

The First entree in the ORB was,
1385324 Sgt. Pilot PLUM F. Posted from No.12 O.T.U. w.e.f. 6/11/42.

His first operation was on 18 Nov. as 2nd Pilot with S/L. P. L. Chilton, target Turin.

On 20 Nov. as 2nd Pilot with Sgt. Tuma C., target Turin.

22 Nov. as 2nd Pilot with F/S. Hickman L., target Stuttgart.

7 Dec. as Captain on Wellington Q.BJ. 756. Gardening Operations.

11 Dec. Mine laying Operations.

12 Dec. Mine laying Operations.

15 Dec. Mine laying Operations.

17 Dec. target Fallersleben (Fallersleben ?).

Port wing & propeller holes by either Flak or fighters.

Captain P/O. Campbell, failed to return from Operations.

Captain Sgt. Crisp, failed to return from Operations.

20 Dec. target Duisburg.

20 Jan. **1943**, Mine laying Operations, Frisian Islands.

26 Jan. target Lorient.

27 Jan. Mine laying Operations, La Rochelle and Frisian Islands.

Was unable to locate the allotted position owing to the compass being unserviceable, and on the return trip ran out of petrol. After jettisoning his mines safe in CHEPSTOW area, the crew baled out. All landed safely but Air Bomber & Wireless Operator sustained minor injuries. Aircraft eventually crashed in River WYE near BIGSWEIR at 01.15 hours.

3 Feb. Mine laying Operations (and target Hamburg).

Captain P/O. Tuma, failed to return from Operations.

4 Feb. Target Turin.

6 Feb. Mine laying Operations, area La Rochelle.

11 Feb. Mine laying Operations, area La Rochelle.

13 Feb. Target Lorient.

Captain Sgt. Rait, failed to return from Operations.

14 Feb. Target Cologne.

25 Feb. Last mission on Wellington, Mine laying Operations, area La Rochelle.

17 March, 143136 P/O. F. N. PLUM. GD. Reported to Unit on appointment to temp. Commissioned Rank.

4 April, first mission on Lancaster MkII, Target Kiel.

11 April, laying Operations, area Gironde.

14 April, target Stuttgart.

Was forced to abandon the sortie due to starboard inner engine failure and returned to base. Bombs were jettisoned live 10 miles South of Arras when fighter aircraft was seen approaching.

16 April, target Pilsen.

27 April, target Duisburg.

Captain P/O. Minnes, failed to return from Operations.

2 May, 143136 P/O. F. N. PLUM. GD. awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

4 May, target Dortmund.

Was forced to abandon the sortie due to GEE & Compass being unserviceable and returned to base early after his bombs 5 miles off Dutch coast.

12 May, target Duisburg.

13 May, target Bochum.

23 May, target Dortmund.

25 May, target Dusseldorf.

27 May, target Essen.

Captain F/O. Cammell, failed to return from Operations.

29 May, target Wuppertal.

Damage was sustained to port wing tip due to taxiing.

Captain Sgt. Fleming, failed to return from Operations.

Last entree, 16 July, 143236 P/O. F. N. Plum GD. Posted to No. 1678 Conversion Flight.