

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

R.A.F.
FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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FOR THE MONTH OF April, 1942

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON LE HAVRE</u>	
	"W"	P/O Toft, P/O Samson, F/Sgt Byrdwell Sgts. Mitchell, and Hesseldein Sgt. Chinn		2317	0420	Pocklington Ops Order " 89 Five A/C detailed Bombload: 16 x 250, no M.L.D.	
	"Y"	Sgt. Chinn, Sgt. Bell, P/O Allen, Sgt. Wood, F/Sgt Pickard		2313	0432	All A/C carried cameras	
	"B"	S/L Fraser, Sgts. Craig, Robson, Dennis, P/O Clarke		2318	0345	All captains identified the docks and are certain that their bombs dropped amongst them. "W", P/O Toft, at approximately 0057-50N by 0020W saw eight ships, one larger than the rest and slender, possibly destroyer. No wake. Identified target and noted red fire in dock area. Released bombs and observed blue flashes as they fell. Bombed at 0134 hrs. from 13,000 ft.	
	"P"	F/Sgt. Scott, F/Sgts. Thompson, BAndeen, Sgts. Curtis, Jackson, Rowland		2321	0356	"Y", Sgt. Chinn, identified target and favorable weather and bombed in target area at 0125 hrs. from 13,800 ft. no results observed.	
	"N"	F/Sgt. Hill, Sgt. Fitzgerald, F/Sgts. Oneson, Graves, Ailey		2310	0408	"B", S/L Fraser, at 0128 hrs. saw three fighter flares fired from target area to about 10,000 ft. Conditions of the target "bright as day". Released bombs at 0129 hrs. from 9,000 ft. and observed several bursts, small fire visible. "P", F/Sgt. Scott, at 0101 hrs. from 13,600 ft. at approximately 4955N by 004 E. saw seven/ten ships two of them larger than the rest. At 0115 hrs. saw aircraft shot down in flames over LE HAVRE apparently by enemy fighter. Bombed target area at 0120 hrs. from 13,500 ft. but no results were seen. "N", F/Sgt. Hill, saw fighter flares fired from target area. After bombing at 0110 hrs. from 11,000 ft. did not observe any results except for fires seen after leaving. 1x250 hung up. G General Remarks: Very little flak encountered but mainly heavy and fairly accurate, no s/l operating. Ship observations by "W" and "P" already reported by Tie Line to group headquarters. Photos not successful probably due to trouble with B&B fuses.	
1.4.42	"I"	F/sgt. Howaan, Sgt. Howe, P/O Burgoynes F/Sgt. Page, Sgt. Ashan, P/O McKinnon		0107	MISSING	<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON POISSY</u>	
	"D"	P/O Smetman, Sgt. Slezak, P/O Jones, Sgts. Cook, Woodman, F/Sgt. Lomas		0105	0657	Pocklington Ops Order No. 90. Four A/C detailed. Bombload: 1x 4,000	
	"E"	W/C Fauquier, Sgt. Wadman, F/L Featherstone, F/Sgt. Tatro, Sgt. Beare, F/Sgt. Spencer-Matthews		0105	0629	All carried mickels, 5xP8. D, and E, carried cameras. Bright moonlight and perfect visibility enabled Captains to identify the target almost as in daylight.	
