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1.4.42	Wellington	P/O Murray	Attack on	20.15	02.40	Attacked Hanau rail area from 1,500 feet at 22.45 hours dropping 1 x 250 and 5 x 500. The target was recognised by the U shaped bend in the river and by the position of the town. All bombs were seen to fall near the rail bridge about 3 miles West of the town. Bombs were seen to burst, but no results were seen. Front and rear gunners machine gunned a train standing in what was believed to be Mulheim Station, at 22.50 hours from 500 feet.	
	Z.1114	Sgt. Neal	Hanau Railway				
		" Fenty	Area.				
		" Bonser					
		" Smith					
		Lt. Butterworth					
"	DV 518	S/Ldr. Miles	" "	19.55	03.40	Attacked Rhine Railway bridge over the River Rhine. It was a 11 span, steel constructed, which touched the end of a long thin island. Dropped 5 x 500 and 1 x 250 from 12,000 feet at 23.00 hours. The target was recognised by the river and the island. Bombs were seen to burst on the bridge across from the island, a flash was seen and a cloud of smoke. The crew are sure that the bridge was blown up. Bomb aiming and the shooting was good.	
		Sgt. Morris					
		P/O Brown					
		Sgt. McIlroy					
		" Mason					
		P/O Griffiths					
"	Z.9758	C/Cptn. Boyle	" "	20.00	04.00	Attacked the railway at Heidelberg at 23.20 hours from 2,500 feet dropping 5 x 500 and 1 x 250. The railway was clearly seen also the bridges at Heidelberg. Bombs were dropped on the railway just short of the station and were seen to burst. Debris thrown up was seen to fall in the river. G.L. and machine gun posts were fired on.	
		P/O Casper					
		Sgt. Hawley					
		" Chetham					
		" Crosswell					
		" Stanley					

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1.4.42	Wellington Z 1165	P/O Lecch " Shortt Sgt. Ward " Wakely " Haggan " Hudson	Attack on Hanau railway area.	20.52	01.17	Attached the Hanau rail area at 23.20 hours from 450 feet dropping 5 x 500 and 1 x 250. Good visibility enabled town to be identified by following the River Main. 1 delay bomb was dropped on the rail track about 1 mile west of the town. 3 others were dropped 1 mile W of the town and the other two 1 1/2 miles W of the town on the side of the rail track. These bombs were dropped close as both engines had been hit by light flak. All bombs were seen to burst but no results were observed.	
"	Z 1158	Sgt. Avent " Hyde " Whitney " Parley " Moody " Williams	" "	20.55	02.30	Attached the Hanau rail area at Aschaffenburg at 23.59 hrs. from 800 feet dropping 1 x 250 and 5 x 500. The target area was identified by the river Main and the tunnel on the railway about ten miles E of Aschaffenburg. All bombs except 1 x 250 3 hour delay were dropped on the marshalling yard E of the station. The delay was dropped on the railway about twelve miles E of Aschaffenburg. Coaches were machine gunned in the marshalling yard and the built up area E of the station also. Some trucks were seen broken up.	

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1.1.42	Wellington	S/Ldr. Carr.	Attack on	20.35	03.25	Attacked at 0040 hours from 1,100 feet dropping 5 x 500	
	3 8951	Sgt. Hodge.	Hann railway			and 1 x 250 on two trains at Dorstel. Bombs fell within 50	
		" Harlin.	area.			yards of a stationary train and were seen to burst.	
		" Stokes.					
		Lt. Hepburn.					
		" Wyward.					
6.1.42	DV 696	P/O Leach.	Attack on	00.35	06.25	Attacked Köln at 03.10 hours from 17,000 feet dropping 1 x	
		" Shortt.	Köln "A".			1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Köln was identified by the	
		Sgt. Ward.				W-shaped bend in the river Rhine 1/2 mile S.E. of the town.	
		" Happenstall.				On arrival two large fires were seen. Bombed 1 large fire	
		" Turner.				which was believed to be the centre of the town. No	
		" Hudson.				results were observed.	
"	DV 578	S/Ldr. Miles.	" "	00.54	06.50	Attacked Köln at 03.20 hours from 16,000 feet dropping	
		Sgt. Ferris.				1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Köln was identified by	
		P/O Brown.				the river and autobahn. The target was obscured by cloud,	
		Sgt. Mollroy.				one very large fire which seemed to be in a built up area,	
		" Mason.				glowed through the cloud, and a large rectangular building	
		P/O Griffiths.				in the built up area was seen blazing. Bombs were not	
						seen to burst and no results were seen.	

