

HANDLEY PAGE HAMPDEN

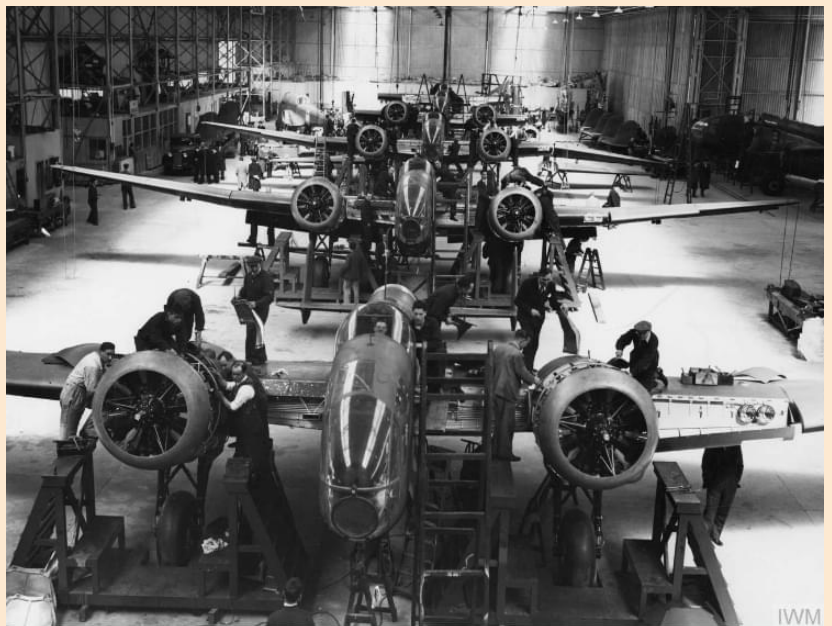
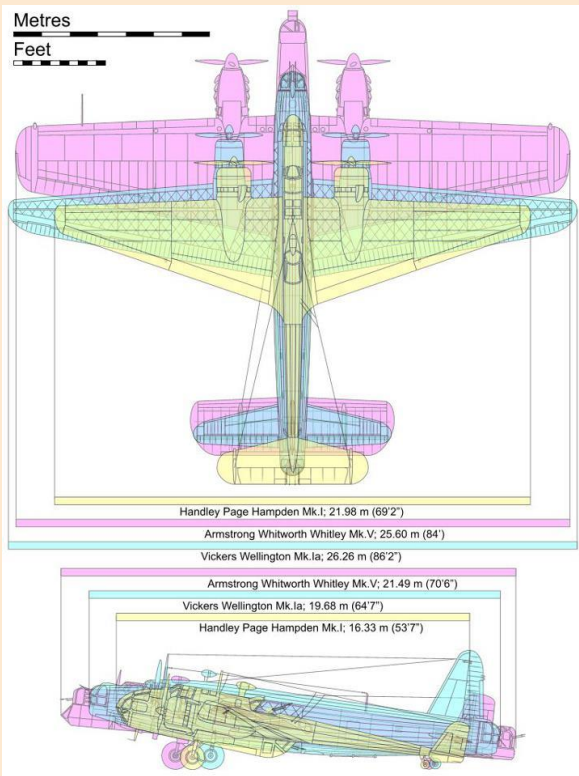


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The Handley Page Hampden was said to have been “a great aircraft to fly with excellent visibility from the cockpit, had superior handling characteristics and good range. However, it was very cold and did not have powered gun turrets”. The aircraft was considered ideal for placing aerial mines.

Eight squadrons of Hampdens were operational at the beginning of the war and were in action immediately, raiding enemy naval installations and ships until the daylight formations encountered enemy fighters. Casualties became so heavy the Hampden was taken off operations, re-equipped with better armour and armament, and then used only at night.

160 Hampdens were manufactured in Canada and first flight was in 1940. The majority were shipped to Great Britain.





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HAMPDEN AIRCREW 1940



HAMPDEN - LIKELY CANADIAN



HAMPDEN AND MINE



408 SQN AND MINES



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HAMPDEN COCKPIT



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MINE WITH PARACHUTE



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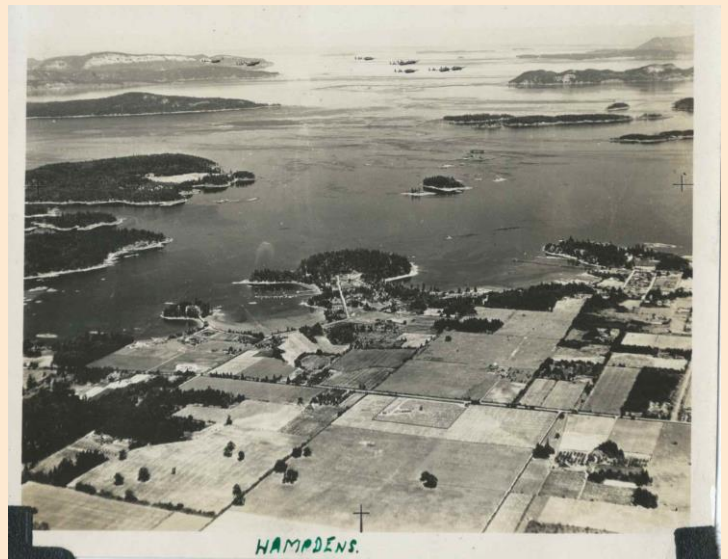
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HAMPDENS.

