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July 2nd	Wellington II "M" W5483	P/O Keddy, P/O Hipp, Sgt. Walker, Sgt. Westbury, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. P/O Whipham.	2313	0456	<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ROLOHE</u></p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 3. Nine aircraft detailed. A.I. Bomb load - 1 x 1000, 4 x 500, 1 x 250 (A.I., 025) 1 x 250 (H.L.D.) 2 x B.C.</p> <p>Weather: 7/10 cloud over target and thick haze. Six air-attacks attacked the target between 0142 and 0202 hours from heights of 6,000 to 11,000 feet. In some cases results were not observed, in others large bursts were seen, some amongst fires already burning fiercely in the city, to the west. Some of these fires could be seen as a dull red flare for 25 miles on the home journey, even through the haze. Another plane "H" (Sgt. Turner) bombed what was believed to be GOBLINZ, from 12,000 feet. "H" (Sgt. Gibson) returned to base ten minutes after take off, owing to W/S being U/s.</p>	
	-do- "L" W5490	P/O Fraas, P/O O'Brien, Sgt. McKernan, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Doyle, P/Sgt. Jackhurst.	2309	0449		
	-do- "H" W5474	Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Allison, Sgt. Davies, Sgt. Andrew, Sgt. Mcasters, Little	2305	0500		
	-do- W5534 "M"	Sgt. Craig, Sgt. Wigley, Sgt. Leonard, Sgt. Mallett, Sgt. Richards, Sgt. Higgins.	2303	0422		
	-do- W5516 "M"	Sgt. Farmborough, P/O Trueman, Sgt. Han, Sgt. Angus, Sgt. Thorogood, P/O McArdle	2312	0342		
	-do- W5498 "M"	P/O Bainbridge, Sgt. Warburton, P/O Morison, Sgt. Bole, Sgt. Curtis, P/Sgt. Parsons	2306	0427		

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July 2nd	Wellington II "M" W5497	Sgt. Throver, Sgt. Ahlroth, Sgt. Slaughter, Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Almond, Sgt. Donnetter	2308	0616	<p>In "M" (Sgt. Farmborough), oil pressure failed in the starboard engine, and from 17,000 feet at 0124 hours, the bombs were jettisoned near BURN - bursts were seen, and fires resulting from incendiaries. There were no casualties.</p>	
	-do- W5539 "L"	Sgt. Scott, P/O Fleming, P/O Lockyer Sgt. Perkin, Sgt. Courtnall, Sgt. Dearnley	2310	0442		
	-do- W5515 "H"	Sgt. Gibson, P/O McCormack, P/O Turner, Sgt. Garnett, Sgt. Evans (A.N.) P/Sgt. Carr.	2314	2335		

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July 4th	Wellington II	Sgt. Dodd, P/O Cox, Sgt Milner,	Sgt.		<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON HIPPER CLASS CRUISER - BREST.</u> Pooklington Operations Order No.4. Nine aircraft detailed Bomb load - 5x 500 A.P., 6 x 250 R.A.P. (T.D. 012) Weather good, visibility excellent. The attack on number 8 dock at BREST was made between 0120 and 0204 hours from about 11,000 feet. All crews clearly indentified the target and were not greatly troubled by Flak. All claimed to have straddled the dock and the cruiser with their bombs. The sortie won a congratulatory message from the A.C.C., 4 Group Headquarters - "Yours was easily the best group show last night.... Well done".	A. 2.
	"P" W5517	Thomas (R.N. Sgt.Pruette, Sgt. McKensie.	2238	0433		
	-do- W5490	P/O Fraas, P/O Prizale, Sgt.	2239	0410		
	"D"	McKernan, Sgt.Brown, Sgt Doyle, P/Sgt. Luckhurst				
	-do- W5535	Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Allison, Sgt.	2540	0424		
	"E"	McMasters, Sgt.Little, Sgt.Davies, Sgt.Andrew.				
	-do- W5492	Sgt.Chandos,P/O Watts, Sgt. McDowell	2256	0449		
	"K"	Sgt.Bullock,Sgt.Fletcher, Sgt.Phillips				
-do- W5497	Sgt.Craig, Sgt,Wigley,Sgt.Leonard,2237		0417			
"N"	Sgt.Mallett,Sgt.Richards,Sgt.Higgins					
-do-	Sgt.Farnborough,Sgt.Fraas,P/O Carivens	2243	0413			

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July 4th	Wellington II	Sgt. Angus, Sgt. Thorogood, Sgt. Bower.				
	"J" W5516					
	-do- W5496	S/L Keady, Sgt. Thrower, Sgt. Maughter,	2242	0429		
	"M"	Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Almond, P/O McArdle.				
	-do- W5530	Sgt. Scott, P/O Fleming, P/O Lockyer,	2245	0405		
	"L"	Sgt. Perkin, Sgt. Courtall Sgt. Dearnley				
	-do- W5515	Sgt. Gibson, P/O McJormack, P/O Turner	2246	0346		
	"H"	Sgt. Garnett, Sgt. Evans (A.H.) P/Sgt. Curr.				

