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2nd APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "M" HE.589	(CAPT) P/O Laure J. (NAV) Sgt Casoreo A.E. (B/A) Sgt McEntee L.J. (W/OP) Sgt Willmer E.A.D. (A/G) Sgt Kelly J.F.	BOMBING LORIENT	20.42	02.37	This A/C carrying 2 x 1,000 lb., 3 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 23.14 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was good with only 3/10 cloud. The target was identified by the F.P.F. flares and red and green markers. Bombing was made on the red flares. One bomb was seen to burst. No fires were seen and no bomb bursts noticed except our own. Heavy inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights were seen. Very little activity in the area. A very quiet and uneventful trip. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 235
2nd APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "X" HE.689	(CAPT) Sgt Atkinson S.K. (NAV) Sgt Harmon D. (B/A) Sgt Grant W.A. (W/OP) Sgt Chubb A.W. (A/G) Sgt Turner E.A.	BOMBING LORIENT	20.44	02.37	This A/C carrying 3 x 500 lb. and 2 x 1,000 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 23.10 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was good with 2/10 cloud over the area. Target was identified by the markers and bombed accordingly. Unfortunately no results were observed of our bombing or any other A/C's. Heavy inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights were seen. No enemy fighters were seen during this trip which was very uneventful. This A/C sustained no damage and landed at R.A.F. Station, St. Eval.	A. 234
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.703	(CAPT) S/L Allison W.E. (NAV) P/S Henderson D.R. (B/A) P/S Irvine A.J. (W/OP) Sgt Finlayson S.E. (A/G) P/L McCreae J.S. (2nd Flt) S/C Johnson B.F.	BOMBING KIEL	20.35	02.57	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.20 hrs. flying at 15,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. The target was identified by the green and red T.I. markers and bursting incendiaries around the T.I. The T.I. markers were in the bomb sight when this A/C's load consisting of 420 x 4 lb. and 32 x 30 lb. incendiaries was released. Due to thickness of cloud it was impossible to see any results. There was a good concentration of bombing around the markers and quite a number of scattered bursts. Glow could be seen through cloud in different places and it is presumed that the attack was as successful as could be hoped for under the circumstances. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 235

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4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "C" HL 594	(CAPT) Sgt Dove W. (NAV) P/O Brown H.M. (B/A) P/O Crough R.G. (W/CF) Sgt Simpson W.C. (A/G) Sgt Tucker W.W.	BOMBING KIEL	20.38	05.08	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.20 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was poor with 10/10 cloud. The target was identified by the P.F.F. flares and bombing done accordingly. This Captain reports that P.F.F. flares were not correctly placed and that he was forced to make three runs over the target due to the flares disappearing too rapidly in the clouds. It was impossible to see results of the bombing due to the weather although there were numerous reflections of fires on the clouds. No enemy A/C was seen during this trip. Flak was light and inaccurate. A few searchlights were operating but were ineffective. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.236
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "E" HL 222	(CAPT) P/O Copenhagen L.R. (NAV) Sgt Jones G. (B/A) Sgt Miskimin R. (W/CF) Sgt Pears F.J. (A/G) Sgt Tisbury G.C.	BOMBING KIEL	20.35	02.24	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud over the area. The latter was identified by the markers and bombed accordingly. Due to the weather conditions it was impossible to see results of any bombing. Flak was heavy but inaccurate and searchlights were ineffective. No enemy A/C was seen during this trip. This A/C sustained no damage but owing to a shortage of petrol landed at R.A.F. Station, Coltishall.	A.237
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "G" HL 273	(CAPT) Sgt Harrison A.R. (NAV) P/S Bath P. (B/A) Malkin J.R. (W/CF) McQuarrie E.A. (A/G) Cockaday A.J.	BOMBING KIEL	20.36	03.00	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.15 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was nil with 10/10 cloud, tops about 7 to 8,000 ft. The target was identified by P.F.F. flares and bombing made accordingly. The results of the latter were unseen due to cloud thickness, although the glow from 3 big fires could be seen reflected on the clouds. Flak was light and somewhat accurate, this A/C having 8 small holes in the port wing and fuselage. Searchlights were ineffective. 4 x 30 lb. and 60 x 4 lb. bombs hung up and were brought back. No enemy A/C were seen during the trip. This A/C sustained only slight ineffective damage, crew was uninjured and landed safely at base.	A.238
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "K" HL 691	(CAPT) F/L Taylor P.V. (NAV) P/O Dark W.L. (B/A) P/O Medwin A. (W/CF) Sgt O'Connor H.M. (A/G) Sgt Arnold R.L.	BOMBING KIEL	20.44	05.14	This A/C carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 23.22 hrs. at 15,000 ft. Visibility was poor with 10/10 cloud over the area. The latter was identified by the P.F.F. flares and bombing was made on the green flares. Nothing could be seen through the clouds except the glow reflected on them from numerous fires. Apparently sky markers were not accurately dropped thereby increasing the difficulty of observing the results of the raid. Flak was light and inaccurate. No enemy A/C was seen during this trip. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.239