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6.4.42.	Wellington 2 1169	P/Lt. Nixey. P/O Lloyd. Sgt. Melville. P/O Pethall. " Bailey.	Attack on Kohn "A"	00.10	0640	Kohn was attacked at 0335 hrs. from 11,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1,000, and 4 x 500. A/C followed the Rhine R. to Kohn. On arrival one very large fire was seen, estimated to be in the town although pin pointing was impossible, due to the fact that bombs were dropped in smoke below the clouds. The bombs were not seen to burst and no results were observed. 1 A/C was brought back to base owing to release going 1/3.	
" "	WV 730	Sgt. Ivott. " Palmer. " Whewey. " Powley. " Owen. " Williams.	" "	00.15	0710	Attacked what was believed to be the Kohn area at 0344 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1,000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Definite identification was impossible owing to 10/10ths cloud but the U shaped bend in the Rhine 7 miles E of the town was seen. Bombs were dropped in what was thought to be the Kohn area and were seen to burst but no results were observed.	
" "	X 9847	P/O Gampex. Sgt. Savage. " Howley. " Chetham. " Oredonell. " Stapley.	Attack on La Havre.	0210	0540	Attacked La Havre at 0352 hrs. from 15,500 ft. dropping 12 x 250. The whole dock area was identified by the general layout and the outer harbour. Bombs dropped from the West straight across the dock area. No fires were seen but bombs were seen to burst, bluish green flashes were seen from the bursts. No results were observed.	

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6.4.42	Wellington Z 1114	Sgt. Doherty " Allen " Peterson " Lebel " Buckley	Attack on Le Havre	02.00	06.05	The docks at Le Havre were clearly identified. Dropped 12 x 250 from 11,000 ft. at 04.20 hrs., but it is not certain as to where the bombs fell owing to violent evasive action taken. No bombs were seen and no results were observed.	
7.4.42	Z 1114	Sgt. Massey " Palmer " Hemlin " Nige " Moody " Weyward	Attack on Essen	00.40	06.30	Attacked the believed Essen area at 0319 hrs. from 12,000 ft dropping 1 x 1,000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Identification of the area was made only by S/Ls. and Flak thought to be Essen. Owing to cloud no bombs were seen and no results were observed.	
" "	DN 509	P/O Frowde Sgt. Quigley P/O Reed Sgt. Davies " Wischhausen Lt. Hephurn	" "	00.35	06.15	Attacked the believed Essen area at 0020 hrs. from 16,000 ft dropping 1 x 1,000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Essen was not definitely identified but six or seven small fires were seen in a built up area thought to be the Essen area. Bombs were thought to have dropped on the fires, but no bombs were seen and no results observed owing to cloud.	

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7.4.42	Wellington X 9847	P/O Casper Sgt. Savage. " Howley. " Chethen. " Crosswell. " Stone.	Attack on Essen	0050	0715	Attacked the believed Essen area at 0330 hrs. from 15,000 feet dropping 1 x 1000, 1 x 500 and 1 x 250. Owing to cloud Essen was not definitely identified, but about 20 flames were seen falling over what was thought to be the Essen area. It was not possible to say if the bombs hit the target, and no results were seen.	
"	DV 730	Sgt. Avent. " Allen. " Henry. " Parley. " Owen. " Williams.	" "	0015	0635	Attacked the believed target area at 0340 hrs. from 15,000 feet dropping 1 x 1000, 1 x 500 and 1 x 250. Bombed where there was a very heavy concentration of flat and 1/2. No fires were seen but bombs were observed to burst.	
"	DV 696	P/O Leach. " Shorth. Sgt. West. " Turner. " Hoppenstall. " Hudson.	" "	0015	0630	The target area was identified by the river and Army fires with flat concentration. Dropped 1 x 1000, 1 x 500 and 1 x 250 from 15,000 feet at 0328 hrs. along houses in the target area. Bombs were not seen to burst and no results were observed.	

