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By **No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, WILMINGTON.**

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(472) W. 242201450. 1804. 840. P.1. 51-2781.

FOR THE MONTH OF **MAY**, 19**42**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3712	W/Sgt. Purzett W/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Jones W/Sgt. Chandler W/Sgt. Kenney	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2318	0609	Mine laying off Ile de St. Simon dropped as ordered and were seen to hit the water. 4 bundles of nickels dropped in LAVAL area. 3 x 250 lb G.P. 12 second delay bombs dropped in the vicinity of six small ships between ILE DE SE and HANDESD, one mile east of LA BELLE. Results unobserved.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3683	W/Sgt. Wilson W/Sgt. Alexander W/Sgt. Olan W/Sgt. Stevens Sgt. Murphy	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2337	0635	Mine laying off ILE DE SE. Target not definitely identified. Mines brought back. 4 bundles nickels dropped in area of LAVAL.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3699	W/Sgt. Swanson Sgt. Pearson W/Sgt. Richards W/Sgt. Crook W/Sgt. Wilkinson W/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2346	0605	Mine laying ILE D'ATH and ILE D'ELISE area. Target not pinpointed and all vegetables brought back. 4 bundles nickels dropped in LAVAL area.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3682	W/Sgt. Millson Sgt. Nelson W/Sgt. Candari W/Sgt. Macbain W/Sgt. Pidge	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2340	0702	Mine laying off ILE DE SE. Target identified and mines dropped as ordered were seen to hit the water. four bundles of nickels dropped in area of LAVAL.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3717	W/Sgt. Gidams W/Sgt. MacCallum W/O Porter W/Sgt. McKinlay Sgt. Robinson W/Sgt. Hillen	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2306	0555	Mine laying off ILE DE SE. Target clearly identified. Vegetables and 3 x 250 G.P. 12 second delay bombs jettisoned live between ILE DE SE and mainland to North owing to attack by enemy a/c, believed to be a He. 109, which was later believed destroyed North of LAVAL.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3670	W/Sgt. Pattison W/O Bell W/O Campbell Sgt. Fleming W/Sgt. Craddock	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2350	0642	Mine laying off ILE DE SE. Pinpoint obtained on POINT DE GUY. Mines dropped North of ILE DE SE, not in position ordered owing to very accurate Flak defences. Four bundles nickels dropped in LAVAL area.	
2/5/42	WELINGTON X. 3715	W/O Coughan W/Sgt. Crawford W/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2345	0640	Mine laying off ILE DE SE. Vegetables planted off N.E. corner of Ile de Se, not as ordered owing to severe Flak defences. Only one parachute seen to open. Other definitely did not open. Four bundles nickels dropped in LAVAL area.	

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2/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3783	2/Sgt. Weeks 2/Sgt. Spector Sgt. Mainwright 2/Sgt. Radville Sgt. Ross	Captain Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	2342	0602	Mine laying in area of ILS DE RE. ILS DE RE AND ILS DE CON pinpointed and vegetables planted, probably off N.W. corner of ILS D'GLEZEE. Parachutes seen to open. 4 bundles nickels dropped in HAVES area.	
2/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3486	2/Sgt. Dutton 2/Sgt. Schaffin Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Rice Sgt. Swinson, 2/Sgt. MacFar	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.			Mine laying off LA ROCHELLE. Mines laid on target. Four bundles nickels dropped in area of LAVAL. Aircraft landed at BOGOURN DOWN on return.	
2/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3785	2/Sgt. Pihala 2/Sgt. Roberts 2/Op. McNeill Sgt. Clelland 2/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Webster	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	2343	0650	Mine laying off LA ROCHELLE. Mines laid across target area. Nickels dropped 20 miles North of LAVAL. Bombs jettisoned in sea 20 miles South of Brighton. Aircraft shot up by Flak and crash landed at FORD. Crew unhurt.	
4/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3308	2/Op. Morris 2/Sgt. Jacobs 2/Sgt. Gaudin Sgt. Aronson 2/Sgt. Mastellan	Captain Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	0042	0720	Target HAVEL. Not identified and bombs brought back.	
4/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3470	2/Lt. Rattison 2/Op. Bell 2/Sgt. Rice Sgt. Fleming 2/Sgt. Craddock	Captain Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	0050	0653	Target HAVEL. Town not identified though lake to S.W. seen once. 14 x 250 G.P. bombs brought back.	
4/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3592	2/Op. Pillsbury Sgt. Wallace 2/Sgt. Grant 2/Sgt. Westcott 2/Sgt. Ridge	Captain Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	2226	0519	Target STY. Not positively identified. Bombs dropped and rear gunner saw fires started. Three bundles of nickels dropped after bombing. Heavy Flak splinter holed parapet in rear turret and broke small glass door.	
4/5/42	WELLSINGTON X. 3491	2/Sgt. Weeks 2/Sgt. Spector Sgt. Mainwright 2/Sgt. Radville Sgt. Ross	Captain Navigator 2/Operator 2/Op. A.G. A.G.	2335	0425	Primary target STY. Target not positively identified but one red flare was seen and part of a built up area. Position of bombing not known owing to clouds but the built up area was being bombed by other aircraft. Bombs seen and reflection of other bombs seen on clouds on leaving target. Two bundles nickels dropped in HIDE area.	

