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1.3.43.	Wellington III BK.438 R	1380201 Sgt Ramsa, HA 1236725 Sgt Pass, W. 1383566 Sgt Wright, W.H 656092 Sgt Holmes, H.V J13068 F/O Milne, D.S 639243 Sgt Newland, F.E	Captain Navigator WOP/AG M/A A/G 2nd A/G	1807	2247	Target - Minelaying in area as ordered. Bomb Load - 2 X B.200. Vegetables planted in area as ordered from 700'. Vis. good 2008. Pinpointed SCHIERMONNIKOOG and point of GRONZAND. Parachutes seen to open.	122
1.3.43.	Wellington III L.3390 W	1096580 Sgt Green, H. 656332 Sgt Fulton, A.G 1338058 Sgt Coward, A.G 1388584 Sgt Cadd, A.F. R106513 Sgt Newcombe, W 909917 Sgt Bodden, T.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG M/A A/G 2nd A/G	1806	2301	Target - Minelaying in area as ordered. Bomb Load - 2 X G.300. Vegetables planted in area as ordered from 800', 2005 hrs. Visibility good and point GRONZAND clearly identified. Parachutes seen to open.	123
2.3.43.	Wellington III L.1572 Q	R106395 P/S Vandekerckhove,CEC Capt. R106700 Sgt Williamson, W.A Nav. 1382127 Sgt Davies, G. WOP/AG 139285 Sgt Rothwell, A.D M/A R134704 Sgt McLemp J.J. A/G		1800	0035	Target - Minelaying in area as ordered. Bomb Load - 2 X B.200. Both vegetables planted successfully in positions allocated. Successful trip though difficult visibility.	Frisian Islands 124
2.3.43.	Wellington II BK.438 R	R114537 Sgt Rae, E.A. Capt. 139368 F/O Holmes, G.V Nav. 1380257 Sgt Howe, E.F. WOP/AG R106368 Sgt Lynds, D.T. M/A R105886 Sgt Heynes, W.H. A/G 657738 Sgt Middleton, A.C 2nd A/G		1801	2325	Target - Minelaying in area as ordered. Bomb Load - 1 X B.200 & 1 X G.300. This a/c landed at Acklington owing to low cloud base. Vegetables brought back.	125
2.3.43.	Wellington III L.3390 W	R122558 Sgt Lymburner,LH Capt. R98892 Sgt Millsom,H.R. Nav. 1389751 Sgt Clark, R. WOP/AG R124501 Sgt MacPherson,H.S M/A R143069 Sgt Drake, W.R. A/G 861271 F/S Dutton, T.A 2nd A/G		1802	---	Target - Minelaying in area as ordered. Bomb Load - 1 X B.200 & 1 X G.300. Nothing has been heard of this A/C since take off and it must, therefore, be presumed missing.	Frisian Islands 126
3.3.43.	Wellington III BK.137 A	136890 Sgt Rodwell, A. Capt. 1314982 Sgt Hughes, G.L. Navigator 1074971 Sgt McDonald, W. WOP/AG 1338058 Sgt Coward, A.G 2nd WOP/AG 778570 Sgt Carr, J.B. M/A 969817 Sgt Seddon, W. A/G		1812	00107	Target - HAMBURG. Bomb Load - 1 X 4,000 lb. Attacked primary from 17,000 ft. 157 M. at 2120 hrs. No cloud. Ground haze, visibility fair. Twelve large fires seen on way out & very heavy explosion on ground followed by smoke pall. Flak inaccurate. Good trip.	127

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3.3.43	Wellington XII BK.437 K	J.8219 F/O Genderton, VF J.13272 P/O Seeder, E.R. 1269696 Sgt Thompson, F.J 1532031 Sgt Hignett, K.K R71759 F/S Froude, H.G. NZ413773 Sgt Northcoat, D.	Captain Navigaor WOP/AG B/A A/G 2nd A/G	1812	0023	Target - HAMBURG. Bomb Load - 3 X 500, 16 X 30lb. Inc., 340 X 4 lb. Inc. + 20 "X" type. Primary attacked from 18,000 ft. 156 M. at 2126 hrs. No cloud, haze on coast, visibility fair. Bombed on Red Marker Bombs.	128
3.3.43	Wellington X BZ.264 L	69450 S/L Earthrowl, C.H 138516 P/O Greening, J.P R74751 Sgt Perdue, E.A. 22028A F/S Horsman, C.W R119518 Sgt Thornton, G.M R106513 F/S Newcombe, W.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G 2nd A/G	1813	0044	Target - HAMBURG. Bomb Load - 3 x 500, 16 x 30lb. Inc., 340 X 4lb. Inc. + 20 "X" type. Primary attacked from 18,000 ft. Flickering lights seen 12 miles N.N.W of target and believed to be dummy. Twelve large fires on S. of town and of river. Heavy bombs seen to burst on target. P.F.F. seemed scattered in bombing results over target not as concentrated as usual.	129