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4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "L" HE. 656	(CAPT) Sgt Sorge E.A. (NAV) P/S Gardner W.A. (B/A) Sgt Hodges G. (W/OP) Sgt Cruickshanks M.I. (A/G) Sgt Reed E.	BOMBING KIEL	20.35	03.20	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.20 hrs. flying at 16,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud, tops about 9-10,000 ft. The target was identified by the P.P.F. flares and bombing was made on the green markers. Although no results could be seen from own bombing due to cloud, numerous red glows from fires could be seen reflected through the clouds. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. No enemy A/C or sightings were seen during this trip. 90 x 4 lb. plus 4 x 30 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.240
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "D" X. 3426	(CAPT) Sgt Grigg W.H. (NAV) Sgt Jordan K.M. (B/A) Sgt Barter J.J.H. (W/OP) Sgt Hardy L.G. (A/G) Sgt Thompson G.W.	BOMBING KIEL	20.42	02.54	This A/C carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 23.18 hrs. and 17,000 ft. Poor visibility with 10/10 cloud. The bombing was made on the green concentration. No results could be observed but red glow was reflected and could be seen even from quite a distance on the way back. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few searchlights were noticed. No enemy A/C were seen during this trip. This crew was in doubt about their position at 21.00 hrs and started to use emergency procedure, later this was cancelled. Obtained a "fix" at 55° 03' N. and 04° 06' E. Due to petrol shortage this A/C landed at R.A.F. Station, Lissett. No damage was sustained during the raid.	A.241
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "M" HE. 589	(CAPT) F/L Klassen W.C. (NAV) F/S McAllister J.B. (B/A) Sgt Rose W.B. (W/OP) F/O Chittenden F.J. (A/G) Sgt Martin E.J.	BOMBING KIEL	20.40	02.22	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.12 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was poor with 10/10 cloud, tops about 8,000 ft. Target was identified by red and green markers and bombed accordingly. Results were obscured by cloud and although red glows could be seen reflected on the clouds, markers were not properly dropped as two lots of red markers were seen 4 to 5 miles apart. Light inaccurate flak was experienced by this crew. No enemy aircraft were seen during this trip. 180 x 4 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.242
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "O" HE. 738	(CAPT) F/S Ryan J.E. (NAV) F/S Agrios J.B. (B/A) F/S Walrath C.A. (W/OP) Sgt Kellner J.A. (A/G) F/S Davis H.L.	BOMBING KIEL	20.43	03.02	This A/C carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 23.21 hrs. at 12,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud. The target was identified by red and green markers and bombed accordingly. It was impossible to see any results due to thickness of cloud but a red glow could be seen reflected on the clouds. Light but inaccurate flak was experienced and no E/A were seen. Crew consider trip unsatisfactory due to weather conditions. A/C landed at East Moor undamaged.	A.243

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4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "F" HE. 159	(CAPT) F/O Lauro J. (NAV) Sgt Casarco A.R. (B/A) Sgt McIntee D.J. (W/CF) Sgt Willmer H.A.D. (A/G) Sgt Kelly J.F.	BOMBING KIEL	20.43	03.18	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.35 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud. The target was identified by the red flares and bombing was made in the centre of the bomb concentration. Although it was impossible to see any results of bomb bursts because of the weather, the glow from fires could be seen reflected in the clouds. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few searchlights were noticed but were ineffective. No enemy aircraft were seen during the trip. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.244
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "C" MS. 481	(CAPT) F/S Mayer H.E. (NAV) F/O Marsland K. (B/A) F/O Musbaum L.R. (W/CF) Sgt Whiteman A.C. (A/G) Sgt Burnett H.A.	BOMBING KIEL	20.42	01.49	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb and flying at 15,000 ft. had to abandon operation and return to base owing to port engine oil going up to 95° and pressure dropping to 35 P.S.I., position 5515 N. 0820 E. The bomb was fused and jettisoned. This A/C landed safely at base.	A.245
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "E" HE. 684	(CAPT) F/S Mang R.E. (NAV) Sgt Hinsley N. (B/A) Sgt Campbell D. (W/CF) Sgt Garland J. (A/G) F/S Vanderbeck R.E.	BOMBING KIEL	20.36	03.03	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.30 hrs. flying at 15,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud, tops about 5 - 6,000 ft. The target was identified by P.P.F. flares and bombing made on the green flares. Visibility was too poor to permit seeing any results of the bombing but glows from fires could be seen through the clouds. Flak was light and inaccurate and no enemy A/C were seen during this operation. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.246
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "V" HE. 737	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson L.C. (NAV) Sgt Davis J.R. (B/A) Sgt Cunningham W.A. (W/CF) Sgt Burnell W.A. (A/G) Sgt Watson W.H.	BOMBING KIEL	20.39	02.27	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.32 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. Visibility very poor with 10/10 cloud, tops at 4 - 5,000 ft. The target was identified by P.P.F. flares and bombed on the green and red flares. Due to cloud thickness no results could be observed although glow from fires could be seen through cloud. Light flak was experienced and this A/C had 25 small holes in the front turret. No enemy A/C were seen during this sortie. No damage was sustained and this A/C landed safely at base.	A.247
4th APR.	WELLINGTON X "S" HE. 272	(CAPT) Sgt Parker D.F.C. (NAV) F/O Brock A.H. (B/A) F/O Hackett D. (W/CF) Sgt MacDonald K.D. (A/G) Sgt Anderson M.C.	BOMBING KIEL	20.37	02.40	This A/C arrived over the target at 23.38 hrs. flying at 17,500 ft. Visibility very poor with 10/10 cloud all over the area. The target was identified by green markers and bombed accordingly. It was impossible to notice any results due to cloud thickness. Light inaccurate flak was experienced. A few ineffective searchlights were seen. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.248

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4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "X" HE. 689	(CAPT) Sgt Hewitt R.A. (NAV) Sgt Liddle G. (B/A) Sgt Trowbridge F.W.N. (W/O) Sgt Killick C.K. (A/G) Sgt Sparrow W.A.	BOMBING KIEL	20.40	00.21	This A/C carrying incendiaries had to turn back at approximately 22.10 hrs. due to the Captain's illness, position then being 54° 59' N. 05° 48' E. The Captain became ill at 21.15 hrs. but continued hoping to improve. As no change occurred he decided to turn back. Sgt. Hewitt was confined to sick quarters as soon as his A/C landed at base. All incendiaries were brought back.	A.249
4th APR. Night	WELLINGTON III "W" HE. 398	(CAPT) Sgt Atkinson S.E. (NAV) Sgt Harmon D. (B/A) Sgt Grant W.A. (W/O) Sgt Illingsworth C. (A/G) Sgt Turner H.A.	BOMBING KIEL	20.41	03.11	This A/C carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.18 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud, tops 10,000-12,000 ft. The target was identified by F.F.F. markers and bombing done accordingly. It was impossible to observe bomb burst due to weather conditions but red glows could be seen reflected in the clouds. Light but inaccurate flak was experienced but only a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. This A/C had one small hole in starboard side of fuselage due to flak. No enemy aircraft were seen during the trip. Very minor damage was sustained, personnel were unhurt and this A/C landed safely at base.	A.250
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "N" HE. 589	(CAPT) P/O Brown L.N. (NAV) P/O Barr L.L. (B/A) P/S Dransmond W.N. (W/O) Sgt Levy S. (A/G) Sgt Smith G.A.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.19	23.13	This aircraft carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries had to give up its mission at 21.45 hrs. flying at the time at 6,000 ft. position 53° 26' N. 01° 07' E. because of a defective "Gee" box, no loop and no astro. The meteorological forecast was poor and as there were no navigational aids, it was decided to return. Bomb load was jettisoned at 21.57 hrs. from a height of 6,000 ft. the position of the A/C then being 53° 37' N. 00° 57' E. 150 x 4 lb. incendiaries which hung up were brought back. This A/C landed safely at base.	A.251
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "J" HE. 481	(CAPT) Sgt Duffield G.W. (NAV) Sgt Eyre P.F. (B/A) Sgt Watson A.N. (W/O) Sgt Illingsworth C. (A/G) P/O Paddock C.W.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.19	03.15	This A/C carrying 1 x 4,000 lb. H.E. bomb arrived over the target at 23.25 hrs. flying at 16,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud over the bombing area. The target flares were very faint and the bomb was dropped in the middle of the flak concentration. No results could be observed. Flak was heavy and accurate. Numerous searchlights were operating but were not effective due to cloud. No enemy A/C were seen. This crew feel that this trip was most unsatisfactory and due mainly to poor weather conditions. No damage to the A/C which landed safely at base.	A.252

