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(Form 1) Wt. 9255-26 60,000 Spec T.S. 790

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
6 Nov /42. (Day)	Wellington III. X.3763 "E"	Sgt. Folts, R.E. Sgt. Lynburner, J.L. Sgt. Buckle, R.M.Y. Sgt. Pasbrun, A.R. Sgt. Brown, M.D.	Bombing Wilhelmshaven.	11.29	16.42	Bombs believed to have been dropped on Wilhelmshaven from 1900 feet.	A-41
	Wellington III. B.K.334 "Y"	F/O Doucette, T. P/O Dearoches, J.O.L. Sgt. Drysdale, J. Sgt. Vollers, D. Sgt. Trudeau, P.P.	Bombing Wilhelmshaven.	11.21	16.36	Bombs dropped on Wilhelmshaven area from 1500 feet. A/s badly damaged by fighters and W/Op., seriously wounded. One R/A is claimed as destroyed by this A/c. Both aircraft report heavy fog with tops between 2 to 3,500 feet right down to ground level.	A-42
9 Nov/42. (Night)	Wellington III. X.3803 "44"	S/Lt. Roy, G.A. P/O Davidson, C.W. Sgt. Atkins, C. P/O Boudreau, A.B.J. Sgt. Dumont, J.M. Sgt. Rivard, J.M.	Bombing Hamburg.	17.41	00.31	Bombs dropped on estimated position of Hamburg.	A-43.
	B.V.894 "K"	W/O Murrell, S.L. Sgt. Hodges, F.W. Sgt. Livingston, R.A. Sgt. Lemieux, J.H.T. Sgt. Robinson, W.L. Sgt. Deldale, J.E.H.	"	17.39	00.22	Bombs dropped on estimated position of Hamburg.	A-44.
	B.J.755 "F"	Sgt. Smith, R.E. Sgt. Prudd, F.W. Sgt. Anderson, J.L. Sgt. Anderson, J.H. Sgt. Rankin, J. Sgt. Gauthier, J.L.	"	17.40	00.24	Bombs dropped on estimated position of Hamburg.	A-45.
	B.K.532 "O"	Sgt. Causley, L.F. P/S. Martel, F.A.G. Sgt. Cholette, J. Sgt. Mohla, H.	"	17.42	23.52	Bombs believed to have been dropped on Hamburg.	A-46
	B.J.644 "Q"	P/S. Roy, C.W.H. Sgt. Furman, D.J. Sgt. Gervin, R.H. Sgt. Spackman, W.R. Sgt. Hobson, W. Sgt. Young, W.W. P/S. McGillivray, R.L.	"	17.34	20.51	Returned early. Fabric of Starboard wing partially stripped. Bombs jettisoned safe in sea.	A-47.
	Z.1729 "W"	W/O Stutt, R.A. Sgt. Dube, J.R.C. Sgt. Manning, H.R. Sgt. Hodgson, R.G. Sgt. Fekke, W.D. Sgt. Smith, J.F.	"	17.38	23.43	Landed at Goltishall owing to shortage of fuel. Arrived base 12.39 on the 10th November.	A-48. 111

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9 Nov/42. (NIGHT)	Wellington III. B.J. 918 "F"	Sgt. Clinton, R.S. Sgt. Rowe, S.G. P/S. Latrasschille, J.R. Sgt. Copeland, T.O. Sgt. Cuthbert, B. Sgt. Michaud, J.P.	Bombing Hamburg.	17.44	00.25	Landed at Bodney.	A-49
	B.K. 337 "P"	Sgt. Spooner, C.L. Sgt. High, S.E. Sgt. Mackay, R.S. Sgt. LeMcrossay, R.M. Sgt. Blackart, S.G.	"	17.37	20.46	Landed at Leeming. Returned early with tail trim trouble and oil leakage from Starboard engine.	A-50.
	B.J. 764 "B"	Sgt. Folts, R.R. P/O. Carter, G. Sgt. Burke, R.N.V. Sgt. Pambrun, A.R. Sgt. Laporte, J.R. Sgt. Delorme, J.A.	"	17.33	23.55	Crashed at Swanton Morley. All crew killed except Air Gunner (Sgt. Laporte.)	A-51.
	B.K. 557 "B"	Sgt. Balblat, N. Sgt. Bourke, W.S. Sgt. Wallwood, H.T. P/S. Tasse, H.G. Sgt. Burchell, D.F. Sgt. Davis, N.	"	17.36	--	Missing.	A-52.
						All aircraft that reached the target area reported 10/10ths cloud or heavy haze making identification impossible. Bombs were dropped on estimated position of target without any results being seen. No news was received from the missing aircraft. Further reports regarding aircraft "A", "B", "C" and "D" are awaited.	
10 Nov/42. (NIGHT)	Z-1742 "C"	Sgt. Gausley, L.F. P/S. Martel, P.A.C. Sgt. Cholette, J. Sgt. Mohin, H. P/S. Roy, C.W.H.	Gardening.	17.18	21.01	Landed at Swinderby. Uneventful, but successful trip. Positions located by Gee fixer. Mines laid as ordered.	A-53.
	B.J. 697 "G"	Sgt. Gauthier, J.L. Sgt. Glassberg, L. Sgt. Forbes, R.C. Sgt. Dugal, J.S.A. Sgt. Lanotin, M.	"	17.21	21.08	Landed at Middleton St. George. Successful trip. Mines laid as ordered. Gee fix obtained.	A-54.
	X. 3803 "H"	S/Lt. Seward, J.L. P/O. MacIntyre, J.S. P/O. Bourgeois, B. P/S. Leberge, J.C.A. P/S. Lagace, R.F.	"	17.17	20.58	Landed at Swinderby. Successful trip. Mines laid as ordered.	A-55. 1/17

