

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX.....

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## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 19 43

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1/2nd Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "P" MS.540	P. P/O LEBERT, J.M.L. NAV. P/S FRADDOX, W.T.F. B/L P/O GUNTER, G.W. W/O P/S MILLER, L.A. A/G. P/S VINE, R.G.	BOMBING FORMLA.	19.45	01.38	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.34 hrs flying at 6,250 ft. Poor visibility on the way over but good over the target. Flares accurate. Bombs were seen to burst on the target area. Defences were negligible. One gun only operating from the N part of the aiming point. One ship seen in the harbor. Fair trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "P" MS.596	P. P/O SHERLOCK, R.T. NAV. P/O CROCKWELL, T.H. B/L P/O RAKE, S.V. W/O P/S MORRIS, T. A/G. SGT RABBY, G.M.	DO.	19.40	01.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.32 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Poor visibility on the way over but good over the target. Flares quite accurate. One stick of flares fell a little N of the aiming point but the second stick fell on the target. No flak or S/L lights were noticed all over the area of CAPS VOLUNTERO. Fair trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "M" MS.582	P. P/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. P/S LIVINGSTON, J.R.C. B/L P/S DAVIES, R.G.A. W/O SGT WORTH, J. A/G. P/S CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	19.35	02.05	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.31 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Poor visibility on the way over but fair over the target. Flares accurate. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst on the aiming point. No flak or S/L. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" MS.477	P. P/S WILSON, R.M. NAV. P/S MOORE, K.W. B/L P/O IRVING, A.J. W/O SGT MEYER, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	DO.	19.50	02.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs flew in sterns and in 10/10 cloud. Impossible to pinpoint or identify anything. Flares were dropped but were lost in cloud. Bombs were jettisoned alive at 22.22 hrs at 4020N 12600E. Four trials.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" MS.378	P. S/L METZGER, H.W. NAV. P/O DIGNY, R.J. B/L P/O PARVIN, P.F. W/O P/S MACANLAY, N. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.B.	DO.	19.41	01.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs made two runs on the target, the first at 22.38 hrs the second at 22.46 hrs. En route visibility was very bad, with 10/10 cloud but good over the target. Flares fairly accurate. On the first run the stick of bombs were seen to burst on the railway intersection of the aiming point and the second burst on the road intersection. No flak or S/L on the target. Good trip although main effort was not too successful.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" MS.724	P. P/O KIRLEY, S.L. NAV. P/O FLETCHER, R.B. B/L SGT RICHMOND, J.A. W/O SGT KIDD, J.L. A/G. SGT MITCHELL, G.E.	DO.	19.45	02.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.32 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very poor visibility on the way over but quite good over the target itself. Bombs were dropped and bursts were seen across the road intersection. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "R" MS.585	P. P/L DUGAN, R.R. NAV. P/S HENDERSON, D.R. B/L P/O SEAGER, M.J. W/O P/O CLOKE, H.R. A/G. SGT MORRISSEY, E.	DO.	19.35	01.50	This A/C carrying 36 flares flew in very bad weather on the way over, but visibility was good on the target. Flares were dropped in two sticks from 6,000 ft. First flares were dropped at 22.30 hrs and others at 22.38 hrs. These flares were dropped 3/4 miles away and they drifted over to the target and the latter seemed well lit up. No flak or S/L. Fair trip.	

