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			<p><b>6. POSTINGS:</b> The undermentioned were posted to No. 2 Base Personnel Depot, w.e.f. 2.8.43 on completion of operational tour.</p> <p>J.16655 A/P/L J.O.H. Delisle J.17562 P/O Hglladay, L.M.                  J.16178 P/O Stutt, R.A. J.16994 P/O Dubs, J.R.G.                  J.17118 P/O Manning, H.R. J.16572 P/O Hodgson, E.C.                  J.16564 P/O Pettit, W.D. J.17533 P/O Turenne, D.J.                  J.16841 P/O Williamson, H.F. J.17536 P/O Meilleur, J.A.P.                  J.17618 P/O Stillings, J.E. J.17431 P/O Marcotte, J.H. "DFC".                  J.16826 P/O Spackman, W.R. J.17556 P/O Hobson, J.W.                  J.17392 P/O Young, W.J. 131590 P/O DeBeer, A.G.</p> <p>J.14771 P/O Clark, R.E. Posted to Base Personnel Depot (Non-effective) on being reported missing, believed drowned, w.e.f. 7.8.43.                  J.17557 P/O Atkinson, F.C. and J.17535 P/O Bell, D.A. Posted to No. 1 Aircrew Personnel Depot w.e.f. 15.8.43 on completion of tour.                  The undermentioned posted to No. 1 Aircrew Personnel Depot w.e.f. 12.8.43 on completion of operational tour.</p> <p>J.17601 P/O Brousseau, J.N. J.17429 P/O DEWUST, J.M.                  J.16921 P/O Leigh, J. J.17564 P/O Lago, J.E.                  J.16573 P/O Lymburner, J.L. J.17134 P/O Michaud, J.P.                  J.17534 P/O Spooner, C.L. J.16943 P/O Woodrow, J.</p> <p>123849 P/O Hodgetts, D.B. - Posted to No. 2 Base Personnel Depot w.e.f. 24.8.43 on completion of operational tour.                  144824 P/O Cooke, W.P. - Posted from United Kingdom w.e.f. 28.7.43 for Intelligence duties.</p>																																															
			<p><b>7. CHANGES IN COMMAND:</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>8. CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>9. AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE:</b> 12 Wellington Mk. X, Standard and 3 Wellington Mk. X. 423 Type.</p> <p><b>10. HEALTH:</b> The health of the squadron for the past month has been satisfactory except for a few cases of malaria and diarrhoea.</p> <p><b>11. NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1943.</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS:</td> <td>Aircrew</td> <td>32</td> <td>Ground crew:-</td> <td>5</td> <td>RCAF AIRMEN:</td> <td>AIRCREW:</td> <td>65</td> <td>GROUND CREW:</td> <td>333</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td>"</td> <td>4</td> <td>"</td> <td>1</td> <td>RAF "</td> <td>"</td> <td>30</td> <td>"</td> <td>nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>"</td> <td>36</td> <td>"</td> <td>6</td> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>"</td> <td>95</td> <td>"</td> <td>333</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>12. OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>DAY</th> <th>NIGHT</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Operational Flying Hours</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>1451.50</td> <td>1451.50 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operational Training Hours</td> <td>20.30</td> <td>9.25</td> <td>29.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other flying hours</td> <td>18.00</td> <td>5.00</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS:	Aircrew	32	Ground crew:-	5	RCAF AIRMEN:	AIRCREW:	65	GROUND CREW:	333	R.A.F.	"	4	"	1	RAF "	"	30	"	nil	TOTAL	"	36	"	6	TOTAL	"	95	"	333		DAY	NIGHT	TOTAL	Operational Flying Hours	Nil	1451.50	1451.50 hours	Operational Training Hours	20.30	9.25	29.55	Other flying hours	18.00	5.00	23.00	
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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night 1/2.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 930 "A"	P/O Michaud, J.P. P/O Lymburner, J.L. P/O Lago, J.E. P/O Woodrow, J.H. Sgt Meeks, S.A.	Bombing Bandazzo	2137	0211	Bomb Load: 9 x 500 dropped at 9500 feet. Identified target visually and saw own bombs burst. Results could not be observed due to ground haze. No opposition encountered. Not very successful.	A-692
"	H.E. 330 "C"	P/O Anderson, G.A. P/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/S. Champagne, J.J. Sgt. Gray, B.B.	"	2135	0245	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9000 feet. Target identified by aid of flares and 2 bombs seen to burst. Results not observed. Ground detail hard to find due to mist. No defences encountered. Believed to have bombed target area.	A-693
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/L. Blenkinsop P/O Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. P/O Miskae, J.C. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2035	0215	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Identified target visually. All flares failed due to lack of capsules. Own bombs seen to burst but results not observed. No flak or searchlights encountered. Not very successful due to thick haze.	A-694
"	H.E. 267 "I"	P/S. Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. P/O Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D.	"	2000	0300	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Primary could not be identified due to haze and flares not igniting. Five runs were made but unsuccessful. Milazzo identified visually and bombed accordingly. Results could not be observed. No defences encountered. Disappointing operation due to thick drifting haze.	A-695
"	H.E. 270 "K"	P/O Junker, J.M. P/O Fairley, D.O. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. P/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Kerkin, K.	"	2210	0400	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9500 feet. Unable to identify target. Bombs believed dropped on Milazzo. No defences encountered. Disappointing trip attributed to poor visibility and thick ground haze.	A-696
"	H.E. 931 "L"	P/O Spooner, C.L. P/O Leigh, J.E. P/S MacKay, R.S. P/S Ledressay, F.M. Sgt. Blackart, S.G.	"	2030	0155	Bomb Load: 9 x 500 dropped from 7,000 feet. Target could not be identified due to poor vis. Bombed on E.T.A. Own flares did not operate. Very little flak encountered. Disappointing trip.	A-697
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Isard, P.C. P/O Law, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, T. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F..	"	2210	0340	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 11000 feet. Target identified by aid of flares and bombs thought to have burst in target area. Results not observed. Three small fires were seen. No flak encountered and only one 3/L. visible. Disappointing trip due to heavy mist.	A-698
"	H.E. 516 "S"	S/L. Richer, B.D. P/O Stanford, A.R. P/O Belanger, P.P. P/O Cairns, J.G. P/O Hamblin, W.D.M. (Sgt. Gauthier, C.H.)	"	2000	0130	9 x 500 jettisoned as aircraft landed at Cap Bon due to engine trouble	A-699
"	H.E. 551 "T"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, G.F.	"	2235	0440	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target not identified but three bombs seen to burst and one fire burning in what was believed to be target area. Bombs were dropped but results not observed. No defences encountered. Shipping seen off Palermo but not identified. 2 x 500 hung up. A disappointing trip.	A-700

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Night	Wellington X. H.E. 521 "V"	P/O Brousseau, J.H.N. Sgt. Moreau, J.H. P/S Rowan, F.H. P/O Hodgetts, D.B.J. Sgt. Marceau, H.B. (Sgt. Headland, A.J.)	Bombing Randazzo	2110	0200	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Target was identified visually and own bombs seen to burst but results not observed. No defences encountered. Disappointing operation due to ground haze.	A-701
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McEadden, S. P/O Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	2230	0425	Bomb Load 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Unable to identify primary but Milazzo clearly identified. Own bomb bursts seen in target area but results not observed. A few fires were seen. No defences encountered. Disappointing trip due to bad visibility	A-702
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.P. P/O McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P. (Sgt. Wood, D.A.)	"	2115	0215	Bomb load: 9x500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target identified visually by aid of flares and own bombs seen to burst without observing results. No defences encountered. Operation not considered successful due to poor visibility	A-703
Night 2/3.8.43	H.E. 930 "A"	P/O Michaud, J.P. P/O Lymburner, J.L. P/O Lago, J.E. P/O Woodrow, J.E. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	Bombing Naples	1900	0115	Bomb load:- 540 x 4 lb. and 3 x 500 dropped from 11,000 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and own bombs seen to burst in centre of target area. One large explosion seen just after bombing and burned with very bright orange colour. A fair amount of flak and S/L's encountered over target. 2 fair size ships observed in Bay of Naples. Very successful trip.	A-704
"	H.E. 522 "B"	S/L Hebert, J.G. P/O Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	"	1900	0030	This aircraft was detailed as illuminator and flares were dropped from 10,000 feet which lit up the target area. Little opposition encountered. Town appeared to be getting more bombs than Marshalling yards. A very successful trip.	A-705
"	H.E. 330 "C"	P/S Jackson, A.J. P/O Bell, D.A. P/S Ross, J. P/O Atkinson, H.G. P/S Tremblay, J.E.	"	1920	0230	Bomb load: 72 x 30 lb. and 3 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst just S. of docks. Many other bomb bursts observed in target area. Fires seen well concentrated. Defences were negligible. S/L's ineffective due to haze. A successful raid.	A-706
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/O McKeskin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. P/O Black, E.M. P/O Jones, E.M. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	"	1855	0110	Bomb load:- 72 x 30 lb. and 3 x 500 Bombs dropped at 11,000 feet. Flares were over target and detailed of E. of town could be seen. Bombs were dropped accordingly but results could not be observed. A number of fires were seen burning. Defences were negligible. A successful trip	A-707
"	H.E. 267 "I"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	"	1845	0030	Bomb load:- 72 x 30 and 3 x 500 lb. bombs dropped from 9500 feet. Flares could be seen over dock area and target well lit up. Bombs seen to burst in close vicinity of marshalling yards. Four fires seen burning in W. of town near coast. Defences were negligible. A successful trip. A/C burst tire on landing and caused undercarriage to collapse. None of the crew were injured.	A-708

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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Night 2/3.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 270 "K"	P/S Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	Bombing Naples	1850	0205	Bomb load: 72 x 30 and 3 x 500 lb. bombs dropped from 10,000 feet. Flares over target and ground details clearly seen. Bombs fell among incendiary fires in centre of town. Defences were negligible. A good trip.	A-709
"	H.E. 931 "L"	P/O Spooner, C.L. P/O Leigh, J.E. P/S MacKay, R.S. P/S Ledrassay, F.M. Sgt. Blackert, S.G.	"	1905	0030	Bomb load:- 72 x 30 and 3 x 500 lb. dropped from 10,000 feet Target visually identified by aid of flares and bombed accordingly. Results were not observed. Many scattered fires in town area. Defences were negligible. A successful trip	A-710
"	H.E. 261 "R"	P/L Blakeney, C.M. P/O Taschereau, J.L. Sgt. Rhinney, C.G. P/O Hutton, G.S. P/S Boyette, J.P. (P/L Payette, H. - Passenger)	"	1911	0114	Bomb load: 540 x 4, 3 x 500 lb. bombs dropped from 8500 feet Target identified by flares and bombs dropped accordingly. Bombs seen to burst in Marshalling yard. A number of fires observed in town area. Moderate and scattered heavy flak and approx. 25 S/L's observed. Very successful trip.	A-711
"	H.E. 551 "T"	P/O DeSolla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.P. P/O Hill, C.A. Sgt. Middell, J. (Sgt. Headland, A.J.)	"	1900	0205	Bomb load:- 540 x 4 and 3 x 500 lb. bombs dropped from 11,000 feet. Flares were over target and ground details clearly identified. Bombs dropped across Marshalling yards but results not observed. Many incendiaries burning in target area. Defences negligible. A very successful trip.	A-712
"	H.E. 521 "V"	P/O Brousseau, J.H. Sgt. Moreau, J.H. P/S Rowan, F.H. P/O Hodgetts, D.B. Sgt. Marceau, H.B. (Sgt. Wood, D.A.)	"	1900	0020	Bomb load: 540 x 4, 3 x 500 lb bombs dropped from 10,000 ft. Target clearly identified by aid of flares and bombs were dropped S.E. - N.W. across centre of Marshalling yards. Results not observed. One large fire burning on quays. Ineffective smoke screen in action. Defences were relatively light. Wagh approx. 20 S/L's. A very good trip.	A-713
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Parnell, C.H. Sgt. Soper, D.J. P/S Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	"	1845	0115	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares. Ground details clearly seen and bombs believed to have landed on W. tip of railway yards. Two large fires and many small ones burning in target area. Slight heavy flak and approx. 20/30 S/L's operating. A very successful trip.	A-714
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	P/S Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Penton, P.B. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.O.	"	1935	0150	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9500 feet. Flares lit up target well and marshalling yards clearly identified. Saw own bombs fall slightly W. of Marshalling yards. Four small fires burning between Marshalling yards and docks. Moderate heavy and light flak with approx. 20/30 S/L's. A very good trip.	A-715
Night 4/5.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 930 "A"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Garvey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomerie, J.D. P/O Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.W.	Bombing Messina	1915	0120	Bomb load:- 2 x 1,000, 5 x 500 lb. bombs dropped from 10,000 feet. Target identified by flares and bombs seen bursting in built up area. Light flak and about 16 S/L's observed. Good weather. Rather concentrated bombing.	A-716

