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FOR THE MONTH OF April 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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4th/5th April 1943	Wellington I HR.505	S/L P.H. Davison. Sgt. Howe H.H.F. Sgt. Kelly R.L. P/O Ref. Giffen. Sgt. Reynolds A.J.A. P/O B.M. Fitzgerald.	Kiel.	20.35	03.12	Bombed at 23.22 hrs. from 11,500 ft. heading 225(0) I.A.S. 150 mph. 10/10 cloud with tops at 5,000 ft. Released bombs at point where green Target Indicator Flare went into cloud. Moderate heavy predicted flak in target area and on Kiel Canal. S/light activity was hampered by this cloud. Groove out reported in leading-edge of port wing due to running in to a balloon-cable, cable-cutting cartridges fired, over target area. Twentyfive miles south west of target while at 11,000 ft. an aircraft opened fire with forward guns at short range at another a/c which fell into cloud in flames. The attacking a/c flashed two red lights and then was lost to view. At 23.33 hrs. reported an a/c with one red light in nose came up on starboard quarter, then disappeared, no attack. At 23.59 hrs. saw a tri-engine enemy a/c with twin tails, which came up close on port bow. Our a/c did a steep diving turn to port and lost the other machine. Returned to Thornaby.	
	Wellington III "B" HR.728	Sgt. Harris W.C. Sgt. Sutton H.T. P/O Perry D. Sgt. Warren J.L. Sgt. White T.H.	Kiel.	20.28	03.12	Under similar conditions to those already reported this aircraft bombed at 23.27 hours from 16,000 ft. heading 030(0) I.A.S. 170 mph. Reported red glow reflected on cloud after bombing. At 23.50 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. a Wellington 600 yds behind this a/c was seen to explode in mid-air, and fall through the cloud in flames. This aircraft also landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington I S HR.754	Sgt. Fry K.D. Sgt. McCosker P.H. P/O Williams J.O. Sgt. Foster W. Sgt. Mitchell J.J.	Kiel.	20.32	03.24	Under similar conditions to those already reported this aircraft bombed at 23.07 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 180(0) I.A.S. 161 mph. Reported four "score-over" flares over target area. Also landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington X T HR.174	Sgt. Hatch A.L. P/O R. Baumgartner. Sgt. Raymond D.H. Sgt. Leven W. Sgt. Kilbuck G.C.	Kiel.	20.34	03.16	Under similar conditions to those already reported this a/c bombed at 23.37 hrs. from 14,500 ft. heading 047(0) I.A.S. 155 mph. At 23.48 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. an unidentified enemy a/c with a red light in its nose passed behind our machine from starboard to port, and disappeared. Aircraft landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington XII W. HR.154	Sgt. Pearce G.R. Sgt. Miles V.Y. P/O G. Maddin. Sgt. Randall W.J. Sgt. Robson H.L.	Kiel.	20.27	03.37	(4,000 lb) Similar conditions to those already reported a/c bombed at 23.17 hrs. from 14,500 ft. heading 180(0) I.A.S. 180 mph. Landed at Thornaby.	

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14th/5th April 1943	Wellington III J. X. 3590	P/O W.H. Suggitt P/O R.A. Westall P/O G.H. Carter P/O W.F.D. Brown Sgt. Whithead A.	Kiel.	20.25	03.07	(1,000 lb) Bombed at 23.15 hrs. from 15,000 ft. Heading 178(0) I.A.S. 150 mph under similar conditions to those already reported. At 23.25 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. in target area he saw an M.S.110 with an amber light in nose. Rear gunner fired two bursts as it came in dead astern, and it turned to port and disappeared. Reported two "near-overs" flares over target. A/c also returned to Thornaby.	
	Wellington III D. M. 337	Sgt. Furlonger R.A. Sgt. Collier W. P/O G. H. Williams Sgt. Cornett E.P. Sgt. Balcer G.H.	Kiel.	20.29	02.49	Under similar conditions to those already reported. This a/c bombed at 23.14 hrs. from 12,000 ft. Heading 210(0) I.A.S. 160 mph. At 23.24 hrs. sighted on red target Indicator flares dropped by P.F.F. from a height of 15,000 ft. over target area. Reported an a/c going down in flames. Landed at Thornaby also.	
	Wellington III V. IP. 668	Sgt. Whitfield G. P/O R.J.L. Forder P/O W.H. Dunsilly Sgt. Corvan G. Sgt. Kibber M.P.	Kiel.	20.26	03.40	Under similar conditions as already reported a/c bombed at 23.25 hrs. from 15,000 ft. Heading 178(0) I.A.S. 150 mph. Sighted on red and green concentration of target Indicator flares dropped by P.F.F. Landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington I F. IR. 176	Sgt. O'Connell M. Sgt. Goralick A. Sgt. Spenser M.P. Sgt. Evans M. P/O R.J. Andrews	Kiel.	20.36	03.22	Under similar conditions to those already reported this a/c bombed at 23.17 hrs. from 15,000 ft. Heading 160(0) I.A.S. 155 mph. Sighted on red T.I. Flares dropped by P.F.F. At 23.24 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. a single engine enemy a/c (believed M.S.109) came in on port quarter from above, and opened fire from approx. 3,000 yds. Our a/c made a steep diving turn to port and rear-gunner opened fire. Many a/c burst into flames and fell into clouds. Crew claim one enemy a/c destroyed. A/c Landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington III B. M. 564	P/L D.S. Morgan P/O P.H. Macbain Sgt. O'Leary J.P. Sgt. O'Neil B.L. Sgt. Holmes J.M.	Kiel.	20.31	02.35	Under similar conditions to those already reported, this a/c bombed at 23.11 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 214(0) I.A.S. 150 mph. Sighted on green T.I. Flares dropped by P.F.F. At 23.04 hrs. over target from a height of 15,000 ft. reported an explosion ahead. Green and white flares burst from an a/c which was seen to spiral down into the clouds. A/c landed at Thornaby.	
	Wellington III I. IP. 635	P/O R.M. Busham P/O R.F. Bellin Sgt. Cox A.G. Sgt. Fraser J.H. Sgt. Christie D.H.	Kiel.	20.28	02.54	Carrying 4,000 lb bomb, released load at 23.17 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 162(0) I.A.S. 150 mph. Sighted on red T.I. flares dropped by P.F.F. Landed at Thornaby.	