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8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "S" HL 272	(CAPT) Sgt Parker D.F.C. (NAV) P/O Brook A.H. (B/A) P/O Hackett D. (W/O) Sgt MacDonald N.D. (A/C) Sgt Anderson M.C.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.21	03.05	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries arrived over what they considered the target area at 23.29 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud, tops 18,000 ft. and above. Red flares were seen at 5245 N. 0643 E. and immediately flew for that position. Neither T.I. or sky markers could be seen. This Captain made a circular search of the estimated target area hoping to see markers dropped, during which time this A/C was twice coned by searchlights. During this time light but accurate flak was coming up, apparently from a certain section and it was decided to drop the load on this particular point which appeared to be a concentrated position for both searchlights and A.A. guns. Although results were not observed, the bursts from the incendiaries were noticed through the clouds. This A/C was struck by flak, a piece of which holed the centre of the bomb bay. Then all of a sudden the port engine went haywire. No severe damage was sustained, no casualties and this crew landed safely at base though disappointed with the trip and about the F.F.F.	A.253
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "V" HE. 737	(CAPT) Sgt Wilson L.C. (NAV) Sgt Davis J.R. (B/A) Sgt Gunningham W.J. (W/O) Sgt Burnell W.A. (A/C) Sgt Watson W.H.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.49	01.31	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries was forty minutes late in taking off because the artificial horizon was useless and had to be put in order. Apparently meteorological reports were badly out as to cloud tops and winds. At 22.55 hrs. it was estimated that it would be impossible to get to the target before 23.45 hrs. at this time this A/C was flying at 18,500 ft. and position 5245 N. 0400 E. The bomb load was jettisoned at 5234 N. 0325 E. from a height of 18,000 ft. No results of bomb bursts were seen. This A/C landed safely at base.	A.254
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "P" HE. 159	(CAPT) F/S Ryan J.E. (NAV) F/S Agrios J.E. (B/A) F/S Walrath G.A. (W/O) Sgt Kellner J.A. (A/C) F/S Davis H.L.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.20	01.09	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries had difficulties from the start. The gun box would not function properly then at 22.15 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. position 5306 N. 0250 E. the artificial horizon became useless and the rear turret did not function. Although efforts were made to correct this matter, it was found impossible to do so, therefore at 22.45 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. position 5225 N. 0515 E. it was decided to abandon the trip. Bombs were jettisoned live at this position except 30 x 4 lb. incendiaries which hung up and were brought back. This A/C landed safely at base.	A.255

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8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "A" L.H.438	(CAPT) P/S Nicolls S.J. (NAV) F/O Gerlimer E.H. (B/A) Sgt Hollinson S.D. (W/OP) Sgt Berdahl I.J. (A/G) Sgt Roberts W.R.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.17	03.10	This A/C carrying 1 x 4000 lb. bomb arrived over the target at 23.25 hrs. flying at 14,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 clouds. No P.F.P. flares were seen nor the red flares on track. No results were seen from their bombing which was made on the concentration of flak or searchlights. Flak was light and accurate, this A/C being holed in several places. Searchlights were ineffective due to cloud thickness. No enemy A/C were seen during the trip. The damage to the A/C was light, no casualties, and this crew landed safely at base disappointed with their trip.	A.256
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.594	(CAPT) Sgt Andrews P.C. (NAV) Sgt Jordan K.M. (B/A) Sgt Resaden L. (W/OP) Sgt Bowker P. (A/G) Sgt Kocinsky J.W.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.18	03.20	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.26 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud. The green flares were seen through clouds and bombing was made accordingly. It was impossible to see any results of the bombing. Light but inaccurate flak was experienced and a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. No enemy A/C were seen during this trip. On the return journey it was noticed that the blackout was very poor at Southorpe. This A/C landed safely at base undamaged.	A.257
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.691	(CAPT) F/O Bain G.C. (NAV) Sgt Brown E.H. (B/A) Sgt Wilson A.H. (W/OP) Sgt Miller J. (A/G) Sgt Blue W.D.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.21	03.02	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.25 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud. No markers were seen over the target and bombing was made on the flak and searchlight concentration. No results were observed. Intense flak was experienced. Searchlight reflection could be noticed on the clouds. No enemy aircraft were seen during this trip. One can of incendiaries hung up and was brought back. No damage was sustained and A/C landed safely at base.	A.258
8th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "E" HE.222	(CAPT) Sgt Heden P.G. (NAV) F/O Taylor P.R. (B/A) F/O Souch G.A. (W/OP) Sgt Binnie C.M. (A/G) F/S Bjarneson A.L.	BOMBING DUISBERG	21.16	03.34	This A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb. bombs and incendiaries arrived over the target at 23.31 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very bad with 10/10 cloud, tops at 18,000 ft. P.F.P. were late in arriving and this crew had to fly around the target 15 minutes waiting for the P.F.P. to show up. Red glares and sky markers were faintly seen and bombing made accordingly but no results were observed. Flak was intense and a few searchlights were noticed but the latter were ineffective due to cloud thickness. No enemy A/C were seen but what is thought to be a Mosquito was observed. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.259