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(472) W. 2422/1650. 100m. 840. P.I. 51-7211

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
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4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699	2/Sgt. Jamison 2/Sgt. Zarnson 2/Sgt. Brichin 2/Sgt. Crosby 2/Sgt. Wilkinson 2/Sgt. Wilson	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2230	0436	Primary target STUTTGART AREA. Buildings seen burning but STUTTGART not positively identified. Bombed on E.T.A. 3 red flares and large fires seen through gaps in cloud. Incendiaries seen to burst among other sticks. 2 bundles of nickels dropped on STUTTGART AREA.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3703	2/Sgt. Shannon 2/Sgt. King Sgt. McCoy 2/Sgt. Hibbard 2/Sgt. Holroyd 2/Sgt. West	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2235	0444	Primary target STUTTGART AREA. Red flares seen over area and pinpoint on junction of BRUNN and WINDMILLER CANALS. Incendiaries seemed to light up under cloud. Two fires seen burning in same area where red flares were dropped.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3683	2/Sgt. Walton 2/Sgt. Alexander 2/Sgt. Olsen 2/Sgt. Steevens 2/Sgt. Scoulton	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2235	0529	Primary target STUTTGART AREA. Town seen and bombed, believed to be Forstheim, seen in way out. Two fires seen in town. Bombs went in town.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3718	2/O. Dawghan 2/Sgt. Crawford 2/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow 2/Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2259	0630	Last resort: aerodrome in STUTTGART AREA but thought to be North of the town. No pinpoints obtainable owing to cloud. Target was in sight when bombs were released. These were seen to fall dead across runway and on leaving 3 large fires were seen to be still burning. 3 bundles of nickels dropped in STUTTGART AREA.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3699	2/Ldr. Turner 2/Sgt. Fowler 2/Sgt. Jans 2/Sgt. Arthur 2/Sgt. Bell	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2221	0521	Primary target STUTTGART AREA. Row of lights seen through break in cloud which may have been Marshall's Yard. No definite pinpoint obtained. Incendiaries seen to burst alongside lights attacked. Accurate heavy flak opened up after dropping bombs. 4 bundles of nickels dropped on STUTTGART AREA.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3712	2/Sgt. Forcott 2/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Dewar 2/Sgt. Hubbard 2/Sgt. Macaulay	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2219	0447	Primary target STUTTGART AREA. Not visually identified. Bombed on E.T.A. Incendiaries seen to burst. Burned white. Four bundles of nickels dropped over STUTTGART. About a dozen flares seen in area attacked but no red flares.	
4/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3680	2/Sgt. Cadden 2/O. Porter 2/Sgt. Hollinley Sgt. Robinson 2/Sgt. MacMillan	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2240	0406	Owing to failure of reserve oil supply and doubt as to oil consumption this aircraft returned to base. Furthest point reached lakes West of BARRINGTON. All bombs brought back.	

