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RAF Dishforth & RCAF 425 Squadron



Dishforth was the location where the Royal Canadian Airforce 425 Squadron was formed on 25th June, 1942. The nickname "Alouette" signifies the unique French-Canadian aspect of the squadron.

Prior to their first operational mission, 425 Squadron transferred to No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group on 1st January, 1943. Dishforth remained the base of operations until the unit moved to North Africa in late spring. Together with two other Canadian squadrons, 425 Squadron arrived at Beaufarik in May 1943, transferred to Kairouan/Zina in June, and finally moved to Hani East L.G. in September, spending about a month at this base.

In November of 1943, the unit resumed operations from Dishforth following their return to England. In December the squadron was transferred to Tholthorpe where they spent the rest of World War II.

Aircrew of 425 Squadron logged 3,649 sorties in Wellington and Halifax bombers. Lancasters were used for non-operational use at the end of the war to bring the crew home to Canada. The code "KW" designated aircraft operating with this squadron.

The Vickers Wellington



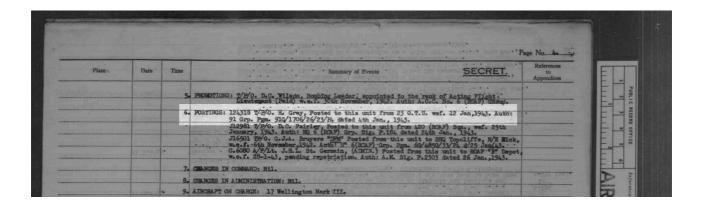
A Wellington Mk3

The Vickers Wellington was a British twin-engined, long-range medium bomber. It was designed during the mid-1930s at Brooklands in Weybridge, Surrey, led by Vickers-Armstrongs' chief designer Rex Pierson; a key feature of the aircraft is its geodetic airframe fuselage structure, principally designed by Barnes Wallis.

The Wellington was used as a night bomber in the early years of the Second World War, performing as one of the principal bombers used by Bomber Command. During 1943, it started to be superseded as a bomber by the larger four-engined "heavies" such as the Avro Lancaster. The Wellington continued to serve throughout the war in other duties, particularly as an anti-submarine aircraft. It holds the distinction of being the only British bomber to be produced for the duration of the war and of being produced in a greater quantity than any other British-built bomber.

Missions

Harry was posted from his operational training unit (OTU23) to Dishforth and RCAF 425 Squadron with effect from the 14th January 1943.



4/5th Feb 1943 - Lorient

Wellington Mk3 BK332

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	Dum	8	Time		
DATE	Type & Number	CREW	Dury	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
	Wellington III. B.K. 340 "T" (Continued)	Bombing- Hamburg			BO x 4 lbs incondiaries hung up and were brought back. This	
(NIGHT)						sircraft suffered no damage from flak but developed engine trouble as atarboard engine would not run in weak mixtura. The WT also falled, this aircraft landed at RBF Station.	
	Wellington III.		ļ			East-Wretham; at 0018 hours.	
/5 Feb.43. (NICHT)	B.J. 652 "B"	Bgt. Rivard, J. J.M.	Bombing Lorient.	1756	0013	This aircraft carrying 780 x 4 1b and 30 x 4 1b "X" Type	A-204
	-1	F/S. Junker, J.N. F/S. R.H. Logan.				incendiaries arrived on the target at 2028 hrs, flying at 14,500 feet and at a speed of 150 miles an hour. Visibility	
		Sgt. Douglass, H.H. Sgt. Payette, B.			1	was fair with no cloud. A slight haze could also be seen. A "Gee" fix was obtained than a clear pin-point was obtained of	2
		Bgt. Boileau, P.R.			-	the river. Rombs were seen to evalude on the terrest after the	-
					-	latter had been seen in the bomb sight, Heavy and concentrate flak in co-operation with searchlights was experienced over	he
						target. No enemy aircraft were seen during the raid. As this	Control of the Contro
						siruraft turned away after bembing, a large patch of fire co be seen in the bombed area. This crow considered this trip at being very aucoceasul and returned to base landing at 0015 in	
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	B.K.332 "0"	W/O. Marcotte, J.H. P/S. Spackman, W.R.		1756	0022	This siroraft carrying 780 x 4 1b and 30 x 4 1b. "X" Type innendiaries, srrived over the target flying at 15,000 feet	A-205
		E/S. Young, W.J. Bgt. Hobsen, J.W.				at 2038 hours. Visibility was very good with little or no cla	rud.
		E/S. McGillivray, R.L.				at 2038 hours. Visibility was very good with little or no old humanous fires were already lit when this a/o reached the target. The target was easily identified as a pin-point was obtained over the river. A "Goe" fix was also obtained. The	
		E/O. Gray, H.)-				target was seen in the bomb sight and all incendiaries releas	ed
-					-	accordingly. Numerous fires were seen both in the port and to areas. Numerous searchlights were seen. Comes were numerous,	WELL
			53			co-operating with A.A. Guns. Heavy concentrated flak somewhat	
						accurate was experienced but no damage was experienced by the aircraft which returned base, landing at 0022 hours.	3
	8. J. 664 "Q"	F/L. R.H. Brinton.	_ "	1759	0026	This aircraft carrying 780 x 4 lb. and 30 x 4 lb "X" Type	A-206
		P/O. J.L. Lymburner. Egt. Earl. R.A.				incendiary bombs, arrived over the target at 2039 hrs flying at 8,500 feet, visibility was very good with little or no cle	ud.
		Sgt. Lago, J.E.				A visual pin-point was easily obtained as the port in the riv	
	-(Sgt. Brown, W.D. Sgt. Bitten, F.C.)-			1	Balls of siming point was identified. The target was seen in the bomb sight and all bombs were seen to burst in the dock	
						area. Heavy and fairly accurate Tlak was experienced. Numeron hearchlights were also seen. The latter were coned and flak	å
-					-	searchlights were also seen. The latter were comed and flat was being fired in the cones. This crew considered their trip as very successful, although uneventful. This sirversft	
			- 14			as very successful, sithough uneventum. This sircraft suffered no damage and landed at base at 0026 hours.	

