

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.

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Day 6.2.42. Hampden AT176	Sgt. Rea P/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Young Sgt. Bursay	Gardening NEOTARINE "A"	1051	1437	Flying through good visibility with a cloud base of 1000 feet the Island of TRESCHELDING was identified. The vegetable was successfully planted from 600 feet at 1307 hours. 021° 53'36" N. 051° 5' E. Return journey made without incident. One assembly 22 was carried.	A.389
Day 6.2.42. Hampden AE360	P/Sgt. Beaver P/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Bentley Sgt. Seale	Gardening NEOTARINE "B"	1054	1424	Flying through visibility of 2 miles with cloud from 800 1000 feet the Island of AEGLEND was identified. The vegetable successfully planted from 700 feet at 1241 hours. 049° 53'43" N 061° 5' E. One assembly 22 was carried. Returned to base without incident.	A.390
Day 6.2.42. Hampden AE439	P/Sgt. Beck P/Sgt. Fraser Sgt. Wilkinson Sgt. Raine	do	1056	1450	Flying through visibility of 2 miles with a cloud base of 1000 feet the Island of SCHIESSERUNIKOOG, and buoy at WESTER BEE S. was identified. The vegetable was successfully planted from 600 feet at 1305 hours. 010° 53'38" 069°16'30" E. One assembly 22 was carried. Returned to base without incident.	A.391
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AE150	P/Lt. Brown Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Howell Sgt. Brown	Battlecruisers at Sea	1451	1545	Task abandoned SOUTHOLD 1525 2000 feet, starboard engine failure. Landed at HORSEHAM ST. FAITH.	A.392
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AE439	P/Sgt. Beck P/Sgt. Fraser Sgt. Raine Sgt. Cornwell	do	1452	1824	Owing to bad visibility, 500 yards, cloud base 200 - 1000 feet target was not located. Returned to WOOLFUX without incident. Full bomb load of 4 x 500 G.P. was brought back to base.	A.393
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AE360	P/Sgt. Santerson Sgt. Dillon Sgt. Holmes Sgt. Williams	do	1451	1811	Flying through poor visibility, 500 to 1000 feet, cloud base 300 to 1000 feet, glimpses, from the wrong side, were seen of the target. Owing to banks of low cloud and rain was unable to make a successful run on the target. Target was identified by accompanying escort of destroyers. Full bomb load of 4 x 500 G.P. was brought back. Return to WOOLFUX was made without incident.	A.394

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Day 12.2.42. Hampden AB297	P/Sgt. Farrow P/O. Edwards Sgt. Russell Sgt. Cordery	Battlecruisers at Sea	1451	1828	Flying in bad visibility with a cloud base of about 600 feet, identity of ship flown over was not certain. At E.T.A. square search was carried out at cloud base. After approximately 15 minutes and on a heading of roughly West six or seven warships, sailing roughly N.E. were sighted. Ceiling was very low and flying at 300 feet no large ships were identifiable. The aircraft was then fired on from a destroyer and the aircraft flew back to cloud for cover. From 800 to 900 feet ship could not be seen. Bomb load of 4 x 500 G.P. was brought back to base. Return to WOOLFORD was made without incident.	A.395
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AB242	S/Ldr. Clayton P/O. Fisher Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Bishop	do	1442	1750	Visibility bad. Cloud 10/10, base 200 - 400 feet. One Battlecruiser and destroyer were seen 16 miles W. of HOOK of HOLLAND but owing to low cloud was unable to get sufficient height of attack. At 1542 hours broke out of cloud at 300 feet in middle of convoy. Two runs were made at ships but both were destroyers. Evasive action was taken in clouds. Broke through cloud again and saw one battleship. Unable to make bombing run due to low cloud and rain. Convoy was circled and another run at the battleship was tried, but owing to cloud at 300 feet was unable to bomb battleship. Target was left at 1558 hours. Full bomb load of 4 x 500 lb. G.P. was brought back to base. Return to WOOLFORD was made without incident.	A.396
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AB197	P/Lt. Dowle Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	do	1452	1816	Flying, at 900 feet, through visibility of approximately 1000 yards bombs were released at 1600 hours, 170°. Target was identified from Battlecruiser accompanied by destroyers. Owing to cloud obscuring target no results were seen, but, bombs should have straddled Battlecruiser. Broke through cloud at 800 feet and saw destroyers which opened fire. Returned on reciprocal and sighted Battlecruiser when aircraft broke cloud again, turned towards it and crossed it from port bow to starboard stern. 1 x 500 G.P. bomb was brought back to base. Return to base was made without incident.	A.397
Day 12.2.42. Hampden AB118	P/Sgt. Beaver P/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Bentley Sgt. Beale	do	1451	1744	Flying through visibility of approximately 2000 yards, cloud 800 feet, wispy at 500 feet, bombs were released from 800 feet at 1557 hours 080° slightly ahead of Battlecruisers and attendant vessels. No results were observed. Owing to failure of starboard switches 3 and 4, only 2 (500) lb. G.P. of the 4 (500) lb. G.P. bombs were released. Return to WOOLFORD was made without incident.	A. 398