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6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3717 - C "	2/Sgt. Roberts 2/Sgt. Murphy 2/Sgt. Williams 2/Sgt. Harvey 2/Sgt. McDonald	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2205		This aircraft took off for STUTTGART and failed to return. Bomb load taken was 72 x 50 lb incendiaries.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3703	2/Sgt. Shannon Sgt. Kelly 2/Sgt. Hibberd 2/Sgt. Murray 2/Sgt. West	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2210	0411	Target STUTTGART AREA. At time of bombing, target not in view. Bombs fell North of central area. Incendiaries seen to burst. 4 bundles of nichols dropped in KARLSRUHE AREA.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3712	2/Sgt. Farnott 2/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Dwyer 2/Sgt. Hibberd 2/Sgt. McDonald	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2206	0450	Target STUTTGART AREA. Not visually identified but river seen after bombing similar to river at STUTTGART. Run up on large fire already burning. Bursts not even seen but glare seen astern after bombing.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3680	2/Sgt. Giddens 2/O. Porter 2/Sgt. McInley Sgt. Robinson 2/Sgt. MacMillan	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2208	0457	Last resort: Aerobics thought in STUTTGART AREA. Bad visibility made it impossible to locate target at STUTTGART. Forwarder lights and flare path lit up; aircraft showing navigation lights just landed. Aerobics in sight when bombs released. Bombs burst on edge of aerobics, and large fire started.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3683	2/Sgt. Wilson 2/Sgt. Alexander 2/Sgt. Olien 2/Sgt. Steeves 2/Sgt. Burnett	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2125	0357	Target HANDEL. Dock area clearly seen in the light of haze dark and fire with black smoke. No bursts seen.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3686	2/Sgt. Dutton Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Rice Sgt. Drimmon 2/Sgt. Weber	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2130	0317	Target HANDEL. Target identified and bombs fell on western end of island. Two bursts seen.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3670	2/Lt. Pattison 2/O. Bell 2/Sgt. Austin Sgt. Fleming 2/Sgt. Goodlock	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G. A.G.	2127	0347	Target HANDEL. Dock area lit by orange-red fire, river and island were seen. Bursts were seen just South of fire and one bomb caused big orange flash immediately turning to large fire.	
6/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3684	2/O. Lewis 2/Sgt. Jacobs 2/Sgt. Gendral Sgt. Aronson	Captain Navigator 3/Operator 4/Op.A.G.	2135	0325	Last resort: ST-MARIE. Estuary of LOIRE and Dock of ST-MARIE seen. Bombs thought to fall between BARRIN DE PERRETT and Coast to Sea's. No burst seen but small fire seen shortly afterwards.	

