREWS, T.F.D. W/OP. SGT BRIDGEMAN, I.N. A/G. F/O DILLICK, W. 2nd B/A. F/Lt. MEDWIN, A.	DO.	20.40	02.10	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.18 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs dropped on S. AGATA. Bomb burst were seen and seemed to have started explosives of a large number of flares. No flak or S/L. A very large fire was noticed North of PAGE. A good trip.	
12/15th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.512	P. F/O DUGAN, B.R. NAV. F/L MURPHY, K.C. DEY. B/A. F/O SPENCER, M.J. W/OP. F/O COOK, H.R. A/G. F/S MOORE, J.E.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	01.30	07.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 04.22 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Visibility very bad and cloudy, and found it very difficult to identify the beaches. Bombs were dropped at MESSINA. Negligible flak over the target but defences were active and operating from S. GIOVANNI. A large fire was noticed W. of CAPE MILLAZO on the shore.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. F/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. F/O GREGG, T.H. B/A. F/O RAINE, S.W. W/OP. SGT MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RAFFLES, C.M.	DO.	01.35	06.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target area at 04.25 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very poor visibility flares were quite effective and bombs were dropped at PAGE. No activity seen on beaches. Four accurate S/L were noticed W. of PARALISO. Light inaccurate flak co-operating with S/L. Uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HF.477	P. F/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. F/O SCOTAR, J.R. B/A. SGT MORAN, M.W. W/OP. SGT PLAMMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHWING, A.K.	DO.	02.04	07.07	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.29 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very poor visibility. Flares were quite good. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen on beaches. S/L were operating with ineffective A.A. guns W of PARALISO. One hospital ship seen at sea heading East 20 miles N of CAPE ORLANDO.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. F/O COENHAY, L.B. NAV. F/O PARKER, F.L. B/A. F/S WALSH, C.A. W/OP. F/O SHERMAN, H.M. A/G. SGT SMITH, G.A.	DO.	01.45	06.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.24 hrs flying at 5,500 ft. Visibility very poor but flares were quite effective. Bombs were dropped on the beaches just S of PARALISO. Flak negligible but some light inaccurate flak was hose-piped from RIZZIO. One A/C was seen come over the latter town. A large fire was noticed on CAPE SALARA. Uneventful trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
12/13th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	P. P/O BAIN, G.C. NAV. SGT BROWN, E.H. B/A. P/O WILSON, A.H. W/CP. SGT MILLER, J. A/G. SGT BLUE, W.D.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	01.50	06.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.10 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very poor visibility. The target was identified in the flares. Bombs were dropped at PARALISO. No activity could be noticed on the beaches. Moderate light inaccurate flak was operating from S. GIOVANNI and 4 S/L including one blue one were operating. One A/C was seen cased across the straits. A large fire was noticed at CAPE PAIORA.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.476	P. P/S WILLIAMS, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. P/O IRVINE, A.J. W/CP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. P/S MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	01.45	06.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.26 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility was very poor but flares were effective. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen at AJATA. No activity noticed on the beaches. Heavy flak from CAPE PELORA. No S/L. A very large fire was seen at CAPE ORLANDO.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.R.C. B/A. SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP. SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. A/G. SGT CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	01.58	07.13	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.44 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very poor visibility but flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped at PARALISO. 6 heavy flak guns were operating, inaccurate, and ineffective. S/L were also in the town. A large explosion was noticed S of MILAZZO and W of MESSINA. A few boats were seen close off shore from PARALISO.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	02.35	06.28	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC bombs arrived over the target at 04.10 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very poor visibility with 6/10 clouds, but flares were quite effective. Bombs were dropped on CAPE PELORA beaches. Some slight inaccurate heavy flak from S. GIOVANNI and a few S/L were operating from this town and also from MESSINA. A large fire was seen at sea near CAPE ORLANDO. May have been a ship.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.548	P. P/S PARKER, D.F.G. NAV. P/O BECK, A.H. B/A. P/O BACCHETTI, D. W/CP. SGT MACDONALD, N.D. A/G. SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	DO.	01.08	06.09	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 03.58 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very poor visibility with 6/10 clouds. Flares were quite effective. Bombs were dropped on GANZINI. No flak on the target but some shot up from the ITALIAN side. A few S/L were operating and light flak shot up to 7,000 ft. A large fire was noticed on the mainland W of CAPE MALLAGO. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.492	P. P/L METZLER, H.W. NAV. P/O BIGNET, R.J. B/A. P/O PAGUIN, F.F.F. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	01.17	06.37	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 04.08 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Visibility poor with 6/10 clouds. Flares very helpful. Bombs were dropped on the beach at PARALISO. No flak or S/L on the target but some scattered heavy flak and S/L were operating from SAN GIOVANNI. Dummy fire at CAPE PELORA and S of PARALISO.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.O.A.F.) SQUADRON.

SECRET

PAGE NO. 179

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943

(\*Size: Wt. 9200-55 6000 514 T.S. 700

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
12/13 AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. SGT MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT COLLIS, R.A. B/A. SGT WATT, D.R.A. W/CP. SGT DELALLA, J.F. A/G. SGT RESPECT, K.F.	BOMBING MESSINA BEACHES.	02.00	07.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.45 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very poor visibility but flares were quite accurate. No activity on the beaches. Bombs dropped on the beaches near PACE. No flak or S/L. 6 ineffective S/L were operating from AGATA and ten heavy guns from MESSINA. Flashes could be seen from the straits inshore of MESSINA. Artillery fire was also noticed S of ORLANDO to MT. STENA.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. P/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.F. B/A. P/O COUTTS, G.L. W/CP. SGT MALLMAN, L.A. A/G. SGT VIAN, R.G.	DO.	01.19	06.37	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 01.18 hrs flying at 6,300 ft. Visibility very poor but flares very good. No flak or S/L from target. Some flak and 3 S/L were operating from S GIOVANNI. It is believed that 2 barges were seen in the straits. Large fires were seen at ORLANDO. There seemed to be artillery fire S of ORLANDO.	
13/14th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.588	P. P/O FORRES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP. SGT MARTIN, E.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	BOMBING CAPE BARDI BEACHES.	23.50	04.40	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.23 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility and beaches were identified in the moonlight. Bombs were dropped east of SALLA and were seen to straddle the beach. No activity was noticed on the latter. No flak or S/L. Very quiet trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, C.F. B/A. P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, G.J. A/G. SGT RIGBY, A.A.	DO.	23.22	04.38	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 02.09 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at SALLA. No flak or S/L. Fires were seen at SALLA and CAPE BARDI. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	P. P/L METZLER, R.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, F.F.F. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, NA. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	23.24	04.45	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 02.15 hrs flying at 7,100 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at PAIMI and bursts were seen on the beach of the town. No visible flak and no S/L. A large fire was seen at the N end of CAPE BARDI. A hospital ship was seen near MARITIMO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASERO, A.R. B/A. SGT HERIOT, D.J. W/CP. SGT MILLER, R.A.D. A/G. SGT KILICK, J.F.	DO.	23.58	05.02	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.40 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped near SALLA on the beaches. Bomb bursts were seen. No flak or S/L noticed. Two hospital ships were seen at CAPE BON and two at MARITIMO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HP.477	P. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. SGT MEADREWS, T.F.D. W/CP. SGT BERDAHL, I.J. A/G. P/O DEDGON, W.	DO.	22.45	05.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 01.33 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst on the beaches. Nothing seen on the latter. At 01.45 hrs a terrific explosion was seen near SALLA. A good trip.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
13/14th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. P/O KERRY, G.B. NAV. P/O MOOREHEAD, W.K. B/A. SGT MICKELTHUN, R. W/OP. SGT KELLNER, J.A. A/G. SGT RUDD, A.	BOMBING CAPE BARDI BRACHES.	22.50	04.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 01.37 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Bombs were dropped on the beaches at SCILLA. No activity was seen on the beaches. No flak or S/L. A very large fire was seen at PALMI. Good if uneventful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. P/O DUFFIELD, G.W. NAV. P/S HENDERSON, D.R. B/A. SGT WATSON, A.N. W/OP. SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. A/G. P/O PAUDOCK, C.W.	DO.	23.15	04.25	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 02.03 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Very good visibility. A concentration of barges was noticed off shore and bombs were dropped on them with good results, at least it is believed that bombs fell on the barges. No flak or S/L over the target. Large fires were noticed near PALMI. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "I" LN.433	P. SGT FOWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT ZUSMAN, J. B/A. SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/OP. SGT FLOWER, N. A/G. SGT BRYDERIDGE, E.E.	DO.	22.52	04.22	This A/C carrying one 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 01.40 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Target was easy to identify. Bombs were dropped on PALMI and fell on the edge of the town and a fire seen in the latter place. Negligible flak and no S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	P. P/S EYVINDSON, E.T. NAV. SGT THALER, J.D. B/A. SGT HORNIBROOK, L.B. W/OP. SGT DEACON, L.R. A/G. SGT HAUGA, W.T.	DO.	23.15	04.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bomb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 0209 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped south of PALMI and bursts seen along the coast. Quite a fire was raging and a large explosion noticed at PALMI as this A/C left the area.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	P. SGT MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT GOLISS, R.A. B/A. SGT WATT, L.R.A. W/OP. SGT DELALLA, J.P. A/G. SGT HENFREY, K.P.	DO.	23.46	05.07	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC arrived over the target at 02.38 hrs flying at 6,200 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the beach at SCILLA. Bomb bursts were noticed on the beach. No flak or S/L. A large fire was seen at PALMI and glare could be noticed 25 miles away. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	P. SGT MCINTYRE, R.J. NAV. SGT HEMILLAN, C.C. B/A. SGT HAMILTON, N.R. W/OP. SGT SMITH, T.J. A/G. SGT FRANGE, G.S.	DO.	23.57	05.25	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 02.55 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Own bomb was seen to burst in the town and a large fire was also noticed. No flak or S/L. 5 boats were seen off shore at PALMI, moving east. 12 minutes after leaving another 4,000 pounder was seen to burst in the town. An excellent trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	P. P/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MCONEY, H.G. W/OP. SGT MANN, J.H. A/G. P/S HAINES, A.J.	DO.	23.57	05.27	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 03.08 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst S of PALMI. There seemed to be a concentration of lorries on the shore. A boat was also noticed off shore. No flak or S/L. Several fires were seen in PALMI. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.296	P. P/O GROVE, A.C. NAV. P/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. SGT CILBERT, C.W. W/OP. SGT DORE, G. A/G. P/O GALLOWAY, D.B.				This aircraft carrying high explosives has not been heard of since take-off time.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