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4th/5th April 1943	Wellington III G. HK.156	Sgt. Williamson L.R. P/O Watkins V.M. P/O Barnes H.R. Sgt. Rowley J. Sgt. Bertrand J.	Kiel.	20.26	02.45	Bombed at 23.10 hrs. from 16,000 ft. heading 171(10) I.L.L. 180 mph. under similar conditions to those already reported. Released bombs at point where green P.V. flare was seen to go into cloud. At 23.33 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. saw an unidentified enemy a/c with a white light in nose. It was seen astern, but immediately disappeared. Returned to base.	
	Wellington X G. HK.177	Sgt. Brown D.J. Sgt. Bennett H.A. Sgt. Brown P. Sgt. Bryant A.R. Sgt. Malvern G.R.	Kiel.	20.33	21.20	Returned early owing to starboard engine rev. Indicator and constant speed unit being u/a. Landed at Halton with full bomb-load.	
	Wellington III G. HK.432	P/O H.G. Tighe. P/O H.G. Irwin. Sgt. Rosewar K.W. Sgt. Hooley W.D. Sgt. Ryan L.H.	Kiel.	20.30	Did not return	Nothing more was heard from this aircraft after time of take-off.	
	Wellington I Y HK.239	P/O P.W. Manning. Sgt. P/O J.D. Macdonald. Sgt. Brown W.D. Sgt. Macdonald G.G. Sgt. Mackay G.C.	Kiel.	20.34	02.40	This aircraft released its bomb-load under conditions as reported above. The crew reports 10/10ths cloud with tops at 7,000 ft. over the target area. The bombs were aimed on P.P.P. markers but no results could be observed. This aircraft returned to Halton-15-George.	
	Wellington III K HK.727	P/O D.H. Thompson. P/O A.P. Boston. Sgt. Hart G.C. Sgt. Chivers E.G. Sgt. O'Hara G.C.	Kiel.	20.36	02.46	With weather conditions as already reported this aircraft aimed on P.P.P. Green R.I. markers. Results of bombing could not be observed through the clouds but a red glow was seen.	

  
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(7921) Wt. 205-44 6,000 lbs. T.O. 750

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8th/9th April 1943.	Wellington X E. IM-174	Sgt. Whitfield C. P/O R.F.L. Fowler. P.O. W.A. Donnelly. Sgt. Garton G. Sgt. Kimber M.F.	Duisberg.	21.27	00.07	This aircraft returned early to Dalton, owing to the failure of the INTERCOM, in the rear-curve which effected that of the whole machine, and made intercommunication between the crew impossible. Two 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned over the North Sea on the return journey, and the remaining bomb load was brought back to base.	
	Wellington III Q. BK-156	Sgt. Sylvester T.V. Sgt. Bell R.H. Sgt. Crighton-Kelly Sgt. Ross T.H. P/S Smith R.G.	Duisberg.	21.34	03.23	Bombed at 23.33 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. Heading 195(H) I.A.S. 160 mph. The target was reported obscured by cloud 2/10-10/10 with tops up to 18,000 ft. and base 12,000 ft. No sighting on films seen in the target area, and bombed one of them. No P.P.F. marker flares were reported and weather conditions over the target made accurate bombing impossible. Heavy predicted flak was encountered but was reported as not so considerable as on previous raids. Smoke-screens were observed North and South of the target area, and along the line of the river Ruhr. This a/c was practically the last of that wave over the target. Returned to Dalton.	
	Wellington III. I. IM-635.	P/O R.M. Busham. P/O H.V. Rodin. P/O G.C. Fletcher. Sgt. J.D. Fraser. Sgt. Whitehead.	Duisberg.	21.22	Did not return.	Carried 4,000 lb bomb. Nothing was heard of this aircraft after take-off.	
	Wellington III D. BK-157.	Sgt. Burdman R.A. Sgt. Collier W. P/O G. Hincham. Sgt. Gerratt K.F. Sgt. Baloor G.H.	Duisberg.	21.23	01.09	This aircraft turned back near the Dutch coast owing to experiencing severe conditions of icing, which reduced the I.A.S. to 110 mph. at 15,500 ft. using "B" blower. Two 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned over the North Sea on the return journey. Returned to Dalton, with remainder of bomb-load.	
	Wellington I E. IM-176.	Sgt. Harris W.G. Sgt. Sutton R.E. P/O Perry D. Sgt. Warren J.H. Sgt. White T.H.	Duisberg.	21.23	02.55	Under cloud as previously described, this a/c bombed at 23.38 hrs. from 15,500 ft. Heading 205(H) I.A.S. 160 mph. Sighted a glow under the clouds and bombed it. The weather was reported as bad. No P.P.F. marker flares were seen, and the ground in Germany was not seen at any time. Very little flak was encountered, but some flashes were observed under the clouds. The glow of many a/lights was seen reflected on these clouds. Returned to Topcliffe.	
	Wellington III D. IM-728	Sgt. Rodcliffe K.H. Sgt. Hanson W. Sgt. Agate J.B. Sgt. Jones P.W. Sgt. Smith-Jones H.	Duisberg.	21.24	02.18	Under cloud conditions as previously described a/c bombed at 23.21 hrs. from 14,500 ft. Heading 175(H) I.A.S. 165 mph. No P.P.F. marker flares were seen, as bombed on 2/10. A glow reflected on clouds by a/lights. Results of bombing unobserved. This a/c encountered heavy predicted flak over the target, and was hit. Fourteen flak holes were counted, including one in the port wing fuel-tank. The trip was reported as disappointing as far as weather conditions were concerned. Returned to Tangmere.	