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7/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3486	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O Macdonald P/Sgt. Goodwin P/O Kenyon Sgt. Morrison	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2245	0540	Mine-laying KIEL ESTUARY. Definite visual pinpoint on South tip of LAMPHOLD and both sides of entrance to KIEL FORD seen from 500 feet just before mines were released. Bombs dropped on SH/T Aerodrome. Definitely as ordered.	
7/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3483	P/Sgt. Poy Sgt. Parkinson Sgt. Preston Sgt. Burnett Sgt. Murphy	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2248	0505	Mine-laying in BALTIC. ^{FRENCH} FRENCH Island and FRENCH BAY Peninsula identified and mines laid as ordered. Parachutes were seen to open and hit water.	
7/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3723	P/O Millmore Sgt. Moloni P/Sgt. Grant P/Sgt. Westmacott P/Sgt. Pudge	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2252	0438	Mine-laying in BALTIC. FRENCH Island and coast line in vicinity pinpointed and mines laid as ordered. They were seen to hit the water.	
7/5/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	P/O Cavaghan P/Sgt. Crawford P/Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Kellow Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2245	0500	Mine-laying in BALTIC. Pinpointing quite easy. Mines laid just South of FRENCH ISLAND. Parachutes seen to open.	
8/9/42	WELLINGTON X. 3308	P/O Morris P/Sgt. Jacobs P/Sgt. Cassinari Sgt. Aronson P/Sgt. Macmillan	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2219	0517	Mine-laying in BALTIC. WESTERHOF pinpointed and HELIGOLAND sighted on port bow. Mines laid as ordered.	
8/9/42	WELLINGTON X. 3659	P/Sgt. Barrett P/Sgt. O'Brien Sgt. Doherty P/Sgt. Hubbard P/Sgt. Macaulay	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2202	0512	Target WAREHOUSES. Bomb load 2 x 1000 GP HDL 025 and 3 x 500 GP .025. Ran North down the river and recognized small island at N.W. end of the Breiiting exactly opposite the target. Good run up obtained but bursts not observed.	
8/9/42	WELLINGTON X. 3470	P/Lt. Pattison P/O Bell P/Sgt. Austin Sgt. Fleming P/Sgt. Craddock	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2205	0530	Target WAREHOUSES. Bomb load 2 x 1000 GP HDL 025 and 3 x 500 GP .025. The Breiiting and channel out to sea at N.W. corner seen. Runup made across Breiiting and land seen at N.W. corner also entrance to channel from here to the sea. Bursts seen. Four bundles nickels dropped ROOSTOCK area.	
8/9/42	WELLINGTON X. 3715	P/O Cavaghan P/Sgt. Crawford P/Sgt. Forbes P/O Kenyon P/Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2216	0538	Target WAREHOUSES. Bomb load 48 x 40 incendiaries and 3 x 500 GP .025. Wharves and North part of Battery and WAREHOUSE area clearly identified. 3 x 500 released hit built up area on N.E. of the Breiiting one mile N.E. of Wharves area. Fragmentation bomb used four times, once West of WAREHOUSES, and three times on the eastern side of the Breiiting. Searchlights seen to go out. 8 x 40 fragmentation bombs hung up and brought back.	

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8/3/42	WELLINGTON X 3404	P/Sgt. Dunn P/Sgt. Evans P/Sgt. Ferguson P/Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2201	2310	Target WARRAMONG. Bomb load 2 x 1000 GP HDL 025 and 3 x 500 GP .025. Electrical system short-circuited causing IFF and EL 1333 to blow up. Also leak in oil lines to front turret so that pilot was unable to see through windscreen due to oil spray. One of port No. 2 tanks came off. Bombs jettisoned safe at BURNING HEATH and aircraft returned to base.	
8/3/42	WELLINGTON X 3403	W/Odc. Pilton P/Sgt. Alexander P/Sgt. Allen P/Sgt. Stevens P/Sgt. Wootton	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2209	0634	Target WARRAMONG, primary searchlights in area. Target attacked but not successfully. Searchlight crews very experienced and doused light before a/c could release bombs. One W/L attached with 6 x 40 lb. bombs. Bombs fell 40 yards from light which went out about 5 sec before bombs released and came on again as soon as bombs burst. Only got in one attack. 3 x 500 and 42 x 40 lb bombs jettisoned in Baltic. A/O stayed too long over target and had to jettison through lack of fuel.	
8/5/42	WELLINGTON X 3404	P/Sgt. Dutton Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Freestons Sgt. Robinson P/Sgt. Moore	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2211	0500	Target WARRAMONG. Estuary had clearly seen and smaller inland part of target area. Target not in sight but bombing run in line with target given. Bombs seen to burst on land. Fires burning in area bombed. 4 bundles of nickels dropped on target area.	
8/5/42	WELLINGTON X 3400 "J"	P/Sgt. Giddens J D Sgt. MacCullum C K P/O Porter C J P/Sgt. McKinlay E J Sgt. Robinson G W P/Sgt. MacMillan D S	Captain POW 2nd Pilot POW Navigator POW W/Operator POW W/Op.A.G. POW A.G. POW	2215		This aircraft took off for WARRAMONG with a bomb load of 2 x 1000 GP HDL 025 and 3 x 500 GP .025 and did not return.	
8/5/42	WELLINGTON X 3708 "Q"	P/Sgt. Shannon C M P/Sgt. King J Sgt. McCoy A E P/Sgt. Hibbard H R P/Sgt. Murray P A P/Sgt. Bent H E	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2213		This aircraft took off for WARRAMONG, 48 x 40 incendiaries x 500 GP .025 bomb load, and did not return.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON X 3906	P/O Scott Sgt. Jacobs P/Sgt. Hamilton Sgt. Aronson P/Sgt. McMillan, A	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	2305	0236	Mines laying in area Inland 1/2 A miles BURNING and JUST INLAND pinpointed. Mines laid as ordered. 2 Parachutes seen to open.	

