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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1943 May 1st	Wellington X HE 183 "A"	W/O. Goodale, J. Pilot P/O. Goodale, D. Nav Sgt. Sloan, G. W/A. P/O. Bailey, J. W/A. Sgt. Harris, S. A/G.	SEARCHING	21.10	05.40	Planted veg. as ordered from 1500'. Visual pinpoint on Belle Ile and La Calibasse, and DR run to Garden. Very little flak in area but slight light flak from Belle Ile, no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud over route, increased to 2/10ths over channel. Landed at Chiveson.	F540 Page 36
" "	Wellington X HE 198 "B"	Sgt. Davis, P. Pilot Sgt. Davies, G. Nav Sgt. McConnell, D. W/A. Sgt. Carr, J. W/A. Sgt. Clark, B. A/G.	" "	21.10	05.30	Planted veg. as ordered from 2000'. Visual pinpoint on Calibasse Island, thence by DR run to garden. Very little flak in area but slight light flak from Belle Ile, no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud over route, increased to 2/10ths over channel. Landed at Chiveson.	
" "	Wellington X HE 392 "C"	Sgt. Bryant, K. Pilot Sgt. Abbott, J. Nav P/O. Mitchell, H. W/A. Sgt. Robin, I. W/A. Sgt. O'Donnell, W. A/G.	" "	21.10	05.40	Planted veg. as ordered from 1500'. Visual pinpoint on Mount and Belle Islands and DR run from La Calibasse. Very little flak, no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud over route, increased to 2/10ths over channel. Landed at Chiveson.	
" "	Wellington X HE 443 "D"	Sgt. Madala, J. Pilot Sgt. D'Ne, P. Nav Sgt. Coak, G. W/A. Sgt. Middleton, G. W/A. Sgt. Ridgson, A. A/G.	" "	21.00	05.40	Planted veg. as ordered from 2000'. Pinpoint on Calibasse and DR run to garden. Very little flak, no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud over route, increased to 2/10ths over channel. Landed at Chiveson.	
" "	Wellington X HE 394 "E"	Sgt. Kallaghan, W. Pilot P/O. Long, L. Nav Sgt. Mainland, H. W/A. Sgt. Durran, J. W/A. Sgt. Stephenson, B. A/G.	" "	20.50	05.50	Planted veg. as ordered from 2400'. Very little flak no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud over route, increased to 2/10ths over channel. Landed at Chiveson.	
" "	Wellington X HE 460 "F"	Sgt. Reginaldson, J. Pilot Sgt. Calver, L. Nav Sgt. Gribbin, G. W/A. Sgt. Stoney, G. W/A. Sgt. Main, J. A/G.	" "	21.00	02.50	Planted veg. as ordered from 2000'. Landed at Portneath. Varying accident on landing. Dash ailer in. Very little flak, no a/l, no a/s encountered. Varying amounts of low cloud, increased to 2/10ths over channel.	

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1943 May, 4th	Wellington X HS 206 "C"	Sgt. Bryant, R. Pilot Sgt. Abbott, W. Nav P/O. Mitchell, F. D/A. Sgt. Babin, L. W/O. Sgt. Largent, J. A/G.	DOZEMUND	2230	0100	Mission abandoned 53,50N 02,40E. Unable to maintain height at appointed air speed.	F540 Page 36
"	Wellington X HS 198 "B" Instrull	P/O. Hamby, R. Pilot P/O. Gibson, R. Nav P/O. Bennett, R. D/A. Sgt. Bennett, D. W/O. P/O. Miller, D. A/G.	"	2230	0130	Mission abandoned 53,20N 03,53E. Owing to stall symptoms appearing during climb.	
"	Wellington X IN 405 "B"	Sgt. Wood, C. Pilot Sgt. Gwynne, R. Nav Sgt. Mobley, L. D/A. Sgt. Greenwell, A. W/O. Sgt. Stephenson, A/G.	"	"	"	Bomber hit on take off.	
"	Wellington X HS200 "B"	Sgt. Barker, J. Pilot Sgt. Bunker, G. Nav P/O. Ashworth, G. D/A. Sgt. Willschire, I. W/O. Sgt. Kelly, D. A/G.	"	2235	0335	Target identified by T.I. markers green and red. No cloud visibility good. Concentrated fires seen as we approached target. Two large explosions seen (HS4). Target bombed from 16,000'. Flak in T.A. moderate and inaccurate, but many a/lights.	
"	Wellington X HS 403 "B"	Sgt. Jackson, B. Pilot Sgt. Rogers, J. Nav Sgt. Grange, L. D/A. Sgt. Hill, J. W/O. Sgt. Denton, R. A/G.	"	2240	0340	Target bombed from 17,000'. No cloud, visibility good. Identified by green and yellow T.I. markers also light by flares. Two large fires seen 100 miles away after leaving target. Flak in T.A. moderate and inaccurate, but many a/lights.	
"	Wellington X HS 502 "C"	P/O. Marshall, T. Pilot Sgt. Parulow, G. Nav P/O. Coates, D. D/A. Sgt. Gault, A. W/O. P/O. Mastillon, D. A/G.	"	2235	0345	Target bombed from 16,000'. No cloud, vis. good. Identified by red and green T.I. markers. Large quantity of smoke & fair concentration of fires well alight. Flak in T.A. moderate and inaccurate, but many a/lights.	