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8th/9th April 1943	Wellington I T- III-239e	Sgt. Williamson L.F. P/S Watkins W.M. P/S Parker H.B. Sgt. Fowler J. Sgt. Bernard L.	Duisberg.	21.26	02.45	Under cloud conditions as before w/o bombed at 23.20 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 250(M) I.A.S. 400 mph. Target was identified by reflections of fires on clouds. No visual ground detail could be seen, and no P.A.R. marker fires either. Results of bombing unknown. This aircraft encountered intensely accurate heavy flak, and four miles North of Duisberg on the way in to the target, was severely damaged by a shell which completely blew off the rear turret and fuselage. In spite of the fact that half the fuselage had been blown away, the hydraulic system was w/o so that the bomb doors failed to close, and the machine had no tail-armament, the crew carried on and bombed the target. Returned to West Mallory.	
						<p style="text-align: center;">   Wing Commander, Commanding  No. 428 (RCAF) Squadron. </p>	

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10th/11th April 1943	Wellington X HR.176	Sgt. Harris W.S. Sgt. Sutton S.T. P/O D. Perry Sgt. Warren J.H. Sgt. White T.H.	Frankfurt	23.08	03.12	This aircraft had to abandon its task owing to the captain being sick. They turned back near the French coast, and the bomb-aimer took over the controls and brought the machine back to base, with full bomb-load.	
	Wellington X G. HR.177	Sgt. Sheave D.L. Sgt. Bernard W.C. Sgt. Brown F. Sgt. Bryant A.H. Sgt. McLaren G.H.	Frankfurt	23.09	03.16	This a/c also abandoned its trip owing to the constant speed unit in the starboard motor falling. One 1,000 lb. and three 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned near the sea as instructed. Heavy predelayed flash was reported by crew when they reached within five miles of Genesee at a height of 10,000 ft. from which point they returned to D.11th.	
	Wellington III D. HR.543	Sgt. Parkinson R.A. P/O G.S. MacCallough Sgt. Collier W. P/O G. Mackinn Sgt. Stewart L.F. Sgt. Pollock G.H.	Frankfurt	23.10	06.27	Bombed at 02.40 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. Heading 001(H) I.L.S. 160 mph. There was 10/10 cloud reported up to 6,000 ft. but clear above. Sighted on Green and red target marker flares dropped by P.F.F. as they went off in cloud. Intensive glow was seen beneath cloud after bombing. Precision would have been more satisfactory if sky-marker flares had been dropped by P.F.F. instead of circumnavigator. Moderate sporadic heavy flash was reported over target area, increasing in intensity as aircraft left after bombing. Returned to West Mallory.	
	Wellington III N. HR.750	Sgt. Chaplin M. Sgt. Gerroll A. Sgt. Spenser M.F. Sgt. Evans M. P/O S.S. Anderson	Frankfurt	23.14	06.04	Under similar conditions of sea cloud as previously mentioned up to 7,500 ft., a/c bombed at 02.38 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 036(H) I.L.S. 160 mph. Sighted on green marker flares just above cloud, and noticed red glow reflected on cloud just below, and possibly seen in target area. Flash was encountered - heavy, predelayed, but in no great quantity. Returned to West Mallory.	
	Wellington III V. HR.367	P.O. A. Harrison Sgt. Bush R.H. Sgt. Brown J.H. Sgt. Fyfe E.F. Sgt. Hamilton L.V.	Frankfurt	23.06	06.36	Under cloud conditions as before bombed at 02.35 hrs. from 15,000 ft. heading 063(H) I.L.S. 160 mph. Bombed on red flares as they went into top of cloud layer, and saw green flares burning inside this cloud. Intensive glow was seen through cloud after bombing, and the yellow ground marker flares dropped at the first burning point had started a large fire on the ground. Extremely accurate heavy predelayed flash was encountered, fired through the cloud up to 15,000 ft. Returned to West Mallory.	