	"J"	P/O Taylor, F/Sgt. Loranger, P/O Leith F/Sgt. Francois, Sgt. Biggs, F/Sgt Smith		0109	0632	"I", F/Sgt. Howaan, was reported "Missing" "E", W/C Fauquier, saw several sticks of bombs fall on the town and surrounding country but up to the time of his attack there was no evidence of the target being hit. He is certain that his 4,000 pounder fell on the centre of the	

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1-4-42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON POISSY (cont'd)</u> target being hit and he saw bursts and resulting fires in the centre of it. Bombed at 0330 hrs. from 4500 ft. At 0435 hrs. from 7500 ft. at 5013N. x 0012E saw flashing red light on sea. Group notified.</p> <p>"J", P/O Taylor, identified target but whilst reconnoitring ran into PARIS flak, over the city at a very low altitude, returned to target area and bombed at 0300 hrs. from 3000 ft. It is believed that Captain over-corrected his final run-up and the bomb hit the power station on the side nearest the river.</p> <p>"D", P/O Swetsma, reported his bomb fell 10 to 20 yds. north of target; the flash covered part of it but cloud obscured observation. It is felt that the hit must have been a near miss and appears to have "lifted factory buildings in the immediate vicinity". Bombing time 0345 hrs. from 5000'. AT 0345 hrs. from 5,000 ft over target saw parachute descending from 4,000 ft. in clear patch between clouds.</p> <p>General Remarks: "E" and "J" experienced only light flak at the target but "D" found moderate, heavy flak as well as light. Only four or five S/L were seen, when over the city. "J" found an increased and heavy flak from night of 3/4 March. Only one photograph exposure from "D" showed slight ground detail.</p>	
5-4-42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON COLOGNE</u> <u>Pookington Ops. Order No. 21</u> Seven aircraft detailed. <u>BOMBLOAD:</u> "D" and "E", 12,000. Remainder 9500's (9000 lbs).</p> <p>All captains claimed to have attacked target area but the results observed did not indicate any great weight of attack. "D", P/L Thiele, identified Rhine river and saw the mass of the city with two sticks of incendiaries in its flares guided him to target but did not illuminate aiming point. While over target at 0135 hrs. at 11,000 ft. saw A/C coded by s/l to north of city and shot down in flames by flak. Again at 0138 hrs. from 11,000 ft. saw another A/C coded in s/l in same sector of city being hit by flak and with engines on fire.</p> <p>"D", P/Sgt. Lloyd, identified river bridges at COLOGNE and saw some fires in the city. Saw a large dummy fire five miles east of city.</p> <p>"E", P/O McKay, saw the Rhine and a few flares which enabled him to see the general mass of the city. Specific details not illuminated with some low cloud hampering effect of flares, observed several individual fires between aiming point and Rhine at 0132 hrs. from 13,000 ft. over target saw A/C coded by s/l and shot down by flak north of the city.</p> <p>"D", P/O Locke, identified Rhine, south of target and followed its course to the city, where he observed several individual fires between aiming point and the Rhine. Two cans of incendiaries not dropped because of faulty connections.</p> <p>"D", P/Sgt. Morris, identified Rhine but unable to distinguish any ground features. Attacked target area at 0145 hrs. from 14,000 ft and although burst were seen, results did not indicate any great success.</p>	
	"P"	F/L Thiele, P/Sgt. Field, P/O Baldwin F/Sgt. Campbell, Sgts. MacKensie and Birch.		2232	0139		
	"N"	F/Sgt. Lloyd, P/Sgts. Sydney, Phillips Gardiner, Corieu, Thomas		2248	0553		
	"R"	P/O McKay, Sgt. Ferrier, P/O McEwen, Sgts. Hughes, Mitchell, P/Sgt. Morrison		2250	0614		
	"B"	P/O Locke, P/Sgt. Lefty, Sgts. Jones, Dennis and P/Sgt. Sanderson		2244	0546		
	"E"	F/Sgt. Morris, P/Sgt. Loranger, Sgts. Platt, Holland, Dornier, P/Sgt. Mont- gomery		2238	0537		
	"D"	S/L Fraser, Sgts. Wadman, Gardiner, P/Sgt. Intro, Sgt. Bloomer, P/O Tascelle		2234	0618		
	"T"	P/Sgt. Wigley and crew		Cancelled.			