11/12th Feb 1943 - Mine Laying

Wellington Mk3 BK529 KW-S

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(*2512) Wt 0055- (*20056-0511) W	-55 fo,000 5/47 [.S. 100 %_ 50331-4345 2058 52/47	ES. 700	For 11	не Момти о	Febr	uary, 19.55	
DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIR OR FLIGHT	References
11/12 Feb.4 (NIGHT)	B.J.652 "E"	P/O. Clinten, R.S. P/O. Rowe, A.G. F/S. Latremouille, J.B F/S. Copeland, T.A. Sgt. Outhbert, S. (F/S. Brant, E.)	Gardening. Nectarine I.	1807	2228	This sircraft carrying two mines, arrived at the dropping point at 1949 hrs. Visibility was peer with 10/10th cloud, at 1,000 ft. Pin-point not obtained but "Ges fix received. Vegs. were dropped at 310/2 N 05/2815. Saw beth regarables hit the water. Satisfactory trip.	A-229
	X.3648 "R"	Sgt. Turcette,F.H. Sgt. Laberge,J.R.A. Sgt. Kemp, R.P. Sgt. Redman, A.H. Sgt. Bybbe,S.C. Sgt. Pletane,D.D.)-	•	1803	2216	This aircraft carrying two mines, arrived at the dropping point at 1925 hrs. Visibility was peor with 10/10th elouds. Fix obtained. Mines were dropped at 51060'N 05025'E. The two parachutes were seen to open. Successful trip.	A-230
	1.3763 *12	P/O. Doucette, T.A. P/O. Desroches J.O.L. Sgt. Vellans, D. P/S. Palequin, A. F/S. Trudesu, P.P. (Sgt. Chene, B.)		1805	2251	This s/c carrying 2 vegs. arrived at the target area at 1935 hrs. flying at 4,000 feet in poor visibility with 10/10th cloud. It was impossible to obtain a pin-paint but were successful in obtaining a "cee" fix. Yegs. were drapped from a beight of 1,000 feet in 11 second intervals, position 550 41N 05-838 E. Beth 'ohutes were seen to open. No EA or flat scips were sighted. Uneventful trip, Returned safely to have	
		Sgt. Tursnne, D.J. R/S. Williamson, N.P. F/S. Stilliamson, N.P. Sgt. Meillour, J.A.P. Sgt. Campsall, R.S. P/O. Gray, H.J.		1806	2255	This s/c carrying 2 vegs. arrived at dropping point at 1945 hrs. Visibility was fair with 2/10th cloud below the s/c. A "Jee" fix was obtained. Vegs. were dropped from a height of 750 feet in 12 seconds interval. Position 530(1 % 050)1 s Parachusts were seen to open in both case. We sightings we made of either enemy alrevatt or flak ships. This sireraft returned asfely to thee.	
*	B.X.340 "T"	Sgt. Brousseau, J. H. N. Sgt. Marceau, J. H. Sot. Fontaine J. L. J.		1801	2223	This aircraft carrying 2 vegs. flew over the target area at 1932 hrs. 10/10th cloud with base at 2,000 feet, and good visibility below this height. A "Goo" fix was obtained and	A-233

13/14th Feb 1943 - Lorient Wellington Mk3 BK644 KW-Q

AIRCRAFT	Coow	Deme	1	EIME		
Type & Number	CHAW	DUTY	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
43. Wellington I X. 3876 "D"	P/O. Smith. R.B.	Bombing Lorient.	1807	0057	30 x 4 lb "X" Type incends., arrived over Lorient at 2125 hrs	
j	Sgt. Frudd, F.W.			+	From North to South and saw the target on the Wast of the river	
	F/S. Anderson, J. I.				Wisibility was 5 to 6 miles over the target area with 2/10th	
	F/S. Rankin, J.			1	dropped accordingly. Numerous fires were raging in this area	
					falling on the target. Plak une light and incommete Comment	
	-			-	8/L's could be seen but hoperently were mable to cone any	
					of a solid mass of limbe. This ay cosuffered no damage and	
	1					
B.J. 652 "E"	P/O. Delisle, J.E.H.		1808	0024	This aircraft carrying high explesives and incends., arrived	A-236
	Sgt. Halladay L.M.			1	could be seen bursting on the former, 15 minutes before cross	ing
	P/S. Doucet, P.G.					
	(P/O. Pairley.D.C.)-				manake rising from the fires. The target was seen in the bomb	-
					heavy bombs were seen to explode possibly 4,000 lb hombs, and	
					Light flak was experienced and S/L's seen but no damage and	
					no coming of the sircraft. This crew returned safely to base.	The second second
X.3763 "L"	P/O. Doucette, T.A.	*	1812	0050	This a/c carrying 3 x 500 lb H.H. and 420 x 4 lb incends.	A-237
	MS. Pelequin, A.	3	-		plus 30 x 4 1b "X" Type, arrived over the target at 2058 hrs.	
	Sgt. Vollans, D.				sround the target. A pin-point was obtained on the river and	
-	F/S. Trembley J. R.)-				done accordingly. Bombs were seen to drop and explode on the	
					almost immediately bombs were dropped. What was light and the	
					ascurate. Numerous S/L's worked in co-operation with A.AGuns.	•
		International Contraction of the			on fire. This a/c returned safely to base.	
	F/L. Brinton, ReHe		1811	2335	This sireraft carrying 3 x 500 lb H.E. and 5 containers of	A-238
					4 lb. plus one container of 30 7h hombs andred over the tam	gat
BURNES CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR	Set. Earl. P.A.				little or no choud. A pin-point was obtained on the river. The	***************************************
	P/O. Gray, H.)-			-	secordingly with yery good results. The whole target area	
					Tak was experienced. The latter was co-operating with the	1
					numerous B/L's. On the return former, fires could be seen	
		(S*		***************************************	aircraft was flying low. This crew returned safely to base.	
	Tyre & Nommes 43. Wellington I X.3876 "p" E. y. 652 "E" X.3765 "L" B. J. 644 "Q"	Tyre & Normes A.3. Wellington III X.3376 "P" PO. Smith. E.B. - Sgt. Bedeld, P.L.) P.S. Anderson, J.L. P.S. Anderson, J.M. P.S. Nankin, J. B.J. 552 "P" PO. Delisle, J.E.H. F.S. Hacl, A.T. Sgt. Halladay, J.M. P.S. Hacl, A.T. Sgt. Halladay, J.M. P.C. Paker, J.G. P.C. Faker, J.G. P.C. Paker, J.G. J.S. Paker, J.G. P.C. Doucette, T.A. Sgt. Vallana, D. P.C. Tremblay, J.K. P.C. Lymburner, J.L. Sgt. Lago, B. Sgt. Sarl, E.B. P.C. Gray, I.A.	Tyre & Nomes L3. Wellington III X.3876 "P" P/O. Smith, R.B. Bombing Lorient Ggt. Bujold, P.L.) - PSgt. Prudd, P.W P/S. Anderson, J.I J.S. Bender, J.R J.S. Trembley, J.R J.S. Trembley, J.R J.S. Trembley, J.R J.S. Domester, J.R J.S. Trembley, J.R J.S. Domester, J.R J.S. Domester, J.R J.S. Domester, R.R J.S. D	Type & Nomes Casw Duty Up A3. Wellington III X. 3876 "P" B/O. Smith, R.B. Bombing Lorient. 1807 B/S. Anderson, J. T. J/S. Anderson, J. T. J/S. Anderson, J. T. J/S. Anderson, J. T. J/S. Beach, A. T. Sgt. Hellady, J. N. Sgt. Hellady, J. N. J/S. Dewert, J. C. J/O. Passole, J. C. J/O. Passole, J. C. J/S. Trembley, J. N. J/S. Trembley, J. N. B. J. 644 "Q" J/L. Brinton, R. H. Sgt. Lego, N. Sgr. Sarl, Res. J/S. Somenhur, R. J/S. Stonenhur, R.	Tyre & Nomers L3. Wellington III X.3876 "P" P/O. Smith. R.B. Bombing Lorient. - Ggt. Budold, P.L.) - Figt. Prudd, P.W. - Fig. Anderson J.I. - Fig. Anderson J.I. - Fig. Anderson J.I. - Fig. Budold, P. L. - Fig. B	Up Down I Visual pin-point was obtained. This crew fell owed the river from Rornh to South saw the target on the Base of the river I South Town I Worth to South saw the target on the Base of the river I South Town I Worth to South saw the target on the Base of the river I South Town I Worth to South saw the target area with 2700 the born I was a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time, and a considerable number of teels were asson. I was that time associated as a second teels were asson. I was the target as the larget as the larget was asson. I was the larget was the larget as the larget was the larget as the larget was the larget as the larget was the larget was the larget as 2008 lines. I was the larget was the larget as 2008 lines. I was the larget with the propose of the larget was the larget as 2008 lines. I was the larget with the larget was t