"	Wellington X HS 392 "B"	Sgt. Davies, E. Sgt. Davies, O. Nav P/O. Lester, K. D/A. Sgt. Guss, J. W/O. Sgt. Glass, B. A/G.	"	2235	0645	Target bombed from 18,000'. No cloud, vis. good. Bombed concentration of red & green T.I. markers. Large fires seen on approach to target. Two large explosions seen at 01,30 hrs. Limited at 1000 ft. Flak moderate and inaccurate but many a/lights.	
"	Wellington X HS 443 "B"	Sgt. Hedin, J. Pilot Sgt. D'Im, R. Nav Sgt. Goss, G. D/A. Sgt. Middleton, G. W/O. Sgt. Simpson, A. A/G.	"	2235	0630	Target bombed from 16,000' target in back sight. Bombed on red T.I. markers, vis. good. No cloud. Ground fires and explosions seen. Limited at 1000 ft. Flak moderate and inaccurate but many a/lights.	

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19 & 30 May 4th	Wellington X HE 293 "B"	Sgt. Smith, A.H. Pilot Sgt. Bloxton, J. Nav. Sgt. Spence, A.B.A. Sgt. King, B. W/O. Sgt. Burton, R. A/O.	DUMFRIES	2230	08 45	Bombed target from 15,000'. Green & T.I. markers disappeared on run up but bombed on centre of concentration of red. Tremendous explosion observed together with debris flung into air and large pool of smoke. Landed at Lissett. Flak moderate and inaccurate, many s/lights. No cloud, vis. good.	F50 Page 36
" "	Wellington X HE 202 "A"	Sgt. Smith, A.H. Pilot Sgt. Crossley, J. Nav. Sgt. King, B. W/O. P/O. Glick, L. A/O.	" "	2240	0440	Target bombed from 16,000' on T.I. red. Huge area of fire with terrific explosion observed. Landed at Livingston. Flak moderate and inaccurate no cloud, vis. good. Many searchlights.	
" "	Wellington X HE 475 A bar	Sgt. Morton, J. Pilot Sgt. Bonds, R. Nav. Sgt. Holmes, R. W/O. Sgt. Milner, G. W/O. Sgt. Rhoads, A/O.	" "	2240	0540	Target bombed from 16,000'. Did not see any markers but many flares seen even after half an hour after leaving target. Active down flow off on return journey. Landed at Driffield. Flak moderate and inaccurate. No cloud, vis. good. Many s/lights.	
" "	Wellington X HE 394 "B"	P/O. Wilkinson, R. Pilot P/O. Bell, R. Nav. P/O. Walker, H. W/O. Sgt. James, K. W/O. Sgt. Jenkins, R. A/O.	" "	2230	0430	Target bombed from 16,000'. On concentration of T.I. reds green T.I. had burnt out or were obscured by smoke when a/c arrived. Saw factory go up in tremendous explosion which illuminated chimney. Landed at Lissett. Flak moderate and inaccurate, many s/lights. No cloud, good vis.	
May, 12th	Wellington X HE 183 "J"	W/O. Overdale, J. Pilot P/O. Gibson, R. Nav. Sgt. Sloan, G.H. W/O. P/O. Bell, J. W/O. Sgt. Jarvis, G. A/O.	DUMFRIES	23 50	04 40	Attached target from 16,600' - bombed centre of 4 Green T.I. markers. Photo attempted. Considerable s/l. activity in T.I. Flak mod. to intense. 10/10th cloud on leaving base but improving as a/c went East to Nil and good vis. over target.	F50 Page 37
" "	Wellington X HE 190 "D"	R.D. Sgt. Sullivan, Pilot P/O. Tierney, R. Nav. P/O. Power, S. W/O. Sgt. Ross, F. W/O. Sgt. Payne, L. A/O.	" "	00 01	00 45	Abandoned mission 6 miles W. Church Fenton owing to rapid icing.	
" "	Wellington X HE 197 "G"	Sgt. Barclay, R. Pilot Sgt. Dix, K. Nav. P/O. Bonner, A.O. W/O. Sgt. Jeffries, M. W/O. Sgt. Sweet, H. A/O.	" "	23 40	04 15	Target bombed from 17,500' feet on Red T.I. in two very large orange-red explosions just before bombing. Photo attempted. Considerable s/l activity in T.I. Flak mod. to intense 10/10th cloud on leaving base but improving as a/c went East to Nil and good vis. over target.	

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1943. May 12th	Wellington I HR 204 "A"	F/S. Davis, P. Pilot Sgt. Davies, G. Nav Sgt. Macdonnell, D. B.A. Sgt. Cant, J. W/AG. Sgt. Hughes, L.C. A/C	DUISBURG.	23.49	01.49	Abandoned mission Hermann, 11,500' owing to excessive icing - speed reduced to 115 with full power.	F540 Page 37
" "	Wellington I HR 392 "L"	F/O. Haynes, L. Pilot Sgt. Garmen, I. Nav Sgt. Brown, R. B.A. Sgt. Williams, L. W/AG. Sgt. Robb, A. A/C	" "	23.50	05.20	Target bombed from 15,000' Red T.I. in bomb sight. Photo attempted. Considerable a/l activity. Flak mod. to intense. 10/10ths cloud on leaving base but improving as a/c went west to nil and good vis. over target.	
" "	Wellington I HR 743 "B"	Sgt. Smith, K. Pilot Sgt. Cameron, J. Nav Sgt. Lynn, H.G. B.A. Sgt. Gould, W. W/AG. F/O. Chisholm, L.N. A/C	" "	23.45	05.45	Target bombed from 15,000' Red markers in bomb sight. Photo attempted. Considerable a/l activity in T.A. Flak mod. to intense. 10/10ths cloud on leaving base improving as a/c went west to nil and good vis. over target. Landed at Pittingley.	