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5.4.42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON COLOGNE (con'td)</u> "B", S/L Fraser, Rhine identified and general mass of city illuminated by flares. Saw a few small fires in the south part of it, large dummy fire east of it. Target area attacked at 0216 hrs. from 15,000 ft. and although bursts were seen no definite results were observed. General Remarks: Heavy and light flak at target were fairly intense with heavy sighted chiefly to the north and west of the city. S/L also numerous, with 2 large cones with 30 bombs reported but none of captains go in difficulties. Nickels rapped between 20 and 50 miles of target, as follows: one package G-10, seven G-13's, 12, G-14's. P.D. and E. were only captains to obtain results from cameras.</p>	
5.4.42	Wellington II	"A"	F/Sgt. Scott, F/Sgt. Bandeen, Sgts. Curtis, Jackman, Rowland	0143	0605	<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON LE HAVRE</u> Poocklington Ops. Order No. 92. Two freshers detailed. Bombload: 16x250, both carried cameras and 3 packages of P.28. The only captain to reach target area in poor visibility and saw his bombs overshoot their mark. "A", F/Sgt. Scott, identified target area in poor visibility attacked target at 0350 hrs. from 13,000 ft. but bombs overshoot their mark and probably landed in Seine. Motor generator U/S and leak in oxygen. "X", P/O Toft, no sortie. Cancelled because of inter-communication failure. General Remarks: No light flak seen. Heavy flak concentration approx. 10 miles SE of target. Heavy flak over target moderate and inaccurate. No s/l reported.</p>	
		"X"	P/O Toft, and crew	Cancelled			
6.4.42	Wellington II	"D"	F/Sgt. Higginson, Sgt. Ferrier, P/O Jones, F/Sgts. McGill, Graves, Jeffries	0010	0344	<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN</u> Poocklington Ops. Order No. 93. Four A/C detailed; Bombload: D and E 14x,000 inst., remainder 2x1,000, 2x500 2x250 (1 MED) and 2x350. Very bad weather: conditions compelled two aircraft to return back to base, while another bombed flak concentration and remaining A/C was believed to have bombed primary but no results observed. "B", F/Sgt. Higginson, turned back from vicinity of enemy coast with air speed indicator U/S. Jettisoned in sea, at 0135 hrs. from 10,000 ft. at 5130N by 0300E. "X", P/O Swetman, turned back before reaching enemy coast because of bad weather. Message received at 0145 hrs. "Returning weather" Bombs brought back. "E", P/O Allison, when unable to identify target bombed flak and searchlight concentration and believed missing SOLINGEN. W/T U/S. At 0410 hrs. at 13,000 ft. south of EINDHOVEN was approached from port quarter astern by GU 88</p>	
		"E"	P/O Allison, F/Sgt. Higgins, Sgts. Craig, Robson, Hamilton, F/Sgts. Spencer-Matthews	0006	0651		
		"X"	P/O Swetman, Sgt. Slezak, Stgs. Moyes, Cook, Woodman, P/O Clarke	0003	0250		
		"H"	F/Sgt. Wigley, Sgts. Farrell, Higgins, Nadeau, Smith, Watters	0013	0630		

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8.4.42	Wellington II					<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN (cont'd)</p> <p>Our rear-funner fired a short burst from 100 yds. without effect. Lost to sight one minute later after evasive action. Enemy aircraft did not open fire.</p> <p>"N", P/Sgt. Wigley, saw a line of flares over Cologne and approaching target in cloud break saw BALDENYSEE and built up area to north. Several dummy fires burning around the west part of city. Bombed at 0316 from 15,000 ft. and released flares but cloud prevented observation.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> Slight flak and s/l activity encountered in target area but increased to moderate heavy after "N" had bombed. Three packages nickels G.M. dropped four to five miles south of AACHEN.</p> <p><u>BOBING ATTACK ON HAMBURG</u> <u>Pocklington Ops Order No. 94</u> Nine A/C detailed. <u>Bombload:</u></p>	