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7.4.42	Wellington	P/O Murray.	Attack on Baser	0045	0230	Coming to severe weather and icing the furthest point reached was approximately 10 miles W of Monche. All bombs were brought back to the base.	
	Z 1148	Sgt. Neal.					
		" Penny.					
		" Bonser.					
		" Smith.					
		Lt. Rutterworth.					
"	Z 1169	P/Lt. Windy.	" "	0020	0300	Coming to bad weather and icing the furthest point reached was 51575 0100E. All bombs were brought back to base.	
		P/O Lloyd.					
		Sgt. Melville.					
		" Fairhall.					
		" Redley.					
"	DV 518	S/Ldr. Miles.	" "	0020	0255	Turned back owing to severe icing and bad weather. Jettisoned 2 x 500 and 1 x 250, 14 miles SW of Monche at 0122 hrs. from 8200 feet safe.	
		Sgt. Tarrin.					
		" Emerson.					
		" McIlroy.					
		" W. Mason.					
		P/O Griffiths.					

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9.4.42	Wellington DY 509	P/O Frowde. Sgt. Quigley P/O Reed Sgt. Davies " Copeland " Wischhusen	Attack on Hamburg.	21.25	04.20	Attacked the believed Hamburg area at 00.10 hrs. from 18,000 ft. dropping 540 x 4lb. incendiaries. Weather was 8/10th. cloud with ground haze. The docks were seen through a break in the clouds. The incendiaries were seen to burst and started a few small fires.	
" "	HP 856	P/O Murray. Sgt. Neal " Penny " Smith " Bonser Lt. Butterworth	" "	21.10	04.10	Attacked the believed Hamburg area at 04.25 hrs. at 18,500 ft. dropping 72 x 30lb. incendiaries. Bombs were not seen to burst and no results were observed.	
" "	DY 730	Sgt. Aven " Palmer " Whewey " Farley " Owen " Williams	" "	21.45	04.20	Attacked the believed Hamburg area at 00.30 hrs. from 16,000 ft. dropping 72 x 30lb. incendiaries on B.T.A. where there were incendiary fires already. Bombs were seen to burst but no results were observed.	

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9.11.42	Wellington Z 1169	P/Lt. Wixey. P/O Lloyd SGT. Melville " Fairhall " Bailey	Attack on Hamburg.	21.45	05.35	Attacked Hamburg at 00.30 hrs. from 14,000 ft. dropping 72 x 30 lb. incendiaries. The town was identified by the Binnen Hafen and the bombs fell North of the river in the town of Hamburg. No bursts were seen and no results.	
" "	X 9817	P/O Leech. " Shortt Sgt. Ward " Turner " Hoppenstall " Hudson	" "	22.05	05.05	Attacked Hamburg at 00.50 hrs. from 16,000 ft. dropping 72 x 30 lb. incendiaries. Fires were seen burning on arrival and bombs were dropped in the centre of the fires and spread them round the area. The Burmies were also identified. Weather was 9/10th. cloud.	
" "	DW 518	S/Ldr. Miles. Sgt. Terriss P/O Brown Sgt. McIlroy " Mason P/O Griffiths	" "	21.05	04.40	Returned early owing to severe icing. The furthest point reached was 5405N 0600E.	
" "	"	"	"	"	"	P/O Leech landed at Mannton, his report taken for "D" form.	

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11.4.42	Wellington Z 1158	P/Lt. Nixey. P/O Lloyd Sgt. Phillips " Melville " Bailey	Attack on Essen	23.00	03.50	Attacked the believed Essen area at 00.18 hrs. from 10,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000 and 5 x 500, but it is not known where they fell. The target was not identified owing to being caught in a S/I cone, but Flak and S/I activity was thought to establish the fact that the a/c was in the Essen area.	
" "	Z 8951	S/Ldr. Carr. Sgt. Hodge " Manlin " Stokes Capt. Hepburn P/O Griffiths	" "	23.05	04.20	Attacked Essen at 04.18 hrs. from 14,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000 and 5 x 500. The target was identified by ETA and intense S/I activity to the NW of the area. Bombs fell in the target area but were not seen to burst. Only one fire was seen.	
" "	WV 730	Sgt. Avant. " Laurence " Wherry " Parley " Owen " Williams	" "	22.50	03.15	Owing to intercomm. failure this a/c returned early after reaching 5226N 0415E. 1 x 1000 and 5 x 500 were brought back to base.	

