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(1911) W.L. 1015-25 50,000 543 T.S. 789  
(1924-25) W.L. 1015-25 50,000 543 T.S. 789

FOR THE MONTH OF June, 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1.6.43.	Wellington I F. HR. 571.	R63606 Sgt. Sheridan J.F. R128658 Sgt. Murphy M.J. R147416 Sgt. Liffman T.B. R100806 Sgt. Gogger W.L. R134206 Sgt. Macke B.R.	Gardening.	23.46	02.46	Aircraft did not reach Garden, 16 minutes after leaving base it was off track. Altered course at 54 17N. At 00.23 hours pinpointed and set course for garden. At 00.11 hours after altering course several times decided to return to base, cause of trouble compass w/s. Furthest point reached 53 05N. 03 08E. Vegetables were brought back. Pilot reports compass out of adjustment, could not locate Garden.	
	Wellington I W. HR. 917	P/O V.T. SYLVESTER J17282 1136657 SGT. FORDE P. 1331396 SGT. O'BRIEN-KELLY 1071860 SGT. ROSE T.L. 279401 P/S. SMITH E.G. P/O R.G. HAYON O20879	Gardening.	23.47	03.40	Vegetables were planted as ordered, from a height of 1,000 ft. at 01.38 hrs. 20 Secs heading 233°M. T.A.S. 190. Scattered cloud en-route and clear over the target. Identified Garden by pinpoint and dead reckoning. Parachutes were seen to open. No defences were encountered. The Pilot reports a successful trip, no enemy opposition of any kind.	
	Wellington I S. HR. 751.	P/O J.M.L. LAHERET J20360 R98453 Sgt. BRADOCK W.F.F. P/O C.L. COFFIN J20167 R124635 SGT. MALLMAN L.A. R127098 SGT. VIAN R.G.	GARDENING.	23.48	03.00	Vegetables were planted as ordered from a height of 500 ft. heading 244°M. T.A.S. 190 Time 01.19 hrs. 07 Secs. Very clear, visibility was good over the target, en-route 7/10ths cloud. The target was identified by pinpoint and dead reckoning. At 01.17 hrs., pinpoint, one searchlight was observed also Flak ship 45 miles away. The pilot reports a very successful trip.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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11.6.43, 12.6.43	Wellington I P. HP.571	P.O. <del>W.D.F. ROSS (J23524)</del> P.O. BARETT (J2096) P.O. D.G. BENLEY (J22576) S9355 SGT. GOURDEY T.A. 1126098 SGT. COE G.E. R122197 SGT. HAMILTON A.G.	DUSSELDORF.	22.53.	02.49.	Returned early. Reached position 53 26N 03 40E. All of load jettisoned at position 53 23N 03 30E. from a height of 15,000 ft. at 01.04 hours.	
11/12th June 1943	Wellington I. G. HE.703	P.O. W.D.F. ROSS (J23524) R117638 SGT. WEBER W.B. R130363 SGT. CHELSEA I. 606117 SGT. NEWER A.H. R130220 SGT. BRIDGE R.A.	DUSSELDORF.	23.04.	04.40	Arrived Dusseldorf at 01.38 hrs. Bombed on ground markers from a height of 17,500 ft. 030 degs. IAS 140 6/10ths cloud, medium, tops 10,000 ft. visibility fair. The Pilot reports intensive fires in the Target Area. Landed at Croft.	
	Wellington I. E. HE.873	P.O. D.R.G. McDONALD. (J16764) P.O. M.E. BALKAM (J22479) R148354 SGT. GAUDREY H.P. 1129954 SGT. LYTCHGE L.G. R157959 SGT. KIRKMAN T.T.	DUSSELDORF.	22.54.	03.57	Bombed target at 01.35 hours from a height of 42,000 ft. heading 035 degs. I.A.S. 160. Visibility good, T.I. in bomb sight. Pilot reports; mass of fires and incendiaries, many bursts seen. Aircraft landed at Coltishal.	
	Wellington X. P. HE.888	R136419 SGT. MITCHELL A.L. R140919 SGT. BROWN G.S. R132551 SGT. LIRBY G. 1123792 SGT. LOFT G.E. R116223 SGT. HAMER J.G.	DUSSELDORF.	22.51	04.37	Bombed target at 01.42 hours from a height of 18,000 ft. 036 degs. I.A.S. 165. Fair visibility, many T.I. in bomb sight. The pilot reports several explosions seen and well established fires. Landed at Croft.	
	Wellington I. S. HE.791	P/O J.M.L. LAMBERT (J20360) R98483 SGT. PRADOCK W.T.F. P/O G.L. COUTTS (J20167) R124535 SGT. MATTMAN L.A. R127098 SGT. VYAU R.G.	DUSSELDORF.	22.53 1/2	04.25	Arrived at Dusseldorf at 01.41 hours. Bombed on ground markers from a height of 16,400 ft. 042 degs I.A.S. 160 2/10ths cloud approximately 10/12,000 ft. The pilot reports large explosions and many fires, some well established. Landed at Croft.	
	Wellington I. V. HE.367	P.O. V.E. SILVERSTEIN (J17288) R136637 SGT. FORDE P. 1334396 SGT. CHEIGHTON-ROSEY 1071860 SGT. ROSE T.L. R97401 F.S. SMITH S.G. R125250 SGT. BAKER J.W.	DUSSELDORF.	22.52	04.33	Arrived Dusseldorf 01.38 hrs. at a height of 15,000 ft. 040 degs I.A.S. 160 Fair Visibility strata cloud tops 6,000 ft. Pin-pointed Rhine. T.I. markers in bomb sight. The pilot reports extensive fires, terrific explosion followed by smaller ones. Captain made Target 'Recco'.	
	Wellington I. J. HE.322	R121729 SGT. LACHMAN W. R135170 SGT. JETTE J.C.E. 1535621 SGT. ASHEW E. R96762 SGT. MARCHAND J.E.R. R66993 SGT. SCULLION M.P.	DUSSELDORF.	22.55		Aircraft crashed on take off. Four members of crew killed. Pilot seriously injured.	