3.3.43.	Wellington XII BK.438 R	J.16714 P/O Fellner, A.M R105829 F/S Dalton, W.R. R108545 Sgt Tedford, B.L. 1269954 Sgt Wade, J.A. R82555 F/S Thurston, WA R108331 Sgt Huston, G.S.	Captain Nav. WOP/AG 2nd WOP/AG B/A A/G	1816	0036	Target - HAMBURG. Bomb Load - 3 x 500, 16 x 30lb. Inc., 340 x 4lb. Inc. + 20 "X" type. Primary attacked from 18,000 ft. 160 M. at 2123 hrs. No cloud, hazy, visibility fair. Bombed on T.I. markers. 1 4,000 lb. bomb seen to explode on target. Plenty of flak from ships on direct route. (from Pos. A to target and to position D from target).	130
3.3.43	Wellington III Z.1719 P	R.107263 Sgt Schmitt, W.H 1381474 Sgt Fernand, A.H R107292 Sgt Fahner, S. R114424 Sgt Vogan, G.L. 127509 P/O Moore, J.L. R101601 Sgt McNamara, R.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A 2nd B/A A/G	1813	1855	Target - HAMBURG. Bomb Load - 3 x 500, 16 x 30lb. Inc., 340 x 4lb. Inc. + 20 "X" type. This A/C returned early - compasses U/S.	131
3.3.43.	Wellington III X.3553 Y	1212381 Sgt Johnson, E.A. R73039 W/O Grossman, G.T R77330 F/S Flanagan, E.P R87056 F/S Berg, G.T. R59048 F/S Meyer, M.M. 639243 Sgt Newland, P.E.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G 2nd A/G	1811	0027	Target - HAMBURGH Bomb Load - 1 X 4,000lb. Primary attacked from 18,000 ft. 050M. at 2128 hrs. No cloud, slight haze. Good visibility. Red & Red. Marker bombs seen in sights. No results seen. Fires in old town. Approx. 10 a/c over target.	132

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME UP	TIME DOWN	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
5.3.43	Wellington III BK.137 A	37464 W/C Burnside, DH R72714 W/O Heather, RJ 923049 F/S Keen, G.F. 128418 F/O Hayhurst, RJ 987166 F/O D.B. Ross	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1858	0020	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 1 x 4,000lb. Attacked primary from 18000' 187°M. 2112 hrs. No cloud, some haze, fair visibility. Bombed on Red T.I. Markers. Bursts not seen owing to numerous fires in T.A. at least 8 fires raging in town & area of Krupps. Large column of flame seen in T.A. approx. 5 mins. after bombing. P.F.F. accurate. Defences seemed to be swamped.	133
5.3.43	Wellington III BJ.886 F	R107956 Sgt Erickson, AF 1431245 Sgt Hulme, D.W 1026152 Sgt Judkins, F. F/O White, V.M. 989917 Sgt Seddon, W.	Captain Nav. WOP/AG B/A A/G	1859	0059	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb., G.P. - 1 x 500lb. L.D., - 16 x 30lb. Inc. - 340 + 20 "X" type 4lb. Inc. Attacked primary 17000' 180°M., 2124 hrs. Wisps of cloud, some haze, fairly good vis. Target identified by yellow T.I. markers and large concentrated fires in T.A. in which own bombs were seen to burst. Fires seen from Dutch coast on return. Incends. seen dropped short, approx. 1 mile North of target.	134
5.3.43.	Wellington III Z.1719 J	40648 F/L Peters, P. 1438275 Sgt Smith, A. 1379021 Sgt Wray, P. 1332664 Sgt Sach, PWB R113733 Sgt Smith, M.C	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1900	0009	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. G.P. - 1 x 500lb. L.D., - 16 x 30lb. Inc. - 340 + 20 "X" type 4lb. Inc. Bombed primary (2115 hrs) 16000' 188°M. Slight cloud at 19000'. Vis. moderate. Bombed on Red T.I. markers. Own bursts not seen but several 4000lb. bombs seen to explode. Effort seemed to be quite successful. glow of fires seen from Dutch coast.	135

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	Wellington III	110633 F/O Webster,K.	Captain				
5.3.43	HX.437	1476352 Sgt Mitchell,T	Navigator	1858	0027	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. G.P. - 1 x 500lb.	136
	K	1380372 Sgt Humphries	WOP/AG			L.D., - 16 x 30lb. Incs. - 340 + 20 "X" type Alb. Incs.	