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
10 Nov/42 (Night) (Cont'd)			Gardening.			The aircraft took off from Middleton St. George. Three of them - "C" "G" and "H" reaching the position as ordered reported 10/10ths cloud. The operation was very successful. Vegetables were laid as instructed. One aircraft did not go owing to mag. trouble.	
11 Nov/42 (Night)	Wellington III. B.J. 644 "Q"	Sgt. Clinton, R.S. Sgt. Rowe, A.G. P/S. Latremouille, J.R. Sgt. Copeland, T.O. Sgt. Cuthbert, S.	Gardening.	17.01	22.50	Mines brought back. Landed at Thornaby.	A-56.
	Z. 1729 "M"	W/O. Stutt, R.A. Sgt. Dube, J.H.G. Sgt. Manning, H.R. Sgt. Hodgson, E.C. Sgt. Pettit, W.D.	"	17.31	22.16	Mines brought back. Landed at Middleton St. George.	A-57.
						Unsuccessful trip owing to weather conditions. Vegetables brought back. These aircraft took off from Middleton St. George. and carried 2 vegetables as ordered.	
16 Nov/42 (Night)	Wellington III. B.J. 644 "Q"	Sgt. Gervin, R.H. Sgt. Spackman, W.R. Sgt. Hobson, J.W. Sgt. Young, W.J. P/S. McGilivray, R.L.	Gardening.	17.06	21.41	Took off from Middleton, landed at base 2141. Brought 2 vegetables back as Gee gave out 53°57'N. 04°30'E.	A-58.
	B.J. 657 "G"	Sgt. Spooner, C.L. Sgt. Leigh, J.E. Sgt. Mackay, E.S. Sgt. Ledrassay, F.M. Sgt. Blackert, S.D.	"	17.04	21.46	Took off from Middleton; landed at base 2146. Successful trip. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes not seen to open or vegetables seem to go.	A-59.
	Z. 1729 "M"	Sgt. Delisio, J.E.H. Sgt. Blech, A.T. Sgt. Helleday, J.M. P/O. Debeer, A.G. Sgt. Doucet, G.S.	"	16.59	22.05	Took off from Middleton, landed at base. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes not seen to open.	A-60.
	B.K. 337 "P"	Sgt. Michaud, J.P. Sgt. Porter, D. Sgt. Rowan, F.H. Sgt. Woodrow, J.H. P/S. McMillan, W.T.	"	17.09	22.37	Took off from Middleton; landed at base. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open. Satisfactory trip.	A-61.
	B.J. 605 "A"	Sgt. Jackson, A.H. Sgt. Bell, D.A. Sgt. Ross, H. P/S. Atkinson, F.G. Sgt. Chaput.	"	16.57	21.36	Took off from Middleton; landed at base. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes not seen to open. Satisfactory trip.	A-62.