Handley Page Hampden B Mk.I



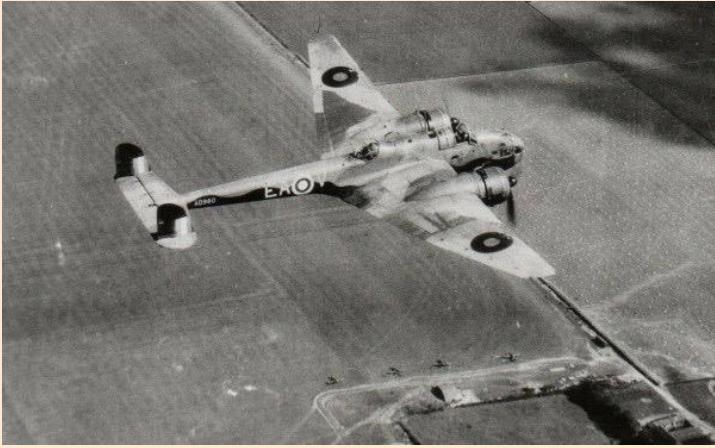
Handley Page Hampden, AE257/KM-X took off from 44 Squadron's base at Waddington on the early evening of October 21, 1941, bound for the German city of Bremen - it never returned. It's assumed the bomber came down in the North Sea. The bodies of two of the crew were recovered and buried in Germany; the other two are commemorated at the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede. Pete West



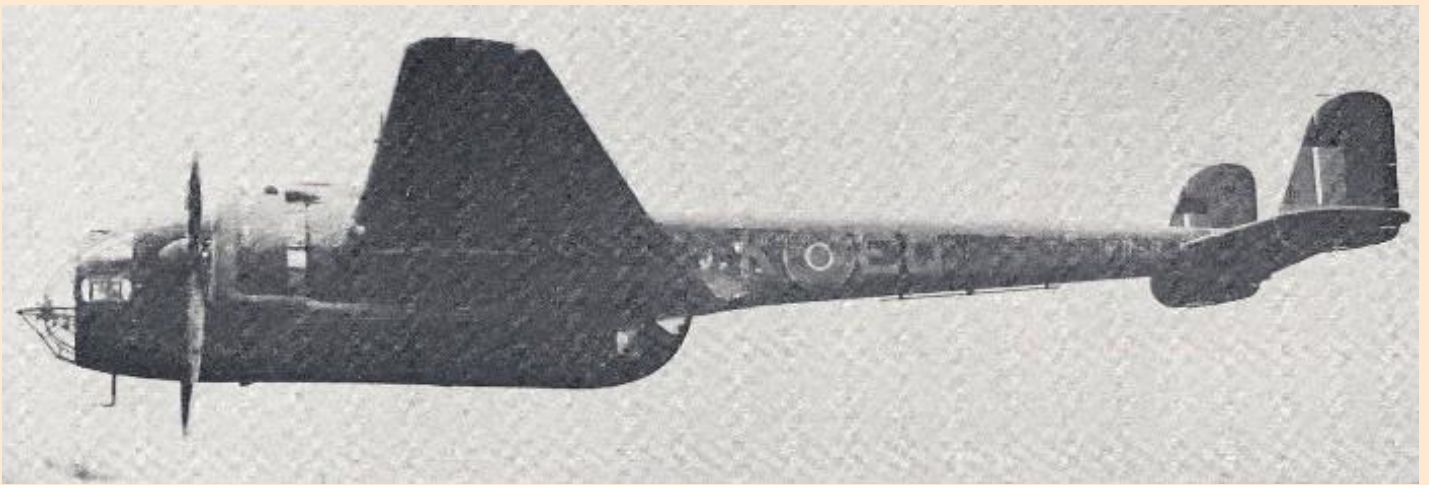
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THREE HAMPDEN CREWS OF 408 GOOSE SQUADRON ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
TAKEN AT RAF BALDERTON IN 1942.



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Jimmy Catanach and Bob Anderson, after bringing home a badly damaged Hampden. (Bob Anderson)



408 SQN CPL S.A. MCKENZIE FROM REGINA