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10th APR. Night	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.705	(CAPT) P/S NICOLLE, S.J. (NAV) P/O CARDINER, E.H. (B/A) SGT ROLLINSON, S.D. (W/OP) SGT BERDAHL, I.J. (A/G) SGT ROBERTS, W.R.	BOMBING FRANKFURT ON MAIN	23.23	06.49	This A/C carrying 594 incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.48 hrs., flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud with tops at 6-7,000 ft. The green markers were seen and the red and white flares. The red flares were in the bomb sight when bombing was made. Although it was impossible to see the results of their own bombing one red glow of fire was noticed reflected through the clouds. Light and heavy flak was experienced and a few searchlights were noticed. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.261
10th APR. Night.	WELLINGTON X "G" HE.273	(CAPT) SGT McMANUS, A.P.H. (NAV) P/O FICHERD, W.H.J. (B/A) SGT McANDREWS, T.F.B. (W/OP) SGT GANNING, J. (A/G) SGT PETERSON, A.A.	BOMBING FRANKFURT ON MAIN	23.15	06.35	This aircraft carrying 1 x 1,000 lb., 3 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 02.58 hrs., flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud with tops at 15,000 ft. The preliminary warning flares were seen but no target markers were noticed. Bombing was made on the flak concentration. No results were seen and only a very small glow could be noticed through the clouds. A very disappointing show as nothing was seen during the whole trip. No damage to this A/C which landed safely at base.	A.262
10th APR. Night.	WELLINGTON X "G" HE.594	(CAPT) SGT DOVE, W. (NAV) P/O BROWN, R.M. (B/A) P/O CROUCH, R.G. (W/OP) SGT SIMPSON, W.C. (A/G) SGT TUCKER, W.W.	BOMBING FRANKFURT ON MAIN	23.14	07.44	This A/C carrying 594 incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.48 hrs., flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud with tops at 9/10,000 ft. Track indicating flares were seen but no markers were noticed over the target and this crew bombed on the E.T.A. Cloudy conditions obscured all results. The attack appeared to be very scattered. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights noticed. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.263
10th APR. Night.	WELLINGTON X "P" HE.899	(CAPT) SGT WHITES, R.O. (NAV) P/O JAMES, C.J. (B/A) P/O MOORE, W.F. (W/OP) SGT HUGHES, E.J. (A/G) SGT REED, E.	BOMBING FRANKFURT ON MAIN	23.22	06.29	This A/C carrying 1 x 1,000 lb., 3 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs arrived over the target at 02.56 hrs., flying at 16,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops at 12,500 ft. No target marker flares were noticed and bombing was on the flak concentration. No results could be seen of our bombing due to cloud thickness. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights noticed. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.264

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10th APR. NIGHT	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.691	(CAPT) SGT HEDDEN, F.G. (NAV) F/O TAYLOR, F.R. (B/A) F/O SOUCH, G.A. (W/OP) SGT BINNIE, G.M. (A/G) F/S BJARNESON, A.L.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	21.08	05.16	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.38 hrs. flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops at 10,000 ft. The target markers were not seen and bombing was made on the flak concentration. The flak was inaccurate and very light. A few ineffective searchlights were seen. No results of bombing could be noticed although a faint glow could be seen through the clouds. This A/C sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.265
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.589	(CAPT) F/O BROWN, L.N. (NAV) F/O BARR, L.M. (B/A) F/S DRUMMOND, W.N. (W/OP) SGT LEVI, S. (A/G) F/O THOMSON, F.A.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	21.14	04.36	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.34 hrs. flying at 18,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with cloud tops at 11/12,000 ft. The PFF flares were seen bursting in tops of clouds and bombing made accordingly. Due to cloud thickness it was impossible to observe results of bombing. Light and heavy inaccurate flak was experienced by this crew. A few ineffective searchlights were also noticed. Trip was disappointing as far as results were concerned but otherwise successful. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.266
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "S" HE.272	(CAPT) SGT PARKER, D.F.G. (NAV) F/O BROOK, A.H. (B/A) F/O HACKETT, D. (W/OP) SGT MACDONALD, N.D. (A/G) SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	21.15	04.43	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.40 hrs. flying at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very poor with cloud tops at 7,000 ft. The bombing area was identified by the red and green markers. The markers were in bomb sight and bombing was made on the red and green markers. Due to cloud thickness it was impossible to see any bombing results but red glows could be seen through the clouds. Light and heavy inaccurate flak was experienced and a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. No enemy aircraft were seen during the trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.267
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.757	(CAPT) SGT WILSON, L.G. (NAV) SGT DAVIS, J.R. (B/A) SGT CUNNINGHAM, W.J. (W/OP) SGT BURNELL, W.A. (A/G) SGT WATSON, W.H.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.21	06.24	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.44 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops between 10/12,000 ft. The trak flares were seen at 02.37 hrs. and this Captain immediately set course for the target. Bombing was made on the red flares seen in the bomb sight. Due to cloud thickness it was impossible to see any results. Bombing appeared to be scattered and no flare markers were seen. Light and heavy inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights were noticed but the latter were ineffective. This captain considered the trip as a very poor effort. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. station DISFORTH.	A.268

