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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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4/5th May 1943.	Wellington X A. HE. 656.	R17981 Sgt. Mann W.E. P.O. W.W. O'Brien (J.14520) P.O. L. Dingley (J.20822) R116758 Sgt. Kelly P.G. R91200 Sgt. Lundy E.S.	Dortmund	22.31	04.50	Aircraft attacked target primary at 01.35 hours. Bearing 180°M height 15,000 feet, & true air speed 178. Visibility was good and target identified by track indicator and T.I. flares were seen. Some fires burning and a very large explosion observed. At 00.40 hours 15,000 ft. over Texel, aircraft seen come by six searchlights, hit by flak and caught fire and soon to hit ground after which searchlight was doused. At 01.30 hours in target area at 15,000 ft. aircraft seen come by 12/14 searchlights, hit by flak, searchlight followed aircraft to the ground, where it burst into flames. The Captain reports moderate heavy and light flak in target area working with searchlights, about six large cones of searchlights. Dummy to N.W. of target was seen. Observed three times between English and Dutch coast orange red flares falling and hitting water, burning and falling much quicker than an ordinary parachute flare, aircraft then at 5,500 ft. Crew reports fairly successful operation but rather scattered.	
	Wellington X B. HE. 899.	R77867 P.S. Read H.A. R127853 Sgt. Babas L.S. J21720 P.O. J.J. MoQuade 4496620 Sgt. Grempton G.S. R105117 Sgt. Kerr W.S.	Dortmund.	22.30	03.32	Mission abandoned at 00.25 hours, position 51 32N 07 14E. at a height of 45,000 ft. Bomb jettisoned 3 x 500lb. 240 x 4lb. 30 x 4lb. "X" Type, 24 x 30lb. Incends, position 54 16N, 00 01W, at 02:07 hours height 6,000 ft. Navigational equipment failure. Pilot reports a disappointing trip.	
	Wellington X E. LN. 424	R106288 Sgt. Ferguson J.A. J10712 P.O. J.F. Tallman R109350 Sgt. Edwards J.H. 755176 P.S. Smith D.G. R108444 Sgt. Sylvester J.C.	Dortmund.	22.28	03.03	Mission abandoned at 00.42 hours position 53 08 07 10E. height 8,000 ft. Bomb jettisoned 1 x 4,000lb. 54 18N. 0350E. Aircraft could not obtain height 12,000-the max. height but normally could not get over 8,000, aircraft also would not maintain constant speed. Pilot reports very disappointing.	
	Wellington X I HE. 911	R117437 Sgt. Chepil M. R125291 Sgt. Garalick A. 1206167 Sgt. Spencer M.F. 1312502 Sgt. Evans K. J11390 P.O. E. J. Andrews.	Dortmund.	22.32	04.28	Bombed primary at 01.32 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. bearing 220°M 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good. Identified target by marker flares, and saw built up area. Bombed on red markers, but own bombs not seen to explode. Several bomb bursts seen in target and good fires burning. Moderate to heavy flak fired up searchlights beams was encountered. Searchlights extremely numerous, single and in groups. Three dummies in operation 5 miles N. of target, P.F.F. good. Pilot reports good trip.	
	Wellington X J HE. 322	J15549 F.O. W.G. Weeks R124099 Sgt. Fraser G.R. J10178 F.O. E.D. Robertson J16772 F.O. W.F. Stewart R90240 Sgt. Goodfellow J.R. J11399 F.O. H.B. Ward.	Dortmund.	22.29	04.00	Primary bombed at 01.09 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. bearing 180 T.A.S. Visibility good, no clouds. Target identified by marker flares and built up area. Red and green markers in bomb sight when attack was made. 4,000lb bomb seen to burst in built up area. Tremendous explosion lit up sky on aiming point. Many fires, one outstanding.	

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14/5th May 1943.	Wellington X J. HE, 322		Dortmund.			(Cont'd). and several bombs seen to explode North of target, fairly big fire 4 miles E of target. Single engine fighter seen over target, no attack. Intense heavy flak concentrating in cones of searchlights, 4 or 5 cones consisted of as many as 100 and many smaller cones. I.P.F. successful. Heavy, rectangular fire 6 miles N of target. Aircraft seen in flames, seen to hit ground and explode. One four engine aircraft seen to fall straight down for about 3,000 ft. and then lost sight of. Aircraft was not in flames. Pilot reports a very good trip. Glare seen in sky 120 miles on homeward journey.	
	Wellington X L. HE, 239	J17057 P.O. K.R. Knapp. R131688 Sgt. Blackmore W.W. J17168 P.D.N.L. Magnusson. R102462 Sgt. Barnholden S. 982998 P.S. Nicholls B.A. R102676 P.S. Pilfold J.C.	Dortmund.	22.33	04.30	Primary bombed at 01.25 hours from a height of 13,000 ft., bearing 160°M 180 I.A.S. Heavy, with no clouds. Identified target by 6 red markers. Bombs aimed at centre of red T.I. markers, bombs observed to burst in target area. 0003 large explosion seen in centre of green and red flares, a further explosion observed in area at 01.35. Light searchlight activity very ineffective. Large rocket type of red flare observed in target area very similar to that of P.P.F. flare only larger. Pilot reports very successful. P.P.F. flares good concentration.	
	Wellington X Q. HE, 481	139637 P.O.G.G. MacLeod. P16775 P.O. J.D. Hawkins. R121722 Sgt. Beavo W.E. P16777 P.O.G.G. MacLeod. R129636 Sgt. McKay G.G.	Dortmund.	22.26	03.37	Primary bombed at 01.49 hours from a height of 15,000 ft., bearing 200°M 160 I.A.S. Heavy, with no clouds. Identified target by 6 red markers. Bombs aimed at centre of red T.I. markers, bombs observed to burst in target area. 0213 large explosion seen in centre of green and red flares, a further explosion observed in area at 01.55. Light searchlight activity very ineffective. Large rocket type of red flare observed in target area very similar to that of P.P.F. flare only larger. Pilot reports very successful. P.P.F. flares good concentration.	
	Wellington X S. HE, 751	1366951 Sgt. Fry E.C. 1576430 Sgt. McGowen P.S. P129698 P.O. J.C. Williams R204842 Sgt. Poston W. R124705 Sgt. McNeill J.J.	Dortmund.	22.37	04.45	Primary bombed at 01.29 hours from a height of 12,000 ft., bearing 170°M 160 I.A.S. Weather and visibility good. Identified target by red and green markers. Bombed on S.W. of conflagration, own bombs not seen to explode. Several really good fires seen in target area, one very large explosion. Two aircraft seen with white lights, over target but not close enough to identify. Intense heavy flak in co-operation with searchlights was encountered, much searchlight activity, especially to the N.W. Pilot reports a good all round trip.	

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4/5th May 1943	Wellington X V. HE.367	NZ414671 SGT. FRARGE C.R. NZ413703 SGT. ELLIS W.T. 1365555 SGT. THOMPSON G.J. 1202224 SGT. RANALL W.J. NZ412903 SGT. ROSSON E.L.	DORMOND.	22.27	04.05	Primary bombed at 01.10 1/2 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. 1500M 200 T.A.S. Visibility good, slight haze. Identified target by P.P.P. markers. Bombed centre of triangle of red markers, own bombs not seen to burst. Two main fires seen on arrival, and on leaving many fires were burning with much black smoke. One large explosion seen at 01.10 hours flak with a bellow of orange smoke. Moderate light and heavy flak was encountered over target, many searchlights comes up to 20 were seen. Dummy observed 10 miles to the north, usual type. Pilot reports a successful trip.	
	Wellington X W. HE.917	R104942 SGT. KELLY R.L. R116067 SGT. LIVINGSTON J.R.C. R123779 SGT. DAVIES R.C.A. R138142 SGT. EDWARDS M. R116874 SGT. CLARSON R.E.H.	DORMOND.	22.36	01.20	Abandoned task 54-43W 02 54S at 00.05 hrs. from a height of 6,000 ft. 155 T.A.S. Bombs brought back 3 x 500 G.P.O. 025 200 W LIB. 30 x LIB. 100 lbs. Jettisoned 100 Gallons of petrol and was unable to complete sortie, due to Port engine overhauling. Pilot reports very disappointing.	
	Wellington X O. HE.738	R107041 P.S. HASTIE E.H. R125728 SGT. CRAIG H.S. R131729 SGT. BRATTON D.H. R128130 SGT. FULLERTON L. R35115 SGT. MITCHELL J.W.	DORMOND.	22.38	04.00	Primary bombed at 01.41 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. 2450M-155 T.A.S. Visibility good, some haze. Target identified by green and red T.I. markers. Attack was made with green T.I. slightly to port, own bombs not seen to burst. Moderate to heavy flak encountered in target area and numerous searchlights. Pilot reports a good trip, weather very good.	
	Wellington X Y HE.319	R75878 W.C. A. HARRISON R114198 SGT. BUSH N.M. R105657 SGT. BROCK A.R. 271015 SGT. FREEMAN E.P. 915800 SGT. NORTH G.D.	DORMOND.	22.41	03.46	Primary bombed at 01.36 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. 176M 200 T.A.S. Clear no cloud but slight haze. Identified target by P.P.P. flares and bombed centre of concentration of green and red markers, but own bombs not seen to burst. Some 6 really good fires were seen to the West and South of town, and a very large explosion was observed. Heavy flak and a great deal of light co-operating with searchlights was encountered in the target area, considerable searchlight activity; 7/8 comes each consisting of 50 beams, mostly N.W. and West of town. Aircraft seen coming position 52 57N 05 45E at 00.37 hours, which broke up in the air and was seen burning on the ground, no flak observed. Same time 15 miles South, aircraft seen with engine on fire losing height steadily and finally hitting the ground and bombs bursting. No parachutes sighted. Target area 01.33 hrs. at 16,000 ft. aircraft seen about 5,000 ft. with engine on fire and coming, seen hit by light flak and hit the ground. In the same area, at 01.46 hours from a height of 1,000 ft. an aircraft burst into flames and went down, was not held by searchlights.	