" "	Wellington I HR 394 "V"	F/O. Wilkinson, R. Pilot F/O. Hall, R. Nav F/O. Walker, H. B.A. Sgt. Lewis, K. W/AG. Sgt. Jamieson, J. A/C	" "	23.30	01.00	Abandoned mission Silleth 00.07 12,000' owing to sickness of rear gunner.	
" "	Wellington I HR 443 "O"	Sgt. Sedgley, J. Pilot Sgt. Payne, R. Nav Sgt. Coom, G. B.A. Sgt. Barton, J. W/AG. Sgt. Piddington, A. A/C	" "	23.59	02.40	Abandoned mission 54,000 02,000 16,000' 00.50 - No means of navigating - loop and "O" u/s. Stars obscured.	
" "	Wellington I HR 440 "T"	Sgt. Wood, G. Pilot Sgt. Gummer, R. Nav Sgt. Hobley, T. B.A. Sgt. Crosswell, J. W/AG. Sgt. Smith, W. A/C	" "	23.45		MISSING.	
" "	Wellington I HR 502 "Q"	Sgt. Sedgley, J. Pilot Sgt. Rando, R. Nav Sgt. Holmes, R. B.A. Sgt. Milner, G.S. W/AG. F/S. Glynn, M. A/C	" "	23.50	05.00	Target bombed from 18,000' Red T.I. in bomb sight. Green also observed. Considerable a/l activity. Flak mod. to intense. 10/10ths cloud on leaving base improving as a/c went west to nil and good vis. over target. Photo attempted.	
" "	Wellington I HR 200 "P"	Sgt. Eaglesham, W. Pilot F/O. Long, L. Nav Sgt. Macmillan, R. B.A. Sgt. Murray, D. W/AG. Sgt. Stephenson, R. A/C	" "	23.25	05.25	Target bombed from 16,500' Identified Rhine and dock area - bombed concentration of T.I. Red. Photo attempted. Considerable a/l activity in T.A. 10/10ths cloud on leaving base improving as a/c went west to nil and good vis. over target area. Flak mod. to intense.	
" "	Wellington I HR "R"	Sgt. Ingham, J. Pilot Sgt. Cunniffe, L. Nav Sgt. Grubbin, G. B.A. Sgt. Storey, G. W/AG. Sgt. Main, L. A/C	" "	23.50	05.15	Target bombed from 17,000' Red T.I. and Green seen alone - 10/10ths. Considerable a/l activity. Flak mod. to intense. 10/10ths. cloud on leaving target improving as a/c went westwards to nil and good vis. over target. Photo attempted.	

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1943 May, 13th	Wellington X HN 196 'D'	Sgt. Sullivan, R. Pilot P/O Tierney, B. Nav. P/O Frost, D. S.A. Sgt. Rowe, F. W/OAG Sgt. James, R. A.G.	BOMB	0001	05.31	Target bombed from 17000' and XI in bomb sight, no cloud good. via. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurately directed.	F.S. 40 Page 37
" "	Wellington X HN 201 'C'	P/O Davis, F. Pilot Sgt. Davies, O. Nav. Sgt. McConville, D. S.A. Sgt. Curt, J. W/OAG Sgt. Clarke, R. A.G.	" "	23.45	05.40	Bombd centre of green XI from 16500' via. mod. to good. No cloud. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurately directed.	
" "	Wellington X HN 203 'B'	P/O Rogers, J. Pilot Sgt. Gumbel, I. Nav. P/O Lippert, G. S.A. Sgt. Williams, L. W/OAG Sgt. Robb, A. A.G.	" "	23.42	05.42	Bombd target from 15000' Bombd red and green XI markers one large explosion seen to w/e left. No cloud via good. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurately directed.	
" "	Wellington X HN 197 'G'	Sgt. Barclay, R. Pilot Sgt. Dix, G. Nav. P/O Bennett, A. S.A. Sgt. Jackson, J. W/OAG Sgt. Smith, R. A.G.	" "	23.55	0015	Returned early, generator trouble.	
" "	Wellington X HN 199 'H'	Sgt. Reynolds, J. Pilot Sgt. Gwynne, G. Nav. Sgt. Graham, I. S.A. Sgt. Murray, R. W/OAG Sgt. Hall, J. A.G.	" "	23.50	05.20	Bombd green and XI markers from 16500' Clear via. and no cloud. Numerous fires and ground explosions. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurately directed.	
" "	Wellington X HN 200 'F'	Sgt. Peckham, R. Pilot Sgt. Roberts, G. Nav. P/O Schwartz, R. S.A. Sgt. Williams, I. W/OAG Sgt. Kelly, M. A.G.	" "	23.55	05.35	Bombd green XI markers from 16000' via. good. but under haze obscured ground detail. Defenses not so intense as usual. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurately directed.	
" "	Wellington X HN 403 'A'	Sgt. Herbert, J. Pilot Sgt. Randa, R. Nav. Sgt. Brown, R. S.A. Sgt. Milner, G. W/OAG P/O Ryan, O'Byrne, M. A.G.	" "	- -	- -	Cancelled, rear turret trouble.	
" "	Wellington X LN 405 'E'	P/O Macky, R. Pilot Sgt. Gibson, R. Nav. P/O Daniels, M. S.A. Sgt. Pennington, D. W/OAG P/O Viner, D. A.G.	" "	23.45	05.45	Green XI in bomb sight bombed from 16000' No. cloud good via. Mary 3/L Intense flak not very accurate.	
