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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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	1c Wellington III						
2. 4. 42.	D.V.593. "T"	F/Lt. Kirby. P/O. Wilding. Sgt. Jones. Sgt. Copland. Sgt. Curless. Sgt. Marr.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.25.	02.05.	Executive Order for Operations No.70 gave instructions for seven aircraft to attack the Matford Works at POISSY near PARIS. This operation was carried out from an altitude of 8,000 feet.	Form 540
	D.V.558.	P/O. Schoon. Sgt. Gains. O.G. P/O. Galbraith. Sgt. Flint. Sgt. Cook. Sgt. Baker.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.25.	01.20.	Although the weather was good, other conditions had changed somewhat since our last visit to PARIS. The gun, evidently anticipating further raids such as the one against the REBAULT works, had brought up a considerable number of light	
	X.9813.	P. Sgt. Stirling. Sgt. Hart. Sgt. Durringer. Sgt. Minton. Sgt. Hall.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.25.	01.40.	Flak guns that were capable of extremely fire. The barrage that met our aircraft was an extremely accurate one making violent evasive action necessary in many cases, but in spite	
	X.9812.	P. Sgt. Hint. Sgt. Saunders. Sgt. Halliwell. Sgt. Bruce. Sgt. Chaffey.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.20.	02.05.	of this, accurate bombing was carried out, detonations and the raging of fires being clearly seen in the target area. This operation was carried out in excellent weather conditions,	
	X.9814.	P/O. Powell. O/Cpt. Webb. P/Sgt. Sykes. Sgt. Burton. Sgt. Shepherd. Sgt. Mulhby.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.30.	-	one aircraft and crew being missing. This aircraft and crew are missing from the operation.	
	Z.1150.	P/O. Merton. P/Sgt. Gainsford. Sgt. Mellor. Sgt. Pestlos. Sgt. Darrod. Sgt. Roberts.	Night Operations. Paris.	19.25.	01.20.		
	D.V.578.	Sgt. Law. Sgt. Fox. Sgt. Briggs. Sgt. Cosby. Sgt. Weller.	Night Operations Paris.	19.25.	02.05.		