8.4.42	Wellington II					<p>Four captains attacked what was believed target area but only results observed were reflections of incendiaries through cloud.</p> <p>"R", P/O Higginson, magneto trouble to port engine compelled captain to jettison SPO's and return early to base.</p> <p>"N", P/Sgt. Wigley, attacked, believed target area, at 0027 hrs. from 18,000 ft. in 1010 cloud and only results observed were reflections of incendiaries through cloud. At 2311 from 15,000 ft. at 5400N by 0400 E. saw two white lights on sea flashing dots.</p> <p>"P", P/O Sweetman, bombed flak and s/l concentrations in believed vicinity of WILHELMHAVEN but no results observed. AT 0130 hrs. from 10,000 ft. at 5400N by 0240E saw steady white light on sea.</p> <p>"P", P/L Thiele, attacked believed target area at 0052 hrs from 16,000 ft. but only reflections of incendiaries through cloud were observed. Encountered considerable flak and saw some fires through a cloud. Sisters proved ineffective on flak.</p> <p>"Missing" "A", P/Sgt. Morris, attacked believed primary at 0032 hrs from 15,000 ft. in 1010 cloud, only incendiary reflections observed.</p> <p>"B", P/O Locke, received SOS at 0400 hrs. stating that motor was U/S. Landed safely on beach 295° report still outstanding.</p> <p>"X", P/Sgt. Scott, bombed believed BREMEN at 0020 hrs from 18,000 ft. and saw red fires through cloud ten minutes after leaving. At 2310 hrs. from 14,000 ft. and 0109 hrs. from 13,000 ft. at 5351N by 0420E saw steady white lights on sea.</p> <p>"D", P/Sgt. Lloyd, attacked believed primary but no observations could be made.</p> <p>"P", P/O Allison, bombed believed WESERMUNDE at 0058 hrs. from 12,000 ft and saw his burst but no further result observed.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> Such s/l activity moderate and little flak, considerable heavy flak at BREMEN with numerous s/l's. 12 packages G.M. dropped in HAMBURG area and 9 dropped after</p>	
		"R" — P/O Higginson, Sgt. Ferrier, P/O Jones, P/Sgts. McGill, Graves, Jeffries	2210	2316			
		"N" — P/Sgt. Wigley, Sgt. Farrel, P/Sgt. H Higgins, Sgts. Nadeau, Smith, Watters	2212	0408			
		"P" — P/O Sweetman, Sgts. Slezak, Moyes, Cook, Woodman, P/O Clarke	2154	0350			
		"P" — P/L Thiele, P/Sgt. Field, P/O McEwen P/Sgt. Campbell, Sgts. McKensie, Birch	2157	0446			
		"A" — P/Sgt. Morris, P/Sgts. Loranger, Platt, Sgts. Holland, Wood, P/Sgt. Montgomery.	2211	0358			
		"B" — P/O Locke, Sgt. Edwards, P/Sgt. Lefty Sgts. Jones, Dennis, P/Sgt. Sanderson	2218	0405			
		"X" — P/Sgt. Scott, P/Sgts. Thompson, Banteen Sgts. Curtis, Jackman, Rowland	2156	0300			
		"D" — P/Sgt. Lloyd, P/Sgts. Sydney, Phillips, Cradiner, Gorieu, Thomas	2215	0423			
		"P" — P/O Allison, P/Sgt. Higgins, Sgts. Craig, P/Sgt. Lyndon, Sgts. Hamilton, P/Sgt. Spencer-Matthews	2218	0338			

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8.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING NICKELLING - BRUSSELS</u> Pooklington Ops. Order No. 95 - one fresher detailed. <u>Bomb load</u> : 26 packages nickels B.9, camera carried.	
	"Q"	P/O Toft, P/O Samson, P/Sgt. Bydwell Sgts. Crowe, Hesselden		2322	0431	Captain met no opposition and dropped his 26 packages of B.9 nickels at 0135 hrs. from 12,500 ft.. Estimated to have fallen in target area. Photograph taken shows ground detail as yet unplotted and sent to 4 group by D.R.	
10.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN LE HAVRE</u> Pooklington Ops. Order No. 96. three A/C detailed <u>Bomb load</u> : 16x250 GP, T.D. O.025. cameras and 3xP28.	