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17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3742	1/3. Fawcett 2/3. O'Brien Sgt. Downer Sgt. Leach 2/3. Macaulay	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.16	03.55	This aircraft went gardening and planted vegetables as ordered. Parachutes seen to open. Course set from between BIRKENHEAD and BOSCH PLAZA.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3715	1/3. Woods 2/3. Spetcher 2/3. Wainwright 2/3. Rainville Sgt. Foster	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.00	03.19	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open and vegetables enter water. Saw what might have been a plane descending in flames in direction of ASPHARD. Too far away to be definite.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 370	2/3. Pattison 2/3. Austin Sgt. Fleming 2/3. Craddock	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.12	03.11	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3557	1/3. Dunn 2/3. Evans 2/3. Ferguson 2/3. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.06	03.40	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen in air followed by flare in sea just north of GERRIN at 23.30 hours. Believed to be an aircraft. <i>(Pikula's bird?)</i>	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3699	1/3. Tamer 1/3. Foster 2/3. Jans 2/3. Arthur 2/3. Bell	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.55	02.50	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open and enter water.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3699	2/3. Swanson 2/3. Richards 2/3. Crookley 2/3. Wilkinson Sgt. Wilson	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.40	03.00	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. West of NOTRE.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3484	2/3. Wilson 2/3. Alexander 2/3. Olson Sgt. Steeves Sgt. Harding	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.20	03.30	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Rear gunner saw parachutes open.	
17/5/42	WELLINGTON Z. 3560	2/3. Wolfe 2/3. McDonald 2/3. Goodwin 2/3. Kagan Sgt. Morrison	Captain Navigator 1/Operator 1/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.18	03.45	Gardening. Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open.	

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17/3/42	WELLINGTON X.3592	R/O Pillmore Sgt. Holcomb P/S. Grant P/S. Westcott P/S. Page	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.14	03.34	Gardening. Vegetables planted and seen by rear gunner to enter water.	
17/3/42	WELLINGTON X.3486	R/O Jeff P/O Thompson Sgt. Johnson P/S. Cassidy Sgt. Hart	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.52	03.25	Target BOULOGNE but unable to identify owing to 10/10 cloud. 8 x 250 G.P. .025 and 9 x 250 G.P. T.I. brought back.	
17/3/42	WELLINGTON L.1562 "N"	P/S. Pihula F P/O McNeill WC Sgt. Chikland C Sgt. Thompson W Sgt. Webster WH	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.09		This aircraft was detailed for gardening but did not return from operations.	
20/3/42	WELLINGTON X.3541	P/S. Peters Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Archibald Sgt. Sarsfield Sgt. Morgan Sgt. Loe	Captain Navigator 2nd Pilot W/Operator Navigator W/Op.A.G. W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.25	03.16	Target CHERBOURG but unable to identify owing to 10/10 cloud. 6 x 250 GPTI and 6 x 250 .025 brought back.	
20/3/42	WELLINGTON X.3404	P/O Higham Sgt. Lee Sgt. Swinson Sgt. Leach P/S. Dunnett	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.29	02.15	Target CHERBOURG. 10/10th cloud made pin-pointing impossible. 7 x 250 GPTI and 7 x 250 .025 brought back.	
20/3/42	WELLINGTON L.3346	P/S. Harris Sgt. Honey Sgt. Goshagen Sgt. Hinchold Sgt. Davidson Sgt. Baxter	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.26	02.44	Target CHERBOURG but 10/10th cloud made pin-pointing impossible. 7 x 250 GPTI and 7 x 250 .025 brought back.	
20/3/42	WELLINGTON L.3486	P/S. McHaffin Sgt. Gaultier P/O Haine Sgt. Donaldson Sgt. Tom	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.41	02.40	Target CHERBOURG. CAP DE LA HAIE recognized but CHERBOURG covered by 10/10th cloud, top about 8,000 feet, and could not be identified. 7 x 250 GPTI and 7 x 250 .025 brought back.	
20/3/42	WELLINGTON X.3590	P/S. Murphy P/S. Evans P/S. Ferguson P/S. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	22.27	02.17	Target CHERBOURG. 10/10th cloud extending from about 5,000 feet up to 6,500 feet prevented target from being located. 7 x 250 GPTI and 7 x 250 .025 brought back. Icing conditions encountered in cloud from 5,000 feet up to 10,000 feet on way out.	