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5. 4. 42.	Wellington 10.						
D.V.594.	D.V.594.	S/Ldr. Hooper. Sgt. Larson. Sgt. Cryer. Sgt. Griffiths. Sgt. Tilley.	Night Operations Cologne.	22.45.	05.45.	Executive Order for Operations No. 71 instructed seven aircraft to attack the main target at COLOGNE and one "Fresher" aircraft to attack LE HAVRE. One main sortie was cancelled owing to an engine failure.	Form 540
	4.1072.	P/Lt. Kirby. Sgt. Jones. Sgt. Copland. Sgt. Curtis. Sgt. Farr.	Night Operations Cologne.	22.50.	05.55.	These operations were carried out in varying weather conditions, 6/10 to 8/10 low cloud obscured the target and both on the route and in the target area, landmarks were difficult to locate. The concentrated defences all along the RUHR were extremely accurate and the searchlight belt both leading to the RUHR and surrounding the target were active, cooperating with flak and fighters. Bombs were released from heights between 15,000 and 18,000 feet but owing to the low cloud and the continual flashes of anti-aircraft guns, no results could be seen. It was on leaving the target that one of our aircraft, captained by P/O. Mardon, was attacked by an enemy night fighter believed to have been a J.U.88. This aircraft made two attacks against the Wellington, firing cannon and machine gun fire at close range. On the second attack, the rear gunner of our aircraft, Sgt. Roberts, got a long burst in at the Hun and claims to have shot it down. The remaining aircraft completed their mission without incident.	
	D.V.598.	P/Sgt. Hint. Sgt. Cairns. S.M.H. Sgt. Saunders. Sgt. Halliwell. Sgt. Bruce. S.J. Sgt. Cuffey.	Night Operations Cologne.	22.50.	06.55.		
	Z.1150.	P/O. Mardon. Sgt. Frome. Sgt. Sellar. Sgt. Peebles. Sgt. Garrod. Sgt. Roberts.	Night Operations Cologne.	22.55.	03.30.		
	D.V.578.	Sgt. Law. Sgt. Cairns. O.C. Sgt. Fox. Sgt. Briggs. Sgt. Josby. Sgt. Weller.	Night Operations Cologne.	23.00.	06.15.		
	X.9816.	Sgt. Hugh. Sgt. Weber. Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Deans. Sgt. Donaldson. Sgt. Irish.	Night Operations Cologne.	23.00.	06.15.		
	Z.8833.	Sgt. Knyvett. Sgt. Careless. P/O. Mander. Sgt. Day. Sgt. Hewatson. Sgt. Brown. S.M.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	01.55.	06.55.	One "Fresher" crew carried out a successful and uneventful attack against the docks at LE HAVRE.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
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	Wellington 10.						
6/7.4.42.	D.V.594.	S/Ldr. Hooper. Sgt. Martin. Sgt. Cryer. Sgt. Griffiths. Sgt. Tilley.	Night Operations Essen.	23.45.	06.00.	Executive Order for Operations No.72 called for six aircraft to attack ESSEN. Weather conditions had not altered from our visit to COLOGNE last night. Six tenths to eight tenths cloud cloud covered the target where fires were already burning when our aircraft arrived. The combination of searchlights and anti-aircraft defences are wonderfully co-ordinated in the Ruhr and make violent evasive action the only course to take when approaching a target. Pin-pointing themselves on the river South of the town, our bombers approached Essen at heights between 15,000 and 18,000 feet, bombs being released on the fires already burning. After making a successful attack against the target one of our aircraft captained by P/Sgt. Stirling, was intercepted by an enemy night fighter believed to be a J.U.88 - the rear gunner managed to get a burst in at the intruder and claims to have damaged it as no second attack was made. Our aircraft and crews returned to base without further incident.	Form 540.
	X.9815.	P/Sgt. Stirling. Sgt. Miller. Sgt. Hart. Sgt. Durringer. Sgt. Wington. Sgt. Hall.	Night Operations Essen.	23.50.	07.35.		
	D.V.578.	Sgt. Law. Sgt. Cairns. O.C. Sgt. Fox. Sgt. Briggs. Sgt. Cosby. Sgt. Weller.	Night Operations Essen.	23.55.	03.00.		
	D.V.593.	P/O. Mardon. Sgt. France. Sgt. Mellor. Sgt. Peebles. Sgt. Garrod. Sgt. Roberts.	Night Operations Essen.	23.55.	03.35.		
	Z.8840.	Sgt. Hugh. Sgt. Weber. Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Deane. Sgt. Ronaldson. Sgt. Fish.	Night Operations Essen.	00.01.	03.25.		
	X.9812.	Sgt. Knyvett. Sgt. Banks. P/O. Mander. Sgt. May. Sgt. Hewetson. Sgt. Bruce. N.S.	Night Operations Essen.	00.05.	02.10.		
8/9.4.42.	D.V.594.	S/Ldr. Hooper. Sgt. Martin. Sgt. Larson. Sgt. Cryer. Sgt. Griffiths.	Night Operations Hamburg.	21.55.	04.30.	Executive Order for Operations No.73 instructed eight main aircraft to attack HAMBURG. One sortie was abandoned before take off owing to engine failure.	Form 540.