	"Q"	P/Sgt. Chinn, Sgts. Bell, Forbes, Wood, P/Sgt. Pickard		2008	0055	Only one captain successfully attacked dock area with resulting flashes. Cloud prevented other captain from distinguishing docks.	
	"H"	Sgt. MacFarlane, Sgts. Harvey, Jones, Bloomer, Tyler		2026	0103	"H", Sgt. MacFarlane, identified docks and bombed target area at 2226 hrs. from 10,000ft. He saw his stick burst across the docks but no fires were seen. He found it impossible to rise above 10,000 ft.	
	"X"	P/Sgt. Hill, and crew		2006	2025 BBB	"Q", P/Sgt. Chinn, identified French coast and mouth of Seine, but was unable to distinguish the dock area and jettison his bombs. "X", P/Sgt. Hill, returned early with port engine trouble and IFF U/S. Bought bombs back, no sortie. General Remarks: Moderate amount of heavy and light flak did not trouble our captains and s/l activity was almost negligible. "Q" and "H" each dropped three packages P.28. Photograph taken by "H" result of which is not yet known.	
10.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN</u> Pooklington Ops. Order No. 97. three A/C detailed. <u>Bomb load</u> :	
	"J"	P/O Toft, P/O Samson, P/Sgt. Bydwell, Sgt. Crowe, Hesselden		2219	0354	The three captains bombed on E.T.A. Built up area hit and one large fire and 2 smaller ones seen. Captains were able to pinpoint on Dutch coast and crossing Zuyder Zee but from then it was impossible to observe ground detail.	
	"R"	P/L Thiele, Sgt. Ferrier, P/O Baldwin P/Sgt. Campbell, Sgts. MacKenzie, Birch		2207	0340	"J", P/O Toft bombed target area on ETA at 0020 hrs from 14,000 hrs. Guided to target by flares which ignited over clouds with a dazzling effect but extinguished by time of arrival. Avoided three enemy aircraft by evasive action.	
	"U"	P/O Swetman, Sgts. Slezak, Moyes, Cook, Mitchell, P/O Murphy		2209	0333	Flak holes were discovered in fuselage on return.	

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10.4.42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN (cont'd)</u></p> <p>"R", F/L Thiele bombed built-up district at ESSEN at 0010 hrs. from 13,000ft. One large and 2 smaller fires seen burning. Flares illuminated built-up area in break of in clouds and guided A/C to target.</p> <p>"U", F/O Swetman bombed built-up district, seen in cloud gap at 0004 hrs. from 11,000 ft. on ETA. Believed to be ESSEN district, no flares seen on approaching or at target.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> Increased a/l activity reported while crossing Holland, two stationary cones with 15 to 20 beams in each observed about 5 miles SW of DEVENTER. Heavy flak intense at target area and numerous a/l's hampered by cloud. Light flak slight. Numerous dummy fires were seen in the target area at no definite position. Three captains dropped three packages each, G.L. immediately after bombing.</p>	
12.4.42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON LE HAVRE</u></p> <p>Pookington Ops. Order No. 98 2 freshers detailed. Bomb load: 16x250 TD 0.025. Cameras carried. Nickels 3xP.28.</p> <p>Both captains identified and bombed the docks. Observations difficult because of dazzle from flares.</p> <p>"P", Sgt. MacParlane bombed target area at 2327 hrs. from 12,000 ft. and saw one bomb burst. Observed poor blackout south of LE HAVRE.</p> <p>"R", F/Sgt. Hill, bombed target area but could not observe burst on account of dazzle from flares. He saw several vivid flashes from the target area five minutes after leaving.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> Only slight heavy flak, mainly inaccurate and very little light flak with no a/l activity. Each A/C dropped three packages of nickels P.28, which are estimate to have fallen in target area. "P" secured successful photographs on second run, seven minutes after bombing. Not yet plotted.</p>	