**SECRET**

PAGE No. ELEVEN

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 19 43

(Scale: Wt. 1000—50 60,000 544 T.S. 700)

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
15/16th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	P. P/L AMES, C.F. NAV. P/O LEITCH, A.K. B/A. SGT BUSH, F.H. W/CP. SGT MGNIEL, D.H. A/G. SGT ARNOLD, R.L.	BOMBING VIEGRO	20.35	02.57	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb, 4 x 500 lb plus 2 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.52 hrs flying at 8,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst on buildings just north of the marshalling yards. A lot of smoke from our bombs. Some heavy inaccurate and some light flak was shot up from N of the town. No S/L. A large explosion was seen approximately 70 miles N on the coast. Good trip.	
15/16th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAV. SGT KEPEL, J.L. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.A. W/CP. SGT FIDMING, R.D.C. A/G. SGT BARNES, L.	DO.	20.35	03.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 4 x 500 lb, 2 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.39 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Visibility quite good although some haze. Bombs were seen to burst on the marshalling yards. Two fires were also seen burning. Some heavy and light inaccurate flak was experienced but no S/L. A very good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, G.F. B/A. P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, A.A.	DO.	19.27	02.29	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23:22 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Visibility very good. One bomb burst seen across marshalling yards and 5 small fires were noticed. Some heavy inaccurate flak and a fair amount of tracers was shot up. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. SGT WILSON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. P/O IRVING, A.J. W/CP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	20.25	02.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 4 x 500 lb bombs and 2 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.40 hrs flying at 9,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to hit and bursts noticed in the town. Some light inaccurate flak and 4 S/L operating near LILLE LE ROMA. 4 tankers were seen near the coast off the latter place.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MOONEY, H.G. W/CP. SGT HAIN, J.H. A/G. P/S HAINES, A.J.	DO.	20.20	02.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 4 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.33 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst across Marshalling yards. Quite a few other bursts were noticed on the same place. Some inaccurate heavy flak was experienced. No S/L. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" IN.411	P. SGT MEIN YEE, R.J. NAV. SGT MERRILLAN, C.O. B/A. SGT HAMILTON, N.R. W/CP. SGT WILSON, A.H. A/G. SGT PEARCE, G.S.	DO.	20.21	22.54	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb had to return early as all the guns in the rear turret were unserviceable. The bomb was jettisoned at sea and exploded.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. SGT DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCFARLANE, C.I. B/A. SGT SOAMES, C.H. W/CP. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. SGT SKINNER, F.	DO.	20.16	23.15	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 8 x 500 lb bombs had to return early due to gun failure. Bomb load was jettisoned at sea.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. P/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.P. B/A. P/O COUTTS, G.L. W/CP. SGT MAILMAN, L.A. A/G. SGT VIAU, R.C.	DO.	20.20	02.26	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 4 x 500 lb and 2 x 40 lb SBO bombs arrived over the target at 23.30 hrs flying at 7,200 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped and were seen to fall S of the town. Moderate inaccurate light flak was experienced. No S/L. Several fires were noticed. Good trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
15/16th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	P. F/O DUGAS, R.R. NAV. F/L MURPHY, K.C. DFC. B/A F/O SPENCER, M.J. W/CP F/O COOK, H.R. A/G. F/S MUIRE, J.H.	BOMBING VITSEBO	20.15	02.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 4 x 500 lb and 2 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.37 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen S of the town near the marshalling yards. Some light and heavy inaccurate flak was shot up. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "L" LN.433	P. SGT VORBRUCK, W.F. NAV. SGT FINDLATER, H.A. B/A SGT CALVERT, F.F. W/CP SGT HANSON, L. A/G. SGT MORRISSET, F.F.	DO.	20.26	02.45	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 23.32 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to drop on the N end of the marshalling yards. Other bomb bursts were also noticed. Moderate heavy and light flak was experienced. Several fires were seen in the target area. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	P. F/O OPPERHAVER, L.B. NAV. F/O PARKER, F.L. B/A F/S WALRATH, G.A. W/CP F/O SWEAREY, R.M. A/G. SGT SMITH, G.A.	DO.	20.30	02.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.28 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen in the Marshalling yards. Some light and heavy inaccurate flak shot up. 4 S/L were noticed but ineffective. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. F/O BAIN, G.C. NAV. SGT BROWN, E.H. B/A F/O WILSON, A.H. W/CP SGT MILLER, J. A/G. SGT BLUE, W.D.	DO.	20.35	02.57	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.28 hrs flying at 9,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and seen to hit slightly W of southern marshalling yards. Other bursts were also noticed. Some moderate light flak but inaccurate. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	P. F/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.P.C. B/A SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP SGT O'CONNOR, R.M. A/B. SGT CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	20.30	02.55	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 23.36 hrs flying at 8,500 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst on marshalling yards. Some moderate inaccurate flak W of the town. No S/L. Good trip.	
16/17th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. F/O DUFFIELD, G.W. NAV. SGT EYRE, F.F. B/A SGT WATSON, A.N. W/CP SGT ILLINGWORTH, C. A/G. F/O PADDOCK, C.W.	BOMBING BEACHES BETWEEN MARITIME & PALAT.	21.10	02.30	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.06 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst in the town and 3 fair sized fires were started. Some fairly accurate heavy flak was being shot up. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	P. SGT MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT COLLIS, R.A. B/A SGT WATT, L.E.A. W/CP SGT SMITH, J.W. A/G. SGT HENFREY, K.F.	DO.	20.42	02.34	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.54 hrs flying at 5,500 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen on RR. tracks in the town. Two heavy flak guns were operating from a point 10 M of PLZ20. 5 small fires were also noticed. Four explosions occurred including a large one N of the town. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.585	P. F/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. F/O WOOD, C. B/A SGT DUNCAN, M.M. W/CP SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	21.20	02.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.10 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. No flak or S/L. Bombs were dropped on the beach 10 miles S of PAOLA and bursts seen in what appeared like a concentration of M.T. vehicles. Two hospital ships were seen on the outward trip. Some fairly accurate heavy flak was being shot up. No S/L. Good trip.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.**

**SECRET**

PAGE NO. **TWELVE.**

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST** 19**43**

(Notes: Wt. 2000—50 60,000 lbs T.O. 700)