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8/9.4.42.	Wellington 10.						
	D.V.593.	F/Lt.Kirkby. P/O.Wilding. Sgt.Jones. Sgt.Copland. Sgt.Gurtis. Sgt.Warr.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.15.	05.05.	Weather conditions were quite good for this operation, landmarks and pin-points being picked out with comparative ease. Arriving in the target area the River ELBE was clearly seen and runs were made straight across the target from East to West. Bombs were released from heights between 15,000 and 18,000 feet where detonations were seen to be in the area surrounding the point of aim. Flak and searchlight activity was intense and accurate but our pilots evasive action proved successful and all our aircraft and crews returned to base.	Form 540
	Z.1092.	F/Sgt.Stirling. Sgt.Miller. Sgt.Hart. Sgt.Duringer. Sgt.Bington. Sgt.Hall.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.25.	05.55.		
	X.9812.	F/Sgt.Bint. Sgt.Saunders. Sgt.Halliwell. Sgt.Brace.S.J. Sgt.Cuffey.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.00.	05.00.		
	D.V.558.	P/O.Mardon. Sgt.France. Sgt.Mellor. Sgt.Peebles. Sgt.Garrod. F/Sgt.McLeod.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.05.	05.40.		
	X.1072.	Sgt.Knyvett. Sgt.Careless. P/O.Mander. Sgt.May. Sgt.Hewatson. Sgt.Brace.N.E.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.15.	06.00.		
	D.V.578.	Sgt.Law. Sgt.Cairns.O.O. Sgt.Fox. Sgt.Briggs. Sgt.Josby. Sgt.Weller.	Night Operations Hamburg.	22.20.	05.25.		
10/11.4.42.	D.V.594.	S/Ldr.Hooper. Sgt.Martin. Sgt.Larson. Sgt.Cryer. Sgt.Griffiths. Sgt.Tilley.	Night Operations Hamburg.	21.50.	03.50.	Executive Order for Operations No.74 ordered eight main aircraft to attack ESSEN.	Form 540

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12/13.4.42.	Wellington 1c.						
	Z.1092.	P/Sgt. Stirling. Sgt. Miller. Sgt. Hart. Sgt. Durringer. Sgt. Hall. Sgt. Ball.	Night Operations Essen.	2120.	04.10.	Executive Order for Operations No. 75 gave instructions for seven Wellington 1c main aircraft to attack ESSEN, six Wellington III and two Wellington 1c aircraft to attack Le Havre. This operation was the first from the Squadron to be carried out by Wellington III aircraft.	Form 340.
	D.V. 593.	P/Lt. Kirby. P/O. Widding. Sgt. Jones. Sgt. Copland. Sgt. Curtis. Sgt. Marr.	Night Operations Essen.	21.20.	04.50.	ESSEN. Wellington 1c. Weather conditions were good from the time of take off to the time of landing, a practically cloudless sky helping considerably in locating and the effective bombing of the target. Flak and searchlight activity caused our aircraft little trouble and the operation was completed without incident.	
	D.V. 594.	P/O. Mardon. Sgt. France. Sgt. Mellor. Sgt. Peebles. Sgt. Garrod. Sgt. Kemmerley.	Night Operations Essen.	21.35.	22.00.	Le Havre. Wellington III and 1c aircraft. The first operation with our new aircraft and a very successful one. Crews reported that their aircraft behaved magnificently	
	D.V. 558.	W/O. Schoom. Sgt. Cairns. O.V. P/O. Galbraith. Sgt. Flint. Sgt. Beck. Sgt. Baker.	Night Operations Essen.	21.30.	00.50.	Le Havre was located through 4/10 to 6/10 cloud and from heights ranging between 16,000 and 18,000 feet was effectively bombed. In the clear night the coastline, docks and harbour could be clearly seen and crews are confident that their bombs found their mark. Little opposition was encountered from the ground defences.	
	X.9812.	P/Sgt. Blat. Sgt. Saunders. Sgt. Brace. S.J. Sgt. Calvert. Sgt. Cuffey.	Night Operations Essen.	21.20.	04.45.		
	D.V. 578.	Sgt. Pugh. Sgt. Vohler. Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Deans. Sgt. Ronaldson. Sgt. Fish.	Night Operations. Essen.	21.35.	04.40.		
	Z.1072.	Sgt. Kayvett. Sgt. Careless. P/O. Mander. Sgt. May. Sgt. Howatson. Sgt. Brace. N.S.	Night Operations Essen.	21.40.	04.55.		