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4/5th May 1943.	Wellington X Z HE. 321	#7288 P.O.V. R. SHIMMER #13866 SGT. McLENNON J.A. #331396 SGT. CREIGHTON KELLY #071860 SGT. ROSE T.L. #79401 F.S. SMITH S.G.	DORTMUND.	22.40	04.10	Primary bombed 01.33 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. 176°M 214 T.A.S. Clear and no cloud, good visibility. Target identified by route markers and T.I. Bombed on green markers, but own bombs not seen to burst. Some fires were seen burning and bombs bursting in target area, but rather scattered. At 23.34 hours 53.4°N 01.45E at a height of 5,500 ft. a twin engined aircraft with white light in nose and white aft came on to starboard quarter and fired burst, rear gunner replied and lights went out, and aircraft disappeared, but no claim was made. Moderate heavy and light flak co-operating with searchlights was encountered in target area, and several dummies were seen between coast and target. On crossing North Sea, flak was encountered several times, presumably from enemy ship.	
	Wellington X D HE. 864	#12088 SGT. JOHNSON D.W. DORTMUND. #64778 SGT. BOED J.A. #110932 SGT. PROSNYCK J. #79019 SGT. THOMSON D.E. #113949 SGT. LEVESSEUR J.J.		22.35		No news received from this aircraft since time of take-off.	
	Wellington X K HE. 727	#74234 F.S. MULLON R.B. DORTMUND. #119839 SGT. CARTER G.B. #14444 SGT. WILBY J. #344175 SGT. HODDINOTT H. #94389 SGT. CHIDAMBERAM J.R.A.		22.34		No news has been received from this aircraft since the time of take-off.	
	Wellington X T HE. 174	#21265 P.O.W. FANSON. #14181 P.O.D.H. ORR. #129404 SGT. MENEILL D.J. #122571 SGT. BANKS L.M. #146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J.A.	DORTMUND.	22.39	04.15	Primary bombed at 01.34 hours from a height of 14,500 ft. 176°M 155 I.A.S. Clear visibility no cloud. Target identified by red T.I. markers. Attack made with centre of pattern of red T.I. Aircraft's own bombs seen to burst in cluster. Much searchlight activity reported and heavy flak on leaving. F. 190 passed 200 yds. beneath our reciprocal flares reported 2 Red 53 20M. 04.20M. at 00.20 hours from a height of 11,000 ft. Pilot reports a good trip.	

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12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X A. HB. 656.	R17981 Sgt. MANN W.E. P14520 P.O. W.W. O'BRIEN P20822 P.O. L. DINGLEY R146758 SGT. KELLY P.G. R91200 SGT. LUNNEY R.E.	DUISBERG.	23.45		No news has been received from this aircraft since take-off.	
12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X E. LN. 421.	R105665 SGT. PEPPER W.C. R115073 SGT. BAKER P.G. R107768 SGT. WATERS N.J. R390092 SGT. HEGGS K.G. R102484 SGT. DOUGLAS W.E.	DUISBERG.	23.46	05.48	Primary bombed at 02.29 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 170°M 165 I.A.S. Visibility was good but there was a slight haze. Target was identified by T.I. markers. Aircraft's own bombs were seen to burst in the middle of two Green markers. Much heavy smoke was observed over target, and fires seemed very good. Moderate to heavy flak was encountered and searchlight activity was heavy. Pilot reports a good radd, if P.F.F. were accurate than one bomb 4,000 lb. was right on the target.	
	Wellington X C. HB. 918	P15549 P/L W.C. WEEKS P10176 P.O. E.D. ROBERTSON P16772 P.O. W.P. STEWART R90240 SGT. GOODFELLOW J.R. P14399 P.O. H.B. WARD. R12426 SGT. MAGNUSSON G.N.	DUISBERG.	23.34	05.23	Primary bombed at 02.17 hours from a height of 14,000 ft. heading 160°M 228 T.A.S. Visibility was good. Target identified by P.F.F. markers. Bombed on center of Green T.I. markers. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst. At 02.46 hrs. a very large explosion was observed and on leaving the target many fires seemed to be starting. Moderate to intense heavy flak co-operating with searchlights was encountered. To the North and N.W. of the target there was some light flak but insufficient to cause any trouble. At 03.23 hours position 52 26N 0318E. height 15,000 ft., a light was observed on the sea with little flak, colours of the day seen fired by other aircraft. At 02.03 hours 30 miles North of the Target, an aircraft was seen to explode in the air, but no flak or fighter was seen. Pilot reports a good trip and concentration seemed good.	
	Wellington X I. HB. 911.	R147497 SGT. CHEPIL M. R125291 SGT. GARALICK A. P320167 SGT. SPENNER M.P. P342502 SGT. SWANS M. P14390 P.O. E. J. ANDREWS.	DUISBERG.	23.48	05.10	Primary bombed at 02.30 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 240°M 159 I.A.S. Visibility was good but there was a slight haze. Target identified by red markers and red markers in bomb sight at the time of attack. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst. Intense flak firing up searchlight cones was encountered. Many searchlights around the target, mostly to the North and North West. At 02.35 hours at a height of 14,000 ft. over target area, and aircraft was seen to be downed by 3 or 4 searchlights and gliding down in flames. The aircraft was not seen to hit the ground. Pilot reports P.F.F. good and many large fires.	

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12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X J. HE. 322.	R15434 S/L W.R. SUGGLES P16965 P.O.R.A. WESTBELL P16836 P.O.G.M. GARNER P9899 P.O.W.W.D. BROWN P17076 P.O.R.N. COULAS R12A099 SGT. FRASER G.R.	DUISBERG.	23.49	05.18	Bombed primary at 02.21 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 230°M 155 I.A.S. Visibility good. Identified target by T.I. markers. Bombed Red T.I. markers and aircraft's own bombs were seen to burst near or close to the railway yard. Flak was not so heavy as on previous visits and searchlights less effective. At 02.24 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. an aircraft was seen coming and gliding down on fire but was not seen to hit the ground. The pilot reports P.F.F. good, if on target results must be good.	
	Wellington X L. HE. 239	P17037 P.O.K.R. KNAPP P17168 P.O.N.L. MAGNUSSEN R102152 SGT. BARNHOLTER S. R12998 P.S. NICHOLLS B.A. R102676 P.S. FILFOLD J.S. R131688 SGT. BLACKMORE W.W.	DUISBERG.	23.35	05.06	Bombed primary at 02.15 hours from a height of 15,500 ft. heading 170°M 215 I.A.S. No cloud, good visibility though rather hazy. Target identified by T.I. markers. Bombed centre of green T.I. markers. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst. Many fires seen to be getting a good hold, and a large number of bomb bursts observed. Moderate to intense heavy flak with many searchlights was encountered over target especially to the North and North-West of town. Searchlights were ineffective probably due to haze. Pilot reports P.F.F. good, raid should be a success.	
	Wellington X Q MS. 101	P17282 P.O.T.V. SYLVESBER R138663 SGT. McLEARNON J.A. R331396 SGT. GREIGHTON KELLY R1074860 SGT. ROSE T.L. R79401 F.S. SMITH E.C.	DUISBERG.	23.41	05.36	Bombed primary at 02.26 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 144°M 209 T.A.S. Visibility was good but rather hazy. Identified target by P.F.F. and T.I. flares. Bombed on Green T.I. markers, but aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst on account of smoke. One or two large fires observed in target area, also a big explosion at 02.40 hrs. Smoke made observations extremely difficult. At 02.30 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. 10 miles N.W. of target JUB8 came in from below and to port to within 150 yards, own aircraft reared to port and enemy aircraft disappeared. Moderate to intense heavy flak co-operating with searchlights was encountered over target area mostly to the West and North of town. At 02.43 hrs. N.W. of target, an aircraft was seen to explode in the air, air to air firing seen with aircraft just seen burning on the ground. Pilot reports this raid should be successful but was possibly a bit scattered.	
	Wellington X Y. HE. 319	R75878 W.O. HARRISON A. R111108 SGT. WERNER HUGH N.M. R105657 SGT. BROWNE A.R. R191045 SGT. FREEMAN E.P. R15800 SGT. WORTH G.J.	DUISBERG.	23.36	00.41	Task abandoned over base while circling. Pilots escape hatch blew open immediately after take-off at 23.37 hours. Handle broke off whilst attempting to close same. No injuries were sustained. Bombs brought back: 3 x 500 M.C. 30 x 4lb. "X" Type 2A0 x 4lb. 2 x 301b. Incends.	

