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FOR THE MONTH OF February 19 43

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night 4/5	Wellington X "T" HK.174	P.O. W.R. Bennett Sgt. Harris, W.S. Sgt. Westall, R.A. P.O. Carter, G.M. P.O. W.V.B. Brown P.O. Douglass, R.H.	Aiming Point "A" LORIENT	17:47	00:08	This aircraft was carrying 100% incendiaries and was due on the target 10 minutes ahead of the main wave. No opposition on the way in, visibility was good, cloud nil and target identified by coastline and small fires. Heavy flak in moderate amounts on west side of target observed. Bombed at 2042 hours from 15,500 feet on a heading of 150 M. Return trip was uneventful and aircraft landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "P" HK.337	Sgt. Parkinson, R.J. Sgt. Collins, R. P.O. G. Mackie Sgt. Gavett, K.D. Sgt. Balcer, G.R. Sgt. Whitehead, A.	do.	1819	01:35	This aircraft carried a mixed load of H.E. and incendiaries and was part of the main wave. Outaged trip quiet until target area reached where more light flak was encountered than on previous wave. Identified by river and two large fires burning from previous wave. Bombs gone at 2121, 14,000 feet and heading of 260 M. Heavy searchlights observed in target area. Quiet return trip and landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "Q" HK.356	Sgt. Manning, F.W. Sgt. Harding, J.D. Sgt. Beave, W.E. Sgt. McLeod, G.C. Sgt. McKay, G.C. Sgt. Robson, E.L.	do.	1822	01:05	This aircraft carried a mixed load and was part of main wave. No opposition on way down and target identified by use of GRS and visual on Estuary. Ignored a dummy fire north of target and bombed at 2114 from 12,700 feet on a heading of 151 M. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "X" HF.635	P.O. R.G. Fidge P.O. H.C. Lywin Sgt. Rosevear, K.W. Sgt. Hoolip, K.D. Sgt. Dym, L.D. Sgt. Perry, D.	do.	1817	01:11	This aircraft carried a 4,000 pound bomb and was part of the main wave. No opposition on way to target and this was identified by means of river and fires from previous wave. Dropped his bomb at 2117 from 13,000 feet on a 330 M heading. Observed three groups of searchlights attempting to come, one large fire in target area and a number of bomb bursts. Returned to Topcliffe with no trouble.	
	Wellington III "K" 2.1727	Sgt. Ferguson, J.A. P.O. G.V. Tallman Sgt. Edwards, J.H. P.S. Smith, D.C. Sgt. Sylvester, J.J. Sgt. White, T.H.	do.	1821	01:20	This aircraft was carrying a mixed load and arrived with the main wave. Target identified visually plus a GRS fix. Reported a large volume of black smoke, a moderate amount of light and heavy flak in target area, bombed at 2114 from 12,600 feet and heading 290 M. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "R" HK.564	Sgt. Cartier, L.E. Sgt. Gusterson, F.H. P.O. J.V. Spencer Sgt. Rhodes, H.F. Sgt. Hamilton, L.V. Sgt. Johnston, H.	do.	1820	01:00	Mixed load and part of main wave. Identified by GRS fix and visual. Bombed at 2116 from 15,000 feet heading 150 M. Observed the large fire and black smoke in target area at 2042. Off the coast near Fleubian on way to target the main gunner sighted a 5/8 enemy aircraft 500 yards astern above at 9-10,000 feet heading about 280 degrees port to starboard. Sgt. Cartier turned to port and enemy aircraft was lost to sight. No combat took place. Return trip was quiet and landed at Topcliffe.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night 6/7	Wellington X "U" HE.175	Sgt. Knapp, K.R. Sgt. Jagousson, H.L. Sgt. Bernholden, G. P.O. Nicholls, R.A. Sgt. Pilford, J.C. Sgt. Thibault, J.R.A.	Gardening	1734	2130	This aircraft's garden was approximately five miles off the coast of Holland. Visibility was good and pin-pointed on Petten, where there was a little light flak. Dropped vegetables at 1900 from 700 feet on a heading of 325 degrees E. Landed at Topoliffe.	
	Wellington III "Q" HE.156	Sgt. Harris, W.S. Sgt. Sutton, R.T. Sgt. Perry, D. Sgt. Warren, J.L. Sgt. White, F.H. Sgt. Douglas, W.E.	do.	1757	2141	This aircraft gardened close to "U". Pin point on Petten where a little light flak was encountered. At 1912 at Dutch coast on run-up while at 800 feet altitude on a heading of 346 degrees E. an enemy aircraft at 1300 feet on a heading of 200 degrees E. was sighted by pilot. Our aircraft turned to port and down to 500 feet. No contact or further sighting of the enemy was made. One vegetable was dropped at 1911 from 800 feet heading 346 E. The other being up and was jettisoned safe in deep water at 1932. Aircraft landed at Topoliffe.	
	Wellington X "G" HE.177	Sgt. Buckham, J.H. P.O. N.V. Rodin Sgt. Cox, A.G. Sgt. Fraser, J.D. Sgt. Christie, D.W. P.O. J.G. Taylor	do.	1725	2318	This aircraft was detailed to garden about six miles off the Frisian Islands. Weather conditions made navigation extremely difficult and due to low clouds and poor visibility could not pick up pin-point. Excessive flak in that area made violent evasive action necessary which tore the fabric off the port side near the front turret. Spent half an hour trying to pick up pin-point but had to return with mine still aboard. Aircraft landed at Dickforde.	
	Wellington X "X" HE.505	Sgt. Pearce, G.H. Sgt. Ellis, W.T. Sgt. Benjamin, K. Sgt. Randall, W.J. Sgt. Robson, E.J. Sgt. Mallin, R.O.	do.	1726	2245	This aircraft's garden was near the West Frisian Islands. Electrical storm and low 10/10th cloud over area prevented him from obtaining pin-point. Tried to obtain a position for over half an hour and then returned to base with his vegetables. Landed at Topoliffe.	
	Wellington X "T" HE.174	Sgt. Williamson, L.P. Sgt. Watkins, W.M. P.O. Farley, H.D. Sgt. Powley, J. Sgt. Bertram, J. Sgt. North, G.J.	do.	1720	2136	This aircraft was detailed to garden off the West Frisian Islands. In spite of poor visibility and low cloud a pin-point was made on the eastern shore of Juist and the vegetables planted at 1911 from 800 feet on a heading of 62 degrees E. Some light flak observed north of pin-point presumed to be a flak ship. Our aircraft was not fired at and returned to Topoliffe.	

