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FOR THE MONTH OF December, 1941.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
30th Nov. 1st Dec.	Wellington II "W"	I Sg. Williams, P/O Locke, Sgts. Donkin, James, Langhorne, Bourgeau		1709	0016	<u>Bombing Attack on HAMBURG.</u> Pocklington OPS. Order No. 56. Six a/c Detailed. Bombload: 1x1,000, 4x500, 1 x 250 (.025), 1x250(HLD) 25 BC. All A/C to carry Cameras. Weather: Clear and Cloudless.	
	"H"	S/Ldr. Bisset, Sgt. Knight, P/O Mather, Sgts Evans, (W.L.) Hillmer, Mann		1721	Missing	All captains (except) "H" definitely identified city and dock area, and from heights of 8,000 ft. to 17000 ft. bombed the target between 2025 and 2112 hours. Attacks were pressed home near the aiming point and bursts and fires were seen near ALTONA STATION, BERLINER TOR, STEIN TOR, and Docks. Our aircraft had to take violent evasive action to escape S/L and flak, and the tailplane of "E" (capt. Sgt. Taylor) was holed. "H" (S/Ldr. Bisset) was reported missing from this operation after "Ops. Abandoned" at 1835 and the last of four fixes at 1946. An intensive sea search was made, but no trace was found. Those missing are: S/Ldr. H.C. Bisset, D.F.C., Sgt. Knight, P/O Mather, Sgts. W.L. Evans, Hillmer, Mann.	A. 52
	"A"	P/O Fizzle, Sgts. Chinn, Gardner Allen, Jones (D.E.) Pickard		1720	0006		
	"E"	Sgt. Taylor, Sgts. Morris, Roy, Francis, Nicholls, Grimes		1716	0010		
	"L"	F/Lt. McCormack, Sgt. Foy, P/O Fetherston, Sgts. Almond, McGill, Clark.		1703	2300		
	"U"	Sgt. McKa, Sgt. Higginson, P/O McKwen, Sgts. Evans (A.H.) Hughes (J.J.) Morrison.		1718	0012		
30th Nov. 1st Dec.	Wellington II "Q"	Sgt. Sutherland, Sgts. Lloyd, Dyson Curtis, Gardiner, Murphy		1712	2352	<u>Bombing Attack on SMDEN</u> Pocklington OPS. No. 57. Two (Fresher) A/C detailed. Bombload: 1 x 1,000, 4 x 500, 1 x 250 (.025) 2 x S.B.C. Weather: Clear w ether but both navigators flew off track. Owing to navigational errors both aircraft bombed alternatives. "Q" (Sgt. Sutherland) bombed "SEKSTERHUNDE" at 2335 hrs. from 18,000 ft. causing explosions near a huge fire. "Q" (Sgt. Suggitt) attacked WESERHUNDE, and our bombs fell on an "L" shaped building. These results were confirmed by "A" and "W" operating at HAMBURG. There were no casualties.	A. 53.
	"O"	Sgt. Suggitt, Sgts. Zimmermann, Bell					
30th Nov. 1st Dec.	Wellington II "N"	Sgt. Swetman, Sgt. Hill, P/O Lockyer, Sgts. Blackman, Philips, Lomas		1659	012	<u>Bombing Attack on OSTEND.</u> Pocklington OPS. Order No. 58. Bombload: 1x1,000, 4 x 500, 2x250 (.025), 2 S.B.C. Weather: 10/10 cloud for major part of trip. Owing to icing conditions and oil temperature anxiety, Captain turned back when approx. 35 mls. from target and jettisoned bombs safe. There were no casualties.	A. 54.

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Dec. 7th	Wellington II "T"	Sgt. Swetman, Sgt. Hill, P/O Locker Sgts. Blackman, Philips, Lomas		1659	012	<u>Bombing attack on DUNKIRK</u> Pocklington OPS. No. 59. Two (Fresher) A/C detailed. <u>Weather:</u> Continuous 10/10 cloud. Owing to cloud neither A/C could identify the target or the secondary, and bombs were jettisoned safe. Both A/C carried a double load of nickels which were dropped in the DUNKIRK, OSTEND, BROGGS area. There were no casualties.	A. 55.