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Night 4/5.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 330 "C"	F/O Anderson, G.A. F/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/S Champagne, J.J. Sgt. Gray, B.B.	Bombing Messina	1925	0130	Bomb load 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Target identified visually. Bombs seen bursting in built up area. Some light and heavy flak observed. 10 S/L's seen. A very good trip.	A-717
"	L.N. 436 "D"	F/S Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. F/O Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, B.D.	"	1930	0058	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped at 9,000 feet. Target by aid of flares. Saw burst near railway station. 20/25 S/L's fairly accurate. Slight haze. One large fire burning when leaving. A good trip.	A-718
"	H.E. 900 "E"	F/S Jackson, A.H. F/O Bell, D.A. F/S Ross, J. F/O Atkinson, F.G. F/S Tremblay, J.E.	"	1940	0100	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Bombs aimed by aid of flares across Marshalling yards. Own bomb bursts seen, in immediate vicinity of aiming point. 30 S/L's seen operating. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak. Good vis. A good trip.	A-719
"	H.E. 468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan F/O Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, M.C.	"	1915	0135	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped from 9,400 feet. Target identified by well dropped flares, burst seen in Marshalling yards. Defences were inaccurate. Successful trip.	A-720
"	H.E. 270 "K"	F/S. Hastie Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.R. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	"	1910	0120	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target identified by aid of good flares. Bursts seen in built up area. Considerable light flak and some heavy flak. Two cones of 10 S/L's observed. A successful trip.	A-721
"	H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Quymmer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	1915	0155	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Bomb bursts seen and some small fires starting. Moderate flak bursting round 10,000 feet. 12 S/L's seen operating in cones. Good vis. A successful trip.	A-722
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Hope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.R. Sgt. Mookridge, A.H. Sgt. Jabb, T.	"	1905	0115	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target easily identified by flares. Bombs seen bursting near ferry slips. Saw one 4,000 pounder bursting in centre of town. Approx. 30 S/L's operating in two cones and not co-operating. Moderate flak. Very large explosion seen near San Stefano. Good trip.	A-723
"	H.E. 261 "R"	Sgt. Wood, D.A. F/O Clark, R.E. Sgt. Perry, R.B. Sgt. Driscoll, T.J. Sgt. Reist, C.A.	"	1910	0140	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Saw bomb bursts well inside target area. Moderate heavy flak co-operating with S/L's. Good vis. Very successful trip.	A-724
"	H.E. 551 "T"	S/L Richer, B.D. F/O Stanford, A.R. F/O Belanger, F.P. F/O Cairns, J.G. F/O Hamblin, W.D.M.	"	1905	0115	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Target identified by well dropped flares. Stocks of bombs seen bursting in centre of built up area. Approx. 30 S/L's not co-operating. Slight heavy flak. Good trip.	A-725

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Night 4-5/8/43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	W/C. St. Pierre, J.M.W. F/L. Bell, J.W. F/L. Wainwright, L.A. F/O. Hodgetts, D.B.J. Sgt. Marceau, H.B.	Bombing Messina.	1930	0040	This aircraft was detailed to illuminate the target. Flares dropped from 11,300 ft. Moderate, light & heavy flak. 20 S/L's seen making cones. Weather hazy but no cloud. Target difficult to identify. A large fire seen burning in Palermo. Successful trip.	A-726
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavalles, H.	"	1910	0100	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target identified by flares. No fires seen at time of bombing, but large glow seen after leaving target. Moderate heavy predicted flak bursting at 8,500 ft. Approx. 20 S/L's operating singly. Weather hazy but vis. good. Successful operation.	A-727
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Farnell. Sgt. Soper, D.J.G. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	"	1900	0100	Bomb load: 1 x 4000 lb. dropped from 10,000 ft. Target identified visually by well timed flares. Saw bomb (own) bursting near power station. Considerable heavy and light flak at first, slackening after bombing. 25 inaccurate S/L's co-operating with flak. Three good fires seen when leaving target area. Successful trip.	A-728
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. F/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P. (Sgt. Gauthier, C.M.)	"	1905	0055	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 ft. Light flak mostly from Italian Coast. Inaccurate S/L's. Target easily identified by well dropped flares. Successful operation.	A-729
Night 5-6/8/43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	S/L. Hebert, J.C. F/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. F/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, F.	Bombing Messina-Peloro Beaches.	2230	0450	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 SBC's lb. bombs dropped from 5500 ft. Bomb bursts seen in Paradise, but no results observed. Defences negligible. Weather hazy. Operation not considered successful on account of poor vis. and darkness.	A-730
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/S. Hawkins, R.O. Sgt. Bunting, R. F/O. Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D.	"	2245	0605	Bomb load: 14 x 250 and 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's Unable to identify given target after first sighting Cape Peloro and bombed Reggio di Calabria from 6,000 ft. Moderate flak coming from Messina. Weather hazy with broken clouds at 4,000 ft.	A-731
"	H.E. 900 "E"	F/L. Henkinson. F/O. Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. F/O. Miskae, J.G. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2225	0455	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's dropped from 5500 feet. Bomb bursts seen on coast line. Few S/L's from Messina and San Giovanni. Tracers from both sides of Strait. Weather hazy.	A-732
"	H.E. 976 "H"	F/S. Jackson, A.H. F/O Bell, D.A. F/S Ross, J. F/O Atkinson, F.G. F/S Tremblay, J.E.	"	2245	0435	Bomb load: 14 x 250 and 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's dropped from 6,000 ft. Followed Coast line round Cape Peloro. Bursts seen but not pin-pointed. Inaccurate flak from San Giovanni. Much haze and poor visibility	A-733

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Night 5/6.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 931 "I"	W/O Junker, J.N. S/O Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. P/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Kerkin, B.	Bombing Messina-Peloro Beaches	2245	0420	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's. Unable to get pin-point on account of dense haze. Bombs jettisoned safe at 0220 hrs. at position 38°40'N. 14°40'S. from 8,000 ft. Disappointing trip.	A-734
"	H.E. 270 "K"	F/O McMeekin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. P/O Black, E.H. P/O Jones, F.M. Sgt. Mæks, S.A.	"	2255	0535	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's. Unable to identify objective on account of poor vis. Bombs jettisoned live over water at 0243 hrs. from 7,000 ft. Disappointing trip.	A-735
"	H.E. 329 "O"	F/O DeSolla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.F. P/O Hill, G.A. Sgt. Laddell, J.	"	2300	0450	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's. Owing to poor vis., could not identify target, so bombs brought back. Were in target area for 25 mins. 4 S/L's seen over target area. Unsuccessful trip.	A-736
"	H.E. 261 "R"	P/L Blakney, G.M. P/O Taschereau, J.G. Sgt. Radcliffe, P/O Hutton, G.S. P/S Coyette, J.P.	"	2300	0550	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's dropped from 5,000 feet on coast. Bomb bursts seen but not pin-pointed. Fires seen in area on exit. Defences: nil. 3 S/L's from San Giovanni. Very poor visibility. Not considered very successful trip.	A-737
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhaden, S. P/O Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Quelltte, D.	"	2310	0505	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's. Target clearly identified by flares dropped by other aircraft. Bombs dropped from 5,000 ft. along coast near Paradiso. Moderate flak and few S/L's from Messina and San Giovanni. A good trip.	A-738
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.P. P/O McFee, L.W. Sgt. Tausignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	2310	0455	Bomb load: 14 x 250, 2 x 40 lb. S.B.C's. Coast line identified by flares. Bombs dropped from 7,500 ft. Bursts seen but not pin-pointed. Defences negligible. Very poor visibility	A-739
Night 6/7.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 930 "A"	P/S. Bendell, W.R. Sgt. Penton, F.H. Sgt. Ohly, Y.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.C.	Bombing Naples	1845	0130	Bomb load: - 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target visually identified by flares. Bursts seen in dock area. Accurate heavy flak. Good weather. A good raid	A-740
"	H.E. 330 "C"	P/O Anderson, G.A. P/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/S Champagne, J. Sgt. Gray, B. (Sgt. Gauthier, G.M.)	"	1845	0045	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 ft. Target very well lit up by flares. Bomb bursts seen between Marshalling yards and docks. Numerous other bursts in target area. Moderate heavy flak and 50 S/L's reported. Good vis. Very successful effort.	A-741
"	L.N. 436 "D"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	1845	0110	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target well identified by flares. Saw burst east end of Marshalling yard. Light and heavy flak from E. and N. of town. Three cones of 50 S/L's observed. Good trip.	A-742
"	H.E. 900 "E"	W/O St. Pierre, J.M.W. P/L Bell, J.W. P/L Wainwright, L.A. P/O Hodgetts, D.E. Sgt. Marceau, H.E. (Q/725853 Lt. Clapp, A.P. (USAAF))	"	1845	0025	This aircraft was detailed to illuminate target with 36 flares dropped from 11,000 ft. Were 1 min. late in illuminating. First flares seen S.E. of Marshalling yards. Own flares were right on Marshalling yards. Fair amount of heavy flak accurate and predicted. 30/40 S/L's operating in cones. Good vis. Good effort.	A-743

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Night 6-7/8/43	Wellington X. H.Z. 458 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan, P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.G.	Bombing Naples	1845	0130	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped from 9700 ft. Target well identified by aid of flares. Results not observed. Light & heavy flak from E. and N. of town. 3 cones of 30 S/L's each. Very good trip.	A-744
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E. Sgt. Mockridge, A.H. Sgt. Jebb, T.	"	2040	0115	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target identified visually by flares. Own bomb bursts seen E. end of marshalling yards. Saw two 4,000 pounder burst in Western end of marshalling yard. Heavy flak above 10,000 ft. Fairly accurate and predicted. Light flak hose piped up from coast. Smoke screen round dock area. Good vis. Very successful trip.	A-745
"	H.E. 261 "R"	Sgt. Wood, P.A. P/O. Clark, R.E. Sgt. Perry, R.E. Sgt. Driscoll, T.J. Sgt. Reist, C.A.	"	1905	--	This aircraft was seen to circle the aerodrome of El Macuarla near Cap Bon twice, at a height of 4,000 ft., with no apparent engine trouble. On making the approach at 2358 hrs, the a/c was seen to dive into the water at an angle of approx. 45°. The body of the Air Gunner, Sgt. Reist, was washed ashore and then buried after identification. The remainder of the bodies were not recovered due to heavy sea.	A-746
"	H.E. 551 "T"	S/L. Richer, B.D. P/O. Stanford, A.R. P/O. Belanger, F.P. P/O. Cairns, J.G. P/O. Hamblin, W.D. (P/L. Denis, C.A.R. Passenger)	"	1845	0045	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 ft. Target identified visually. Bombs aimed at Marshalling yards. Saw one 4,000 pounder bursting in Eastern part of Town. Fair amount of heavy flak from S.W. of Town. S/L's staggered from Mt. Visuvius to Target. Smoke screen operating near dock area. Good weather. Successful trip.	A-747
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Creer, L.G. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	1855	0030	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped from 9,000 feet Target identified visually by flares. Saw own bomb burst at S. end of marshalling yards. A few 4,000 pounders seen bursting in target area. Moderate heavy and light flak <del>bursting</del> co-operating with Searchlights. Fifty S/L's operating in cones of 25. Good vis. Very good effort.	A-748
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Wherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, P. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	1845	0130	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped from 9,000 feet Target identified visually. Marshalling yards in sight when bomb dropped. Saw own burst in Western part of marshalling yard. Accurate heavy flak. Good concentration. Successful trip.	A-749
"	H.E. 976 "H"	P/S. Jackson, A.H. P/O. Bell, D.A. P/S. Ross, J. P/O. Atkinson, F.G. P/S. Tremblay, J.E.	"	1910	2435	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 ft. Target identified by aid of flares. Saw bomb bursts E. of dock area. Thought saw one balloon 3,000 ft. above marshalling yards. Moderate flak and 20 S/L's observed. Good effort.	A-750
"	H.E. 270 "K"	P/S. Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	"	1845	0055	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 ft. Target visually identified and marshalling yards clearly seen. Two 4,000 pounders seen bursting on aiming point. Saw several other bursts. Fair amount of heavy flak. Light flak hose piped up S/L's beams. Should be a good show.	A-751 118