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12/13.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3745.	W/Oir. Mellor. Sgt. Baldwin. Sgt. White. Sgt. Hese. Sgt. Guy.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.25.	00.25.		
	X.3743.	S/Ldr. Bingham. Hall. P/O. MacDonald. P/O. Langstaffe. Sgt. Bullen. Sgt. Robinson. Sgt. Booth.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.25.	00.30.		
	X.3674.	F/Sgt. Denham. Sgt. Shaw. Sgt. Pearson. Sgt. Clark. Sgt. Goffe. Sgt. Dakin.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.35.	00.35.		
	X.3673.	F/Sgt. Cochrane. F/Sgt. Kay. Sgt. Cobden. Sgt. Mye. Sgt. James. F/Sgt. Adams.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.35.	00.50.		
	X.3700.	P/O. Bailey. P/O. Wilkinson. Sgt. Marsh. P/O. Grundy. Sgt. Sutton.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.40.	01.15.		
	X.3744.	P/O. Jacobs. Sgt. Kiffin. P/O. Ivory. Sgt. James. Sgt. York. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.50.	01.20.		

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12/13.4.42.	Wellington 1c.						
	X.3340.	P/Sgt.Davenport. Sgt.Sallors. P/O.Morgan. Sgt.Dington. Sgt.McKay. Sgt.Norris.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	19.55.	21.15.		
	A.3339.	Sgt.Dunlop. Sgt.Banks P/Sgt.Tipple. Sgt.Swale. Sgt.Bright. Sgt.Dolton.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	20.00.	00.20.		
	Wellington III						
14/15.4.42.	X.3744.	P/O.Jacobs. P/O.Ivory. Sgt.James.A. Sgt.York. Sgt.Guy.	Night Operations Dortmund.	22.20.	00.30.	Executive Order for Operations 76 called for three Wellington III and six Wellington 1c main aircraft to attack DORTMUND and four Wellington III and one Wellington 1c	Form 540.
	X.3700.	P/O.Bailey. Sgt.McGin. P/O.Wilkinson. Sgt.Marsh. P/O.Grundy. Sgt.Sutton.	Night Operations Dortmund.	22.25.	00.55.	Fresher aircraft to attack LE HAVRE. DORTMUND. No cloud and good visibility contributed largely in making this operation a successful one. Landmarks such as the DORTMUND - EMS canal were picked out with comparative	
	X.3673.	P/Sgt.Cochrane. P/Sgt.Key. Sgt.Cobden. Sgt.Lye. Sgt.James.I. P/Sgt.Adams.	Night Operations Dortmund.	22.25.	23.30.	ease and the actual target bombed from heights between 15,000 and 16,500 feet. Large fires were burning in the town when our bombers left and crews reported that the fixer whole of the RUHR was well alight with fires especially COLOGNS.	
	Wellington 1c.						
	D.4.594.	S/Ldr.Hooper. Sgt.Martin. Sgt.Larson. Sgt.Cryer. Sgt.Griffiths. Sgt.Tilley.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.20.	04.05.	LE HAVRE. Aircraft attacking LE HAVRE reported weather conditions as being good until arrival in the target area where ground haze tended to obscure the objective. Several runs were made across the area where little opposition was encountered and bombs were released from between 15,000 and	