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12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X V. NZ367	NZ414671 SGT. PRANCE C.F. NZ443703 SGT. ELLIS W.F. 138555 SGT. THOMPSON G.J. 120222 SGT. RANDALL E.L. NZ412903 SGT. ROBSON R.D. R144570 SGT. SIMPSON A.J.	DUISBERG	23.38	05.29	Bombed primary at 02.16 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 270°M 200 T.A.S. Fair visibility and low cloud, identified target by markers and bombed on Greens. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to explode. At 02.12 hrs. observed large explosion on the green flares, orange in colour. Heavy predicted flak, with some light was encountered in target working in conjunction with searchlights. Pilot reports P.F.P. good and target fairly well lit up.	
	Wellington X R. HE.750	Z21265 P.O. G.W. PARSON M44491 P.O. D.H. CRIB R129104 SGT. McNEILL D.J. R122571 SGT. BANKS L.M. R146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J.A.	DUISBERG	23.43	06.05 (East Moor)	Bombed primary from a height of 14,500 ft. heading 190°M 150 T.A.S. Visibility good, no cloud. Identified target by Green markers and bombed centre of Greens. Many fires observed on arrival and cloud of smoke up to 10,000 ft. Glow of fires seen 100 miles from target on return journey. Pilot reports a successful trip, the target seemed to be pruned as well as last time.	
	Wellington X T. HE.174	A96432 SGT. WHITEFIELD R. Z22529 P.O. R.J.L. FOWLER. Z29159 P.O. W.A. DORRIS. 1134562 SGT. GRENCH C. R88960 SGT. KEMMIE V.P.	DUISBERG	23.37	05.38	Bombed primary at 02.24 hours from a height of 11,000 ft. heading 200°M 202 T.A.S. Visibility was good but rather hazy. Identified target by P.F.P. track and T.I. markers. Red markers in bomb sight when attack was made. Some large fires were burning in target area. At 03.13 hrs. from a height of 11,500 ft. position 52 10N 04 40E a single engine enemy aircraft was sighted about 200 yds. away, but no attack was made. Moderate but accurate heavy flak with searchlights ineffective was encountered in target area. Pilot reports rather a scattered effort, not so good as the last attack.	
	Wellington X Z HE.721	R120614 SGT. HATCH A.E. M1523 P.O. R. BAIRD R127814 SGT. HOBWOOD D.R. 1077731 SGT. LEVINE W. R145784 SGT. HILBERN C.C.	DUISBERG	23.48		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft since time of take-off.	
	Wellington X S. HE.751	R104942 SGT. REEVE R.D. R116067 SGT. LIVINGSTON J.R.G. R123979 SGT. DAVIES R.G.A. 1384142 SGT. EDWARDS M. R116874 SGT. CAMERON R.E.H.	DUISBERG	23.40	04.28	Bombed primary at 02.30 hours from a height of 13,000 ft. heading 096°M 155 T.A.S. Visibility was good and no clouds. Identified the target by P.F.P. markers and bombed Green flares. At 02.30 hours from a height of 13,000 ft. saw an Halifax dive down the beam of a searchlight and caught by light flak at a height of about 6,000 ft., last seen to crash. At position 53 00N. 01 01E. heard 428 Squadron's "A" send out S.O.S.	
	Wellington X E HE.721	R120614 SGT. HATCH A.E. M1523 P.O. R. BAIRD R127814 SGT. HOBWOOD D.R. 1077731 SGT. LEVINE W. R145784 SGT. HILBERN C.C.					

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12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X W. HE.917	R140419 SGT.MITCHELL A.L. R140919 SGT.BROWN G.S. R132821 SGT.LAWRY C.R. R126752 SGT. LOTT C.R. R118223 SGT. HAMER J.R.	DUISBERG	23.39	05.32	Bombed primary at 02.25 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 170°M 186 T.A.S. Clear visibility and not a cloud. Identified target by P.F.F., T.I. markers and river. Bombed fires in the town, aircraft came at the time of release. Large fires seen in the town, glow over the Dutch Coast. Intense heavy flak working with searchlights was encountered and aircraft was oned for 3 minutes over the target. Pilot reports good concentrated effort.	
12/13th May 1943.	Wellington X B. HE.899	R20359 P.O.WILLIAMS A.V. AUS415244 SGT.FISHER J.W. R213412 SGT. JOHNSON B. R311036 SGT. BARRELL F.W.	DUISBERG	23.47	05.22	Bombed primary at 02.31 hours from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 198°M 140 I.A.S. Visibility very good, no cloud. Target identified by marker flares, and bombed with red markers in bomb sight. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to explode. Accurate heavy flak was experienced over the target, and searchlights were ineffective. At 04.35 hrs. 15,000 ft. position 52 15N. 09 10E. Single engine enemy aircraft came in from starboard, Wellington evaded by coming in from starboard, fighter turned and made approach, evasion was successful by turning to port resulting in losing the enemy. The Target was well alight. The Pilot reports a very good trip.	

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13/14th May 1943.	Wellington X. G. HE.918	J15549 P.O. W. G. WEEKS. J10178 F.O. E. D. ROBERTSON J16779 P.O. H. P. STEWART R90240 SGT. GOODFELLOW J.R. J14359 P.O. H. B. WARD. R63606 SGT. SHERIDAN J.F.	BOCHUM.	23.31	05.27	Bombed Primary at 02.20 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 206 T.A.S. Visibility good but slight haze. Identified the target by track flares and T.I. markers. On leaving target saw fires starting well. Intense heavy and some light flak working with searchlights was encountered over target area. At 03.17 hrs. position 53 10N. 05 35E. from a height of 15,000 ft., an aircraft was seen to hit the ground and explode, some flak from Leewarden was observed at the time. Pilot reports a very successful effort.	
	Wellington X. E. LN.424	R105665 SGT. FEEFER W.G. R145073 SGT. BAKER F.G. R107768 SGT. WATKINS W.J. R380092 SGT. HIGGS K.G. R102454 SGT. DOUGLAS W.E.	BOCHUM.	23.36	05.20	Bombed primary at 02.18 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 045M 185 I.A.S. Rather heavy over target. Identified aiming point by EXX T.I. markers Red. Bombed with red markers in bomb sight, bombs seen to burst and fall between red and green markers. One large fire with dark red blackish smoke up to 10,000 ft. was observed in target area. Intense heavy predicted flak and barrage with many searchlights was encountered. At 02.45 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. position 52 42N. 06 30E. an enemy aircraft ME110 passed about 30 ft. from starboard to stern, no attack. Pilot reports trip was very successful.	
	Wellington X. I. HE.911	R117497 SGT. GIBSON H. R125291 SGT. GARALOK A. R320167 SGT. SPENCER W.P. R312502 SGT. EVANS M. R14390 P.O. E. J. ANDREWS.	BOCHUM.	23.39	05.17	Bombed primary at 02.19 hrs. from a height of 17,000 ft. heading 045M 205 T.A.S. Visibility good but some haze. Target identified by P.F.P. track markers and T.I. flares. Bombed on Red markers. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to explode. Little was seen in the target area due to heavy smoke from the fires, one large explosion was seen on approach at 02.14 hrs., a second was observed when over Holland on return journey at 02.52 hrs. Intense heavy flak working with 8/9 very large cones was encountered, also considerable light flak. Defences very active at Antwerp and Ameland. Pilot reports Bochum should now be written off.	
	Wellington X. B. HE.899	R20359 P.O. A. V. REILNADER R18443755 P.O. B. W. FOSKETT R18445244 SGT. FISHER J.W. R213442 SGT. JOHNSON L. R311036 SGT. BARTLEY P.W.	BOCHUM.	23.37	05.17	Bombed primary at 02.26 hrs. from a height of 16,500 ft. heading 160 T.A.S. heading 047M. Visibility good. Identified target by T.I. flares, bombed centre of red T.I. flares. Did not see own bombs burst but saw many fires and large quantity of smoke in target area. One large explosion observed N.W. part of target. At 02.17 hrs. from 15,000 ft. position 51 30N. 03 25E. an ME110 sighted. In track enemy. Pilot turned aircraft into a continuous zig zag course, dive and evaded him at 8,000 ft. Heavy predicted flak with many searchlights was encountered over the target. Pilot reports a very successful effort, well concentrated attacks.	