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Night 8-9/8/43	Wellington X. H.E. 516 "S"	S/L Richer, B.D. F/O Stanford, A.R. F/O Belanger, P.F. F/O Cairns, J.C. F/O Hamblin, W.D.M.	Bombing Messina-Peloro Beaches.	0100	0630	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped at 6,000 ft. Target visually identified by aid of flares. Own bomb bursts seen on beaches but results not observed. A few bursts of flak and about 6 S/L's seen coming from Messina. Target area was well covered by bombing.	A-769
Night 8-9/8/43	H.E. 551 "T"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	0100	0630	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 SBC's of 8 x 40 lb. dropped from 5100 ft. Target was easily identified by flares. Own bomb bursts seen between Roadway and beaches. Small amount of scattered light flak and few S/L's observed. Vis. fair, 6/10th cloud in patches. Target area well covered by bombs. Should be a successful trip.	A-770
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Levallee, H.	"	0114	0652	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,000 ft. Target visually identified and bomb bursts seen on beaches. Light moderate not predicted flak and 6 ineffective S/Ls observed. Vis. good, no cloud. One ship seen in harbour. Result of raid difficult to assess by target area well covered with bombs.	A-771
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	0100	0635	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6500 feet. Target identified visually and bombs dropped South of narrow lake believed to have landed on beaches. Other bursts seen. Little light flak and 6 S/L's observed. 1 Twin engined unidentified enemy aircraft (fighter) with amber lights on both wing tips came in from behind to 700 yards and aircraft fired short burst. E/A. turned to port and was not seen again.	A-772
Night 9-10/8/43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	W/O St. Pierre, J.M.W. F/O Elliott, D.J. P/L Wailwright, L.A. F/O Hodgetts, D.B. Sgt. Marceau, H.B.	Bombing Messina Beaches	2158	0313	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6400 feet. PACE coastline identified through gap in cloud. Bombs seen bursting across railway line just N. of Pace. Small fire seen one mile W. of Pace on arrival. One S/L observed. Weather: 8-9/10th clouds between 6/7,000 feet.	A-773
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/O Anderson, G.A. F/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/S Champagne, J.J. Sgt. Gray, B.	"	2132	0300	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 SBC's of 8 x 40 lb. dropped from 6500 feet. Unable to pin point so bombed through opening in cloud. All bursts seen on beach. One small fire was also seen burning. Defences were nil. Clouds 10/10th over target. Unfortunate bad weather condition.	A-774
"	H.E. 976 "H"	F/S Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	"	2150	0345	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 5500 feet. and were seen to burst on road and beach. Other stick of bombs seen just before. Defences were nil. 1 S/L ineffective N. of Messina. Weather: 6/10th cloud in gaps.	A-775
"	H.E. 931 "L"	W/O Junker, J.N. F/O Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. F/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	2200	0335	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 SBC of 8 x 40 lb. dropped from 5500 feet. Pin pointed on lake and bombs dropped in one stick across beach. Own bombs seen to burst but results not observed. Two dummy fires observed inland from Pace. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-776

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Night 9/10.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Gauthier, C.M. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. McCubrey, I.B. Sgt. McCart, J. Sgt. Boulanger, C.J.	Bombing Messina Beaches.	2200	0420	Bomb Load:- 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 ft. Coast pin pointed by light of flares from other aircraft. Bomb seen to burst near water. Other sticks seen falling in vicinity. Defences nil. 2 S/L's observed. Weather 9/10th clouds.	A-777
"	H.E. 551 "T"	F/L Blakeney, C.M. F/O Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, C.G. F/O Hutton, S.S. F/S Goyette, J.F.	"	2206	0305	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 ft. Thick cloud made pin pointing impossible. Coast line observed through gap in clouds. Bombs dropped accordingly believed near Pace. Light flak from Volcano Island. Two S/L's ineffective near Etna. Heavy flak from Pace area. Weather 7/10th clouds at 6/7,000 ft.	A-778
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E. Sgt. Mockridge, A.H. Sgt. Jebb, T.	"	2205	0400	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 6 SBC's of 8 x 40 lb. dropped from 8,000 ft. Coast easily identified and stick dropped between Pace & Paradise. Own bomb bursts seen. Vis. 7/10th clouds 7/8,300 ft. hazy. Defences nil. Quiet trip.	A-779
"	H.E. 978 "X"	F/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhaden, S. F/O Armitage, L.H. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	2210	0350	Bomb load:- 6x500 and 6x250 dropped from 6,000 ft. Coast near St. Agata identified through gap in clouds. Bombs seen bursting across road N. of St. Agata. Two fires seen. Heavy flak seen in distance believed to be Messina. Much cloud on target at 6/7,000 ft. Target seen by light of flares along coast between Torre Di Faro and Ganzirri.	A-780
"	H.E. 900 "E"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. F/O Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, E.E.	"	2145	0325	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6500 feet. Pin point obtained over Messina. 10/10ths clouds over beaches. Bombs dropped through clouds on estimated position of beaches. Moderate heavy flak not accurate from Messina with 2 or 3 S/L's. One hospital seen off Peloro.	A-781
Night 10/11.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	S/L Hebert, J.C. F/O Elliott, D.W. Sgt. Jenkins, A. F/O Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Bombing Messina Beaches	2247	0347	Bomb load:- 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target identified visually. Bombs dropped along beach S. of lake. Results not observed but bombs seen to burst. Defences nil.	A-782
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/S Bendell, H.R. Sgt. Fenton, F.B. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.C.	"	2255	0500	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified visually by flares. Bomb bursts observed but results not known. 1 gun & 1 S/L observed at Messina and 2 or 3 S/L's at San Giovanni. Crew saw 3 large barges 2 miles N of Messina. Large fire seen N. of ferry docks. A successful trip.	A-783
"	H.E. 930 "A"	F/S Hawkins, E.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. F/O Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D.	"	2235	0440	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6100 ft. Target identified visually and bombs seen to burst. Results not-observed. Defences negligible. Good trip.	A-784
"	H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. F/O Maple, C.C. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. Deeman, F.W. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	2205	0505	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40. Unable to locate target owing to cloud and haze. Bombs jettisoned 15°30' E - 38°40' N. at 0218 hrs. from 6,000 feet.	A-785

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Night 10/11.8. 43.	Wellington Z. H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	Bombing Messina Beaches.	2313	0543	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped at 6500 feet. Target identified by S/L's and flares and bombed accordingly. Bursts seen but results not observed. Considerable light flak from beaches and approx. 12 S/L's from Messina. Also 2 S/L's from main land. Vis. was very hazy. Saw large fire just N. of Messina on S. Bank of river. A poor trip.	A-786
"	H.E. 900 "W"	F/Lt. Blenkinson, E.W. P/O Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoize, D.E. P/O. Miskae, J.G. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2300	0415	Bomb load:- 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6500 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst, starting small fire, along beach. One S/L observed N. of Messina. Weather: 3/10th cloud 3/4,000 ft.	A-787
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Levallee, H.	"	2306	0600	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40. dropped from 6,000 feet Target identified by aid of flares and bombed accordingly. Bombs seen to burst but results unobserved. Considerable light flak and 10/13 S/L's from Messina observed. Vis. was poor, hazy. 2 fires seen. 1 at Messina and 1 on N. coast W. of lake. A good trip.	A-788
"	H.E. 551 "T"	F/O DeSolla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.G. Sgt. Callant, G.F. P/O. Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	"	2305	0505	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6300 feet. Bombs dropped through gap in clouds 2-3 miles N. of Messina and seen to burst. Large fire seen about 2 miles N. 1 Mile W. of Messina. 3 S/L's and small amount of flak coming from San Giovanni and 1 S/L. from Messina, observed.	A-789.
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. P/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	2325	0455	Bomb load:- 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6500 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst along beach. Saw bombs from another a/c fall in sea. One stick of bombs seen falling on N. coast of Sicily near Cape Peloro. 6 S/L's operating from Messina and 4 from San Giovanni observed.	A-790.
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Parnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.E.	"	2330	0515	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst 2 miles S. of Cap Peloro. Defences negligible. Weather: slight haze.	A-791
Night 11/12.8. 43.	Wellington X. H.E. 930 "A"	F/O McKeekin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. F/O Black, E.M. F/O Jones, P.M. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	Bombing Messina/Peloro Beaches	1845	1230	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 and 48 x 40. This a/c was hit by flak whilst over target area and port motor caught fire. The aircrew was fully feathered and a/c returned on one motor. Coming in to land at El Houria Aerodrome, a/c overshoot runway, due to only one motor operating and had to ground loop to avoid hitting tents in vicinity and hit a parked lorry near runway. None of the members of crew were injured. Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 5400 feet. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to burst S. of St. Agata. One small fire was started. One large fire seen N.W. of Messina. 1 heavy flak gun operating from Cap Peloro. 5-20 rectangular vessels seen along N. coast in vicinity of Mortelle. Ships were very close to shore, fairly spread out. A successful trip.	A-792
"	H.E. 976 "H"	W/O Junker, J.N. P/O Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. P/O Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	1900	0040	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 5400 feet. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to burst S. of St. Agata. One small fire was started. One large fire seen N.W. of Messina. 1 heavy flak gun operating from Cap Peloro. 5-20 rectangular vessels seen along N. coast in vicinity of Mortelle. Ships were very close to shore, fairly spread out. A successful trip.	A-793