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11.4.42	Wellington DY 672	Sgt. Doherty. " Allen " Emerson " Pye " Jebel " Buckley	Attack on Le Havre.	20.55	00.45	Attacked Le Havre at 23.00 hrs. from 14,000 ft. dropping 12 x 250 across the Basin de la Mersee and the Estuary. Le Havre was identified by the Basins de la Mersee. Bombs were not seen to burst and no fires were seen.	
15.4.42	Z 1158	P/Lt. Nixey. P/O Lloyd Sgt. Melville " Fairhell " Bailey	Attack on Essen	23.07	04.45	Attacked Essen at 02.20 hrs. from 12,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Bursts were seen from bombs in the target area. A/c was badly hit up by flak and P/O Lloyd was seriously injured. Made a crash landing at Hartlepool. (Taken from "D" Form)	
" "	HP 853	P/O Leach " Shortt Sgt. Ward " Turner " Herpenstall " Hudson	" "	23.12	04.42	Attacked Essen at 02.20 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. The target area was identified by decoy fires and a portion of the S/L belt to the N. of the town. 2 large fires were seen burning in the target area when the A/c arrived. Bombs were seen to burst on one of the large fires, the end of the stick falling beyond. The two large fires were seen to be a dull red, giving a dense column of white smoke. The A/c was shot up by flak and fighter.	

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13.4.42	Wellington DV 509.	P/O Frowde. Sgt. Quigley P/O Reed Sgt. Davies " Smith " Wischnusen	Attack on Essen	22.55	05.05	Attacked the Essen area at 02.35 hrs. from 16,500 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. The target area was identified by several fires, two of which were large, and river seen on approach. Bombs fell on SE corner of the town and were seen to burst on a large fire.	
" "	Z 1169	Sgt. Smith. " Gray " Ward " Newman " Jones P/O Ramsell	" "	23.20	04.45	Attacked the Essen area at 02.45 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. The target area was identified by many fires. Landed at Manston. (Taken from "D" Bomb)	
" "	HF 852	Sgt. Neasie " Palmer P/O Trepase Sgt. Moody " Edge " Wyward	" "	22.55	00.40	Returned early owing to both engines overheating. Furthest point reached 5050ft 0210E.	

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" "	Z 1148	Sgt. Laurence " Bates P/O Halliday Sgt. Mason " Jacques " Cox	Attack on Le Havre.	21.42	02.06	Attacked Le Havre at 00.20 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 12 x 250. The docks were identified and the bombs were seen to burst in the vicinity of Dock A. No fires were seen and no results were observed.	
15.4.42	EV 518	S/Ldr. Miles. Sgt. Ferris P/O Brown " Holdsworth Sgt. Mason " Stone	Attack on Dortmund.	22.35	04.55	Attacked Dortmund area at 02.30 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. The target was not identified owing to haze but the target area was identified by flares. Bombs were seen to burst, but no results were observed.	

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15.4.42	Wellington HP 852	Sgt. Messie. " Palmer P/O Trepess Sgt. Moody " Edge " Wynyard	Attack on Dortmund.	23.00	04.40	Attacked the primary target at 02.30 hrs. from 14,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. Dortmund was identified by flares and numerous fires. Bombs were seen to burst S. of the largest fire towards E. end of the target. No fires were caused by our bombs.	
" "	DV 609	P/O Browde Sgt. Gibley P/O Reed Sgt. Davies " Dunning " Wischhusen	" " "	22.50	05.10	Attacked the believed Dortmund area at 07.10 hrs. from 16,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250. A built up area in what was thought to be the Dortmund area was identified and one large yellow fire with dense smoke was seen. Bombs dropped 1 mile. of the large fire and were seen to burst. Numerous small fires were seen but it is impossible to say if they had been caused by our bombs.	
" "	DV 696	Sgt. Smith " Gray " Ward " Newman " James P/O Russell	" " "	22.59	04.52	Landed away report taken from Form "E" sent from Hanston. Numerous fires were seen over a wide expanse as a/c arrived in Dortmund area. Dropped 1 x 1000, 4 x 500 and 1 x 250 from 15,000 ft. at 02.30 hrs. Bombs were seen to burst but no results were observed. Two a/c were seen shot down by a fighter in Charleroi.	
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16.4.42	IV 509	P/O Frowde. Sgt. Quigley P/O Reed Sgt. Davies " Harding " Wischnusen P/O ... Sgt. ...	Attack on Dortmund.	23.20	05.20	Attacked what was believed to be the Dortmund area at 02.41 hrs. from 16,500 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250. The bombs were dropped on ETA where there were flak and S/Ls. No fires were seen and no results observed.	
" "	DV 672	P/Lt. Nixey. Sgt. Allen P/O Whittingham Sgt. Paddy " Lehel " Buckley	" "	23.15	05.01	It is believed that Dortmund was attacked at 02.56 hrs. from 16,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250. Weather was S/10th. and owing to this the target was not identified. Bombs are thought to have fallen into flak and S/L. They were not seen to burst.	