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July 6	Wellington II "H" W5490	P/O Fraas, P/O O'Brien, Sgt. McKernan, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Boyle, P/O Sgt. Luckhurst.	2240	0406	<p align="center"><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON DORTMUND.</u></p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 5. Ten aircraft to carry out attack. Bomb load - 1 x 1000, 4 x 500, 2 x 250 (.025) 2 S.B.C. Weather: good; good visibility and only slight haze. 5 aircraft successfully attacked the target between 0104 and 0126 hours, from heights varying from 10,000 to 12,000 feet. Bursts were observed between timing point and docks, and in the middle of fires already burning. Two new fires at least were started. "H" (Sgt. Farnborough) attacked DORTMUND at 0140 from 12,000 feet. Results were not observed, but fires were seen to break out, shortly after leaving the target area. The fires were believed to result from another aircraft's attack. "H" (Sgt. Scott) attacked DORTMUND at 0123 from 10,000 feet, causing bursts near a marshalling yard, and starting fires. This aircraft was holed in the fuselage.</p>	A. 3.
	-do- W5535	Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Allison, Sgt. Molanterns	2239	0400		
	-do- W5527	Sgt. Little, Sgt. Davies, Sgt. Andrew.	2241	0351		
	-do- W5491	Sgt. Dodd, P/O Cox, Sgt. Milner, Sgt. Thomas, Sgt. Pruette, Sgt. McKenzie.	2250	2307		
	-do- W5494	Sgt. Chandee, P/O Watts, Sgt. McDowell, Sgt. Bullock, Sgt. Fletcher, Sgt. Maxon.	2237	0353		
	-do- W5494	P/O Bainbridge, Sgt. Rutherland, P/O Corrivens, Sgt. Bole, Sgt. Curtis P/Sgt Parsons.				
	-do- W5534	Sgt. Craig, Sgt. Wipley, Sgt. Leonard,	Cancelled			
	"H"	Sgt. Mallett, Sgt. Richards, Sgt. Higgins				
	-do- W5565	Sgt. Scott, P/O Fleming, P/O Lookyer,	2257	0424		
	"H"	Sgt. Perkin, Sgt. Courtinall, P/O McArdle				
	-do-	Sgt. Gibson, P/O McCormack, P/O Arner,	2253	0336		

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July 6	Wellington II "H" W5515	Sgt. Barnett, Sgt. Evans (A.H.) P/Sgt. Carr	2248	0414	<p>and had Gyro trouble on the way back. Casualty - "H" (P/O Fraas) returned on one engine which caught fire as the aircraft came in to land. The aircraft crashed near the 'drone, and the rear gunner was killed (P/Sgt Luckhurst.) The rest of the crew were seriously injured and burned, and P/O Fraas died of his injuries.</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON OIL STORAGE TANKS AT DORTMUND</u></p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 6. One aircraft detailed A. 4. "H" (P/O Kipp). Bomb load - 1 x 1000, 4 x 500, 2 x 250 (.025) 2 S.B.C. The target was attacked from 11,500 ft. at 0125 hrs. Results were not observed, but the crew believed they straddled the target.</p>	
	-do- W5516	Sgt. Farnborough, Sgt. McNeill, P/O Mackey				
	-do- W5560	Sgt. Angus, Sgt. Thorood, Sgt. Bower.				
	"H"	P/O Kelly, Sgt. Throver, Sgt. Laughter,				
	-do- W5474	Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Almond, Sgt. Gosseter				
"H"	P/O Kipp, Sgt. Sales, Sgt. Ken, Sgt. Martin, Sgt. James, Sgt. Phillipson.	2338	0345			