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Night 11/12-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 270 "K"	F/S. Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.E. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	Bombing Messina/Peloro Beaches	1900	0030	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst 1 mile S. of St. Agata. 2 small fires seen on coast. Bomb bursts from other aircraft seen on beaches. Defences negligible. 4-5 small ships seen close to shore in vicinity of Mortelle.	A-794
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/O. Anderson, G.A. F/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/S. Champagne, J. Sgt. Gray, B.	"	1840	0020	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to burst along beaches. Light flak and S/L's coming from S. Giovanni. 1 ship fired from 1 mile out, just S. of Cap Peloro. Much shipping observed along target area, and along N. Coast from Peloro. Dummy fire was seen 38°13N - 53°25E. A very successful trip.	A-795
"	H.E. 900 "B"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O. Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	"	1930	0120	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6500 feet. Target identified visually. Bombs seen to burst on road N.E. of long lake. Flak seen coming from Messina and S. Giovanni. 2 ships observed close to beach just S. of long lake. 2 unidentified a/c seen. A very good trip.	A-796 2 S/L's
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Gauthier, C.M. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. McCubrey, I.B. Sgt. McCart, J. Sgt. Boulanger, G.V.	"	1900	0020	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified visually by brilliant moonlight. Bombs dropped S. of Pace along beaches, result unobserved. A large fire seen 1 mile W. of S. Agata. Defences negligible. Weather, was clear, no cloud.	A-797
"	H.E. 551 "T"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Birye, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	1910	0035	Bomb load:- 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6250 feet. Target was visually identified and bombs were seen to burst approx. 2 miles S. of S. Agata. Other bomb bursts seen N. of target area. Large fire seen W. of Pace. Defences were negligible.	A-798
"	H.E. 521 "V"	F/Lt. Blakeney, C.M. F/O. Taschereau, G. Sgt. Hinney, C.G. F/O. Hutton, G.S. F/S. Goyette, J.F.	"	1925	2416	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bomb bursts seen along beach. Defences: 2 S/L's co-operating with 1 heavy flak gun. Much small shipping seen all along coast. Navy appeared to be firing on Cape Galava. Very successful trip.	A-799
"	H.E. 978 "X"	F/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S. F/O. Armitage, J.K. Sgt. Ouellette, L.	"	1915	0045	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs were seen to burst at Ganzirri Beach. Very little defences encountered. 1 light cruiser observed close to beach and about 1 1/2 miles S. of Peloro. Very good trip.	A-800
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E. Sgt. Macriddle, J.H. Sgt. Jebb, T.	"	1650	0330	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 5800 feet. Target was easily identified and bombs were seen to burst along beach at Ganzirri. No flak encountered. 3 S/L's operating from main land. Small craft seen close in shore S. end of long lake. Dummy fire in form of large square, much smoke seen at 38°10N - 15°40E. Very successful trip.	A-801

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Night 11/12-8-43	Wellington X. L.N. 436 "D"	W/C. St. Pierre, J.M.W. Nickeling F/L. Bell, J.W. F/L. Walwright, L.A. Lt. Clapp, A.F. Sgt. Marwood, H.B. (F/L. Blenkinsop, E.)	Medina	1650	0330	This aircraft dropped 250,000 nickels over Medina, according to instructions. Town of Medina was well lit up but doused as we approached. Marina di Campo on Silla Island was lit up when a/c went over and there appeared to be 3 fires in a square. Weather: 7/10th over coast & sea. Clear over target. Hospital ship and 2 or 3 other small ships seen at 43°23'N - 09°59'E. at 2359 hrs. Also one large transport seen heading 360° approx. 10 knots; at 2023 hrs at 37°54'N - 11°15'E. Defences: 1 light flak gun. No searchlight.	A-801
"	L.N. 440 "W" F/O. Belanger, F.P.	S/L. Richer, B.D. P/O. Stanford, A.R. P/O. Cairns, J.G. P/O. Hamblin, W.D. (Sgt. Ducrr, W.F.)	Nickeling. Florence	1900	0400	This a/c was detailed to drop 250,000 nickels over Florence. Target was identified visually and nickels released as briefed. Defences: approx. 10 guns, a few light, but mostly heavy flak. No searchlight. Weather. Patchy, between clear and 7/10th. 9/10th over coast. Good trip.	A-803
(Night) 12/13-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	S/L. Hebert, J.G. P/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Bombing Messina-Cap Peloro	0015	0515	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6500 feet. Target identified by moonlight and own bombs seen to burst on beaches approx. 3 miles S. of Peloro. Defences nil. Weather: Patches of cloud, 3/10th. Slight ground haze. Saw colours of day fired off 20 miles ahead. A good trip generally.	A-804
"	H.E. 330 "C"	F/S. Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Penton, F.E. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.G.	"	0030	0615	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40. Target identified in moonlight and bombs dropped from 6,000 ft. They were seen to burst in dock area and a fire started. Defences in action from San Giovanni. 4 S/L's on Italian Coast. Weather: 6/10th clouds at 5,000 ft. Vis. good.	A-805
"	H.E. 900 "E"	F/S. Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. P/O. Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D.	"	0030	0640	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 (4 x 40 H.U.) dropped from 6,000 ft. Target identified by pin point on lakes, then lost them. Bombed on D.R. run from Vulcano Island. Bombs seen to burst. Results not seen. S/L's from San Giovanni were co-operating with flak from Messina. Saw one a/c in cone in target area, which seemed to be getting hit by flak at 0340 hrs.	A-806
"	H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, P.C.	"	0045	0610	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified by moonlight and bombs seen to burst in dock area. Defences were negligible. Good trip.	A-807
"	H.E. 551 "T"	P/O. DeSelle, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Callant, G.F. P/O. Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	"	0050	0515	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,300 feet. Bombs seen to fall in built up area of Messina. Saw the bursts in dock area. Fires along beaches near Paradise. 4 S/L's observed, operating from San Giovanni. There seemed to be an Artillery battle going on inland. A good trip.	A-808

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Night 12/13.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 979 "I"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. P/O McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tournant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P. Sgt. Parnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	Bombing Messina/Cap Peloro Beaches	0500	0550	Bomb load:- 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target identified in moonlight. Own bombs seen to burst S. of Peloro and on beach. No flak. 6 S/L's seen at San Giovanni but doused after a few minutes. A good show	A-809
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Desjardins, P. Sgt. Parnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	"	0050	0630	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target was visually identified and bombs seen to burst but results not observed. Defences in action from Messina, practically negligible. Fires observed near G. Milazzo.	A-810
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Garvey, T.G. Sgt. Radcliffe, P/O Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.	"	0100	0625	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6300 feet. Target identified by pin points. Bombs dropped 1 mile inland near Paradise, though open country. Bursts seen but results unobserved. Very little flak encountered and 3 S/L's. Saw short burst of tracer apparently fired from enemy a/c on N. Coast near G. Milazzo.	A-811
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, B.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	0100	0400	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40, jettisoned safe at 37°38'N 11°45'E. at 0244 hrs. from 6,000 feet. Aircraft returned early due to W/T failure.	A-812
"	H.E. 521 "V"	F/L. Blakeney, C.M. P/O Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, C.G. P/O Hutton, G.B. F/S Goyette, J.P.	"	0110	0550	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Bombed convoy of 25 vehicles on road travelling North. Headlights were on. Results not observed. No flak encountered. S/L operating from Paos. A fire was observed on N. Coast. A good effort.	A-813
"	H.E. 931 "L"	W/O Junker, J.N. P/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	0100	0620	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Bombs dropped close to beaches but results not observed. Very little flak encountered and approx. 3 S/L's. A good trip.	A-814
Night 13/14.8.43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	F/S Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	Bombing Bagmari	2235	0415	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 and 50 paks. of nickles. Bombed beaches just N. of village. Three lights seen in sea believed to be from ships. Stick of bombs seen just N. of aiming point. Small fire observed at N.E. end of Palmi. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-815
"	H.E. 900 "Z"	F/L Blenkinsop, E.W. P/O Hewlett, T.J. Sgt. Kenvoice, H.E. P/O Miske, J.G. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	Palmi/San Viovanni	2200	0345	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40, 16 packages of leaflets. Target identified visually in moonlight and bombs seen to explode on beach 4 Miles N. of Palmi. Rectangular objects on beaches thought to be 2 barges and also 2 small ships observed. Dummy fires on Italian Coast in vicinity of Scilla. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-816
"	H.E. 976 "M"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. P/O Maple, C.C. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. Deedman, F.W. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	2205	0355	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 6 x 500 and 16 paks leaflets. Dropped from 6,000 feet. Identified target visually by moon and bombs seen to explode in town of Scilla in built up area. Other bomb bursts seen along beaches. 2 ships observed in straight. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-817

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Night 13/14.8.43	Wellington X H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Izard, P.C. P/O Law, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, F. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	Bombing Bagnari	2205	0400	Bomb load: 6 x 250 48 x 40, 16 pks of leaflets dropped from 6,000 ft. Bombs seen to burst along side road just N. of town. Small fires observed. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-818
"	H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Whitmore, S. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	"	2200	2337	Tractor abandoned and bombs jettisoned due to port motor U/S	A-819
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E. Sgt. Mockridge, A.H. Sgt. Jebb, T.	Palmi/San Giovanni	2200	0350	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 and 16 pks of leaflets dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to explode on beaches S. of Bagnari. Many barges seen on beach in vicinity of Scilla. Shipping also seen in straight. Very little flak near Bagnari and approx. 35 S/L's at San Giovanni. Successful trip.	A-820
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	2135	0325	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000, 14 pks of leaflets dropped from 6200 feet. No suitable target seen on beaches in condition of excellent moonlight, bombs dropped in built up area due E. of town. Fire observed at end of docks at Messina. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-821
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelaky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	2130	0315	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 and 14 pks of leaflets dropped from 6500 feet. Target identified by moonlight and bombs dropped on beaches at Bagnari. Saw bomb bursts on road. Very little flak encountered. Leaflets dropped in specified area. Should be a very good trip.	A-822
"	I.N. 440 "W"	S/L Richer, B.D. P/O Stanford, A.R. Sgt. Radcliffe P/O Cairns, J.G. P/O Hamblin, W.D.	"	2130	0350	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 and 16 pks of leaflets dropped from 7,000 feet. Target visually identified by moonlight. Nothing observed on beaches and town of Palmi bombed. Explosion seen in built up area. Leaflets dropped N.W. of Messina. No defences encountered. Should be very successful trip.	A-823
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S. P/O Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	2130	0300	Bomb load: 6 x 500, 6 x 250 and 16 pks of leaflets dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified by moonlight and own bombs seen to explode, but results not observed. 8 barges observed on beaches at Scilla. Leaflets dropped as ordered. A little flak encountered from San Giovanni. Very good trip.	A-824
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Gauthier, C.M. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. McCubbery, I.B. Sgt. McCart, J. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	Gidia/Tauro	2130	0335	Bomb load: 6 x 500, 6 x 250, 14 pks of leaflets dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and small fires observed in area. Own bombs seen to burst N.E. of town. Fires observed near Palmi area. No defences encountered. A successful trip.	A-825
"	H.Z. 468 "Z"	P/S Bendall, N.R. Sgt. Fenton, F.E. Sgt. Dilly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.C.	Bagnari	2250	0435	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped at 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst in built up area of town. No activity observed on beaches. Fire observed in Palmi area. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-826

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Night 14/15-8-43	Wellington X H.E. 551 "T"	P/O DeSolla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.F. P/O Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	Bombing Porto-S. Venere	2045	0255	Bomb load:- 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6100 feet. Bombed beaches off Mandella. Fires seen well burning in Marzano area. Highly combustible material flaming up. Own bombing results not observed. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-827
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/L Blakeney, C.M. P/O Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, G.G. P/O Hutton, G.S. P/S Goyette, J.E.	Pizzo	2102	0209	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped at 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst on harbour S. of Pizzo. Good fires burning in harbour and along coast. A very good effort. No defences encountered.	A-828
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Headland, A. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, A.E. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavalley, H.	Tonnara/Mandella.	2045	0315	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 6 x 500 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified. One stick dropped on beaches S. of Tonnara near 4 barges and one stick dropped along beaches near barges at Mandella. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-829
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. P/O McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	Pizzo	2050	0235	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6500 feet. Target visually identified and bursts seen W. of harbour. South of Pizzo, across R.R. tracks and beaches. Two good size fires observed in town of Pizzo. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-830
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Parnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	Lamezia	2040	0305	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped at 6500 feet. Target visually identified and own bomb seen to burst N.E. of marshalling yard. Two good size fires observed in harbour S. of Pizzo. Very little flak encountered. A good trip.	A-831
"	H.E. 522 "B"	S/L Hebert, J.C. P/O Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Pizzo	2003	0059	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6500 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen bursting along railroad. 4 ships believed to be cruisers observed. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-832
"	H.E. 530 "C"	P/O Anderson, G.A. P/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/S Champagne, J.J. Sgt. Gray, B.	Tonnara	1958	0135	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst across railway line and along beach. Fires observed in Pizzo and Lamezia. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-833
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/O McMeekin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. P/O Elsak, E.M. P/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	Marzano.	2025	0220	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Bombs seen bursting in built up area near railway lines. Fire started and green pyrotechnics seen going up. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-834

