

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2360	P/O Nighan J.B. P/Sgt. Lee S.C. P/Sgt. Swinson M.K. Sgt. Lamb A. W/Ops. Jones A.B. W/Ops. D.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2320	0550	Target BARRINGTON with 9 500 lb. and 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries. No cloud from a clear visibility. Fires in West part of town on arrival. Three points of nichols dropped in target area. Trouble-free trip with good results.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2360	Sgt. Lambson R.A. Sgt. Bayle J.A. Sgt. Nichol W.H. Sgt. Robertson A.C.S. P/O Harris G.R.F.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2315	0555	Target BARRINGTON with 2 x 2000 and 3 x 500 lb bombs. Light and visibility very good. Bomb sighted target. Plenty of fires and H.C. - bombs bombing very accurate and concentrated. Three bundles nichols dropped. No fighters seen.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2360	P/O McArthur W.C. P/O Radno A.C. Sgt. Donaldson R.G. P/Sgt. Tomes L.J.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2325	0555	Target BARRINGTON with 2 500 lb. and 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Weather very clear, no haze. River seen. Burning town seen 40 miles away. One incendiary not distinguished as whole town was ablaze. Nichols dropped.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2360	P/Sgt. McLaughlin H. Sgt. Holmes L.H. Sgt. Liddell R.H. Sgt. Saunders B.V. P/Sgt. Power S.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2305	0540	Target BARRINGTON. River west and north of town seen. Very extensive fires covered whole town with smoke rising to 2500 to 3000 ft. 20 miles east of BARRINGTON, at 1100 ft. port tail plane and main plane and port propeller hit in contact with the river. Also large hole through exhaust pipe and other minor damage.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2360	P/O Roberts E.G. P/Sgt. Archibald J.C. Sgt. Macrae S. Sgt. Morgan W.B. P/Sgt. Lowe J.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2302	0612	Target BARRINGTON with 6 500 lb. and 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries. 3 x 500 and 1 x 250. Followed river and dropped load in target area. Plenty of good fires. Near power saw explosion. Moderate, heavy and light flak. Very good effort. Good fires on arrival and becoming silent on leaving. One tremendous explosion and resultant heavy black smoke while turning away.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2372	P/O Walsh A.P. P/O Morrison R.G. P/O Holliday G.G. Sgt. Owen P.H. Sgt. Basley B.M.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2312	0602	Target BARRINGTON with 9 500 lb. and 90 x 4 lb. incendiaries. River seen identified. Built area in both night an space were fires were not burning. 20 x 4 lb incendiaries hung up and brought back. Raid thought to be very successful.	
1-9-42	WELLINGTON 2363	P/O Jost B.H. P/O Thompson H.W. P/O Thompson J.H. Sgt. Cassidy F.W. P/Sgt. Hart G.C.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.C.G. A.C.G.	2310	0558	Target BARRINGTON with 1 x 4000 lb. Target recognized visually. Bombs seen to explode causing fire. Results good and raid appeared to be concentrated.	