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July 7	Wellington II W5535 "B" -do- W5527 "B" -do- W5496 "K" -do- W5433 "J" -do- W5476 "H" -do- W5496 "M" -do- W5516 "K" -do-	Sgts- Turner, Allison, Mcasters, Little, Davies, Andrew.	2244	0350	BOMBING ATTACK ON RAILWAY CROSSING AND PARALLING YARD AT ORSWICK.	
		Sgt. Dodd, P/O Cox, Sgts, Milner, Thomas, Pruette, McKenzie	2248	2359		
		Sgt. Chandos, P/O Watts, Sgts, McDowell, Bullock, Fletcher, Maxon.	2240	0436		
		P/O Kipp, Sgts. Ealen, Ekan, Turfin, James, P/O McArdle.	2246	0405		
		P/O Gilchrist, Sgts. Paton, Walker, Westbury, Phillips, P/O Whigham	2251	0434		
		P/O Bainbridge, Sgt. Wetherland, P/O Corivens, Sgts. Bole, Curtis, P/O Parsons.	2258	0358		
		Sgt. Gibson, P/O McDonnack, P/O Turner, Sgts. Garnett, Evans, P/Ogt. Carr.	2250	2339		
		Sgts. Farnborough, McNeill, P/O McLeay.	2247	0401		

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July 7	Wellington II "G" W5556 -do- W5497 "B"	Sgts. Angus, Thorogood, Bower Sgt. Thrower, P/O Morgan, Sgts. Slaughter, Jones, Almond, Dosssetter.	2255	0354	and the railway, and causing fires in the east of the town. Fires and heavy smoke were observed by one crew for 50 miles after leaving the target. There were no casualties.	

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July 9	Wellington II W5535	Spts. Turner, Allison, McEasters, Little, Davies, Andrew.	2300	0500	BOMBING ATTACK ON MAIN P.O. AT AACHEN.	A. 6.
	-do- W5517	Sgt. Dodd, P/O Cox, Spts. Filmer Thomas, Pruette, McKenzie.	2301	0535	Pocklington Operations Order No. 9. Eight aircraft to carry out attack. Bomb load- 1 x 1000, 4 x 500, 1 x 250 (.025) 1 x 250 (MID), 2 H.B.O's. Weather: clear, no haze.	
	-do- W5474	P/O Kipp, Spts. Sales, Skan, Murfin, James, Menzies.	2258	0522	On return for enveloped base necessitating diversions. Five aircraft very successfully attacked AACHEN, though results could not be readily observed owing to the town appearing to be "one mass of fire". All the bombs dropped were definitely in the target area. One aircraft (K) attacked COLOGNE owing to navigator's error. Firer were started here in the face of flak and searchlight activity. One aircraft did not start owing to a faulty carburettor.	
	-do- W5491	Sgt. Shannon, P/O Watts, Spts. McEowell, Bullock, Fletcher, Maxon.	2303	0545	Our aircraft landed at DEINGRATH, ABHELEN, UPPER HEMFORD, YSAACH AND BIRICH, owing to thick mist at base. There were no casualties.	
	-do- W5530	Sgt. Scott, P/O Fleming, P/O Lockyer, Spts. Perkin, Courttall, Dearnley.	2259	0433		
	-do- W5515	Spts. Bischofstone, Masse, P/O Mackey, Spts. Bain, Hughes, Pullen.	2257	0500		
	-do- W5491	Sgt. Thrower, P/O Morgan, Spts. Laughter Jones, Almond, Donsetter.	2256	0428		
	-do-	Sgt. Craig.		Cancelled.		