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DATE	ATRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	Up	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
(NIGHT)	Wellington III. B.K.539 "S"	M.L. Savard, J.L.	Bombing Cologne.	1812	2355	This s/c carried 8 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs, and reached target a	t A-250
		F/O. MacIntyre,J.S. P/O. Bourgesis,B.A. F/S. Laberge,J.C.A.			ļ	2025 hrs flying at a height of 12000 ft and at a speed of 16 hap. h. 10/10th cloud at 8,000 ft. good wielbility above. Tar was identified by green and red markers. Result of bombing r	ot
	-(Sgt. Gray, B.B. P/O. Belanger, F.P.)-				observed due to poor visibility. Aircraft returned safely to	
*	B.K.340 "T"	Sgt. Brousseau, J. H. Sgt. Moreau, J. H.		1808	0058	This a/c carried 690 x , plus 50 x & 1b "X" Type and 8 x 30 lb. incends, and reached the target at 2030 hrs at 12,000 ft and Thying at a speed of 165 m.p.h. 10/10th cloud at 8.000	A-251
		Sgt. Fontaine, J. L. J. P.D. Hodgetts, D. B. J. Sgt. Marceau, H. B.			-	ft. Visibility above, good. Target identified by redand gree	
	-4	Sgt. Kemp, R.F.)-			1	concentration of flares, A much saful trip as far as could be determined. Could see nothing of siming point. Landed safely	
*	B.J.918 "F"	Sgt. Gauthier, J.L. Sgt. Glassberg, J.L. Set. Forbes, W.C.	*	1811	2333	This sircraft carrying 1 x 4000 lb G.P.bomb, reached the target at 2016 hrs flying at a height of 12,400 fb. and at a speed of 170 mp.h. 10/10th clouds, visibility above 15 to 2 belies. Target was identified by red and green Glares. Bomb	A-252 0
		Sgt. Porbes, W.C. P/S. Dugel, J.B.A. F/S. Lanctin, M. Sgt. Bunting, R.)-				was dropped in concentration of flares. Although results of benchmar could not be observed, the trip is presumed to be a successful one. Afterturned safely to bese.	
	* *			7855	6528	successful one. A/C returned safely to base.	
(NICHT)	Wellington III. x.3803 "H"	S/1. Roy, G.A. F/O. Davidson, W.C. B/S. Atkins, C.	Bombing Lorient.	18102	.0132	this w/c carrying 3 5500 lb, A20 x A lb and 50 x A lb "X" The inseminaries, arrived over the target at 2108 hrs flying at 15,000 ft. There were no clouds, vis. was good although the target was accommant obscured by the smote raising from nu-	ps A-253
		P/O. Boudreau & B. Egt. Daouat; J.M. Egt. Laberge, J.R.A.)				merous fires. A pin-point was obtained over the target and	
						to numerous fires then reging, it was impossible to see the results of our bembing. Innumerable fires were seen in the bross. Flak was light and inaccurate. A number of 27 L swere seen most likely occepanting with A.A.gums. On leaving the	
	*11*62			3:35	(\$.X/7	timet, this over noticed a very large explosion giving a whitish blue Time which lasted 5 seconds, followed by black sooks. This we suffered no demage and landed as fely at laste	
•	X-3763 "L"	P/O. Doucette, T.A. P/O. Desroches, J.O.L. P/S. Peloquin, A.		18201	9050	whis a/c carrying I m 500 lb, 420 x 4 lb and 30 x 4 "X" type incends, arrived over the target at 2051 hrs., flying at 15000 ft. Vis. was excellent with little or ne cloud. A pincoint was obtained and the target seen in the bamb sight,	A-254
		Sgt. Vollans;D. F/S. Hankin; J. Sgt. Gray, B.B.)-			19038	howbe being released accordingly. Our books were seen to he and incends seen to start burning. Many fires were raging if the target area at this time and all seemed to be burning. Flerweity. Flak was light and inaccurate and a few seerchig!	at
						floroely. Flak was light and incourate and a few searchlighest seen and did not appear to be very effective. This was suffered no demage and landed safely at base.	ita i i
•	5.k.i53 *P*	Sgt. Turenne, D.J. P/S. Williamson,H.F. Sgt. Meilleur,A.F. P/S. Stillings,N.S.	-	1824	0059	This a/c carrying 1 x 4000 bb, arrived over the target at 2055 hrs, flying at 12000 tt. Yas, was good with little or a cloud. A pin-point was obtained on the river and 7.R.markers could be also by season. The farret was seen in the book sight	A-255
	-(Sgt. Campsall,R.S. P/O. Gray, R.)-				and the 4000 pounder released scoordingly, Large explosion as soon as bond want off Plak was 1.5th but Macourate and a certain number of searchilghts could be seen. (Continu	ed)