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1/2nd Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "C" HP.477	P. W/O BASSON, R.A. NAV. P/S LOPTHOUSE, J. B/A. SGT HODGKIN, L.P. W/CF. SGT WHEAT, C.A. A/G. SGT CABLE, A.M.	BOMBING FORMIA.	19.40	01.20	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs flew in very stormy weather, 10/10 cloud and abandoned the trip. Bombs jettisoned from 6,000 ft at 22.30 hrs. Unsuccessful and disappointing trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "G" HS.968	P. W/O MANNING, A.T. NAV. P/S GRAM, A.F. B/A. P/S GORDON, D.P. W/CF. SGT CAREY, G. A/G. SGT HAWARD, C.T.	DO.	19.48	02.05	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 22.45 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Poor visibility on the way over but flares were well placed. Own bomb bursts were seen near the aiming point. No flak or S/L. Fair trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HZ.424	P. P/L LEBBY, G.B. NAV. P/C MCGREGOR, W.K. B/A. SGT MICHAMIN, R. W/CF. W/O KELLNER, J.A. A/G. P/S RUDD, A.	DO.	19.41	- -	This A/C reported that they had engine trouble at 21.32 hrs their position being then approximately 3916N 1231E. Unfortunately nothing has been heard or seen of them since that time.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "F" HS.795	P. SGT MARTIN, I.A. NAV. SGT WARR, S.P. B/A. SGT BENT, J.W. W/CF. SGT DUDMAN, G.D. A/G. SGT CUTS, J.R.	DO.	19.43	- -	Nothing has been heard or seen of this aircraft since time of take off.	
1/4th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "H" LN.578	P. W/O MANNING, A.T. NAV. P/S GRAM, A.F. B/A. P/S GORDON, D.P. W/CF. SGT CAREY, G. A/G. SGT HAWARD, C.T.	BOMBING CIVITAVECCHIA	19.45	02.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.07 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and flares accurate. Bombs were dropped and seen to explode across the marshalling yards. Several fires were seen in the bombing area as this A/C was leaving. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "V" HS.296	P. P/S WHEAT, C.A. NAV. P/C LEE, J.G. B/A. SGT MCGHEE, M.C. W/CF. SGT HARR, J.H. A/G. P/S HARRIS, A.G. B/A. P/L MEDWIN, A.G.	DO.	19.52	02.27	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.12 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were aimed at the marshalling yards but bursts were hidden by the explosion of a 4-ton powder which exploded at the same time. No flak or S/L. Should be a very successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "J" HS.477	P. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O GRAM, A.F. B/A. SGT MERRIS, M. W/CF. SGT FLETCHER, S.O. A/G. SGT SCHWING, A.	DO.	19.45	01.35	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.14 hrs flying at 8,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped in the yards but due to smoke, results were not seen. Minor bomb bursts were seen in the towns and near the marshalling yards. Should be a successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "G" HP.477	P. P/S MYNDSCH, E.T. NAV. P/S THALER, J. B/A. SGT HODGKIN, L.P. W/CF. SGT BRADON, L.B. A/G. SGT HARRIS, W.T.	DO.	19.45	02.05	This A/C carrying 6 x 500 lb bombs and 18 flares arrived over the target at 23.04 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Bombs were dropped on the aiming point and were seen to burst. Flares were dropped at 23.10 hrs. Only one flare seemed to go off. Bombing was satisfactory but flares were disappointing.	