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19/20th June 1943.	Halifax V. JB.805.	1386951 SGT. FRY K.D. 1576130 SGT. NGOWHENY P.S. 112969 P.O. WILLIAMS J.G. 1201812 SGT. FOSTON W. 807289 SGT. MOSS A.E. 1573489 SGT. CROSSAN D.A. 129404 SGT. MONEILL D.J.	SCHIEDER WORKS	21.59	05.49	Bombed target at 03.55 hrs. from a height of 6,500 ft. heading 070 degs. M. I.A.S. 170. Clear, smoke haze over the target. Route markers and white flares. Lakes were clearly seen to the south of the target. A/P in Bombsight. Remainder of the target was obscured by smoke. One large fire was seen at N.W. end of the Lake just west of A/P. Results were good, a huge pall of smoke some fires, and a glow that could be seen about 60 miles away. Flak was very ineffective, markers good.	
	Halifax V. JB.900	R107665 W/S WILLIAMSON L.P. R92787 W/S HARKINS W.M. R100022 W/S PARKER H.B. 1203562 SGT. POWLEY J. 1448306 SGT. OAKLEY J.H.R. 2216207 SGT. CHAMBERLAIN E. R80077 W/S CHRISTIE D.H.	SCHIEDER WORKS.	22.03	05.07	Bombed target at 02.14 hrs. from a height of 8,000 ft. heading 105 degs. M. Visibility good but smoke over the target. Pinpointed way in - very easily seen by the smoke of the bombs. Compass 30 degs. error, Auto-Pilot out. The flak was very light and inaccurate at the target, searchlight activity on route back. Cluster of red balls bursting at 8,000 - 9,000 ft. Believe dummy lit up about 5 miles N.E. of target. Landed at Blerbrook.	
	Halifax V. W.1271.	R2414671 W/S FEARCE G.R. R2413703 W/S HALLIE W.P. 1385555 SGT. THOMPSON G. 1202224 SGT. BARNDALE W.J. 651974 SGT. GALLOWAY J. R35023 SGT. HOLLAND J. R2412903 W/S ROBSON E.L.	SCHIEDER WORKS	21.54	05.25	Bombed target at 02.19 hrs. from a height of 8,000 ft. heading 120 degs. M. I.A.S. 200. Encountered heavy white smoke. Three runs were made over the target area, bombed on third run. Bursts were seen on a building with a high chimney. A bright glow was seen through the smoke both before and after bombing. The flare over the target was practically out before bombing. Landed at Klahmfold on the return journey owing to a shortage of petrol.	
	Halifax V. DG.798.	R117497 SGT. CHEPIL M. R125294 SGT. GARALICK A. 1320167 SGT. SPENCER M.P. 1312502 SGT. SWANS M. 1484363 SGT. WILLIAMS S.J. 1890106 SGT. BURGFIELD J.R.E. 1414390 P.O. ANDERSON E.V.	SCHIEDER WORKS.	22.00	05.00	Aircraft arrived late over the target and some smoke obscured a very considerable portion of it and made observation difficult. There was slight light and heavy inaccurate flak. No searchlights were observed, weather clear visibility. 20 miles North port outer engine w/s hydraulic w/s. Landed at Tangmere.	