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10th/11th April 1945	Wellington X No. 174	Sgt. Whitfield G. P/O R. J. L. Emden P/O W. A. Donnelly Sgt. Gordon G. Sgt. Elmer H. P.	Frankfurt.	23.07	06.20	Bombed at 02.46 hrs. from 13,200 ft. heading 054(M) I.A.S. 164 mph. No target indicator flashes were observed over the target area, so bombed red glow through cloud on 54.1.2. Crew did not think operation was a success owing to lack of 3rd marker flares over target, thus causing bombing to be scattered. Fairly heavy accurate flak was reported over the target, although the outward and homeward tracks were fairly quiet. Fifteen minutes before reaching target tracer was seen to enter an aircraft, which was seen to fall in flames. Returned to DRAKE HALLING.	
	Wellington III No. 239	P/O F. R. Knapp Sgt. Magnusson H. A. Sgt. Bartholden S. P/O Mitchell R. A. P/O Milford J. G.	Frankfurt.	23.11	07.54	Under conditions of cloud as before bombed at 02.30 hrs. from a height of 14,000 ft. heading 030(M) I.A.S. 160 mph. No target indicator flashes were seen, so bombed on R.T.A. from last track earlier flares. Red glow reported as seen. Red flashes were observed in the target area, but not many flares. Flare for twenty minutes over target trying to locate target ind. flares without success. Said reported as very unsuccessful from P.P.F. standpoint. Fairly intense heavy flak encountered in target area, and at 02.32 hrs. from a height of 14,000 ft. = 15 miles South West of Frankfurt an aircraft was seen to drop a green flare after being caught in flak. It caught fire, and fell with smoke pouring out of it - subsequent flash seen through cloud. Aircraft was not positively identified, but thought to be a Mustang. Returned to Dalton.	
	Wellington X No. 365	Sgt. Sylvester T. V. Sgt. Bell R. H. Sgt. Oredigion Kelly Sgt. Ross Eric P/O Smith R. G.	Frankfurt.	23.05	06.35	Under cloud conditions as before a/c bombed at 02.31 hrs. from 14,000 ft. heading 040(M) I.A.S. 162 mph. Bombed a red glow in cloud after flying round for fifteen minutes waiting for target ind. flares to be dropped by P.P.F. A few explosions and a red glow were reported in target area. Results doubtful owing to lack of target marker flares. At 03.17 hrs. from height of 13,000 ft. a twin-engine heavy fighter was seen remaining on a Wellington from astern. No tracer fire was seen, and fighter had a red light forward and a green light aft. Returned to West Halling.	
	Wellington III No. 156	Sgt. Hatch A. B. P/O R. Baumgarten Sgt. Harwood J. R. Sgt. Lewis S. Sgt. Hillier G. J.	Frankfurt.	23.02	06.45	Under similar cloud conditions as before a/c bombed at 02.53 hrs. from 13,500 ft. heading 24(M) I.A.S. 160 mph. No target indicator flashes seen, so bombed red glow through cloud, after flying round for ten minutes waiting for flares. Still red glow seen in target area, and explosions of one or two photoflashes observed. Results of bombing doubtful, as no target ind. flares present. Flak in target area looked like a barrage, fairly accurate and heavy. Returned to Bradwell.	

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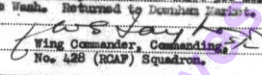
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10th/11th April 1943	Wellington X S. HS.751.	W/L D.S. Morgan. W/O L.M. Clark. W/O P.H. Mitchell. Sgt. O'Leary J.V. Sgt. Gillis B.L. Sgt. Nelson J.M.	Frankfurt.	23.06	06.25.	Under cloud conditions as before a/c bashed at 01.47 hrs. from 14,000 ft. heading 036(4) I.A.S. 163 mph. No target. Marker flares seen, so bombed red and green glow in clouds. Slight glow reported in cloud while leaving target area. Crew reported that the use of Sky Marker flares by P.F.V. would probably have a success of this operation. Slight heavy predicted flak reported. Returned to base balling.	
	Wellington III X. HS.727	W/O D.H. Thompson. W/O A.T. Benson. Sgt. Hart G.C. Sgt. Chilvers F.B. Sgt. O'Hara G.C.	Frankfurt.	23.12	01.34.	Turned back before reaching English coast owing to a complete electrical failure throughout his machine. Jettisoned one 1,000 lb. and three 500 lb. bombs "late" in the bomb. Returned to Dunsford Park.	
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14th/15th April 1945	Wellington III N. No. 365	145632 Sgt. WHELFIELD 2/0 R. J. L. POWERS (J. 22529) 2/0 W. J. DOUGLAS (129159) 113458 Sgt. GORTCH C 108950 Sgt. KEMER M	REUTERS	21.11	00.27	Abandoned task at 22.16 hrs. when half-way across English Channel owing to the failure of the intercommunication between the Pilot and the Rear-gunner. Returned to Watton with entire bomb-load.	
	WELLINGTON I G. No. 156	1125614 Sgt. HANNA A. S. (J. 14523) 1127914 Sgt. HOSWOOD D. 1077734 Sgt. LAWSON W. 1125587 1145704 Sgt. HILTON C. G.	REUTERS	21.08	03.22	Abandoned task at 23.30 hours when rearing the German border in Occupied France owing to the failure of the intercommunication between the Pilot and the Rear-gunner. Returned to Watton with entire bomb-load.	
	WELLINGTON I G. No. 177	2/0 W. R. SHOOT (J. 45831) 2/0 R. A. ... (J. 16966) 2/0 G. H. ... (J. 16030) 2/0 W. H. ... (J. 16079) 2/0 W. F. VINEY (J. 11525)	REUTERS	21.16	06.57	Bombed at 01.02 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 200 (H) I.A.S. 150 mph. Visibility over the target was good, in spite of slight haze. No anti-aircraft fire was seen, then green ground search flares as dragged by P.F.P. Reported one large fire, but several smaller ones burning as they left the target. Encountered very dense heavy flak consisting of 20 small holes in aircraft, at height of 11,500 ft. - at 00.50 hours. Returned to Watton.	
	WELLINGTON I V. No. 150	1125572 Sgt. A. HARRISON 114456 Sgt. WREN H. J. 1127163 Sgt. JOHNSON S. 115000 Sgt. GORTCH C. J.	REUTERS	21.10	04.30	Bombed at 01.10 hours from a height of 15,500 ft. heading 200 (H) I.A.S. 160 mph. Visibility fair, again as cloud. Target was identified by red, and white flares dropped by P.F.P. Sighted on green ground search flares. Then 30 holes from target area, glow from large fire still visible. Slight searchlight activity and considerable amount of heavy predicted flak - especially at low levels. Reported heavy 15 miles North of Bar-le-Duc. Returned to Watton.	
	WELLINGTON I G. No. 751	1126254 Sgt. FOX K. D. 1157630 Sgt. MCGONNAN P. S. 2/0 J. G. WILLIAMS (J. 12969) 120482 Sgt. FOOTEN W. 1124709 Sgt. BRUCE J. J.	REUTERS	21.09	05.09	Bombed at 01.20 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 150 (H) I.A.S. 161 mph. Exceptional visibility over target, no clouds sighted on green search flares as before, and no target burning well after bombing. Heavy predicted flak as previously reported, which holed part main fuel tank, and made a few other small holes in the machine, caught by one searchlight over target, which went out, then 6/7 others came onto aircraft, and considerable quantities of light flak made things rather unpleasant for some time. Encountered heavy flak from eight batteries of guns at Bar-le-Duc. Returned to Watton.	