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(Form 1) W. 121-16 40,000 5142 T.S. 709

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				UP	DOWN		
Night 7/8	Wellington III "Q" BK. 156	Sgt. Manning, P.W. Sgt. Hawkins, J.D. Sgt. Deavo, W.E. Sgt. McLeod, G.G. Sgt. McKay, G.G. Sgt. Smith, R.G.	AIMING POINT LORIENT	1837	0135	This aircraft detailed for 2nd wave. Bombed primary at 2135 from 12,000 feet heading 220. Target identified visually. A number of aircraft sighted on return carrying red, green and white lights but no attacks. Noted dummies N. and N.E. of town. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "Q" BK. 174	Sgt. Williams, L.R. Sgt. Watkins, W.H. Sgt. Cowley, J. P/O Parker, H.B. Sgt. Bertrand, L. Sgt. North, G.J.	do.	1835	1936	This aircraft was in the second wave but had to turn back at Church Point because weak mixture control on port engine was jammed. Landed with bombs at Dulon.	
	Wellington III "K" 11727	Sgt. Hagg, K.W. Sgt. MacIntyre, H.L. Sgt. Barnholde, G. Sgt. Milford, J.G. P/O Nicholls, B.A. Sgt. Smith-Jones, H.V.	do.	1831	0153	This aircraft was on second wave and bombed at 2141 at a height of 12,000 feet on a 160° heading. Flak inaccurate. No trouble on return trip. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "C" BK. 563	P/O Tigh, R.G. P/O H.C. Irwin Sgt. Rosevear, K.W. Sgt. Healey, W.D. Sgt. Ryan, L.D. Sgt. McLaren, G.R.	do.	1830	0145	Second wave detail. Visual identification of target and bombed at 2146 from 13,000 feet heading 210°. Numerous large fires in target area. Sighted a/c carrying red, green and white lights but no attacks. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "Q" BK. 177	P/L W.R. Suggitt Sgt. Duochan, R.H. Sgt. Westall, R.A. P/O Carter, G.M. P/O W.W.D. Brown P/O Douglas, R.W.	do.	1832	0141	Detailed for 2nd wave carrying 4,000 lb. bomb. Bombed visually at 2157 hrs. from 13,000 feet at 180°. Target well sight and visible from 100 miles on outward trip. Slight flak and searchlight opposition. No enemy aircraft encountered. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "W" DF. 668	Sgt. Pishes, C.H. Sgt. Ellis, W.H. Sgt. Benjamin, E. Sgt. Randall, W.J. Sgt. Robson, K.J. Sgt. Underwood, W.H.	do.	1836	0120	In second wave and bombed visually at 2142 hours from 12,000 feet and 190°. Inter-com. partly w/a but completed operation. No enemy aircraft sighted. Landed at Topcliffe.	
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Night 7/8	Wellington I "G" HB.177	S/L R.G.N. Catt Sgt. Shivers, R.N. Sgt. Bernard, S.S. P/S. Stewart, W.F. Sgt. Goodfellow, J.S. P/O Ward, H.S.	Aiming Point LORIENT	1835	0124	Bombed visually among 2nd wave. Concentration at Z1A4 from 15,000 feet and 190° N. Target well alight. Reported explosion in air over target at Z1A2 which appeared to be an aircraft shot down. Returned to Topoliffe.	
	Wellington III "H" BK.564	Sgt. Cartier, L.H. Sgt. Gustavson, P.S. P/O J.F. Spencer Sgt. Rhodes, H.F. Sgt. Hamilton, S.V. Sgt. Malins, R.O.	do.	1834	0129	Second wave detail and attacked visually at Z1A7 at a height of 14,500 feet, heading 060° N. Encountered single engine enemy aircraft in target area at Z1A8 burning orange light in nose, 1,000 feet below on port quarter. Enemy aircraft approached and "H" made a steep diving turn to port. Lost sight and no attack. Landed at Topoliffe.	
	Wellington III "P" S.1719	S/L F.H. Bonden P/O A. Kable Sgt. Rowe, H.N.F. P/O R.J. Gritten Sgt. Reynolds, A.G. Sgt. Moisen, H.S.	do.	1838	0059	Bombed visually on the 2nd wave at Z131 from 15,000 feet, and 170° N. Target burning very well. Reported electrical daisy 10 miles N.W. of Lorient. No opposition on return to Topoliffe.	