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	5 B.E.153 "P" ((Cont'd)		Distr.	ouild.	The latter seemed to be co-operating with A.A.gums. As this a/c was 40 miles North of the target at 2119 hrs. the Rear	
NIGHT)						Gunner saw a very big explosion with huge columns of dense anote raising up to 2,000 feet. This a/o suffered no damage	
						and returned safely to base.	7.00
	B.K. 344 "B"	W/C. St.Pierre,J.M.W. F/L. Bell, J.W.	Bombing Lorient	18231	0034	This a/o flying at 12,500 ft. arrived over the target at 2051 hrs in parfect visibility and no cloud. A pin-point and	A- 256
		Sgt. Judge, D. F/S. Champagne, J. J. E.				"Gee" fix were obtained. Markers could be seen all over the	***************************************
		IF/S. Tremblay J. E. H.				target area. The target was seen in the bomb sight and bomb released accordingly. Several bomb bursts were seen including	
		(F/O. Pairley, D.C.)-				one 4,000 lb. Immense fires seemed to be raging in the targe	tt
TOTAL CONTRACTOR			Contract of the Contract of th			area. At 2050 hrs, the amoke from fires was beginning to obsoure the target, hight and inaccurate flak was experienced.	4 10 th 10 th 10 th

19/20th Feb 1943 - Wilhelmshaven

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	AFRCHAFT			1 7	IME	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
DATE	Type & NUMBER	CREW	Dury	Ur	Down	METALS OF SAMUL OF LEGATO	THE RESERVE
19/20Feb.43 (NIGHT)	X. 3876 "D"	P/o. Smith, R.B. P/S. Frudd, F.W.	Bombing Wilhelmshaven.	1755	2340	This a/c carrying 3 x 500 lb bombs, 360 x 4 lb plus 16 x 30 lb. incends, arrived over the target at 2007 hrs flying at 15,200 ft. and at a speed of 165 msp.h. Visawas poor over	A-264
		P/S. Anderson,J. I. F/S. Anderson,L.M. P/S. Rankin J.	1			the target, the letter being obscured by low cloud and smoke acreen. It was impossible to obtain a pin-point for these reasons, and target was bounded on the Red marker flares seen	
		F/S. Redding . F.)-				over the bombing area. Four or live big lissnes were seen	
				-		through clowis. Glows from fires could be seen scattered ova a large area. Light but inaccurate flak was experienced. Thi aircraft landed at base, undamaged.	
	B.J.652 "E"	P/O. Delisle,J.E.H.		17581	2310	mate of secondary 2 = 500 2h hombs 16 = 30 1h and 360 = A	A-265
	The state of the s	F/S. Biech, A.T. Sgt. Halladay, L.M.				1b. incends, arrived over the target at 2006 hrs flying at 10,000 ft. Vis.was good with moonlight and 10th cloud at	
		P/O. Gray, H. P/S. Doucet, P.G.				10,000 ft. T.I. Markers and the target were seen in the bomb- sight. Although this a/c's bombs could not be seen to drop on	
		Sgt. Maheu, P.G.)-				the target, the bomb aimer reported seeing a great many incendiaries drop. Numerous SL's co-operating with A.A.guna	
		*				were noticed. The letter fired light but inaccurate flak. No	
					1	enemy a/c was seen during this trip. The defenses seemed much weaker than expected. This a/c returned safely to base.	

20/21st Feb 1943 - Mine Laying Wellington Mk3

Wellington Mk3 BK332 KW-O

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DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	Dury	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
19/20 Feb. 43 (NIGHT)		P/O. Clinton,R.S. P/O. Rowe,A.G.	Bombing Wilhelmshaven-	1748	2303	This a/c carrying 1 x 4000 lb bomb, arrived over the target at 2001 hrs. flying at 15,500 ft. Vis.was good above 5,000	A- 274
		F/S. Latremouille,J. F/S. Copeland,T.D. Sgt. Cuthbert,S. (P/O. Stafford,T.)-	R.			ft. but poor below that height, with 6-7/10th cloud, and a make acreen was apparently operating from West to Mast. The target was identified by 7.1 marker flares. The former was	4
	<i>/</i> ·	(P/O. Stafford, P.)-				seen in the bomb sight and the bomb released accordingly. Low clouds hindered the crew from seeing results of their bombing. Light flak was experienced by this crew but Askagw seemed quite inaccurate. This a/c landed safely at base.	na —
	ellington III.	Sgt. Rivard, J. J.M. F/S. Bryant, E.	Sea-Search.	0939	1314	Although this a/c covered many miles of open sea and in fine weather, no truce could be found of the missing a/c of 426 Squadron and no sightings of any description could	A-275
		Sgt. Payette, B. Sgt. Douglass, H.H. F/S. Boileau, P.R. (Sgt. Chene, B.)	,		-	of 425 Squadron and no signings of any description could be reported. Trip uneventful.	
•	34.153 "P"	P/S. Spooner, Cal. P/S. Leigh, J.E. Sgt. MacKey, R.S.		0938	1315	This aircraft cruised in the opposite direction of our other aircraft. Sether was fair and see fairly calm. No trace could be found of WC Rienchard and his missing crew. No sinking of any kind could be reported.	A=276
$\rightarrow \checkmark$		F/S. LeDressay, F.M. Set. Blackert, S.G. (F/S. Manning, A.)-				No signting or any kind could be reported.	
20/21 Peb.43 (NIGHT)	Wellington III B.X.332 "0"	Sgt. Bujold, P.L. Sgt. Harris, W. F/S. Redding, W.F.	Cardening Nectarine I.	1750	2201	This s/c carrying two mines reached the gardening area at 1943 hrs. Pin-point on tip of Ameland island. Vis. was good	A-277
		P/O.Gray, H. Sgt. Leblanc, J.M.				and no cloud, Yags. were dropped from a height of 500 feet at 5 seconds interval. Parachutes were seen to open and mines strike the sea. No sighting of any kind were made. A very successful but uneventful trip.	
		(Sgt. Smith, PLA.)-	/	-		A vary successful out minvential trips	