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16.4.42	Wellington HP 852	Sgt. Massie. " Palmer P/O Trepess Sgt. Moody " Edge " Wynyard LNO BPP	Attack on Dortmund.	23.50	05.10	Attacked the Dortmund area at 03.10 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250. Numerous flares with concentration flak and S/Ws were seen and encountered. Owing to cloud bombs were not seen to burst and no results were observed.	
" "	W 518	Sgt. Massie. Sgt. Terriss P/O Brown Sgt. McGhie " Mason P/O Stone LNO BPP	" "	23.20	07.35	Attacked the Dortmund area at 07.25 hrs. from 15,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000, 3 x 500 and 1 x 250. The area was identified by flares and it is thought that the bombs fell in a built up area and they were seen to burst.	
25.4.42	HP 856	Sgt. Massie. " Palmer P/O Trepess Sgt. Moody " Edge " Wynyard LNO BPP	To Garden in area Forget- renot.	19.45	02.45	Planted 1 vegetable in allotted area at 02.35 hrs from 600 ft. at 5420N 1018E. Vegetable was not seen to drop on the water. Brought 2 x 250 back to base and it was voted a good trip in general.	

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23.4.42	Wellington DV 672	P/Lt. Hasey. P/O Whitfield. " Holdsworth Sgt. Fairhall " Bailey	To Garden in area Rorpe- menet.	19.50	02.20	A pinpoint was obtained on the tip of Looksen Island, and course was set from there to 5420N 1016E where 1 vegetable was dropped from 800 ft. at 23.13 hrs. and the splash was seen. 2 x 250 were dropped at 5430N 0852E on a main road from 400 ft. at 23.35 hrs. and bursts clearly seen.	
" "	HP 852	P/O Casper. Sgt. Savage P/O Reed Sgt. Chatham Capt. Hopwood Sgt. Stone	" "	19.45	02.15	A pin point was obtained at 5420N 1030E and 1 vegetable was dropped from 500 ft. at 23.15 hrs. at 5430N 1016E. It was not seen to land on the water. 2 x 250 were jettisoned safe at 5330N 0852E, from 10,000 ft. at 01.20 hrs.	
" "	DV 730	Sgt. Arent. " Wheway. " Newman. " Owen. " Williams.	" "	20.35	03.10	1 vegetable was dropped in the 7000 position from 700 ft. at 20.01 hrs. Course was set to 5420N 1016E. 2 x 250 were brought back to base as no suitable target could be found. Landed at Hordington.	

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23.4.42	Wellington DV 518	P/O Proude. Sgt. Quigley. " Howley. " Davies. " Banning. " Wischhusen.	To garden in area Forget-me -not.	19.15	20.55	Returned early owing to rear turret going u/s. Furthest point reached was 5245N 0135E. Brought 1 vegetable and 2 x 250 back to base.	
24.4.42	DV 518	P/O Proude. Sgt. Quigley. " Howley. " Davies. " Banning. " Wischhusen.	Attack on Restock."	22.05	05.55	Attacked main target at 02.10hrs from 15,000 feet dropping 500 x 35 and 1 x 250 lb incendiary. Target was identified by astuary and fires which could be clearly seen on run up. Bombs believed to have dropped in middle of the Old Town. Incendiaries seen to burst alongside a stick which was already burning in the Old Town. Big red fire was seen in Hoptonshippyard area and white fire in Old Town area. Two photographs were attempted in Restock target area.	
" "	HF 856	Sgt. Massie. " Palmer. P/O Treppass. Sgt. Moodie. " Edge. " Wemyard.	" "	22.15	05.15	Last resort. Flak and S/Ls on 11th of Sylt, was attacked at 11,000 feet at 02.15hrs. dropping 1 x 1000 and 3 x 500. The weather was clear, with moonlight. S/Ls extinguished and flak ceased when bombs dropped. Bombs were seen to burst and photographs were attempted for the bomb bursts. The starboard engine malfunctioned heavily and continuously causing A/C to swing and vibrate.	