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
16/17th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORIO, A.R. B/L SGT BENTLEY, D.J. W/CP. SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. MARITIA & A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F. PAIMI.	BOMBING BEACHES BETWEEN PAIMI.	21.05	23.30	This A/C had to return early due to a defective rear turret. Bombs were jettisoned and exploded as this A/C was on position 3702N 1115E. Flying at 6,000 ft it was shot at by a convey as apparently the latter did not see the colours.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	P. P/O BAIN, G.C. NAV. SGT BROWN, E.H. B/L P/O WILSON, E.H. W/CP. SGT MILLER, J. A/G. SGT BLUE, W.D.	DO.	20.45	02.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb bombs plus 6 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 23.35 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bomb bursts were seen in the town of PAIMI. No flak or S/L. Nothing was seen on the beaches. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	P. P/O NICOLLS, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/L SGT MCARDRUM, T.F.D. W/CP. SGT BERDAHL, I.J. A/G. P/O DIBBICK, W.	DO.	20.40	02.20	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target (PAOLA) at 23.38 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst in the town. No flak or S/L. A good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. P/O LEBBY, G.B. NAV. P/O MCGREGOR, W.L. B/L SGT MCKINNON, R. W/CP. SGT KELLNER, J.A. A/G. P/S RUDD, A.	DO.	20.44	02.21	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBO bombs arrived over the target at 23.35 hrs flying at 6,800 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst in the town (SCALEA). No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.411	P. SGT DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCFARLANE, C.I. B/L SGT SOARES, C.H. W/CP. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. SGT SCHIBER, F.	DO.	21.10	02.50	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 00.09 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Bomb was dropped on the R.R. tracks and one large fire and a few small ones seen before bombing. This A/C was shot at by a convey off CAPE BON at 22.08 hrs, flying at 6,000 ft. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X HE.794	P. SGT POWELL, F.S. NAV. SGT ZUSSMAN, J. B/L SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/CP. SGT FLOWER, M. A/G. SGT BENTLEDGE, R.B.	DO.	20.47	02.56	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBO arrived over the target at 00.03 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs dropped in town and a very large fire was noticed on leaving. No flak or S/L. A very good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. P/L METZLER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/L P/O PARVIN, P.F.P. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	21.16	03.27	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target (MARITIA) at 00.55 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility. Bombs were dropped on and bursts seen on the N. of the town. No flak or S/L. This A/C was fired on by own convey off CAPE BON at 22.07 hrs while flying at 6,000 ft. Good trip.	
17/18th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, C.F. B/L P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, A.A. 2nd B/L P/L Hedwin, A.G.	BOMBING BEACHES BETWEEN RELATION & CAPE SUVERO. A.G.	21.50	03.37	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBO bombs and 4 parcels of Nickels, arrived over the target at 0055 hrs flying at 7,500 ft. Very good visibility. A concentration of stores was noticed on the beach and our bombs straddled it. Bombs were also dropped on the nearby R.R. No flak or S/L over the target. Nickels were all dropped. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.540	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORIO, A.R. B/L SGT BENTLEY, D.J. W/CP. SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. A/G. SGT MORRISSET, F.F.	DO.	21.20	22.15	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs and nickels had to return early due to a petrol flap being OPEN. Bombs were jettisoned.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
17/18th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "M" HF.582	P. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O SOUTAR, J.R. B/A. SGT MORAE, M.W. W/CP. SGT FLAHER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHEVING, A.K.	BOMBING BEACHES BETWEEN BRIATICO & CAPE SUVERO.	21.07	03.50	This A/C carrying 6 x 250, 6 x 40 lb SBC and 4 packs of Nickels arrived over the target at 00.47 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the R.R. tracks at BRIATICO and bomb bursts were noticed. Nickels were also dropped in the town. No flak or S/L. This crew reported an unusual type of rocket being fired up to 4,000 ft. At this height the rocket broke in two parts, burned with a pinkish orange flame that seemed to drip down. Most unusual type of rocket. These flares seemed to be placed about every half mile along the beach. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAV. SGT KETTEL, J.D. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.W. W/CP. SGT KIDGINGS, R.D.C. A/G. SGT BARNETT, R.	DO.	21.52	04.03	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 SBC arrived over the target at 00.58 hrs flying 6,000 ft. Bombs were dropped on the edge of PIZZO and bursts seen on the aiming point. Nickels were also dropped. Quite a few fires were seen near BRIATICO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HF.477	P. P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. SGT LIVINGSTON, J.R.O. B/A. SGT DAVIES, R.G.A. W/CP. SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. A/G. SGT CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	21.36	22.55	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC bombs had to jettison its load and return early because of engine trouble.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.N. W/CP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	21.20	02.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb, 6 x 500 lb bombs plus 4 packs of Nickels arrived over the target at 00.10 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and seem to burst on the target (PIZZO). Negligible flak, no S/L. Satisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. P/O LAUBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.P. B/A. P/O COATES, G.L. W/CP. SGT HANSON, L. A/G. SGT VLAU, R.G.	DO.	21.25	02.45	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb, 6 x 500 lb bombs and nickels arrived over the target at 00.07 hrs flying at 8,200 ft. Very good visibility and bombs were seen to hit the target. (LAKESIDE). One flak ship sending up light flak in Gulf of Tignes. 6 to 8 warships were seen at 3850N 1530E at 23.53 hrs heading E.W. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	P. SGT MCINTYRE, R.J. NAV. SGT MCILLAN, C.C. B/A. SGT HAMILTON, N.R. W/CP. SGT WILSON, A.H. A/G. SGT FRANGE, G.S.	DO.	21.35	03.03	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb and nickels arrived on the target at 00.31 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Nothing seen on the beaches. Bomb bursts were noticed on the R.R. tracks in PIZZO. Some heavy inaccurate flak. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.492	P. P/L METZLER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, P.P.F. W/CP. SGT MAGALAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	21.46	03.33	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb plus 6 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.48 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on and bursts seen in the marshalling yards, and one bomb was seen to burst on the R.R. vans, at PIZZO. Nickels were dropped at PIZZO. Three large fires were also seen at this point. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By MD. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

**SECRET**

PAGE No. THIRTEEN

(\*List: WL 900-50) Number 541 T.S. 700

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
17/18th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "P" HE.795	P. P/S EYVINDSON, E.T. NAV. SGT THALER, J.D. B/A. SGT HUNTERBROOK, L.B. W/CP. SGT DEACON, L.R. A/G. SGT HAINA, W.T.	BOMBING BEACHES BETWEEN RELATICO & CAPE SUVERO.	21.50	03.35	This A/C carrying 6 x 250 lb plus 6 x 40 lb SBC and 4 pecks of Nickels arrived over the target at 00.52 hrs flying at 6,200 ft. Very good visibility. Barges were seen on the beaches at PIZZO. Bombs were seen to burst in the target area. Nothing worth noting was noticed besides the barges. Very little flak. No S/L. Good trip.	
19/20th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	P. P/S MCINTYRE, R.J. NAV. P/S MCNEILAN, C.C. B/A. SGT HAMILTON, N.R. W/CP. SGT WILSON, A.H. A/G. SGT PRANGE, G.S.	BOMBING FOGGIA MARSHALLING YARDS.	21.17	03.05	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 00.32 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility. The bomb was dropped and it was seen to burst in the middle of the town. A fair amount of inaccurate light and heavy flak was experienced. No S/L were seen. Many fires noticed in SALENNO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. P/O LEBDY, C.E. NAV. P/O MCGREGOR, W.K. B/A. SGT MCKIMMIN, R. W/CP. SGT KELLNER, J.A. A/G. SGT RUDE, A.	DO.	21.13	03.53	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb plus 6 delay bombs arrived over the target at 00.28 hrs flying at 9,400 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped near the R.R. Station and bursts were seen in the vicinity. A few fires were seen W of the target area. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak over the target. No S/L. Fires were also seen at SALENNO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.431	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORIO, A.R. B/A. SGT MCINTYRE, D.J. W/CP. SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F.	DO.	21.15	04.20	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 00.35 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility. One bomb under shot to E of Marshalling yards. Some moderate inaccurate heavy flak was experienced. Uneventful but successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, C.F. B/A. P/O MOORE, A.W. W/CP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, A.A.	DO.	21.11	03.56	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.32 hrs flying 8,000 ft. Very good visibility, no clouds. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen along the edge of the R.R. station. Some moderate inaccurate heavy flak was experienced. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "G" HE.477	P. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. W/O MADDAMS, T.F.D. W/CP. W/O BREDAHL, T.J. A/G. P/O DIMICK, W.	DO.	21.10	03.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.33 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility, no clouds. Bombs were dropped in the town and hit just S of the station. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was experienced. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" MS.476	P. P/L AMES, C.F. NAV. P/O LEITCH, A.K. B/A. SGT BUSS, F.H. W/CP. SGT MENDEL, D.H. A/G. SGT ARNOLD, R.L.	DO.	20.50	04.20	This A/C carrying flares arrived over the target at 0028 hrs flying at 11,000 ft. Very good visibility. Flares were dropped on the town near the marshalling yards. Some heavy inaccurate flak was experienced from NE of the town. One S/L was operating. This A/C crashed landed on return on the aerodrome at KAIRUAN, due to the fact that another A/C was landing at the same time in the opposite direction. Our A/C then belly landed on the side of the runway to avoid a collision. Very heavy fog at the time which obscured all visibility. Crew unhurt. A/C badly damaged.	

www.bombercommand.com



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
19/20th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.540	P. P/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. P/O SOUTAR, J.R. B/A. P/O RAIKE, S.W. W/OP. SGT MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RAPELLE, C.M.	BOMBING FOGGIA MARSHALLING YARDS.	21.10	04.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 00.35 hrs. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts clearly seen on Marshalling yards. Some light and heavy inaccurate flak was experienced. No S/L. A few fires were noticed. Numerous fires seen near Mt. VESUVIUS. This A/C crashed landed at 04.35 hrs at KAIRUAN. No petrol. A/C badly damaged, crew safe.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MOOREY, H.G. W/OP. SGT HANN, J.H. A/G. P/S HAMES, A.J.	DO.	21.15	04.34	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target FOGGIA. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to fall on the marshalling yard. Some light inaccurate flak shot up from the aerodrome. No S/L. A large number of fires were noticed. Looked like bush fires. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "M" HE.582	P. P/S DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT McFARLANE, G.I. B/A. SGT SOLMES, C.H. W/OP. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. P/S SKINNER, P.	DO.	21.25	04.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb arrived over the target at 04.30 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were seen to burst on R.R. yards N.E. of the Marshalling yards. Some slight inaccurate flak from the aerodrome. No S/L. Good trip.	
20/21st AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. P/L METZLER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNEH, R.J. B/A. P/O PAQUIN, F.F.P. W/OP. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	BOMBING VILLA LITERO.	18.50	01.00	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb bombs including 6 delays arrived over the target at 22.09 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Target identified visually. Very good visibility, flares effective. Bombs were dropped and bursts noticed in N.W. tip of the Marshalling Yards. Many other bursts were seen in this neighbourhood. Very little defense over the target but NAPLES defenses were quite active. Very good and successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	P. SGT WILSON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. P/O IRVING, A.J. W/OP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	18.55	01.05	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb arrived over the target at 22.07 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Target identified visually but flares very helpful. Bombs were dropped in the N end of the Marshalling Yards and bursts were noticed. Numerous other bomb bursts were noticed in the same and surrounding places. At the end of the attack the yards were enveloped in smoke. Slight moderate inaccurate flak and no S/L on the target although quite heavy flak and numerous S/L were operating from NAPLES. A very successful attack.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O WOOD, G. B/A. SGT DUNCAN, M.N. W/OP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J. 2nd P. SGT MCLENNAN, A.C.	DO.	18.50	00.25	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 9,500 ft. Very good visibility and flares very effective. Bombs were dropped but own bursts NOT SEEN. Numerous other bombs were dropped in the Marshalling yards. A few small fires were in the N end of the town. Slight defenses and no S/L on the target. 40/50 S/L operating from NAPLES. Good trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

BY NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

APPENDIX

**SECRET**

R.A.F.  
FORM 541.  
187  
PAGE NO. FOURTEEN.