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14th/15th April 1963	BELLINGHAM X B. No. 556	1107159 SGT. SILVERSTEIN V.T. 1107044 P/O BAZZES R.H. SERVICEMAN. 1136527 SGT. POHLE P. 1134126 SGT. CHINGWONG KELLY 1107160 SGT. BOHR T.J. 1171401 P/O BAZZES R.H.	V.T.	21.28	21.31	Under similar conditions as already reported this aircraft bombed at 01:19 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 205(M) I.A.S. 151 mph. Target visually identified by identification lights. Bombs sighted on green marker flares as before. Reported large quantity of black smoke coming up from firms in target area. At 02:53 hours at a height of 10,000 ft. 10 miles south of Huesan, one unidentified twin-engine fighter followed out engine - swinging from port bow to starboard beam and back. No attack. Took slight evasive action, enemy aircraft disappeared. This enemy aircraft had red light in nose, which went on and off twice, also a green light aft. Returned to Watt's Halling.	
	BELLINGHAM X B. No. 475	1114256 SGT. HANKE V.H. SERVICEMAN. 1102759 SGT. HANKE R.H. P/O D. PERRY (J.16830) 1107230 SGT. HANKE J.H. 1100561 SGT. HANKE T.H.	SERVICEMAN.	21.14	Did not return.	Nothing further was heard of this aircraft after take-off.	
	BELLINGHAM X B. No. 727	1105665 SGT. PERPER V.H. SERVICEMAN. 1115073 SGT. BAZZES T.G. 1107768 SGT. BAZZES R.H. 1130022 SGT. HIGGS K.C. 1102158 SGT. HANKE R.H.	SERVICEMAN.	21.17	01.28	Under similar conditions as already reported this aircraft bombed at 00:57 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 170(M) I.A.S. 170 mph. Sighted on green marker indicator flares as before. Concentration of small flares around target markers. One in rear-target more unrecognizable before leaving base, but carried on to target. Slight light flash over target. No searchlights. Heavy fires observed Northwest and North of target. Returned to Watt's.	
	BELLINGHAM X B. No. 728	1110160 SGT. HANKE V.H. SERVICEMAN. 1112011 SGT. HANKE R.H. 1121138 SGT. BAZZES T.G. 1120672 SGT. HANKE J.H. 1107954 SGT. HANKE R.H.	SERVICEMAN.	21.13	01.20	Under similar conditions as already reported, this aircraft bombed at 01:03 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 182(M) I.A.S. 163 mph. Sighted on green marker flares as before. Bombs and light flash (tracer) over target. No searchlights but a few on approach about 30 miles away. Returned to Watt's.	
						<p><i>[Signature]</i> Wing Commander, Commanding No. 428 (BMAP) Squadron.</p>	

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Night 16/17th	Wellington X "Y" HK.911	W/13540 SGT. SHEDDEN, D.L. W/14199 SGT. BURGARD, W.V. W/18671 SGT. BURGESS, F. W/17854 SGT. BRYANT, A.E. W/13267 SGT. McLAUGH, G.	MAINDEREN	2115	2303	This aircraft abandoned its task at 2223 hours when at a point 8 miles S.W. of GLACON and because of an over-heated port engine landed with full bomb-load at BRISFORD.	
	Wellington X "X" BK.156	W/38691 SGT. PECK, R.C. W/76430 SGT. MCGOWRAN, R.J. W/O J.G. WILLIAMS (JL2969) W/30642 SGT. POSTON, W. W/21705 SGT. MERRILL, J.J.	do.	2106	2137	Task was abandoned by this aircraft just after take-off. The bomb load was jettisoned 'safe' near Cold Kirby and the aircraft returned to Dalton with one engine unserviceable.	
	Wellington X "K" HK.727	W/7734 W.O. D.N. THOMPSON W/O A.P. BRACKON (J.1584) W/11333 SGT. HART, G.G. W/76367 SGT. GILLMAN, R.B. W/10283 SGT. O'HARA, G.B.	do.	2114	0102	Due to a sudden drop of boost pressure in both engines this aircraft abandoned its task at 2250 hours and turned back when half way across the NORTH SEA. Five minutes later, at an altitude of 10,000 feet, this aircraft encountered an unidentified enemy aircraft, showing a red light in the nose and a green light aft. When the enemy aircraft was sighted at five hundred yards range on the starboard beam, the Wellington took evasive action and saw the German aircraft burn off its lights and then turn to port in readiness for an attack. The enemy then made a sharp turn to starboard and appeared on the port bow with its lights on. It then disappeared and our aircraft returned to DALTON with all its bomb-load.	
	Wellington X "M" HK.174	W/75678 W.O. J. HARRISON W/11498 SGT. BURN, N.M. W/20967 SGT. BROOK, J.H. W/71025 SGT. FREEMAN, R.P. W/17083 SGT. JACKSON, F.	do.	2109	0021	Owing to illness of the Wireless Operator air Gunner in this crew, the Captain decided to abandon his task at 2245 hours when just passed the English Coast. This aircraft returned to DALTON with all its bombs.	
	Wellington X "N" HK.365	W/56432 SGT. WHELFIELD, D. W/O R.J.L. BOLGER (J22528) W/O W.A. DUNSTON (J22959) W/34569 SGT. GOSFORD, G. W/39960 SGT. KIMBER, M.F.	do.	2108	0438	Bombed at 0106 hours from a height of 13,000 feet, heading 360 (W). Indicated Air Speed 161 miles per hour. Although there was no cloud the target was slightly obscured by haze but was visually identified by pin-pointing the RIVER BRIDGE. Over the target the bomber was held in the beam of a searchlight and at the approach of an enemy fighter, the bomb-load was released hurriedly. The bombs were seen to burst in the target area. A large dummy fire was seen 25 miles west of SAARBUCKEN and the aircraft returned to WIMB.	
	Wellington X "V" BK.154	W/07663 SGT. WILLIAMSON, L. W/28787 P.O. WATKINS, W.M. W/00022 P.O. PARSONS, R.B. W/30562 SGT. POWLEY, J. W/26600 SGT. NORTH, G.J.	do.	2111	0417	Under similar conditions to those already reported this aircraft sighted on Pathfinder Force flares. Several fires were seen in the target area after the bombs were released. Also, slight searchlight activity was reported with slight incense light and heavy flak. This aircraft also noted a dummy fire near SAARBUCKEN. A landing was made at WIMB.	