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				Up	Down		
Night 13/14	Wellington III "I" BK.635	P/L W.R. Suggitt Sgt. Pepper, W.B. Sgt. Westall, R.H. P/O Carter, G.H. P/O W.S.D. Damm P/B Douglas, R.H.	LORENT	1739	0051	First wave detail with a 4,000 lb. bomb and bombed at 2115 from 11,000 feet at a heading of 223°. Bomb hung up and had to be released manually in target area. Light and heavy flak and fires in area. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "I" X.1543	P/L F.H. Bowden Sgt. Staight, T.H. Sgt. Rowe, H.H.P. P/O Critton, R.J. Sgt. Reynolds, A.J. Sgt. Nelson, H.O.	do.	1730	0056	First wave detail carrying a 4,000 pounder. Bomb 6 runs over target between 2035 and 2100 hours despite effort of P/L to release bomb. Eventually jettisoned at 1920 H. and 0345 W. at 8,000 feet at 2135 by the P/L forcing apart the jaws of the release clip with an axe after 1 hour and 20 minutes work. Heavy aircraft in 100 sighted 3 miles north of Lorent at 2110 = 100 feet above at 11,000 feet. Passed from port bow to starboard quarter and turned to starboard beam and disappeared. No attack.	
	Wellington III "I" BK.154	P/L Smith, H.W.B. Sgt. Sylvester, T.V. Sgt. Rowe, H.V. Sgt. Desmond, H. P/O Smith, G. P/O Felt-Vinay	do.	1751	2120	Carrying a 4,000 lb. bomb in first wave. Unable to proceed to target because low counter w/s. Jettisoned bomb in area at FLEET HAY and returned to base.	
	Wellington I "0" BK.177	P/L Robert Cott Sgt. Gilliam, G.A. P/O Stewart, W.F. Sgt. Goddrell, J.H. P/O Hall Ward P/O H.H. Coore	do.	1809	0110	Second wave aircraft. Bombed visually at 2120 from 15,000 ft. at 180°. Target burning well. Considerable flak opposition. Bombs at 15,000 ft. sighted on P/L 190-200 yards below and to port apparently after engine failed. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "I" S.1719	Sgt. Peasey, G.H. Sgt. Ellis, H.S. Sgt. Hudson, G. Sgt. Randall, W.J. Sgt. Robson, R.V. Sgt. Underwood, W.H.	do.	1813	0012	On second wave and bombed at 2112 visually from 15,000 ft. Direction finder went w/s and landed at somewhere due to shortage of petrol. On second wave and bombed at 2112 visually from 15,000 ft. Direction finder went w/s and landed at somewhere due to shortage of petrol.	
	Wellington III "Q" BK.156	Sgt. Currier, L.H. Sgt. Gutterman, P.B. P/O J.F. Spence Sgt. Rhodes, H.F. Sgt. King, D. Sgt. Martyn, J.B.	do.	1816	1816	Second wave and immediately after take-off dingy cover blew off. Jettisoned petrol (50) gals; and landed Dalton with part of dingy emerging.	

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Night 14/15	Wellington I "X" HM.505	S/L D.W.M. Smith Sgt. Sylvester, V.V. Sgt. Snow, M.V. Sgt. Derenik, H. P/S Smith, G. P/O F.H. Vinay	COLOGNE	1805	2355	Through 10ths cloud over enemy territory and bombed by Pathfinder indicator flares at 2020, 11,000 ft. heading 095° M. At 50° 56' N. 06° 26' E., 2015, 10,000 ft. sighted JU 88, 4,000 ft. below following another aircraft and bursts exchanging and then lost to sight. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington I "X" HM.177	P/O R.G. Tighe Sgt. Radcliffe, K.E. P/O H.G. Irwin Sgt. Rosevear, K.W. Sgt. Heslop, W.D. Sgt. Ryan, L.D.	do.	1806	0014	Bombed marker flares at 2018 from 15,500 ft. on 095° M. 10/10ths cloud over target. Heavy flak in area. At 1927 position 51° 55' N. 05° 02' E. sighted JU 88 heading 151° M. Enemy aircraft 500 ft. above on port quarter 1,000 yards away. Approached to 700 and rear gunner of 3 fired burst and enemy aircraft lost to view. No further attack. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "J" X3550	P/L W.H. Suggitt Sgt. Fay, L.D. Sgt. Vassell, R.J. P/S Garter, C.H. P/O W.D. Beman P/S Douglass, R.H.	do.	1807	2352	Carried 4,000 lb. bomb. Dropped by marker flares at 2021 from 15,000 ft., 095° M. Heavy flak over Cologne. 10/10 cloud.	
	Wellington I "T" HM.174	Sgt. Gardner, L.R. Sgt. Martyn, J.D. Sgt. Gusterson, P.B. P/O J.F. Spencer Sgt. Hodges, H.F. Sgt. Kings D.	do.	1802	0018	Attacked through 10/10 cloud and released by marker flares at 2030, 13,500 ft., 095° M. No opposition sighted on return to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "K"	P/L F.L. Gordon Sgt. Steight, L.S. Sgt. Ross, H.H.F. P/O R.J. Gritten Sgt. Reynolds, A.J.J. Sgt. Nelson, H.G.	do.	1804	0026	Bombed at 2021 hrs. from 12,000 ft. heading 095° M. Sighted on marker flares dropped by 277. Through 10/10 cloud reported large explosion apparently 4,000 lb. bomb. While at 12,000 ft. in the target area, encountered unidentified enemy aircraft (single engine) flying in opposite direction 500 ft. below own aircraft, it then disappeared. Returned to Topcliffe.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night 16/17	Wellington III "J" X.3550	Sgt. Ferguson, J.A. P/O G.F. Tallman Sgt. Edwards, J.F. P/S Smith, D.G. Sgt. Sylvester, J.G. Sgt. Bradley, R.G.	LORIENT	1816	2359	Only aircraft which carried 4,000 lb. bomb and attached visually at 2204 hrs. from 12,400 ft., heading 320° M. Port tail plane was damaged by flak over target area. Encountered ME 109 30 miles N. of target but no approach or encounter. Landed at Roscombe Down due to tail damage.	
	Wellington X "W" HR.175	Sgt. Williamson, L.H. P/S Watkins, W.H. Sgt. Brock, A.R. Sgt. Rowley, J. Sgt. Beckwith, J. Sgt. Donaldson, J.G.	do.	1838	2334	Visibility very good and bombed at 2055 at 15,000 ft., 175° M. Reported bomb bursts and fires in target area, and there was some flak. Landed at Roscombe Down because of petrol shortage.	
	Wellington III "W" HR.666	Sgt. Staight, L.S. Sgt. Rowley, H.H. Sgt. Underwood, D.A. Sgt. Cook, J.D.F. Sgt. McNeil, J.J.	do.	1819	0058	Saw target clearly and bombed at 2059 hrs. from 15,000 ft. at 270° M. Target burning well. Landed at Pindingley to refuel and took off again to return to Dalton.	
	Wellington III "O" BK.156	Sgt. Parkinson, R.A. Sgt. Collier, W. P/O G. Maclean Sgt. Garnett, K.P. Sgt. Balow, C.R. Sgt. Whitehead, T.	do.	1820	0120	Bombed visually at 2059 hrs. from 13,000 ft., at 270° M. A considerable number of fires were seen in target area and there was scattered light and heavy flak. At 2056 hrs. at 12,000 ft., heading 180° M. a huge explosion was seen about one mile ahead at the same height which apparently was an aircraft. Landed at Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "I" HR.505	P/O R.G. Fidge Sgt. Sylvester, T.V. P/O H.G. Irwin Sgt. Rosewar, L.W. Sgt. Hooley, W.D. Sgt. Ryan, L.D.	do.	1817	0055	Attached visually at 2053 hrs. from 15,000 ft., heading 180° M. Large explosion and fires reported. Moderate flak only seen. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "E" Z.1727	Sgt. Pepper, W.G. Sgt. Baker, F.G. Sgt. Waters, N.G. Sgt. Higgs, K.G. Sgt. Douglas, W.K. Sgt. Forde, F.	do.	1817	0105	Target identified visually and bombed at 2203 hrs. from 12,500 ft., heading 000° M. Reported usual dummy fires and moderate flak with searchlight cone in operation. Landed at Topcliffe.	