		R2413718 Sgt Strang,R	R/A			Bombed primary at 18000', 2116 hrs., 190°M. No cloud,	
		R2413773 Sgt Northeast	A/G			ground haze, good vis. Bombed on Red T.I. markers. Own	
						bombs not seen. 3 very large explosions seen. Large fires	
						seen in T.A. Glow visible from Dutch coast. Attack believed	
						highly successful.	
5.3.43	Wellington III	R106393 F/S Vandekerckhove,	Capt.	1859	0017	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. G.P. - 1 x 500lb.	137
	Z.1572	R116700 Sgt Williamson, WR	Nav.			L.D., - 16 x 30lb. Incs. - 340 + 20 "X" type Alb. Incs.	
	Q	1263616 Sgt Moylow, A.	WOP/AG			Attacked primary target 17000' at 2130 hrs. 180°M. Vis. good.	
		1392245 Sgt Rothwell, A.D	R/A			Bombed on Red T.I. Markers. 85 + 5 x Alb. Incs. Hung up.	
		R124704 Sgt McLean, J.J.	A/G			Starboard motor caught fire at ENKHUIZEN and cut. Prop.	
						fell off. Definitely super effort. Target well pranged.	
						Man seen to bale out over T/A.	
5.3.43.	Wellington III	R9.565 F/S Cree, R.G	Captain	1900	2315	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. G.P. - 1 x 500lb.	138
	HX.438	R79352 F/S Skillen, R.L	Navigator			L.D., - 16 x 30lb. Incs. - 340 + 20 "X" type Alb. Incs.	
	R	R103415 Sgt Suter, A.F	WOP/AG			Aircraft turned back from 52° 28'N. 08° 15'E. 2049 hrs.	
		R9994. F/S Campbell, R.G	R/A			Owing to rear turret being U/S. Bomb Load brought back.	
		696187 Sgt Nelson, H.R	A/G				
5.3.43.	Wellington MKX	X R95772 F/S Gadsen, GA	Captain	1901	0038	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Attacked primary	139
	H.E. 278	1316321 Sgt Hilton, JDG	2nd Pilot			16000' 2117 hrs. 185°M. Bombed short of Red T.I. Markers.	
	X	898.3 F/L Bolsover, G.	Nav.			Cloud above 21000', ground haze and smoke. Vis. poor.	