" "	Wellington X	Sgt. Smith, J. Pilot Sgt. D'Arcy, R. Nav. Sgt. Moran, J. S.A. Sgt. Brown, J. W/OAG Sgt. Williams, M. A.G.	" "	23.50	05.30	Bombd green XI markers from 17000'. Good weather on route and no target area. Mary 3/L and Intense flak not very accurate.	
" "	Wellington X	P/O Williams, R. Pilot Sgt. Walker, R. Nav. Sgt. Brown, R. S.A. Sgt. Smith, R. W/OAG Sgt. Jones, R. A.G.	" "	23.45	05.15	Bombd red and green XI markers from 16000' large explosion and fire seen just after bombing. No cloud good via. concentrated attack. Mary 3/L and Intense flak not accurate.	

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1943							
May, 13th	Wellington X "K" RE-90	P/O Valentine, JR. Pilot Sgt. McLean, Sr. Nav. P/O Lawson, Jr. B.A. Sgt. Jewell, W. B.A. Sgt. Glasscock, G. B.A.	BOHEM	2350	0500	Bombard target from 26000' given XI in bomb sight a/c Holed by flak, incendiary fire with HE 110 towards target jets, and no claim made. No cloud good vis in TA many 3/1 in TA and intense flak.	F540 Page 37
" "	Wellington X HS 302 "C"	P/O Hine, D. Pilot P/O Quillen, H. Nav. Sgt. Harvey, R. B.A. Sgt. Maddy, R. B.A. Sgt. Wilson, A. A.G.	" "	2340	0550	Bombard centre of green-XI from 17000' no cloud vis. good, many searchlights and intense flak in TA.	
" "	Wellington X HS 183 "J"	P/O Marshall, T. Pilot P/O Goodwin, J. Nav. P/O Gales, T. B.A. Sgt. Quife, A. B.A. P/O MacMillan, D. A.G.	" "	2355		MISSING.	
May, 16th	Wellington X HS 358 "L"	P/O Whitford, W. Pilot P/O Macdonald, G.A. Nav. Sgt. Brown, Jr. B.A. Sgt. Bell, R. B.A. Sgt. Brown, R. A.G.	GARDNER BEARER.	2135	0435	Planted veg. as ordered from 700'. Vis med to clear, with no cloud. No fighter or A.A. opposition was met with. Landed at Chiverton.	F540 Page 38
" "	Wellington X HS 303 "B"	Sgt. Smith, R. Pilot Sgt. Blomquist, J. Nav. Sgt. Brown, Jr. B.A. Sgt. King, R. B.A.	" "	2130	0430	Planted veg. as ordered from 700'. Vis med to clear with no cloud. No fighter or A.A. opposition was met with. Landed at Chiverton.	
" "	Wellington X HS 304 "D"	P/O MacMillan, D. Pilot P/O Hine, D. Nav. P/O Frank, G. B.A. Sgt. Brown, R. B.A. Sgt. Brown, R. A.G.	" "	2130	0430	Planted veg. as ordered from 900'. No cloud, vis med to clear. No fighter or A.A. opposition was met with. Landed at Chiverton.	
" "	Wellington X HS 304 "B"	P/O Maddy, R. Pilot P/O Brown, Jr. Nav. P/O Inwood, H. B.A. Sgt. Frazier, R. B.A. P/O King, R. A.G.	" "	2130	0405	Planted veg. as ordered from 1000'. Vis med. to clear with no cloud. No fighter or A.A. opposition was met with. Landed at Chiverton.	
" "	Wellington X HS 303 "B"	P/O Brown, Jr. Pilot Sgt. Brown, Jr. Nav. Sgt. P.O. Adams, G. B.A. Sgt. Wilshire, R. B.A. Sgt. Kelly, D. A.G.	" "	2135	0405	Planted veg. as ordered from 800'. Vis med. to clear with no cloud. No fighter or A.A. opposition was met with. Landed at Chiverton.	

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May, 16th	Wellington I HS 202 70*	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	GARDENS BUNKER	21.25	01.30	Planted veg. as ordered from 300'. Vis not to clear with no clouds in fighter at 100'. Opposition was met with. Landed at Chivenor.	F540 Page 58
May, 21st	Wellington I HS 203 70*	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	GARDENS BUNKER	22.30	02.30	Veg. planted from 1500'. One fix obtained at 2330. 05:30 followed by IR run to garden. Slight light flash from 2 flash strips in garden and a few lights from SCHIEDERHED. Considerable sea haze and broken cloud base 2500' over whole route.	F540 Page 39
" "	Wellington I HS 202 70*	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	" "	22.30	02.30	Veg. planted as ordered from 1500'. One fix obtained 23:30. 05:30 followed by IR run to garden. Slight light flash from 2 flash strips in area and a few lights from SCHIEDERHED. Considerable sea haze and broken cloud base 2500' over whole route.	
" "	Wellington I HS 202 70*	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	" "	22.30	02.30	One fix obtained followed by IR run to garden, but both veg. hung up and brought back to base. Slight flash from 2 flash strips in the area and a few single lights from SCHIEDERHED. Considerable sea haze and broken cloud base 2500' over the whole route.	
" "	Wellington I HS 200 70* Williams	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	" "	22.30	02.30	BUNKER	
" "	Wellington I HS 203 70*	Sgt. Beale, J. Pilot Sgt. Phipps, R. Navigator Sgt. George, R. Bombardier Sgt. Nicholson, J. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	" "	22.30	02.45	Veg. planted as ordered from 1500'. One fix obtained at 23:30. 05:30 followed by IR run to garden. Slight light flash from 2 flash strips and few single lights from SCHIEDERHED. Considerable sea haze and broken cloud base 2500' over whole route.	