12.4.42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON ESSEN</u></p> <p>Pookington Ops. Order No. 99. Seven A/C detailed. Bomb load: M & E 1x1,000. 3xRH nickels. Remainder 2x1000, 2x500, 4x250, 4x88 nickels, except for "A" which carried 3. All carried cameras.</p> <p>Two of the seven captains reached target and released bombs but one returned early bringing bombs back while three jettisoned because of engine or mechanical failure. Remaining aircraft crashed in flames, two of the crew being killed.</p> <p>"M" P/O Swetman, had engines overheat and forced to turn back over Belgium. Bombs brought back.</p> <p>"O" F/Sgt. Wigley, attacked target area at 0153 hrs. from 15,000 ft. and saw bomb bursts along with a great explosion north of ESSEN. Counted twelve fires including one large one. Fired upon by convoy and had front perspex and tire damaged by flak.</p>	
		Sgt. MacParlane, Sgts. Harvey, Jones, Colloton, Tyler		2040	0131		
		F/Sgt. Hill, Sgt. Fitzgerald, F/Sgts. Oneson, Kerr, Ailey		2043	0120		
		F/O Swetman, F/Sgt. Slesak, Sgts. Myles, Cook, Woodman, P/O Clarke		2223	0252		
		F/Sgt. Wigley, Sgts. Farrell, Mercer, Nutt, Smith, Watters.		2227	0520		
		F/Sgt. Lloyd, Sgt. Ferrier, F/Sgt. Phillips, Gardiner, Graves, Thomas		2245	2359		
		F/O Toft, and crew		2243	2359	Crashed	

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	"A"	F/Sgt. Chinn, Sgt. Bell, F/Sgt. Francis Sgt. Wood, F/Sgt. Pickard		2240	0452	"U" F/Sgt. Lloyd crashed in flames near Wattisham, xxxx the port engine having caught fire. The crew baled out and four of them landed safely, two being killed. The two members that were killed were: AUS 402798 F/Sgt. Lloyd, D.K. (Capt.); CAN. R. 68174 F/Sgt. Graves (GR (2nd WOP/AG)	
	"M"	P/O Higginson, F/Sgt. Blizzard, P/O James, F/Sgt. McGill, Sgt. Gunn, F/Sgt. Jeffries		2236	0146	"X" P/O Toft, jettisoned safe 5307N by OOLCE since pitch control on starboard engine U/S.	
	"E"	F/Sgt. Morris and crew		2230	0018	"A" F/Sgt. Chinn, found flares a guide to target but all were extinguished by the time he arrived. Attacked target area at 0220 from 17,000 ft. and observed large fires burning in light of which buildings were visible. Saw a fire burning in COLOGNE on his way to the target. Automatic pilot U/S shortly after take-off.	
						"M" P/O Higginson, turned back 5130N by 0320E because starboard engine over heated and developed oil leak. Jettisoned safe.	
						"E" F/Sgt. Morris had revolution counter of port engine U/S and jettisoned safe 5354N by 0047E. One of the bombs exploded harmlessly in the North Sea.	
						<u>General Remarks:</u> Heavy flak was intense to the West, North and East of the city but much quieter to the South. Considerable a/l activity with exceptionally large cones sighted to the East. "N" and "O" dropped four packages each B.8 over Belgium, while "A" dropped three.	
14.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON DORTMUND</u> Pocklington Ops. Order No. 100 six detailed. Bomb load: "E" and "M" 12,000; Remainder 121,000 GP 4x500 GP, 4x250 GP, T.D. 0.025. All carried cameras and four B-5 nickels except "R" which carried 4x2.7	
	"E"	F/Sgt. Morris, Sgts. Wadman, Platt, Holland, Hamilton, F/Sgt. Montgomery		2222	0130	This proved a costly operation since two A/C with com- plete crews are "Missing" and another crashed after its crew had baled out safely in England. Only one captain is certain he bombed primary while another is in doubt.	
	"A"	F/Sgt. Chinn, Sgt. Bell, F/Sgt. Francis, Sgt. Wood, F/Sgt. Pickard		2205	crashed	"E" F/Sgt. Morris had inter-com. carbon pile generator and TR 9 U/S. Jettisoned 5108N by 0210E and turned back.	