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21/22 June 1943.	HALIFAX V. B. JB.305.	1386991 SGT. FRY K.O. 1576130 SGT. MCGOWRAN F.S. 1122692 P/O. J.G. WILLIAMS. 1202842 SGT. POSTON W. 107289 SGT. MOSS A.F. 1573489 SGT. CROSSAN I.A. 1124705 SGT. MacNEIL J.J.	KREFELD.	23.38	05.00	Bombed target 01.51 hrs. from a height of 17,000 ft. heading 115 deg. I.A.S. 160. Visibility good, no cloud. T.I. Markers in bomb sight. About 30 small red fires were seen developing quickly. There was a large pall of smoke over the target. The glow of the fires was seen from the Dutch coast.	
	HALIFAX V. F. W.1235.	1107665 SGT. WILLIAMSON L.F. 1192787 P/S. WATKINS W.M. 1100022 P/S. PARKER H.B. 1203562 SGT. POWLEY J. 1448306 SGT. OAKLEY J.H.R. 2216207 SGT. CHAMBERLAIN B. 1180077 SGT. CHRISTIE D.H.	KREFELD.	23.43	02.34	Returned early. Furthest point reached 52 52'N 0255'E <del>the</del> <del>marker</del> <del>was</del> <del>intercommunication</del> <del>unserviceable.</del> Bomba <del>was</del> jettisoned at 54 18'N 0221'E to ensure safe landing weight.	
	HALIFAX V. F. W.1271	12414671 P/S. PEARCE C.R. 12413703 P/S. ELLIS W.M. 1385555 SGT. THOMPSON G. 1202224 SGT. RANDALL W.J. 651974 SGT. GALLOWAY J. 155029 SGT. HILLAND J. 12412903 P/S. ROBSON B.L.	KREFELD.	23.42		Nothing has been heard from this aircraft since the time of take off.	

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(1944-1945) W.L. 200-25 60,000 541 T.S. 700

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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24/25th June 1943.	Halifax V. W. JB, 965	R17497 SGT. GIBBIL M. R12291 SGT. GARLICK A. (ELBERFELD) 120167 SGT. SPURGER M.F. 121502 SGT. BYANS M. 1121363 SGT. WILLIAMS S.J. 1890406 Sgt. BURFIELD J.R.R. R11390 P.O. F. J. ANDREWS.	WUPPERTAL	22,55	04,47	Bombed primary at 01.20 hrs. from a height of 17000 ft. 045 degs. I.A.S. 155 MPH 5-6/10ths on at about 18000ft. The aircraft had to go down through it to sea level. Visibility was good. There was considerable smoke. Bombed on estimated position of markers, and fires. Numerous fires and one huge explosion seen. The explosion appeared to rise slowly in mushroom formation. The fires were spreading rapidly into one huge conflagration. The pilot states that the route was considered good. Some flak and searchlights were seen just after crossing the coast. The crew considered Wuppertal itself weakly defended. Return route was no trouble except at the turning point when heavy flak was encountered.	
24/25th June 1943.	Halifax V. K. JB, 258.	1196432 SGT. WHITEFIELD R. 1422529 P.O. R. J. H. POWLES (ELBERFELD) 129159 P.O. W. A. DONNELLY 1131562 SGT. GORTON C. 168454 SGT. STEPHENSON P. 2216248 SGT. DEAN J. E. 198960 SGT. KIMBER M. F.	WUPPERTAL	22,56		Nothing was heard from this aircraft after take-off.	
	Halifax V. B. JB, 805.	120369 P/O. A. V. BRIDGMAN R14181 P/O. D. H. ORR. (ELBERFELD) R12940 SGT. MENNELL D. J. R122574 SGT. BAINES L. M. 1719956 SGT. LEWIS R. A. 1821999 SGT. McCALLUM R. G. R146475 SGT. LEIGHTON J. A.	WUPPERTAL	22,54	23,41	Returned early, furthest point reached 54.35 N 0030 W. at 23.17 hours. Starboard inner engine failure after take-off. The bombs were jettisoned safe and I.P.S. live at 3500 ft. at 23.17 hours 54.40 N. 0030 W. The pilot states that shortly after take off while climbing just south of 'drome' at a height of 21000 ft. the starboard engine failed. Revs dropped right off, oil pressure dropped and engine was banging badly. Feathered engine, then flew out to sea approximately 20 miles and jettisoned bomb load safe at a height of 3500 ft. then came back to base and landed.	
	Halifax V. M. DT, 751.	R131688 SGT. BLACKMORE W. W. R135711 SGT. OLIVER N. F. (ELBERFELD) R122216 SGT. WOOD H. S. E. R111963 SGT. RICHARD J. E. E. 1468444 SGT. WILLIAMS P. S. 2204433 SGT. HODSON G. F. 131455 SGT. SEABORN R. G.	WUPPERTAL	22,58	05,07	Bombed primary at 01.23 hrs. from a height of 16500 ft. heading 040 degs. IAS 155 MPH. Good visibility apart from smoke, actual T/A clear of cloud. T.T. markers in bomb sight. Numerous fires seen, rapidly spreading, considered concentrated and successful. The Captain states that the route was considered good, broken cloud most of the way to target area. Wuppertal defences were similar to the last attack, apart from a few searchlights working in cones instead of singly.	