May, 23rd	Wellington I HS 202 70*	P/O Hine, R. Pilot P/O Quilter, R. Navigator Sgt. Murray, R. Bombardier Sgt. Betty, R. W/O Sgt. Wilson, A. A. G.	BUNKER	22.45	03.45	Planted target from 18000' on red II markers. Weather clear on route and in T.A. except from smoke from fires. Landed at Chivenor and in T.A. except from smoke from fires. Photo taken.	F540 Page 39

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1943 May, 23rd	Wellington X HE 198 "D"	P/Lt. Hall, CH. Pilot Sgt. Parslow, CO. Nav Sgt. Sloan, SN. B.A. P/O. Bailey, JB. W/AG. Sgt. Harne, C.A. A/G.	DOREBERG	22,40	04,40	Bombed target from 17,000' on T.I. Green. Seven minutes after bombing a/c. coned by a/ights. Pilot eventually went into a very steep dive to evade, and shouted an intercom that he could not pull out of it. Sgt. Sloan (B.A.) went to his assistance and a/c. was righted. It was still held by a/ights however and flak was accurate, numerous hits being sustained, pilot again went into a dive, but a/ights still held it. W/Gunner called out "I think we ought to bail out". Then after a quiet minute on intercom, W/Op. went after nav. into pilots cabin, and saw nav. preparing to bale out and Sgt. Sloan at the controls. Sgt. Sloan righted the a/c. Pilot and W/gunner had baled out. a/ights picked up a/c. at 4,000' were evaded but picked up again. This time, however, there was no flak, and a/ights switched off. Apparently thinking that a/c. had 'had it'. Pilot Sgt. Sloan set course of 290° started to climb to 9,000' and after a fix had been obtained south of Rotterdam, crossed the English coast at Orfordness at 3,500' as a/c was losing height, Sgt Sloan decided to land at and approached with a flare path on. Not being able to get contact on ILS, he fired a red cartridge and was given a green from end of runway. A perfect landing was made at 04,40 at what was later proved to be CRANWELL.	F540 Page 39
"	Wellington X HE 198 "D"	P/O. Wilkinson, HA. Pilot P/O. Bell, R. Nav P/O. Walker, H. B.A. Sgt. Lomas, L. W/AG. Sgt. Jenkins, M.A/G.	"	23,00	04,00	Bombed target from 17,500' red T.I. in bomb sight. Photo taken. weather was clear on route and in T.A. except for smoke from fires. Intense flak and a/ights in T.A.	
"	Wellington X HE 198 "D"	P/O. Haynes, W. Pilot Sgt. Garham, I. Nav P/L. Lister, R. B.A. Sgt. Willigan, L. W/AG. Sgt. Robb, A. A/G.	"	22,55	04,30	Bombed target from 15,000' on red and green T.I. Photo taken. Weather clear on route and in T.A. except for smoke from fires. Intense flak and a/ights in T.A.	
"	Wellington X HE 203 "B"	Sgt. Palmer, D. Pilot Sgt. Dalleridge, K. Nav Sgt. Barber, E. B.A. Sgt. Johnson, K. W/AG. Sgt. Mitchell, J.A. A/G.	"	22,40	04,50	Bombed target from 16,000' on red T.I. concentration. Photo taken. weather was clear on route and in target area except from smoke from fires. Intense flak and a/ights in T.A.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1943 May, 23rd	Wellington X (serial) HE 197 "G"	P/O Valentine, J.R. Pilot Sgt. Madam, R. Nav P/O. Lammie, H. R.A. Sgt. Jamies, W. W/O. Sgt. Chesswright, C. A/G.	DORMANT	2230	0445	Some red & green TI disappear and bombed centre of conflagration from 15,000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in T.A.	F510 Page 37
"	Wellington X HE 297 "G"	Sgt. Angleton, W. Pilot P/O. Long, G. Nav Sgt. Macdonald, W. R.A. Sgt. Durrant, J. W/O. Sgt. Stephenson, H. A/G.	" "	2230	0430	Centre of collection of red T.I. in sights as bombs released from 16,000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in T.A.	
"	Wellington X HE 443 "G"	Sgt. Madala, J. Pilot Sgt. D'Agos, H. Nav Sgt. Scott, G. R.A. Sgt. Middleton, G. W/O. Sgt. Ridgway, H. A/G.	" "	2300	0400	Red and green T.I. bombed from 16,000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in T.A.	
"	Wellington X LN 405 "G"	Sgt. Long, V.A. Pilot Sgt. Steven, H. Nav Sgt. Brown, W. R.A. Sgt. Murray, W. W/O. Sgt. L'Angier, W. A/G.	" "	2255	0405	Target bombed from 17,000' on TI ground. Aircraft damaged by flash. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in T.A.	
"	Wellington X LN 405 "G"	Sgt. Jackson, P. Pilot Sgt. Dean, J. Nav Sgt. Gray, L. R.A. Sgt. Hill, W. W/O. Sgt. Denton, A. A/G.	" "	2255	0405	Target bombed from 17,000' on red TI. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in target area.	
"	Wellington X HE 56 "G"	P/O. Davis, E. Pilot Sgt. Davis, A. R. Nav Sgt. Macdonald, W. R.A. Sgt. Cook, W. W/O. Sgt. Clark, J. A/G.	" "	2255	0405	Red TI in sights, bombed from 18,000'. Aircraft damaged and bomb canister slightly injured in contact with enemy 4/4. made a belly landing. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in target area.	