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Day 12.2.42. Hampden AT154.	S/Ldr. Constance P/O Hardingham P/O Van Den Bok Sgt. Allington	Battlecruisers at Sea	14.51	17.47	Visibility poor, approximately 1 mile, cloud base at 900 feet. Bombs were released from 800 feet at 1558 hours. 010°. A clear view of the Battlecruisers and accompanying craft was obtained, and bombs were seen to fall just short of first in line of Battlecruisers. Light cruiser seen stationary and down by the stern, which did not fire. Two attendant destroyers which did fire at 1559 hours - 52.0°N 03.7°E. 600 feet approximately 6 miles north of main body. Aircraft was hit whilst descending through cloud from 2000 feet - port aileron being shot away. Whilst gaining control leading Battlecruiser was noticed ahead. An attack was made and then turned for home, receiving further damage during and subsequent to attack from attendant vessels. Owing to damage to aircraft avoiding action was impossible and at 200 feet the aircraft was an easy target. It seemed extremely doubtful if aircraft would make base but landing was made safely. Bomb load carried, 4 x 500 lb. G.P.	A.399
Night 14/15 Hampden AB439	P/Sgt. Beck, P/M P/Sgt. Fraser Sgt. Raine Sgt. Cornwell	Main Railway Station MANNEHEIM	1908	0047	Flying through 9/10 cloud, with bad visibility and light this pilot was unable to find primary target as it was obscured by cloud. The aircraft pinpointed by the river which was observed through a break in the cloud. The alternative target was attacked and bombed from 13500 feet at 2106 hours from a heading North. Three bursts were observed in MANNEHEIM town but no fires were seen. 8 bundles of E.H. (G) 1 were dropped on the town from 13500 at 2106 hours. No flak was encountered over the target until after the bombs were released. On the return trip at 2135 hours a square of red lights was seen with a large white "Y" in a position approximately 50.3°N and 8°. The return to base was made without further incident. Bomb load carried 1 x 1000 and 2 x 250 G.P. bombs.	A.400
Night 14/15 Hampden AT120	P/Sgt. Beaver P/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Bentley Sgt. Beale	do	1901	1910	This pilot decided to abandon trip and returned to base owing to heating system being unserviceable. The bomb load of 1 x 1000 and 2 x 500 lb. G.P. were brought back to base.	A.401

