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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
11/12	Wellington X HE178	143662 P/O.P.Y. Stead. 1098268 Sgt.G. Goddard. 742187 W/O.A.G. McClelland. 751264 F/Sgt.R. Hoodley. 533138 Sgt.H.E. Azzaro.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.01	05.47	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 19,500'. Primary attacked. Target identified by Red T.I. Markers and attacked. Red T.I.'s seen to cascade at 01.30, Red and Green T.I.'s visible 200 yards to Starboard. Big explosion at 02.24 visible from Dutch Coast. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	F.540 f.30
11/12	Wellington X HE180	128955 F/O.W.H. Mallinson. 129601 F/O.E.J. Weston. 1575207 Sgt.J.S. Checketts. 1270695 Sgt.E. Walls. R119288 Sgt.R.C. Bullivant.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.11	05.05	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 19,000'. Primary attacked. Bombed with Red T.I. in bombsight. Identified by ground Markers T.I. Red, Red T.I. in bombsight at 01.53 and RED seen to cascade by bomb aimer. Good show, fires well concentrated over large area - large explosions on return of 0220, smoke up to 10,000'. Cirrus cloud at 25,000'. 3/10 to 4/10 haze over target area. MANDEREL used. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto
11/12	Wellington X HE513	1215329 Sgt.F. Dyson. 1316535 Sgt.R.S. Naile. 134721 P/O.H.B.D. Pringle. R116038 F/Sgt.C.B. Pattigan. 974654 Sgt.J.L. Parker.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.13	04.14	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 16,000'. Primary attacked. Bombed on Green T.I. in bombsight. Identified by Red T.I.'s which burnt out as aircraft approached and single Green T.I.'s. The Green T.I. in bombsight was near a large number of fires. Large number of fires which appeared to be well in target area. Flak hole in cockpit. Weather clear with slight haze. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto
11/12	Wellington X LN432	1335234 Sgt.F. Norris. R331516 Sgt.T.C. Foster. 129173 P/O.K.A.C. Ayling. 1081280 Sgt.F.J. Brown. 1153836 Sgt.R.A. Newman.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.17	04.48	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 1 x 4000lb carried and dropped from 17,000'. Primary attacked. Bombed near of two Green Markers. Red were seen on approach but were not alight at time of bombing. If markers were in right place fires must have covered the town. Glows could be seen from Dutch Coast. Layer of cloud at about 1000'. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto
11/12	Wellington X HP545	RZ112232 Sgt.L.W. Hitchens. 1340622 Sgt.T. Davie. 1993291 Sgt.G. Mason. 1186107 Sgt.E.F. Nicholas. 1319292 Sgt.A.G. Lawrence.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.11	04.24	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 18,000'. Primary attacked. Bombed with Red T.I. in bombsight. Identified by both ground and sky markers. Target area one mass of fire, with several large explosions. Glow of fires seen from Dutch Coast on way back. Well concentrated. 4/10ths thin layer of cloud, visibility good. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto
11/12	Wellington X HE980	120412 F/O.E.D. Eastwood. 117361 F/O.E.C. Wheal. 1043901 Sgt.H. Langlands. 1270148 Sgt.A.R. Stone. 1085416 Sgt.M. Dixon.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.15	04.51	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 18,000'. Primary attacked. Target identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombed on 2 Red T.I.'s in bombsight at time of release. Seen to cascade at 0130. A satisfactory trip, many large fires observed in T/A - attack well concentrated. Fair visibility. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto
11/12	Wellington X MS490	34092 G/Capt.R.H. Waterhouse. 119477 P/O.E.H. Swain. 126819 P/O.F. Darbyshire. J17257 P/O.A.M. Long. 911418 Sgt.F. Ray.	A.F.C. Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	22.59	05.02	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 1 x 4000lb carried and dropped from 11,000'. Primary attacked. Target identified by T.I. markers, bombed on Red in cluster of about 6. Red seen cascading about 3 minutes before bombing. Fall of smoke prevented seeing of own results. One or two good explosions in centre of fires. Captain carried out special flare Recon and all markers seemed well placed with very few isolated Green of normal appearance. WANGANUI flares bursting too high for bombing. There seemed to be no indication of anything phoney. Visibility over T/A very good, except for smoke. Also made special Recon for general impression. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	ditto