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13/14th May 1943.	Wellington X L. HE.239	717037 P.O. K.R. KNAPP 717168 P.O. N.E. MAGNUSSEN R102462 SGT. BARNHOLDEN S. 922998 P.S. NICHOLLS W.A. R102676 P.S. PILPOLD J.O.	BOCHUM.	23.32	05.22	Bombed primary at 02.18 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. heading 245°M I.A.S. 145°. Weather good also visibility, but could not see the ground, on account of haze. Identified the target by Green Markers, bombing the middle of the concentration, but aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst but plenty of smoke from fires well alight was observed. Intense heavy predicted flak with many searchlights, which was very accurate was encountered over the target.	
	Wellington X G. HE.177.	R102895 SGT. SHELLAULT P.L. R159352 SGT. SMYTH D.C. R129522 SGT. MARSHALL J.G. 1080691 SGT. LANGLEY J.F. R121434 SGT. MCMILLAN H.	BOCHUM.	23.42.	04.20	Bombed primary at 02.30 hrs. from a height of 14,500 ft. heading 006°M 150 I.A.S. The target was identified by Track Indicators and T.I. Flares. Bombed the centre of the Red markers. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to burst but many small and large fires were observed. An enemy aircraft was sighted in the target area and attacked from between 3/400 yards, attack being made from ahead and upper starboard. Heavy flak with many searchlights was encountered. Pilot reports a very successful trip and a well concentrated effort. Aircraft landed at Bungay.	
	Wellington X W. HE.927	89593 S.L. P.H. BOWDEN 1427177 SGT. ROWE H.N.T. 129064 P.O. R.J. GRIFPERN 1196437 SGT. REYNOLDS A.J.A. 716775 P.O. B.M. FITZGERALD.	BOCHUM.	23.44	05.30.	Bombed primary at 02.23 hrs. from a height of 13,000 ft. heading 340°M 200 T.A.S. Clear visibility but slight haze. The target was identified by Track Flares and T.I. markers. Bombed Green T.I. markers. Fires were seen just starting and smoke up to 5,000 ft. Moderate to intense heavy flak, some light co-operating with searchlight about 4 big cones around the target. Pilot reports a well planned attack which should produce very satisfactory results.	
	Wellington X T. HE.174.	1496432 SGT. WHITFIELD R. 222529 P.O. R.J.L. POWERS 294529 P.O. W.A. PONSHEAF 134562 SGT. GORTON C. 190960 SGT. KIMBER H.F.	BOCHUM.	23.34	00.29.	Mission abandoned 51-42N-04-50E. due to Electrical Failure. Bombs brought back 2 x 500 M.C. 1 x 500 L.D. 37A. 2A0 x 4Lb. 30 x 4Lb. "X" Type 2x x 301B. Incands. Complete electrical failure of Generator and constant speed unit w/s. Landed at Manston.	
	Wellington X Y. HE.367	N2414671 SGT. FRARCE G.R. N2413703 SGT. MILLS W.T. 1385555 SGT. THOMPSON G.J. 1302224 SGT. HANRAHAN H.W. R2412903 SGT. ROBINSON H.D. R114570 SGT. SIMPSON A.J.	BOCHUM.	23.35	05.56	Bombed primary at 02.16 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 000N-200 I.A.S. Visibility good but very hazy. Identified target by T.I. markers with Green T.I. markers in bomb sight at the time of attack. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to burst. Two huge explosions in the target area observed, resulting in Orange flame and little smoke. Intense heavy predicted flak was experienced mainly to the North of the target.	

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13/14th May 1943.	Wellington X Y. HE. 319.	875678 W.O. HARRISON A. 8411138 SGT. BUSH W.M. R105657 SGT. BROCK A.M. 1271015 SGT. FRESHMAN G.P. 915800 SGT. NORTH G.J.	BOCHUM.	23.33	05.39	Bombed primary at 02.23 hrs. from a height of 12,400 ft. heading 020°M 170 I.A.S. Visibility was good but some ground haze. Identified the target by T.I. markers. Bombed between two Green T.I. markers. Did not see aircraft's own bombs explode but saw many good fires. Intense medium flak was encountered on track between Dusseldorf and Cologne. Intense medium predicated-flak working with searchlights on target. Pilot reports a very successful concentrated effort.	
	Wellington X Q. MS. 481	917282 P.O. T.V. SYLVESTER 1138663 SGT. McLEARNON J.A. 1331396 SGT. GIBBETHON-KELLY. 1074860 SGT. ROSE T.L. 879404 P.S. SMITH R.C.	BOCHUM.	23.40	05.51	Bombed primary at 02.23 hrs. from a height of 14,000 ft. heading 016°M 202 T.A.S. Visibility good with some ground haze. Target was identified by track flares and T.I. markers. Bombed on Green flares. Target was observed to be burning well but obscured by great volumes of smoke. Intense flak working with searchlights in cones was encountered in target area. Pilot reports a successful and well concentrated effort.	
	Wellington X J. HE. 322	1049619 SGT. MITCHELL A.L. 8440919 SGT. BROWN G.S. 8432551 SGT. LUNBY G.R. 1126792 SGT. LOTT G.H. 8448223 SGT. HAMER J.T.	BOCHUM.	23.38	05.34	Bombed primary at 02.21 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 010°M 150 I.A.S. Visibility good. Target identified by T.I. flares. Bombed centre of T.I. markers. Observed between red and Green T.I. markers a big explosion orange in colour also many fires and much smoke in target area. Intense heavy flak, barrage form and many large cones of searchlights was encountered. Pilot reports a very successful raid and well concentrated effort.	

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16/17th May 1943	Wellington X B. HE.899	J20559 P.O. A.V. HELLANDER AUS43755 P.O. B.W. FOGGERT AUS41524 SGT. FISHER J.W. 1213442 SGT. JOHNSON L. 1311035 SGT. BARTLEY F.W.	GARDENING	01.20	05.01	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 3,000 ft. at 02.55 hrs. heading 095°M 167 M.P.H. Visibility was good with no cloud. The target was identified by "GEE" fix, also E.T.A. Two parachutes were seen to open. No flak or searchlights were encountered. The pilot reports a good trip.	
	Wellington X B. HE.177	R77867 P.S. BRAD H.A. R137853 SGT. BATES L.S. J21720 P.O. J.J. McQUADE 1496620 SGT. GRAMPSON G.H. R105117 SGT. KEER W.S.	GARDENING	01.23	05.25	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 3,000 ft. at 02.57 hrs. heading 107°M 166 M.P.H. Visibility was good but rather hazy. Garden identified by "GEE" fix and E.T.A. Two parachutes seen to open. No flak, fighters or searchlights encountered. The pilot reports a good trip.	
	Wellington X L. HE.239	R131688 SGT. BLACKMORE W.W. R135711 SGT. OLIVER N.F. R128236 SGT. WOOD W.S.B. R111963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. R91465 SGT. SEABORN R.G.	GARDENING	01.21	05.09	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 3,000 ft. at 03.05 hrs. heading 029°M 155 M.P.H. Good light with no cloud and visibility good. Identified garden by "GEE" fix and E.T.A. Two parachutes seen to open. Three small ships were observed which looked like fishing trawlers, position 53 27N 04 52E at a height of 3,000 ft. at 02.58 hrs. The pilot reports a successful trip.	
	Wellington X L. HE.911	R124099 SGT. FRASER G.H. R97617 SGT. OLIVER A. R132283 SGT. SAUNDERS E.C. R122554 SGT. HARE N.E. R111347 SGT. DAVIDSON H.H.	GARDENING	01.22	05.17	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 4,000 ft. at 03.26 hrs. heading 340°M 161 M.P.H. Light was good with no cloud and good visibility. Garden identified by "GEE" fix and visual pinpoint V.L.I. also E.T.A. Two parachutes seen to open. There was no flak, searchlights or fighters encountered. The pilot reports a successful trip.	
	Wellington X B. HE.750	R135017 SGT. BORROWES R.D. R141188 SGT. MITCHELL J. R155736 SGT. LESLIE A.B. R131045 SGT. MONTGOMERY R.J. R104434 SGT. FOMLER B.F.	GARDENING	01.16	05.34	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 3,000 ft. at 03.20 hrs. heading 009°M 176 T.A.S. Visibility was good with no cloud. Garden identified by "GEE" fix and visual pinpoint V.L.I. Two parachutes were seen to open. Three explosions were observed in succession position 53 37N 05 02, at 03.05 hrs. from a height of 3,000 ft. gave the impression of depth charges. There was no flak, searchlights, or fighters encountered. The pilot reports a successful trip.	
	Wellington X V. HE.367	R102895 SGT. SHELLMUTT P.L. 1559352 SGT. SMITH D.G. R129522 SGT. MARSHALL T.C. 1480694 SGT. LANELEY J.P. R121431 SGT. MacMILLAN H.	GARDENING	01.18	05.16	Vegetables were planted as ordered from a height of 3,000 ft. at 03.04 hrs. heading 093°M. Visibility was good 5/40th cloud above. Identified garden by "GEE" fix and E.T.A. Saw parachutes open. Sighted three small ships which looked like fishing trawlers at position 53 44N. 05 02E. at 03.06 hrs. from a height of 3,000 ft. No defences to report. The pilot reports a successful trip.	