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Night 14/15-8-45	H.Z. 468 "P"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	Bombing Pizzo	2037	0206	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 7,000 ft. Target was visually identified. Bombs seen to burst in railway yards in town. A red glow observed when a/c. left. Many fires seen in Pizzo and along coast and also in alternative target area. Very little flak encountered. A good trip.	A-835
"	Wellington X. H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. P/O. Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Flatana, D.D.	"	2059	0221	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 8,000 feet. Target identified visually and bombed beaches just North of Pizzo near objects believed to be barges. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-836
"	H.E. 976 "H"	W/O. Junker, J.N. P/O. Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	2045	0200	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst on small harbour S. of Pizzo. Heavy explosion seen on Stromboli. Approx. 10 barges seen in target area. No defences encountered. A very good effort.	A-837
"	H.E. 329 "O"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Garvey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomery, J.D. P/O. Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.W.	"	2020	0215	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified. Cluster of barges seen along coast S.W. of town and bombed accordingly. Own bombs seen to burst along barges. One explosion seen in target area. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-838
Night 15-16/8/45	H.E. 522 "B"	S/Lt. Hebert, J.C. P/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, F.	Bombing Viterbo.	2000	0230	This a/c acted as illuminator and flares dropped at 10,000 feet. Target was identified visually by aid of bright moonlight. Flares well placed over target. Some light flak and tracer encountered over target. No searchlight observed. Two fires seen on leaving target. Town appeared to be well pranged. A successful trip.	A-839
"	H.E. 551 "T"	S/Lt. Richer, H.D. P/O. Stanford, A.R. Sgt. Radcliffe, A.D. P/O. Cairns, J.G. P/O. Hamblin, W.D.	"	1955	0310	This a/c acting as illuminator dropped flares from 10,000 ft. Target visually identified and flares placed over target. A fair amount of heavy flak S.E. of target area. No S/L's. Raid should be fairly successful.	A-840
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, G.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	"	2010	0515	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000, dropped from 9,000 feet. Flares were both N. and S. of target about 5 miles outside of target area. Own bomb bursts seen but results not observed. Flares were very scattered. Fair amount of heavy and light flak encountered. No searchlight in target area. Results of effort a bit scattered.	A-841
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	2005	0310	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target identified visually by aid of flares. Bomb seen to burst near marshalling yard, left of railway. A fair amount of light and heavy flak encountered. 6 S/L's at N. of Tiver River. Effort not too successful.	A-842
"	L.N. 435 "D"	P/Lt. Blenkinsop, E.W. P/O. Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. P/O. Minkas, J.G. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2000	0250	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target identified by flares. Bomb hung up and was released 5 minutes after leaving target area. Burst seen, but result not observed. First 3 lots of flares side of target area. Fourth lot was good. Fair amount of heavy flak and tracer coming from aerodrome area. No S/L in target area.	A-843

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Night 16/17.8.45	Wellington X. L.N. 435 "D"	F/S. Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Fenton, P.B. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Collett, J.C.	Bombing Marita/Palmi	2135	0405	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified visually. Bombed a bridge near Rosarno but overshoot and landed on road. 3 fires burning in Rosarno. Good fires seen burning. No defences encountered.	A-844
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/O McTeekin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. P/O Black, E.M. P/Lt. Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	"	2140	0340	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified. Bombed Tropea and barges on beach. 1 big fire seen SW of Pizzo. A ship was seen headed South. An unidentified twin engined night fighter seen near Jatica. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-845
"	H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. P/O. Maple, C.O. Sgt. Bell, N.R. Sgt. Deadman, F.W. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	2140	0320	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 6 x 500 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified visually and bombed marshalling yards at Amantea. Bombs seen to burst in yards. One fire seen to start. Road junction also bombed. No defences encountered. A very successful trip.	A-846
"	H.E. 270 "K"	F/S Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	"	2140	0340	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target visually identified. First stick of bombs dropped on road at Amantea, and second stick on Piume Freddo, which was seen to burst in built up area. Other sticks of bombs seen bursting S. of Paula. A twin engined unidentified aircraft seen. No defences encountered. A very good trip.	A-847
"	H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Izard, P.C. P/O Law, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, T. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	"	2140	0355	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Bomb bursts observed but results not seen. Road and railway straddled on first run and town on 2nd run. No defences encountered. A successful raid.	A-848
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Gauthier, G.M. Sgt. Craig, J.A. Sgt. McCubrey, I.D. Sgt. McCart, J. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	"	2200	0405	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified. As there was no activity on beaches, bombed Palmi. Bombs fell in built up area but results not observed due to cloud. Fires seen at Rosarno. Fair sized ship seen in Gulf Gioia. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-849
"	H.E. 551 "W"	P/O De Scilla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.F. P/O Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	"	2205	0350	Bomb load: 6 x 250, 48 x 40 dropped from 6,200 feet. Target visually identified in bright moonlight. Bombs seen to burst but results unobserved. Fires were seen in Salina. No defences encountered. A successful mission.	A-850
"	H.E. 521 "Y"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavalley, H.	Piume Freddo.	2205	0420	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Bombs seen to burst on town of Palmi, also on barges and beach. Target well straddled. Raid was a success. No defences encountered.	A-851
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S. P/O Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	Piume Freddo.	2200	0410	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target identified in bright moonlight. Results of bombing not observed. Beaches were well covered by bombs. No defences encountered. A successful trip.	A-852

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Night 16/17.8.43	Wellington X H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. Bombing P/O McInnes, L.W. Mariae/Palmi		2205	0405	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target visually identified. Bombed town of Sapri and beaches near Bonifati. Bombs seen to burst in built up area and blue flashes as if bombs landed in electrical work. One fire seen near Piume Freddo. No defences. A good trip.	A-853
Night 17/18.8.43	Wellington X H.E. 522 "B"	Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P. W/C St. Pierre, J.M.W. Bombing P/O McInnes, L.W. Pizzo P/L Wainwright, L.A. P/O Hodgetts, H.D. P/O Hamblin, W.D.M.		2035	0215	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 5,000 feet. First stick dropped across railway bridge 3 miles NE of Pizzo, and 2nd stick on railway junction in Pizzo. No results observed. 3 ships seen travelling 10/15 knots, 110°. No defences encountered. Very successful trip.	A-854
"	H.E. 330 "C"	P/O Anderson, G.A. Briatico/Suvero P/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/S Champagne, J. Sgt. Gray, B.		2032	0210	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6,000 feet. First stick seen bursting 4/5 barges off Pizzo. Second stick seen bursting along railway tracks 5 miles N. of river N. of Pizzo. Barges seen S. of Pizzo. No defences encountered. On way back, amount of flak seen coming up from Tunis area. Trip considered successful.	A-855
"	L.N. 436 "D"	P/S Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. P/O Stafford, T. Sgt. Moresau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.	Pizzo	2033	0220	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 6,500 feet. Concentration of barges seen on beach and bombs seen to burst. Results not observed. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-856
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/L Blenkinsop, B. P/O Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. P/O Miskae, J.G. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2044	0320	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 and 4 packets of nickles dropped from 6,000 feet. Bombed railroad and bridge near Pizzo and bombs seen to burst. Bridge claimed to be destroyed. Nickles dropped as ordered. Unidentified A/C seen 2 miles SW. of Lamezia headed for sea. No defences encountered. A successful trip.	A-857
"	H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Radcliffe, A.D. P/O Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, E.W.	"	2045	0225	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 6 x 500 dropped from 6,200 feet. Bombed across railway line at Junction with river 3 miles N. of Pizzo. Bursts seen alongside bridge and railway. 11 small ships seen at 38°43'N - 14°55'E. on course 060°. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-858
"	H.E. 931 "L"	W/O Junker, J.R. P/O Fairley, D.C. Sgt. Deedman, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, B.	Briatico/Suvero	2040	0230	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 5,500 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst on both sides of bridge over river N. of Pizzo. Fires seen at Pizzo. No defences encountered. Successful trip.	A-859
"	H.E. 329 "Q"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E. Sgt. Mackintosh, A.H. Sgt. Jess, T.	"	2055	0250	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified. Bombs seen to burst across railway bridge N. of Pizzo. Third stick dropped on railway tracks in same area. 3 good fires seen at harbour S. of Pizzo. Convoy of approx. 30 ships sighted 38°25'N. 12°20'E. heading 305°. Little light flak experienced coming from river mouth N. of Pizzo. A good trip.	A-860

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Night 17/18-8-43	Wellington X H.E. 516 "B"	Sgt. Bell, N.T. Bombing Sgt. Burge, M.W. Briatico/Cap Sgt. Sherwood, A.F. Suvero Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.		2050	0330	Bomb load: 6 x 250 and 48 x 40 dropped from 6250 ft. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst on R.R. tracks, Lamezia marshalling yards and railway line between Sambiosi and Nicastro. Fire observed at Lamezia. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-861
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Smalley, E.W. Sgt. Gervey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomery, J.D. P/O Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.	"	2050	0245	Bomb load: 6 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 6,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst between R.R. & beach at Lamezia and S. edge of town Lamezia, where a small fire was started. No defences encountered. On way back observed heavy flak coming from Tunis area. A good trip.	A-862
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Farnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	"	2045	0300	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 6,000 feet. in marshalling yards at Lamezia. Bomb was seen to burst. Visibility was very good with slight haze. A good trip.	A-863
Night 19/20-8-43	Wellington X H.E. 330 "C"	P/S Bendall, M.R. Bombing Sgt. Penton, F.B. Foggia Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Hennessey, P.E.		2100	0420	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. in marshalling yards. Results not observed. No defences encountered. This a/c landed at 231 Wing.	A-864
"	H.E. 900 "E"	P/O McMeekin, R.E. P/O Charlesworth, J. P/O Black, E.M. P/L Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	"	2050	0405	This aircraft acting as illuminator dropped flares over target area which was visually identified. Fires were observed all over country N. of Salerno. Several dummy fires S.E. of target. Fair amount of light & heavy flak, the latter rather accurate. No S/L's. A good trip. Arriving at base, field was covered with dense fog and due to shortage of petrol a/c had to crash land and the aircraft burned. 3 members of crew slightly injured, the remainder escaped safely.	A-865
"	H.Z. 468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. SIMMONS, E.C.	"	2100	0415	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target was visually identified and bomb seen to burst but results not observed. Moderate heavy flak rather accurate and some light flak experienced. A good trip.	A-866
"	H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. P/O Maple, C.C. Sgt. Bell, M.R. Sgt. Deedman, F.W. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	2055	0435	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 feet. Target identified visually by aid of flares. Bombs seen to burst across marshalling yards and built up area. Flares well placed. At 37°17'N-11-28'E at 2305 hrs. Navy fired on this aircraft which fired colours of day. Little heavy and light flak scattered, inaccurate was experienced. A good trip.	A-867
"	H.E. 270 "K"	P/S Hastie, D.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W. S/L Richer, B.D.	"	2055	0410	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9500 feet. Bombs aimed at Station and Car Repair shop. Results not observed. A/C landed at 231 Wing.	A-868
"	H.E. 516 "S"	P/O Stanford, A.R. Sgt. Radcliffe. P/O Cairns, J.G. P/O Hamblin, W.D.	"	2100	0425	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 11,000 feet. Target was identified visually by aid of flares. Bursts seen across marshalling yards. Flares very good. Heavy flak in target area. No S/L's. A good trip.	A-869

