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Night 1/2	Hampden AT186	Sgt. Malero P/Sgt. Metheral Sgt. Melford Sgt. Williams	Docks and Ship- ping at LE HAVRE	1927	0026	There was no cloud good visibility when the Estuary seen, from 20 miles away, and the docks identified. The bombs were released from 12000 feet at 2140 hours, heading 120°M. Bombs were seen to burst across docks 6 and 7. Five bundles of P.I.s were dropped over LE HAVRE at 2141 hours, from 12000 feet. There was nothing of interest to report and aircraft moved safely. Bomb load carried, 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s	A.519
Night 1/2	Hampden AE138	Sgt. Meech Sgt. Davenport Sgt. Latta P/Sgt. Willie	do	1929	0101	This aircraft hit the French coast in a position estimated as near FOGUE, but turned in wrong direction. A search was made for the target, but without success. Six bundles of P.I.s were dropped in the ARREVILLE area at 2130 hours from 11500 feet. Bomb load of 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were brought back to base, which was reached without incident.	A.520
Night 1/2	Hampden AE132	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. Zorn P/O. Ashton Sgt. Hughes	do	1931	0003	The Estuary and the French Coast could be seen from 20 miles away and the shape of the docks were recognised. The bombs were released from 11000 feet at 2130 hours, heading 090°M, but no bursts were observed. Six bundles of P.I.s were dropped on the town from 11000 feet at 2133 hours. Return to base was uneventful. Load carried 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.521
Night 1/2	Hampden L1204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Bugden Sgt. Hasson Sgt. Watson	do	1925	2358	With no cloud and good visibility the French Coast was followed and the dock area was identified. Bombs were released at 2115 hours, from 10000 feet, heading 100°M. Six bursts were seen across the docks, numbers 5, 6 and 7. Six bundles of P.I.s were released at 2116 hours, from 10000 feet. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.522
Night 1/2	Hampden AT141	Sgt. Bristock Sgt. Hagel Sgt. Page Sgt. Bolavert	do	1930	0014	There was nil cloud and good visibility when this aircraft reached the coast and identified the docks. Bombs were released at 2141 hours from 10000 feet, heading 080°M, into the dock area, but no bursts were observed. Six bundles of P.I.s were dropped over LE HAVRE three minutes after bombs were released. Base was reached without incident. Load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.523
Night 1/2	Hampden AR361	Sgt. Copeman Sgt. Smith, A.A. Sgt. Smith, H.W. Sgt. Millard	do	1932	2345	This aircraft found no cloud and very good visibility and was able to identify the docks some 15 miles away. Bombs were released from 10000 feet at 2133 hours, heading 071°M, and five bursts were observed across the south part of dock 15. Six bundles of P.I.s were released on LE HAVRE at the time of bombing. Base was reached without incident. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s	A.524

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Night 1/2	Hamden AB157	P/O. Williams Sgt. Tarnour Sgt. Sutton Sgt. Leach	Docks and Shipping at LE HAVRE	1929	2354	The French coast was reached in good visibility and no clouds. The battery was identified from 15 miles away, and bombs were released on the docks at 2127 hours, from 10000 feet on a heading of 090°, but no bursts were observed. Five bundles of P.13 were dropped on LE HAVRE from 10000 feet at 2127 hours. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.525
Night 1/2	Hamden AB220	P/O. Dillon Sgt. Dwyer P/O. Crosswell Sgt. Goodyear	do	1926	2348	There was no cloud and good visibility in the target area and the docks were easily identified. Bombs were dropped at 2130 hours from 11000 feet, heading 110°. Six bursts were observed across 5, 6 and 7 docks. Base was reached safely. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.526
Night 1/2	Hamden AB288	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jefferies Sgt. Dudley	do	1928	2333	With good visibility and no cloud, docks could be seen as clearly as in daylight. Bombs were released on the docks at 2124 hours, from 11000 feet, heading 090°. Five bursts were observed across docks no. 7 and 15. Six bundles of P.13 were dropped from 11000 feet at 2125 hours, over the LE HAVRE area. Base was reached without incident. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.527