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16/17th May 1943.	Wellington X S. HE.751	R101942 SGT. KELLY R.D. R116067 SGT. BRIDGSTON J.R.C. R123579 SGT. BAYNES R.E.A. R384142 SGT. EDWARDS-M. R116874 SGT. GAMMON R.B.H.	GARDENING	01.17	05.07	Vegetables were planted as ordered from a height of 2,000 ft. at 03.01 hrs. heading 108°M 18. M.P.H. Visibility was good with no cloud. Garden was identified by "GGK" fix. Two parachutes were seen to open. No defences encountered, no sightings observed. The pilot reports a good trip.	
	Wellington X T HE.174	R107061 P.S. HASTIE R.H. R125728 SGT. CRAIG H.S. R131729 SGT. BEATTIE D.H. R120120 SGT. FULLERTON L. R95443 SGT. MITCHELL J.W.	GARDENING	01.19	01.47	Vegetables planted as ordered from a height of 2,500 ft. at 02.33 hrs. heading 101°M 16. T.A.S. Visibility was good with no cloud. Garden was identified by "GGK" fix. Two parachutes seen to open. No defences encountered, no sightings observed. The pilot reports a successful trip.	

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18/19th May 1943.	Wellington X B. HE.899	R106288 Sgt. FREDERSON J.A. J10712 P.O.G.F. TALLMAN. R109350 Sgt. EDWARDS J.H. 755176 P.S. SMITH D.C. R108414 SGT. SYLVESTER J.G. R122956 SGT. WYSON G.L.	Gardening.	20.56	03.32	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.07 hrs. from a height of 500 ft. heading 041°M 173 T.A.S. Visibility was perfect. Garden was identified by pinpoint and lighthouse. Timed run to garden and identified pinpoint on return. At 00.08 hrs. three searchlights observed on pinpoint. Bear Gunner shot at one and doused it, height 500 ft. The Pilot reports a very good trip.	
	Wellington X I. HE.911	J17037 P.O. K.R. KNAPP. J17168 P.O. N.L. MAGNUSSEN R102452 SGT. BARNHOLDEN S. R12998 P.S. NICHOLLS B.A. R102576 P.S. FILFIELD J.C. O.5577 P.L.L.A. BOURGEOIS.	GARDENING.	20.57	01.50	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.07 hrs. from a height of 500 ft. heading 081°M 200 T.A.S. Visibility was clear with no cloud. The target was identified by a pinpoint on lighthouse and E.T.A. Parachutes were not seen to open. No defences were encountered. The Pilot reports a good trip, but Port prop damaged. Landed at Exeter (Damaged).	
	Wellington X V. HE.367	1586951 SGT. FRY K.O. 1576430 SGT. MCCOWAN P.S. J12969 P.O. J.G. WILLIAMS 1204842 SGT. POSTON W. R124705 SGT. MONKIE J.J. J9863 P.O. W.W. STRACHAN.	Gardening.	20.58	03.21	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.13 hrs. from a height of 500 ft. heading 350°M 165 T.A.S. Weather was perfect with good visibility. Visually identified pinpoint and dropped vegetables on E.T.A. Parachutes were seen to open. Flak ship observed. Light flak was encountered near Pte de Toulinguet working with searchlights, light flak with searchlights at North coast of Bay. Height 500/700 ft. The Pilot reports a successful trip.	
	Wellington X I. HE.174	1196432 SGT. WHITFIELD R. 122529 P/O R.J.L. FOWLER 129159 P/O W.A. DORRISLEY 1134562 SGT. GORTON G. 198960 SGT. KIMBER H.P. 114326 P/O J.E. MORRIS.	Gardening.	20.59	03.06	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.01 hrs. from a height of 700 ft. heading 331°M 182 T.A.S. Visibility was perfect, with no cloud. Target was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. Both parachutes were seen to open. Two small ships seen from 300 ft. at 00.02 hrs. Several searchlights observed East of Garden and some flak from pinpoint. The Pilot reports a successful trip.	

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21/22nd May 1943.	Wellington X B. HE. 899	R120807 SGT. MAGNUSSON C.N. R144189 SGT. SUTTON W.G. R135031 SGT. BRAND F.H. R120914 SGT. HAGAN E.E. R105374 SGT. EDWARDS E.K.	GARDENING	22.05	-	Nothing was heard from this aircraft since the time of take-off.	
	Wellington X C. HE. 918	R77344 W.O.D.N. THOMPSON J13844 E/O A.P. BEATON R111333 SGT. HART C.C. 1076367 SGT. CHILVER K.G. R110283 SGT. O'HARA G.G.	GARDENING.	22.06	02.12	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.19 hrs. from a height of 800 ft. heading 324°M. Very hazy pin-pointing only possible in moon. The target was identified by pinpoint on Dam and E.T.A. No defences were encountered. The pilot reports a good trip. Saw white light followed by red flashes from possibly an Aldis lamp on the sea. Landed at Wyton.	
	Wellington X G. HE. 177.	R124570 SGT. SIMPSON A.J. R120807 SGT. FRENCH S.D. R20854 E/O A. DOUGLAS. R119705 SGT. GREEN A.J. R75311 SGT. HONES A.J.	GARDENING.	22.07.		Aircraft crashed at East Moor at 02.35 hrs. attempting to land after receiving permission by Aldis. Aircraft did not call up on E.T. Aircraft was completely wrecked and 4 of the crew fatally injured, the remaining one (air gunner) was injured and taken to York Hospital. There was no evidence of vegetables on board.	
	Wellington X Is HE. 239	R63606 SGT. SHERIDAN J.P. R128648 SGT. MURPHY M.B. R187416 SGT. LIPMAN T.B. R100808 SGT. JODGES W.L. R134206 SGT. MARKS E.E.	GARDENING.	22.04.	02.50	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.14 hrs. from a height of 600 ft. heading 325°M. Very hazy, visibility poor 4/10ths cloud 4,000 ft. clear above. The Garden was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. No defences reported. Aircraft landed at Wyton.	
	Wellington X V. HE. 367.	R135047 SGT. BORROWES R.D. R144188 SGT. MITCHELL J. R155736 SGT. LESLIE A.B. R131045 SGT. MONTGOMERY R.J. R104431 SGT. POTTER B.F.	GARDENING.	22.09½	02.15	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.15 hrs. from a height of 2,800 ft. heading 328°M. Slightly hazy, visibility approximately 2 miles. The Garden was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. No defences reported.	
	Wellington X W. HE. 917.	R75878 W.O. HARRISON A. R144498 SGT. BUSH N.M. R105657 SGT. BROOK A.R. R71015 SGT. FREEMAN E.F. R15800 SGT. NORTH G.J.	GARDENING.	22.08	02.25	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.19 hrs. from a height of 800 ft. heading 324°M. Very hazy, best 500 ft. visibility only possible into moon. Garden was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. An S.O.S. was seen flashed on red Aldis lamp, later, white lamp. A single red star cartridge fired. Aircraft circled and saw round object with dark centre from which lights appeared, reported by W/O. This turned out to be a dingy from which the crew was rescued by Air Sea Rescue.	
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24/22nd May 1943.	Wellington X R. HE. 750	R40704 P/S MASTIE E.H. R125728 SGT. CRAIG H.S. R131729 SGT. BRATTIE D.H. R128130 SGT. FULLERTON L. R95113 SGT. MITCHELL J.W.	GARDENING	22.09	02.45	Vegetables were planted as ordered at 00.14 hrs. from a height of 500 ft. heading 310°. There was a slight haze, visibility 2 miles. The Garden was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. No defences to report.	
	Wellington X O. HE. 738	R21265 P/O G.W. PANSOR R14884 P/O B.H. GEE R12940 SGT. MCKEIL D.J. R122571 SGT. BARRIE E.H. R146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J.A.	GARDENING.	22.10	03.04	Vegetables were planted as ordered, at 00.24 hrs. from a height of 500 ft. heading 323°. Visibility was poor, with slight haze. Garden was identified by pinpoint and E.T.A. No defences to report.	