	"X"	P/O Toft, P/O Samson, F/Sgt. Bydwell, Sgts. Crowe, Hesselden		2203	"missing"	"A" F/Sgt. Chinn, baled out at Petersfield at 0515 hrs. "missing" crew O.K.	
	"N"	Sgt. MacFarlane, Sgts. Harvey, Jones, Cormack, Tyler		2214	"missing"	"X" P/O Toft- "Missing". Received SOS at 0518 hrs. with estimated position 3626. The crew were P/O Toft, P.C. RCAF P/O Samson, WR RAF; R. 56917 F/Sgt. Bydwell, H.W., 1168054 Sgt. Crowe, P.M., 571361 Sgt. Hesselden.	
	"M"	F/Sgt. Wigley, Sgts. Farrel, F/Sgt. Higgins, Sgt. Nutt, F/Sgt. Gorieu, Sgt. Watters		2209	0635	"N" Sgt. MacFarlane- "Missing" No message received after take-off. Members of crew were 1108340 Sgt. MacFarlane, D.M.; 1376987 Sgt. Harvey, A.G.; 1006968 Sgt. Jones, M.D., CAN.R. 59294- Sgt. Cormack, J.; CAN.R. 67798 Sgt. Tyler, W.S.	
	"R"	F/Sgt. Hill, Sgt. Fitzgerald, F/Sgt. Oneson, Sgt. Exter, F/Sgt. Ailey		2212	0511		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
14-4-42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON DORTMUND (cont'd)</u></p> <p>"M" F/Sgt. Wigley on approach saw Ruhr River and SEITEN canal by the light of flares which also illuminated built up area and southern end of DORTMUND-EMMS canal. Found one fire burning in west of city. Dropped 4,000 pounder and noted large explosion in built up area. Landed at WEST HALLING.</p> <p>"R" F/Sgt. Hill, on approach saw Ruhr River and numerous flares scattered over large area illuminating large area. These proved a guide to general target district and built-up area but did not provide positive identification. Bombs were dropped in target area at 0210 hrs from 14,000 ft. but no flashes were observed. Landed at BINGDON.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> Heavy flak moderate but s/l very numerous and accurate. "M" saw one balloon at 14,000 ft. on SE side of DORTMUND and one other at DURKIRK at 14,000 ft. Numerous dummy fires from south of COLOGNE and target and around latter. "M" and "R" each dropped four packages of B-5 and B-7 nickels respectively over Belgium.</p>	
15-8-42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON DORTMUND</u> Pookington Ops Order No. 101 Four A/C detailed. <u>Bomb load:</u> "M" "R" 124,000, remainder 2x1,000, 2x500, 4x250 T.D.C.025. All carried cameras and nickels</p> <p>"M" F/O Higginson, F/O Jones, F/Sts. McGill, Jackman, Jeffries, 2325 0519 10/10 cloud made any identification impossible. Two captains are believed to have bombed COLOGNE, while another thinks he bombed AACHEN. No results except bomb burst thru cloud.</p> <p>"R" W/C Fauquier, Sgts. Wadman, Gardiner, F/Sgt. Tatro, Sgt. Forbes, P/O Lascelle 2321 0550 "R" F/O Higginson bombed what was believed COLOGNE area in 10/10 cloud at 0242 hrs. from 17,000 ft. No results except bomb burst thru cloud.</p> <p>"O" F/Sgt. Morris, Sgts. Platt, Holland, Hamilton, F/Sgt. Montgomery 2318 0530 "R" W/C Fauquier bombed believed COLOGNE area in 10/10 cloud at 0247 hrs. from 14,000 ft. No results observed except bomb burst through clouds.</p> <p>"P" F/L Thiele, F/O Baldwin, F/Sgt. Campbell, Sgts. Shearer, Reid 2329 0236 "O" F/Sgt. Morris, bombed believed AACHEN in 10/10 cloud at 0229 hrs. from 14,000 ft. At 0409 5200N by 0200E saw white light on sea flashing intermittently.</p> <p>"P" F/L Thiele was unable to find target in GERMANY in 10/10 cloud and jettisoned at 0325 hrs. At 0125 hrs. two miles SE of GHEENT saw green rocket from the air.</p> <p><u>General Remarks:</u> At Belgium coast noticeable increase in heavy flak and s/l activity but very slight flak from COLOGNE and AACHEN after bombing. Nickels dropped over BELGIUM as follows: "M", 3xB-8, "R" 3x B-8, "O" 4xB-8 and "P" 4xB-5.</p>	