"	Wellington X HE 204 "G"	Sgt. Smith, W. Pilot Sgt. Stevenson, H. Nav Sgt. Gray, L. R.A. Sgt. Smith, W. W/O. P/O. Clark, V. A/G.	" "	2230	0430	Bombed red and green TI markers from 17,000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Intense flash and 4/lights in target area.	

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				UP	DOWN		
1943 May, 23rd. (cont)	Wellington X LN 475 "A"	Sgt. Tinsley, J. Pilot Sgt. Brown, J. R. Nav Sgt. Middleton, E. A. Sgt. Brown, J. W/O Sgt. Williams, J. A/O	RESEARCH	2230	0430	Red TX in sight bombed from 18000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear in target area except for smoke from fires. Distance flak and 2/10ths in target area.	F540 Page 39
" "	Wellington X HI 745 "B"	Sgt. Tinsley, J. Pilot Sgt. Brown, J. R. Nav Sgt. Middleton, E. A. Sgt. Brown, J. W/O Sgt. Williams, J. A/O	" "	2230	0430	Bombed green TX from 17000'. Photo taken. Weather was clear on route and in target area except for smoke from fires. Distance flak and 2/10ths in target area.	
May, 24th	Wellington X HI 392 "A"	S/Lt. Walker, W. Pilot S/O. Henderson, J. A. Nav Sgt. Brown, J. R. A. Sgt. Bell, J. R. W/O Sgt. Brown, J. A/O	RESEARCH	2230	0430	Bombed TX and from 16000'. Vis. good. 1/5 10ths cloud. Fires were seen to be developing after bombing. Flak and 2/10ths red. 2/10ths cloud over most of route, tops 4/3000'.	F540 Page 40
" "	Wellington X HI 392 "A"	S/Lt. Hines, D. F. Pilot S/O. Walker, W. Nav Sgt. Brown, J. R. A. Sgt. Bell, J. R. W/O Sgt. Williams, J. A/O	" "	2340	0430	Bombed TX and from 17000'. Yellow flash markers also seen. Vis. poor. 1/8 tenth cloud 4/3000'. Many small fires observed, also HI bomb bursts. Flak & 2/10ths red.	
" "	Wellington X HI 443 "B"	Sgt. Hobbs, J. Pilot Sgt. D'Arcy, W. Nav Sgt. Cook, J. R. A. Sgt. Middleton, E. W/O Sgt. Pidgeon, J. A/O	" "	2340	0435	Bombed Tinsley from 16000'. Many points of fire developing over target area, no cloud below. Vis. good. Flak & 2/10ths red.	
" "	Wellington X LN 475 "A"	Sgt. Tinsley, J. Pilot Sgt. Brown, J. R. Nav Sgt. Middleton, E. A. Sgt. Brown, J. W/O Sgt. Williams, J. A/O	" "	2345	0435	Bombed primary on green TX in sight from 16000'. Vis. hazy and much smoke. Ground fires and explosions. Flak and 2/10ths red. 4/10ths cloud.	
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				UP	DOWN		
29th May, 1943 cont.	Wellington X HS 384 "A"	P/O. Williams, N. Pilot P/O. Bell, R. Nav P/O. Walker, N.R.A. Sgt. Lomas, W. W/M. Sgt. Jenkins, L. A/G.	MISSION	2300	0430	Bombed target on IR sun from T.I. yellow, Red T.I. seen going down but lost to view in cloud. Bombed communication site position where they fell. 7/10ths cloud. Four vis. on leaving target area 2 extremely large explosions seen to light up the sky. Bombed from 15000'.	F540 Page 40
"	Wellington X HS 489 "B"	Sgt. Palmer, R. Pilot Sgt. DeBorja, K. Nav P/O. Davies, R. S. Sgt. Lomas, W. W/M. Sgt. Mitchell, J. A/G.	"	2350	0445	Target bombed from 16000' on green and red T.I. Smoke and haze up to 25000'. Ground fires and explosions seen. Flak not observed. slight but well directed. 7/10ths cloud over whole route.	
"	Wellington X HS 265 "A"	P/O. Valentine, J. Pilot Sgt. Madson, Nav P/O. Lomas, W. R.A. Sgt. Jemala, W. W/M. Sgt. Chestnwright, C. A/G.	"	2345	0445	Target bombed from 17000' on T.I. red and green. No cloud to low. Vis. good. Heavy small fires all over target area. Flak and a/lights mod.	
"	Wellington X HS 403 "A"	Sgt. Jackson, R. Pilot Sgt. Duggan, J. Nav Sgt. Duggan, J. S. Sgt. Hill, J. W/M. Sgt. Bantle, R. A/G.	"	2345	0435	Bombed on Red and green T.I. markers from 16000'. No low cloud, vis. good. Fires below had a good hold. Very little opposition over target and route.	
"	Wellington X HS 224 "C"	Sgt. Smith, K. Pilot Sgt. Cameron, J. Nav Sgt. Wain, W. R.A. Sgt. Gould, W. W/M. Sgt. Chiswick, J. A/G.	"	2345	0445	Bombed green and red T.I. markers from 16000'. Vis. very poor, slight haze. Intensive fires all over the target area. Flak mod.	
"	Wellington X HS 224 "C"	Sgt. Hughes, W. Pilot P/O. Lomas, W. A. Sgt. Macdonald, R. Nav Sgt. Durbin, W. W/M. Sgt. Stephenson, J. A/G.	"	2330	0445	Bombed target from 17500' on IR sun from T.I. yellow. No flames seen in target area. 10/10ths cloud vis. poor. After leaving target get scattered fires seen burning through gap in cloud.	