		620111 Sgt Durrant, F.	WOP/AG			A/C was coned by 75 - 80 Searchlights for 5 mins. just short	
		186960 F/O Manning, A.J	R/A			of diving point. Bombs went into fires already well estab-	
		1073253 Sgt Mathews, J	A/G			lished. Violent evasive action taken. No damage to A/C.	

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12.3.43.	Wellington III BK.164 E	37464 W/C Burnside, DH R72724 W/O Heather, RJ 923049 F/S Keen, G.F. 128418 P/O Hayhurst, RJ 139642 P/O Ross, D.R.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1910		Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb, 4 (90 x 4lb) SBC's. 2 x (8 x 30lb.) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2130 hrs from 18,500 ft. Red T.I. in Bomb Sight. Results not observed. Jettisoned safe 90 x 4lb. at 2300hrs. 52 30 N. 03 00E P/O Heather killed. F/S Keen's right foot blown off. Not such good show as last raid on ESSEN.	140
12.3.43.	Wellington III Z.1719 J	R79204 F/S Gagnon, G.A R130741 Sgt Labarge A.R. 1269944 Sgt Oakley, C.R. R108426 Sgt Hooley, J.R R114415 Sgt Page, S.R. R116469 Sgt Munson, U.R	Pilot Co-Pilot Nav. WOP/AG B/A A/G	1912	0039	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load 3 x 500lb., - 4 x (90 x 4lb.) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb.) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2138, 1900 ft. 180°M. No cloud. Bright moon, visibility 20 miles. White flares at DORSTEN. Visual pin point on canal. Bombed on Red Markers. Large fires in centre of T/A. Black smoke Best results ever seen.	141
12.3.43.	Wellington X H.E. 547 D	40641 F/L Peters, P. J.21221 P/O Richmond, BA 1438775 Sgt Smith, A. 1379021 Sgt Wray, K.H P/O White, V.H. R113733 Sgt Smith, M.G	Captain Co-Capt. Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1913	0020	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb., - 4 x (90 x 4lb.) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb.) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2132 hrs from 17500 ft. 150°M. No cloud. Vis. fair. Red T.I. markers in sight on bombing. Believed bombs went in centre of fires and Red T.I. markers.	142
12.3.43.	Wellington III BK.653 C	J8219 P/O Genderton, VF J13272 P/O Sneder, JHP 1269686 Sgt Thompson, RJ 1530231 Sgt Hignett, KK R71759 F/S Froude, H.G.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1914	0013	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb., - 4 x (90 x 4lb.) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb.) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2131 hrs. from 17000ft. 180°M. No cloud. Bright Moon. Bombed on T.I. Markers. Large explosive believed to be 4000lb. General attack appeared fairly concentrated.	143

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12.3.43	Wellington III BK.137 A	R96292 Sgt Chambers, PK R102390 Sgt Hamilton, JD R79424 F/S Moore, R.F R98027 Sgt McCormick, L R90400 F/S Owen, B.L. R122401 Sgt Garoutte, BH	Captain Co-Capt. Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1910	0027	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Primary attacked at 2130 hrs from 17500ft. 180°M. No cloud. Bombed on P.F.F. T.I Markers (Green) Explosions and large fires seen.	144
12.3.43.	Wellington III BK.437 K	1096580 Sgt Green, H. 65332 Sgt Fulton, A.G 1332058 Sgt Coward, EC 1388584 Sgt Cudd, F R106513 F/S Newcombe, W	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1912	0053	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 4 x (90 x 4lb) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb) SBC's. Primary attacked, at 2125 hrs. from 15,500 ft. No cloud. Green TI markers in sight on bombing. 1 x 500lb. Hung up. Highly successful raid.	145
12.3.43.	Wellington X HE.668 V	1226461 Sgt Williams, B R96071 Sgt Brown, E.L. R98017 Sgt D'Aoun, A.E. R141760 Sgt Thompson, W R125456 Sgt Duval, J.P	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1915	0036	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 4 x (90 x 4lb.) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2133 hrs from 19,500 ft. Vis. good. Bombed on PFF markers green. One huge fire seen. Good effort. Fires raging.	146
12.3.43	Wellington X HE.425 W	1380201 Sgt Emms, HA 1236725 Sgt Pass, W. 1382127 Sgt Davies, G 656099 Sgt Holmes, H.V J.13068 P/O Milne, DS	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1915	0050	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 4 x (90 x 4lb) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2134 hrs. from 18500 ft. 200°M. Red T.I. in sight on bombing. Good Vis. Fires in T/A really well alight.	147