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2-9-42	WELLINGTON 21626	W/Sgt. Frederick H.O. W/O Todd F.L. Sgt. Baynes S. Sgt. Connolly W.E. Sgt. Murray S.F.D.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2245	0500	Target KANIGHEE with 750 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Weather clear apart from small amount of thin high cloud. HINE and KANIGHEE both seen. Bombs fell in town but owing to extent of fires already burning impossible to say exactly where. Bombs seen which burst shortly after. Whole of centre of town, especially to north, seemed to be ablaze, with fall of smoke up to 3000 ft.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 21623	Sgt. Goldard R.G. Sgt. Fitzpatrick C.P. Sgt. Jones K.I.J. Sgt. Osman H.M. Sgt. Court W.T.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2230	0450	Target KANIGHEE with 2 S.B.C. of 8 x 30 lb. incendiaries. Visibility good, river and docks seen. Bombs fell in south-west of town and helped to increase existing fires. Three bundles of nickels dropped. Fires could be seen when approaching KANIGHEE and they increased rapidly. Whole town was blazing with explosions in the north. Fires could be seen from 75 miles away.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 23711 "0"	W/O Walsh A.P. W/O Thompson H.W. W/O Probstone J.H. Sgt. Cassidy F.W. W/O Hart G.C.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. As G. AsG.	2253		Aircraft set out to attack KANIGHEE but failed to return, nothing being heard after take-off.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 20729	Sgt. Shest W.S. W/O Morrison R.G. W/O Holliday G.E. Sgt. Owen P.H. Sgt. Beasley B.M.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2240	0510	Target BUSHY with 8 x 500 lb. bombs not observed owing to fog/overcast cloud conditions.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 23602 "J"	Sgt. Harton R.A. Sgt. Eagle J.A. Sgt. Hilder W.H. Sgt. Robertson A.C.S. W/O Morris C.R.F.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2340		This aircraft to attack BUSHY with 2 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250 but failed to return.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 23604	Sgt. Maddock J.T. W/O Farrell A.L. W/Sgt. Woods W. Sgt. Woods R.E. Sgt. Powell T.E.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2359	0625	Target BUSHY with 610 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Bombs seen and bombs dropped in target area. Many fires burning.	
2-9-42	WELLINGTON 21604	W/Sgt. McLaughlin M. Sgt. Jolly J.P. Sgt. Holmes L.H. Sgt. Liddell R.H. Sgt. Semiers B.V. W/Sgt. Ross S.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. AsG. AsG.	2335	0538	Target BUSHY with 610 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Trouble with starboard outer engine and with rear turret made it necessary for this aircraft to return early. Bomb load was jettisoned in the sea.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
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6-9-42	WELLINGTON X3908	Sgt. Frederick M.O. Sgt. Levenson B.A. P/O Todd F.L. Sgt. Hayes S. P/O McMillan A. Sgt. Connolly W.E.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	2350	0515	Target BURNED with 720 x 4 lb. incendiary. Visibility good, followed river BURNED down from north. Bombs thought to have fallen north of river near siding point. No bursts seen. Good fires burning between docks and old town. Fires still visible 40 miles from BURNED.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON 21626	Sgt. Stone S.V. P/O Hedridge A.B. P/O Stuart H.J. Sgt. Nolan A. Sgt. Price H.D.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0005	0615	Target BURNED with 720 x 4 lb. incendiary. Bombs dropped from 17,000 ft. in excellent visibility. Results not seen. Numerous scattered fires visible with large blaze in centre. Aircraft was caught in searchlight cone over target and also over BURNED and BRISTOL ISLANDS and suffered hits by flak. Aircraft made a good landing at BURNED on return, the crew being unhurt.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON X3752	P/O Dart P. Sgt. Carson D. Sgt. Lane W.V. P/O Harding K. P/O McMillan A.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0010	0600	Target BURNED with 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500. 1/20 cloud with ground haze. Junction of BURNED and BURNED seen in light of flares. Bombs seen to burst, probably north of docks. Some fires seen in area.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON 21666	Sgt. Goddard R.E. Sgt. Fitzpatrick C.P. Sgt. Jones K.I.J. Sgt. Sherman H.M. Sgt. Grant W.F.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0100	0620	Target BURNED with 540 x 4 lb. incendiary and 3 x 500. Visibility good over target. Bursts not seen but many good fires burning in target area.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON 21704	Sgt. Maddock J.T. P/O Bennett A.L. P/O Hoops W. Sgt. Gould R.E. Sgt. Small T.E.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0040	0610	Target BURNED with 540 x 4 lb. incendiary and 3 x 500. Thin layer of cloud over target made visibility difficult but bombs seen to burst, probably on siding point. Some fairly good scattered fires seen in the area but most bombs being dropped to west of river. 8 bundles of nicotols dropped in target area.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON X3963	Sgt. Clark W.S. P/O Morrison R.G. P/O McIlroy G.C. Sgt. Owen P.H. Sgt. Beasley B.H.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0020	0635	Target BURNED with 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and 1 x 500. Bombs fell in target area. This aircraft was late in and heavy fire and smoke was seen. 8 of our own aircraft also seen at target. Raid appeared to be very successful.	
6-9-42	WELLINGTON 21778	P/O Cameron A.S.B. P/O Todd F.L. Sgt. Hutchins D.A. Sgt. Ingham E.R. P/O Hubbard F.	Captain Observer P/O P/O A.C. A.C.	0105	0725	Target BURNED with 540 x 4 lb. incendiary and 3 x 500. Light cloud over target but visibility good. Bombs seen to burst by rear gunner. Apparently struck oil tank. A very successful effort.	