Night 1/2	Hamden AB156	Sgt. Hanson Sgt. Anderson P/Sgt. Gouern Sgt. Lindsay	Nickelling in PARIS area	1922	1955	This aircraft took off but had to return after 15 minutes in the air, owing to gyro precessing.	A.528
Night 1/2	Hamden LA402	Sgt. Haricle Sgt. Pinkbeiner Sgt. Dafoe P/O. Lancaster	Docks and Shipping at LE HAVRE	1935	0047	With no cloud and good visibility, this aircraft clearly identified the French coastline, and the bombs were released on the dock area. Two bursts were observed in the West part of the dock area and one small fire was observed. Bombs were dropped at 2140 hours from 11500 feet on a heading of 100°. Six bundles of P.13 were released over LE HAVRE, at 2140 hours, from 11,500 feet. This aircraft landed at QUITOQUE. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.529
Night 2/3	Hamden AB288	Sgt. Johnstone Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Garrahy Sgt. Burns	do	1927	2323	There was clear moonlight and good visibility, with slight haze, when this aircraft reached the French coast. The docks were identified and bombs were dropped at 2120 hours from 10000 feet, heading 060°. Two bursts were observed in the West end of the Inner Docks. Six bundles of P.13 were dropped on LE HAVRE at 2117 hours, from 10000 feet. Base was reached without incident. Bomb load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.530

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Night 2/3	Hampden AT111	Sgt. Gordon Sgt. Rous Sgt. Rouson P/O. Pathan	Docks and Shipyards at LE HAVRE.	1938	2354	In clear moonlight, good visibility and no cloud, this A/c reached the French Coast and the LE HAVRE docks were easily recognised. Bombs were released at 2135 hours from 5000 feet heading 090°. Two bursts were observed at the West end of the Inner Dock. Six bundles of 2.12 were dropped at 2125 hours, from 10000 feet, over LE HAVRE. Base was reached without incident. Load carried - 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.531
Night 6/7	Hampden AB439	S/Lt. Dowie P/Sgt. McDouall Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearson	Aiding point "A" B332	2336	0655	Going to 5/10 cloud at 7000 feet, in the target area, the primary target could not be identified. Flak was fairly accurate and heavy north of B332. Bombs were released from 10000 feet at 0321 hours, on a heading of 303°, into the fires that were already burning. No bursts were observed. Six bundles of 2.12 were dropped over B332 from 11000 feet, at 0321 hours. Flares which had been dropped were of no use at all, as they were scattered all over the RUM area. Bombs carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P., 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s. Base was reached without incident.	A.532
Night 6/7	Hampden AT220	P/O. Farrow P/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Russell Sgt. Cordery	do	2340	0655	This aircraft was caught in searchlights to the S.E. of B332 after trying to get out of them, aircraft turned to the South but with no effect. A night fighter was sighted in the vicinity so it was decided to jettison bombs and return to base. Selection switch was not down, so the attempted jettison failed, so bombs were brought back to base, which was reached without incident. Bomb load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.533
Night 6/7	Hampden AT223	S/Lt. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes P/O. Matfield	do	2331	0656	It was very clear and there was 9/10 cloud at 5000 feet at 2.27 AM. The target could not be definitely identified, so bombs were released at 10130 hours, from 14000 feet, heading 020°, into fires which were already burning in the alternative target area. Bombs were six bundles of 2.12 were dropped on B332 from 12000 feet at 0310 hours. Very few aircraft were over the target area during target time. The aircraft descended to 5000 feet to shoot out two searchlights. Return to base was made without further incident. Bomb load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P., and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.534
Night 8/9	Hampden AB432	P/O. Farrow P/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Russell Sgt. Cordery	Blois and Yers Works HA 2008	2055	0615	Going to bad visibility and 9/10 cloud at 10000 feet, the primary target could not be identified. A pinpoint was made on S12, and the bombing run was made on H.2. Bombs were dropped at 2359 hours from 15000 feet, on a heading of 090°, in the correct position. Six bundles of 2.12 were dropped on target area at H.2. from 15,000 feet. Very bad weather spoilt the trip. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.535