12.3.43	Wellington X HE.278 X	R94565 F/S Crow, B.G R79352 F/S Skillen, RL 1331729 Sgt Black, J. R95984 F/S Campbell, HW 969187 Sgt Nelson, H.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1914	0100	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Primary attacked at 2140 from 18000ft. 190°M. Smoke & haze on ground. Red T.I. markers in sight on bombing. Successful effort.	148
12.3.43	Wellington III BK.558 Z	J16714 P/O Fellner, AM R128658 Sgt Summers, MB R105889 F/S Dalton, GWR R109545 Sgt Tedford, BL R88585 F/S Thurston, MA R108531 Sgt Huston, G.S	Captain Co-Pilot Nav. WOP/AG B/A A/G	1911	2226	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 4 x (90 x 4lb.) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb) SBC's. Turned back 52 38N 04 38 2050 hrs. Oxygen equipment U/S. 1 x 500lb. Bomb jettisoned safe. 53 38N, 02 50E. Rest brought Back.	149

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12.3.43.	Wellington XII MK.438 B	R107263 Sgt Schmitt, WH 1381474 Sgt Fernand, AH R107292 Sgt Palmer, G.E R114424 Sgt Vogan, G.L. R100601 Sgt McNamara, R.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1913	0044	Target - ESSEN. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 4 x (90 x 4lb) SBC's - 2 x (8 x 30lb) SBC's. Primary attacked at 2132 hrs. 17500 ft. 180°M. No cloud. Green T.I markers in sight on bombing. Two large explosions seen in T/A Very good raid.	150
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.653 C	J8219 F/O Gender on VF R95534 Sgt McFadden, W. J13272 F/O Sander, W.EP 1269696 Sgt Thompson, RJ R126479 Sgt Boyd, CA R71799 F/S Froude,	Captain Co-Pilot Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1905	0041	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30 lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Believed DUISBURG. 10/10ths cloud. Clear above cloud. Red and green marker flares seen before bombing Flak being fired on these marker flares.	151
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.730 B	110633 F/L Webster, K. 1476382 Sgt Mitchell, T 130372 Sgt Humphreys, AF NZ413718 Sgt Strong, E. NZ413773 Sgt Northcoat, D	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1905½	0009	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Believed DUISBURG. 10/10ths cloud. Clear above cloud. Large fires seen through cloud. Red and green flares seen in position expected before target.	152
26.3.43.	Wellington X HE.637 M	1387190 Sgt Rodwell, A 1334982 Sgt Hughes, O;L 1074971 Sgt McDonald, W 778890 Sgt Carr, J.B. 1219212 Sgt Smith, F,D	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1906½	0047	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Primary attacked. Bombed on red flares. Believed satisfactory trip. No ground detail reflection of bombs seen on cloud.	153
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.729 K	R107356 Sgt Erickson, AE 1451245 Sgt Hulme, D.V. 1028152 Sgt Judkins, F. J22537 P/O White, V.E. 989917 Sgt Seddon, V.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1906	0020	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Landed at Wattisham owing to petrol shortage.	154
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.638 N	R98109 F/S Higgins, K.J J.13820 P/O Frost, R.J. R103788 Sgt Stickney, ER R102677 F/S Young, A.D. R113049 Sgt Asquin, A.H.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1907	0030	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 3 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Primary attacked. 10/10 cloud. Vis. good above cloud. Bombed just short of Red & Green markers. No good detail seen on whole trip.	155

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26.3.43.	Wellington X HE.681 P	J16783 P/O Cadmus, GA R107959 Sgt Baker, D.O J15727 P/O Vicary, G.T 650111 Sgt Dormand, P. R26960 P/O Manning, AJ R59048 F/S Meyer, M.M.	Captain Co-Capt. Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1910	0112	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Primary attacked. 10/10 cloud. Bombed on Red & Yellow markers. Bombed through clouds, no results seen.	156
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.688 V	R126461 Sgt Williams, H R96071 F/S Brown, E.L. R88017 Sgt D'Eon, A.L R122147 Sgt Heselton, G.W R125456 Sgt Duval, J.P.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1909	0106	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Believed DUISBURG. 9/10 to 10/10 cloud. Rear gunner saw reflection of HE bombs burst. Fires seen F.F.F. results not as accurate in timing as expected.	157