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14/15.4.42.	Wellington Ic.						
	D.V.558.	W/O.Schoon. Sgt.Cairns.O.C. P/O.Galbraith. Sgt.Flint. Sgt.Beck. Sgt.Baker.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.25.	04.55.	16,500 feet. no results being seen. From these operations all our aircraft returned.	Form 540.
	Z.1092.	P/Sgt.Stirling. Sgt.Hart. Sgt.Daringer. Sgt.Bell. Sgt.Hell.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.30.	04.40.		
	D.V.578.	P/Sgt.Bint. Sgt.Saunders. Sgt.Brace.S.J. Sgt.Silver. Sgt.Quiffey.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.25.	06.00.		
	D.V.599.	P/O.Gordon. Sgt.Frenoe. Sgt.Mellor. Sgt.Peebles. Sgt.Gifford. Sgt.Harr.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.25.			
	Z.1072.	Sgt.Knyvett. Sgt.Careless. P/O.Mander. Sgt.Hay. Sgt.Hewitson. Sgt.Brace.N.S.	Night Operations Dortmund.	21.30.	06.45.		
	Wellington III.						
	X.375.	P/O.Love. Sgt.Erinsdon. Sgt.Mandin. Sgt.Gray. Sgt.Wright. Sgt.Dent.	Night Operations Le Havre.	21.25.	02.15.		
	X.375.	Sgt.Bell. Sgt.Heslop. Sgt.Kirby. Sgt.Stewart. Sgt.Wrighting. Sgt.Kemmerley.	Night Operations Le Havre.	21.25.	02.00.		

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14/15.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3674.	Sgt. Baxter. Sgt. Banks. P/Sgt. Timple. Sgt. Swale. Sgt. Bright. Sgt. Bolton.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	21.30.	01.30.		
	X.3698.	P/O MacDonald. P/O Ayall. Sgt. Yates. P/Sgt. Haley. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	21.35.	01.45.		
	Wellington Ic.						
	Z.9940.	P/Sgt. Davenport. Sgt. Sellers. P/O Morgan. Sgt. Edington. Sgt. Hapey. Sgt. Norris.	Night Fresher Operations Le Havre.	21.00.	01.55.		
15/16.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3744.	P/O Jacobs. P/O Ivory. Sgt. James. Sgt. York. Sgt. Gwy.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.00.	05.00.	Executive Order for Operations No. 77 gave instructions for eight aircraft to attack DORTMUND. Weather conditions were good until 50° North and 040° East where	Form 540
	X.3700.	P/O Bailey. Sgt. Scuin. P/O Dickinson. Sgt. Marsh. P/O Grundy. Sgt. Sutton.	Night Operations. Dortmund.	23.00.	01.00.	cloud formation increased to 8/10 to 10/10, obscuring landmarks. Fierce opposition greeted all aircraft as they approached the RUHR and the close co-ordination of searchlight and anti-aircraft defences was again evident.	
	X.3673.	P/Sgt. Oochrans. Sgt. Cobden. Sgt. Dye. Sgt. James.I. P/Sgt. Adams.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.25.	04.40.	Attacking at heights between 14,000 and 18,000 feet bombs were released on E.T... no results being seen.	
	X.3674.						

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15/16.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3674.	F/Sgt. Denham. Sgt. Pearson. Sgt. Clark. Sgt. Gore. Sgt. Dinkin.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.00.	04.35.		
	X.373.	P/O. Love. Sgt. Brinsdon. Sgt. Mandin. Sgt. Gray. Sgt. Wright. Sgt. Dent.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.10.	04.45.		
	X.3745.	Sgt. Bell. Sgt. Heslop. Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Wrighting. Sgt. Kinnerley.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.15.	05.40.		
	X.3288.	Sgt. Baxter. Sgt. Banks. F/Sgt. Tipple. Sgt. Seale. Sgt. Bright. Sgt. Dolton.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.25.	05.30.		
	X.3743.	P/O. MacDonald. Sgt. Yates. F/Sgt. Holey. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Operations Dortmund.	23.30.	04.25.		
17/18.4.42.	X.3744.	P/O. Jacobs. P/O. Ivory. Sgt. James A. Sgt. York. Sgt. Guy.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.45.	05.55.	Executive Order for Operations No.78 instructed eight aircraft to attack HAMBURG.	Form 540
	X.3700.	P/O. Bailey. Sgt. Wootin. P/O. Wilkinson. Sgt. Marsh. P/O. Grandy. Sgt. Sutton.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.45.	05.45.	Aircraft took off in good weather conditions that prevailed along route and target area. Visibility was exceptionally good and pin-points were made without difficulty. All crews located the river ELBE and runs were made across the target at heights between 14,000 and 17,000 feet, detonations of the bombs released being seen to be well in the	