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10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.687	(CAPT) SGT KRYAN, J.E. (NAV) F/S AGRIOS, J.E. (B/A) F/S WALRATH, C.A. (W/CP) SGT KELLNER, J.A. (A/G) F/S DAVIS, H.L.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.20	03.32	This aircraft carrying 1 x 1,000 lb., 3 x 500 lb. H.E. bombs had to abandon the operation at 01.12 hrs. position 5000N 0160E, owing to the unserviceability of three guns in the rear turret. The bomb load was brought back and this aircraft landed safely at base.	A.269
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "X" HE.689	(CAPT) SGT ATKINSON, S.K. (NAV) SGT LIDDLE, G. (B/A) SGT GRANT, W.A. (W/CP) SGT CHUBB, A.W. (A/G) SGT TURNER, H.A.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.19	06.51 EXETER	This aircraft carrying 510 incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.57 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was poor with 10/10 cloud. First flares were seen at 02.30 hrs. This aircraft waited and orbited until 02.51 hrs, then made a run in but saw no marker flares. The first red flare was seen at 02.52 hrs, then red flares and silver stars were seen a little later but they may have been shot up from the ground. This crew bombed on D.R. run from the green flares. No results of the bombing was noticed and no fires were seen. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights were noticed. A disappointing trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station EXETER.	A.270
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.684	(CAPT) F/O LAURO, J. (NAV) SGT CASORIO, A.R. (B/A) SGT McIntee, D.J. (W/CP) SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. (A/G) SGT KELLY, J.F.	BOMBING FRANKFURT.	23.12	07.20	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.54 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops at about 9,000 ft. The FFF green markers were seen but none over the target although a red glow was visible and therefore bombing was made on this point. No results were observed because of cloud cover. 4 x 30 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights noticed. At 02.50 hrs this crew sighted a JU88 flying 15,000 ft in the target area. The enemy aircraft passed above the Wellington from the port quarter. No attack was made. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.271
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "P" HE.159	(CAPT) SGT BUIE, R.M. (NAV) F/O THOMPSON, R.W. (B/A) F/S TAYLOR, L.K. (W/CP) SGT KIMBERLY, A.W. (A/G) SGT LEES, A.G.	BOMBING FRANKFURT.	23.18	00.58 CRASHED	This aircraft carrying incendiaries crashed and burnt near HASTINGS at approximately 00.58 hrs. All the crew except the rear gunner was killed. The members of the crew are as follows; CAPT. (PILOT) CAN.R.103913 SGT. BUIE, R.M. (KILLED) NAV. RAF.130160 F/O. R.W. THOMPSON. (KILLED) - B/A. CAN. R.83895 F/S. TAYLOR, L.K. (KILLED) - W/CP. CAN.R62402 SGT. A.W. KIMBERLY. (KILLED) - A/G. CAN.R.103647 SGT. LEES, A.G. (Slight abrasions and shock.) According to SGT. LEES, the aircraft developed engine trouble and was losing height. The captain ordered them to bail out. At this time the aircraft was flying at approximately 600 ft or so. SGT. LEES saw the aircraft crash before he landed. When he arrived at the place of the crash the aircraft was a mass of flames and nothing could be done. This is the second time that SGT. LEES has had to bail out since his posting to this Squadron. All necessary arrangements have been made concerning this incident. The loss of this crew, who were very popular with everyone who knew them, is deeply felt in the Squadron.	A.272

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10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.656	(CAPT) P/O BAIN, G.C. (NAV) SGT BROWN, E.H. (B/A) SGT WILSON, A.H. (W/OP) SGT MILLAR, J. (A/G) SGT BLUE, W.D.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.23	07.08	This aircraft carrying 510 incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.52 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops about 10,000 ft. The PFF marker flares were seen but no PFF flares were seen to burst above cloud. Bombing was on the red glow of flares seen to burst below cloud. Due to cloud thickness no results could be observed. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. 8 x 30 lb. incendiaries hung up and were brought back. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.273
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "E" HE.222	(CAPT) P/O OPHENHAVER, L.B. (NAV) SGT JONES, G. (B/A) SGT BUSS, F.H. (W/OP) SGT PEARS, F.J. (A/G) SGT TISBURY, G.C.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.17	06.57	This aircraft carrying 780 incendiaries arrived over the target at 02.41 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was very poor with 10/10 cloud tops at 10,000 ft. This Captain saw green marker flares and flew on from that until he saw what appeared to be a red glow below the cloud tops which he mistook for a sky marker. He then saw another green flare. The E.T.A. checked and bombing was made accordingly. Due to weather conditions it was impossible to see any results. Light accurate flak was experienced and the starboard aileron was hit by flak. A few ineffective searchlights were also noticed. The bombing over the target seemed rather scattered to this crew. Slight damage was sustained by this aircraft, but no casualties, and this plane landed safely at base.	A.274
10th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.703.	(CAPT) P/S LEDDY, G.B. (NAV) P/O MCGREGOR, W.K. (B/A) SGT MICKELSEN, R. (W/OP) SGT BURGESS, A.W.A. (A/G) SGT RUDD, A.	BOMBING FRANKFURT	23.16	23.40	This aircraft carrying 1 x 1000 lb. and 3 x 500 lb. bombs turned back 24 minutes after take off due to the petrol flap on the port wing being unlocked causing the latter to fly approximately 40° low and impossible to hold the aircraft level. Fuel was jettisoned and the aircraft landed safely.	A.275
11th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "N" HE.589	(CAPT) P/O BROWN, L.N. (NAV) P/O BARR, L.M. (B/A) P/S DRUMMOND, W.N. (W/OP) SGT LEVY, S. (A/G) P/O THOMSON, F.A.	BOMBING STUTTGARD	21.14	04.36	This aircraft arrived over the target at 01.04 hrs flying at 18,500 ft. Visibility was very good with no clouds. A pinpoint was obtained on the river Ore. The target was identified by the green markers. No results of their own bombing was seen but numerous fires were seen burning in the target area, one of which was outstanding. At 01.55 hrs. a very large explosion giving white flames followed by a series of smaller explosions. Flak was accurate and heavy and numerous searchlights were seen some of which were successful in coming aircraft. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.276
11th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.738	(CAPT) P/S MAYER, H.E. (NAV) P/O MARSLAND, K. (B/A) P/O RUSSELL, L.R. (W/OP) SGT WHITMAN, A.C. (A/G) SGT DIMBICK, W.	BOMBING STUTTGARD	21.15	05.19	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.08 hrs flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was very good although there was a slight ground haze. The PFF route markers and the T.I. markers were distinctly seen. The target was in bomb sights when incendiaries were dropped. Numerous fires were seen in the target area and three large fires were outstanding. Light and heavy inaccurate flak was experienced and numerous searchlight cones were noted. The results obtained during this raid were very good. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.277