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.279 S	121801 F/L Taylor, GA 127850 P/O Martin, GA 1380073 Sgt Baker, W.F 49336 P/O Mortimer, D 969787 Sgt Nelson, H.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1919	2319	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. H.E. Returned early from position 52 40'N 04 36E 2131 hrs. 8/10 cloud. Bombs jettisoned live, seen to explode in sea. Inter-com. between all members of crew U/S.	158
26.3.43	Wellington X HE.743 X	R132389 Sgt Johnson, RA R73039 W/O Crossman, G.T R77330 F/S Flanagan, EF J16782 P/O Berg, G.T. R56136 F/S Whyte, G.B	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1908	2011	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Early return from app. 54 29N 00 11 W at 1940 hrs. Bombs jettisoned. Port engine failed completely Bombs jettisoned safe.	159
26.3.43.	Wellington X HE.743 W	R106393 F/S Vandekerchkove R116700 Sgt Williamson, WR 1268616 Sgt Moyler, L.E. 1392245 Sgt Rothwell, DA R124704 Sgt McLean, J.J.	Capt. Nav. WOP/AG B/A A/G	1911	0054	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Believed DUISBURG. 10/10 cloud. Two large explosions seen through cloud. Red & green markers seen on run up. Good visibility above cloud.	160

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26.3.43	Wellington X. [illegible] HE.683 U	R107263 Sgt Schmitt, WH 1381474 Sgt Fernand, A.H R107292 Sgt Fahner, S. R114424 Sgt Vogan, C.L R101601 Sgt McNamara, R	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1909½	0100	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 24 x 30lb. Inc. 360 x 4lb. Inc. Believed DUISBURG. 10/10 cloud. Large explosion seen through cloud, at 2156 hrs. two minutes after bombing. Both red & green flares seen on run up.	161
26.3.43	Wellington X MS.485 T	R114537 Sgt Rae, D.J 12968 P/O Holmes, VG 1380267 Sgt Howe, E.F R108368 Sgt Lyng, D.T R105580 Sgt Hoppus, W.H	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1907½	0026	Target - DUISBURG. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. H.E. Believed DUISBURG. 10/10 cloud. Steady red glow seen on cloud. Rear A/G saw flares Red with green stars immediately after bombing.	162
28.3.43	Wellington X LN 429 A	R96292 Sgt Chambers, BK 1349459 Sgt Mitchell, A R79424 E/S Moore, R.F. R98027 Sgt McCormick, R147646 Sgt Sinclair, C R122401 Sgt Garoutte, B	Captain 2nd Capt. Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1907½	0135	Target - ST. NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. H.E. Bombed primary 2214 hrs, 17,500 feet, 180°M. Strong haze - fair visibility. Bombs seen bursting on target.	163
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.730 B	J21221 P/O Richmond, BA R135017 Sgt Levitt, I.S 1384547 Sgt Collman, BC R113936 Sgt Bailey, RG R108322 Sgt Brunet, R.C	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1906	0053	Target - ST. NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type.- 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary 2218 hrs, 19000ft. 180°M. 140 M.P.H. Green markers on bomb sights. No ground haze.	164
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.745 E	110633 F/L Webster, K 1476382 Sgt Mitchell, T 1380372 Sgt Humphreys, AE R2413718 Sgt Strong, W R2413773 Sgt Northcoat, D	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1906½	0124	Target - ST. NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type.- 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary 2215 hrs. 18000 ft. 190°M. I.A.S. 160. Green markers taken in bomb sights. Green & red markers clearly seen. Successful trip.	165
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.744 J	R79204 F/S Gagnon, GA R130533 Sgt Towyn, S. 1269944 Sgt Oakley, C. R108426 Sgt Hooley, J. R114415 Sgt Page, C.R R116469 Sgt Munson, G.	Captain 2nd Capt. Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1905½	0120	Target - ST. NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type.- 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary 2213 hrs, 17000 ft. 180°M. I.A.S. 140. Vis. 5-10 miles. Bombed in centre of red markers. Incendiaries seen burning in centre of red markers.	166

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28.3.43	Wellington X HZ.264 L	69450 S/L Earthrowl, OH 138516 P/O Greening, JP R74751 Sgt Perdue, E.A CA R22028A F/S Horsman, C J16938 P/O Thornton, G	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1905	0132	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type - 16 x 30lb. Inc. Primary attacked 2206 hrs. 19000 ft. No cloud below but some ground haze, and considerable smoke. PFF considered accurate and good raid	167