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17/18.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3674.	P/Sgt. Dunham. Sgt. Pearson. Sgt. Clark. Sgt. Gers. Sgt. Dakin.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.55.	05.50.	the target area. The Flak and searchlight defence was intense and accurate but our aircraft left the target seeing fires burning and the impression of successful bombing.	Form 540.
	X.3785.	P/O. Love. Sgt. Brinsdon. Sgt. Baldwin. Sgt. Gray. Sgt. Wright. Sgt. Dent.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.55.	05.55.	Aircraft and Crews returned to base without incident.	
	X.3745.	Sgt. Bell. Sgt. Haslop. Sgt. Kirby. Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Wrighting. Sgt. Kennerley.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.55.	05.30.		
	X.3288.	Sgt. Baxter. P/Sgt. Tiplle. Sgt. Swale. Sgt. Bright. Sgt. Dolton.	Night Operations Hamburg.	00.15.	06.00.		
	X.3743.	P/O. MacDonald. Sgt. Yates. Sgt. White. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Operations Hamburg.	23.59.	05.25.		
22/23.4.42.	X.3744.	P/O. Jacobs. P/O. Ivory. Sgt. James. A. Sgt. York. Sgt. Sayer.	Night Operations Hamburg.	21.20.	00.45.	Executive Order for Operations No. 79 gave instructions for six main aircraft to attack COLOGNE, and three aircraft to attack a "Fresher" target. The "Fresher" sorties were cancelled during the afternoon.	Form 540
	X.3700.	P/O. Bailey. Sgt. Houn. P/O. Wilkinson. Sgt. Marsh. P/O. Grundy. Sgt. Dolton.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.20.	00.45.	Weather conditions had not improved from weather forecasts of the previous three days. Leaving base our aircraft ran into much low cloud, beneath which there were considerable amounts of haze. On the route out and home, variable amounts of cumulus was encountered while the target itself was almost	

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22/23.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3074.	P/Ogt.Denham. Sgt.Pearson. Sgt.Clark. Sgt.Gore. P/Sgt.Pakin.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.25.	03.05.	completely obscured by industrial haze. Flak was intense and accurate the heavy variety coming up to approximately 19,000 feet wh the light flak could be seen bursting below our aircraft at	Form 540.
	X.37-5.	P/O.Love. Sgt.Grinsdon. Sgt.Hendin. Sgt.Gray. Sgt.Wright. Sgt.Dent.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.25.	03.15.	6,000 to 8,000 feet. Bombs were released between the heights of 11,000 and 16,000 feet, results could not be seen.	
	X.3743.	P/O.Macdonald. Sgt.Yates. Sgt.Dye. Sgt.Smith. Sgt.Wartwright.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.26.	03.25.		
	X.3288.	Sgt.Bell. Sgt.Healop. Sgt.Kirby. Sgt.Stewart. Sgt.Wrighting. Sgt.Kennerley.	Night Operations. Cologne.	21.25.	02.55.		
24/25.4.42.	X.3465.	S/Ldr.Hooper. Sgt.Martin. Sgt.Lerson. Sgt.Cryer. Sgt.Griffiths. Sgt.Tilley.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.10.	01.10.	Executive Order for Operations No.80 called for ten "Fresher" aircraft to attack DUNKIRKE. Good weather conditions both on the route and the target area made DUNKIRKE an easy target for location. From a cloudless sky with exceptionally good visibility the docks and town could be clearly identified and with little opposition from the ground defences, bombs were released from between 11,000 and 16,000 feet, detonations being observed to be in the target area.	Form 540.
	X.3698.	Sgt.Davenport. Sgt.Sellers. P/O.Morgan. Sgt.Hington. Sgt.Knap. Sgt.Norris.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.10.	01.15.		
	X.3418.	Sgt.Kayvett. Sgt.Careless. P/O.Mander. Sgt.May. Sgt.Hawatson. Sgt.Brownell.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.15.	01.40.		