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Night 14/15 Hamden AD842	F/Lt. Brown Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Howell Sgt. Brown	Main Railway Station MANCHESTER	1804	1844	This aircraft returned to base with heating system unserviceable. Bomb load of 1 x 1000 and 2 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to base.	A.402
Night 14/15 Hamden AT176	F/Lt. Dowie Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	do	1808	0057	Flying through 7/10 cloud and poor visibility the primary and alternative target was obscured by cloud. Two flares were dropped which lit up a built up area, identified as the last resort, BRIS and MEPA approximately 492N and 0625E which was spotted through breaks in the cloud. The navigator aimed a stick of bombs across the centre of the town, illuminated by the flares, no results were observed. The bombs were dropped from 10800 feet at 2110 hours on a heading of 350°. 8 bundles of R.N. (G) 1 were dropped in the target area at 2105 hours from 10500 feet. On the return a square of red lights, 4935N and 0700E, was seen with a white "V" at one end of the square. The return to base was made without further incident. The bomb load carried was 1 x 1000 and 2 x 500 lb. G.P.	A.403
Night 16/17 Hamden AD847	F/Odr. Bradshaw F/Sgt. Jenkins Sgt. Lancaster F/O Ashton	Gardening in ROBERTSON AREA I.A.	1739	2251	Flying in complete darkness and 1/10 cloud at 2500 feet with a base of 800 feet, the pilot of this aircraft was unable to identify the Coast or the FRITHAM ISLANDS. The bomb load of one ordinary vegetable was brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.404
Night 16/17 Hamden AD842	S/Ldr. Price F/O Hodgson Sgt. Hughes Sgt. Ronson	Gardening in ROBERTSON AREA	1730	1840	Owing to the rear gunners door jamming open this aircraft returned to base early. The bomb load of one ordinary vegetable and 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to base without further incident.	A.405
Night 16/17 Hamden AD150	F/Sgt. Beaver F/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Bentley Sgt. Beale	do	1732	1951	After flying for one hour at 1000 feet with u/s heating system it was decided to abandon the trip, as all the crew were noticing the cold especially in the rear of the aircraft. The bomb load of 1 (P.D.M. 5) vegetable and 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to base.	A.406
Night 16/17 Hamden AD849	F/Sgt. Beck F/Sgt. Fraser Sgt. Raine Sgt. Cornwall	do	1738	2256	Flying through 10/10 cloud with a base of 400 feet. Visibility above the cloud was good but below cloud visibility was only 5000 feet. Pinpointing the ISLAND of VA/122000, the target was identified and the vegetable was successfully planted from 700 feet at 2035 hours, heading 0200 5000E, 0610N. To improve the trim of the aircraft the 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were jettisoned from 5500 ft, 0650E at 2045 hours from 5000 feet. The return to base was made without incident.	A.407



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Night 16/17 Hampden AE318	P/Lt. Brown Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Howell Sgt. Brown	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1737	2300	Flying over 10/10 cloud at 900 feet and in good visibility primary target was identified and the vegetable was successfully planted from 700 feet at 2029 hours, 500H. 0600H on D.M. 0530. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.408
Night 16/17 Hampden AE360	P/O Coulter Sgt. Abbott Sgt. Read Sgt. Sutton	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA I.A.	1740	2321	Visibility was very poor with a cloud base of 800 feet Pinpointing on the tip of TERSCHELLING ISLAND, the vegetable was planted over the primary target, from 700 feet, at 1937 hours, 0260, 555H. 0512. The light on TERSCHELLING ISLAND was flashing. The return was made without incident. The load carried was one ordinary vegetable.	A.409
Night 16/17 Hampden AT176	P/Lt. Bowfe Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA.	1730	2306	Flying through very poor visibility the navigator pinpointed on LAUGHBOGS. The primary target was identified and the vegetable was successfully planted from 700 feet at 2050 hours, 0370, 555H. 0505. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were dropped on Flak concentrations at LAUGHBOGS from 1500 feet at 2025 hours. The return to base was made without incident.	A.410
Night 18/19 Hampden AT176	S/Ldr. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes Sgt. Allington	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA.	1712	2210	Pinpointed at HELLIGOLAND and vegetable was successfully planted on primary target - 500H. 0610. from 700 feet at 2016 hours on a heading of 058PM. Visibility good above cloud but very dark below cloud, 10/10 cloud at 2000 feet. Cloud base at 800 feet. A suitable target could not be seen so 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to SWANTON HORIZON which was reached without incident.	A.411 * See additional two entries, 411A, 411B at end of detail for night 18/19
Night 22/23 Hampden AE297	P/Sgt. Fraser P/Sgt. Wood Sgt. Crawford Sgt. Bird	WILLEMSSHAVEN Floating Dock	1812	2250	Target was not reached owing to carburetors icing up, de-icers having no effect. Visibility good above cloud 10/10 cloud - tops 3000 feet. Full bomb load of 4 x 500, 2 x 250 lb. S.A.P. was jettisoned in the sea at a point 550H. 0710H. at 2039 hours from 10,000 feet. 8 bundles of H.H. (P) 1 were dropped at point 550H. 0710H at 2026 hours from 10,000 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.412