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14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE.684	(CAPT) F/S MANN, R.F. (NAV) SGT HEDLEY, N. (B/A) SGT CAMPBELL, D. (W/OP) SGT GARLAND, J. (A/G) F/S VANDERBECK, R.E.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.10	05.02	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.00 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Weather was very good, clear visibility although the target was somewhat obscured by smoke. A pinpoint was made on the river and the green markers were in the bomb sight when the incendiaries were dropped. Although no results were noticed from our own incendiaries, many fires were seen in the target area. Light accurate flak was experienced by this aircraft. Numerous searchlights were also seen in the area. On the return journey, reflection from the fires could be seen as far as 100 miles away. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 278
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "S" HE.272	(CAPT) SGT PARKER, D.F.G. (NAV) F/O BROOK, A.H. (B/A) F/O HACKETT, D. (W/OP) SGT MacDONALD, N.D. (A/G) SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.13	04.42	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.10 hrs. flying at 18,500 ft. Visibility was very good and clear, the target flares being visible 100 miles away. A visual pinpoint was obtained on the river and bombing was made on the green flares which were visible in the bomb sight. Although our results were not seen, numerous fires were noticed in the target area, three outstanding fires being noticed in the middle of the town. Light accurate flak was experienced and numerous searchlights were seen although the latter did not seem to be very effective. A very successful trip from all points of view. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 279
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.687	(CAPT) F/S RYAN, J.E. (NAV) F/S AGRIOS, J.E. (B/A) F/S WALRATH, C.A. (W/OP) SGT KELLNER, J.A. (A/G) F/S DAVIS, H.L.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.11	04.51 LAKEN HEATH	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.05 hrs. flying at 18,000 ft. Visibility was very good with no cloud. A pinpoint was obtained over the river and the target bombed on the green markers. Their own bombing results were not noticed but numerous fires were seen in the target area. Three of these fires were outstanding, one being apparently in the centre of the city. Light inaccurate flak was experienced and several searchlight cones were noticed. A very satisfactory trip. This aircraft sustained no damage but due to lack of petrol landed at R.A.F. Station LAKEN HEATH.	A. 280
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.757	(CAPT) SGT DUFFIELD, G.W. (NAV) SGT EYRE, F.F. (B/A) SGT WATSON, A.N. (W/OP) SGT ILLINGSWORTH, C. (A/G) F/O FARLOCK, C.W.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.14	04.26 FELTWELL	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.00 hrs. Good visibility and no cloud. A pinpoint was obtained on the river. No results were noticed of own bombing but numerous fires were burning in the target area. Flak was light and inaccurate and only a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station FELTWELL.	A. 281
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.664	(CAPT) F/O LAURO, J. (NAV) SGT CASORCO, A.R. (B/A) SGT McFEESE, D.J. (W/OP) SGT WILLMER, H.A.D. (A/G) SGT KELLY, J.F.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.16	04.49 FELTWELL	This crew arrived over the target at 01.06 hrs. Visibility was good and a pinpoint was obtained. The target area was well lit up and in the bomb sight. No results were seen of own bombing but numerous fires could be noticed in the bombing area, amongst these being two outstanding fires. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station FELTWELL.	A. 282

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14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "X" HE.689	(CAPT) F/O HESS, C.B. (NAV) F/O DARR, W.L. (B/A) SGT HAYWOOD, G.B. (W/OP) SGT TERRY, C.F. (A/G) SGT BURETT, H.A.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.16	04.32 FELTWELL	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.11 hrs flying at 15,000 ft. A pinpoint was obtained on the river. Visibility was very good and the target was in the bomb sights when incendiaries were released. Numerous fires could be seen in the bombing area, amongst which three fires were outstanding. This trip is considered as being quite satisfactory. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station FELTWELL.	A.283
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.273	(CAPT) SGT HARRISON, A.R. (NAV) F/S RACE, F. (B/A) SGT MALKIN, J.E. (W/OP) SGT McQUARRIE, E.A. (A/G) SGT COOKDAY, A.J.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.12	- -	This aircraft took off at 21.12 hrs. Unfortunately nothing was heard of this plane or its crew since take off time.	A.284
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.594	(CAPT) SGT DOVE, W. (NAV) F/O BRONW, H.M. (B/A) F/O CROUCH, R.G. (W/OP) SGT SIMPSON, W.C. (A/G) SGT ARNOLD, R.L.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.11	05.27	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.04 hrs. Visibility was very good and a pinpoint was obtained on the river. Very little flak was experienced. Numerous fires were seen in the bombing area and a few were outstanding. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.285
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.705	(CAPT) SGT HEDEN, P.G. (NAV) F/O TAYLOR, P.R. (B/A) F/O SCUCH, G.A. (W/OP) SGT SEARER, A.L. (A/G) F/S BJARNASON, A.L. (CO.FLT) SGT GOLDIE, N.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.07	05.07	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.12 hrs. The latter was well lit up by flares and fires and was easily identified. Incendiaries were released on the target but no results were observed. A most satisfactory trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.286
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "E" HE.222.	(CAPT) F/O COPEHAYVER, L.S. (NAV) SGT JONES, G. (B/A) SGT BUSS, F.H. (W/OP) SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. (A/G) SGT TISBURY, G.C.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.09	04.59 FELTWELL	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.08 hrs. Visibility was good and a pinpoint obtained on the river. Numerous fires could be seen in the target area and a few were outstanding. Flak was light and un-effective. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed at R.A.F. Station FELTWELL.	A.287
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE.899	(CAPT) SGT WHITE, R.C. (NAV) F/O JAMES, C.J. (B/A) F/O MOORE, A.W.F. (W/OP) SGT HUGHES, E.J. (A/G) SGT REED, K.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.12	04.57 MARHAM.	This aircraft arrived over the target at 01.04 hrs. Visibility was very good and the PFF had their markers well over the target. Good results were noticed from our bombing and numerous fires were burning in the area. Flak was light and un-effective. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station MARHAM.	A.288
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.703	(CAPT) F/S NICOLLE, S.J. (NAV) F/O GARDNER, E.H. (B/A) SGT ROLLINSON, S.D. (W/OP) SGT BERDAHL, I.J. (A/G) SGT ROBERTS, W.R.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.07	04.55 FELTWELL	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.05 hrs. Visibility was very good and a pinpoint was obtained on the river. The target was well lit up and numerous fires could be seen burning in the bombing area. Flak was light but un-effective. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station FELTWELL.	A.289