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24/25.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3755.	P/Sgt. Birt. Sgt. Saunders Sgt. Brace. S.J. Sgt. Culvert. Sgt. Cuffey.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.10.	01.55.		
	X.3450.	Sgt. Law. Sgt. Cairns. C.C. Sgt. Fox. Sgt. Briggs. Sgt. Cosby. Sgt. Keller.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.15.	01.55.		
	X.3305.	P/Sgt. Gainsford. Sgt. Beaton. P/O. Galbraith. Sgt. Durringer. Sgt. Bell. Sgt. Hall.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.15.	01.30.		
	X.3288.	Sgt. Hutchinson. Sgt. Cowan. P/O. Mitchell. Sgt. Potts. Sgt. Turner. Sgt. Russell.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.10.	02.00.		
	X.3745.	P/O. Morgan. Sgt. Baldwin. Sgt. White. Sgt. Hoo. Sgt. Guy.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.25.	01.45.		
	X.3673.	P/O. Myall. Sgt. Yates. Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Operations Dunkirke.	22.25.	01.55.		
27/28.4.42.	R.J.666.	S/Ldr. Hooper. Sgt. Martin. Sgt. Larson. Sgt. Cryer. Sgt. Griffiths. Sgt. Tilley.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.40.	03.40.	Executive Order for Operations No. 81. gave instructions for fourteen main aircraft to attack COLOGNE. Weather conditions were exceptionally good for this operation, no cloud and good visibility making the location of the target a matter of ease. The bridges across the RHINE could	Form 340.

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27/28.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3304.	F/Sgt. Gainsford. Sgt. Beaton. P/O. Galbraith. Sgt. Durringer. Sgt. Ball. Sgt. Hall.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.45.	03.40.	be clearly seen and the detonations of bombs were observed to be well in the target area. Numerous small fires could be seen burning over a widespread area of the town. Anti-aircraft and searchlight activity was intense and extremely accurate and the impression left with our crews was that the a large proportion of the A/US defences were concentrated on COLOGNE and the surrounding districts. Returning from this mission, one of our aircraft, captained by Sgt. Law, was attacked by a night fighter presumed to be a M.E.110 flying at 10,000 feet approximately 50 miles due West of WALCHERAN. Attacking from above and behind the enemy aircraft made one attack opening fire at one hundred and fifty yards with cannon and machine gun fire. Our rear gunner replied and claims to have put one engine of the M.E. out of action. The enemy aircraft must have been using explosive incendiary ammunition for immediately after the attack the fabric on the centre section of the port wing became alight, the flames spreading to the rear position of the fuselage. The fire burnt for a quarter of an hour, by which time the whole of the fabric from the astro dome to the rear turret had burnt away, leaving the bare geodetics. In an attempt to evade the M.E. our aircraft lost 7,000 feet in height and at approx. imately 3,000 feet the English coast was crossed and a course set for home. Arriving over the aerodrome at Smith a successful forced landing was made with undercarriage UP and with NO flaps. Three aircraft were damaged by Flak over the target but returned without incident. Two aircraft and	Form 540.
	X.3450.	Sgt. Law. Sgt. Cairns. O.C. Sgt. Fox. Sgt. Briggs. Sgt. Cosby. Sgt. Keller.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.45.	03.45.		
	X.3755.	F/Sgt. Bint. Sgt. Saunders. Sgt. Brace. S.J. Sgt. Calvert. Sgt. Cuffey	Night Operations Cologne.	21.40.	03.40.		
	X.3418.	Sgt. Knyvett. Sgt. Careless. P/O. Zander. Sgt. Key. Sgt. Hewatson. Brace. N.E.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.45.	04.20.		
	X.3678.	F/Sgt. Davenport. Sgt. Sellers. P/O. Morgan. Sgt. Bington. Sgt. Empey. Sgt. Norris.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.40.	03.40.		
	X.3298.	Sgt. Hutchinson. Sgt. Cowan. P/O. Mitchell. Sgt. Jotts. Sgt. Turner. Sgt. Fussell.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.45.			