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8-9-42	WELLINGTON Z1623	P/O Kenney D.H. Sgt. Wether G.J. P/O Rice W.G. P/Sgt. Harling R. Sgt. Batkin W.G.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2010	0310	Target FRANKFURT with <del>2</del> 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500. This aircraft had to return owing port motor over heating and one from gun being u/s. Intercom. also very bad. All bombs brought back.	
8-9-42	WELLINGTON Z1604	P/Sgt. McLaughlin M. Sgt. Holmes L.H. Sgt. Liddell R.H. Sgt. Saunders R.V. Sgt. Palmer S.A.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2020	0300	Target FRANKFURT with 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500. 3 bombs seem to explode north of River, east of <u>marshalling yards</u> . Several promising fires in town.	
8-9-42	WELLINGTON EJ 604	Sgt. Stowe S.V. P/O Morlidge A.B. P/O Stewart H.J. Sgt. Nolan N. Sgt. Price H.D.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2035	0320	Target FRANKFURT with 2 x 1000 and 3 x 500. No cloud over target but considerable haze. Built up area with concentrated large fires seen. 4 or 5 real good fires with a good deal of smoke concentrated in built up area.	
10-9-42	WELLINGTON Z3796	P/Sgt. Clark J.A. Sgt. Pickering W.H. P/O Hay J.A. P/Sgt. Harling R. P/Sgt. Streeting f.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2010	0200	Target DUSSELDORF with 540 x 4 lb. incends and 3 x 500. Visibility good with slight ground haze. River and docks seen. Bombs seen to burst and start fire. Target well alight.	
10-9-42	WELLINGTON EJ604	P/Sgt. Stowe S.V. P/O Morlidge A.B. P/O Stuart H.J. Sgt. Nolan N. Sgt. Price H.D.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2020	0230	Target DUSSELDORF with 540 x 4 lb. incends and 3 x 500. Visibility good but much haze and smoke. Bombs fell in target area but bursts not seen. Numerous big fires.	
10-9-42	WELLINGTON Z1623	Sgt. Goddard R.G. Sgt. Fitzpatrick C.P. Sgt. Deane K.L.J. Sgt. Sherman H.M. Sgt. Gaunt W.T.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2000	0205	Target DUSSELDORF with 540 x 4 lb. incends and 3 x 500. Bombs fell in target area and seem to burst. Fires started. Nickels dropped in target area.	
10-9-42	WELLINGTON DF664	S/L Pattison J.D. P/L McCormack J.E. P/O Rice W.G. P/Sgt. Fleming L.H. P/O Oradlock G.R.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2015	0240	Target DUSSELDORF with 540 x 4 lb. incends and 3 x 500. Thick haze and smoke made ground visibility poor. Glimps of docks seen. Mass of fires in target area on arrival. 1 x 500 lb. bomb had to be jettisoned in sea on the outward journey as the aircraft was not gaining height and one engine was over heating.	
10-9-42	WELLINGTON Z1604	P/Sgt. McLaughlin M. Sgt. Holmes L.H. Sgt. Liddell R.H. Sgt. Saunders R.V. Sgt. Palmer S.A.	Captain Observer W/Op. W/Op. A.G. A.G.	2005	0213	Target DUSSELDORF with 540 x 4 lb. incends and 3 x 500. Aircraft was held in searchlight over target and bombs were not seen to burst. Many scattered fires. Nickels dropped in target area.	194

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13-9-42	WELLINGTON D7664	S/O Kenney D.H. Sgt. Heints B.F. Sgt. Nothor G.S. S/O Rice W.G. Sgt. Doulan W. Sgt. Botkin W.C.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	0001	0521	Target BUNDELSORP with 1 x 4000. Visibility good apart from haze. Town appeared to be well alight. One burst not seen but bomb thought to have fallen across south part of town. Fires seemed to be concentrated.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON B7664	Sgt. Levanneur B.A. Sgt. Jackson H.T. Sgt. Court J.W. Sgt. Gray W.R.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	2359	0530	Target BRUCH with 500 x 4 lb. incendiary, and 3 x 500. Slight ground haze but good visibility. Bombs fell on target but results not observed. Fires were burning on both sides of river around aiming points.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON X3308	S/Ot. Cameron A.S.G. Sgt. Smith A. S/Ot. Hutchinson E.B. Sgt. McFarlane D.A. S/Ot. Harding R. S/Ot. Hubbard F.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	2350		This aircraft attacked BRUCH with 500 x 4 lb. incendiary, and 3 x 500. Whilst over the target the aircraft was hit by heavy flak and again outside the target area forcing the aircraft to low levels. The petrol tanks became pierced and the aircraft made a forced landing in the sea 3 miles from DUNDELSORP. All the crew were picked up with the exception of the 2nd pilot who was missing.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON X3699	Sgt. Frederick M.O. Sgt. Jackson T.E. S/O Todd F.L. Sgt. Hayes S. Sgt. Conolly E.W. S/O Nathan P.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	1935	2140	Target GARDENFORD with 500 x 4 lb. incendiary, and 3 x 500. This aircraft returned with its bomb load as there was found to be no destination to the T.F.F.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON B7664	Sgt. Jackson J.A. S/O Farrell A.L. S/Ot. Woods W. Sgt. Woods R.C. Sgt. Farrell T.E.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	1930	2220	Target GARDENFORD with 500 x 4 lb. incendiary, and 3 x 500. Visibility clear above heavy ground haze. Bombs dropped in built up area north of river. Bursts seen. 3 bundles of nichols dropped.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON D7664	S/O Kenney D.H. Sgt. Heints B.F. Sgt. Nothor G.S. S/O Rice W.G. Sgt. Doulan W. Sgt. Botkin W.C.	Captain 2nd Pilot Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	1940	0205	Target GARDENFORD with 500 x 4 lb. incendiary, and 3 x 500. Bombs fell in target area. No results seen but many fires burning.	
13-9-42	WELLINGTON B7664	Sgt. Green K.E. S/Ot. Crossman G.T. Sgt. Flanagan E.F. Sgt. Dany G.T. S/Ot. Dyer G.B.	Captain Observer W/Ops. W/Ops. A.G. A.G.	1948	0045	Target GARDENFORD with 1 x 4000 lb. when crossing French coast as the GARDENFORD aircraft was held in heavy, intense and accurate flak and searchlightlight. As the aircraft was now 1 hour behind time Captain decided to return to base. Bomb jettisoned in sea.	

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