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Night 16/17th	Wellington X "G" HS. 317	S/L. P.M. BOWEN (89595) P/O. G.W. PAINSON (21256) 142777 SGT. ROSE, H.E.L. P/O. R.J. GRITTY (129661) 119437 SGT. BROWN, A. P/O. D.M. FITZGERALD (J. 1973)	MANDEKIN	2107	0500	This aircraft identified the target visually, pin-pointed on the ELLEN RIVER and two green marker flares dropped by the Pathfinder Force. Bombs were released under conditions as already reported and the bursts were noticed one half mile south on the aiming point. On two occasions on the outward journey two enemy aircraft followed our bomber but no combat took place. Over the target area this aircraft was held in a cone of searchlights for two minutes and in getting out lost 4,000 feet in height. Landed at WING.	
	Wellington X "B" HS. 328	R/32160 SGT. RADCLIFFE, E. R/12611 SGT. MANNING, J. R/21309 SGT. ADAMS, J.L. 1250272 SGT. HIGHTON, P.B. R/07961 SGT. SMITH, JAMES, H.	do.	2113	0412	Conditions were the same as above when this aircraft bombed the target at 0104 hours. Fires were seen after bombing and a Wellington aircraft was seen to be shot down over the target area and to explode on hitting the ground. A heavy fire was reported fifteen miles south east of DICKSONS. This aircraft returned to WING.	
	Wellington X "C" HS. 318	1300186 SGT. PARKINSON, R.A. 1300013 SGT. COLLIER, J. P/O G. BRADKINS (126748) 1350154 SGT. GARDNER, B. R/32556 SGT. BALDWIN, C.B. R/24234 P.B. MERTON, C.B.	do.	2118	0440	This aircraft bombed at 0100 hours from 13,000 feet, sighted on green P.E.F. marker flares and saw numerous small fires starting after bombing. Moderate, fairly accurate heavy flak co-operating with searchlights was reported in the target area. One unidentified aircraft was seen to be shot down by flak over the target area and at 0117 hours when twenty miles north east of DARRSDUCKEN another aircraft was seen to be hit by flak, it jettisoned its bombs, went down in flames and exploded on hitting the ground. Our aircraft returned to WING.	
	Wellington X "A" HS. 750	R/20614 SGT. HATCH, A.A. P/L R. BAUMANN (124523) R/47684 SGT. HORSFORD, P.B. 1477723 SGT. LEWIS, W. R/45781 SGT. HILKOTH, G.G.	do.	2110	0430	This aircraft identified the target by the same means and bombed under similar conditions to those reported above. An electrical failure in the rear turret rendered it unusable. Landed at WING.	
	Wellington X "O" Z. 1718	P/L D.S. MORGAN (J. 8213) P/O F. HUNTER (J. 1226) R/14699 SGT. O'LEARY, J.P. R/10455 SGT. GILLIS, H.L. R/24641 SGT. REAGAN, J.H.	do.	2105	0506	This aircraft sighted on a mean point of green P.E.F. marker flares and reports seeing three separate fires in the target area. Flak was encountered as reported by other crews. Due to faulty leads and hydraulic trouble the rear turret of this aircraft was also rendered unusable.	
	Wellington X "L" HS. 239	P/O. F. BROWN (J. 17937) R/10374 SGT. MARRISON, P.L. R/10248 SGT. BARRON, G. R/2996 P.S. BIRNOLLS, R.A. R/102676 P.S. PILLGOLD, J.C.	do.	2112	0410	The conditions under which this aircraft bombed were the same as reported by other crews. Two aircraft were seen in combat at 0140 hours near DARRSDUCKEN.	