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27/28.4.42.	X.3743. Wellington III.	P/O Myall. Sgt. Bates. P/Sgt. Hailey. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Operations Cologne.	Cancelled		crews are missing from this operation.	Form 340.
	X.3673.	Sgt. Barker. P/Sgt. Phipple. Sgt. Swale. Sgt. Bright. Sgt. Bolton.	Night Operations Cologne.	Cancelled.			
	X.3700.	P/O Bailey. Sgt. Medin. P/O Wilkinson. Sgt. Marsh. P/O Grundy. Sgt. Sutton.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.40.			
	X.3723.	P/O Love. Sgt. Brinsdon. P/Sgt. Mandin. Sgt. Gray. Sgt. Proctor. Sgt. Bent.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.50.	04.25.		
	X.3744.	P/O Jacobs. P/O Ivory. Sgt. James. Sgt. York. Sgt. Sayer.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.50.	03.25.		
	X.3745.	P/O Morgan. Sgt. Baldwin. Sgt. White. Sgt. Mice. Sgt. Guy.	Night Operations Cologne.	21.45.	03.15.		
	X.3674.	P/Sgt. Denham. Sgt. Pearson. Sgt. Clark. Sgt. Gore. P/Sgt. Deakin.	Night Operations Cologne.	Cancelled.			
29/30.4.42.	X.3743.	S/Ldr. Bingham-Hell. P/O Langstaffe. Sgt. Bullen. Sgt. Robinson. Sgt. Booth.	Night Operations Paris.	21.15.	02.55.	Executive Order for Operations No. 82 instructed nine aircraft to attack the GIRONNE RHONE works at PARIS.	Form 340.

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29/30.4.42.	Wellington III.						
	X.3673.	Sgt. Baxter. P/Sgt. Tipple. Sgt. Swale. Sgt. Bright. Sgt. Bolton.	Night Operations Paris.	21.15.	02.45.	Good visibility both on route and over the target made observations comparatively easy. Arriving over Paris the bend in the river on which the Gnome Rhone works are situated was picked out, and captains made individual attacks varying their heights between 1,500 and 7,000 feet. Bombs were seen to detonate across the target and it could be seen that considerable damage had been inflicted against the works. Light Flak was moderate and fairly accurate but had little effect on the course of our aircraft.	Form 340.
	X.3674.	P/Sgt. Dunham. Sgt. Pearson. Sgt. Clark. Sgt. Gore. P/Sgt. Dakin.	Night Operations Paris.	21.25.	03.10.	Approximately four searchlights were in operation but these were not co-operating with the anti-aircraft posts. Our aircraft and crews returned to base without incident or loss.	
	X.3744.	P/O. Myall. Sgt. Yates. P/Sgt. Haley. Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Cartwright.	Night Operations Paris.	21.20.	02.55.		
	X.3698.	W/O. Schoon. P/O. Galbreith. Sgt. Flint. Sgt. Beck. Sgt. Baker.	Night Operations Paris.	21.55.	03.10.		
	X.3465.	P/Lt. Kirby. P/O. Wilding. Sgt. Jones. Sgt. Oliver. Sgt. Curtis. P/Sgt. Almonds.	Night Operations Paris.	21.25.	02.40.		
	X.3418.	P/Sgt. Davenport. Sgt. Sellers. P/O. Morgan. Sgt. Hington. Sgt. Peppy. Sgt. Morris.	Night Operations Paris.	21.55.	02.50.		

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