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Night 18/19	Wellington X "C" NR.177	Sgt. Harris, W.S. Sgt. Sutton, R.T. Sgt. Barry, D. Sgt. Warren, J.L. Sgt. White, F.H. Sgt. Ashby, F.C.	GARDENING IN THE PHOENIX ISLANDS	1747	2212	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 1934 hrs. from a height of 300 ft., heading 066° (M). I.A.S. 157 m.p.h. No. clouds about mid. a Gee fix was obtained just before releasing mines. Light flak was seen from the western end of Tereshelling. Returned to Topoliffe.	
	Wellington X "W" NR.175	Sgt. Martin, J.B. Sgt. Farny, H. Sgt. Donohue, K. Sgt. Hayward, L. Sgt. Donaldson, J.G. Sgt. Brook, A.R.	do.	1753	2218	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 1952 hrs. from a height of 700 ft., heading 334° (M), I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. No. clouds - pin pointed Eastern end of Tereshelling. Rear Gunner observed mine-parachute open. Encountered light flak from flashship off Eastern end of Ameland. Returned to Topoliffe.	
	Wellington III "W" DF.668	Sgt. Staigt, L.S. Sgt. Henley, H.R. Sgt. Underwood, H.A. Sgt. Cook, J.G.S. Sgt. Underwood, H.H. Sgt. Freeman, K.F.	do.	1749	2259	Laid mines in the allotted position at 1951½ hrs. from a height of 700 ft. heading 075° (M). I.A.S. 165 m.p.h. No cloud, but slight haze over sea. Got Gee-fix, then dropped mines. Saw light flak from Western end of Tereshelling. Returned to Topoliffe.	
	Wellington X "W" NR.239	Sgt. Radcliffe, K.R. Sgt. Munson, W. Sgt. Agate, J.B. Sgt. Kaulton, F.D. Sgt. Smith-Jones, H.V. Sgt. Forde, F.	do.	1752	2207	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 1950 hrs. from a height of 600 ft., heading 80° (M). I.A.S. 190 m.p.h. No cloud - visual pinpoint was obtained on eastern end of Tereshelling. At 1937 hrs. at a height of 2,000 ft. over the eastern end of Tereshelling on the way to garden, our aircraft was intercepted by a ME 110 which was 700 ft. below. It came in astern, turned in starboard, then attacked on starboard quarter, opening fire at 800 yds. Enemy aircraft passed underneath, then made second attack on port quarter, opening fire at 800 yds. Our A/C took violent evasive action and rear gunner fired two bursts at 500 yds and believed he hit attacking A/C, which broke away to port and disappeared. At 1944 hrs. at a height of 2,000 ft., still on way to garden, he was intercepted by another ME 110 which came in astern at 1,500 ft. but did not open fire. The rear gunner, however, fired when enemy A/C was 500 yds. astern, and it then disappeared. Returned to Topoliffe.	
	Wellington X "L" NR.198	Sgt. Pepper, W.C. Sgt. Baker, F.G. Sgt. Waters, H.J. Sgt. Higgs, K.H. Sgt. Douglas, W.E. Sgt. Whitehead, W.	do.	1748	2235	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 1906 hrs. from a height of 500 ft., heading 086° (M). I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. No cloud, but got Gee fix prior to laying mines. Light flak observed on eastern end of Tereshelling and western end of Ameland. Returned to Topoliffe.	