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Night 8/9	Hamden AE439	P/Lt. Dorie P/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Blown and Voss Works HANOVER	2045	0134	With poor visibility and 5/10 cloud at 10000 feet a definite pinpoint was obtained on KITE RIVER and a timed run was made. Bombs were released at 2341 hours, from 11000 feet, heading 0300 in correct position. Six bundles of G.12 were dropped on target area at 2342 hours, from 11000 feet. Flak was constant between target and the coast, but very slight in target area. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb, G.P., and 2 x 250 lb, G.P.	A.536
Night 8/9	Hamden AE237	Sgt. Hanson Sgt. Anderson P/Sgt. Comm Sgt. Lindsay	Miscelling in PARIS AREA	2049	0244	With 4/10 cloud at 4000 feet and fair visibility, a pinpoint was made on the River SEINE. 100 bundles of F.43 were released over the correct area from 11000 feet at 2335 hours. The return to base was made without incident.	A.537
Night 8/9	Hamden AT143	Sgt. McClinton Sgt. Hagel Sgt. Belavert P/O. Ashton	Gardening - ROSEMARY	2038	0259	There was good visibility and no cloud, a pinpoint was obtained on WESTERLY, a timed run being made from that point. The vegetable, one ordinary, was dropped at 2335 hours, from 600 feet, heading 267°, I.A.S. 140 m.p.h. Parachute seen to open. A fair amount of flak was encountered over SEINE, also some of the other islands. A good deal of flak was seen around SEINE. Return to base was made without incident.	A.538
Night 8/9	Hamden AT186 v6	Sgt. Halcro P/Sgt. Methel Sgt. McLeod Sgt. Williams	do	2034	0232	Visibility was good, with very little low cloud - 1/10 at 1500/4000 feet. A pinpoint was obtained at ARIEN ISLAND, and a timed run made to the gardening area where the veg. was successfully planted, from 600 feet at 2310 hours, heading 225°, I.A.S. 140 m.p.h. With the exception of a few flak ships there was nothing of any further note. Base was reached safely. One assembly 22 was carried.	A.539
Night 8/9	Hamden AE268	Sgt. Horton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jeffries Sgt. Stroud	do	2040	0258	There was scattered cloud at 1000/1200 feet, and a pinpoint was obtained on SEINE ISLAND. A timed run was made to the garden, where the vegetable was successfully planted, from 600 feet at 2309 hours, on a heading of 252°, I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. After a good trip in which there was good navigation this aircraft reached base safely. Load carried 1 P.P., 1	A.540
Night 8/9	Hamden AE427	Sgt. Gordon Sgt. Rotas Sgt. Alderdice Sgt. Hinkle	do	2035	0207	This aircraft returned early from a point 20 miles E. of SEINE with 4/5 compass. One ordinary vegetable was brought back to base.	A.541

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Night 8/9	Hampden AN418	Sgt. Meech Sgt. Davenport P/Sgt. Wilkie Sgt. Lantz	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	2039	0309	There was good visibility and only scattered clouds. A pinpoint was obtained at ST. PETERS and a timed run made to target area. The vegetable was released at 2315 hours from 900 feet, on a heading of 270°M, I.A.S. 150 M.P.H., the parachute was seen to open and vegetable to hit the water in the correct position. Aircraft was caught in a concentration of searchlights at ST. PETERS Point but there was no risk. Return to base was made without incident. One P.D.M. 3 was carried.	A.542
Night 8/9	Hampden AT120	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Treherne Sgt. Galloway Sgt. Robins	do	2041	0135	Owing to very poor visibility this aircraft was unable to pinpoint. Aircraft returned to base with vegetable, one P.D.M. 2.	A.543
Night 8/9	Hampden AD303	Sgt. Copeman Sgt. Smith, A.A. Sgt. Smith, H.W. Sgt. Millard	Ho	2037	0305	With visibility at about 2 miles and low 1/10 - 5/10 clouds at 1000 feet, a definite pinpoint could not be obtained. Vegetable was brought back to base. One ordinary vegetable was carried.	A.544
Night 8/9	Hampden AZ197	P/O. Williams Sgt. Turnour Sgt. Leech Sgt. Holmes	Ho	2039	0237	Fair visibility and scattered cloud enabled a pinpoint to be made on ST. PETERS Point. A timed run was made to the garden and vegetable was successfully planted. The parachute was seen to open and mine to water the water. This operation was carried out at 2315 hours from 850 feet, on a heading of 260°M, I.A.S. 140 M.P.H. Aircraft homed successfully. One assembly 22 was carried.	A.545