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3/4th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "M" HP.582	P. F/S WILSON, H.M. NAV. F/S MOORE, K.W. W/O. SGT MASON, W.M. A/G. SGT MARSHALL, W.A.	BOMBING CIVITAVECCHIA	18.50	02.15	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.14 hrs flying at 6,500 ft. Good visibility flares fairly accurate. Own bombs and others were seen bursting on the N edge of the marshalling yards. Other bursts were seen in the town. A fair amount of smoke was covering up the target area. This appeared to come from the marshalling yards. One light inaccurate gun on the target. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "Q" HE.968	P. F/S MCINNES, R.J. NAV. F/S MCILLEN, C.G. W/O. SGT HAMILTON, N.R. W/O. SGT WILSON, A.H. A/G. SGT FRANKS, G.A.	DO.	19.40	02.10	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.10 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped and bursts were seen in the marshalling yards. Flares were also noticed in the built up areas. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.540	P. F/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. NAV. F/S FRADOCK, W.T.F. W/O. F/O GAVES, G.L. W/O. F/S MILLER, J.L. A/G. S/O SCOTT, R.	DO.	19.52	02.56	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 23.10 hrs flying at 6,100 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped and bursts were seen in the target area. Flares were also noticed. No flak or S/L. Good and satisfactory trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "S" IN.423	P. S/L DENTON, H.W. NAV. F/O DICKIN, R.J. W/O. F/O PARSON, P.F. W/O. F/S MCARDY, M. A/G. SGT ALLEN, J.E.	NICKELLING FERRA	19.00	03.00	This A/C carrying 400,000 leadlets flew over the dropping point from 23.20 hrs to 23.46 hrs and dropped all their leadlets. Good visibility and weather, to and from the dropping point. One heavy inaccurate gun at this town. No S/L. A successful trip.	
4/5th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.968	P. F/O SHERLOCK, A.T. NAV. F/O CROSSLAND, T.H. W/O. F/O RAHE, S.W. W/O. SGT MORTON, T. A/G. SGT RAYSON, G.M.	BOMBING FERRA	17.05	19.35	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb, 2 x 500 lb, plus 2 x 1000 lb bombs developed trouble with its constant speed unit shortly after take off. Bombs had to be jettisoned and the A/C had an early return. Unsuccessful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "L" IN.433	P. F/S RYNDENSON, E.T. NAV. F/S TERRY, J.D. W/O. SGT BENTON, L.R. A/G. SGT BARRA, W.T.	DO.	17.05	23.05	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb arrived over the target at 23.03 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst close to road intersection. Other bursts were seen on the target. No flak or S/L. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.540	P. F/O LAMBERT, J.M.L. NAV. F/S FRADOCK, W.T.F. W/O. F/O GAVES, G.L. W/O. F/S MILLER, J.L. A/G. F/S VIAN, R.G.	DO.	17.14	22.54	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb plus 2 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.06 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Several of own bomb bursts were seen right on the target. A fire was also seen in the town. One heavy flak gun in the NW part of the town. Inaccurate. 3 guns shooting up heavy flak along the coast 10 miles from FERRA, also inaccurate. No S/L. Successful and concentrated raid.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "M" HP.582	P. F/O KELLY, R.L. NAV. F/S LIVINGSTON, J.R.G. W/O. F/S DAVIES, R.G. W/O. SGT WORTH, J. A/G. F/S CAMERON, R.E.H.	DO.	16.55	23.55	This A/C carried 8 x 500 lb bombs besides 10 flares and acting as illuminator, arrived over the target at 20.07 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and flares were dropped right over the target. Numerous bomb bursts were seen including one 4000 pounder. One inaccurate gun about 4 to 5 miles E of the target. No S/L. A very good trip.	

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4/5th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE.794.	P. S/L AMES, C.F. NAV. P/O LITCH, A.K. B/A. P/S BUSS, F.H. W/O. W/O MCNEILL, D.H. A/G. W/O ARNOLD, R.L.	BOMBING FORGIA.	17.12	22.42	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.05 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Own bomb bursts were not seen but many others, including one 4000 pounder were noticed bursting on or very near the aiming point. Negligible flak. No S/L. One flare was also noticed in the town. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.477	P. W/O BASSON, R.A. NAV. P/S IOPHROUSE, J. B/A. SGT MOOREY, H.G. W/O. SGT WREN, G.A. A/G. SGT CABLE, A.E.	DO.	17.05	23.10	This A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb, 5 x 500 lb, and 2 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.01 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. First bombs were seen to burst right on the aiming point but others were not seen to burst. Many other bomb bursts were noticed. A fire was seen to start soon after own bombs were dropped. Many craters were seen around the aiming point, 15 were actually counted. No flak or S/L. A very good effort.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "E" IN.378	P. P/O GRUNT, A.C. NAV. P/O AGRIOS, J.E. B/A. P/S CHILBERT, G.W. W/O. SGT GIFFER, A.J. A/G. P/O GALLOWAY, D.E.	DO.	16.55	23.45	This A/C carrying 9 x 500 lb plus 2 x 250 lb bombs arrived over the target at 20.10 hrs flying at 7,000 ft. Good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped and seen to burst across the road. Several other bomb bursts were also seen in the same place. One inaccurate gun shooting up light flak from E. of the town. No S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.968	P. P/S DINGLEY, W. NAV. P/S RAPPARELLY, G.L. B/A. P/S SOLERS, C.H. W/O. SGT WILSON, R.H. A/G. P/S SHILLER, F.	DO.	17.10	23.50	This A/C carrying 8 x 500 lb bombs besides 18 flares and acting as illuminator arrived over the target at 20.10 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and flares were accurately dropped. Own bomb bursts and several others were seen on the target. Thick black smoke was partly covering the target. No flares resulted from a large fire that could be noticed. No flak or S/L. Good trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.273	P. P/S WARRER, H.M. NAV. SGT MOORE, R.W. B/A. P/O TIVING, A.J. W/O. P/S MEYER, W.A. A/G. SGT WAREHAM, W.A.	MINEBLASTING SABIA LEITCH FISA.	17.25	01.55	This A/C carrying 300,000 nickels dropped same between 21.35 hrs and 21.57 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Good visibility. Many lights were seen along the coast around SPEDIA. Some moderate flak from the latter point. Slight inaccurate flak from LEBRON. No S/L. Successful trip.	
5/6th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "A" HE.968	P. P/S WESS, A.S. NAV. P/O LEE, J.C. B/A. SGT MOOREY, H.G. W/O. SGT BARR, J.H. A/G. P/S HARRIS, A.J.	BOMBING GRASSITO A/D.	16.25	23.35	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs plus 2 SBOs arrived over the target at 20.00 hrs flying at 5,200 ft. Very good visibility and accurate flares lit up the target. Own bombs were seen to burst among the dispersals. Explosions and fires were immediately noticed among dispersed A/C. No defences on the target. Successful trip.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.582	P. P/O SHERLOCK, A.A. NAV. P/O GREER, M.G. B/A. SGT MORAY, M.W. W/O. SGT PLUMMER, S.C. A/G. SGT SCREVEN, A.T.	DO.	16.30	23.20	This A/C carrying 13 x 250 lb bombs plus 16 x 40 lb incendiaries arrived over the target at 19.59 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs dropped and were seen to burst in the SW corner of the dispersals on the first run. Fires broke out immediately on the second run no results were observed. Many A/C were seen on fire or hit by other bomb bursts. No defences whatsoever. A most successful sortie.	