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July 14	Wellington II W5527	Sgt. Dodd, P/O Cox, Spts. Filmer, Thomas, Pruette, Blair.	2233	0355	BOMBING ATTACK ON RUBBER FACTORY + HANOVER.	A. 7.
	-do- W5474	P/O Kipp, Spts. Sales, Skan, Murfin, James Menzies.	2232	0434	Pocklington Operations Order No. 9. Eight aircraft detailed Bomb load - 3 x 500, 2 x 250, (.025) 1 x 250 (MID), 6 H.B.O's. Weather: Ground haze, some cloud, no cloud over target, return Journey fairly cloudy. One aircraft returned early with bombs because of rear turret trouble. Of the other aircraft reporting, all bombed the city, some identified streets and buildings through flares, but could not observe results on the factory. Many fires burned, several south of the railway, and a large explosion on the permanent way of a junction east of HANOVER was reported. Vivid white flashes emanated from one fire in the northern part of the city. Attacks were made between 0125 and 0150 hours, from 10,000 to 15,000 ft: "H" (Sgt. Thrower) was missing from this operating, nothing being heard of them after the take off. Four of them- Sgt. Thrower, P/O Morgan, Sgt. Laughter and Sgt. Jones, have since been reported prisoners of war.	
	-do- W5535	Sgt. Dougall, P/O Lane, Spts. Lord, Clayton, Evans (W), Forman.	2243	0439		
	-do- W5516	Spts. Tarnborough, Wiley, Donkins, Angus, Thorpeod, P/Sgt. Parsons.	2237	0506		
	-do- W5530	Sgt. Scott, P/O Fleming, P/O Lockyer, Sgt. Perkin, Courttall, Dearnley.	2235	0503		
	-do- W5496	Sgt. Gibson, P/O McCormack, P/O Turner, Spts. Garnett, Evans, P/Sgt. Carr.	2241	0425		
	-do- W5492	Sgt. Shannon, P/O Watts, Sgt. Burgoyne, Sgt. Bullock, Fletcher, Maxon.	2239	0216-		
	-do- W5534	Sgt. Thrower, P/O Morgan, Spts. Laughter, Jones, Kirk, Donsetter	2230	-		
	-do- W5537	P/O Trueman, Spts. Drump, Mitchell, Pavken, Tatton, Martin.	2250	0335		
"Freshmen"	-do- W5551	Spts. Wahlroth, Paton, P/O Mackey, Spts. Estbury, Dalphond, Lomas.	2258	0430	BOMBING ATTACK ON ROTTERDAM. Pocklington Operations Order No. 10. Two aircraft ("O" & "H") Bomb load - 1 x 1000, 4 x 500, 1 x 250 (.025, 1 x 250 (MID) 2 H.B.O's. In poor visibility, at 0435 hours, about 10,000 feet, the Freshmen clearly identified dock area and the target (Oil tanks). Both aircraft bombed target area, reporting bursts and greenish fire on west edge of WAHAYEN.	A. 8

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July 21	Wellington II	Sgt. Dougall, P/O Lane, Sgt. Lord,	2307	0316	<p style="text-align: center;">BOMBING STAKE AT BRACKENHEIM</p> Pocklington Operational Order No. 11. Light aircraft detected. Bomb load - 3 x 500, 2 x 250 (0.75), 1 x 250 (10) 6 x 100 lbs. Six aircraft to carry Nicols. Weather: very dark, no clouds, haze seemed to bother some aircraft. Six aircraft successfully attacked the primary target between 0241 and 0244 hours, from heights varying from 10,000 to 15,000 feet. They certainly damaged the railway station and other parts of BRACKENHEIM: the vicinity of the OPERSHAM and the south part of the city. Bombs were seen to burst between the centre of the town and the main railway station, and some fires were raised in the north part of BRACKENHEIM. One aircraft released bombs over AMEN, adding to the good fires already burning and reflected in the "A" air. One aircraft with serious W/T trouble bombed OVERED searchlight concentrations and fires. One aircraft owing to engine trouble, returned with its bombload, "U" (Sgt. Wahlroth) was attacked by two	
	"R" W 5444	Sgt. Clayden Evans, Porman.	2308	0552		
	-do-	Sgt. Chaudros, P/O Watts, Sgt. Bursoyne,	2255	0506		
	"R" W 5443	Sgt. Bullock, Fletcher, Maxon	2316	0430		
	-do-	P/O Kipp, Sgt. Miles, P/O Learmonth,	2300	0520		
	"R" W 5442	Sgt. Murfin, Phillips, Menzies.	2253	0604		
	-do-	Sgt. Wahlroth, P/O Mackay (S.M.)	2305	0005		
	"R" W 5551	Sgt. Westbury, Dalphond, Lomas.	2308	0545		
	-do-	Sgt. Keady, Sgt. Walcott, P/O Lockyer, Sgts.				
	"L" W 5530	Perkin, Courtall, P/O McArdle.				
	-do-	P/O Treisman, Sgts. Crump, Mitchell,				
"R" W 5537	Fawkes, Tatton, Martin.					
-do-	Sgt. Gibson, Malay, P/O Turner,					
"R" W 5515	Sgt. Garnett, Evans, P/O Gurr.					
-do-	Sgt. Hamborough, Saunders, Beach,					
"R" W 5514	Angus, Thorogood, P/O Sgt. Parsons.					

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					(cont'd) BOMBING STAKE AT BRACKENHEIM. enemy aircraft with yellow searchlights in their noses. Both were lost to sight, but one returned and was attacked by the rear gunner (Sgt. Lomas) at 400 yards with no reply. There were no casualties. The crew of "U" observed a light in the shape of a large "V" with arms 100 yards long. This unique sign was observed north of BRACKENHEIM. One aircraft landed at HOWLENDON with engine trouble. "U", of which the inter-com broke down, landed at DOERING.	