(7472) Wk. 2422/1650. 11000. 8/40. P.L. 51-7751.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
20/21st AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "S" LM.423	P. P/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.P. B/A. P/O COATES, G.L. W/OP. SGT SMITH. A/G. SGT VIAN, R.G.	BOMBING VILLA LITERED.	18.50	00.38	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.00 hrs flying at 9,250 ft. Very good visibility and flares very effective. Own bomb seen to burst in eastern end of the Marshalling Yards. Many other bursts were seen. 5 guns, inaccurate, were shooting up heavy flak. No S/L. Maple defenses seemed active. Guns were also firing from the beaches. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.433	P. SGT MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT COLLIS, R.A. B/A. SGT WATT, L.R.A. W/OP. SGT DELALLA, J.P. A/G. SGT REGREY, K.P.	DO.	18.45	00.50	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.15 hrs flying at 8,300 ft. Very good visibility and flares very effective. Bombed through smoke coming up from the yards and it is believed that bombing was very effective. Negligible flak and no S/L. Fires seemed to be starting as this A/C left target. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. SGT FOWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT ZUSSMAN, J. B/A. SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/OP. SGT FLOWERS, N. A/G. SGT BETTERIDGE, E.E.	DO.	19.00	00.55	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.09 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares very effective. Bombs fell on the Marshalling Yards and 3 bursts were seen on the beaches. Some inaccurate flak on the edge of the town. Strong blue S/L operating near NAPLES. These seemed to be about 30 in a cone working with light flak. A hospital ship was seen at sea on the way back. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.794	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAV. SGT KRIEDEL, J.L. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.W. W/OP. SGT KINGINGS, R.D.G. A/G. SGT BASSETT, H.	DO.	19.02	01.12	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.04 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen on Marshalling Yards, Power house and junction. Some light inaccurate flak but no S/L on target. A cone of S/L was operating from NAPLES. An unidentified A/C showing a white light flying at 10,000 ft. going East. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.515	P. P/O DUGAS, B.R. NAV. P/L MURPHY, K.G. DPG. B/A. P/O SENGERS, M.J. W/OP. P/O COOK, H.R. A/G. P/S MOORE, J.R. 2nd B/A. P/L MEDWIN, A.	DO.	18.45	00.30	This A/C carrying flares arrived over the target at 21.58 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Target was identified visually and a stick was dropped 1000 yards to SW of target. No flak on target or S/L, but heavy flak and 25/30 S/L operating from NAPLES. Numerous burning fires were seen in the neighbourhood of the target. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.795	P. P/S EYVINDSON, R.T. NAV. SGT THALER, J.D. B/A. SGT HORSBROOKS, L.B. W/OP. SGT DEACON, L.R. A/G. SGT HANNA, W.T.	DO.	18.55	00.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.01 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares quite effective. Bombs were seen to burst on the marshalling yards with very good results. Little flak with tracers up to 10,000 ft. No S/L. A steady white flare was seen at sea at 22.30 hrs position 39°54'N 151°48'W from 6,000 ft to starboard 4 miles on and off 3 times. Very good trip.	
21/22nd.	WELLINGTON X "M" HP.582	P. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O SOUTAR. B/A. SGT MORAR, M.W. W/OP. SGT PLAMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHREYING, A.K.	BOMBING. BATTIPOGLIA.	18.15	00.17	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.24 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Visibility poor and hazy but flares quite accurate. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen in the built up area. One 4000 pounder seen to burst right in THIS AREA. Negligible flak no S/L. One convoy seen off CAPE BON. It was seen to fire at a Wellington. Fairly good trip.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
21/22nd AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.479	P. F/O LAURO, J. NAV. SGT CASORRO, A.R. B/A SGT MORTIMER, D.J. W/OP. SGT WILLMER, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KELLY, J.F. 2nd P. SGT MACKENZIE.	BOOMBING BATTIPOGLIA.	18.25	22.55	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.25 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Weather hazy, visibility poor, but flares accurate. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen in Marshalling yards. No flak or S/L over the target, but slight light and heavy flak from PALERMO. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.515	P. F/O DUNAS, B.R. NAV. F/L MURPHY, K.G. DMC. B/A F/O SPENCER, M.J. W/OP. F/O COOK, H.E. A/G. F/S MOORE, J.H. 2nd P. SGT MCKENNAHAN, A.C.	DO.	18.20	00.05	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived on the target at 21.22 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility fair but flares quite accurate. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen on repair sheds. Negligible flak over the target and slight inaccurate from PALERMO. No S/L. One fire seen burning with a blue flame just east of target area. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "I" HE.433	P. W/O KIDGELL, S.J. NAV. F/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A W/O MENDREWS, T.F.D. W/OP. W/O REEDDAHL, I.J. A/G. F/O DUNICK, W.	DO.	18.18	00.15	This A/C carrying a 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 21.33 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Weather hazy, visibility fair, but flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped on the transformer station and own bomb bursts was seen there. Slight heavy inaccurate flak between 8/9000 ft. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" IN.411	P. F/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. F/O LEE, J.G. B/A SGT MCKENRY, H.C. W/OP. SGT MANN, J.H. A/G. F/S HAMES, A.J.	DO.	18.25	01.19	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb arrived over the target at 22.28 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Weather hazy, visibility poor. This crew could not identify the primary target and bombed what is believed to be a lighted aerodrome. No flak or S/L. Unsatisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.482	P. F/S MCINTYRE, R.J. NAV. F/S MCILLAN, C.C. B/A SGT HAMILTON, N.E. W/OP. SGT WILSON, A.H. A/G. SGT PEARCE, C.S. 2nd P F/S SILLS.	DO.	18.21	00.21	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.17 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility no cloud. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen in Marshalling yards. 3 x 4,000 pounders were seen to burst in the Marshalling yards as this A/C was leaving the target. Negligible flak, no S/L over the target but one of the latter operating from a neighbouring point. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X HE.273 "B"	P. SGT POWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT ZUSSMAN, J. B/A SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/OP. SGT FLOWER, N. A/G. SGT BETTERIDGE, E.E.	DO.	18.18	00.31	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb arrived over the target at 21.17 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Own bomb seen to burst in the Marshalling yards. Navy blue sparks seen after bombing. May have been from electric wires or transformer. Many other bursts were seen. Negligible flak. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.585	P. F/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. F/O WOOD, G. B/A SGT DUNNAN, H.M. W/OP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	18.25	23.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.24 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. No cloud but hazy, flares quite effective. Own bombs seen to burst near Marshalling yards, much smoke observed on the T/A. One 4,000 pounder seen to burst on the target. Negligible defenses. No S/L. Many fires seen around the area between coast and target. Some flak from PALERMO.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X P. "A" NZ.424	P. F/O LEBBY, G.B. NAV. F/O MCGREGOR, W.K. B/A SGT MICKELMIN, R. W/OP. SGT KELLNER, J.A. A/G. SGT RUDD, A.	DO.	18.13	23.58	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 21.19 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. No cloud but hazy. Flares were dropped a bit late but visibility not any too good. But it is FELT THAT FLARES WERE DROPPED IN RIGHT place, the marshalling yards being clearly seen. No defenses, one or two S/L operating in the neighbourhood. Fires were seen in the mountains near SALERNO. Good trip.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

**SECRET**

PAGE No. FIFTEEN.

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943

(Note: Wt. 5000-55 50,000 lbs T.O. 700)