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Night 26/27th	Wellington X "B" HS.728	R118160 SGT RADCLIFFE, K.N. DUISBERG R112611 SGT MARSON, H. R113507 SGT AGYER, J.G. R125072 SGT BERNARD, F.A.M. R107904 SGT SMITH-JONES, H.	do.	0013	0030	This aircraft abandoned task at 0116 hours owing to W/T receiver and Transmitter going w/s Landed with bombs at BULTON.	
	Wellington X "C" HS.916	P/O W.G. Weeks (115549) P/O W.D. ROBERTSON (110178) P/O W.F. STEWART (116779) P/O J.R. COOPER (111111) P/O H.H. WARD (111111)	do.	0018	0641	Aircraft identified target by red and green flares and bombed in good visibility - On leaving the target a mass of small fires was noticed. This aircraft was caught in a cone of searchlights both in leaving and approaching the target area.	
	Wellington X "B" HS.424	R106888 SGT F. BURNETT, J.A. P/O R.P. BILLYON (110712) R108350 SGT BERNARD, J.H. 755176 P.O. SMITH, D.C. R106411 SGT GYFFRYS, J.G.	do.	0024	0550	Identified target by P.P.E. ground markers both green and red. Bombed with red target indicators in bomb sight. On leaving target many bomb flashes were observed and large fires seen. Enemy aircraft encountered but it did not open fire. RETURNED TO WING.	
	Wellington X "L" HS.239	R17867 P/O BIRD, H.A. R17862 SGT BATES, L.S. P/O J.J. MCNAMIN (121720) R126682 SGT GRABER, G.S. R139442 SGT KING, W.S.	do.	0011	0451	In good visibility with no cloud this aircraft identified the target by red and green P.P.E. markers. Bombs were released with red target indicators in the bomb sight and the bombs were seen to burst. A solid concentration of fire was observed on leaving the target area and this could be seen for seventy miles on the way home. Light and heavy flak was encountered over the target area which was mainly accurately predicted. Our aircraft was damaged by flak and on arrival at Haywick one hole in the port wing and petrol tank was found and six holes in port side between the beam guns and rear turret and one hole in top of tail plane. All were very small but caused such damage that the pilot jettisoned 6 H.H.C. containers to lighten the aircraft in preparation for ditching. However, ditching was not carried out and the aircraft landed at HAYWICK.	
	Wellington X "K" HS.727	R11424 P/O BURNETT, R.B. R119839 SGT CARTER, G.C. R113131 SGT WHITE, J. R114173 SGT HODDINOTT, H. R113359 SGT STEINHAUER, J.S.A.	do.	0032	0546	This aircraft bombed from 12,000 feet at 0235 hours under conditions similar to those reported above. A small decoy fire was sighted six to eight miles west of the target. Five minutes after bombing an unidentified enemy aircraft passed under our bombers, but no combat took place. One unidentified aircraft was seen to drop into one of the fires in the target area and then explode. Aircraft "K" landed at HAYWICK.	
	Wellington X "J" HS.322	P/O H.R. SUGGITT (115131) P/O A.V. REILANDER (120359) P/O H.A. HUSTELL (11965) P/O G.M. CARTER (116830) P/O W.D. BROWN (119899) P/O F.H. VINEY (11355)	do.			The conditions under which this aircraft bombed were very similar to those reported above. The time of bombing was 0232 hours and the altitude from which the bombs were released was 16,000 feet. A small circle of red Pathfinder flare flashes was in the bomb sight when the bombs were dropped. The pilot reported that this appeared to be a very concentrated attack.	

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	Wellington X "N" LN.481	P/O P.W. HARTING (139637) S/O J.B. HARRISON, D.W. (R120884) R12174 S/O HARRIS (R16772) P/O G.C. ENGLAND (J16777) R129636 S/O MORAY, G.C.	BOMBARD	0017	0538	The target was bombed by this aircraft at 0222 hours, air speed was 161 miles per hour and the altitude 15,500 feet. Weather was fairly clear over the target with good visibility. The target was identified by red marker flares and bombs were released when marker flares were held in the bomb sight. After bombing a number of large flashes were seen and on leaving the target area a number of small fires were seen burning. Heavy intense flak and many searchlights were encountered over the target area. On the homeward journey a large fire was seen on the waters edge at Amsterdam.	
	Wellington X "R" HE.750	1306991 S/O P.W. HARRISON, D.W. (R120884) P/O J.C. WILLIAMS (J129699) R120882 S/O POSTON, J. R123705 S/O MURKILL, J.J.	do.	0015	0559	The report of the crew of this aircraft contains much the same information as was given by the other crews. At 0315 hours, on the homeward journey, this crew also reports seeing a fire in the direction of AMSTERDAM.	
	Wellington X "S" HE.174	1156432 S/O WHITFIELD, G. P/O W.J.L. POWELL (J129699) P/O W.A. DENNISON (139159) R123662 S/O GIBSON, J. R129660 S/O KIMBER, M.P.	do.	0022	0629	This aircraft identified the target by red and green P.P.P. markers and used the markers as a sight on which to bomb. Numerous fires were observed in the target area although there was considerable smoke when this aircraft made its run over the target at 0239 hours. Intense heavy flak with many searchlights was encountered over the target.	
	Wellington X "V" HE.367	P/O G.H. FANSON (J21365) P/O D.H. ORR (J12181) R129608 S/O MURKILL, J.J. R122571 S/O HARRIS, J.H. R126475 S/O LEIGHORN, J.H.	do.	0031	0537	Bombed target at 0235 hours, altitude 15,000 feet, bearing 190°. Visibility was fair with no clouds. Target was identified by red T.I. markers, also the river was seen after bombing. Markers were in bomb sight when bombs were released. Fires were thought to be well concentrated in target area and explosions on the west bank of the river were observed. There was intense heavy flak to the north of the target area with two large cones of 30 searchlights.	
	Wellington "S" HE. 751	R101962 S/O KEAY, R.L. R116067 S/O LIVINGSTON, J. R123579 S/O DAVIES, H.G.A. R120342 S/O HARRIS, J.H. R116876 S/O GIBSON, R.E.H.	do.	0019	0617	This aircraft bombed under similar conditions as those reported above. The crew reports that flak and searchlight activity was encountered, and a very large pale orange explosion at about 4,000 feet, so bright that it illuminated about one square mile of ground detail for ten seconds after which it went out and nothing more was seen of it. The Captain of this aircraft reports that it appeared to be a very successful raid with fires well concentrated.	
	Wellington X "Y" HE.319	R107041 P/O HASTIE, J.H. R125738 S/O GRAY, H.S. R131729 S/O BRATTIN, D.H. R128130 S/O FULLERTON, L. R15113 S/O MITCHELL, J.W.	do.	0027	0219	This aircraft abandoned task at 0055 hours when the port engine became unserviceable. The aircraft turned back at GLENTHORPE and returned with complete bomb load.	