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Night 19/20-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 551 "T"	P/O. De Solla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Callant, G.F. P/O. Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	Bombing. Poggia	2100	0255	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,200 ft. over Salerno, as aircraft could not get through because of heavy and light accurate predicted flak being fired. Bombs seen bursting but results not observed. Many large fires seen. Approaching Salerno a Wellington was flying on a reciprocal course 2,000 ft. below at 0004 hrs.	A-870
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R. Sgt. Guymer, J.A.	"	2055	0435	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target easily identified. Bombs seen falling on Marshalling Yards. Several fires seen S. of town. Slight light & heavy flak experienced. A good trip	A-871
"	L.N. 440 "W"	Sgt. Gauthier, G.M. Sgt. CRAIG, J.A. Sgt. McCussey, I.B. Sgt. McCART, J. Sgt. BEAULACER, C.J.	"	2100	0330	Bomb load:- 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target visually identified by aid of flares. Bursts seen just short of Round House. Flares were well placed. Considerable tracer and light flak when a/c left target area. Aircraft crash landed at base due to dense fog. Captain was seriously injured. The remainder of crew all escaped safely.	A-872
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. P/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Toussaint, J.R. Sgt. Turotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	2108	0350	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,600 feet. Target easily identified by aid of flares and bombs seen to burst in town across railway. Fire seen started S. of railway. No defences encountered. A successful trip.	A-873
"	L.N. 456 "D" P/O. LAW, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, J. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	Sgt. Izard, P.C. P/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Toussaint, J.R. Sgt. Turotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	2100	0430	Bomb load:- 1 x 4000 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target easily identified by aid of flares and bombs thought to have fallen on station. Slight light and heavy flak encountered. Weather was clear. A good trip.	A-874
Night 20/21-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 522 "B"	S/L. Hebert, J.C. P/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkins, A. P/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Bombing Villa Literno	1900	0140	This aircraft was detailed to illuminate target. Flares fell right over the marshalling yards. 1 x 4,000 lb. seen to burst in m. yards. Other bombing seen was very accurate. 10 S/L's in operation 10 miles S. of target. Target seemed to be well hit. Concentration good. A successful trip.	A-875
"	H.E. 350 "C"	P/O. Anderson, G.A. P/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/O. Jones, P.M. Sgt. Hennessy, P.E.	"	1900	0100	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Own bombs seen to burst. One 4,000 lb. seen bursting caused large explosion in marshalling yards. One enemy aircraft sighted N. of target flying below and in opposite direction. There was no combat. No flak, some ineffective S/L's from Naples area. Good illumination of target. Flares dead on. A good show.	A-876
"	L.N. 456 "D"	Sgt. Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, J. Sgt. Stafford, J. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D. Sgt. Jones, N.H.	"	1857	0117	Bomb load:- 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target easily identified by aid of well placed flares. Bomb aimed at centre of marshalling yard. Results not observed. One stick of bombs seen bursting before our own. S/L's in action over Naples A successful trip.	A-877

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Night 20/21-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 931 "L"	W/O. Junker, J.N. P/O. Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	Bombing Villa-Literno.	1900	0100	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 7,500 feet. Bombs seen to burst in marshalling yards, after identification of target was made by aid of flares, which were right over target. Some light and heavy flak from S. of target area. S/L from Naples area, quite ineffective. A good show.	A-878
"	H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Renvoise, D. P/O. Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	"	1900	0135	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target identified visually by aid of flares. Saw 5 bombs bursting and followed by explosion in marshalling yards. 3 fires seen N. of target, appeared to be dummy fires. Light and heavy flak inaccurate experienced. S/L operating from Naples area only. Successful operation, target well pranged.	A-879
"	H.E. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.P. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	1840	0045	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,250 feet. Target identified by light of well placed flares. Bombs seen to burst S. end of marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts seen on marshalling yards. Defences negligible. A good concentration.	A-880
"	H.E. 551 "T"	P/L. Blakeney, C.M. P/O. Taschereau, J.L. Sgt. Phinney, C.G. P/O. Hutton, G.S. P/S. Goyette, J.P.	"	1845	2000	This aircraft returned early due to inter-comm. going u/s.	A-881
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Smalley, D.J. Sgt. Garvey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomerie J.D. P/O. Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.	"	1845	0050	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target identified by aid of good flares. Bombs seen to fall across S. end of marshalling yards. Many other bomb bursts seen in same area. Defences were negligible. A good concentration.	A-882
"	H.E. 978 "X"	P/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S. P/O. Armitage, I.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	1857	0040	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target was easily identified by aid of well placed flares. Own bombs not seen to burst. 1 x 4,000 lb. seen bursting in centre of marshalling yards. Some light inaccurate flak at target. Only 3 or 4 guns in action. No S/L's. A good show.	A-883
Night 21/22-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 521, B.	W/O. St. Pierre, J.M.W. P/L. Bell, J.W. P/L. Mainwright L.A. P/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Meeks, S.A.	Bombing Battipaglia	1815	2356	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 5,400 feet. Target was visually identified. Bombs were seen to burst in marshalling yards. Several other bomb bursts seen in town. Flares were 7 minutes late. 2 guns in action at Monte Corvino. Should be a good effort.	A-884
"	H.E. 330 "C"	P/L. Blenkinsop, E.W. P/O. Howlett, I.J. Sgt. Bynoe, D.E. P/O. Makas, J.C. Sgt. Nash, J.A. (Sgt. Jones, N.H.)	"	1810	1255	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 6,500 feet. Target was identified visually by aid of flares. Own bombs seen to burst in m. yards. Other bursts seen in target area. Flares were late. Defences negligible. 22 S/L's operating in cone over Naples. A good trip	A-885
"	H.Z. 468 "F"	Sgt. Izard, P.C. P/O. Law, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, J. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	"	1810	0050	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,000 ft. Bomb was dropped N. of flares, burst seen. heavy explosion followed by flames and smoke. Flares 5 mins. late but raid seemed to be developing well. Some heavy, slight but accurate flak at target up to 10,000 ft. No S/L's. About 5 guns in action. A good show.	A-886 126

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Night. 21/22-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 270 "K"	F/S. Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	Bombing. Battipaglio	1805	0035	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 7500 feet. Target indentified visually by aid of flares and own bombs seen to burst in eastern end of marshalling yards. One big blue flash seen in target area, probably hit electrical equipment. Flares were late over target. Flak ship observed in Gulf of Salerno. No defences encountered. A good trip.	A-887
"	H.E. 931 "L"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. F/O. Maple, C.C. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. Deedman, F.W. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	1808	0020	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 feet. Target easily identified by aid of flares and own bombs were seen to burst in target area but results were not observed. Many bombs seen to fall in target area and smoke seen rising to 1,000 ft. Good raid seemed to be developing. Slight heavy flak fairly accurate encountered. 1 S/L in target area. Convoy of 6 ships seen 9 miles off Keliba. A good trip.	A-888
"	N.E. 289 "R"	S/L. Richer, B.D. F/O. Stanford, A.R. Sgt. Radcliffe, A.D. F/O. Cairns, J.G. F/O. Hamblin, W.D.	"	1810	0055	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and bombs seen to burst in target area. Fires in hills at Salerno observed. Flares were late over target. Defences negligible. Very good trip.	A889
"	H.E. 551 "T"	Sgt. Farnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper D. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair R.B.	"	1745	0045	Bomb load:- 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target identified in light of flares and bombs believed to have landed in target area. Several other bomb bursts seen, small fires also seen in target area. Defences nil. A good trip.	A-890
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Headland Sgt. Lewis, E.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.C. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	1755	0020	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target identified in light of flares. Saw bombs burst in marshalling yards. Several other bursts seen in yards and town. Slight light flak experienced. A good successful raid.	A-891
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S. Sgt. Mockridge, A. Sgt. Jobb T.	"	1800	0055	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and bombs seen to burst in M.yards. Other bursts also seen. Defences: 2 guns. Successful raid. Several fires seen on coast near Salerno. Flares were late over target.	A-892
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. F/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Toussaint, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	1805	0040	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Built up area identified and bombs seen to burst in it. Several other bursts seen in town. Flares were late over target. Defences 2 guns N.E. built up area. Should be a good raid.	A-893
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	F/S. Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Penton, F.B. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Tracey.	"	1815	0005	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,250 feet. Target identified by flares. Bomb overshoot and burst N.E. of Marshalling yards. Another 4,000 lb. bomb seen to burst in marshalling yard. One fire seen in target area. Flares were late but accurate. Defences at Salerno in action, fairly heavy accurate flak. A good raid.	A-894

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Night 23/24-8-43	H.E. 522 "B"	S/L. Herbert, J.C. F/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. F/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Bombing Bagnoli	0203	0751	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target visually identified by flares. One 4,000 pounder seen to burst. Too bright to see other bomb bursts. Medium heavy flak coming from W. of town and some light flak in Southern part of town. Quite light when over target. Good concentration. Good effort	A - 895
"	H.E. 550 "C"	F/O. Anderson, G.A. F/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/O. Jones, F.W. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	"	0200	0745	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target visually identified by flares. Results not observed but stook believed to have gone in W. of town in built up area. Considerable medium Naval flak from S. Coast of target and heavy predicted flak from W. of target area. 16 S/L's some in cones of 3 to 4 observed. Flares were off target. Good effort.	A - 896
"	L.N. 456 "D"	F/S. Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. F/O. Stafford, T. Sgt. Platana, D. Sgt. Moreau, G.S.	"	0156	0739	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,500 ft. Target identified by flares which lit up town and steel works very clearly. Moderate heavy and light flak coming from town, also fair amount coming from Nisida Island. 4 S/L's in operation. A good trip.	A - 897
"	H.Z. 468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.J. F/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	"	0202	0800	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target identified by flares and bombs seen to burst W. end of Marshalling yards. Many other bursts seen in target area. Light and heavy flak from S. and S.E. of target. 12 ineffective S/L's operating. Flares were on target. A good effort.	A - 898
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Dalton, C.F.	"	0200	0745	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and bomb seen to hit on left side of steel works. One burst seen just E. of target. First lot of flares off target. 2nd lot very good. No defences encountered. A good effort.	A - 899
"	H.E. 289 "R"	F/L. Blakeney C.M. F/O. Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, C.G. F/O. Hutton, G.S. F/S. Goyette, J.F.	"	0200	0730	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 ft. Target identified by flares and bombs aimed at Main line railway depot. Heavy and light flak encountered. 10 S/L's ineffective were in operation. Vis. was good in target area.	A - 900
"	H.E. 551 "T"	F/O. DeSolla H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.F. F/O. Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	"	0205	0750	Bomb load:- 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500 dropped from 9,300 feet. Target clearly identified by flares and bombs dropped on steel works. Some bomb bursts seen. Very good concentration. Fair amount of heavy and light flak. Searchlights scattered around N. of town. A great amount of shipping seen all along track. A good effort.	A - 901
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smalley, G.M. Sgt. Cyumer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.E.	"	0200	0400	Bomb load: 9 x 500 were jettisoned at 36°52'N -110°22'E. A/C returned early due to trouble with starboard motor.	A - 902
"	H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Carvey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomery, J.D. F/O. Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.W.	"	0205	0740	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,500 ft. Target easily identified and bombs aimed at factory but they hung up. Bombs were jettisoned immediately and were seen to burst in built up area N.E. of marshalling yards. Other burst also seen. Flares accurate. Fair amount of heavy and light flak from N. of yards. 12 S/L's operating independently, ineffective. A good effort.	A - 903