"	Wellington X HS 745 "A"	Sgt. Smith, W. Pilot Sgt. Blomfield, R. Nav Sgt. Spence, A. R.A. Sgt. King, R. W/M. Sgt. Burton, N. A/G.	"	2345	0500	Bombed by T.I. yellow on track and green in target area. Vis. poor - going to green haze. Bombed from 16600'. Very scattered fires. Flak and a/lights mod.	
"	Wellington X H.E. 745 "A"	Sgt. Park, J.S. Pilot Sgt. Thompson, W.M. Nav Sgt. Dillbecke, H. O/A Sgt. Myer, E. W/M. Sgt. O'Donnell, W. A/G.				Cancelled prior to take off	

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DATE DAY, MONTH YEAR	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	Sqr. Officer, M. WO/AG Sgt. Squad. C/W A/C	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
	Wellington X HR 903 "A"	Sgt. Ballinger, Pilot P/O. Clancy, S. Nav P/O. Paddy, S. B. A. Sgt. Ross, S. W/AG Sgt. Stephens, A/C	MISSING	2330	0350	Target bombed from 16500' on green TI. Thick smoke haze ground flares seen. Flak and a/lights med. Cloud 8/10ths 3000'.	FJ+0 tag 40
11 May 43	Wellington X HR 443 "B"	P/O. Hatcher, Pilot P/O. D'Arcy, S. Nav Sgt. O'Connell, S. B. A. Sgt. Hamilton, S. W/AG Sgt. Ridgeon, A/C	MISSING	2255	0345	Bombed target from 17500' green TI in bomb sight, staggered to port of bomb sight. 2/10ths cloud in target area, big gap to N. Good view. Heavy flak in TA was considered intense, light flak med., and a/lights considerably weakened by cloud conditions.	FJ+0 tag 40
	Wellington X HR 398 "B"	P/O. Hatcher, Pilot Sgt. O'Connell, S. Nav P/O. Hatcher, S. B. A. Sgt. Hamilton, S. W/AG Sgt. Ridgeon, A/C	" "	2305	0400	Target bombed from 16000' on centre of 2 red and 3 green TI. Attacked by 1/2 fighter in S. A. but successfully evaded. 4/10ths cloud thin, fair to good view. Heavy flak intense, light flak med., and a/lights numerous but cloud weakened their effect.	
	Wellington X HR 396 "B"	P/O. Hamilton, Pilot P/O. Hall, S. Nav P/O. Walker, S. B. A. Sgt. Lorne, S. W/AG Sgt. Jenkins, A/C	" "	2255	0355	Target bombed from 17500' on TI markers white steady, with red and green circles at the same time. 1/10ths cloud in TA with large gap to N of S. A. view good. Small flak holes in fuselage. Heavy flak intense, light flak med. Numerous a/lights but ineffective through cloud.	
	Wellington X HR 409 "X"	Sgt. Stephens, Pilot P/O. Lorne, S. Nav P/O. Hamilton, S. B. A. Sgt. Hatcher, S. W/AG Sgt. Stephens, A/C	" "	2255	0355	Bombed target from 17000' on red and green TI markers Sustained slight fall holes in port engine over overshooting 7/8 tenth cloud in S. A. Heavy flak intense, light flak med., a/lights ineffective through cloud.	
	Wellington X HR 903 "A"	P/O. Hamilton, Pilot P/O. Clancy, S. Nav P/O. Paddy, S. B. A. Sgt. Ross, S. W/AG Sgt. Stephens, A/C	" "	2340	0330	Target bombed from 17500' on red and green TI markers. 2/8 tenth cloud in S. A. Heavy flak intense, light flak med., a/lights numerous.	
	Wellington X HR 440 "Q"	P/O. Hatcher, Pilot Sgt. Hatcher, S. Nav Sgt. Hamilton, S. B. A. P/O. Ashworth, S. W/AG Sgt. Kelly, A/C	" "	2300	0400	Target bombed from 17500' with green and red TI markers in bomb sight. 2/10ths cloud in target area. Camera 1/2.	

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				Up	Down		
19 4 3 May, 29th	Wellington HE 292 "L"	Sgt. Palmer, DL, Pilot Sgt. DeBorja, R. Nav Sgt. Parker, J. A. A. Sgt. Looman, R. W. A. Sgt. Mitchell, J. A. A/G.	CARBONING RETRIEVE	2315	0530	Planted veg. as ordered from 850' after obtaining "G" fix at 4708N 0253W and making a ER run to garden. Vis poor, sea mist. No opposition.	F540 Page 40
"	Wellington X HE 292 "	P/O. Hines, DL, Pilot P/O. Gulliver, DL, Nav Sgt. Murrer, R. A. A. Sgt. Batty, R. W. A. Sgt. Wilkes, A. G.	"	2310	0555	Planted veg. as ordered from 700' after obtaining "G" fix at 4712N 0248W and making ER run to garden. Vis poor sea mist. No opposition.	
"	Wellington X HE 294 "	P/O. Jamison, DL, Pilot Sgt. Dowie, J. Nav Sgt. Crane, L. B. A. Sgt. Hill, G. W. A. Sgt. Dwyer, G. A/G.	"	2310	0545	Planted veg. as ordered from 700' after identifying garden by visual pinpoint on Ocala and "G" fixes in area. Vis poor, sea mist. No opposition.	
"	Wellington X HE 240 "	Sgt. Mackay, J. A. Pilot Sgt. Swally, J. Nav Sgt. Maitland, R. A. A. Sgt. Murrer, R. W. A. Sgt. Wilkes, A. G.	"	2315	0540	Planted veg. as ordered from 700' after obtaining "G" fix at 4712N 0248W and making ER run to garden. Vis. poor sea mist. No opposition.	