28.3.43	Wellington X HZ.637 M	1387190 Sgt Rodwell, A 1334982 Sgt Hughes, G. 1074971 Sgt MacDonald, W 778870 Sgt Carr, J.B. 1219212 Sgt Smith, F.D	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1907	0040	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type - 16 x 30lb. Inc. Primary attacked 2219 hrs. 18000 ft. 180°M. 160 M.P.H. 1 can incend. held up Target well alight.	168
28.3.43	Wellington X HZ681 P	1316321 Sgt Milton, JR P/O Kemley, H.S. 1269954 Sgt Wade, F.J. [illegible] 127281 P/O Clark, J.F 657738 Sgt Middleton, A	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1908½	0106	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type - 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary 2215 hrs. 18000ft. 185°M 180 M.P.H. P.F.F. markers visual. Target attacked from N. to S. Visibility remarkably good.	169
28.3.43	Wellington X LN 435 Z	R114412 Sgt Henry, R. J13821 P/O Dunbar, HWG 1030796 Sgt Ormson, W R100679 Sgt Kerr, A.G 1174135 Sgt Fry, W.J	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1912	0030	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type - 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary target 2219 hrs. 18000ft. level flight. Weather hazy. Landed Exeter short of petrol.	170
28.3.43	Wellington X HZ. H.R.686 R	121801 F/L Taylor, C.A R118066 Sgt Ash, AC 127850 P/O Martin, G.A 1380073 Sgt Bake, W.F 49336 P/O Mortimer, D. J7992 F/L Durocher, J.	Captain Co-Pilot Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1911½	0205	Target - ST. NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type - 16 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed primary 2220 hrs. 18000ft. 190°M. I.A.S. 160. No cloud ground haze. Vis. good. Bombs seen to burst on target.	171

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28.3.43	Wellington X HE.279 S	R126658 Sgt Summers, M 22490 P/O Beaton, J. 1382127 Sgt Davies, G. R56444 Sgt Wilde, H. 639243 Sgt Newland, F	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1908	0139	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Target bombed. 2220 hrs., 18000ft. 198°M. 135 m.p.h. No cloud. Vis. Good. Gun bursts not observed. PFF marker was visual.	[redacted] 172
28.3.43.	Wellington X HE.485 T	R107959 Sgt Baker, D.C R102678 Sgt Hurl, G.H. 1331729 Sgt Black, J. R146160 Sgt Thompson 1239660 Sgt Taylor, J.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1909	0007	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Target attacked 2225 hrs., 18000ft. I.A.S. 180 m.p.h. Visibility over target good. A/C seen descending in flames over the target.	[redacted] 173
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.683 U	R114537 Sgt Rae, D.A 129368 P/O Holmes, V. 1380267 Sgt Howe, S.F. R10868 Sgt Lynd, D.T. R105586 Sgt Hoppus, W.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1909½	2012	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 16 x 30lb. Inc. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 x "X" type. Returned early owing to Starboard generator being U/S. 2 x 500lb G.P. jettisoned safe. Incends. jettisoned live at Pos. 54° 25'N. 01°00'W at 2001 hrs. heading 120° height 3,500ft. IAS 140 m.p.h.	[redacted] 174
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.688 V	R94565 F/S Crew, R.G 657953 Sgt Brown, J. R79352 F/S Skillen, R R101415 Sgt Suter, A.K R95954 F/S Campbell [redacted] Sgt Nelson, H.	Captain Co-Pilot Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1911	0145	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 16 x 30lb. Inc. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 "X" type. Bombed primary 2213 hrs. 18500ft. 190°M. IAS 150 mph. Red ground markers in bomb sights. No cloud, some haze and much smoke.	[redacted] 175
28.3.43	Wellington X HE.425 W	1239042 Sgt Biggs, W. R135043 Sgt Uditsky, A 1483227 Sgt Read, J. 1204749 Sgt Withers, R 1686257 Sgt Richards R128827 F/S Fisher, R	Captain Co-Pilot Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1910	0059	Target - ST.NAZAIRE. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 16 x 30lb. Inc. - 425 x 4lb. Inc. + 25 "X" type. Attacked primary. Target seen and bombed at 2217 hrs. 18000ft. 192°M. Visibility good. Very good concentration and markers.	[redacted] 176
29.3.43	Wellington X [redacted] HE.744 J	[redacted] R99514 Sgt McFadden, D.F R136085 Sgt Bissett, W.M 1270967 Sgt Dove, A.R. R126478 Sgt Boyd, C.A J14483 P/O Sweet, T.E.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1950	———	Target - BOCHHM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc. Nothing has been heard of this A/C since being airborne at 1950 hrs from Croft. It is therefore presumed missing.	[redacted] 177