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23/24th MAY 1943.	Wellington X A. HE.476	1196432 SGT. WHITFIELD R. 116764 P/O D.R.C. McDONALD 122529 P/O R.J.L. POWERS 129459 P/O W.A. DONNELLY 1134562 SGT. GERRON G. R98960 SGT. KIMBER H.P.	DORMOND.	23.06	04.10	Primary bombed at 01.27 hrs. from a height of 12,300 ft. heading 180°M 168 I.A.S. Attack was made in good visibility. The target was identified by Yellow T.I. Red and Green F.I. markers. Bombed the centre of the Red T.I. Did not see result of own bombings. At 01.25 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 200°M sighted an enemy single engined aircraft at about 200 yards away, but no attack was made. At 02.07 hrs. another aircraft sighted at 12,500 ft. position 52 25N 05 16E passed above from port to starboard at about 200 yards. Moderate to heavy flak was encountered with many searchlights over the target. In the same area an aircraft was seen come out on fire, which appeared to disintegrate in the air. At 01.11 hrs. position 52 20N. 06 53E. at 15,000 ft. aircraft was seen burning and fell to the ground. Pilot reports P.F.F. very good, a successful show.	
	Wellington X E. LN.424	1136419 SGT. MITCHELL A.L. R140919 SGT. BROWN G.S. R132551 SGT. LINDY G. 1123792 SGT. LOVE G.R. R116223 SGT. HAMER J.T.	DORMOND.	23.04	04.18	Primary bombed at 01.22 hrs. heading 180°M from a height of 18,000 ft. 130 I.A.S. Visibility good, some ground haze but ground actually seen. Target was identified by Red T.I. markers and markers in bomb sight when attack was made. Aircraft's own bombs were seen to burst in target area. Four or five big bursts observed in the target area with much black smoke. Orange glow seen at 01.12 hrs. Moderate heavy flak was encountered with many searchlights working in cones of about 20 in each. The pilot reports although attack was made early there were many fires seen, results should be good.	
	Wellington X J. HE.322	115549 P/O W.G. WEEKS 115710 P/O R.G. MADGE 110178 P/O E.D. ROSSIGNOL 116779 P/O W.F. BERNARD 130243 SGT. DOBBS FELLOW J.E. 111359 P/O H.B. WARD.	DORMOND.	23.05	04.22	Primary bombed at 01.27 hrs. from a height of 14,000 ft. heading 197°M 180 I.A.S. Visibility was fair with little haze and smoke. Target was identified by Green and Red markers. Attack was made with Red markers in bomb sight. Aircraft's own bombs were seen to burst in the centre of the concentrations. A large percentage of fires appeared to the P.F.F. of Red and Green marker concentrations. Many fires were observed over the target and one very big explosion. There was a red glow and much smoke in the target area at 01.22 hrs. Heavy and light rather intense flak was encountered with many searchlights working in co-operation with flak. Over the target area at 01.25 hrs. at 14,000 ft. there appeared to be a four engined aircraft on fire and held by searchlights last seen in shallow dive. At 02.16 hrs. from 14,000 ft. position 52 57N. 04 40E. an aircraft was seen in flames and falling into sea and burning on the water. The pilot reports many fires on the target, raid seemed to be very successful.	/over

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23/24th May 1943.	Wellington X B.E. HEKFFRY O. HE.738	R124099 SGT. FRASER G.R. R137862 SGT. BATES L.S. R132283 SGT. SAUNDERS H.C. R122554 SGT. HART N.E. R114437 SGT. DAVISON H.H.	DORMUND.	23.05 $\frac{1}{2}$	04.52	Primary bombed at 01.40 hrs. from a height of 12,200 ft. heading 197M 140 I.A.S. Visibility was good and clear over the target. The target was identified by flares laid by P.P.P. Red and Green markers clearly visible. Aircraft's own bombs were seen to explode on Green markers slightly overshot if anything. Results were very good. Over the target area an aircraft seen shot down and in flames, seen to hit the ground. Flak was spasmodic to target but over target intense, mainly to the N.W. corner of the city. The pilot reports that in comparison to previous trip over Dortmund the attack was effective over a greater area, fires and smoke seen for 50 miles, defences heavy over N.W. area.	
	Wellington I L. HE.239.	R107041 F.S. HASTIE E.H. R125728 SGT. CRAIG H.S. R131729 SGT. BEATTIE D.H. R128130 SGT. MILLERTON L. R95113 SGT. MITCHELL J.W.	DORMUND.	22.51	04.09	Primary bombed at 01:10 hrs. from a height of 14,200 ft. heading 176M 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good. Target was identified by Yellow T.I. and Red and Green T.I. markers. Bombed centre of concentration of Red markers. Did not see result of own bombing but observed many small fires and a large explosion leaving cones of black smoke. Very little flak was encountered en-route, moderate to heavy working mostly with searchlights over target area. The pilot reports fires well concentrated around markers, should be a successful trip.	
	Wellington I E. HE.750	R63606 SGT. SHERIDAN J.P. R128648 SGT. MURPHY M.B. R147486 SGT. LIFMAN T.B. R100606 SGT. OGDGER W.L. R134206 SGT. MARKS E.R.	DORMUND.	23.02	04.00	Primary bombed at 01.40 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. heading 180M 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good with no cloud. Target was identified by track indicators and Green T.I. markers. Bombed on Red markers. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to burst. Few large bomb bursts were seen and many fires, one particularly large. Two enemy aircraft (1 single and 1 twin engine) were sighted near Antwerp but no attack was made, evasive action taken and lost enemy. The pilot reports a very successful effort.	
	Wellington I A. MS.481.	J2243 P/L D.S. MORGAN J20360 P/O J.M.L. LAMBERT J14226 P/O F.H. DITCHBURN R114680 SGT. O'LEARY J.P. R101455 SGT. GILLIS B.L. R92464 SGT. NELMES J.M.	DORMUND.	23.01	04.28	Primary bombed at 01.23 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. heading 210M 150 I.A.S. Visibility was good, except for smoke with no cloud. Target was identified by Red and Green markers. Yellow markers were seen on approach, after bombing, fires lit up parts of the area and two tall chimneys seen in N.E. of town and railway in S.E. Red T.I. markers seen to fall in burning area, attack was made with red T.I. in bomb sight. Before leaving the target at 01.38 hrs. smoke was rising up to 10,000 ft., many fires were seen, good concentrations. There was moderate to heavy flak on arrival at the target, but on leaving defences had weakened. At 01.35 hrs. N.E. of the town a large dummy fire was seen. Same time W.S.W. of town from 12,000 ft. an aircraft thought to be a P.L. engine, seen hit by light flak and catch fire, last seen to hit the ground and explode. The pilot reports a successful trip.	

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23/24th May 1943	Wellington X Y. HE.319.	RH35047 SGT. BORROWES R.D. RH44188 SGT. MURPHY J. RH55736 SGT. LESLIE A.B. RH51645 SGT. MONTGOMERY R.J. RH0431 SGT. FOTHERY B.F.	DORTMUND	23.03	04.15	Primary bombed at 01.26 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 185°. 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good. The target was identified by Yellow T.I. markers, also Red. Bombed on Red T.I. markers. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to burst. Bombs seen bursting in the target area, and many fires were observed starting. Intense flak with cones of searchlights was encountered over the target. The pilot reports aircraft was early on target but many fires were already burning.	
	Wellington X W. HE.917.	RH34688 SGT. BLAKEMORE W.W. RH35711 SGT. OLIVER H.F. RH32283 SGT. WOOD W.S.F. RH11963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. RH91455 SGT. SEABORN R.G.	DORTMUND	23.00	04.13	Primary bombed at 01.26 hrs. from a height of 13,500 ft. heading 180°. 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good, with no cloud. Target was identified by P.F.F. Red and Green markers. Bombed centre of J. Green flares. Aircraft's own bombs were not seen to burst. Much heavy smoke was observed to the South of the town, one very large fire seen at the centre. At 01.23 hrs. over target area, enemy aircraft was seen to the N.W. heading away. Heavy flak was encountered over the target working in co-operation with searchlights. The pilot reports a good trip.	
	Wellington X V. HE.367.	RH7878 W.O.A. HARRISON RH21729 SGT. LACHMAN W. RH11498 SGT. BUSH N.W. RH10557 SGT. BROCK A.E. RH271015 SGT. FREEMAN E.P. RH5800 SGT. NORRIS G.J.	DORTMUND	22.50	03.47	Primary bombed at 01.08 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 180°. 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good with no cloud. The target was identified by Yellow, Red, and Green T.I. markers. Bombed concentration of Green T.I. markers. Did not see aircraft's own bombs burst. There were good fires burning and a number of explosions observed over the target. Very little flak and searchlights en-route. Little flak working with searchlights in cones over the target area. The pilot reports target well alight when leaving.	