28th Feb 1943 - St Nasaire

Wellington Mk3 BK652 KW-E

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(*2511) WL 9855- (*20056-9511) W	-31 60,000 9/48 T.S. 700 L 95532-6345 2058 18747	IA 700	For 1	THE MONTH OF	ME		
DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	Caew	DUTY	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
26/27 Feb.ii (NIGHT)	5 Wellington III B-X-340 *T*	P/O. Doucette, T.A. P/O. Dagroches, J.O. L. P/S. Peloguin, A. Sgt. Vollens, D. Sgt. Gray, B. (P/O. Hell, T.F.)-	Bombing Cologne.	19002	0038	This m/c carrying 3 x 500 lb bombs, 350 x 4 lb and 30 x 4 lb M. Type incendiaries, arrived over the target at 2125 hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Via.was good although the target was exerted by a might have, although our bombs were arounded in the target, the latter was too bright at the time to see any bomb burats. The whole area appeared to be a solid mass of I the pilot also reported seeing about 12 large explosions in target area. Light but acquarte Thak was experienced by this craw. A few uneffective S/L's were also seen in different pay of the town. This a/c returned safely to base.	A-303
•	X.,5876 "U" -(p/O. Smith, R.B. VS. Prudd, F.W. V/S. Anderson, J.I. V/S. Anderson, L.M. V/S. Rankin, J. V/S. Williott, G.W.)-	•	18581	0109	This s/c carrying 3 x 500 lb bosbs, 130 x h lb plus 30 x h lt Trye incends, reached the target at 2126 hrs flying at a height of 14,600 ft, and a speed of 180 m.p.h. *air Yisibilit Bosbed on T. I. markers flares. Target seen through bosb sight and was well slight, a very successful trip and this s/c returned to base undamaged.	A-304
(NIGHT)	3B.K.465 "A"	Sgt. Michaud. J.P. 170. Lymburner, J.L. Bgt. Brown,F.H. 17S. Woodrow,J.H. 17S. McMillan, M.T.	Bombing St.Nasaire.	1816	0012	This a/o carrying 3 x 500 lh G.P.hombs, 350 x A lb, 30	A-305
	-, -(P/O. Howard, R.J.)				seem to ourse. Sandrel used, heavy list embouries and town seemed on fire for 70 miles on reaching the coast. Successful trip. a/c returned to base undamaged.	
	B.K.344 *B*	P/L. Hudson, J. P/S. Bell, Dah. Bgt. Judge, D. P/S. Champagne, J. J. P/S. Tresblay J. E. P/O. Damphy, E.R.)		1814	0041	This a/c carrying 5 x 300 lb G.P.bembs, 350 x 4 lb plus 30 x 4 lb "X" Type and 16 x 30 lb incends, reached the target at 2127 hrs flying at a height of 13,000 ft. and at a speed of 160 m.p.h. Vis. good with no cloud but slight hase. Pla-point on river to North of target and docks. Target seen through be sight. Results of own bombing not seen. Best fires were obset between docks and estuary to N.R. of docks other fires over whole arms. Heavy Tak was encountered. Yery good trip believed.	X 2 4
	X.3876 "D'	P/O. Smith, R.B. /S. Prudd, F.W. P/S. Anderson, J.I. F/S. Anderson, L.M. F/S. Sankin, J. F/O. Kitt, S.)-	-	1815	0059	to be successful. Returned to base safely. This a/c carrying 3 x 500 lbs.c.P.bombs, 330 x 4 lb.plus 30 x 4 lb. "X" Type and 16 x 50 lb incends, reached target at 2124 hrs. flying at a height of 14,000 ft at a speed of 180 m.p.h Target identified by green a xxxx red markers. Tharse seen through bomb sight. Hig fire observed on east side of town a tabe two other large fires in target ares. Mandrel not carrie	A-307
	-(P/O. Kitt, 5.)-				Heavy flak was encountered. A successful trip. a/c returned to base undamaged.	****
		Sgt. Bujold, P.L. Sgt. Harris, W. P/S. Redding, W.P. P/O. Gray, B.		18122	0005	This a/o carrying 5 x 500 lb G.P.bembs, 330 x 4 lb plus 30 x 4. lb "I" Type and 16 x 30 lb incends, reached target at 2121 brs flying at a height of 13,000 ft. Vis.fair, have. Target identified by red & green flares and river Loire. Target see	B06-4
•		Bgt. Leblanc, J.M. Bgt. Hele C.T.)-				through book sight but result of own boshing not observed, but large firm were observed. Wing and funelage of a/o holed by flak. Pabric torn off top of port wing, Heavy flak concentrationer terms, tairly accurate. Pighter (F. W.190) sighted 5 mil West of target. s/c landed at Harwell with no casualties sust by crew.	

9th March 1943 - Mine Laying Wellington Mk3 BK332 KW-O

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DATE TYPE & I	RAFT CREW	Dury	Up	Down	DETAILS OF SORTE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
March/43. Wellingto (NIGHT) Xe3763	on III. Sgt. Lemontagne		1830	2350	This a/o carrying 2x 1,500 lb.mines arrived at gardening	A-343
	Sgt- Goule t, J.A. F/S. Gauthler av. F/S. Aumond, J. -(F/S. Sands, R.S.	ArVa			point on Scharnhorn. Mines were dropped at 7 seconds interval. Both purchases seen to open. Visibility was good with no cloud. A successful trip.	
B.K.332			18401	0020	This s/c carrying two mines arrived at gardening area (5,0023'N - 08009'E) at 210k hours, fixing at a height of -	1-344
	F/W. Redding, W. P/O. Gray, H. Egt. Leblanc, J(P/O. Howard, R.	ķ.		3393	1,000 ft. and at a speed of 180 m.p.h. Visibility was fair, no cloud. Aircraft obtained a pin-point on Scharnhorn and made run up to garden. Mines were dropped at 8 accords interval and 'chutes were seen to open. A successful trip.	1-217