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5/6th Oct. Night.	WELLINGTON X "W" LN. 578	P. S/L MORTIMER, R.W. NAV. P/O DIGNBY, R.J. S/A P/O PARSON, F.F. W/O P/S MAGANNA, R.A. A/C. SGT KILBE, J.E.	BOMBING GRASSETO A/D.	16.37	23.06	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs plus 16 x 40 lb incendiaries arrived over the target at 20.04 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Good visibility and very accurate flares. Bombs were seen to burst along side the armed A/C. Flares immediately broke out and an explosion followed. The latter seemed like an oil or petrol dump. No defences on the target. Should be a very successful sortie.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE. 540	P. P/S MORTIMER, R.W. NAV. P/S MORTIMER, R.W. S/A SGT HALLIDAY, R.R. W/O SGT WILSON, A.H. A/C. P/S FRASER, C.S.	DO.	16.30	23.20	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb plus 16 x 40 lb incendiaries arrived over the target at 20.04 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility and accurate flares. Bombing was at will. Bombs were seen to burst on the northern end of the dispersal with the first stick and the second burst on the west. 3 A/C immediately caught fire on the first explosion. 15 A/C were counted on fire on the ground before this A/C left the target. Bombs were also seen to explode among the buildings. No flak or S/L on the target. Best effort this crew has yet seen.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "D" HE. 794	P. P/S FORBES, R.F. NAV. P/O GOUTAR, J.R. S/A SGT GAGGARDY, F.F. W/O SGT HANSON, L. A/C. W/O REICHEL, R.F.	DO.	16.30	23.45	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs plus 16 x 40 lb incendiaries arrived over the target at 20.05 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility, accurate flares. Many bomb bursts were seen along dispersal A/C resulting in fires believed to be burning A/C. One stick of bombs was seen to straddle administration buildings or hangars. Numerous other bursts were also noticed. A most successful sortie. No flak or S/L on the target area.	
DO.	WELLINGTON X "W" LN. 468	P. P/O KIRBY, R.L. NAV. P/S LIVINGSTON, J.H.G. S/A P/S DAVIES, R.G. W/O SGT WORTH, J. A/C. P/S GAZDAN, R.E.H.	DO.	16.30	23.10	This A/C carrying 14 x 250 lb bombs plus 2 SBO's arrived over the target at 20.06 hrs flying at 6,000 ft. Very good visibility and accurate flares. Bombs were dropped on dispersals and numerous bomb bursts were seen when the dispersed A/C. Flares immediately broke out in the A/C. Bombs were also seen to burst on the fuel dumps and fires resulting therefrom could be seen many miles away after leaving the target. No flak or S/L. A most successful trip.	

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