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11/12	Wellington X MS496	130647 F/O.F.W.Jackson. 129599 P/O.R.P.Lea. 1181862 Sgt.J.S.Atherton. 1199954 Sgt.S.H.Mortimer. 1314510 Sgt.I.P.Prothero.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.04	02.19 (Crashed)	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 1 x 4000lb carried, and dropped * Aircraft crashed at STANHOPE Nr. BIRCHAM NEWTON. NORFOLK - F/O.F.W.JACKSON (Pilot) and P/O.R.P.LEA (Nav) killed - Sergeant J.S.Atherton (B/A) Sgt.S.H.Mortimer (WO/AG) and Sgt.I.P.Prothero (AG) injured. No further details as to operation report etc available.	F.540 p.30
11/12	Wellington X HE165	111768 F/Lt.J.A.Hope. 118639 F/O.G.A.S.Williams. 132953 P/O.D.L.P.Justice. 943481 F/Sgt.O.Fitzpatrick. 130315 F/O.T.B.Gittins.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	22.56	04.16	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 18,300'. Primary attacked. Bombed on Red T.I. in bombsight. Cascaded at 0138 approx. Continuous fires covering a wide area and giving out much smoke. MANDREL used. 2/10, thin cloud very low, haze and much smoke. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	Ltts
11/12	Wellington X HZ532	NZ413476 Sgt.J.R.Rhoades. 1390700 Sgt.A.W.Sole. 129156 P/O.R.G.Driver. 1134045 Sgt.H.A.Crawford. 710085 Sgt.K.N.Webb.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.25	04.40	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc carried and dropped from 18,000'. Primary attacked. Target identified by RED T.I's on approaching which burnt out before aircraft bombed. Green T.I's seen in bombsight which were also seen to cascade at 0150. Own results not observed. Large numbers of fires but appeared South of T/A. Clear - but patches of cloud just before target. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	Ltts
11/12	Wellington X HE685	70203 F/Lt.A.W.Ellis. 1384363 Sgt.V.G.Robb. 1320772 Sgt.F.C.Holland. 542773 F/Sgt.J.A.Sillis. NZ41556 Sgt.I.Tyrdeich.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.05	05.10	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 19,900'. Primary attacked. Target identified by Red and Green T.I's, river also seen. Had Red T.I. in bombsight and was seen to cascade at 0154. Yellow T.I's seen. Large number of fires appeared scattered. Industrial haze and smoke. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	Ltts
11/12	Wellington X HF484	745318 W/O.T.R.Mellor. 755568 W/O.L.W.Quick. 1163111 Sgt.H.G.Webb. 647561 F/Sgt.E.Williamson. 624923 F/Sgt.J.Alison.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.09	04.22	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc carried and dropped from 17,000'. Primary attacked. Target identified by T.I. Markers. 2 Green T.I's seen in bombsight at time of release. Greens seen to cascade at 0124. 7 large fires seen North of T/A. Satisfactory trip - attack well concentrated. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	Ltts
11/12	Wellington X HE901	113429 F/Lt.D.J.B.Wilson. 133348 P/O.A.B.H.Parkin. 143781 P/O.I.P.Wakeley. 580621 F/Sgt.R.J.Allen. 1590698 Sgt.M.S.Lund.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.02	03.44	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc carried and dropped from 13,500'. Primary attacked. Primary bombed with Red T.I in bombsight cascaded at 0126 approx. Streets could be clearly seen. Fires going very well although aircraft was very early on target. Weather - hazy. No defects in operation. Damage done to A/C by H/F in T/A.	Ltts
11/12	Wellington X MS488	40311 S/Ldr.I.R.C.Macpherson. 143578 P/O.E.L.Pavitt. 112103 F/Lt.E.N.P.Juff. 970513 W/O.A.Chambers. 702087 Sgt.E.Lynch.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	22.58	04.08	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 1 x 4000lb carried and dropped from 17,500'. Primary attacked. Target identified by Green T.I's, had Green in bombsight at time of bombing. Own results not seen, but other bombs seen to burst, buildings already seen. Attack inclined to be scattered to begin with, developed later, one huge fire seen. Aircraft made special flare Recco. Patchy cloud, haze over target. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	F.540 p.30
11/12	Wellington X EZ530	NZ414581 F/O.R.H.Blyth. NZ411857 Sgt.K.J.Campbell. 1451243 Sgt.A.H.Taylor. 1194413 Sgt.J.D.Latham. NZ411866 Sgt.M.F.Dillen.	Pilot. Nav. B/A. WO/AG. AG.	23.07	04.57	Bombing of DUSSELDORF - 2 x 500lb, 32 x 30lb Inc, 270 x 4lb Inc, carried and dropped from 18,000'. Primary attacked. Bombed with single RED T.I. in sight. Target identified by RED and GREEN ground markers also WANGANUI flares. Single Green T.I. seen to cascade and fall on top of RED T.I. bombed. Own results not seen but many large and angry fires were highly concentrated in T/A. The whole area covered by T.I's appeared to be a mass of flame and smoke. No defects in operation and no damage to A/C through E/A.	Ltts