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29/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3360	S/Ldr. Wolfe P/O McCosmack Sgt. Goodwin P/O Kayson Sgt. Morrison	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.56	08.34	Target was the GROSS-HEINZ WORKS at GROSSVILLIERES. Good run-up obtained. Bombs thought to have fallen in the GROSS-HEINZ WORKS. Reflection of bursts seen but actual position in area of bursts now identified. Bombs felt as flashes observed. Bomb load 2 x 1,000 GP .025 and 3 x 500 .025. 23 bundles nickels dropped in PARIS area.	
29	WELLINGTON X.3715 " 6 "	P/O Crowther P/O Crawford Sgt. Forbes Sgt. Haller Sgt. Whitley	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.			This aircraft set out to attack the GROSS-HEINZ factory at GROSSVILLIERES but failed to return.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3368	P/O Morris P/O Jacobs P/O Cochrane Sgt. Aronson Sgt. Hollister	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.20	03.49	Target COLOGNE, bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Target identified and bombs believed to have dropped west of AFFENBACH BRIDGE 3 miles south of COLOGNE. Seen to ignite. 2 bundles of nickels dropped in COLOGNE area.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3592	P/O Pillsbury P/O Belmont Sgt. Northcott P/O Christian Sgt. Hanks	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.44	03.21	Target COLOGNE with bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. COLOGNE identified visually and bombs dropped on western side of river in old part of town. Too many bursts and fires definitely to identify own bursts. Searchlights very ineffective and little evasive action necessary to get clear.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3752	P/O. Ferguson P/O. Moore Sgt. Palkin Sgt. Freeman Sgt. Wilkinson Sgt. Nugby	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.15	03.34	Target COLOGNE. Bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Estimated to have dropped slightly south of aiming point "A" in eastern section of town. 2 bundles nickels dropped in COLOGNE area. Plenty of fires seen in northern section of town. T.R. gave an excellent fix over COLOGNE.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3359	Sgt. Lealme P/O Watson Sgt. Walker Sgt. Bradley Sgt. Angus	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.32	01.56	Target COLOGNE. Starboard engine overhauled and aircraft returned safely. Aiming point reached - 40 miles west of DIERPHELE at 00.15 hours. 2 x 1,000, 3 x 500 and 3 x 250 GP .025 jettisoned safe at REBERS HEIM.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3470	P/O. Patten P/O Bell Sgt. Austin Sgt. Fleming P/O. Crawford	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.11	03.25	Target COLOGNE, bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombs thought to have fallen in neighbourhood of aiming point "A". Fires seen north and south of town on west bank and one good fire seen on east bank. 2 bundles of nickels dropped. Defences appeared disorganized by number of aircraft over target.	
30/5/42	WELLINGTON X.3699	P/O. Swanson P/O. Belshe P/O. Crosby Sgt. Wilkinson P/O. Wilson Sgt. Pearson	Captain Navigator P/Operator P/Op.A.G. A.G. 2nd Pilot	23.23	02.50	Target COLOGNE with 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Large concentrations of fires seen. 60 x 4-lb. incendiaries hung up and brought back.	