Dec. 15th	Wellington II "B"	Sgt. Prost, Sgts. Thompson, Hanstock, Oneson, Jackman, Rowland		1655	242	<u>Bombing Attack on OSTEND.</u> Pocklington OPS. Order No. 60. Two (Fresher) crews detailed. <u>Bombload:</u> 14 x 250 G.P., 2 S.B.C. Both a/c to carry cameras. <u>Weather:</u> 5/10 to 10/10 cloud.	A. 56
Dec. 15th	"P"	Sgt. Mather, Sgts. Howsan, Skuthorp, Dodds, Campbell, Tilley.		1651	2034	"B" (Sgt. Prost) in 10/10 cloud could not identify the target though dropping flares, and remaining over the area for 36 minutes, and the bombload was jettisoned. "P" (Sgt. Mather) in 5/10 cloud with breaks saw two bombs drop on docks N.W. of Bassin de Chasse. Evasive action had to be taken. Photos show fields very near the target. There were no casualties.	
Dec. 16th	Wellington II					<u>Bombing Attack on WILHELMSHAVEN</u> Pocklington Ops. Order No. 61. Nine crews detailed. <u>Bombload:</u> 8 x 500 (1MLB), 8 x 250 (1MLB), 6S, R.C. <u>Weather:</u> 5/10 to 6/10 cloud and strong haze. Some freezing. 5 a/c to carry cameras.	A. 57.
	"W"	Sgt. Williams, Sgts. Morris, Donkin, James, Langhorne, Bourgeau		1736	2225	All our aircraft except "N" (Sgt. Baltzer) and "P" (Sgt. Taylor) reached the target and made good. The impression here is that the attack was most successful.	
	"A"	P/O Frizzle, Sgts. Chinn, Gardner Allen, Jones (D.S.), Pickard		1745	2220	It was made between 1920 and 2000 hours from heights of 13,000 to 17,000 ft. One a/c "A" (P/O Frizzle) made the whole trip on Astro with W/T out of order. Explosions were caused near and around the aiming point, at RUSTRINGEN. "V" (P/O Robson) saw the VORMAGEN clearly outlined by the light of another's flare-light. Two parachutes were also seen by this crew at 1954 hrs. the men being only 100 yds. from our aircraft.	
	"P"	Sgt. Taylor, P/O Locke, Sgts. Roy Francis, Nichols, Smith		1742	0015	"N" (Sgt. Baltzer) encountered severe icing and could not find a break in cloud. As A.S.I. was frozen up for a period the bombload was jettisoned live at 1940 hours (16,000 ft.) position: 53.48 x 06.57.	
	"Q"	Sgt. Sutherland, Sgts. Lloyd, Dyson Curtis, Gardiner, Murphy.		1759	2242	"P" (Sgt. Taylor) bombed BREMEN in clear weather after dropping three flares. The town was clearly seen and bombs burst in the centre causing a large red fire. There were no casualties.	