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Night 22/23 Hampden AE176	P/Sgt. Rea P/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Young Sgt. Bursey	WILHELMHAVEN Floating Dock	1815	0107	Visibility moderate - 10/10 cloud - tops 6000 feet. Target was not located. Full bomb load of 4 x 500 and 2 x 250 lb. S.A.P.s was jettisoned, approximately 553N. 0750E. at 2120 hours, from 14,000 feet. 8 bundles of E.H. (G) 1 were dropped from 14,000 feet at 2100 hours at approximately 553N. 0750E. Return to base was made without incident.	A.413
Night 24/25 Hampden AE139	Sgt. Meech Sgt. Davenport Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Lantz	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1901	2259	Pimpointed on TEGE and TERSCHELING and vegetable was successfully planted on primary target from 600 feet - 2108 0120 - 140 m.p.h. Visibility approximately 5 miles, cloud base 1000 feet, light poor. Return to base was made without incident.	A.414
Night 24/25 Hampden AE242	P/Sgt. Rea Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Young Sgt. Bursey	GARDENING in YAMS AREA	1824	0053	Pimpointing on SEPIERROO, vegetable was successfully planted on primary target from 700 feet at 2146 hours - 0540 at 140 m.p.h. - 5401N. 0600E. Visibility 2 - 4 miles, cloud 10/10, 1000 to 1500 feet, base 500 to 1000 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.415
Night 24/25 Hampden PE321	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jefferies Sgt. Burch	Gardening in ROSEMARY II	1829	0009	Vegetable was successfully planted on primary target from 800 feet - 2205 hours 0429 - 140 m.p.h. - 532N. 0617E. Visibility 5/4 miles cloud base variable 800 to 1500 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.416
Night 24/25 Hampden AE139	P/O. Beck P/O. Edwards Sgt. Cornwell Sgt. Raine	Gardening in YAMS AREA	1828	2310	Pimpointed on TERSCHELING ISLAND and vegetable was successfully planted on alternative target from 700 feet - 2105 hours - 0000 - 140 m.p.h. - 532N. 0617E. Good visibility with cloud base about 2000 feet. Primary target was not attacked owing to cloud base being down to sea level. Return to base was made without incident.	A.417
Night 24/25 Hampden AE197	S/Ldr. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes Sgt. Ronson	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1826	2218	Target was not attacked because of engine trouble and weather. One ordinary vegetable carried was brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.418
Night 24/25 Hampden LA204	Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Abbott Sgt. McKinnon Sgt. Morris	do	1825	1950	This aircraft returned early. Turned at 1915 hours E.H.L. HIGH owing to variation between pilot's and navigator's compasses. Vegetable was brought back to base.	A.419
Night 24/25 Hampden AE297	Sgt. Dillon Sgt. Dwyer Sgt. Page P/O. Cresswell	Gardening in ROSEMARY II	1844	2339	Unable to pinpoint position owing to variable cloud, base about 800 feet down to sea level in squalls. One ordinary vegetable was brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.420