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30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3590	F/S. Murphy F/S. Geese F/S. Evans F/S. Ferguson F/S. Holmes Sgt. Brown	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.22	03.14	Target OGLENS with 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Many fires seen. 2 bundles of nickels dropped. Flak and searchlight defences seemed bewildered by the size of the attack and did not appear to work as previously at OGLENS.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3686	F/S. Dutton Sgt. Kirkpatrick Sgt. Rice F/S. Hester F/O Peters	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.19	01.51	Aircraft set out to attack OGLENS but forced to turn back owing to starboard oil temperature and heat of cylinder head being very high. 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries brought back.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3584	F/S. Harris Navigator Sgt. MacDonald Sgt. Davidson Sgt. Hunter	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.10	02.27	Target OGLENS with 2 x 1,000, 1 x 500 and 1 x 250-lb. G.P. bombs. Bombs dropped in centre of town on west side of river. Several bursts seen. Several fighters seen about 40 miles north-west of OGLENS.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3685	F/S. Wilson F/S. Alexander F/S. Jane Sgt. Williams Sgt. Powell	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.30	03.42	Target OGLENS. Bomb load 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombs thought to have fallen in town area. Fires seen over wide area but gun bursts not identified. 2 bundles nickels dropped.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3682	S/Ldr. Turner 2nd Pilot S/O Fowler Sgt. Martinus F/S. Arthur F/S. Bell	Captain 2nd Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.08	00.10	Target OGLENS. This aircraft reached a point 4 miles west of OGLENS but turned back owing to rear turret being hit and gun out of order. Bomb load of 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries brought back.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3604	F/O Higgins Sgt. Lee Sgt. Swinson Sgt. Leach F/S. Barnett	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.06	03.31	Target OGLENS with bomb load of 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 3 x 250 GP bombs. Bombs dropped on target but bursts not seen owing to concentration of lights from bomb bursts, incendiaries and gas flashes. Fires visible half an hour after leaving OGLENS. 2 bundles nickels dropped. Defences seemed bewildered and disorganised.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 4572	F/O Jost F/O Thompson Sgt. Johnson Sgt. Cassidy Sgt. East	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.17	02.50	Target OGLENS with 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries, which appeared to drop in north sector of old town west of river. Several fires and gun bursts seen. 2 x 4-lb. incendiaries brought back. 2 bundles nickels dropped.	
30/3/42	WELLINGTON L. 3616	F/S. Swarth F/O Bird F/S. O'Brien Sgt. Dewar Sgt. Hubbard Sgt. Maculay	Captain Navigator Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.33	04.01	Target OGLENS with 840 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Bombs fell in neighbourhood of aiming point 'A'. Burst seen by rear gunner and observer. Large concentrations of fires seen over town with patches of grayish smoke. 2 bundles nickels dropped. Defences seemed poor. No large concentrations of flak seen.	

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WELLSBORO E. 572	30/5/42	2/3. Weeks W/S. Spector Sgt. Westwright W/S. Rainville Sgt. Power	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.28 01.38	Target COLORE. Bomb load 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Target found and bombed, and heavy fires seen. 2 bundles of nickels dropped.
WELLSBORO E. 162	30/5/42	W/Obr. Dalton W/Lt. Mansfield W/O Campbell Sgt. Weeks W/Lt. O'Donoghue	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.27 04.07	Target COLORE, bomb load 72 x 50-lb. incendiaries. Bombs thought to have fallen about 1/2 mile north of centre of town. Bursts seen in built up area of old town. 2 bundles of nickels dropped. Ground defences seemed very ineffective.
WELLSBORO E. 343	30/5/42	W/Ldr. Wolfe W/O McCann Sgt. Cochran W/O Rogers Sgt. Morrison	Captain Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.25 03.30	Target COLORE. Bomb load 810 x 4-lb. incendiaries. Central city area in sight and bombs estimated to fall just south of aiming point. On incendiaries not seen to burn owing to so many incendiaries starting fires. Fires were increasing and were seen 70 miles on hamstead track. 2 bundles of nickels dropped. Large number of A/C thought to have completely upset flak and searchlight protection. No fighters seen or evidence of fighters.
WELLSBORO E. 994	30/5/42	Sgt. Peters Sgt. Murphy Sgt. Macintosh Sgt. Esaukin Sgt. Rogers Sgt. Love	Captain Navigator and Pilot Navigator W/Operator W/Op.A.G. A.G.	23.37 04.40	Target COLORE. Bomb load 72 x 50-lb. incendiaries. Bombs seen to explode in built up area just west of river.

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