17-4-42	Wellington II					<p><u>BOMBING ATTACK ON HAMBURG</u> Pookington Ops. Order No. 102 Seven A/C detailed; <u>Bomb load:</u> "M", "R", "O", "P", "S" 124,000, remainder 3x250; (incend) 6x500 (90% incendi). All carried cameras and 3x27 nickels.</p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
17.4.42	Wellington II					<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON HAMBURG</u>	
	"E"	S/L Fraser, Sgt. Wadman, Gardiner, F/Sgt. Tatno, Sgt. Mandle, P/O Lascelle		2330	0540	"E" S/L Fraser went in south of route and was unable to identify coast line. Became hotly engaged by flak with s/l and concluded that he was near ELBE River. Endeavoured to approach between CUXHAVEN and WESSEBUND but could not pinpoint and sought nearer target. Bombed near believed CUXHAVEN at 0305 hrs. from 15,000 ft. observing burst near adjacent fire.	
	"M"	P/O Higginson, P/O Jones, F/Sgt. McGill Sgt. LePage, F/Sgt. Jeffries,		2329	0330	"M" P/O Higginson had trouble with starboard engine overheating and oil leaks and was flying on one engine for an hour. Sought nearer target and bombed western part of island BALTRIM at 0150 hrs. from 16,000 ft.	
	"P"	F/L Thiele, P/O Baldwin, F/Sgt. Campbell, Sgt. Shearer, F/Sgt. Morrison		2331	0545	"P" F/L Thiele also went in south of route and attacked HAMBURG after identifying river ELBE and dark mass of town. Saw large fire in centre of town and his own bombs fell about one mile to the west of aiming point. Saw large fire in CUXHAVEN on way home.	
	"O"	F/Sgt. Wigley, and crew		Cancelled		"O" F/Sgt. Morris, could not climb above 12,000 ft. and after becoming engaged with flak and s/l's in vicinity of KIEL, cancelled and bombed same at 0250 hrs. from 12,000 ft.	
	"J"	F/Sgt. Morris, Sgts. Platt, Holland, Hamilton, F/Sgt. Montgomery		2335	0441	"J" F/Sgt. Hill turned back at 5417N. by 0330E with Port Revolution counter U/S. Jettisoned.	
	"R"	F/Sgt. Hill, Sgts. Fitzgerald, Oneson Hextor, F/Sgt. Ailey		2336	0225	"R" F/Sgt. Wigley and "S" F/Sgt. Chinn were cancelled because of technical failures.	
	"S"	F/Sgt. Chinn and crew		Cancelled		"S" F/Sgt. Chinn were cancelled because of technical failures.	
						<u>General Remarks:</u> Heavy flak was intense over HAMBURG and to the south of city and a noticeable increase in the defences in the coastal area between CUXHAVEN and WESSEBUND and inland. S/l's on route were numerous and well spread over whole area. Three A/G reported seeing lights flashing intermittently and flares shot up from the sea 5410N by 0130E. "P" dropped 3x.7 nickels NE of HAMBURG and "J" dropped same number 5415N by 0930E.	
						<u>SCREENED</u>	
						Number 405 Squadron, R.C.A.F. has now been screened from any further operations as from April 18th, 1942 pending re-equipping with Halifax II aircraft in lieu of Wellington II aircraft being disposed of.	

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