	"L"	P/Lt. McCormack, Sgt. Slaughter, P/O Fetherstone, Sgts. Almond, McGill, Clark		1734	2203		
	"N"	Sgt. Baltzer, P/O Durbridge, Sgts. Gerty, Brown (R), Borddy, Jeffery,		1730	2114		
	"P"	Sgt. McKay, Sgt. Higginson, P/O Keehan, Sgts. Stone (A.H.), Nutt,					

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Dec. 16th	Wellington II	OPS. No. 61 Conf'd. From Page (2)					
	"P"	Sgt. McKay, Sgt. Higginson, P/O McEwen, Sgts. Evans, A.H. Nutt, Morrison.	1733		E.46		
	"T"	Sgt. Swetman, Sgt. Mitchell, P/O Lockyer, Sgts. Blackman Philips, E.C. Lomas.	1744		2227		
	"V"	P/O Robson, P/O Thiele, Sgt. Leith, 1750 P/Sgt. Malletts, Sgts. Turnbull, Piers,			2231		
Dec. 16th	"U"	Sgt. Wigley, P/O Henry, Sgts. Higgins, Harcourt, Spurgeon, Watters.				<p style="text-align: center;">Bombing Attack on DUNKIRK.</p> <p>Pocklington OPS. No. 62. One Fresher Crew detailed. Bombload: 14x250 (No MLD). Weather: Fairly Clear.</p> <p>A most successful trip, and the docks were clearly identified. Docks 4 and 5 were straddled, and a large fire was started on dock 5. Sgt. Wigley thought our aircraft was first on the target. 5/10 cloud was discounted by a well-judged flare. Bombs dropped from 12,000 ft. at 1825 hrs. There were no casualties.</p>	A.58.
Dec. 17th	Wellington II						
	"P"	Sgt. Lefurgey, Sgts. Wiyck, Garrow, Robertson, Robson Gaffer	1654		2130	<p style="text-align: center;">Bombing Attack On Le Havre.</p> <p>Pocklington OPS. No. 63. 3 (Fresher) Crews Detailed. Bombload: 16 x 250, G.P. (.025) A/C "U" to carry camera.</p> <p>Weather: Unexpectedly thick cloud after leaving base. One aircraft found a break.</p> <p>"U" (Sgt. Wigley) and "P" (Sgt. Lefurgey) both identified the coast "U" jettisoned, being unable to find the docks, but "P" found a lucky break and seeing the dock area bombed it N. to W. after turning over the estuary from 9,500 ft. at 1843 hrs. "R" (Sgt. Foy) could not locate target owing to cloud and bombs were jettisoned safe. This A/C landed at Balderton Satellite because indicator showed port tank very low. There were no casualties.</p>	A.59.
	"U"	Sgt. Wigley, P/O Hemy, Sgts. Higgins Harcourt, Spurgeon, Watters.					
	"R"	Sgt. Foy, Sgts. Hill, Falkinder, Holland, Jones, P/O Tapp.	1658		2125		
Dec. 22nd.	Wellington II						
	"L"	P/Lt. McCormack, Sgts. Slaughter P/O Fetherston, Sgts. Almond, McOill				<p style="text-align: center;">BOMBING attack on WILHELMSHAVEN.</p> <p>Pocklington OPS. Order No. 64. Twelve A/C Detailed. Bombload: 1x1,000, 4x500, 2 x 250, 2 S.B.C. A/C L, Q, U, F, to carry Cameras. A/C T, R, V, to carry nickels E.510(26). 7/10 to 10/10 cloud on approaching enemy coast.</p>	
	"Q"	Sgt. Sutherland, Sgt. Day, Dyson, Curtis, Gardiner, P/O Tapp.	1712		2222		

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Dec. 22nd	Wellington II "N"	OPS No. 64 Con'd. Sgt. Baltzer, P/O Brown, Broddy, Rowland.	Durbridge, Sgt. Garty	1659	2117	Between 1844 and 1915 hrs. from heights of 11,500 to 15,000 ft. eight a/c bombed the target area. Only T (Sgt. Baltzer) and F (P/O Frizzle) could pinpoint exact position. No conclusive bombing results can be reported but two A/C reported a big red glow through the clouds between AURICH and JEVESHU (W/Cdr.) Fenwick-Wilson attacked BORKUM seaplane base "A" (Sgt. Taylor) had to turn back jettisoning bombs live owing to icing and engine trouble. "M" (Sgt. Mather) abandoned the operation at 1755 hrs. due to starboard engine trouble. Over LINDHOLME aerodrome the port engine failed and the A/C crashed 1955 hrs. Two of the crew were very slightly hurt, and the a/c was destroyed.	ft. A.60.