26th March 1943 - Duisburg Wellington Mk3 BJ652 KW-W

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*0522) Wt 929 *1894-9321)	6-95 60,000 2142 T.S. 706 Wt 58551-2343 1024 12145	Y.S. 700	FOR T	HE MONTH O	March,	19.43	-
DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	Dory	Up	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIN OR FLIGHT	REPRESCES,
	Wellington III.	P/S. Jackson,A.H. P/S. Bell, D.A.	Bombing Duisburg.	1928	0010	This w/c carrying lx4000 lb. bomb arrived over target at 2154- flying at a height of 14,500 ft. Speed: 160 m.p.h. Visibilit	A-)02
NIGHT)	B.K.153 -1-	P/S. Best, J. P/S. Ross, J. P/S. Atkinson, P.G. Sgt. Chaput, J.G.				poor with 10/10th cloud. Yis above was good. Warget identify by red & green flares of P.F.F. Bembe drouped in comcentration of flares. Result of own or other bombing was not observed. Reavy but imacourate flak observed. Flares poorly comcentrate A/2 returned to base undamaged.	90 90
•	Wellington X. H.E. 592 *Q* -	P/L. Brinton, ReH. Sgt. Montpotit,J.P.)- P/C. Lymburner,J.L. P/C. Lago, J.E. Sgt. Sgri, R.A. Sgt. Gray, B.B.		1929	0004	This s/c carrying 2x500 lb.bombs, 560x4 lb. and 16x50 lbs. incendiaries, resched target at 2257 hrs. Height: 17,000 fee speed 160 mp.b. Visibility poor with 10/10th clouds, but good above. Parget identified by red green a mile flares. Bombs dropped in concentration of flares. Besults of own boscould not be observed. Saw what appeared to be a large first burning, through cloud. Pilot considered this a poor trip as flares were southered over very wide areas s/c matured safe.	A-363
•	H.S.486 "T"	P/S. Spooner, C.D. P/O. Leigh, J.E. P/S. MacKay, R.S. P/S. LaDrensey, P.M. Sgt. Blackert, S.G.	•	1933	2325	This m'c carried 2x500 lb.bombs, 550xk lb. and 15x30 lb Incends, arrived over target at 2120 hrs. Height 16,000 ft. speed 160 m.p.h. Visibility poor with 16/16km clouds at 5.00 ft. Target identified by red grean flares. Somba dropped concentration of flares. Result of ome bushing could not be one red glow, as of an 5,000 lb. could be seen through clouds 450 lb. incends hung up. Disappointing target wring to 16/16km clouds. AC returned to base undamaged.	A-364
•	Wellington III. Baka539 "S"	Sgt. Broussau,J.H.N. Sgt. Morenu, J.H. Sgt. Pontaine, J.L.J. PYO. Hodgetts, D.B.J. Sgt. Marceau, H.B.		1932	0015	This a/c carrying 2x500 lb. bombs, 360x4 lb. and 16x30 lb. incends, arrived over target at 2150 hrs. Height 16.500 ft. Speed 160 mp.B. Visibility poor with 10/10th djouds. Good vis. above cloud. Target identified by red green a red flare Bombs dropped in concentration of flares. Impossible to observants of own or other bombing. Pilot described this trip a disappointing.	
	5.J.652 **.	Sgt. Bujold, P.L. Sgt. Harria, W. F/S. Redding, W.P. E/O. Gray, H. F/S. Sands, R.S.		1936	0024	This w/c carrying 2x500 lb.bombs, 360x4 lb. and 16x30 lb. incomes, resched target at 2156 hrs. Height 18,000 ft. Egend 150 m.ph. Visibility bed, 10/10th cloud; class and light above. Parget identified by red green 6 yellow flares. Bombs dropped accordingly, Impossible to see result of own bombing orengs glows could be seen below cloud. lat50 lb. homb. 6x50 lb. and 90x4 lb. incends hung up. This was due to electrical feilure in bomb release unit. Not a very successful trip: Aircraft returned undamaged.	p.
•	Wellington X.	Sgt. Dingman, R.B. By O. Garland, H.E. Bgt. Griffin, C.A.F. By O. Inwin, T.R.C. Sgt. Guyatt, E.C.		1931	0046	This s/c carrying 2x500 lb.bombs, 360x4 lb. and 16x30 lb. incomds, reached target at 2155 hre flying at 14,500 fast. Speed 200 m.p.h. Visibility poor with 10/10th clouds, good vias above; target identified by red a green merkers and box were dropped accordingly. Plares were very scattered. Aircref returned to bess undemaged.	A-367

8th April 1943 - Duisburg Wellington X HE655

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DATE	Type & Number	Crew	DOTE	Up	Down		A	
8 Apr/43.	Wellington X.	Sgt. Bujold, P.IA	Bombing	2149	0406	This e/o carrying 2 x 500 lb.hombs, 350x4 lb, 30x4 "I" Type and 24x30 lb.incends, reached target at 2335 hrs flying at		
(NIGHT)	W. W. 655 # PF	Sgt. Harris, W. F.	Dulaburg			erd 2ax30 lb.incenon, resched the rest was peer with 10/10t 18,000 ft, at a speed of 150 mp.h. Vis.was peer with 10/10t clouds at 18,000 ft. Elind bombing on E. T.A. Results impossi	hle	131
	HAMING THE STATE OF THE STATE O	P/O. Gray, H.	al and the			to observe. Heavy flak encountered. A/C landed safely at bas	0.	
	Record of the last	Sgt: Leblanc, J.M.		100				
	H.B. 355 "D"	Sgt. Carvajal, E.R.		2149	0246	This a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb.bombs, 520x4 lb, 50x4 "X" Type	A-412	13
		P/O. Elliott, G.W. Sgt. Perry, B.W.			-	and 2kx30 lb incanda, reached target at 2338 hrs flying at 17,000 ft. at a speed of 165 m.p.h. Mind bombing on R. Z.A.		