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14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.692	(CAPT) SGT MOLANUS, A.F.H. (NAV) F/O PICKARD, W.H.J. (B/A) SGT McANDREWS, T.F.G. (W/OP) SGT GANNING, J. (A/G) SGT FERGUSON, A.A.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.08	05.16	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target at 01.08 hrs. Visibility was very good and a pinpoint was obtained on the river. The FFF markers were quite good and the target easily identified. Numerous fires could be seen burning. Flak was inaccurate and a few searchlights were noticed. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 290
14th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.696	(CAPT) SGT SORGE, B.A. (NAV) F/S GARDNER, W.A. (B/A) SGT HEDGES, G. (W/OP) SGT CRUIKSHANKS, M.L. (A/G) SGT THOMPSON, G.W.	BOMBING STUTTGARD.	21.09	06.00	This aircraft arrived over the target at 01.10 hrs. Visibility was very good and a pinpoint was obtained over the river. Flak was light and inaccurate. A few searchlights were seen. Numerous fires were noticed, a few very outstanding. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 291
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.692	(CAPT) F/O AMES, C.F. (NAV) F/O LEITCH, A.R. (B/A) F/O MEDWIN, A. (W/OP) SGT MARTEL, D.H. (A/G) F/L McCRAE, J.S.	BREST (MINING)	20.04	03.01	This aircraft carrying two mines arrived over the target flying at 15,000 ft. Visibility was very good with very little haze. Mines were dropped from a height of 700 ft. No flak ships were seen or any sightings made. This A/G landed safely at base.	A. 292
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "C" HE.594	(CAPT) SGT ANDREWS, F.G. (NAV) SGT McMICHAEL, D.G. (B/A) SGT RAMSDEN, I. (W/OP) SGT BOWSER, F. (A/G) SGT KUCINSKY, J.W.	BREST (MINING)	20.07	02.19	This aircraft carrying two mines flew over the target at 12,000 ft. Good visibility all the way with a slight haze over the target. Mines were dropped from a height of 750 ft. and the parachutes were seen to open. No opposition, flak ship or enemy aircraft were seen during the trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 293
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.696	(CAPT) SGT GRIGG, W.H. (NAV) SGT JORDAN, K.M. (B/A) SGT BARTER, J.J.H. (W/OP) SGT HARDY, I.G. (A/G) SGT THOMPSON, G.W.	BREST (MINING)	20.06	02.33	This aircraft carrying two mines flew over the target at 14,000 ft. Good visibility with a slight haze over the area. Mines were dropped from a height of 700 ft and both parachutes were seen to open. No flak ship or enemy aircraft were seen during this trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 294
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.684	(CAPT) SGT HEWITT, R.A. (NAV) SGT LIDDLE, G. (B/A) SGT TROWERIDGE, F.W.N. (W/OP) SGT KILLICK, C.K. (A/G) SGT SPARROW, W.A.	BREST (MINING)	20.06	02.28	This aircraft carrying 2 mines flew over the target at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very good with a slight haze. Mines were dropped from a height of 700 ft. and both parachutes were seen to open. No enemy opposition was encountered during this trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A. 295
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.864	(CAPT) SGT WILSON, L.G. (NAV) SGT DAVIS, J.R. (B/A) SGT CUNNINGHAM, W.J. (W/OP) SGT BURRELL, W.A. (A/G) SGT WATSON, W.H.	BREST (MINING)	20.08	03.08	This aircraft carrying two mines arrived over the target flying at 17,000 ft. Visibility was good with only a slight haze over the target. Mines were seen to drop and parachutes to open. No enemy opposition was encountered during this flight. This aircraft returned and landed safely at base.	A. 296

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
15th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE.738	(CAPT) SGT ATKINSON, S.K. (NAV) P/O MCGREGOR, W.K. (MINING) (B/A) SGT GRANT, W.A. (W/CF) SGT CHIEB, A.W. (A/G) SGT TURNER, H.A.	BREAST	20.07	05.04	This aircraft carrying 2 mines flew over the target at 17,000 ft. Visibility was good and there was a slight haze over the target area. Mines were dropped from a height of 700 ft. No enemy opposition was encountered during this trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.297
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE.705	(CAPT) SGT HEDEN, P.G. (NAV) P/O TAYLOR, F.R. MANNHEIM (B/A) P/O SCUCH, G.A. (W/CF) SGT SHEARER, H.M. (A/G) P/S BJARNASON, A.L.	BOMBING	21.16	04.44	This aircraft carrying incendiaries and high explosives flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF had made a very good job. The flak was light and a few ineffective searchlights were noted. The attack appeared to be rather scattered. A few scattered fires were noticed and one large outstanding one was seen. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.298
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "L" HE.656	(CAPT) SGT MCMAHON, A.P.H. (NAV) P/O PICKARD, W.H.J. MANNHEIM (B/A) SGT McANDREWS, T.F.B. (W/CF) SGT CANNING, J. (A/G) SGT FERGUSON, A.A.	BOMBING	21.17	04.28	This aircraft carrying incendiaries and high explosives flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF markers were on the target. The attack appeared to be scattered. Flak was light and accurate and a few searchlights were noticed. A fair number of fires were burning and one or two were outstanding. No enemy aircraft were seen and this aircraft landed safely at base.	A.299
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "E" HE.222	(CAPT) P/O COOPERHAVER, L.B. (NAV) SGT JONES, G. MANNHEIM (B/A) SGT BUSS, P.H. (W/CF) SGT O'CONNOR, H.M. (A/G) P/S MOORE, J.H.	BOMBING	21.23	23.35	This aircraft had to return after a 2 hr. trip due to a defective engine.	A.300
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "B" HE.703	(CAPT) P/S NICOLLE, S.J. (NAV) P/O GARDINER, E.H. MANNHEIM (B/A) SGT ROLLINSON, S.D. (W/CF) SGT BERDAHL, I.J. (A/G) SGT ROBERTS, W.R.	BOMBING	21.15	05.13	This aircraft carrying high explosives and incendiaries flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and PFF markers were plainly seen. Good results were noticed from the bombing. A few searchlights were noticed and light flak was experienced. This aircraft was badly shot up and holed in several places, petrol tanks were also holed. Personnel sustained no injury. This aircraft which was in bad condition flew back and managed to land safely at R.A.F. Station BASSINGBOURNE where it was categorized as AC.	A.301
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "K" HE.691	(CAPT) P/O BAIN, G.C. (NAV) SGT BROWN, E.H. MANNHEIM (B/A) SGT WILSON, A.H. (W/CF) SGT MILLAR, J. (A/G) SGT BLUE, W.D.	BOMBING	21.19	01.55	This aircraft carrying incendiaries found it impossible to reach the target due to engine trouble. Nevertheless as they were over enemy territory bombs were dropped over what was thought to be a town. No results of the bombing was noticed. No flak or searchlights were seen. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.302