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
21/22nd AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. P/O JAMES, C.P. B/A. P/O MOORE, A.W. W/OF. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. SGT REED, A.A.	BOMBING BATTINGOLIA.	18.27	00.09	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 21.26 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Poor visibility, hazy but flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped right on the marshalling yards. Moderate heavy flak but no S/L from the neighbouring points. Nothing on the target. Good trip.	
23/24th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.435	P. P/S MACLEOD, J.S. NAV. SGT COLLESS, R.A. B/A. SGT WATT, L.R.A. W/OF. SGT DELALLA, J.P. A/G. SGT REEFREY, K.T.	BOMBING BACHOLI.	02.15	07.45	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 05.01 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares accurate. Bomb was dropped on the edge of the steel works. Several other bursts were also seen. Slight inaccurate heavy flak and moderate light flak. The latter from Cape Mirene. A few S/L were operating W of the town. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. S/L METZGER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/A. P/O PAGUIN, P.E.F. W/OF. SGT MACAULAY, N.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B. 2nd P. SGT MACKENZIE, D.R.	DO.	02.06	07.51	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0503 hrs flying 12,000 ft. Good visibility. Own bursts and several others were seen in W end of the Marshalling yards. Flak was scattered and inaccurate. One flak ship was operating 200 yds off the town of BACHOLI. Bombs ineffective. S/L were operating E of the target area. One gun shooting light flak was noticed on MESSIA ISLAND. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "S" LH.423	P. P/O LEBERT, J.M.L. NAV. SGT PEACOCK, W.T.P. B/A. P/O COVAT, G.L. W/OF. SGT MALLAN, L.A. A/G. SGT VIAN, R.G. 2nd A/G. SGT MONTGOMERY, E.	DO.	02.05	07.40	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 05.00 hrs flying at 12,450 ft. Very good visibility. Own bomb was dropped on the marshalling yards. Light inaccurate flak near the target area. Some flak also from Cape Mirene, 10/12 scattered ineffective S/L were operating. A convoy was sighted off Cape Ben. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. SGT MCANDREWS, T.F.B. W/OF. SGT BERDALL, I.J. A/G. P/O HESBICK, W. 2nd P. W/O BASSER, R.A.	DO.	02.14	07.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 05.00 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Good visibility over the target. Bombs were dropped in the Marshalling Yards. Own bursts and three others were noticed on the target. Slight light flak up to 12,000 ft. Slight inaccurate heavy flak. 15/20 S/L were operating south to east of the town. Uneffective. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" <del>MS.477</del> HE.479	P. P/O LAURO, J. NAV. P/S HENDERSON. B/A. SGT MCINTOSH, D.J. W/OF. SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. A/G. SGT KERRY, J.P. 2nd P. SGT MCLENNAN, A.C.	DO.	02.05	07.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 05.03 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility. Bombs were dropped on the steel works and the marshalling yards. 15 bursts were seen in the area. Scattered flak and 10 S/L were operating E and N of the target. Inaccurate and ineffective. Good attack.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. P/S DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT McFARLANE, C.I. B/A. SGT SOMERS, C.H. W/OF. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. P/S SKIDDER, P. 2nd E. P/S SLIMS, J.L.	DO.	02.10	07.25	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0503 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility. Flares effective. Bombs were dropped in NW tip of the Marshalling yards. Numerous bursts were seen. Light inaccurate heavy flak from N of the town. 6 S/L including one blue one were operating. Lights were seen flashing E from Cape Gressie inland N of Maritime. Good trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
23/24th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	P. F/S WILTON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. F/O IRVINE, A.J. W/OP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	BOMBING BAGNOLE.	02.20	07.35	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb arrived over the target at 05.02 hrs flying at 11,000 ft. Very good visibility, flares very effective. Own bomb seen to fall in center of Steel Works. Slight inaccurate heavy flak, moderate heavy flak. 2 S/L were operating E of the town. No activity from Naples. A/G believed crashed 7 miles NE of Enfidaville. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.443	P. F/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. F/O CROSWELL, T.H. B/A. F/O RAINE, S.W. W/OP. SGT MORRIS, L. A/G. SGT RAFFELL, C.M.	DO.	02.10	07.45	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 05.01 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Visibility fair and flares quite effective. Bombs dropped at intersection of R.R. lines S.W. of Marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts were seen in the target area. Moderate light and moderate heavy inaccurate flak from N part of the town. About 12 S/L operating E of the town. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.974	P. F/S VORNEBOCK, W.F. NAV. SGT FINDLATER, H.A. B/A. SGT GALLAGHER, P.F. W/OP. SGT HANSON, L. A/G. SGT MORRISSEY, P.P.	DO.	02.15	08.05	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 05.01 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Good visibility and flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped and bursts seen on steel works. Other bursts were seen in the Marshalling yards. Slight inaccurate heavy flak and moderate light flak N of the town. 8/10 S/L were operating in a semi-circle SW of the marshalling yards. Good trip.	
24/25th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.433	P. SGT KELLY, D. NAV. SGT KETTEL, J.L. B/A. SGT BARNES, L.A.W. ARRUZZIATA. W/OP. SGT KIDGINGS, R.D.C. A/G. SGT BARNETT, H.	BOMBING TERRA	19.02	01.05	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 2206 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares very effective. Bomb was dropped on the N tip of the steel works and marshalling yards and burst was seen. At that moment a large explosion with blue and green lights was noticed. A few fires were noticed in the NW tip of Sicily. A very successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "M" HP.982	P. F/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. F/O GREER, M.G. B/A. SGT MORAE, M.W. W/OP. SGT PLUMMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCHERING, A.K.	DO.	18.45	01.20	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards and a large number of bursts besides own were noticed. 2 x 4000 pounders were also seen to burst in the target area. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was being shot up from the town. Two groups of S/L were operating 10 to the S of the town and 3/10 in groups of 3/4 from another point. One flak ship was seen 3 miles S of the town. A 6 boat convoy heading west was seen near Cape Martine. A concentrated and successful raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. F/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. F/O SOUTAR, J.R. B/A. W/O DUNCAN, M.M. W/OP. SGT MARTIN, H.A. A/G. SGT MARTIN, E.J.	DO.	18.55	00.30	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Some haze over the target but flares very accurate and helpful. Bombs were dropped on the M/Ys. Own bursts not seen but several others were noticed. Slight inaccurate heavy flak from N of the town. Some ineffective light flak near Cajri. Concentrated successful raid.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F.  
FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By **NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.**

**SECRET**

PAGE NO. **191**

(Form W. 527-55 60,000 1148 T.S. 700)

FOR THE MONTH OF **AUGUST** 19**43**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
24/25th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.515	P. F/L DUGAS, B.R. NAV. F/L MURPHY, K.C. P/A. F/O STENGER, M.J. W/OP. F/O COOK, H.R. A/G. F/S MOORE, J.H.	BOMBING TERRA ANAGIATA.	19.00	00.55	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and target identified in flares which were very effective. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards, own bursts and others seen at this point. A very large explosion was seen in the target area. May have been caused by 4000 pounder. A few fires were also noticed. Very little flak. Some heavy shot up from lock area. A few ineffective scattered S/L were operating N of the town. 8/10 S/L were also operating from the outskirts of Naples. Very successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. F/S WEBB, A.S. NAV. F/O LEE, J.G. P/A. SGT MOONEY, H.C. W/OP. SGT MANN, J.H. A/G. F/S HAMES, A.J.	DO.	18.51	01.06	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.08 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and flares very accurate and helpful. Bombs were dropped near the marshalling yards N of the town at the tip of the steel works and on the marshalling yards themselves. Bomb bursts were seen in all places. Slight inaccurate heavy flak N of the town. 20/25 ineffective S/L were operating N of the town on the coast. A ship was noticed in the bay. It did not appear to be moving. Very good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. F/L LEBBY, G.B. NAV. F/O MOCHROD, W.Y. P/A. SGT KIRKHAM, R. W/OP. W/O KELLNER, J.A. A/G. F/S RIDE, A. 2ndP. W/C BASSON, R.A.	DO.	18.53	00.35	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs flying at 8,500 ft. Patches of cloud over the target but flares accurate and effective. On the first run bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards and on the second they were dropped on the steel works. In both cases bursts were noticed across the target area. Some slight accurate heavy flak from the town. 15 S/L in scattered cones were operating N of the town. A large ship was seen moving out of the harbour. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. F/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. F/O JAMES, C.F. P/A. F/O MOORE, A.W. W/OP. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. F/S REED, A.A.	DO.	18.44	00.45	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 22.02 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility. It is believed the flares were accurately placed as ground details and marshalling yards could be plainly seen in the light of the flares. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak up to 10,000 ft N of the town. Slight light flak S of the town. 10/20 S/L scattered ineffective, were operating along the coast N to S of the town. A flak ship was seen in the bay 3 miles SW of the town. A successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.419	P. F/O SHERLOCK, E.T. NAV. F/O CROSWELL, T.H. P/A. F/O RALPH, S.W. W/OP. SGT MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RAPELY, C.M.	DO.	19.04	01.12	This A/C carrying 4 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 22.06 hrs flying at 9,200 ft. Visibility heavy but flares quite effective. Own 4000 pounder seen to burst in centre of marshalling yards. Steel works appeared to be taking a beating in the meanwhile. Moderate inaccurate light and heavy flak. 15/20 inaccurate S/L scattered around the town. Very good effective raid.	