10th April 1943 - Frankfurt Wellington X

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	Crew	Dory	Tmx		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	Repenences.
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10 Apr/43-	Wellington X. H.Z. 277 "F"	Sgt. Bujold, P.L. Sgt. Harris, W	Bombing Frankfurt.	2308	0640	This a/o carrying 240x4 lb, 30x4 lb, "X" Type and 24x30 lb incends, reached target at 1234 hrs.flying at 16,000 ft. at	A-425
The second section of the second	B-B- 433 -	P/S. Redding, W.F.		I was	A109580	s speed of 160 m.p.h. Vis.was poor with 19/10th cloud at 10,000 ft. Vis.above good, Targefidentified by green 7-Is	
(Day)		Sgt. Leblanc, J.M.				markers, Green markers were seen in sight and position bombed accordingly. Heavy flak encountered. If P.P.F. on target, tri	2
			2			was successful. A/C landed safely at West Molling due to petrol shortage.	
•	H.E. 865 "K"	P/O: ANderson; G.A.	•	2318	0650	This a/c carrying 260mb 1b, 30mb 1b "I" Type and 26m30 lb.	A-426
	333	P/O. Young, J.W.		-		incends, reached target at 1237 hrs flying at 13,000 ft.at	

14th April 1943 - StuttgartWellington X
HE475 KW-E

	AIBCRAFT			Time					
DATE	Type & Number		CREW	Dory	UP	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.	
4 Apr/43. NIGHT)	Wellington X. H.E. 655 "B"	P/0.	St.Pierre,J.M.W. Lymburner,J.L. Lago, J.E.	Bombing. Stuttgart.	2112	0045	This aircraft carrying 240x4 lb, 30x4 lb, "X" Type and 24x30 lb. incendiaries, returned early due to rear turnet w's, through runsway gums. Bomb load brought back. Aircraft lands safely at base.	A-438	E.
-	estricted to -	P/L.	Wilson, D. Gray, B.B. DeSolls, H:) A			-	safely at base.	123	E.
	1					-			E
•	H.E. 500 "C"	F/S:	Rivard, J.J.M. Brent, E. Payette, B.	**	2113	0455	this s/c carrying 270xh lb, and 24x30 lb. incemds, reached larget at 0116 hrs. flying at 15,500 ft. at a speed of 160 m.p.h. Vis.was good. Green and red markers seen deed on	A-439	E
		Sgt.	Douglass, H.H. Boilsau, P.R.				siming point. Results of own bombing unobserved. Fires were burning fiercely in centre of town cloud of black macke hung were centre of city. Several large explosions were seen among	5-256	E., .
		1:			-	-	fires. Observed one large cone consisting of approximately 75 searchlights in which one s/c was caught and held approx. for 15 minutes with flak bursts all round and taking yielent weakive action. An exceptionally good trip. A/C landed safely	1	
	H:B: 486 "T"	P/0:	Stutt, R.A. Dube, J.R.G.		2114	0442	This a/o carrying 270rt th and 25730 th incends reached	A-FEO	R
		P/0. P/0. Sgt.	Dube, J.R.G. Manning, H.R. Hodgson, E.C. Pettit, W.D.		1		barget at Ollo hrs. flying at 16,000 ft. Vis.was good Target identified by red & green N.L. markers. Silver was olearly visible. Markers seen in sight and concentration bended. Three ar four very large fires were observed near T.L. markers. Market larget area covered with smoke which obscured ground details.		27
		1					target area covered with smoke which obscured ground details. Fairly accurate heavy flak observed. Observed approx. 30 3/L'operating in come with master beam approx. 21 miles N.W. of		+
							target. Two large dammy fires observed at 15 miles N.W. and 25 miles N.W. of target. Balloon seen flying at approx.8,000 ft. in northern part of town. A very good trip. A/C landed		1337
	4	-					safely at bases		~
•	H.Z. 277 "F"	9/0: Set.	Rlakeney, C.M. Taschereau, J. L.G. Roberge, L.		2108	0474	This a/c carrying 270th 1b, and 2kx30 lb:incends, resched target at 0105 hrs. flying at 15,000 ft. Via.was good.Green 2.1. merkers seen after fallowing river to target. Markers seen in sight and position bembed accordingly. Our bembing results unobserved but three terrific applications seen in 5.	A-441	880
		P/0.	Hutton,G.S. Soyette, J.P.			1	seen in sight and position bombed accordingly. Own bombing results unobserved but three terrific explosions seen in 5. and of town followed by thick black smake fising to a height of 5 to 6,000 ft. Comcentration of fires seen in contro		PERMIT
							of 5 to 6,000 ft. Concentration of fires seen in centre of town and also many scattered fires. Light and heavy flak obtained A successful trip. A/S returned asfely to base.		SSION O
•1053	MAR'H.E.475 "E"	Sgt:	Bujold, P.L.		2111	0416	This w/o cafrying 270% lb, and 24x30 lb. incends, resched target at 0107 hrs. flying at 16,500 ft. Vis.was good Target	A-442	NOONO SHT 3
		P/S.	Harris; W. Redding, W.F. Gray, H. Leblanc, J.H.				Identified by green T.I. markers. Ground detail was also visi		SEPRODUCED PHOTOGRAPH CALLY WITH- OUT PERMISSION OF THE PUBLIC SECORD OFFICE, LONDON
							fires in rows around green markers with large column of smake rising to 8,000 ft. was observed, Light and heavy flak encoun- tered. A very successful trip. A/C returned asfely to base.		171
1 100 12.	Wellington III. 1.3763 "L" .	P/0.	Doucette, T.A. Dearoghes, J.O.L. Ledoux, G.E.H. Vollans, D. Trudeau, P.P. Jones, A.)-	(400 ptf	2107		this s/o carrying 240%, 24x30 lb. and 30x4 lb. "X" Type incends, took-off at 2107 hrs. and was not heard of since.	A-643 -	
2300		F/S.	Trudsau, P.P.			143-5	Jeff	· Lorente Man	

16th April 1943 Wellington X HE475 (KW-E) Mannheim



On the 16th of April 1943 Pilot Officer Harry Gray of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Force was assigned to Vickers Wellington X HE475 KW-E along with the following crew;

Sargent P. Bujold	RCAF
Sargent W. Harris	RAF
Sargent W. Reddding	RAAF
Flight Sargent J Leblanc	RCAF

Mannheim was the target for 271 aircraft - 159 Wellingtons, 95 Stirlings, 17 Halifaxes. The Pathfinders marked this target accurately and an effective attack followed. 18 aircraft - 9 Wellingtons, 7 Stirlings, 2 Halifaxes - lost, 6.6 per cent of the force.

