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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REF.
				UP	DOWN		
1.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 522 "B"	F/O. Bondell, H.R. Sgt. Fenton, F.B. Sgt. O'Leary, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Weeks, S.A.	Bombing. Parada.	1841	0011	This aircraft carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs, reached target at 2138 hrs. and bombs were dropped from 6,000 ft. They were seen to burst just North of Aiming Point. Two other bursts seen N.E. of target. Electrical storms encountered. Effort should be good. Line of flares seen inland 10-15 miles N. of Naples. No defences encountered.	A.1169
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/O. Anderson, G.A. F/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/O. Jones, F.M. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	"	1840	0042	This aircraft carrying 36 flares dropped same at 6,000 ft. Two aircraft were seen to bomb on flares. Several bomb bursts seen. Electrical storm and 2/10th clouds encountered up to 20,000 ft. No defences.	A.1169
"	H.F. 529 "B"	S/Lt. Robert, J.O. F/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jamieson, A. F/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P. (S/Lt. Beall, G.E.)	"	1836	2318	This aircraft carrying 9 x 500 lb bombs abandoned mission due to electrical storm. Bombs jettisoned safe at 2100 hrs from 6,000 ft. at 1023H 1258H.	A.1170
"	H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Omond, H.N. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. Ball, M.E. Sgt. McArt, J. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	1840	0050	Bomb load: 7 x 500 and 2 x 250 dropped from 5,000 ft. Bursts seen near intersection of roads. Vis. was slightly hazy and dark. Weather: bad, electric storm. No defences encountered. Good trip.	A.1171
"	H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Jones, H.N. Sgt. Latham, R.C. F/S. Wyatt, A.M. Sgt. MacLeod, H.H. Sgt. Troncy, J.C.	"	1842	0043	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Bombs seen to burst across intersection. 2 sticks seen in target area. 1000. Storm encountered. Defences: 1 light anti-aircraft East of aiming point. Good trip, should be a good effort. Flares right on.	A.1172
"	H.E. 269 "B"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Carvey, T.C. Sgt. Montgomery, J.D. F/O. Lehman, J.L. Sgt. Marks, W.W.	"	1845	0025	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target was visually identified and bombs dropped ahead of flares. Bursts seen close to aiming point. Electrical storm on outward journey. No defences. Good effort.	A.1173

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1.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 516 "B"	Sgt. Turcotte, F.H. Sgt. Ford, L.H. Sgt. Tupper, H.F. Sgt. Stokes, J.S. Sgt. Lahey, L.H.	Bombing. Parada.	1848	0152	Bomb load: 9 x 500 (2 tails hung up) dropped from 6,000 ft. Target was identified by flares. Bombs hit aiming point. Bursts not seen. Bombed on second lot of flares. No defences & good trip.	A.1174
"	H.E. 287 "F"	Sgt. Barr, W.F. Sgt. Smalaky, G.M. Sgt. Cuymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	1847	0107	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target identified in light of flares. Bombed on aiming point. Saw bursts near area. Other bursts also seen. Flares seen good. Electrical storm difficult to penetrate. No defences encountered.	A.1175
"	H.E. 979 "T"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. F/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tinsman, J.E. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	1845	0030	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Bursts seen slightly West of intersection. 1 stick seen E. of A.P. Weather bad. Two pink-white flares seen over target at 2135 hrs, coming from ground. No defences. Good trip.	A.1176
"	H.E. 815 "X"	F/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Haines, E. Sgt. McPhaden, G. F/O. Amitage, L.H. Sgt. Quallette, D.	"	1847	0107	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target identified in light of flares. Slightly overshoot aiming point. Saw stick burst at P. Station to N.E. of target area 1/2 of a mile. First flares were in hills. Bombed on second lot in T.A. Flares seen started in hills. Saw green light flashing 1/2 of mile off shore at Costa. Another seen slightly N. of this point. Flares & flashes seen just N. of Naples.	A.1177
31.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Omond, H. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. Ball, M.E. Sgt. McArt, J. Sgt. Little, J.D.	Bombing. Civitavecchia.	1930	0223	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target identified in light of a few flares but results unobserved. Other bursts seen in T.A. Defences consisted of one gun. Should be a good raid.	A.1178
"	L.N. 436 "D"	S/Lt. Robert, J.O. F/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jamieson, A. F/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Nickelling. Viterbo-Littorio, Giampine area.	1856	0052	This aircraft was detailed to drop nickels over Viterbo Littorio and Giampine and this was carried out between 2205 and 2230 hrs. for a height of 8,000 ft. No defences.	A.1179
"	H.E. 270 "E"	F/S. Hestie, E.H. Sgt. Elham, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.B. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.	Bombing. Civitavecchia.	1926	0139	Bomb load: 8 x 500 and 18 flares. Dropped from 6,000 ft. Both bomb and flares hung up and were spread all over target area. Bombs overshoot. Saw 2 sticks of bombs in N. of target. Target was easily identified in light of flares. No freight cars seen. Defences negligible.	A.1180