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Night 24/25-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 330 "C"	F/S. Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Fenton, F.B. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Meeks, S.A. Sgt. Jones, N.H. 2nd Pilot.	Bombing. Torre-Annunziata.	1840	0120	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target visually identified by flares. First stick seen to burst across steel works and marshalling yards. 2nd stick not observed. Concentrated flares late but accurate. A good fire burning one mile out in sea off docks for 20 minutes. 7 small ships seen at Quay. Some heavy and little Light flak S.W. of target area. 16 S/L's N. of target and E. to W. A good effort.	A - 904
"	L.N. 436 "D"	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. F/O. Maple G.C. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. Mc Cart, J. Sgt. Little, J.D.	"	1852	0114	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,300 ft. Results were not observed but believed dropped near steel works. Flares on target but some cloud over target area. Bombed through gap. Considerable light flak from target area. 9 S/L's N. of target tried unsuccessfully to come a/c. A red fire seen at Cap Bon, S. coast of Bay of Tunis. Good effort.	A - 905
"	H.E. 976 "H"	Sgt. Izard, P.G. F/O. Law, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, T. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	"	1840	0125	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target identified by flares. Bombs aimed at railway facilities bombs seen to burst but not pin pointed. Many other bursts seen in area. Off Isle of Capri at 2150 hrs, an unidentified twin engined a/c with rounded tail, flashed across tail of a/c 500 yards away. 10/13 S/L's E. of town. 5 operating from Naples area. A/c seen aimed and subjected to fair amount of heavy and light flak.	A - 906
"	H.E. 931 "L"	F/O. Junker, J.N. F/O. Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	1858	0103	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Bombs were dropped S.S.W. of town, believed across Liva Steel works. Flares late over target. Inaccurate light flak from N and E. of town. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak from town area. No S/L's except those from Naples area.	A - 907
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Parnell, O.E. Sgt. Soper D.J.G. Sgt. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Saumer, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	"	1825	0055	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,700 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and bombs seen to burst just N. of Myrads. Flares were very accurate. Fair amount of ineffective heavy flak coming from E. of target area. About 15 S/L's working in pairs N. of Myrads. Some flak ships seen in bay. A very good trip.	A - 908
"	H.E. 269 "R"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E.J. Sgt. Mockridge, A.H.M. Sgt. Jebb, I.	"	1835	0105	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8500 feet. Target identified visually. Own bombs and one 4,000 pounder seen to burst N.W. of Myrads. Small amount of Heavy and light flak scattered around target. A/c was held in S/L's for a few minutes. Successful trip. Concentration very good.	A - 909
"	H.E. 516 "S"	S/L. Richer, B.D. F/O. Stamford, A.R. Sgt. McQuibrey, I.B. F/O. Cairns, J.C. F/O. Hamblin, W.D.M.	"	1850	1250	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target visually identified by flares and bombs seen to burst across Myrads and steel works. Concentrated flares on, but 8 mins. late. Considerable predicted heavy flak experienced. S/L's in N. and W. of target. A good effort.	A - 910
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Headland A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	1836	0055	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 ft. Target identified by flares & visually. Results not observed. 1st stick was dropped on steel works, 2nd overshoot into built up area. Flares right on but late. Ship off dock seen burning. Some light & heavy flak from coast S.W. of target. 15/20 S/L's N. of target in cones. A good effort.	A - 911

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
Night 24/25-8-43	Wellington X. H.E. 978 "X"	F/O Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S.S. P/O Armitage, I.K. Sgt. Quellette, D.	Bombing Torre-Annunziata	1835	0100	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500 dropped from 8,000 feet. Target visually identified and bombs seen to burst N.E. of town. 3 or 4 large fires seen burning in town. When leaving target, saw what appeared to be a lot of ammunition exploding. White beacon seen flashing on Marettino. Defences were practically negligible.	A-912
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. F/O McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Toussignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	"	1840	2445	This aircraft was detailed to illuminate the target and carried 36 flares (5 hung up). Flares were dropped at 7,500 feet, on target. A 4,000 pounder seen hit steel works. Many other bursts seen on Marshalling Yards. A little light flak coming from NE. of town. 10/3 S/L's N. & W. of target, ineffective, operating in cones of 2/3. A good effort.	A-913
"	H.E. 270 "K"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O Lord, S.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	"	1901	0053	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500 dropped from 9,300 feet. One 1,000 lb. bomb hung up. Was jettisoned at 37°55'N. 11°22'E. safe. Target was identified visually by aid of flares. Results not observed but bombs dropped in Marshalling yards. Flares were concentrated, right on target. Some light flak from N. & W. of target. Scattered guns along coast fairly accurate. Vis. was poor before flares dropped. Good effort. A single engined fighter seen at La Cosa point at 11,000 feet.	A-914
Night 25/26-8-43	H.E. 330 "C"	F/Lt. Blenkinsop, E.W. F/O Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. F/Lt. Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	Nickelling - Rome	0055	0733	This a/c detailed to drop 200,000 nickels over Rome. These were successfully dropped from 11,000 feet, after area being identified visually. Moderate H/F from banks of River Tiber. A successful trip.	A-915
"	H.E. 269 "R"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Carvey, T.G. Sgt. Montgomerie, J.D. P/O Lehman, W.H. Sgt. Marks, W.	Nickelling - Naples	0125	0705	This a/c detailed to drop nickles over Naples, 200,000 nickles were successfully dropped without meeting any opposition. Vis. was good and nickelling area visually identified. Three large vessels and nine medium seen off Ischia, one large heading north.	A-916
"	L.N. 436 "D"	F/S Hawkins, R.C. Sgt. Bunting, R. P/O Stafford, T. Sgt. Moreau, G.S. Sgt. Platana, D.D.	Bomb Taranto	0035	0740	One 4,000 pounder dropped from 10,500 feet. Target visually identified by flares, bomb not seen to burst but believed to be in target area. One fire seen in target area thought to be fuel tanks. Moderate H & L/P and 5 S/L's operating independently. Smoke screen in operation over Marshalling Yards. Saw one unidentified twin engined a/c in target area. Flares did good job. Good effort.	A-917
"	H.Z. 468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. F/O Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, P.W. Sgt. Bette, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	"	0030	0730	One 4,000 pounder dropped from 10,700. Target visually identified by aid of very good flares. Bomb seen to burst immediately N. of Marshalling Yards. Many other bombs seen to burst on target. Slight H. & L/P and 3 or 4 S/L in Target area. Good raid with good concentration.	A-918

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Night 25/26.8.43	Wellington X H.E. 976 "H"	F/O Anderson, G.A. F/O Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. F/O Jones, F.M. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.	Bombing Taranto	0035	0620	Bomb load: 2 x 1000, 5 x 500 dropped from 11,500 ft. Target identified by flares and bombs dropped on E. end of M/Yards. Results unobserved. One large fire N. of target. Plenty of L and H/P in target area, also 6 to 12 S/L's ineffective. Good concentrated effort.	A-919
"	H.E. 522 "B"	Sgt. Jones, N.H. (2nd pilot) S/Ldr. J.C. Hebert F/O Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. F/O Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P.	Bombing "	0032	0447	Bomb load: 9 x 500 jettisoned safe 86 miles N.E. of Ustica. a/c returned early due to port engine trouble.	A-920
"	H.E. 521 "V"	Sgt. Headland, A.J. Sgt. Lewis, H.J. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L.G. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	" "	0037	0739	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 11,000 feet. Target identified by aid of flares. Bombs believed to have fallen in M/Yards. where many bomb bursts were seen. Large fire one mile W. of M/Yds. Slight and moderate inaccurate H. & L/P. 3 to 4 S/L's ineffective. Weather hazy. Good concentration.	A-921
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Budge, N.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, P. Sgt. Watkins, C.G.	" "	0025	0715	One 4,000 pounder dropped from 11,300 ft. Target identified by light of flares. Bomb aimed at M/Yds. but result not seen. other bursts seen N.W. of target. Slight to moderate H/P. 10 to 12 S/L's scattered in and around town and docks. Good trip.	A-922
"	H.E. 978 "X"	F/O Elliot, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S.S. F/O Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	" "	0040	0726	Bomb load 2 x 1000, 5 x 500 dropped from 11,000 ft. Target identified by flares. Bombs aimed at M/Yds. but not seen to burst. One 4,000 seen to burst in M/Yds. at 0402 hrs. and also many other bursts seen. Slight inaccurate moderate L & H. flak and few S/L's observed. Good concentration.	A-923
"	H.E. 516 "S"	F/O DeSolla, H. Sgt. Cavanagh, J.C. Sgt. Gallant, G.F. F/O Hill, G.A. Sgt. Liddell, J.	" "	0044	0717	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 11,250 feet. Target identified in light of flares and bombs seen to burst across railway tracks. Many other bursts also seen in T/A. Flares were bang on. Slight L & H/P and 5 or 6 S/L's along coast W of T/A. When crossing Italy own track seemed to be marked by ground lights. Good effort.	A-924
Night 27/28.8.43	H.E. 522 "B"	S/Ldr. J.C. Hebert F/O Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. F/O Strong, R.J. Sgt. Hyde, P. Sgt. Jones, N.H. (2nd pilot)	Bombing - Salerno 1833	0040	0040	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,500 ft. Target visually identified by aid of most excellent flares. M/Yds. clearly seen and own bombs seen to burst just off them. One 4,000 pounder seen to burst at one M/Yd. One good fire seen to start. Great amount of flashes going off target. Very good effort.	A-925
"	L.N. 436 "D"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. F/O Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	Bombing "	1840	1940	One 4000 jettisoned. Mission abandoned due to loose cowling on port engine.	A-926
"	H.Z. 468 "P"	Sgt. Isard, P.C. F/O Lew, S.G. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, T. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	" "	1840	0020	1 x 4000 lb. dropped from 9,000 feet. Target identified visually by aid of flares. Bomb bursts seen on tracks at western end of M/Yds. 2 small fires in T/A. Slight H/P, no S/L. A T/S a/c unidentified passed from port to starboard below in T/A. Flares did wonderful job. Very good effort.	A-927

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Night 27/28-8-45	Wellington X	Sgt. Osmond, H.N. F/O Maple, G.C. Sgt. Bell, M.R. Sgt. McGart, J. Sgt. Little, J.D.	Bombing Salerno	1850	0020	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000, 5 x 500 dropped from 8,500 feet. Target visually identified and M/Yards were in bomb sight when released. Good concentration. Slight heavy flak experienced. No S/L. Burning ship seen 12-15 miles off Calabria. Photo flashes seen going off all around a/c. Good trip.	A-928
"	H.E. 951 "L"	F/S. Bendell, N.R. Sgt. Fenton, F.R. Sgt. Ohly, V.G. Sgt. Mann, A. Sgt. Weeks, S.A.	" "	1830	0025	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,000 ft. Target visually identified and bombed accordingly. Own bomb bursts not observed. 1 x 4,000 seen to burst just off m.yards. Defences negligible. Good concentration. A very good trip.	A-929
"	H.E. 269 "R"	F/L. Blakeney, C.M. F/O. Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, G.G. F/O. Hutton, G.S. F/S. Goyette, J.P. (G15749 F/O. Iroung, R.E. Passenger)	" "	1840	2351	This a/c carried 36 flares and were dropped from a height of 8,000 ft. Target was visually identified and flares dropped accordingly. Little flak encountered S. of target. No S/L's. Bomb bursts seen in target area after flares were released. A very good trip.	A-930
"	H.Z. 514 "Q"	Sgt. Farnell, W.F. Sgt. Soper, D.J.G. Sgt. Bookley, W.H. Sgt. Saunder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B.	" "	1815	0015	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,700 ft. Target identified by flares and bomb dropped in marshalling yard. Fire was seen to start and smoke coming. No defences or S/L's over target. 4 - 5 guns S. of Salerno. Convoy was sighted off Cap Bon. One ship seen burning on way back. Excellent trip.	A-931
"	H.E. 978 "X"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, H.R.	" "	1820	0005	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target visually identified by aid of good flares and own bombs seen to burst. 3 x 4,000 lb. bombs also seen to burst in target area. 3 guns were in operation. No S/L's. Target was well pranged although concentration could have been better.	A-932
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.R. F/O. McPhee, L. W. Sgt. Toussignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, P.	" "	1830	0005	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Target easily identified by very accurate flares. Own bombs not seen to burst. Other bursts seen in marshalling yards. Approx. 6 guns of heavy inaccurate flak in target area. No S/L. Some flak S. of target area. Night fighter seen 3 miles W. of target going opposite direction. No attack made. Should be successful prang.	A-933
"	H.E. 270 "K"	F/S. Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	" "	1830	2330	Bomb load: 2 x 1,000 and 5 x 500. A/C returned early due to hydraulic system U/S. Bombs jettisoned	A-934
Night 28/29-8-45	Wellington X. H.E. 516 "S"	Sgt. Pope, G.H. Sgt. Graves, H. Sgt. Stafford, S.E.J. Sgt. Mockridge, A.H.M. Sgt. Jebb, T.	Bombing Taranto	1135	0635	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 9,500 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen bursting in built up area. S. of marshalling yards parallel to lines. 1 x 4000 lb bomb seen bursting in same area. Also another stick seen to fall diagonally across M/Yards. Moderate flak encountered. S/L's ineffective. Smoke screen in operation in harbour. A very successful trip.	A-935