	"R"	Sgt. McKay, Sgts. Higginson, P/O McKwen, Sgts. Evans A.H. Hughes, Morrison.		1703	2121		
	"V"	P/O Robson, P/O Thiele Sgt. Leith, F/Sgt. Mallett, Sgts. Gorieu, Lacelle		1655	2140		
	"U"	W/Cdr. Fenwick-Wilson P/O Hemy, Sgt. Baldwin, Turnbull, Paige, Jefferies.		1701	2152		
	"W"	Sgt. Williams, Sgts. Gordon, Donkin James, Langhorne, Bourgeau.		1709	2227		
	"P"	P/O Frizzle, Sgts. Chinn, Gardner, Jones, Pickard		1707	2234		
	"X"	Sgt. Taylor, P/O Locke, Sgts. Roy, Francis, Biggs, Smith		1704	2146		
	"M"	Sgt. Mather, Sgts. Lonergan, Skuthorp, Dodds, Campbell, Tilley		1710	1955 (Crash)		
	"J"	Sgt. Frost and Crew (Cancelled)					
	"B"	S/Ldr. Fauquier and Crew (Cancelled)					
Dec. 27th	Wellington II "P"	Sgt. Lefurgey, Sgts. Kaiser, Garrow, Robertson, Robson, Gayfer.		1709	2048	Bombing Attack on BOULOGNE. Poclington OPS. No. 65. Two (Fresher) a/c Detailed Bombload: 16 x 250 G.P. Both a/c to carry cameras and nickels. Weather: 5/10 to 7/10 cloud over target with clear patches. "P" (Sgt. Lefurgey) saw 10 to 12 bombs burst along northern edge of dock area, and very little flak. "Q" (Sgt. Lloyd) identified and bombed the docks. Owing to W/T being U/S "T" landed at HIBALSTON. Nickels were dropped as briefed, but there were no photographic results.	A.61.
	"T"	Sgt. Lloyd, Sgts. Acree, Dansey, Gardiner, Paige, Lacelle.		1706	2120		

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Dec. 28th.	Wellington II "P"	S/Ldr. Fauquier, Sgt. Scotz, P/O Gibson, Sgts. Taro, Shaw, P/O Andrew		1645	2120	Bombing Attack on EMDEN. Pocklington OPS. No. 66. Five Aircraft Detailed. Bombload: 1x1,000, 4 x 500, 2 x 250, 25B.C. Weather: Perfect over the target, and snow showed up practically every visible feature in the moonlight.	A. 62.
	"J"	Sgt. Williams, Sgts. Gordon, Donkin James, Langhorne, Bourgeau.		1705	Missing.		
	"X"	Sgt. Taylor, P/O Locke, Sgts. Roy, Francis, Bigge, Sanderson.		1656	2130	A most successful attack on the target which was clearly identified. Between 1854 and 1905 hrs. from heights of 12,000 to 16000 ft. four A/C bombed the docks. S/L. and flak seemed to lack strength and purpose. Two large fires were seen by one a/c sticks were dropped on the docks W. of them, and on railway bridge. Nickels were dropped as briefed (XH 510-20) and are estimated to have fallen in OLDENBURG area.	
	"U"	F/Lt. McCormack, Sgt. Slaughter, P/O Fotherston, Sgts. Turnbull, McGill, Lacelle.		1647	2101.	"P" (S/Ldr. Fauquier) had one clear photo of country N. of JARRSUM, and "U" (F/Lt. McCormack) had two excellent photos of EMDEN and Termiten, immediately over the dock area.	
	"R"	Sgt. Baltzer, P/O Durbridge, Sgts. Gerty, Brown, Graves, Jeffery.		1700	2110	"J" (Sgt. Williams) is missing from this operation. No word received after leaving base. The crew was: Sgt. Williams, Sgts. Gordon, Donkin, James, Langhorne, Bourgeau.	

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