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Night 16/19	Wellington III "C" BK.156	Sgt. Fyfe, K.D. Sgt. McGowan, P.S. Sgt. Chisholm, D. Sgt. Foster, W. Sgt. McGill, W.J. Sgt. Yackison, F.	GARDENING IN THE FRENCH ISLANDS	1750	2141	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 1921 hrs. from a height of 500 ft., heading 261° (M). I.A.S. 183 m.p.h. No cloud but there was a haze over the sea. Prior to releasing mines a Gee fix was obtained. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington I "X" BK.505	Sgt. Sylvester, T.V. Sgt. Pell, R.H. Sgt. Oughton-Kelly, G. Sgt. Ross, T.L. Sgt. Smith, R.G. Sgt. Bush, N.M.	do.	1751	2230	Mines were laid in the allotted position at 2007 hrs. from a height of 500 ft., heading 330° (M). I.A.S. 169 m.p.h. No clouds and got visual pin point on Bantzen and of Torobell. On outward journey at 1939 hrs., height 1000 ft., our aircraft was intercepted by a JU.86, which came in dead astern and opened fire at 250 yds. The rear gunner closed hits when he opened fire at the enemy aircraft which broke away to port, and disappeared. At 2029 hrs., in a position 53° 42' N, 02° 22' W, an aircraft, presumed as enemy, with red light in nose came in dead astern at 1200 feet. Our aircraft was at 1500 feet, then light went out and aircraft disappeared without opening fire. At 2140 hrs. on return journey height 3000 ft., about 40 miles off Plamborough head, our aircraft was again intercepted by a JU.86, which came in dead astern. Our aircraft made a turn through 360°, and rear-gunner opened fire at 200 yds. Tracer bullet was seen to enter the fuselage of the JU.86, which then broke away. Enemy aircraft came in again dead astern, our rear-gunner again opened fire at 150 yds., and then attacking aircraft caught fire, and dived into sea. Smoke and flames shot up from sea-level. (This was confirmed by crew of aircraft "X".) Returned to Topcliffe.	

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				Up	Down		
Night 19/20	Wellington III "V" BK.154	S/Lt. W.R. Suggitt Sgt. Shears, D.L. P/Sgt. Westall, R.A.F. P/Sgt. Carter, G.H. P/O. Brown, W.D. P/Sgt. Douglas, R.N.	WILMELSHAVEN	1747	2316	Bombed at 2001 hrs. from 12,000 ft., heading 145° (M). through 9-10/10 cloud - saw New Inner Harbour and sighted on target marked by flares dropped by P.F.F. Bombs were seen to explode, and two large fires were seen burning in target area. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "Q" HE.177	Sgt. Wykes, W.R. Sgt. Bond, G.F. Sgt. Hetherington, A. Sgt. Brown, G.F.H. Sgt. Chow, D. Sgt. Brooks, F.	do.	1750	2308	Bombed at 2006 hrs., from 13,500 ft., heading 150° (M) through 9-10/10 cloud by sighting on target marked by flares. Sighted HE.107 with single red light in tail on outward journey. It did not attack. Our aircraft returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "P" BK.157	Sgt. Parkinson, R.A.F. Sgt. Collier, W. P/O. G. Jenkins Sgt. Garmot, K.F. Sgt. Baker, G.H. Sgt. Barclay, R.C.	do.	1749	0017	Bombed at 2004 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading 290° (M) through 10/10 cloud. Sighted on target by indicator flares dropped by P.F.F. Red glare seen through cloud, and some bomb bursts. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "I" HE.158	Sgt. Knapp, K.R. Sgt. Magnusson, H.L. Sgt. Barnholden, G. P.O. Nicholls, S.A. Sgt. Wilford, J.G. Sgt. Malvern, G.R.	do.	1748	0008	Bombed at 2005½ hrs., from 12,500 ft., through 7/10 cloud., heading 135° (M). Sighted on target marked by indicator flares, and one bomb-bursts observed. Sighted single-engined enemy aircraft 10 miles N.W. of target - no attack made. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "K" HE.105	S/Lt. F.H. Bonden P.O. Hall, G. Sgt. Ross, H.R.F. P/O. R.J. Giblin Sgt. Reynolds, A.J.A. Sgt. Malvern, G.R.	do.	1754	2345	Bombed at 2006 hrs., from 13,600 ft., heading 142° (M) through 10/10 cloud. Sighted on target by indicator flares dropped by P.F.F. Glare from fires could be seen through cloud. After bombing, tail-plane was hit by heavy flak. Sighted aircraft believed to be enemy on return journey. No attack was made on our aircraft. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "U" HE.175	Sgt. Cartier, L.R. Sgt. Costerman, P.B. P/O. J.P. Spencer Sgt. Rhodes, R.F. Sgt. King, J. Sgt. Hamilton, L.V.	do.	1752	0020	Bombed at 2008 hrs., from 14,000 ft., heading 200° (M), through 5-6/10ths cloud. -visibility was poor due to haze and smoke. Target was visually identified and target indicator flares were seen over target area. Heavy bomb bursts observed, and fires were seen burning in target area. Returned to Topcliffe.	

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Night 19/20	Wellington III "C" BK.156	Sgt. Manning, P.W. Sgt. Hendrie, J.D. Sgt. Beavo, W.E. Sgt. McLeod, G.G. Sgt. McKay, G.C. Sgt. Johnston, H.	WILHELMSHAVEN	1751	2358	Bombed at 2006 hrs., from 13,500 ft., heading 130° (M) through 8/10 cloud. Sighted on T.I. flares. Bomb bursts seen and concentration of numerous incendiaries burning. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "W" DP.668	Sgt. Staight, L.S. Sgt. Bonley, H.H. Sgt. Underwood, D.A. Sgt. Cook, J.O.F. Sgt. Underwood, V.H. Sgt. North, G.J.	do.	1753	2313	Bombed at 2006 hrs., from 17,000 ft., heading 147° (M) through 8/10 cloud. Bushfen was visually identified and sighted on target indicator flares. Our bombs were seen to explode across target. Many fires were seen burning. A single engine enemy aircraft was sighted on the homeward journey. It passed our aircraft 4,000 ft., below on starboard quarter and disappeared - no attack was made. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington I "Y" HB.239	Sgt. Martin, J.S. Sgt. Farr, H. Sgt. Benjamin, K. Sgt. Hayward, L. Sgt. Donaldson, J.C. P/Sgt. Parker, H.B.	do.	1755	2349	Bombed at 2003 hrs., from 14,500 ft., heading 270° (M), through 9/10 cloud. Bombs were dropped on concentration of target indicator flares. A glare was seen from incendiaries and one large flash was seen through the clouds. Returned to Topcliffe.	