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Night 24/25 Hampden AE18	P/O Beaver P/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Russell Sgt. Beale	Gardening in YAMS AREA	1853	2347	Target was not attacked owing to the cloud base being down to sea level. One P.D.H. 3 was brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.421
Night 24/25 Hampden AE21	P/Sgt. Fraser P/Sgt. Jenkins Sgt. Trarford Sgt. Bird	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1915	2325	Attempted to plant vegetable - 5521. 0518Z, but vegetable hung up, tried to jettison twice, but failed because still in cloud at 700 feet - 5540Z. 0538Z. One vegetable P.D.H. 2 was brought back to base. 5558Z. 0522Z. Hampden saw approximately 10 miles distant to the south, at sea level, a fairly large fire burst, build and drop to two distinct glows. After burning for 3 minutes lost to sight, still glowing at 2138 hours.	A.422
Night 24/25 Hampden AD96	Sgt. Bern Sgt. Bugden Sgt. Watson Sgt. Hammond	Gardening in ROSEMARY II	1858	0005	Unable to identify position owing to sea fog over the FRISIAN ISLANDS while flying at 700 feet, so one ordinary vegetable was brought back to base which was reached without incident.	A.423
Night 25/26 Hampden AE18	W/Odr. Bradshaw P/O Dillon P/O Lancaster P/O Ashton	Gardening in ROSEMARY I AREA	1827	2112	Returned early owing to weather. Cloud 10/10 down to 200 feet at 5308Z. 0508Z. One vegetable P.D.H. 2 was brought back to base.	A.424
Night 25/26 Hampden AE139	P/O. Coulter Sgt. Abbott Sgt. Sutton Sgt. Reed	Gardening in ROSEMARY II AREA	1830	2005	Returned early. Turned 20 miles off coast. Heating u/s, navigator's seat broken. 10/10 cloud down to 500 feet after leaving coast. One ordinary vegetable was brought back to base.	A.425
Night 26/27 Hampden AE139	P/O. Beck P/O. Fraser Sgt. Raine Sgt. Cornwell	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1834	2316	Flying through 6/10 cloud at 5000 feet with a base of 2000 feet, visibility and light were very good. The navigator pinpointed on north of ILE and ISLAND of BURG and the vegetable was successfully planted at 2053 hours from 700 feet on a heading of 310° at 140 m.p.h. The parachute was seen to open. The 2 x 250 G.P. bombs were jettisoned fused to improve the trim of the aircraft, at 5522Z. 0538Z. at 2115 hours from 6000 feet. No bursts were seen. The return to base was made without incident.	A.426

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Night 26/27 Hampden AD963	Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Morris Sgt. McKinnon	Gardening in YAMS AREA	1829	0001	Visibility over the target was perfect and with no cloud, light was very good. The vegetable, one P.D.M. 2, was successfully planted after the Mouth of the ELBE has been seen and a timed run made from FRIEDRICHSDORF from 1000 feet at 2110 hours, heading 310° at 140 m.p.h. The return to base was made without incident.	A.4.27
Night 26/27 Hampden AT176	P/Sgt. Rea P/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Young Sgt. Bursey	Gardening in ROGHMANY AREA	1827	0020	Visibility was fair with a cloud base of 1500 feet to 2000 feet. Pinpointing on SPITEROO the vegetable (P.D.M. 5) was dropped from 700 feet at 2102 hours - 540°N. 076°E. - heading 060° at 140 m.p.h. The parachute was seen to open. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were jettisoned safe 500°N - 076°E. from 800 feet at 2107 hours to prevent icing up. Base was reached without further incident.	A.4.28
Night 26/27 Hampden AE224	Sgt. Dillon Sgt. Dwyer Sgt. Page P/O. Greenwell	Gardening in YAMS AREA	1833	0035	With only wispy cloud at 10,000 visibility was very good. The navigator found difficulty in pinpointing but the target was identified by the Mouth of the ELBE and FRIEDRICHSDORF. The Assembly 22 vegetable was successfully planted from 800 feet at 2134 hours, 535°N. 084°E, heading 330° at 140 m.p.h. The vegetable was seen to enter the water. Return to base was made without incident.	A.4.29
Night 26/27 Hampden AD842	S/Ldr. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes Sgt. Ronson	Gardening in HAWTHORN AREA	1830	2126	Owing to the heating system being u/s the temperature was 20° maximum so A/C returned to base with bomb load of one Assembly 22, 2 x 250 lb. G.P. without further incident.	A.4.30
Night 26/27 Hampden AE219	Sgt. Meesh Sgt. Davenport Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Lantz	Gardening in YAMS AREA	1835	2311	Owing to the cloud tops being 16,500 feet and still rising at 542°N. 065°E, this aircraft returned to base early bringing back bomb load of one ordinary vegetable.	A.4.31
Night 26/27 Hampden AE297	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jafferries Sgt. Burch	do	1828	2256	Flying through 10/10 cloud from the coast up to 17,000 feet to 0600° E, visibility above cloud was good. Vegetable was brought back to base the aircraft returning early.	A.4.32
Night 26/27 Hampden LA204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Bugden Sgt. Watson Sgt. Hammond	Gardening in HEDSTAPPE AREA	1830	2024	Owing to bad weather condition, i.e., cloud below 1000 feet base and sea fog, this pilot decided to return to base bringing his load of one P.D.M. 3 vegetable back to base.	A.4.33