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3.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 330 "O"	Sgt. Jones, G.R. P/O. Armstrong, W.F. Sgt. Legault, J.E. Sgt. Munro, R.H. Sgt. La Jeunesse, U.R.	Bombing. Civitavecchia.	1934	0150	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. This aircraft developed engine trouble after flying in rich mixture for two hours. Crash landed at Genna, nobody injured.	A.1181.
"	H.E. 340 "Y"	W/O. Junker, J.E. P/O. Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V. Sgt. Karkin, E.	"	1930	0156	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped from 6,000 ft. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to burst just left of M/Yards. Many sticks seen to straggle Yards. Own bombs believed to have started fire. First flares were N. of target but 2nd lot was U.K. Defences: one light flak gun. A very good trip.	A.1182.
"	H.E. 815 "X"	Sgt. Loring, W.F. Sgt. Grever, D.H. Sgt. Banks, R.A. Sgt. Swinson, G. Sgt. Tracy	"	1927	0154	Bomb load: 8 x 500 and 18 flares. (1 x 500 hung up) Dropped from 6,200 ft. Target identified by flares. Bombs seen to burst. Large cloud of smoke rising from T.A. Appeared to be oil storage on fire. No defences. Appeared to be a good strike.	A.1183
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.M. P/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Buisson, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, F.	"	1936	0134	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target visually identified by flares. First lot of flares late & scattered. Saw bombs burst inside coast and straddle M/Yards. Also 1 x 4,000 bomb seen to burst in T.A. Fire and smoke seen. No defences. Appeared to be developing into good raid.	A.1184
"	H.E. 287 "W"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, R.A. Sgt. Croser, L.G. Sgt. Levallee, H.	"	1924	0200	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target visually identified. Decks clearly seen. Flares not very good. Own stick and also 1 x 4,000 lb. seen to burst just N. of M/Yards. No defences. Should be a very good effort.	A.1185
"	H.E. 514 "Q"	P/O. DeSella, H. Sgt. Cavanaugh, J.G. Sgt. Gallant, J.F. P/O. Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	Reconalling. Battle area.	1900	0025	No this a/c was ordered to nickle the Battle area and this was carried out accordingly. Target area identified by River Volturo. No defences.	A.1186
4.10.43	H.E. 522 "P"	P/O. Anderson, G.A. P/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/O. Jones, F.H. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	Bombing. Ferdia Roads.	1655	2235	Bomb load: 8 x 500 and 18 flares dropped from 6,000 ft. Own flares well placed and seemed to illuminate target very well. Own bombs burst in T.A. seen to hit R.R. tracks just N. of aiming point. Smoke and dust seemed to be coming from target. A.P. completely obliterated by smoke. Target definitely well hit. Defences consisted of one H.F. gun.	A.1187