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29.3.43	Wellington X HE.264 L	J8219 P/O Ganderton, VF J13272 P/O Sooder, WE 1269696 Sgt Thompson, FJ J22537 P/O White, V.M. R71759 F/S Froude, H.G	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1948	0045	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc. Attacked primary. Bombs not seen to explode. Unsatisfactory effort due to bad weather. Lack of PFF flares on T/A.	[redacted] 178
29.3.43	Wellington X HE.637 M	R98109 F/S Higgins, FJ J13820 P/O Frost, R.J. R103778 Sgt Stickney, RR R102677 F/S Young, A.D R115049 Sgt Asquin, A.H	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1949	2335	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc. Early return - rear gunner passed out. Load brought back. 10/10 cloud. Vis. fair.	[redacted] 179
29.3.43	Wellington X HE.681 P	J16783 P/O Cadmus, GA J15727 P/O Vicary, G.T. 650111 Sgt Dormand, F. 126960 P/O Manning, AJ R59048 F/S Meyer, M.M.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1946	0142	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc. Attacked primary 2159 hrs. Bombs not seen to explode. Several scattered fires seen to be taking hold. Successful trip.	[redacted] 180
29.3.43	Wellington X HE.313 Y	R94562 F/S Crew, B.G 657953 Sgt Brown, J. R79352 F/S Skillen, R.L R101415 Sgt Suter, A.P. R95954 F/S Campbell, H.W. 969187 Sgt Nelson, H.	Captain Co-pilot Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/	1947	2121	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc. Early return, inter-comm. between Capt. & rear gunner U/S 1 x 500lb. jettisoned safe. 10/10 cld. Visibility Nil.	[redacted] 181
29.3.43	Wellington X HE.279 S	121801 F/L Taylor, C.A 127850 P/O Martin, G.A 1380073 Sgt Baker, W.F. 49336 P/O Mortimer, D. J7992 F/L Durocher, J.E	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1945	0145	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Attacked primary 2153 hrs., 15000 ft. concentrated circle of fires seen in T/A. PFF was considered excellent, raid appeared to be fairly successful. 2/10 cld. Ground haze - vis. fair.	[redacted] 182
29.3.43	Wellington X MS.485 T	R114537 Sgt Rae, P.A 129368 P/O Holmes, GV 1380267 Sgt Howe, E.F. R108368 Sgt Lyng, D.T R105586 Sgt Hoppus, W.H	Captain Navigator WOP/AG B/A A/G	1945	2254	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 1 x 4000lb. Early return. Bad icing inside perspex. at 18000 ft. 1 x 8000 dropped safe. 6/10 cloud above base. Visibility fair.	[redacted] 183
29.3.43	Wellington X HE.683 U	R107263 Sgt Schmitt, WH R135043 Sgt Uditsky, PA	Captain 2nd Capt.	1948	0109	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load - 2 x 500lb. - 450 x 4lb. Inc.	[redacted] 184

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29.3.43	Wellington X HZ.693 U	1381474 Sgt Fernand,AH R144424 Sgt Vogan, G.L. R107292 Sgt Fehner, R. R101601 Sgt McNamara, R.	Navigator WOP/AG R/A A/G	1948	0109	Attacked primary 2156 hrs. 17500 ft. Bombed in red markers with green stars. One huge fire believed oil fire. Attack appeared to be on small scale. PFF good. No cloud, slight haze. Procured detail.	124 Cont'd
29.3.43	Wellington X HZ.688 V	1126461 Sgt Williams,S R96071 F/S Brown, E.L. R88017 Sgt D'Eon, A.L. R122147 Sgt Hamilton, GW R125456 Sgt Duval, J.P.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG R/A A/G	1943	0143	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load 2 x 500lb. + 450 x 4lb. Inc. Target attacked 2231 hrs. 16000ft. Approached on port side by JU.88 carrying red light in nose. 2 bursts and hits were observed. Light in JU.88 went out and A/G dived straight down. Aband damaged.	125
29.3.43	Wellington X HZ.475 W	R106393 F/S Vandekerckhove R118066 Sgt Ash, A.G. R116700 Sgt Williamson,RA 1268516 Sgt Mayler, L.S. 1392245 Sgt Rothwell, JD R124704 Sgt McLean, J.J.	Captain Co-pilot Navigator WOP/AG R/A A/G	1946	0112	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load 2 x 500lb. + 450 x 4lb. Inc. Attacked primary 2157 hrs. 19000ft. 192 M.I.A.S. 160 mph. Target seen visually. Marker flares in bomb sights. No cloud over target - no moon - good visibility. Results of raid seemed scattered.	126
29.3.43	Wellington X HZ.780 B	R102390 Sgt Hamilton,JD R90121 Sgt Reansbury, J.J. 1199277 Sgt Wilding, N.G. 629152 Sgt Sharp, R.H. R147160 Sgt Tyrone, C.L.	Captain Navigator WOP/AG R/A A/G	1944	0131	Target - BOCHUM. Bomb Load 2 x 500lb. + 450 x 4lb. Inc. Attacked primary 2155 hrs. at 18000ft. Bombed on red flares with green stars. Large fires seen very close to marker flares. PFF good. scattered fires seen. 3/10 cloud. Visibility fair.	127

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