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Night 26/27 Hampden AB34	F/Sgt. Fraser F/Sgt. Jenkins Sgt. Bird Sgt. Trawford	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1825	2323	Flying through 5/10 cloud at 5000 feet with a base of 2000 feet and good visibility the navigator pinpointed on TRISCHEN ISLAND. The vegetable was planted successfully at 2042 hours from 800 feet, 2770' at 140 m.p.h., the parachute was seen to open. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were jettisoned fused in error at sea - 5000' - 0800' at 2044 hours from 1000 feet. The return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried was one Assembly 22 and 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs.	A.434
Night 26/27 Hampden LA204	F/O. Beaver F/Sgt. McLean Sgt. Russell Sgt. Beale	Gardening in HAUTMORH AREA	1835	0030	This aircraft flew through perfect visibility, no cloud and a moon, a mistake was made in pinpointing owing to ice flows. The alternative target was attacked and a tide run made from AURIN ISLAND. The vegetable was dropped from 800 feet - 5000' 0740' at 2123 hours, heading 2790'. Parachute was seen to open and the vegetable to enter the water. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. wing bombs were dropped from 8000 feet at 2148 hours, heading 090°, on the town of WESTERLAND on SYLT ISLAND, clearly identified in moonlight. No bursts or fires were seen, but two three minutes later a big column of smoke was observed about 100 feet high. On the return journey the radio failed and the aircraft descended on CONTINENTARY beam and landed at WIGGLAY.	A.435
Night 27/28 Hampden AB197	F/O. Coulter Sgt. Abbott Sgt. Read Sgt. Sutton	Gardening in ROSEMARY I AREA	1829	2206	Flying in a clear sky and excellent visibility with a moon the navigator pinpointed on TRISCHEN ISLAND and TRISCHEN ISLAND, the vegetable was successfully planted from 600 feet at 2003 hours - 5500' - 0500' on a heading of 050° at 140 miles per hour. The parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried one ordinary vegetable.	A.436
Night 27/28 Hampden AB297	W/Odr. Bradshaw F/O. Dillon F/O. Lancaster F/O. Ashton	Gardening in ROSEMARY I AREA	1832	2155	With excellent visibility and no cloud this aircraft pinpointed on TRISCHEN LIGHT and the ISLAND, the vegetable was planted from 700 feet at 2012 hours - 5500' - 0500' on a heading 150° at 150 miles per hour, no results were seen. Base was reached without incident. Bomb load was one Assembly 22 vegetable.	A.437

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Night 18/19 Hampden AE418	F/Lt. Brown Sgt. Dunn Sgt. Howell Sgt. Brown	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	1720	2250	This aircraft was flying through 5 - 6/10' cloud and on the outward journey sighted Flak from the FROSTLA'S but cloud prevented the navigator from pinpointing. The pilot was able to identify his position by a pinpoint on CRISCHEN ISLAND, so a timed run was made and the vegetable was successfully planted from 800 feet at 2047 hours, heading 285°H. The return journey was made without incident and the aircraft landed at WOODHALL. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs were brought back to base. Bomb load carried was one Assembly 22 vegetable and 2 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs.	A411A
Night 18/19 Hampden AD963	F/Lt. Dowle Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Gardening in ROSEMARY II AREA	1724	22 10	With a cloud base of 900 feet and very poor visibility this aircraft pinpointed on SCITHENHIM003 and German beacons flashing on CRISCHEN ISLAND. The vegetable, one Assembly 22, was successfully planted from 700 feet at 1953 hours, heading 057°H. The parachute was seen to open. The return to WOODHALL was made without incident after a successful trip. The wing bombs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P. were brought back to base.	A411B
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