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16 Nov/42 (night) (Cont'd)	Wellington III. X.3805 "H"	S/Lt. Roy, G.A. P/O. Davidson, C.W. Sgt. Atkins, C. P/S. Champagne, J.J.E. Sgt. Daoust, J.N.	Gardening.	17.01	22.00	Took off from Middleton; landed at base. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes not seen to open. Satisfactory trip.	A-63
	Z.1605 "L"	W/O. Murrell, S.L. Sgt. Hodge, F.W. Sgt. Livingston, R.A.A. Sgt. Lemieux, J.H.T.J. Sgt. Robinson, H.W.	"	16.52	21.16	Took off from Middleton; landed at base. 2 vegetables planted as ordered. Parachute seen to open. Good trip.	A-64
	Z.1742 "C"	Sgt. Rivard, J.J.M. Sgt. Logan, R.H. Sgt. Payette, B. Sgt. Douglas, H.H. Sgt. Bollaue, R.R.	"	17.03	22.12	Took off from Middleton; landed base. 2 vegetables jettisoned 53°46'N. 07°13'E at 1907 hours; fused when being shot at by flak. This operation, for which eight s/c were detailed, was taken from Middleton St. George - six laid vegetables as ordered. One - s/c "C" - jettisoned its load because of fusing when being shot at by flak and another brought its load back because Gee gave out. The weather was showery, with 6 to 7/10ths. cloud, but visibility was good below. Severe icing was reported at base of cloud.	A-65
17 Nov/42 (night)	Wellington III. X.3805 "H"	Sgt. Jackson, A.H. Sgt. Bell, D.A. Sgt. Ross, J. P/S. Atkinson, F.G. Sgt. Chaput, J.G.A.	Gardening.	16.53	20.00	Returned early because Gee was uncontrollable. Brought 2 vegetables back. Landed base 2000 hours.	A-66
	B.N. 657 "Q"	Sgt. Crank, G.N. Sgt. Williams, R.J. Sgt. Cahill, J. Sgt. Rodger, J.D.J. Sgt. Urquhart, D.S.	"	16.59	21.06	Vegetables planted as ordered. One parachute seen to open. Successful trip. Landed base 2106 hrs.	A-67
	Z.1729 "T"	Sgt. Spooner, C.L. Sgt. Leigh, J.E. Sgt. Mackay, R.S. Sgt. LeDressay, F.M. Sgt. Blackert, S.G.	"	17.00	21.30	Vegetables planted as ordered. Parachutes seen to open. Good trip. Landed base 21.30. One of the three aircraft detailed brought its vegetables back because Gee became uncontrollable. The other two had successful trips. Visibility was good, though cloud coverage varied from 6 to 10/10ths.	A-68
20 Nov/42 (NIGHT)	Wellington III. B.J. 605 "A"	S/Lt. Roy, G.A. Sgt. Rivard, J.J.M. P/O. Davidson, C.W. Sgt. Atkins, C. P/S. Champagne, J.J.E.A. Sgt. Daoust, C.	Bombing. Twin.	19.00	0221	Took off and returned Harwell. Target attacked bombs dropped from 14,000 ft.	A-69 111

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20 Nov/42 (Night) (Cont'd)	Wellington III. B.J. 755 "D"	Sgt. Smith, R.B. Sgt. Delisle, J.E.H. Sgt. Kidd, R.M. Sgt. Anderson, J.I. Sgt. Anderson, L.H. P/S. Rankin, J.	Bombing. Turin.	19.12	01.30	Took off and returned Harwell. Intercom went U/S during trip and returned.	A-70
	B.J. 644 "Q"	S/Lt. Seward, J.L. Sgt. Jackson, A.H. P/O. MacIntyre, J.S. P/O. Bourgeois, B. P/S. Leberge, J.C.A. P/S. Lagace, H.P.	"	19.10	20.05	Took off and returned Harwell. Overload tanks not working both engines failed when overload cocks turned on. After landing patrol found to be running out of main lead. Aircraft "A" report weather fairly clear - no low cloud with slight ground haze. Attack appeared to be concentrated.	A-71
22 Nov/42 (Night)	Wellington III. B.K. 337 "P"	Sgt. Clinton, B.S. Sgt. Michaud, J.F. Sgt. Rows, A.G. P/S. Lacombe, J.R. Sgt. Copeland, T.C. Sgt. Outhbert, S.	Bombing. Stuttgart.	18.18	21.40	Took off and returned Harwell. Task abandoned as a/c damaged by flak, furthest point reached AMIENS 25 M South. bombs jettisoned safe.	A-72
	B.J. 605 "A"	W/O. Murrell, S.L. Sgt. Rivard, J.J.M. Sgt. Rodgers, F.W. Sgt. Livingston, R.A. Sgt. Lemieux, J.H.T.J. Sgt. Robinson, H.L.	"	18.05	02.43	Took off Harwell, landed Oakington. Target attacked. Gee satisfactory - radio shot up - very successful trip.	A-73
	X. 3805 "H"	S/Lt. Seward, J.L. Sgt. Jackson, A.H. P/O. MacIntyre, J.S. P/O. Bourgeois, B. P/S. Leberge, J.C.A. P/S. Lagace, H.P.	"	18.15	19.09	Took off and returned Harwell. Non-sortie furthest point reached FORD. Returned early owing to constant speed unit U/S.	A-74
	B.J. 755 "D"	Sgt. Smith, R.B. Sgt. Prudd, F.W. Sgt. Anderson, J.I. Sgt. Anderson, L.H. P/S. Rankin, J.	"	18.11	02.00	Took off and returned Harwell. Target attacked - Trimming gear up - starboard oil pipe line in motor severed, port flap holed also fuselage amidships, front turret pierced on starboard side by I/F. Highly successful trip. Aircraft "A" reported black out in France bad doors left open.	A-75
23 Nov/42 (Day)	Wellington III. B.J. 334 "V"	Sgt. Cronk, G.E. P/O. McKenna, G.D. Sgt. Cahill, J. Sgt. Rodger, J.D.J. Sgt. Urquhart, D.S.	Recon. Operation	11.40	15.54	Weather variable. Aircraft flew at heights between 1000, and 2,000 feet, at latitudes from 54° to 55°.	A-76 1111