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July 24	Wellington II	Sgt. Turner, P/O Frizzle Sgt. McEasters	1135	1904	<p style="text-align: center;">BOMBING ATTACK ON "GRESBIAU" IN DRY DOCK - BRIST.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 12 Aircraft H.U. & M to carry cameras. Bomb Load - 4 a/craft 1 x 2000 A.P. 4 x 500 A.P. 5 A/craft 8 x 500 A.P. Weather: excellent over target; no clouds; good visibility.</p> <p>Between 1532 - 1540 hours all our a/craft in face of intense flak and fighter opposition are known to have been over the target at an average height of about 12,000 ft. Owing to an error in the setting of the distributor arm, one a/craft failed to release its bombs. One a/craft definitely straddled the cruiser, and all the a/craft bombed the target with success, some direct hits being certain. One a/craft (C/ldr. Bisset) returned with fine photographs of the target. The docks and surrounding districts were severely pestered. The GRESBIAU was enveloped in smoke from fires, both on the target and on the quays. "V" (Sgt. Craig) was attacked</p>	A. 10
	"G" W 5474	Sgts. Thomas, Hyman, Blair				
	-do-	Sgt. Douvall, P/O Lane, Sgts. Lord, Clayden, E. Evans (W) Forman	1137	1817		
	"H" W 5536	V/L Bisset, P/O Terry, Sgts. Ekan	1138	1757		
	-do-	Martin, Phillips, P/O Thorley.				
	"I" W 5476	W/O Gilchrist, Sgt. Faron, P/O Mackay,	1130	-		
	-do-	Sgt. Westbury, Dalmond, P/O Whigham				
	"J" W 5550	P/O Trueman, Sgts. Crump, Mitchell,	1153	-		
	-do-	Fawkes, Tatton, Martin.				
	"K" W 5537	Sgts. Craig, McNeill, Leonard, Bain,	1134	-		
	-do-	Hughes, Higgins.				
	"L" W 5516	Sgts. Farnborough, Saunders, Beach, Anus, Thorood, P/Sgt. Parsons.	1128	1812		
	-do-	Sgts. Scott, Mollitt, P/O Lookyer.	1131	1625 (Plymouth)		
"M" W 5530	Sgts. Perkin, Courtall, Dearnley.					
-do-	S/L Keady, Sgt. McKay, P/O Turner.	1132	1750			

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	-do-	Sgt. Douvall, P/O Lane, Sgts. Lord, Clayden, E. Evans (W) Forman	1137	1817		
	"H" W 5536	V/L Bisset, P/O Terry, Sgts. Ekan	1138	1757		
	-do-	Martin, Phillips, P/O Thorley.				
	"I" W 5476	W/O Gilchrist, Sgt. Faron, P/O Mackay,	1130	-		
	-do-	Sgt. Westbury, Dalmond, P/O Whigham				
	"J" W 5550	P/O Trueman, Sgts. Crump, Mitchell,	1153	-		
	-do-	Fawkes, Tatton, Martin.				
	"K" W 5537	Sgts. Craig, McNeill, Leonard, Bain,	1134	-		
	-do-	Hughes, Higgins.				
	"L" W 5516	Sgts. Farnborough, Saunders, Beach, Anus, Thorood, P/Sgt. Parsons.	1128	1812		
	-do-	Sgts. Scott, Mollitt, P/O Lookyer.	1131	1625 (Plymouth)		
"M" W 5530	Sgts. Perkin, Courtall, Dearnley.					
-do-	S/L Keady, Sgt. McKay, P/O Turner.	1132	1750			

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July 24	Wellington II "H" W5476	Sgt. Garnett, P/Opt. Carr, P/O. McAnille.	1132	1750	(cont'd) BOMBING ATTACK ON "CHEIKHIAU" IN DRY DOCK - BREIT. in successive air battles by four enemy a/craft, three M.E.109's and one unidentified. Fine evasive action, and return fire from the rear gunner (Sgt. Higgins), and the front gunner (Sgt. Hughes) accounted for two M.E.109's. The first M.E. broke off to attack "O" (P/O Trueman); the second, hit by Sgt. Higgins, was seen to dive seawards, it's engine in flames; the third enemy a/craft, hit by two bursts from Sgt. Hughes, was seen to fall, tail down; the fourth was not seen, but bullets penetrated the fuselage of "H" from it's guns. The fabric of the fuselage of "H" was on fire, and was extinguished by Sgt. Bain (M/G). With extensive damage to the whole plane, with the rear turret, out of action and the gunner injured; and losing height to sea level, Sgt. Carr made for home, all the crew except the second Pilot and himself at the tail of the plane in order to weight it down. 500 yards from land, the plane made a crash landing in the sea. The crew made for shore in a dingy and were picked up in a motor boat and taken ashore. continued	