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16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "F" HE. 899	(CAPT) SGT WHITE, R.G. (NAV) P/O JAMES, C.J. (B/A) P/O MOORE, A.W.F. (W/OP) SGT HUGHES, E.J. (A/G) SGT REED, K.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.22	04.52	This aircraft arrived over the target flying at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and PFF markers were well laid down. The attack appeared to be rather scattered and although numerous fires were started they appeared to be scattered throughout the bombing area. Light accurate flak was experienced and a few searchlights were seen. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.303
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "G" HE. 594	(CAPT) SGT DOVE, W. (NAV) P/O BROWN, H.M. (B/A) P/O CROUCH, R.G. (W/OP) SGT SIMPSON, W.O. (A/G) SGT BROWN, C.H.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.21	05.40	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target flying at 18,000 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF markers were right on the spot. Our bombing was done accordingly. A few scattered fires were noticed and large ones also noticed in the centre of the bombing area. A few searchlights were seen and flak was light and inaccurate. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.304
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "H" HE. 589	(CAPT) P/O BROWN, L.N. (NAV) P/O BARR, L.M. (B/A) P/S DRUMMOND, W.N. (W/OP) SGT LEVY, S. (A/G) P/O THOMSON, F.A.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.27	04.28	This aircraft carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was good and all the PFF markers were excellent. Quite a number of scattered fires were noticed and a few outstanding ones were seen. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few ineffective searchlights were noticed. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.305
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "O" HE. 738	(CAPT) P/S MAYER, H.E. (NAV) P/O MARSLAND, K. (B/A) P/O NUSSELD, L.R. (W/OP) SGT WHITEHEAD, A.C. (A/G) SGT DIEHLICK, W.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.23	05.08	This aircraft arrived over the target flying at 17,500 ft. The PFF had done a good job and the markers were quite visible. Scattered fires were noticed and two were outstanding. Flak was light and a few searchlights could also be noticed. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.306
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "R" HE. 684	(CAPT) P/S MANG, R.F. (NAV) SGT HINDLEY, N. (B/A) SGT CAMPBELL, D. (W/OP) SGT GARLAND, J. (A/G) P/S VANDERBECK, R.E.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.19	05.05	This aircraft carrying H.E. and incendiaries flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF made a very good job. Flak was light and accurate and a few searchlights were seen. Scattered fires were noticed and two outstanding fires were seen. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.307
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "S" HE. 272	(CAPT) SGT PARKER, D.F.G. (NAV) P/O BROOK, A.H. (B/A) P/O HACKETT, D. (W/OP) SGT MACDONALD, N.D. (A/G) SGT ANDERSON, M.G.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.24	04.30	This aircraft carrying H.E. and incendiaries flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF made a good job. Flak was light and accurate and a few searchlights were noticed. Scattered fires were also noticed and two were outstanding. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.308

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16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "T" HE.687	(CAPT) F/S RYAN, J.E. (NAV) F/S AGRIOS, J.E. (B/A) F/S WALRATH, C.A. (W/OP) SGT KELLSER, J.A. (A/G) F/S DAVIS, H.L.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.25	04.15 FORD.	This aircraft carrying H.E. and incendiaries flew over the target at 17,500 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF had made a good job. A few searchlights were seen and light accurate flak was experienced. Fires were scattered and a few outstanding ones were seen. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at R.A.F. Station, FORD.	A.209
16th APR. NIGHT	WELLINGTON X "V" HE.757	(CAPT) SGT DUFFIELD, G.W. (NAV) SGT EYRE, F.F. (B/A) SGT WATSON, A.N. (W/OP) SGT ILLINGSWORTH, G. (A/G) F/O PADDOCK, C.W.	BOMBING MANNHEIM	21.20	03.40 BASSINGBOURNE	This aircraft carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 17,000 ft. Visibility was very good and the PFF made a very good job. Several scattered fires were noticed in the area, two of which were outstanding. Flak was light but inaccurate. A few searchlights were seen but were ineffective. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed at BASSINGBOURNE.	A.210
16th APR. NIGHT.	WELLINGTON X "W" HE.864	(CAPT) F/O LAURO, J. (NAV) SGT CASORSE, A.R. (B/A) SGT McRIVER, D.J. (W/OP) SGT WILLMER, H.A.D. (A/G) SGT KELLY, J.F.	BOMBING MANNHEIM.	21.15	05.00	This aircraft carrying incendiaries arrived over the target flying at 17,500 ft. Visibility was good and the PFF markers were well placed. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few searchlights were seen. Fires were scattered and the attack did not appear to be concentrated. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.211
16th APR. NIGHT	WELLINGTON X "X" HE.689	(CAPT) F/O HESS, C.B. (NAV) F/O DARC, W.L. (B/A) SGT HAYWOOD, G.B. (W/OP) SGT TARRY, C.F. (A/G) SGT BURGESS, H.A.	BOMBING MANNHEIM	21.26	05.12	This aircraft carrying incendiaries flew over the target at 17,000 ft. Visibility was good and the PFF markers were very good. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few searchlights were seen. Fires appeared to be scattered although two outstanding ones were noticed. No enemy aircraft were seen during this trip. This aircraft sustained no damage and landed safely at base.	A.212

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