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				UP	DOWN		
Night 24/25th	Wellington III "R" N.1727	Sgt. Harris, W.A. Sgt. Sutton, R.A. Sgt. Perry, D. Sgt. Harris, J.A. Sgt. Whithead, T. Sgt. Brock, F.	WILHELMSHAVEN	1825	0204	Bashed through 10/10 cloud. Sighted on Target Indicator markers at 220 hrs., from 14,000 ft., I.S., 150 mph, heading 150° (H). A large glow was seen through the clouds after bombing. Heavy flak and glow of searchlights were seen in target area. The rear escape hatch blew off. Returned to Dalton.	
	Wellington III "V" N.154	P/O. W.A. Suggitt P/O. Whalley, R.A. P/O. Gardner, G.A. P/O. Wallis, R.A. P/O. Douglas, R.A. Sgt. Barnard, R.A.	do	1819	2350	Dropped a 4000 lb. bomb at 2041 hrs., from 14,000 ft., I.S., 150 mph, heading 150° (H), under similar conditions. The glow of 15 searchlights was seen, also heavy flak was encountered. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "W" N.3541	Sgt. Staight, J.A. Sgt. Kenley, W.A. Sgt. Underwood, R.A. Sgt. Cook, J.G. Sgt. Underwood, W.A. Sgt. Hamilton, L.A.	do	1843	2044	Had 4000 lb. bomb in this aircraft. Returned early owing to lateness of take-off, which was due to accumulator not functioning correctly. Landed at Dalton.	
	Wellington III "X" N.156	Sgt. Manning, W.A. Sgt. Manning, W.A. Sgt. Deane, W.A. Sgt. Wood, G.A. Sgt. King, G.A. Sgt. Wallace, W.A.	do	1835	2346	Bashed at 2039 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading 150° (H), I.S., 170 mph. While over the target, the pilot's escape hatch blew open, and could not be closed. Flak was less than usual, and the glow of searchlights was seen on the clouds. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "Y" N.357	Sgt. Parkinson, W.A. Sgt. Gillroy, W. P/O. G. Meakin Sgt. Barnett, R.A. Sgt. Salter, G.A. Sgt. Bradley, R.A.	do	1834	0006	Bashed at 2045 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading 150° (H), I.S., 155 mph. Saw large number of incendiary fires reflected on the clouds. Flak was moderate heavy and light, but less intense than usual. Returned to Croft.	
	Wellington III "Z" N.158	Sgt. Snow, W.A. Sgt. Magnusson, R.A. Sgt. Barnholton, G. Sgt. Nicholas, W.A. Sgt. Milford, J.A. Sgt. Agate, W.A.	do	1813	0042	Bashed at 2044 hrs., from 12,000 ft., heading 150° (H), I.S., 200 mph. Had to jettison one 500 lb. H.B. because the pilot could not maintain speed on way to target. A burst of flak over the target threw the aircraft temporarily out of control. The port wing was damaged, and the aircraft returned to Topcliffe.	

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Night 24/25th	Wellington X "X" 44174	W/O Harrison, A. Sgt. Bush, H.H. Sgt. Brock, A.H. Sgt. Freeman, R.F. Sgt. Hartwood, L. Sgt. Jones, P.H.	WILHELMSHAVEN	1822	2357	Bombed at 2056 hrs., from 14,500 ft., heading 190° (H). Moderate, heavy flak encountered. Returned to Craft.	
	Wellington III "I" 54174	P/O. D.S. Morgan, P/O. F.H. Mitchell Sgt. O'Leary, J.P. Sgt. Gillis, B.H. Sgt. Nelson, J.H. P/O. F.H. Vasey	do.	1816	2359	Bombed at 2000 hrs., from 13,000 ft., heading 190° (H). I.L.S. 140 mph. Flak moderate. On homeward journey at 54° 25'N 04° 17'W, at 2147 hrs., when at 7,500 ft., our aircraft was intercepted by a Ju.88 which came in from the starboard quarter, 400 ft., below, crossed underneath our aircraft, tamed and opened fire at 500 yds., from starboard quarter. Our aircraft's rear gunner did not open fire, and Ju.88 then broke away and disappeared. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "X" 44505	P/O. F.H. Bowden P.H. Hall, G. Sgt. Rowe, H.H. P/O. R.J. Giffen Sgt. Reynolds, A.J. Sgt. Wilson, H.G.	do.	1825	2354	Bombed at 2057 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading at 190° (H). I.L.S. 150 mph. Flak was well down into concentration of enemy flak 500 ft. below. Flak very intense, and appeared to be aimed at enemy flak. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "X" 44239	Sgt. Hartley, J.B. Sgt. Perry, W. Sgt. Benjamin, K. Sgt. Hayward, L. Sgt. Donaldson, J.O. Sgt. Snow, H.V.	do.	1824	2340	Bombed at 2044 hrs. from 13,000 ft., heading 140° (H). I.L.S. 155 mph. Flak was moderate. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "I" 44564	Sgt. Fry, K.B. Sgt. McCormack, P.H. Sgt. Palmer, H.B. Sgt. Foster, W. Sgt. Nichol, J.S. P.H. Smith, G.	do.	1820	0021	Bombed at 2044 hrs., from 11,500 ft., heading 155° (H). Moderate heavy flak. Returned to Craft.	
	Wellington X "X" 44158	Sgt. Maddam, H.H. P/O. H.W. Robin, Sgt. Cox, A.G. Sgt. Fraser, J.B. Sgt. Christie, D.H. Sgt. Hanson, W.	do.	1826	0044	Bombed at 2043 hrs., from 14,000 ft., heading 170° (H). I.L.S. 150 mph. The reflection of three large orange flares was seen on the clouds. Moderate heavy flak. Returned to Craft.	