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					ATTACK ON "CHEIKHIAU" IN DRY DOCK AT BREIT (cont'd) Sgt. Higgins was removed to Hospital injured. Only the tail of the plane appeared above water. "J" (Sgt. Paraborough) was the plane of which the bombs were by error not released. "J" was attacked by a M.E.109 at 600 yards. At 100 yards it broke away and "J's" rear gunner, P/Opt. Parsons fired forty rounds from each gun into it's exposed belly. The enemy a/craft dived straight down. "L" (Sgt. Scott) had estimated a direct hit on the CHEIKHIAU with a 500 lb A.P. "L" was attacked by a Me 109 over BREIT, but the enemy a/craft broke off the engagement. From dead astern "L" was then attacked by a Me 109 and cannon and M/G bullets pierced the fuselage. The rear gunner, Sgt. Dearnley, was badly injured, and the a/craft suffered severe damage. A crash landing was made at ROBOROUGH, and the machine was further damaged to extricate Sgt. Dearnley. He died later in Hospital. Two of our a/craft, captained by our Wing Commander and C.O. P.A. Gilchrist, D.F.C., and P/O Trueman were reported missing, "O" (P/O Trueman) was last seen diving steeply followed by an Me 109. Photographs were taken as reported by "H", W/Odr. Bisset, & machines were lost, and 2 crews.	

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July 30	Wellington II	Cpt. Turner, P/O Prizale, Spts.	2337	0450	<p style="text-align: center;">BOMBING ATTACK ON COLOMBO</p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 13. Six aircraft detailed. Bomb load - 1 x 1000 lb x 500 2 x 250 2 x 100 2 x 50. Weather: thick cloud (9/10 - 10/10) - severe static. The attack was made by five of our aircraft between 0146 - 0235 hours, from about 13,000 feet. Heavy and light flak, accurate for the height, was encountered over the target area. One or two crews observed one flashes and bursts through momentary break in the clouds, but generally accurate observation was impossible. From the flak concentrations, and searchlight activity, all the captains over the target estimate that some part of COLOMBO was attacked. Sgt. Pullen of 2nd (Sgt. Bigglestone) observed one He110 aircraft a flash of searchlight. Sgt. Bigglestone made his plane dive steeply and combat was avoided. By switching IFF on and off one crew caused searchlights to come for about ten seconds. One aircraft with A.I. and gyro trouble returned early. Jettisoning its bombs in the sea. There were no casualties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOMBING ATTACK ON COLOMBO</p> <p>Pocklington Operations Order No. 14. One aircraft (P) (freshman A.12 detailed. Bomb load - 1 x 1000 lb x 500 2 x 250 2 x 100 2 x 50. Weather: Cloud (10/10) A sortie was made by "P" (P/O Cox), but no attack. The captain was unable to identify anything owing to cloud, and the bombload was jettisoned safe in the sea about 10 miles S.W. of light flak, probably indicating CO29.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature B. Cooper P/O.</p>	A.11.
	"W" W5424	McIntosh, Little, Davies, Blair.				
	"-do-"	P/O Reddy, Spts.utherland, Kan,	2326	0435		
	"W" W5474	Marfin, Phillips, Menzies.				
	"-do-"	Spts. Dougall, Hassan, Lord, Mayden,	2350	0510		
	"W" W5515	Osley, Porran				
	"-do-"	Spts. Wahlroth, Finn, Buryoane,	2355	0300		
	"W" W5572	Bullock, Fletcher, Lomas.				
	"-do-"	Spts. Lamborough, Sanders, Beach,	2332	0505		
"W" W5514	Annis, Thornwood, P/Sgt. Hower.					
"-do-"	Spts. Bigglestone, Cass, P/O Mackey,	2352	0520			
"W" W5515	Spts. Vallett, Richards, Pullen.					
"-do-"	P/O Cox, P/O Horn, Spts. Milner,	0030	0455			
"W" W5517	Thomas, Reed, McKenzie.					

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