"	Wellington X HE 443 "B"	P/O. Parsons, DL, Pilot Sgt. Dowie, J. Nav Sgt. Hill, G. W. A. Sgt. Milner, G. W. A. Sgt. Dwyer, G. A/G.	"	2315	0545	Planted veg. as ordered from 700' after obtaining "G" fix at 4708N 0253W. Vis. poor, sea mist. No opposition.	
May, 29th	Wellington HE 203 "B" HE 203 B	P/O. Hines, DL, Pilot Sgt. Dowie, J. Nav Sgt. Spence, R. A. A. Sgt. King, R. W. A. Sgt. Dwyer, G. A/G.	WIDEAREA	2310	- -	NO FIX - track file lost	F540 Page 41 R.A.P. (W.A.)
May, 29th	Wellington X HE 475 "A"	P/O. Valentine, J. Pilot Sgt. Haines, R. Nav P/O. Looman, R. A. A. Sgt. Jamieson, R. W. A. Sgt. Chevalier, G. A/G.	"	2240	0500 0140	Returned early engine trouble with turret down. The A/G. was also flying out wing low (braking the wires were in bushes). Mission abandoned at 51.53N 02.21E. 0216 hrs bombs were jettisoned safely at position 51.51N 02.30E. at 0027 hrs. Sgt. at a height of 15000'.	

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				UP	DOWN		
1943 May, 29th	Wellington X LN 489 "B"	Sgt. Poole, J.S. Pilot Sgt. Abbott, W. Nav Sgt. Bailhache, H. B.A. Sgt. Myer, E. W/AG. Sgt. O'Donnell, W. A/G.	WUPPERTAL	2230	0150	Returned early owing to starboard temp. being very high 90c and oil pressure only 58. Bombs were dropped at a point 52, 21N 02, 23E from 8000' at 0010 hrs. Heavy & Light flak was fired from a position 52, 50N 02, 12E.	F540 Page 41
"	Wellington X HE 403 "W"	F/S. Jackson, B. Pilot Sgt. Begg, J. Nav Sgt. Cragg, L. B.A. Sgt. Hill, J. W/AG. Sgt. Beattie, G. A/G.	"	2235	0340	Target bombed from 17000' ground markers T.I. red and fires in centre of sights. Weather clear. Defences moderate.	
"	Wellington X HE 543 "P"	F/S. Parker, J. Pilot Sgt. Hacker, G. Nav P/O. Ashworth, C. B.A. Sgt. Wiltshire, E. W/AG. Sgt. Kelly, D. A/G.	"	2240	0430	Target bombed from 18000' on TI red and green markers. Very little opposition over target area where there was ground haze and smoke. Weather good. Defences moderate.	
"	Wellington X HE 583 "A"	F/S. Sullivan, H. Pilot Sgt. Tierney, H. Nav P/O. Frost, G. B.A. Sgt. Rowe, F. W/AG. Sgt. Payne, L. A/B.	"	2235	0340	Target bombed from 17000' on red and green TI markers. Good results and help were obtained from FFF yellow markers. Vis. quite good - ground haze. Weather good. Defences moderate.	
"	Wellington X HE 502 "Q"	F/S. Morton, J. Pilot Sgt. Beards, E. Nav F/S. Holmes, R. B.A. Sgt. Milner, G. W/AG Sgt. Alp, T. A/G.	"	2240	0405	Target bombed from 19000' on 'G' fix-red and green T.I. flares. Own bursts were not seen, bursts from other a/c. seen around markers. Vis. good, greyish smoke. Weather good. Defences moderate.	
"	Wellington X HE 440 "O"	F/S. Endale, J. Pilot F/S. D'Eye, H. Nav Sgt. Goom, G. B.A. Sgt. Middleton, G. W/AG. Sgt. Pidgeon, H. A/G.	"	2240	0340	Bombed targets from 17000' on centre of concentration of TI green markers, at least four bursts were seen in target area a pall of white smoke was seen when landing leaving. Vis quite good no cloud. Heavy & light flak mod.	
"	Wellington X HE 394 "V"	F/O. Wilkinson, H. Pilot P/O. Ball, H. Nav P/O. Walker, N. B.A. Sgt. Lomas, K. W/AG. Sgt. Jenkins, H. A/G.	"	2230	0330	Bombed target from 17600' incendiaries burning well on arrival, first TI seen at 0048 hrs. Port forward tank holed by flak and alleroncontrols. There was no cloud, some haze. Flak and a/ights moderate.	

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				Up	Down		
1943, May, 29th cont.	Wellington X IN 392 "I"	W/S. Haynes, L. Pilot Sgt. Gorman, L. Nav W/S. Brown, R. R. A. Sgt. Williams, I. W/A. Sgt. Robb, A. A/G.	REFUEL	2230	0525	Target bombed from 17000', 3 yellow s seen going down at turning point, first Red F.I. seen at 0045 hrs. No cloud, some haze, Defences moderate.	F540 Page 41
" "	Wellington X IN 305 "X"	Sgt. Anglinham, W. Pilot P/O. Lees, I.C. Nav P/O. Mansfield, H. R. A. Sgt. Burrow, H. W/A. Sgt. Stephenson, H.L. A/G.	" "	2240	0435	Target bombed from 17000'. Green F.I. in bomb sight, seen ascending, very large fires burning well in the target area. Visibility clear, weather good, Defences moderate.	

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Operational flying for month - 487 hours, 32 min.
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