www.bombercommand.com



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
24/25th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. SGT FOWLER, B.S. NAV. SGT ZUSSMAN, J. B/A. SGT BUCKLAND, G.A. W/CP. SGT FLOWER, N. A/G. SGT BETTERIDGE, R.E.	BOMBING TERRA ANNUNZIATA.	19.04	01.12	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb bombs plus 5 x 500 lb arrived over the target at 22.05 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility and flares accurate. Bombs first stick fell across factory and marshalling yards second stick was not observed. Light inaccurate flak, with green tracers, shot up from SW of the town. 10/12 S/L were operating on either side of the town. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. F/S KYVIDSON, E.T. NAV. F/S THALER, J.D. B/A. SGT HORNIBROOK, L.B. W/CP. SGT DEACON, L.R. A/G. SGT HARRA, W.T.	DO.	18.55	01.15	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived on the target at 22.10 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Target somewhat cloudy, flares quite effective. Both 1000 pounders and one stick were seen to burst in the marshalling yards. Many other bursts seen in the same place. Moderate heavy and light inaccurate flak on both sides of the town. 10/15 S/L were operating around the town N & S. Ineffective. Good successful trip.	
25/26th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. F/S WHITE, R.C. NAV. F/O JAMES, C.F. B/A. F/O MOORE, A.W. W/O. SGT HUGHES, C.J. A/G. F/S REED, K.A.	NICKELLING NAPLES.	01.17	06.41	This A/C carrying 100000 nickels arrived over NAPLES and dropped its load of Nickels between 0359 to 0411 hrs. Visibility was good and it was easy to identify the city. No flak or S/L over the target. The wind was favourable and it is believed that the city was well carpeted with leaflets. One unidentified A/C was noticed flying 5/6000 ft 2/3 miles S of NAPLES. A great deal of shipping appeared to be in the harbour, lots of lights. What appeared to be a naval engagement was noticed at 0213 hrs position 3706N 1116E. Numerous gun flashes could be seen. A large fire was also seen at sea, on the way out and back, 10 miles S of CAPE BON. Much black smoke. Very successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	P. S/L METZLER, H.W. NAV. F/O DIGNBY, R.J. B/A. F/O FAGUIN, R.F.P. W/CP. SGT MACAULAY, M.A. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B. 2nd A/G. SGT INGRAM, W.J.B.	NICKELLING ROME.	00.46	07.39	This A/C carrying 100000 nickels dropped its load between 0439 hrs and 0432 hrs. Cloud patches 7/10 in the area but generally clear in the area where leaflets were dropped. This A/C made a 6 mile orbit at 10,000 ft, 10 miles from the city. 3/4 guns firing heavy inaccurate flak, operating 15 miles W of the city and one from 5 miles north. Satisfied that nickels were well spread over the city.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.424	P. F/L LINDY, G.B. NAV. F/O MCGREGOR, W.H. B/A. SGT MICKELMIN, R. W/CP. W/O KELNAGE, J.A. A/G. F/S RUDE, A. 2nd B/A. SGT RICHARDSON, J.A.	BOMBING TARANTO.	00.37	07.25	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0412 hrs flying at 12,000 ft. Very good visibility. Flares accurate. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts were seen on this target on the way in. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak shot up. Mostly from the town. Some light flak with red tracers. A few negligible S/L were operating. A huge explosion was seen one mile N of the aiming point at 0413 hrs, looked like petrol dump. Satisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "I" LN.433	P. F/S VORNBROOK, W.F. NAV. SGT FINDLATER, E.A. B/A. SGT CAMMAART, F.P. W/CP. SGT HANSON, L. A/G. SGT MORRISSEY, F.P.	DO.	00.35	07.35	This A/C carrying 1 x 1000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 0400 hrs flying 12,000'. Visibility good and flares quite accurate. Own bomb burst and many others were seen in the target area. Slight inaccurate flak. Negligible S/L. One fire was seen at the pinpoint 3722N 11530E. A large explosion was seen one mile N of aiming point. Good trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F.  
FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By NO. 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

**SECRET**

PAGE NO. 193  
SEVENTEEN

(1943) Wt. 5000-55 60,000 lbs T.S. 700

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25/26th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.968	P. P/S DINGLEY, W. NAV. SGT MCFARLANE, C.I. B/A. SGT SCHLES, C.H. W/CP. P/O FORRESTER, T.R. A/G. P/S REINER, P. 2nd P. SGT MACKENZIE, D.R.	BOMBING TARANTO.	00.50	07.15	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 0401 hrs flying at 9,800 ft. Very good visibility and flares very accurate. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards. The rear gunner reported own bursts seen right on the target area. Two large fires were noticed to the east and west of the aiming point. Some heavy and light inaccurate flak was experienced. No S/L. A fire was seen off CAPE BON, 20 miles off shore. Looked like oil tankers.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.5152	P. P/S MCKENNAHAN, A.C. NAV. P/O WILSON, A.E. B/L. SGT BRISMAN, J.C. W/CP. SGT DULTON, R.P. A/G. SGT MURTERMAN, R.	DO.	00.41	- -	This crew all Canadian except the W/CP who was RAF took off at 0041 hrs for bombing operations over TARANTO. The A/C carried 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs. Unfortunately nothing has been heard or seen of this A/C or its crew since the take-off.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.423	P. P/O LEBERT, J.M.L. NAV. P/S PRADCOCK, W.T.F. B/A. P/O OULTES, G.L. W/CP. SGT MAHMAN, L.A. A/G. P/S VIAU, R.G. 2nd P. P/S SILES, J.L.	DO.	00.40	07.30	This A/C carrying 1 x 1000 pounder arrived over the target at 0404 hrs flying at 12,500 ft. Visibility very good and flares accurate. Bomb was aimed at the marshalling yards but fell in the built up area just N of the marshalling yards. Two other bursts were seen in the same area. Some moderate heavy flak from the town area. 5 inaccurate S/L operating from the S of the town. One burning fire near the target area was also noticed. At 0405 hrs an explosion was seen on the ground and it is believed that it was an A/C hitting the deck. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	P. P/S WILTON, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, K.W. B/A. P/O IRVINE, A.J. W/CP. SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	00.40	06.30	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb bombs plus 5 x 500 pounders arrived over the target at 0409 hrs flying at 11,500 ft. Visibility fair but hazy. Flares were <del>was</del> extinguished when this A/C arrived. Bombs undershot across road 2 miles ENE of marshalling yards. This A/C was already late and found finding itself alone among main defenses. Much heavy flak was being shot up from the W of the town, heavy flak also from the ISLAND OF SAN PETER. At 0405 hrs at 11,500 ft in the target area there was quite a glow in the sky and it is believed this was caused by an A/C being hit and on fire.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "E" HE.974	P. W/O NICOLLE, S.J. NAV. P/O GARDNER, E.H. B/A. SGT MCANDREWS, J.F.B. W/CP. SGT BRIDGAL, I.J. A/G. P/O DUNICK, W. 2nd A/G. SGT. CABLE. A.B.	DO.	00.35	07.30	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived on the target at 0405 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares quite accurate. Bombs aimed at the MARSHALLING YARDS. 1 x 1000 pounder seen bursting in the built up area just N of the M/Yds. Much heavy flak bursting 15,000 to 20,000 ft. 5 inaccurate S/L in the town area. A large fire was seen on leaving the target NE of TARANTO at 0408 hrs. Good trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
25/26th AUGUST.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	P. P/O FORBES, L.W. NAV. P/O SOUTAR, J.R. B/A. W/O DUNCAN, R.M. W/OE. SGT MARTIN, R.A. A/C. SGT MARTIN, R.A. 2nd A/C. SGT GIBBS, F.H.	BOMBING SALERNO.	00.45	07.05	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb plus 5 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 04.00 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards and two bomb bursts seen in the target area. A smoke screen was operating blowing from NE, fair coverage of the deck area. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak from the town are to S of the town and on an ISLAND in the harbour. Light flak up to 12,000 ft on the coast. Moderate. 6 S/L including 2 blue ones were operating. An A/C was seen shot down over the target area at 04.05 hrs. 3 big ships seen anchored 3/4 miles to the SW of the target area. Good trip. Successful raid.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.582	(CAPT) W/O Macelle, S.J. (NAV) P/O Gardner, R.H. (B/A) Sgt McAndrews, T.F.B. (W/OE) Sgt Berdahl, I.J. (A/C) P/O Dimmick, W.	BOMBING SALERNO	18.45	23.55	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.28 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Very good visibility and flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst across the middle of the main marshalling yards. A fire was seen at the S.E. end of the main marshalling yards. Defences were somewhat stronger than last trip. Fair heavy, moderate light, inaccurate flak. No S/L. Very concentrated bombing. Very successful trip. This crew made their last sortie completing their first operational tour.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "J" HE.477	(CAPT) S/L Ames, G.F. (NAV) P/O Leitch, A.K. (B/A) F/S Buas, F.H. (W/OE) W/O McNeil, D.H. (A/C) Sgt Morrissey, F.F.	BOMBING SALERNO	18.43	00.01	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.29 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility very good and flares quite accurate. Own bombs and several others were seen to burst in the town. Slight, inaccurate heavy flak and some light flak. No S/L. Defences appeared to be stronger than on previous raids. Good concentrated effort. Accurate bombing.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.435	(CAPT) P/S MacLeod, J.S. (NAV) Sgt Gillies, R.A. (B/A) Sgt Watt, I.R.A. (W/OE) Sgt Delalla, J.F. (A/C) Sgt Hendrey, R.F.	BOMBING SALERNO	18.40	00.15	This A/C carrying 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 21.31 hrs. flying 8,000 ft. Visibility was very good and flares quite accurate. Own bomb and another 4000-pounder seen to burst between main and East marshalling yards. All bombing seemed very accurate and concentrated. Some slight accurate heavy flak shot up quite close to this A/C over the target and on the way over. No S/L. Very successful trip.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.492	(CAPT) P/S Webb, A.S. (NAV) P/O Lee, J.G. (B/A) Sgt Richardson, J.A. (W/OE) Sgt Mann, J.H. (A/C) P/S James, A.J.	BOMBING SALERNO	18.36	00.25	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.31 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility very good and flares accurate. Own bombs fell between the three marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts noticed on the target. Five fires were seen, three near the marshalling yards, two in the town. No heavy flak experienced. No S/L. 5/6 guns shooting up inaccurate light flak. Very concentrated bombing which should damage target very heavily. Successful trip.	



# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F. FORM 541

## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

SECRET

PAGE No. EIGHTEEN

(Scale: Wt. 2000-50 50,000 1000 T.S. 700)

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "P" HE.795	(CAPT) W/O Basson, R.J. (NAV) F/S Leithouse, D. (B/A) Sgt Holmes, L.F. (W/OF) Sgt Wren, G.A. (A/G) Sgt Cable, A.B.	BOOMBING SALEURO	18.38	00.33	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. bombs plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.43 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. This A/C arrived rather late on the target as the A/C was slow to a certain extent. Visibility good and target was identified visually. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst on the N. end of the main marshalling yards. Some inaccurate flak was experienced, heavy. No S/L. Very satisfactory results.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.583	(CAPT) F/O Forbes, L.W. (NAV) F/O Wood, G. (B/A) W/O Duncan, K.M. (W/OF) Sgt Martin, L.H. (A/G) Sgt Martin, B.J.	BOOMBING SALEURO	18.30	23.50	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.30 hrs. flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bombs were dropped on the marshalling yards. Own bombs and one 4000 pounder were seen to burst on the aiming point. Ten guns shooting up heavy flak were operating from the main part of the town. Flak was also coming up from the bay, mist have been a ship. In both cases flak inaccurate. No S/L. Very successful trip. This crew completed the first operational tour with this trip.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.470	(CAPT) F/O Lewis, J. (NAV) Sgt Casorso, A.R. (B/A) Sgt McIntee, D.J. (W/OF) Sgt Willmer, L.A.D. (A/G) Sgt Kelly, J.F. (2nd Plt) Sgt MacKenzie, D.R.	BOOMBING SALEURO	18.25	00.10	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 21.31 hrs. flying at 7,500 ft. Good visibility and target easily identified. Flares opened up 1000 yards from the aiming point on the N. edge of the town. The latter was very well illuminated and target very clear. Some slight inaccurate heavy flak S. of the town. Some light flak from the East. No S/L. Good trip.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.965	(CAPT) F/S McIntyre R.J. (NAV) F/O Soutar, J.R. (B/A) Sgt Hamilton, N.R. (W/OF) Sgt Wilson, A.H. (A/G) Sgt Pearce, G.S.	BOOMBING SALEURO	18.35	00.05	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 21.30 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bombs were dropped on and bursts were seen on the marshalling yards. Several other bursts were noticed besides own. A fire was seen on the beach S.E. of the aiming point. Some light inaccurate heavy flak from the E. and N. edges of the town. Ship or ships were also firing from the bay. Concentrated and should be a very successful attack.	
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.434	(CAPT) F/O Sherlock, E.T. (NAV) F/O Creswell, T.R. (B/A) F/O Raikes, S.W. (W/OF) Sgt Morris, L. (A/G) Sgt Rapely, G.H. (2nd B/A) F/L Medwin, A.G.	BOOMBING SALEURO	18.34	00.20	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 21.59 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bomb was dropped on the marshalling yards and burst seen on aiming point and on R. Station. Flak negligible over the target. No S/L. 3 heavy guns operating between MONTE CORVINO, the aiming point and Coast. Several bursts were seen after bomb exploded. Looked like electric fire. Very successful trip.	

www.bombercommand.com

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
27th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "B" HL 273	(CAPT) P/O Kelly, R.L. (NAV) Sgt Livingston, J.R.C. SALESNO (B/A) Sgt Davies, R.G.A. (W/OP) W/O O'Conner, H.W. (A/G) Sgt Cameron, R.E.H.	BOMBING TARANTO	18.41	00.23	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 20.33 hrs. flying at 11,000 ft. Good visibility and flares quite accurate. Bomb was seen to explode on the West end of the aiming point. A large explosion was noticed and a blinding flash and a column of smoke was seen. Many more bursts were noticed on the aiming point. 3/4 heavy guns shooting up heavy inaccurate flak. One 3/L seen. A very concentrated effort and successful trip.	
28th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "B" HL 273	(CAPT) Sgt. Fowler, B.S. (NAV) Sgt. Bussan, J. (B/A) Sgt. Buckland, G.A. (W/OP) Sgt. Flower, N. (A/G) Sgt. Betteridge, R.E.	BOMBING TARANTO	23.31	06.29	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 03.02 hrs. flying at 11,000 ft. Visibility good and flares accurate. Own bomb was dropped and bursts seen in the built-up area to the North of the marshalling yards. Slight inaccurate heavy flak from the town. Negligible light flak. 3/4 ineffective 3/L were operating from the town itself. A dummy flare path was seen a short distance from the target area. One flak ship was noticed to the N. of MURDERHILL. A very successful trip.	
28th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "D" HL 794	(CAPT) E/S Vornbrock, W.F. (NAV) Sgt Pindlater, H.A. (B/A) Sgt Cassart, F.F. (W/OP) Sgt Hanson, L. (A/G) Sgt Morrissey, F.P.	BOMBING TARANTO	23.35	06.45	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 03.00 hrs. Good visibility and flares very accurate. Bombs were dropped and bursts were seen on the West end and on the marshalling yards. Slight inaccurate heavy and negligible light flak. 3/4 ineffective 3/L were operating from the town. An unidentified A/C was seen at 02.55 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. heading North of the target. No attack was made. Successful trip.	
28th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "M" HF 528	(CAPT) P/O Sherlock, J.W.A. (NAV) P/O Greer, M.G. (B/A) Sgt McKee, M.W. (W/OP) Sgt Plummer, G.C. (A/G) Sgt Scheving, A.E.	BOMBING TARANTO	23.33	06.35	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 03.04 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Good visibility and flares accurate. A not very effective smoke screen was operating from the North of the target partly covering the marshalling yards but did not hide the target well enough to prevent identification. Own bombs were dropped and numerous flashes were noticed in the marshalling yards. Light to moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak. 3/4 3/L were also operating from the town. Ineffective. This A/C was fired on from SAN PIETRO and holed in a few places. Negligible damage to the A/C, crew unhurt. A convey was also sighted. Successful trip.	
28th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "O" HE 479	(CAPT) P/O Laure, J. (NAV) Sgt Casorso, A.R. (B/A) Sgt McIntee, D.J. (W/OP) Sgt Willmer, H.A.D. (A/G) Sgt Kelly, J.F. (2nd Plt) P/S Sills, J.L.	BOMBING TARANTO	23.30	06.25	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 03.00 hrs. flying at 12,000 ft. Visibility good, a few clouds in patches. Flares very accurate. Own bomb was dropped and seen to burst on the aiming point. An ineffective smoke screen was operating. A large explosion was seen in buildings East of the aiming point. Slight to moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak. A few ineffective 3/L were also operating from the town. A warship was also seen but it did not fire. A very successful trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX.....

A.P. Form 541.

## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By 424 (R.C.A.A. F.A.) SQUADRON

**SECRET**

PAGE No. NINETEEN

(\*001) WL 9210-30 84,000 3/4 T.S. 700  
(\*002) WL 9210-31 101M 12.47 E.S. 700

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
28th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "A" HL.424	(CAPT) P/L Leddy, G.B. (NAV) P/O McGregor, W.L. (B/A) Sgt Mackinnon, R. (W/O) W/O Kellner, J.A. (A/G) P/S Rudd, A.M.	TARANTO BOMBING	23.25	06.53	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 02.56 hrs. flying at 10,300 ft. Good visibility, target easily identified. Flares were dropped at 02.58 hrs. and seemed to be very accurate bursting just East of the aiming point, lighting up the latter point very well. Slight moderate inaccurate heavy flak and negligible light flak shot up from the town. Several locomotives were seen in the yards and as steam and smoke was rising from them it appeared that they had been hit. One flak ship was noticed firing in PIGEYLO. Very successful trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "W" HL.492	(CAPT) S/L Metzler, H.W. (NAV) P/O Digney, R.J. (B/A) P/O Peguin, F.P. (W/O) P/S Macaulay, M.A. (A/G) Sgt Allan, J.E.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	21.55	03.35	This A/C carrying 36 flares arrived over the target at 01.01 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Visibility was good over the target and the latter easily identified. Flares were dropped 100 yards N. of the marshalling yards. The rear gunner reported that the flares lit up the yards thoroughly. Numerous bombs were seen to drop and burst in and around the marshalling yards. Slight to moderate light and heavy inaccurate flak. A few ineffective S/L were operating from the West part of the town. Very satisfactory trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "B" HL.273	(CAPT) W/O Bassen, R.A. (NAV) P/S Lefthouse, J. (B/A) Sgt Helman, L.F. (W/O) Sgt Wren, C.A. (A/G) Sgt Cable, A.B.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.09	03.50	This A/C carrying one 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 01.08 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Although visibility was very bad over the Coast, it was clear over the target. Flares accurate. Own bomb burst between the steel works and the marshalling yards. Other bursts were noticed in the same area. Slight to moderate inaccurate flak over the target. Four ineffective S/L were also operating. Numerous fires were seen in the bombing area and in the town. What seemed to be an oil fire was noticed on the water near LEZOGRA POINT. A very satisfactory trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "C" HP.477	(CAPT) Sgt. Kelly, D. (NAV) Sgt. Keppel, J.L. (B/A) Sgt. Barnes, L.A. (W/O) Sgt. Kimmins, R. (A/G) Sgt. Bassett, H.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.16	04.05	This A/C carrying 3 x 500 lb. 3 x 250 lb. plus 6 x 40 lb. S.F.C. bombs arrived over the target at 01.04 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility over the target and flares quite accurate. Bombs were dropped N. of the race track in West end of the target area. Own bursts and many others were seen near and in the marshalling yards. Negligible flak. 7 blue S/L were seen W. of the town, 2 other blue ones were noticed E. of the target area. 3 yellow S/L were also seen. A steady white light was noticed 5 miles S. of the town. A very satisfactory trip.	