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				Up	Down		
Night 26/27th	Wellington III "B" BK.357	Sgt. Parkinson, R.A. Sgt. Gallier, W. P/O. G. Mackinn, Sgt. Bennett, R.P. Sgt. Balcer, G.R. Sgt. Bradley, R.O.	OCLOSURE	1846	2251	This aircraft developed engine trouble, namely, the port a/c control was up. The bombs were jettisoned near Herbyk, and while doing so, encountered an enemy fighter with a white light in its nose. It came in across, and our aircraft turned through 360°, and the enemy fighter disappeared. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "C" BK.563	Sgt. Radcliffe, K.E. Sgt. Hanson, E. Sgt. Agate, J.B. Sgt. Ashby, P.B. Sgt. Smith-Jones, H. Sgt. Ford, F.	do.	1844	0110	Bombs dropped at 212 hrs., from 12,000 ft., heading 090° (M). I.A.S. 145 m.p.h. Visibility good, there was a small amount of ground haze. Sighted on target indicator flares dropped by Pathfinders. There was heavy and light flak encountered and large cone of searchlights. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "P" BK.568	Sgt. Knapp, K.E. Sgt. Macintosh, H.J. Sgt. Barnholm, G. P.O. Nicholls, B.A. Sgt. Pilford, J.G. Sgt. Gallier, G.A.	do.	1854	0010	Bombed at 212 hrs., from 15,500 ft., heading 150° (M). I.A.S. 200 m.p.h. Similar conditions. Sighted on target indicator flares dropped by P.P.F. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "U" BK.175	Sgt. Sylvester, T.V. Sgt. Fells, H.H. Sgt. Crighton-Kelly Sgt. Rose, E.L. Sgt. Smith, E.G. Sgt. Derenduk, H.	do.	1854	0034	Bombed at 217 hrs., from 18,000 ft., heading 070° (M). I.A.S. 148 m.p.h. Similar conditions encountered. Sighted on marker flares dropped by P.P.F. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "W" BK.174	P/O. Dick Morgan, P/O. P.A. Ditchburn, Sgt. O'Leary, J.P. Sgt. Collins, P.B. Sgt. Holmes, J.M. Sgt. Malins, R.O.	do.	1853	0024	Bombed at 217 hrs., from 14,000 ft., heading 060° (M). I.A.S. 144 m.p.h. Similar conditions encountered by this aircraft. Sighted on marker flares dropped by P.P.F. returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "R" BK.564	Sgt. Fry, E.D. Sgt. McGowan, P.B. Sgt. Parker, H.E. Sgt. Poston, W. Sgt. McNeil, J.J. Sgt. Farr, H.	do.	1850	0046	Bombed at 213 hrs., from 14,000 ft., heading 090° (M). I.A.S. 180 m.p.h. Similar conditions were also encountered by this aircraft. Sighted on marker flares dropped by P.P.F. At 217 hrs., on the way to the target, at 16,000 ft., encountered an enemy aircraft (single engine) with an orange light on each wing-tip, 1,000 ft. below our aircraft. He came in to within 1,000 yds., on port quarter. Our aircraft did a steep turn to port, and enemy aircraft disappeared from sight. Returned to Topcliffe.	

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Night 26/27th	Wellington I "W" HE.239	W.O. Harrison, A. Sgt. Bush, N.M. Sgt. Brock, N.M. Sgt. Freeman, R.F. Sgt. Herbert, L. Sgt. Hayward, L.	COLOGNE	1852	0020	Bombed at 2116 hrs. from 17,000 ft., heading 090° (H), I.A.S. 180 mph. Identified target from ben in the Rhine river. No oxygen available from time of reaching target onwards. On outward journey at 2040 hrs., saw an ME.109 with green tail light. Enemy aircraft passed from starboard quarter to port quarter and disappeared. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "W" DF.668	Sgt. Pearce, C.R. Sgt. Ellis, W.E. Sgt. Madlin, G. Sgt. Randall, W.J. Sgt. Hamilton, J.V. P/Sgt. Hall, G.	do	1851	01.9	Bombed at 2112 hrs., from 15,000 ft., our aircraft was hit by flak, and one of P/O's engine floats was torn away. Reported heavy flak. Landed at Manton owing to shortage of fuel.	
	Wellington I "W" HE.177	Sgt. Ferguson, J.A. P/O. G.P. Tolman, P/O. Sgt. Fletcher, P/O. Smith, D.G. Sgt. Sylvester, J.G. Sgt. Jones, P.V.	do.	1855	00.7	Bombed at 2130 hrs., from 11,600 ft., reported heavy flak and heavy fires. At 2101 hrs., on the way to target was attacked by Do.217 at 15,000 ft. Enemy aircraft made three attacks from, head on, below. P/O. Tolman in our aircraft fired four bursts and glides into wings of Do.217. At various times he sighted a total of six enemy aircraft (single and twin engine) which did not attack. Returned to Manton.	
	Wellington III "W" X.3541	P/O. R.G. Titch, P/O. Irwin, H.G. Sgt. Roseman, K.L. Sgt. Hally, R.D. Sgt. Ryan, L.B. Sgt. Thibodeau, J.	do.	18.9	00.8	Bombed at 2126 with 4,000 lb. bomb, from 17,000 ft., heading 070° (H), I.A.S. 190 mph. Similar conditions were encountered by this aircraft. Returned to Swindley.	
						All crews report large fires seen burning, as far as 50 miles away, on homeward journey.	