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25/26th May 1945	Wellington X A. HE.476	R405665 SGT. PEPPER W.G. R445073 SGT. BAKER P.G. R407768 SGT. WATERS H.J. R380092 SGT. HIGGS R.G. R402484 SGT. DOUGLAS W.B. R437470 F/O G.L. MADGE	DUSSELDORF	23.34		Nothing heard from this Aircraft since time of take-off.	
	Wellington X E. LE.424	R434588 SGT. BLAGMORE W.W. R435744 SGT. BELVER N.J. R432283 SGT. WOOD W.S.R. R444963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. R414455 SGT. SEABORN R.G.	DUSSELDORF	23.35	04.40	Primary bombed at 04.49 hrs. from a height of 15,500 ft. heading 023°M 160 I.A.S. 7/10ths cloud en-route but clear over the target. Target was identified by Yellow and Red T.I. markers. Red flares in bomb sight when attack was made. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to explode. Many fires were seen starting in the target area and seemed to be getting a good hold. Intense heavy flak was encountered over the target but very few searchlights. The pilot reports a good trip.	
	Wellington X G. HE.485	R424099 SGT. FRASER G.W. R497617 SGT. OLIVER A.F. R432283 SGT. WOOD W.S.R. R444963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. R414455 SGT. SEABORN R.G.	DUSSELDORF	23.36	04.28	Primary bombed at 02.04 hrs. from a height of 14,000 ft. heading 000°M 160 I.A.S. Visibility was fair, but rather hazy 7/10ths cloud en-route. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I. markers. Did not see own bombs burst. Heavy flak in barrage form was encountered over the target and numerous searchlights. Pilot reports many scattered fires with three explosions observed over the target. Appeared to be a scattered effort.	
	Wellington X J. HE.322	R77344 W/O D.N. THOMPSON R43844 F/O A.F. BEATON R411333 SGT. HUNT G.G. R4076367 SGT. CHILVERS R.G. R410283 SGT. O'HARA G.G.	DUSSELDORF	23.35	04.44	Primary bombed at 04.46 hrs. from a height of 18,000 ft. heading 122°M 200 I.A.S. Rather hazy, smoke and thin stratus. The target was identified by Yellow and Green T.I. markers. Bombed on centre of Green T.I. markers. Did not see result of own bombing but numerous fires and one large explosion observed. Moderate to heavy flak over target, searchlights not effective owing to haze. One aircraft believed to be a Wellington hit by flak, smoke seen trailing and going into a shallow dive. Duel seen between two aircraft 54 SW. 05-40E. One aircraft being pursued, burst into flames and burn on ground. Pilot reports attack successful, Green markers clearly visible.	
	Wellington X L. HE.239	R43605 SGT. SHERIDAN J.P. R428448 SGT. MURPHY M.B. R447416 SGT. LUFMAN T.E. R400606 SGT. COOPER W.L. R434206 SGT. MARKS E.R.	DUSSELDORF	23.37	04.14	Mission abandoned, furthest point reached 52 10W. 03 10E. Rear turret would not operate. Bomb attached at 24.02N. 00 19E. at 03.43 hrs. from a height of 3,000 ft. 1 x 500 G.P. 37E. Bombs brought back. 2 x 500 M.C. 240 x 4lb. 30 x 4lb. "X" Type 24 x 30 Incands.	

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25/26th May 1943.	Wellington X W. HE.917.	1196432 SGT. WHITFIELD R. #22529 P/O R. V. L. POWERS #29459 P/O W. A. DONNELLY #134562 SGT. GORTON G. #98960 SGT. KIMBER H. F.	DUSSELDORF	23.16	04.51	Primary bombed at 01.46 hrs. from a height of 11,300 ft. heading 030°M 167 I.A.S. Very hazy. Target was identified by Yellow and Green T.I. markers. Bombed centre of Green T.I. markers. Did not see result of own bombing. Numerous incendiaries seen burning. Large red explosion seen about 20 miles North of Target. At 02.28 hrs. from a height of 9,000 ft. position 51 55N. 05 08E, enemy aircraft (single engine) was sighted on same track, slightly higher, but no attack. The pilot reports, not a particularly successful trip from what was seen.	
	Wellington X S. HE.751	#24265 P/O G. W. PAINSON #14181 P/O D. H. ORR #129404 SGT. MCNEILL D. J. #122571 SGT. BARKS L. M. #146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J. A.	DUSSELDORF	23.47	04.54	Primary bombed at 01.40 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 049°M 170 I.A.S. Hazy with no cloud. Target was identified by yellow markers, one Red seen dropping on arrival, several Green markers on Target. Attack was made at centre of Green markers. Many scattered fires observed in target which increased as the attack developed. One large explosion seen approximately 10 miles North of Target. Little heavy flak encountered over target rather ineffective, searchlights caused no trouble. Pilot reports defences very weak.	
	Wellington X Q. MS.481	#139047 SGT. BOWEN R. D. #141188 SGT. MITCHELL J. #155736 SGT. LESLIE A. B. #131065 SGT. MONTGOMERY R. J. #104431 SGT. FOTHER P. F.	DUSSELDORF	23.31	02.10	Mission abandoned at 00.54 hrs. height 14,000 ft. position 52 22N. 03 08E. Port engine O/S caused by defect in oil pressure and temperature. 1 x 4,000lb. Jettisoned position 52 30N. 03 07E.	
	Wellington X Y. HE.319	#349419 SGT. MITCHELL A. I. #140919 SGT. BROWN G. S. #132551 SGT. LINDY C. #123792 SGT. LOTT G. T. #116223 SGT. HAMER J. T.	DUSSELDORF	23.18	04.24	Primary bombed at 01.36 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 026°M 150 I.A.S. Hazy with patches of cloud. Target identified by Yellow and Red T.I. markers. Bombs aimed at centre of Green T.I. Many fires seen and developing when leaving target. Much heavy flak was encountered over target, searchlights ineffective.	
	Wellington X O. HE.738	#128729 SGT. LACHMAN W. #135470 SGT. BEPPE J. G. B. #535621 SGT. ASKEW R. #96762 SGT. MARCHAND J. T. R. #145749 SGT. O'ROURKE A. F.	DUSSELDORF	23.32	05.00	Primary attacked at 02.01 hours from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 065°M 155 I.A.S. 10/10ths the cloud, but got over most of the target. Target was identified by Red and Green T.I. markers and fires. Bombed on Green Markers. Aircraft's own bombs not seen to explode. Many fires observed also a big red flash which lasted 2 or 3 Secs, time 01.56 hrs. in the target area, at 15,000 ft. Flak heavy and light but not intense. No searchlights over the target. The pilot reports an easy trip, fires seemed to be starting well.	

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27/28th May 1943.	Wellington X. E. LN.424	R31606 SGT. SHERIDAN J.F. R126648 SGT. MURPHY M.B. R147445 SGT. WILKINSON G.B. R100606 SGT. COOPER W.L. R134206 SGT. MARKS E.R.	ESSEN.	22.57	04.27	Primary bombed at 01.20 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 200°M 160 I.A.S. 8 to 10/10ths cloud with nil visibility. Target was identified by Red and Green markers stars. Bombed on centre of Red and Green cluster. Did not see result of own bombing. At 01.45 hrs. at 15,000 ft. position 52 30N. 06 20E. saw an enemy aircraft was sighted about 500 yds. away heading across port, small white lights in nose flashing a number of dots. Light flak in barrage form with few searchlights was encountered in the target area. At 02.02 hrs. from 15,000 ft. position 53 00N. 06 00E. saw aircraft seen bursting into flames, last seen burning on the ground.	
	Wellington X J. HE.322	R131688 SGT. BLACKMORE W.W. R135711 SGT. OLIVER N.H. R128236 SGT. WOOD W.S.R. R111963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. R31455 SGT. SEABORN R.G.	ESSEN.	22.58	04.02	Primary bombed at 01.08 hrs. from a height of 16,000 ft. heading 200°M 165 I.A.S. 9 to 10/10ths cloud over the target. The target was identified by sky-markers seen in clusters at 18,000 ft. Markers in groups seen in bomb sight when attack was made. Results of own bombing not seen. Great concentration of flak working with searchlights at 18,000 ft. was encountered over the target. The pilot reports sky-markers clearly seen and most effective.	
	Wellington X S. HE.751	R20360 F/O J.M.L. LAMBERT R398453 SGT. FRADDOCK W.J.F. R20167 F/O G.L. COFFIN R124633 SGT. MALLMAN L.A. R127098 SGT. VIAU E.G.	ESSEN.	23.02	04.54	Bombed primary at 01.19 hrs. from a height of 14,600 ft. heading 200°M 160 I.A.S. 8 to 10/10ths cloud, with visibility nil. Target was identified by Red and Green flares clusters Red, Green and white flares. Red and green markers Bombed as near as possible to the centre of Red and Green flares. Did not see result of own bombing but saw a steady red glow through cloud. Light and heavy flak in barrage form was encountered in target area with searchlights ineffective. The pilot reports T.I. excellent.	
	Wellington X G. HE.485	R77341 W/O THOMPSON D.M. R13844 F/O A.F. BEATON R113333 SGT. HART G.G. 1076367 SGT. CHILVERNS K.G. R140283 SGT. O'HARA G.C.	ESSEN.	23.12		Nothing heard from this aircraft since the time of take-off.	