www.bombercommand.co.uk



DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "M" HF.582	(CAPT) F/S Ryvinsden, E. T. (NAV) F/S Thaler, J. D. (B/A) Sgt Hermitbrooke, L. (W/OF) Sgt Deacen, L. R. (A/G) Sgt Hanna, W. T.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.10	04.00	This A/C carrying 3 x 500 lb., 3 x 250 lb. plus 6 x 40 lb. S.P.C. bombs arrived over the target at 01.11 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Fair visibility over the Coast but good over the target and flares were accurate. Own bombs were seen to burst in the town and many others including one 4,000 pounder. Slight to moderate heavy and light flak, S. of the target area. 5/6 S/L were also operating from the S. of the town and a few from the N. Satisfactory trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "L" HL.433	(CAPT) F/S MacLeod, I. S. (NAV) Sgt Collins, R. A. (B/A) Sgt Watt, L. R. (W/OF) Sgt Delalla, J. P. (A/G) Sgt Renfrey, K. T.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.01	03.30	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 01.03 hrs. flying at 8,500 ft. Visibility poor over the Coast but improved over the target with only 3-4/10th cloud. Flares quite accurate. Own bomb was dropped and seen to explode in the centre of the marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts were seen in or close to the former place. Some moderate, inaccurate flak over the town. 5/6 S/L were operating in a semi circle, N.W. of the town. Ineffective. Good trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "D" HL.794	(CAPT) F/S Wilton, H. M. (NAV) Sgt Moore, L. W. (B/A) F/O Irvine, A. C. (W/OF) Sgt Meyer, W. M. (A/G) Sgt Marshall, W. A.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.00	03.55	This A/C carrying 3 x 500 lb., 3 x 250 lb. plus 6 x 40 lb. S.P.C. bombs, arrived over the target at 01.08 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Some cloud over the target but flares quite effective. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst across marshalling yards. Many other bursts were seen in the same area. Slight to moderate heavy and light flak. Inaccurate. 2/3 S/L operating from N. of the town, 3/4 from the South. Ineffective. Numerous small fires were noticed. Satisfactory trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "O" HL.479	(CAPT) F/O Sherlock, E. T. (NAV) F/O Cresswell, T. (B/A) F/O Raikes, G. W. (W/OF) Sgt Morris, L. (A/G) Sgt Rapely, C. M.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.06	03.40	This A/C carrying 3 x 500 lb. plus 3 x 250 lb. bombs and 6 x 40 lb. incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.05 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Fair visibility, flares quite accurate. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst in the middle of the marshalling yards. Other bomb bursts were seen in the town. Numerous fires were noticed in the town area. Slight to moderate inaccurate flak. A few ineffective S/L were also operating. Satisfactory trip.	
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "S" HL.433	(CAPT) F/S McIntyre, R. J. (NAV) F/S McGillan, C. C. (B/A) Sgt Hamilton, M. R. (W/OF) Sgt Wilson, A. H. (A/G) Sgt Pearce, G. S.	BOMBING TERRE ANNUNCIATA	22.14	03.55	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 01.10 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bomb fell S. of the marshalling yards. Several other bomb bursts were seen. One big fire noticed behind the marshalling yards. Slight to moderate, inaccurate heavy flak from the town. 6/8 ineffective S/L were operating from different places in the target area. Satisfactory trip.	

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

A.F.  
FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By A24 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

**SECRET**

PAGE No. 199

(Form 541) 101-541-55 60,000 5147 T.S. 700

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29th AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "X" LN.411	(CAPT) Sgt McKenzie, J.R. (NAV) P/O Cambe, O.J. (B/A) P/O Cable, E.D. (W/OF) Sgt Bailey, F.A. (A/G) Sgt Gibbs, F.N.	BOMBING TERRACE ANNUNCIATA	22.10	04.10	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 pounder arrived over the target at 01.10 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Weather bad on the coast but good over the target and flares effective. Own bomb was dropped and seen to burst in the N. end of marshalling yards. Numerous other bursts were seen. One large fire was noticed in the target area. The town itself seemed carpeted with small fires. Slight to moderate inaccurate flak. 7/8 ineffective S/L were operating W. of the town. Satisfactory trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "W" LN.441	(CAPT) P/S Webb, A.E. (NAV) P/O Lee, J.G. (B/A) Sgt Meeney, H.C. (W/OF) Sgt Mann, J.H. (A/G) P/S Humes, A.J.	BOMBING SALEURO	19.33	01.20	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility and flares quite accurate. Own bombs were dropped and seen to fall across S.E. end of marshalling yards. Two 4,000 pounders were seen to burst N.E. of the same place. A large fire was noticed in the centre of the town. Slight to moderate inaccurate flak, light and heavy. No S/L. Very successful trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "S" LN.423	(CAPT) P/O Lambert, J.M.L. (NAV) P/S Peacock, W.T.F. (B/A) P/O Coutts, G.L. (W/OF) P/S Mailman, L.A. (A/G) P/S Vian, R.C.	BOMBING SALEURO	19.30	01.30	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 22.33 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. Good visibility and flares accurate. Bombs dropped on and burst near the S.E. corner of the marshalling yards. Several other bomb bursts were seen in the same area. Some bombs were also seen to fall at sea. A quite large fire was noticed burning N. of the town. Moderate to heavy inaccurate light and heavy flak, S.E. and N. of the town. No S/L. A few dummy fires were also noticed. A satisfactory trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.585	(CAPT) P/L Dugas, B.R. (NAV) P/S Henderson, D.R. (B/A) P/O Spencer, M.J. (W/OF) P/O Cook, H.R. (A/G) P/S Moore, J.H.	BOMBING SALEURO	19.32	01.30	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb. plus 5 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs. flying at 8,500 ft. Good visibility, flares accurate. Bombs were aimed at and seen to burst in the centre of the marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts were seen in and at the rear of the same place. Some heavy and light fairly accurate flak shot up from the town West of the yards, near the barracks. A concentrated and successful raid.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "L" LN.433	(CAPT) P/S Vernbreck, W.F. (NAV) Sgt Finlayson, H.A. (B/A) Sgt Cammard, E.E. (W/OF) Sgt Hansen, L. (A/G) Sgt Morrissey, F.P.	BOMBING SALEURO	19.35	01.42	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 22.37 hrs. flying at 10,000 ft. Own bomb was seen to burst and start a big fire near the W. end of the marshalling yards. Some scattered bomb bursts were also noticed. Slight inaccurate light and heavy flak. No S/L. A few dummy fires also seen. Good trip.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
31st AUG. Night.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	(CAPT) F/S Dingley, N. (NAV) F/S McFarlane, D.I. (B/A) Sgt Selmes, C.H. (W/CP) F/O Perrester, E.R. (A/G) F/S Skinner, F.	BOMBING SALESGO	19.40	01.10	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs. flying at 8,100 ft. Good visibility, flares fairly accurate. Bombs were dropped on and seen to burst in the marshalling yards. A stick of bombs were also seen to burst across the end of the yards. Some slight inaccurate flak S. of the town. No S/L. Several steady yellow lights were seen several miles inland. Good trip.	
31st AUG. Night.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794	(CAPT) S/L Ames, C.F. (NAV) F/O Leitch, A.H. (B/A) F/S Buss, F.H. (W/CP) W/O McNeil, D.H. (A/G) W/O Arnold, R.L.	BOMBING SALESGO	19.25	01.20	This A/C carrying 36 flares and acting as illuminator arrived over the target at 22.26 hrs. 2 minutes earlier than illumination time. As it approached from seaward it ran into a concentration of flak. Therefore did an orbit and dropped its flares successfully and at the time scheduled. Visibility was good at all times. Slight to moderate heavy and light flak S. and N.W. of the town. No S/L. Some flak was also shot up by ships in the bay. Good and successful trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "M" HE.582	(CAPT) F/O Sherlock, A.A. (NAV) F/O Greer, M.G. (B/A) Sgt McRae, M.W. (W/CP) Sgt Plummer, S.C. (A/G) Sgt Scheving.	BOMBING SALESGO	19.35	01.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb. bombs arrived over the target at 22.33 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility and flares accurate. Bombs dropped on the marshalling yards and the R/G saw them burst therein. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak from S. of the town. No S/L. A dummy flare path was also noticed. Successful trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	(CAPT) F/O Kelly, R.L. (NAV) F/S Livingston, J. (B/A) Sgt Davies, R.G.A. (W/CP) W/O O'Connor, H.H. (A/G) F/S Cameron, R.H.	BOMBING SALESGO	19.38	01.38	This A/C carrying 1 x 5000 pounder arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs. flying at 8,000 ft. Bomb was seen to burst 500 ft. N. of the cement plant. Slight inaccurate and heavy flak S. and N. of the town. One unidentified W/A A/C was seen heading S.W. at 21.20 hrs. No attack. Good trip.	
31st AUG. Night	WELLINGTON X "X" IN.441	(CAPT) F/S Sills, J.L. (NAV) F/O Fitzkeithly, A. (B/A) F/S Langlois, J.A. (W/CP) Sgt Allen, L. (A/G) Sgt Ingram, W.J.B.	BOMBING SALESGO	19.32	01.35	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 22.32 hrs. flying at 9,000 ft. Good visibility. Bomb was seen to burst in marshalling yards. Numerous fires were noticed in the target area. 6-8 ships were seen firing light flak from the bay. Some fairly accurate heavy flak shot up from the N. part of the town. An unidentified A/C was seen at 22.10 hrs. flying 6,000 ft. heading N.W. No attack. A successful trip.	

Wing Commander, Commanding,  
424 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, Acting C.O.