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25th June 1943	Halifax V. V. DT. 629.	221265 P/O C.W. FANGON 174181 P/O D.H. ORR 112940 SGT. MCNEILL D.J. 1122571 SGT. BARKS L.M. 174226 SGT. JONES R.A. 182189 SGT. MCCALLUM I.G. 116175 SGT. LEIGHTON J.A.	WUPPERTAL (RECORDED)	23.00	05.27	Bombed primary at 01.35 hours from a height of 15500 ft. heading 055 degs. 125 160 400 No cloud over target area but a lot of smoke was covering the target. Bomb sight on centre of Red F.I. but did not see any of our own bombs burst. A large number of fires were seen in the target area, heaviest concentration appeared to be in the North West section. Heavy clouds of black smoke covered areas. Two medium sized holes from flak. The Captain stated that target indicator yellow markers on route to the target were quite accurate for position, but timing was poor. As aircraft went past the turning point before one went down, but the rear gunner saw one fall just after passing it. PFF was good in the target area. The raid appeared well concentrated, with large fires and heavy black smoke.	

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25/26th June 1943.	HALIFAX V. M. DT.737.	863606 SGT. SHELDON J. GELSENKIRCHEN. 818564 SGT. MURPHY L.P. 814244 SGT. LITMAN T.B. 810096 SGT. COOPER W.L. 458740 SGT. GOULDING H.E. 456785 SGT. MITCHELL N.R. 8134206 SGT. MARIS E.R.	GELSENKIRCHEN.	23.08	04.44	Bombed primary at 01.38 hrs. from a height of 18000 ft. 195 degs. I.A.S. 165MPH 10/10ths cloud over the target, 1700 ft. tops. Bombed red flares over green ones but no results seen. Scattered dull glow seen through cloud. Impression of many bright fires. The pilot reports a very good trip, arrived at target and carried out bombing. There was barrage flak and quite a number of searchlights below cloud. A terrific explosion was seen through cloud very near Amsterdam.	
	HALIFAX V. R. HB.323	0885977AC 2nd LT. K.R. WAFF, GELSEN- 8102162 SGT. BARRHOLLEN G.R. KIRCHEN. 4631453 SGT. WILLIAMS H. 4294023 SGT. BRADLEY R.G. 641578 SGT. PROCTOR H. 8103676 P/S. PILFORD J.C.W.	GELSEN- KIRCHEN.	23.03	04.26	Bombed primary at 01.44 hours from a height of 16500 ft. heading 194 degs. R.A.S. 165 mph 10/10ths cloud, tops 7-8000 ft. No breaks. Red flares with green stars in bombights. Scattered red glows seen under the cloud. The pilot states that cloud was 10/10ths over the target without any breaks PFF flares all seemed quite accurate. Searchlights were ineffective owing to cloud. Both barrage and predicted flak was heavy and accurate. No light flak was encountered over the target. Amsterdam very active. Two enemy aircraft were seen over the target.	
	HALIFAX V. X. DT.689.	8131688 SGT. BLACKMORE W.W. GELSEN- 8155714 SGT. GEVER N.F. 8128236 SGT. WOOD W.S.H. 8111993 SGT. RICHARD J.P.N. 4684611 SGT. WILLIAMS H.E. 2204133 SGT. HODSON G.F. 831455 SGT. SEABORN E.G.	GELSEN- KIRCHEN.	23.06	04.11	Primary, 01.35 hours from a height of 16500 ft. heading 194 degs. R.A.S. 165 mph 9/10ths strata cloud, tops about 10000 ft. Visibility was good above the clouds. Bombed red with green stars. No results were observed. The pilot states that it was more or less 10/10ths cloud all the way to the target except for small breaks. Route good with little or no trouble. Target area was heavily defended but actual target not exceptionally so. Flak appeared to be in barrage form. The trip home was uneventful. PFF flares were well concentrated. It was afterwards found that this aircraft still had its bombs on board.	

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