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4.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 529 "H"	P/O. Bondell, H.R. Sgt. Fonton, F.R. Sgt. Ohly, F.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	Bombing. Ferdia Roads.	1702	2258	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000, 5 x 500 and 2 x 250 dropped from 5,000 feet. Flares were being on. Identified coast line at A.P. Results not observed but bombing thought to be accurate. 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb seen to burst in T.A. Smoke over T.A. Saw a very cartridge fired close to Maritime at 210 hrs at 391.5N-121.5E. White light burning on water underneath green flare. Colour of day fired over Bay of Tunis. Single row of lights which looked like a flare path seen N. of T.A. Lights went out as attack commenced. Defences: one gun.	A.1188
"	H.E. 468 "F"	Sgt. Jones, H.H. Sgt. Latourville, E.C. P/O. Wyatt, A.M. Sgt. MacLeod, M.H. Sgt. Tracy, J.C.	"	1705	2240	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 6,000 ft. Illumination was good. Target identified visually. Believed bombs fell on railway N. of target. Several bomb bursts seen in vicinity of railway. One H.F. gun in N. of town.	A.1189
"	H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Dupuis, L.P. P/O. Stevens, C.D. Sgt. Chene, B. Sgt. Labrecque, J.C. Sgt. Beard, J.H.	"	1708	2315	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000, 5 x 500 and 2 x 250 dropped from 5500 ft. Target identified visually and bomb seen to burst along road. Illumination was very good. Large fire seen in T.A. Seemed to be large warehouse burning. Defences: one H.F. gun. A very good show.	A.1190
"	L.H. 343 "O"	Sgt. Sherry, W. Sgt. Smalaky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.E.	"	1700	2305	Bomb load: 9 x 500 and 2 x 250 dropped from 5500 ft. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to explode on road in vicinity of A.P. 3 small fires seen S. of target area. One red & one white flare seen at 4,500 ft. directly over T.A. Defences: 3 guns 5-10 miles E. of target. A good raid.	A.1191
"	H.E. 269 "R"	Sgt. Turcotte, F.H. Sgt. Ford, L.E. Sgt. Tupper, M.F. Sgt. Stokes, J.S. Sgt. Karkin, E.	"	1704	2257	Bomb load: 9 x 500, and 2 x 250 dropped from 6,000 ft Target visually identified, was well illuminated. Own bombs not seen to burst but many others observed. Very much smoke over target. Large fire seen off Terracina. Three H.F. guns just E. of target. Should be a good show.	A.1192
"	H.E. 287 "W"	P/O. Klockmaep, E.W. P/O. Hedlett, T.J. Sgt. Bawolse, D.R. P/O. Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	1701	2234	Bomb load: 9 x 500 and 2 x 250 dropped from 4,500 ft. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to explode in N.W. on edge of road. Target area covered with smoke. 4 merchant vessels seen heading 150° off Maritime. Dummy fire in Gasta. Photo flashes going off in T.A. No defences. Satisfactory effort.	A.1193



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5.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 522 "P"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O. Lehman, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, P.O.	Bombing. Grossets.	1620	22.0	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 SEC, dropped from 6100 ft. Target was visually identified in light of good flares. Bombs seen bursting in Southern boundary. Saw several fires which could have been aircraft. Parachute seen over target area. No defenses. A good effort.	A.1194
"	H.E. 529 "R"	S/L. Hebert, J.C. P/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O. Stung, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	"	1620	2310	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 SEC's dropped from 6,000ft. Identified target visually by aid of flares which were hung on. Bombs seem to burst and followed by explosions of a/c. Some a/c on fire seen on eastern boundary of aerodrome. No defenses. A good effort.	A.1195
"	L.N. 343 "O"	Sgt. Omond, H.H. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. Davis, J.S. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	1630	2345	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 16 x 40 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target was visually identified and aircraft seen dispersed in front of admin. buildings. Bombs aimed between bldgs. and a/c and saw many bursts. Many fires seen. Bombs seen exploding all over aerodrome. No defenses encountered. A real prang encountered.	A.1196
"	H.E. 269 "R"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Carver, T.G. Sgt. Montgomery, J.D. P/O. Lehman, J.L. Sgt. Marks, W.	"	1632	2315	This aircraft carrying 24 flares, dropped same from 6,000 ft. Pin-pointed on down aerodrome was well illuminated. Two a/c seen in S.W. corner when flares dropped. Pin-pointing easy in light of moon. Two a/c dropped bombs before T.O.T. 3 or 4 fires seen in S.E. corner of field. Many bombs seen bursting in N.W. and S.E. corner of a/c left target area. No defenses encountered. Very good effort.	A.1197
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, J.H. Sgt. Cooper, R.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	1622	2322	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 16 x 40 dropped from 6,000 ft. Identified target visually, but several a/c seen burning in N.W. corner and in centre of aerodrome. Flares were very good. One a/c seen to explode in S.W. corner of 'drome. No defenses. Should be a very good show.	A.1199
"	H.E. 827 "T"	Sgt. Loring, W.P. Sgt. Gower, D.H. Sgt. Banks, R.A. Sgt. Sveinsson, G. Sgt. Page, J.R.	"	1640	2315	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 16 x 40 dropped from 6,000 ft. Identified target visually, but due to smoke, could not identify aircraft on ground, so aimed bombs at end of runway. Results unobserved but many small fires seen on aerodrome. Explosions seen on drome, believed to be aircraft. No defenses. Flares hung on. Should be a good raid.	A.1199

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5.10.43	Wellington I. H.E. 815 "X"	P/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, L. Sgt. McPhadden, S. P/O. Ardgate, J.L. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	Bombing. Grossets.	1623	2300	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 16 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified visually and aimed bombs at transport aircraft dispersed on 'drome. Bombs fell on a/c and 10 small fires seen in T.A. when we left. Some a/c seen on fire and explode. Edge on aerodrome also on fire. Flares hung on. No defenses. Should be a very successful raid.	A.1200

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