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Night 26/27th	Wellington X " " NR. 321	R12061A SGT HATCH, A.R. 1/O R. BAUMGARTER (R4521) R12731A SGT HIGWOOD, D.R. 1077231 SGT LEWIS, W. R145761 SGT HILLBERT, G.C.	DUISBERG	0028	0555	Identified target by red T.I. markers. Explosion and many fires were seen on leaving target. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green T.I. markers. Predicted heavy flak cooperating with searchlights was encountered. 35 miles N.W. target large dusky orange yellowish fire was observed.	
	Wellington X " " NR. 355	R123973 SGT COUTH, D.R. R123422 SGT SMITH, J.A. 1368118 SGT GIBB, F.H. 1150881 SGT STROCKM, D.E. R98354 SGT HENCKE, W.O.	do	0025		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft or its crew since take-off.  Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 428 (RCAF) Squadron.	
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Night 26/27th	Wellington X "G" HR.594	1316904 SGT ANDERSON, P.O. 1023934 P/O JONES, S. 1455843 SGT RICHARDS, E. 1079868 SGT BOWEN, P. 1311100 SGT KUCINSKY, P.O.	P.O. INDEPENDENT	0053	0625	These six aircraft and crew were attached to 428 Squadron from 424 (RCAF) Squadron and participated in this raid. VISIBILITY was good. AIRCRAFT "G" brought bombs back due to hang up 30 x 4lb. Incends. The crew in aircraft "H" noticed the glow from the fires 80 miles from the target. Aircraft "F" also brought bombs back due to hang up 30 x 4lb. Incends. All these aircraft encountered light flak approaching the target area but very heavy flak and searchlight beams were encountered on the return trip.	
	Wellington X "F" HR.899	1068397 P/O NICOLLE, S.J. P/O E.H. GARDNER (12950) 1575725 SGT ROLLISON, S.D. 1356406 SGT BISHOP, S. 1126403 SGT ROBERTS, W.R.	do	0016	0621		
	Wellington X "H" HR.705	177767 P/O LINDSEY, G.S. P/O W.R. MCGREGOR 1148252 SGT MCKELMINE, R.R. 1376402 SGT BISHOP, A.W. 1302456 SGT SMYTH, A.	do	0020	0505		
	Wellington X "O" HR.738	192080 P/O MAYNE, H.P. 127310 P/O MANSFIELD, R. P/O L.R. HUSSEIN (17800) 1332011 SGT WHITMAN, A.O. 1213831 SGT DUNNICK, H.	do	0029	0609		
	Wellington X "M" HR.885	190957 SGT MCMANUS, J.J.H. 127967 P/O W.H. PICKARD SGT 1103938 MCMANUS, T.F. 147255 SGT GARDNER, P. 1102082 SGT FERGUSON, L.A.	do	0014	0546		
	Wellington X "X" HR.689	P/O J. LAURO (12013) 1133346 SGT GARDNER, A.R. 1133571 SGT MCGREGOR, D.J. 1130474 SGT WILLIAMS, H.A.D. 191617 SGT KEAY, J.H.	do	0030	0603		

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Night 28/29th	Wellington X "G" HR.177	1106286 SGT. FERGUSON, J.A. 270 G.P. DILLON (110712) 1109350 SGT. EDWARDS, W.H. 751176 P.S. SMITH, P.O. 1106111 SGT. SYLVESTER, J.G.	"Gardening" "BSP" FRENCH ISLANDS	2058	0234	This aircraft planted its vegetables as ordered. There was no cloud and visibility was good. A pinpoint was made on the centre of SWIRKHOOG ISLE and made a run by dead reckoning to the target area. One parachute was seen to open.	
	Wellington X "Y" HR.319	175678 W.O. ALHANNING 1111198 SGT. BUSH, H.M. 1105697 SGT. BROOK, A.E. 1271015 SGT. FREEMAN, H.F. 115800 SGT. NORTH, G.E.	do.	2101	0212	By using the same method as aircraft "G", this crew found the garden and successfully planted its vegetables.	
	Wellington X "R" HR.730	1107129 SGT. SYLVESTER, V.T. 1130463 SGT. BISHOP, J.H. 1331196 SGT. CROFTON, G.H. 1471669 SGT. ROSE, T.H. 122401 P.S. SMITH, P.O.	do.	2102	0209	As above.	
	Wellington X "W" HR.917	1186951 SGT. FOX, R.O. 1376430 SGT. MCGOWAN, H.S. 1401111 SGT. WILLIAMS (112969) 1106842 SGT. FOSTON, W. 1121708 SGT. MERRILL, J.V.	do.	2100	0217	As above.	
	Wellington X "B" HR.726	1118160 SGT. BROADBENT, A.E. 1112611 SGT. MARCH, J. 1121309 SGT. ALLEN, V.E. 1450272 SGT. BISHOP, F.D. 1107964 SGT. SMITH-JONES, H.	do.	2057		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft or the crew since the time of take off.	
	Wellington X "M" HR.543	1100186 SGT. FARRISCH, R.A. 1100003 SGT. GORRIS, W. 270 G. BRADY (126715) 1100186 SGT. GIBSON, H.T. 1132556 Sgt. Beloez, G.H.	do.	2059		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft or the crew since the time of take off.	

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