German records show that HE-475 was shot down by night fighter pilot Lieutenant Heinz-Martin Hadeball of the 12./NJG 4, flying a Messerschmittt Bf110 from Mainz-Finthen airfield. HE-475 crashed near Lotzbeuren.

Sgt P. Bujold RCAF, Sgt W. Harris RAF, Sgt W. Redding RAAF were taken and held as prisoners of war. F/Sgt J. Leblanc RCAF and P/O Harry Gray RAF were both killed.

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Reference:-4258/c.154/1/P.1.

425 (RCAF) Squadron, 17th April, 1943.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:-

Wellington X, H.E. 475 "E" - Missing on the night of 16/17th April, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report in amplification of my A-20 dated 17th April, 1943, with reference to the crew of the above mentioned aircraft which has been reported missing from operations on the night of 16/17th April, 1943.

2. At 2124 hours on the 16th April, 1943, the above mentioned aircraft, piloted by CAN-RIO7207 Sergeant Bujold, P.L., took-off 1 from this aerodrome to carry out bombing of Mannheim, but unfortunately, nothing further has been heard from any member of the crew since time of take-off.

3. All necessary action has been taken and next-of-kin residing in Great Britain have been advised.

4. The names of the members of the crew, together with particulars of their trips and operational hours are as follows:-

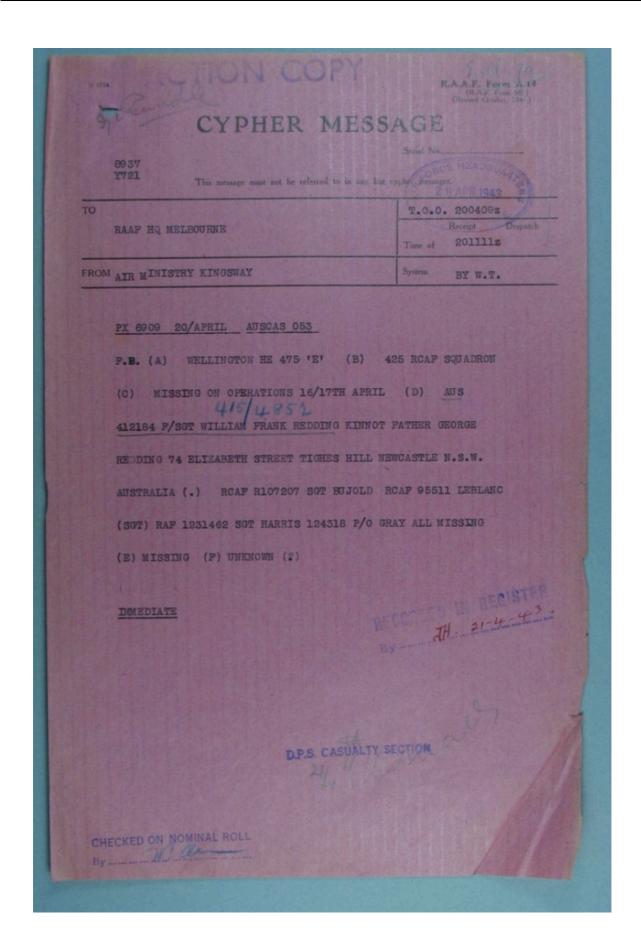
MMBER CAN-RIO7207 1231462 AUS. 412184 124318 CAN-R95511	RANK Sgt. Sgt. F/Sgt. T/P/O.	NAME Bujold, P.L. Harris, W. Redding, W.F. Gray, H. Leblanc, J.M.	TRADE Pilot. Navigator. W.OP/A.G. Bomb Aimer.	OP.TRIPS 12 9 11 11	OP. HOURS 69.15 49.30 60.50 64.30
CAN-K95511	Sgt.	Leblanc, J.M.	Air Gunner.	9	54.00

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) G. DAVIS S/L. Wing Commander, Commanding, 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, R.C.A.F. DISHFORTH, YORKS.

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Robert Taylor's 'Wellington'



Robert Taylor is a well known aviation artist, in 1980 he completed the piece above titled 'Wellington'. It shows 425 squadron Wellingtons KW-E, KW-N and KW-F and one other in formation. Print retailers widely describe the subject as showing Harry's last mission to Mannheim with his plane as the central focus.

Robert Taylor's agent Colin Hudson was contacted for more information on this piece, including the whereabouts of the original, but no more information was given.

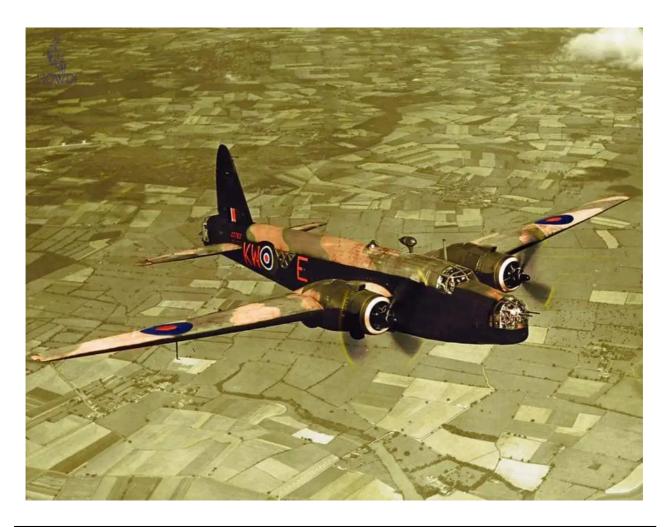
Records show that as well as KW-E, KW-F flew on the 16th April 1943, but there are no records of a plane designated the KW-N code with 425 Squadron between January and April 1943, of course the Operational Record Book would not have been publicly available in 1980.

X3763

Wellington Mk3 X3763 was part of the 425 Squadron and flew from late January. At some point in early 1943 it was photographed for public relations services and today images of this aircraft can be found in a number of places, Airfix have even released a model of this plane.

When the photographs were taken X3763 carried the KW-E designation leading to it being mistaken in some publications and records as Harry's plane of the 16th April, Harry's plane of that night was of course HE475 and a Wellington X rather than a Mk3.

Curiously X3763 was never officially recorded as flying with the squadron code KW-E. It flew as KW-B for two missions in January and then adopted KW-L for the next 11 missions, the last to Stuttgart resulting in it's loss. It's unclear why it was painted up as KW-E for the photo shoot as this was the the squadron code being carried by HE475 at the time.



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