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23 Nov/42 (Night)	Wellington III. B.J.657 "G"	P/O. Doucette, T. P/O. Desroches, J.O.L. P/M. Pelouin, A.M.J. Sgt. Vollans, D. P/S. Trudeau, P.P.	Gardening.	16.54	21.05	Brought 2 vegetables back, unknown until reaching base.	A-77
	Z.1742 "C"	Sgt. Gervin, R.H. Sgt. Spackman, W.H. Sgt. Hobson, J.W. Sgt. Young, W.J. P/S. McGillivray, R.L.	"	17.01	18.15	Target not attacked. Bombs & vegetables brought back. Returned early owing to wireless going U/S, and rough running engines, thus preventing Goon from working.	A-78
	B.K.532 "O"	P/S. Cavalry, L.F. P/S. Martel, P.A.C. Sgt. Choletie, J. Sgt. Mohin, H. P/S. Roy, C.W.H.	"	16.53	21.07	Vegetables laid as ordered, bombs not used. Trip successful.	A-79
	Z.1729 "T"	W/O. Stutt, H.S. Sgt. Dube, J.R.C. Sgt. Manning, H.E. Sgt. Hodgson, E.C. Sgt. Pettit, W.D.	"	16.55	20.56	Both vegs. dropped, but only one parachute seen to operate. Bombs brought back.	A-80
25 Nov/42 (Night)	Wellington III. E.3803 "H"	S/Lt. Roy, G.A. P/O. Davidson, C.W. Sgt. Atkins, G. P/S. Champagne, J.J.A. Sgt. Daoust, G.	Gardening.	16.51	00.41	Successful trip. Laid mines as ordered. Landed base 0041.	A-81
	Z.1742 "C"	W/O. Murrell, S.L. Sgt. Hodge, F.W. Sgt. Livingston, R.A. Sgt. Lesieur, J.H.T.J. Sgt. Robinson, H.L.	"	16.54	22.50	Unable to pin-point - returned with vegetables. Landed base 2250.	A-82
	Z.1729 "T"	P/O. Doucette, T. P/O. Desroches, J.O.L. P/S. Pelouin, A.M.J. Sgt. Vollans, D. P/S. Trudeau, P.P.	"	16.53	00.03	Successful trip. Laid mines as ordered. Landed base 0003.	A-83
	Wellington III. B.J.657 "C"	Sgt. Gervin, R.H. Sgt. Spackman, W.H. Sgt. Hobson, J.W. Sgt. Young, W.J. P/S. McGillivray, R.L.	Gardening.	16.54	20.00	Returned early - pilot ill. Landed Predannack. Returned to base 1624 27th Nov. 1942.	A-84

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26 Nov/42 (NIGHT) (Cont'd)	Wellington III. B.K. 401 "B"	P/O Hudson, J. P/O McKenna, G.D. P/S. Ladoux, G.E.H. Sgt. Whitby, A.B. P/S. T. Smblay, J.E.H.R.	Gardening.	16.55	22.46	Successful trip. Laid mines as ordered. Navigation praised. Landed Predannack. When returning to base, could not land on account of weather conditions, so flew on to Dumfries. Arrived at base 1150 hours. 28th Nov. 42.	A-85
	B.K. 332 "C"	P/S. Cauley, L.F. P/S. Martel, P.A.C. Sgt. Cholette, H. Sgt. Mohr, H. P/S. Roy, C.W.H.	Gardening.	16.53	22.55	Successful trip. Mines dropped as ordered. Landed Predannack. Returned to base 1621 hours, 27th Nov. 42.	A-86
						Two out of the four aircraft detailed laid mines as ordered. They were aircraft "B" and "C". One aircraft "B" was a non-starter owing to wireless trouble and aircraft "C" returned early because the pilot felt ill.	

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