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27/28th May 1943.	Wellington X G. MS.424	R121720 SGT. LACHMAN W. R135170 SGT. JETTS J.G.R. 1535621 SGT. ASKIN R. R96762 SGT. MARCHAND J.E.R. R145749 SGT. O'DONNAN A.F.	ESSEX.	23.01		<p>Attached primary at 01.23 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 200°M 160 I.A.S. 8 to 10/10ths cloud, visibility nil. The target was identified by Red, Green and White T.I. flares. Bombs appeared to drop in the middle of the flir, resulting in a large explosion. At 01.39 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. over target area, starboard engine went w/s. Off Dutch coast near Terneuzen at 02.30 hrs. height 15,000 ft. over target area, starboard heavy accurate flak damaged rudder trimming tabs and aircraft dived to 3,000 ft. in order to avoid flak. At approximately 04.15 hrs. at 6,000 ft. port engine developed trouble and could not maintain height, so ditched. At 04.30 hrs. aircraft sank in two minutes. Aircraft made a good sea landing, the crew were able to land safely without trouble, paddled to the rear of aircraft finding the rear turret broken off and disappeared, no sign of rear gunner. In S.O.S. was sent out giving position, this was cancelled at about 04.00 hrs. as it was thought land could be made. No other messages could be sent. Rear gunner Sgt. O'Donnan A.F.</p>	

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29/30th May 1942	Wellington X D. HR. 981	R131688 SGT. BLACKBURN V.W. WUPPERTAL R135711 SGT. OLIVER H.F. R128256 SGT. WOOD W.S.R. R111963 SGT. RICHARD J.P.R. R141455 SGT. BRADSHAW R.G.	WUPPERTAL	22.35	05.50	Bombed primary at 01.42 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 057° M 155 I.A.S. Clear over target. Target was identified by yellow markers seen on approach. Both red and green markers seen on target. Bombed Red T.I. markers after seeing them cascade at 01.11 hrs. Much smoke and many fires observed in target area. At 02.12 hrs. 50 528. 05 248. from a height of 14,000 ft. a 4 engine aircraft seen being engaged by fighters. No return fire from bomber which burst into flames almost immediately and fell to ground and burst. Not seen to explode. Very little flak was encountered over target. The pilot reports a successful trip with concentrated attack.	
	Wellington X W. HR. 917	R17882 P/O V.T. SILVERSTEIN WUPPERTAL R5836 P/O G.K. BARNETT R136437 SGT. WOOD F. R131396 SGT. GIBBINGS KELLY R171860 SGT. ROSE T.L. R79401 P.S. SMITH R.G.	WUPPERTAL	22.29	04.43	Bombed primary at 01.03 hrs. from a height of 12,000 ft. heading 045° M 155 I.A.S. Rather hazy, good visibility. The target was identified by Yellow, Red and Green T.I. markers Bombed on concentration of Green, after seeing them cascade at 01.00 hrs. Did not see result of own bombing, but saw many fires. At 01.08 hrs. at a height of 12,000 ft. in target area sighted enemy aircraft about 400 yards from port. fired long burst, evasive action taken diving turn to port and evaded. No searchlights and very little flak encountered over target. The pilot reports a very successful effort.	
	Wellington X C. HR. 738	R49632 SGT. WELFIELD R. WUPPERTAL R22829 P/O R.J. FOWLER R29159 P/O W.A. DONNELLY R134562 SGT. GORNUM G. R88960 SGT. KIMMER H.F.	WUPPERTAL	22.28	04.04	Bombed primary at 00.57 hrs. from a height of 12,400 ft. heading 069° M 169 I.A.S. Ground haze visibility fair. The target was identified by T.I. Yellow, Red, and Green. Bombed on Red T.I. markers, after seeing them cascade at 00.54 hrs. Did not see result of own bombing. Many good fires were observed. Little light flak was encountered over the target and no searchlights. The pilot reports a good route and very successful trip.	
	Wellington X V. HR. 367	R11265 P/O G.W. PARSONS WUPPERTAL R14881 P/O D.H. ORR R129106 SGT. MARSHALL D. R122571 SGT. BANKS L.H. R146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J.A.	WUPPERTAL	22.30	04.54	Bombed primary at 01.12 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 057° M 160 I.A.S. Visibility was good with slight ground haze, smoke billowing up. The target was identified by red markers clearly visible. Target was seen in both night and bombed on red markers. Own bombs not seen to explode on account of haze. Saw Red T.I. markers cascade at 01.12 hrs. Some searchlights were observed in cones South West of target. The pilot reports target seen and fires burning with a reddish glow, very successful attack, no opposition over the target.	

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29/30th May 1943.	Wellington I J. HB. 322	J17057 P/O K.R. EMAPP J17168 P/O N.L. MCMURDOCH R102462 SGT. BAINBRIDGE S. R42998 P.S. NICHOLS W.A. R102676 P.S. PILFOLD J.G. R291023 SGT. BRAKLEY R.G.	WUPPERTAL	22.35	04.34	Bombed primary at 01.15 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 090°M 180 I.A.S. Visibility good, hazy on way in. The target was identified by Green markers. Fires and some ground detail of buildings. The attack was made with four Green F.L. markers in bomb sight. Own bombs seem to explode. Green markers seem to cascade at 01.14 hrs. Many explosions, large fires, smoke up to 10,000 ft. and large explosion at 01.15 hrs. to West of town was observed. Very little opposition was encountered. The pilot reports a most successful trip.	
	Wellington I E. LN. 424	R106288 SGT. FERGUSON J.A. J10712 P/O G.F. YALGMAN R109350 SGT. EDWARDS J.H. R55176 P.S. SMITH D.G. R108414 SGT. SYLVESTER J.G. R34487 P.R. DYMAN J.	WUPPERTAL	22.34		No news received from this aircraft since the time of take-off.	
	Wellington I Y. HB. 319	R102895 SGT. SHELLMUT F.L. R529352 SGT. SMITH D.G. R129522 SGT. MARSHALL J.G. R1080691 SGT. LAMBLEY J.F. R121431 SGT. McMILLAN A.	WUPPERTAL	22.32		No news received from this aircraft since time of take-off.	
	Wellington I F. HB. 571	R535606 SGT. SHERIDAN J.F. R128648 SGT. MURPHY M.B. R147416 SGT. LIPMAN T.H. R100506 SGT. COOPER W.J. R134206 SGT. MARIS E.E.	WUPPERTAL	22.33	04.48	Bombed primary at 01.06 hrs. from a height of 15,000 ft. heading 095°M 162 I.A.S. Visibility fair, no cloud but some smoke. The target was identified by Yellow F.L. markers after seeing them cascade. Did not see result of own bombing but many fires observed and one large explosion seen. Defences weak, no searchlights. An excellent effort.	
	Wellington I S. HB. 751	R20360 P/O J.M.L. LAMBERT R98453 SGT. PRADOCK W.F.F. R20167 P/O G.L. COUWES R124635 SGT. MALLMAN L.A. R127098 SGT. VIAN R.G.	WUPPERTAL	22.31	02.19.	Did not complete mission, time 00.30 off Dutch Coast apparently off course, obtained GEE fix but not sure of position, was unable to pinpoint so returned to base. Brought bombs back: 350 x 4lb. 50 x 4lb. "X" Type, 40 x 30lb. Incends.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29/30th May 1943	Wellington I. No. 239	R124099 SGT. FRASER G.E. R197617 SGT. OLIVER A.F. R132283 SGT. HAINKINS R.C. R122591 SGT. HART W.E. R111437 SGT. DAVIDSON H.H.	WUFFERTAL	22.36	03.25	Bombs dropped in approximate position 15 miles 160°N from target, unable to locate primary, after arriving early in target area at 01.04 hrs. No ground markers were seen and aircraft was heavily engaged by flak. Captain intended to make another run later, but during this period Cyre toppled while taking evasive action, which lasted until 01.31 hrs. Detonated bombs during this period to assist evasive action. 270 x 4lb. Incends. 30 x 4lb. "T" Type. 40 x 50lb. Incends. Bombs hung up 60 x 4lb. Incends. At 02.26 hrs. at a height of 11,000 ft. 20 miles S.E. Lille a J88 recognized aircraft and came in from post station a little above. Rear Gunner fired three bursts E/A replied with one burst and was last seen diving away. The pilot reports W/OAG seriously sick and unable to cooperate. After landing at Manston he was taken to hospital.	

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