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26.1.42	Wellington DY 734	P/O Macey Sgt. Hyde P/O Whittinham " Holdsworth Sgt. P. Hall " Bailey " Blythe " Carr " Hester	Attack on Rostock.	21.40	05.40	Main target was attacked at 02.16 hrs. from 12,000 feet dropping 1 x 1000 and 5 x 500 which are believed to have fallen in the Old Town of Rostock. Bombs were seen to burst in the biggest fire of the lot in the Old Town. Numerous other fires were seen, one in the position of the Heinkel works and another was seen bursting S.E. of Rostock. The latter was identified by end of the estuary at Rostock and there was clear visibility with 1/2 moonlight. One photograph of town taken with flash and it was successful. One photograph of town taken with flash and it was successful. One photograph of town taken with flash and it was successful.	
" "	HP 852	P/O Gerner Sgt. Savage P/O Reed Sgt. Chetham " Lohel " Stone	" "	21.45	03.10	Last resort Syle was attacked 00.50 hrs. from 11,000 feet dropping 1 x 1000 and 5 x 500 which were seen to burst but no results were observed. The island of Syle was clearly visible and a run was made over a believed site of a seaplane base on the shore of a bay at 01.11.08. Bombs burst between a main road and the sea. Main target was not attacked owing to W/L failure receiver u/s. One photograph was attempted.	
28.1.42	IV 528	Sgt. Ineson " Edge P/O Whittinham Sgt. Whittinham " Edge " Whittinham	Attack on Cologne.	22.00	04.15	Main target was attacked from 16,000 feet at 04.15 hrs. dropping 1 x 1000 and 4 x 500. Bombs were seen to burst believed to be in portion of town E of river by road bridge. Numerous large and small fires were seen, several spreading and reaching considerable magnitude. There were no photographs attempted.	
28.1.42	IV 528	Sgt. Ineson " Edge P/O Whittinham Sgt. Whittinham " Edge " Whittinham	Attack on Cologne.	22.00	04.15	Main target was attacked from 16,000 feet at 04.15 hrs. dropping 1 x 1000 and 4 x 500. Bombs were seen to burst believed to be in portion of town E of river by road bridge. Numerous large and small fires were seen, several spreading and reaching considerable magnitude. There were no photographs attempted.	

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28.4.42	Wellington W 509	P/O Frowde Sgt. Howley " Bunking " Davies " Wischhusen	Attack on Cologne	22.05	04.25	Attacked Cologne at 01.18 hrs. from 14,000 ft. dropping 1 x 1000 and 4 x 500. Bombs believed to have dropped in the town and were seen to burst. Numerous large fires and several small were seen and the Cologne was clearly identified in the moonlight. One red flare was seen to drop. This was a very successful operation. Fires were seen 45 miles away after leaving target. Two photographs were attempted but no results were obtained.	
" "	DN 776	Sgt. Owen " Owen " Owen " Owen " Williams	" "	22.00	04.00	At 01.28 hrs. from 14,500 ft. the main target was attacked dropping 1 x 1000 and 4 x 500. Visibility was good. Slight haze and Cologne was identified by the W. light in river 2 mile S.W. of town. Bombs were seen to burst believed over the town. 12 large fires and numerous small ones were seen in the town. The Captain reported that this was one of the most successful trips he had ever been on, the fires being visible 90 miles away on return. One photograph was attempted, no result.	
29.4.42	HP 852	P/O Gasper Sgt. Savage P/O Reed Sgt. Chisham " Stone	Attack on Kiel	22.25	06.00	Primary target was attacked at 02.30 hrs. from 16,000 ft. dropping 1000 x 1 and 4 x 500. There was a small haze over the target area but target was identified by numerous pin points. There was no difficulty in aiming. The bombs were believed to have dropped in the target area but the crew was not certain about bursts as there were so many different fires. One photograph of target was attempted and one photograph of Danish border on exit attempted.	

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29.1.42	Wellington DY 509	P/O Prowse Sgt. Quicley "	Attack on Kiel	22.25	05.30	Kiel was attacked at 00.35 hrs. from 12,000 ft. dropping 600 x 4lb. incendiaries. There was bright moonlight and Kiel was clearly seen. Bombs were seen to burst believed in vicinity of the Deutsche Werke and numerous large and small fires could be seen on both sides of the harbour. 510 x 4lb incendiaries were brought back due to failure to select all switches and to jettison after releasing bombs. Two photographs were attempted.	
" "	HP 856	Sgt. Kelsey " Palmer P/O Trepess Sgt. Woody " Edge " Wyward	" "	22.30	05.20	At 02.37 hrs from 13,000 ft. Kiel was attacked dropping 600 x 4lb. incendiaries. These were seen to ignite believed in the SE. section of the town close to docks. A growing fire was seen on departure. In spite of smoke screen there was good visibility and a clear view of Seident's See, then the harbour, docks and town in moonlight made identification of the target possible. One photograph was attempted after bombing.	