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Night 28/29-8-45	Wellington X H.E.468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan, D.H. P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	Bombing TARANTO	2335	0635	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped at 8500 ft. Target visually identified and marshalling yards in bomb sight at time of release. Burst not seen. Two other bursts seen in target area. Moderate light & heavy flak encountered. S/L's ineffective. Observed what appeared to be a Naval battle S. of Naples. A successful trip.	A-936
"	H.Z.514 "Q"	Sgt. Bell, H.T. Sgt. Burge, M.W. Sgt. Sherwood, R.F. Sgt. Dalton, F. Sgt. Watkins, C.F.	"	2330	0640	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,200 feet. Ground detail obscured by smoke. Bombs dropped by D.R. run and thought to be in target area. Other bomb bursts also observed. Slight moderate flak encountered. Smoke screen in operation all along coast and in town. Many fires on W. coast of Italy apparently being shelled. Good trip.	A-937
"	H.E.289 "R"	Sgt. Smalley, D.W. Sgt. Garvey, T.C. Sgt. Montgomerie, J.D. P/O. Lehman, J.L. Sgt. Marks, W.W.	"	2335	0640	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 10,000 ft. Flares were well placed and target easily identified. Own bombs seen to burst across W. end of M/Yards. Other bursts seen in vicinity of repair shops. Little light & heavy flak encountered. S/L's ineffective. Smoke screen in operation over town. Successful trip.	A-938
"	L.N. 456 "D"	F/L. Blenkinsop, E.W. P/O. Howlett, T.J. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. P/O. Wilson, D.C. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	2335	0635	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 9,000 feet. Target easily identified and bomb seen to burst in built up area. N.W. of M/Yards. Large white building seen to disintegrate. A fair amount of accurate flak and few S/L's encountered. A successful trip.	A-939
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	P/O. Anderson, G.A. P/O. Young, J.W. Sgt. Roberts, J. P/O. Jones, F.M. Sgt. Boulanger, G.J.H.	"	2345	0225	Bomb load: 9 x 500. This a/c did not reach target and returned early due to engine trouble. Bombs jettisoned safe in Salt Lake (Selbra Khebra).	A-940
Night 29/30-8-45	Wellington X H.E.530 "C"	Sgt. Whitmore, E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O. Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	Bombing Torre-Annunziata.	2150	0350	Bomb load: 3 x 500, 3 x 250 and 46 x 30 incendiaries, dropped at 8,000 ft. 1 x 500, 3 x 250 hung up. Target visually identified by aid of well placed flares and bombs seen to drop in steel works. A few scattered fires in T.A. Defences were negligible. 3 ships observed in harbour. Fire burning approx. 30 miles from target. Should be a very good effort.	A-941
"	L.N.456 "D"	Sgt. Izard, P.C. P/O. Law, S. Sgt. Taylor, T.B. Sgt. Leeming, T. Sgt. Whittaker, R.F.	"	2150	0415	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped at 9,000 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and fires. Own bomb burst not seen. Very little flak encountered. Many bursts seen on target area. 1 x 4,000 pounder seen bursting on M/Yards. A very good trip.	A-942
"	H.Z.468 "F"	Sgt. Jones, E.H. Sgt. Laternell, F.C. P/S. Wyatt, M. Sgt. MacLeod, M.H. Sgt. Tracey, J.C.	"	2150	0400	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,000 feet. Target visually identified and M/Yards clearly seen. Own bomb seen to burst between Steel Works and M/Yards. Defences were negligible. A very good effort.	A-943

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Night 29/30-8-45	Wellington X H.E.978 "H"	Sgt. Osmond, H.H. P/O. Maple, C.C. Sgt. Ball, M.R. Sgt. McCart, J. Sgt. Little, J.D.	Bombing Torre-Annunziata.	2155	0345	Bomb load:- 48 x 30, 3 x 500 and 6 x 250 dropped from 8 250 ft. 12 x 50 hung up. Target was identified by aid of flares and bombs thought to have fallen in T.A. Results not observed due to cloud patch. Other bursts seen in T.A. Incendiaries appeared fairly scattered. Defences were very weak. Should be a successful raid.	A-944
"	H.E.951 "L"	W/O. Junker, J.N. P/O. Fairley, D.C. Sgt. McMillan, D.K. Sgt. Saunders, V.A. Sgt. Kerkin, E.	"	2200	0400	Bomb load: 3 x 500, and 48 x 30 dropped from 8000 ft. Target identified visually. M/Yards clearly seen and bombs dropped accordingly. Results not observed. Many fires in a row seen to burn. Defences were negligible. A good effort.	A-945
"	H.E.516 "S"	F/L. Blakeney, C.M. P/O. Taschereau, G. Sgt. Phinney, C.G. P/O. Hutton, G.S. P/S. Coyette, J.P.	"	2200	0519	Bomb load: This a/c carried 36 flares which were dropped from a height of 8,000 ft. over target. Number of fires observed in M/Yards. Little flak encountered with 5/8 ineffective S/L's. Target appeared to be getting a good prang. A successful effort.	A-946
"	H.E.979 "Y"	P/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, K. Sgt. McPhadden, S.S. P/O. Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	2145	2345	Bomb load:- 48 x 30, 3 x 500, 3 x 250. This a/c returned early due to engine trouble. Bombs were jettisoned. Safe.	A-947
"	H.E. 521 "Y"	Sgt. Headland, H.J. Sgt. Lewis, W. Sgt. Cooper, E.A. Sgt. Greer, L. Sgt. Lavallee, H.	"	2151	0406	Bomb load: 48 x 30, 3 x 250 and 3 x 500 dropped at 7,000 ft. Target identified visually by flares and fires. Bombs seen to burst across M/Yards. No defences encountered. Flares were good and effort concentrated. Successful trip.	A-948
"	H.Z.514 "Q"	S/L. Hebert, J.C. P/O. Elliott, D.J. Sgt. Jenkinson, A. P/O. Strong, R.J. Sgt. Ryde, P. (Sgt. Loring, W.P. 2nd Pilot)	Nickelling Genoa.	1920	0835	This a/c carried 250,000 leaflets and dropped from 9,000 ft. over target. A successful trip. No defences encountered.	A-949
Night 31.8.45.	Wellington X L.N.436 "D"	Sgt. Whitmore E. Sgt. Kirby, D. Sgt. Done, J. P/O. Lord, E.W. Sgt. Clark, W.	Bombing Salerno.	1920	0150	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 lb. bomb dropped at 8,000 ft. Target easily identified by aid of well placed flares. Bomb released and seen to fall between Railroad Repair Shop Marshalling yards. Results not observed. Large fire observed in E. part of town visible from 60 miles away. Fair amount of flak encountered. One enemy a/c believed to be shot down over Salerno. Successful trip.	A-950
"	H.E.931 "L"	F/L. Blenkinsop E. P/O. Howlett, T.U. Sgt. Renvoise, D.E. Sgt. MacLeod, M.H. Sgt. Nash, J.A.	"	1921	0055	This a/c carried 36 flares and dropped from 8,000 ft. between M/Yards and Coast. Target appeared well lit up. Defences negligible. A good trip.	A-951
"	H.Z.468 "F"	Sgt. Callaghan D.H. P/O. Stephens, T.J. Sgt. Hollings, F.W. Sgt. Betts, J.L. Sgt. Smithson, F.C.	"	1928	0119	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 8,200 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst slightly off W. end of M/Yards. Other bursts also observed, and one large fire in W. part of town. Flares very good. One green flare seen W. of town. H. flak very accurate. A good trip.	A-952

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Night 31-8-43.	Wellington X H.E. 270 "K"	F/S. Hastie, E.H. Sgt. Elhorn, H.B. Sgt. Fullerton, L.D. Sgt. Beattie, D.H. Sgt. Mitchell, J.W.	Bombing Salerno	1915	0110	Bomb load: 9 x 500, dropped from 7500 feet. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst in W. end of marshalling yards. Two other sticks seen to burst right in M/Yards. Fair amount of flak encountered over target. Smoke screen in operation in harbour area. A good trip.	A-953
"	H.Z. 514 "A"	Sgt. Duerr, W.F. Sgt. Smelsky, C.M. Sgt. Guymer, J.A. Sgt. Kelly, J.E. Sgt. Story, J.R.	"	1915	0110	Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 dropped from 7,000 ft. Target visually identified by aid of flares. Bomb burst not seen due to flares but certainly fell in target area. One 4,000 pounder seen exploding in town area. Fair amount of flak encountered. No. S.L.'s. A good trip.	A-954
"	H.E. 269 "R"	F/O. Elliott, H. Sgt. Cairns, H. F/E. Wainwright, L.A. F/O. Armitage, L.K. Sgt. Ouellette, D.	"	1924	0128	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 7500 feet. Target visually identified by aid of flares and bombs seen to burst across tracks in siding S. of yards. One 4,000 pounder seen to burst in town area. Fairly large fire in target area which could be seen 30 miles away. Smoke screen operation over T.I. Little flak encountered. One unidentified aircraft in target area. A good trip.	A-955
"	H.E. 516 "S"	S/L. Richer, B.D. F/O. Stanford, A.R. Sgt. McCubhrey, I.B. F/O. Cairns, J.G. F/O. Hamblin, W.D.	"	1930	0130	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped at 8,000 ft. Target visually identified. M/Yards seen in sight and bombs dropped accordingly. Many bombs observed bursting in target area. Little flak encountered. Smoke screen seen in operation. One S/E. enemy aircraft seen flying very low over target. Large fire in W. part of target seen for 50 miles after leaving target. Very successful trip.	A-956
"	H.E. 551 "T"	Sgt. Parnell, C.E. Sgt. Soper, D.J. F/S. Buckley, W.H. Sgt. Sauder, W.D. Sgt. Fair, R.B. (Sgt. Loring W.P.)	"	1900	0140	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 8,000 ft. Flares were very good and target easily identified. Own bombs seen to burst across Railway bridge in S. M/Yard. Many other bursts seen in M/Yards and centre of town. Fair amount of flak encountered. A very good trip.	A-957
"	H.E. 979 "Y"	Sgt. Montpetit, J.F. F/O. McPhee, L.W. Sgt. Tousignant, J.R. Sgt. Turcotte, J.F. Sgt. Desjardins, F.	"	1915	0115	Bomb load: 9 x 500 dropped from 7,600 ft. Target visually identified and own bombs seen to burst on W. portion of Southern M/Yard. Many other bursts seen in M/Yard area. Fair amount of flak encountered. One unidentified T/E. A/C. encountered. A successful trip.	A-958

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