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				Up	Down		
Night 28th Feb 1st March	Wellington III "D" BR.337	Sgt. Harris, W.S. Sgt. Sutton, R.T. Sgt. Furry, D. Sgt. Warren, J.L. Sgt. Ashby, F.G. Sgt. McLaren, G.R.	ST. MARGARET	1753	2354	Took off as scheduled but returned to base owing to long flames shooting out of the exhaust manifolds, and port engine mis-firing. Jettisoned high explosives into the sea, and returned with all incendiaries.	
	Wellington III "U" BR.563	Sgt. Sydney, W.H. Sgt. Bond, C.F. Sgt. Weatherington, Sgt. Brown, C.F. Sgt. Chou, D. Sgt. Bryant, A.L.	do.	1752	2244	This aircraft took off but returned to base owing to aircraft being unable to maintain height. The starboard motor was overheating on climbing. Brought all his bombs back. Landed at Dalton.	
	Wellington I "T" BR.239	S/O Harrison, A. Sgt. Bush, H.M. Sgt. Brocky, S.H. Sgt. Freeman, R.F. Sgt. Borthwell, I. Sgt. Fowley, J.	do.	1800	2340	Bombed at 2312 hrs., from 15,000 ft., heading 100° (M), I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. No cloud, identified aiming point, and also saw P.P.F. TANKS. HEAVY TANK over target area. Returned to Boscombe.	
	Wellington I "X" BR.505	Sgt. Sylvester, T.V. Sgt. Pail, H.R. Sgt. Owsington-Kelly Sgt. Rose, T.L. Sgt. Smith, E.G. Sgt. North, G.J.	do.	1801	2350	Bombed at 2120 hrs., from 17,000 ft., heading 120° (M), I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. Similar conditions encountered. Returned to Boscombe.	
	Wellington III "R" BR.562	Sgt. Parkinson, R.H. Sgt. Collier, W. S/O G. Mackinn Sgt. Garnett, K.F. Sgt. Baker, G.H. Sgt. Brooks, F.	do.	1754	0114	Bombed at 2120 hrs., from 12,000 ft., heading 100° (M), I.A.S. 145 m.p.h. Similar conditions encountered. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington I BR.156 "L"	Sgt. Pepper, H.G. Sgt. Baker, F.G. Sgt. Hadden, H.J. Sgt. Higgin, K.G. Sgt. Douglas, W.E. Sgt. Bradley, H.G.	do.	1759	0122	Bombed at 2116 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading 100° (M), I.A.S. 170 m.p.h. Similar conditions encountered. Heavy sick. Returned to Topcliffe.	

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				Up	Down		
Night Feb. 28th Mar. 1st.	Wellington III "J" BK-239	F/Lt Suggett, W.R. F/S. Wootell, R.A. F/S. Carter, G.M. F/O. W.D. Brown F/S. Douglas, R.B. F/O. J. Taylor	ST. NAZAIRE	1752	0039	Bombed at 2111 hrs., from 12,500 ft., heading 145° (M), I.A.S. 150 mph. Similar conditions encountered. Saw ocean searchlight at Vannes. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "Z" Z-1719	Sgt. Martyn, J.B. Sgt. Watkins, W.R. Sgt. Benjamin, E. Sgt. Hayward, L. Sgt. Donaldson, J.G. Sgt. Parker, H.B.	do.	1758	0044	Bombed at 2125 hrs., from 13,000 ft., heading 175° (M), I.A.S. 160 mph. Got a Gee fix over the target, pinpointed estuary of River Loire and also saw marker flares over aiming point. Moderate flak, few searchlights. Saw 4 electric dummy flares 3 miles N.W. of target, like stream of flares. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "R" BK-564	Sgt. Manning, F.V. Sgt. Manning, J.D. Sgt. Beavo, F.S. Sgt. Roberts, G.H. Sgt. McKay, G.G. Sgt. Johnston, N.	do.	1757	0036	Bombed at 2113 hrs., from 13,500 ft., heading 165° (M) I.A.S. 160 mph. Pinpointed estuary of River Loire and saw a smoke-screen in operation 2 miles N.W. of target. Red and green chandelier flares over target area. Similar conditions encountered. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "V" BK-154	F/O. R.G. Tigh F/O. H.G. Irwin Sgt. Rowland, K.W. Sgt. Healin, W.D. Sgt. Ryan, L.B. Sgt. Bernard, W.J.	do.	0804	0800	(4000 lb bomb) Bombed at 2113 hrs., from 10,000 ft., heading 160° (M), I.A.S. 160 mph. Sighted on marker flares dropped by F.P.F. was one of the first aircraft over target area, so did not encounter much flak. Few chandelier flares of various colours seen. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington X "W" BK-175	F/O. D.S. Morgan F/O. F.H. Ditchburn Sgt. O'Henry, P.F. Sgt. Collins, B.H. Sgt. Nelson, J.L. Sgt. McGovern, P.S.	do.	1802	2340	Bombed at 2120 hrs., from 14,000 ft., heading 180° (M), I.A.S. 140 mph. Pinpointed Eastern side of Penhoet basin, had a Gee fix over target, and sighted on marker flares. Saw flak and searchlights noticed. Saw two phenomena - big red explosions giving off streams of white light over the target, leaving large black puff of smoke in sky. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III "B" BK-668	Sgt. Pearce, G.R. Sgt. Ellis, W.F. Sgt. Madill, G. Sgt. Randall, W.J. Sgt. Robson, H.L. Sgt. Mallin, R.O.	do.	1756	0053	Bombed at 2122 hrs., from 15,500 ft., heading 160° (M), I.A.S. 150 mph. Got a Gee fix 3 miles North of target and pinpointed on coastline. Saw moderate flak and F.P.F. flares. Returned to Topcliffe.	