Night 8/9	Hampden F5321	Sgt. Johnstone Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Samson Sgt. Gernoury	do	2055	0315	This aircraft pinpointed on SIEL ISLAND, in good visibility. A timed run was made and the vegetable was successfully planted in the correct position from 700 feet, at 2315 hours, heading 260°M, I.A.S. 140 M.P.H. Return to base was uneventful. One assembly 22 was carried.	A.546
Night 8/9	Hampden AT224	S/Ldr. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes S/Ldr. Verschoyle	Elchm and Yoss Works HAMMERS	2052	0315	Visibility in the target area was very poor, only gun flashes could be seen through the haze. The alternative target was attacked and bombs were released from 11000 feet at 2335 hours, heading 065°M. 1 x 250 G.P. hung up and was brought back. Two bursts were observed. Six bundles of G. 12 were dropped over HAMMERS. Defences over the target were hot. Excessive petrol consumption was noted on the way out, on the attd. engine, after leaving the target it became obvious that it would not last. At 0213 hours the engine cut when a/c was still 100 miles from coast. Ammunition and guns were jettisoned and a fix obtained. The coast was crossed at 500 feet and the aircraft landed at GULLISHALL. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P's.	A.547

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Night 10/11	Hampden AR269	Sgt. McGregor Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Neville Sgt. Daughney	Docks and shipping at LE HAVRE	2042	0144	There was no cloud in the target area, but it was very dark. The coastline was identified and the docks picked out. The bombs were released at 2235 hours from 11000 feet, heading 045°. Six bursts were seen in the dock area. Two bundles of P-29 were dropped over LE HAVRE. Base was reached without incident. 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were carried.	A-548
Night 10/11	Hampden AR150	Sgt. Manson Sgt. Anderson P/Sgt. Cowern Sgt. Lindsay	do	2050	0042	This aircraft found 2/10 cloud in the target area, and, this coupled with the darkness, the dock area could not be identified. Three bundles of P-29 were dropped over LE HAVRE from 11000 feet, at 2300 hours. 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were brought back to base.	A-549
Night 10/11	Hampden P5121	Sgt. Johnstone Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Sams Sgt. Garmoury	do	2038	0059	1/10 cloud was found in the target area, but the coastline could be identified, and the docks were seen by the flight of flares dropped by other aircraft. Bombs were released from 10000 feet at 2228 hours, heading 140°. Three bursts were seen in the dock area. Six bundles of P-29 were dropped two minutes after bombing over LE HAVRE. Return to base was made without incident. 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were carried.	A-550
Night 10/11	Hampden AR288	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Stroud Sgt. Jefferies	do	2043	0103	It was so dark in the target area that the docks could not be identified, although the position of the town could be deduced from the flak and searchlights. Aircraft returned to base with bomb load of 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A-551
Night 10/11	Hampden P2073	P/O. Sangster Sgt. Jones Sgt. Raine Sgt. Lewis	do	2037	0222	6/10 cloud and poor visibility obscured the target. Aircraft returned to base with bomb load of 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A-552
Night 10/11	Hampden L4204	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. DeZorai P/O. Ashton Sgt. Ledoux	do	2042	0135	This aircraft found the docks obscured by cloud. Returned to base with full bomb load of 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A-553
Night 10/11	Hampden AT220	P/O. Williams Sgt. Turnour Sgt. Leach Sgt. Holmes	do	2041	0046	This aircraft found no cloud in the target area but it was very dark with some haze. The coastline was identified and the docks were bombed from 10000 feet at 2237 hours, heading 090°. No bursts were seen. Six bundles of P-29 were dropped on LE HAVRE at the time of bombing. Base was reached without incident.	A-554

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Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Booth Sgt. Despard Sgt. Tillie Sgt. Lott	Do and Shag- ing at IS HAVIN	2043	0030	This aircraft returned to base from 15 miles out from South Coast owing to u/s engine (pilot's). 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were brought back to base.	A.555
Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Bolero Sgt. Northall Sgt. Nelson Sgt. Patten	do	2034	0124	There was only misty cloud over the target area and although it was very dark the coastline and battery were identified by the light of flares dropped by other aircraft. The bombs were dropped from 11000 feet at 2244 hours, heading 090°. Four bursts were seen across docks. Six bundles of F.29 were dropped over IS HAVIN. Return to base was made without incident.	A.556
Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Dehanna Sgt. Galloway Sgt. Hobbs	do	2036	0106	This aircraft found no cloud over the target area and was able to identify the battery and the docks. The bombs were dropped at 2246 hours from 12000 feet, heading 115°. Five bursts were seen in the dock area. Six bundles of F.29 were also dropped over IS HAVIN at the time of bombing. 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were carried. Aircraft returned to base without incident.	A.557
Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Gordon Sgt. Jones Sgt. Aldridge Sgt. Hinkle	do	2041	0119	With visibility dark and 1/10 cloud in target area, this aircraft acted as primary target. Bombs were released into the docks from 10000 feet at 2234 hours, on a heading of 090°. No bursts were seen. Six bundles of F.29 were released over IS HAVIN at 2334 hours from 10000 feet.	A.558
Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Halliwick Sgt. Hagel Sgt. Despard Sgt. Hanson	do	2040	0130	With 4/10 cloud in target area, and very dark, this aircraft, after identifying target by coastline and flares dropped by another aircraft, released bombs in correct area, from 10000 feet at 2246 hours, 130°. No bursts were seen. One 250 lb. G.P. was jettisoned safe 26 miles N. of IS HAVIN, having hung up after leaving target area. Six bundles of F.29 were dropped over IS HAVIN at 2250 hours from 10000 ft. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried 6 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.559
Night 10/11	Handley AH26	Sgt. Dunde Sgt. McDonald Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Aiming Point 17° 12' 00" N	2130	0414	Alternative target, BURN 2000, was attacked. There was 4/10 cloud and fair visibility in the target area. Target was located by the aid of green flares. No definite pinpoint was made on approach, but built-up area with large factory identified. Bombs were released from 11000 feet at 0026 hours, 300°. Three bursts were seen. Large fires seen in the target area some time later. Six bundles of G.13 were dropped over BURN. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried, 1 x 1500 lb. G.P., and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.560

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ght 10/11	Hampden AHA32	P/O. Farrow 2/Sgt. Hunter Sgt. Marshall Sgt. Cordery	Aiming Point "P" EREB	2130	0434	Alternative target, EREB TON, was attacked. Visibility moderate with 4/10 cloud. Flarepoint was made on River EREB and two green flares were dropped. The area where flares dropped was attacked. 1 x 2000 H.E. was dropped from 14,500 feet; at 0010 hours, 3000 ft. Burst was seen below cloud. Six bundles of 0.12 were dropped. Return to base was made without incident.	A.561
ght 10/11	Hampden AD003	Sgt. Copeman Sgt. Smith, A.A. Sgt. Smith, H.W. Sgt. Willard	Boats and Shipping ing at LE HAVEN	2039	2242	This aircraft returned early, landing at TANKERS, owing to exhaust cylinder leak. Flare visible.	A.562
ght 12/13	Hampden A1220 "C" 6A	Sgt. Booth Sgt. Davenport Sgt. Latta 2/Sgt. Wilkie	Aiming point "P" EREB	2129	-	Aircraft believed down in sea. Lat given fix 54°36'N, 03°43'W, EREB, 0422 hours. Operational hours and trips of crew were as follows:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> GUN-65297 Sgt. EREB, H.L. (Pilot) 9 19.10 GUN-65295 Sgt. DAVENPORT, J.J. (Navigator) 9 12.10 GUN-65306 Sgt. LATT, G.H. (1st 2/02/40) 9 12.10 GUN-65370 2/Sgt. WILKIE, G.J. (2nd 2/02/40) 9 31.15 </div> <div> OPERATIONAL TRIPS HOURS </div> </div>	A.563
ght 12/13	Hampden A1220	Sgt. Martin Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jeffries Sgt. Bishop	do	2127	0336	Aircraft would not maintain height, and finally the engine misfired. The bombs were jettisoned safe, 3022H, 0405H at 1000 hours, then at a low altitude the aircraft ran normally.	A.564
ght 12/13	Hampden A1220	P/O. Williams Sgt. Turner Sgt. Hobbs Sgt. Leach	Gasping in HOBBSY SEA	2130	0318	Visibility was good with no cloud. Flarepoint was made at 21.30 and a third run was made from there. Vegetable was released from 600 feet at 0045 hours, 2220H, at 140 h.p.h. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A.565
ght 12/13	Hampden A1241	Sgt. McIlintock Sgt. Nagel Sgt. Strand Sgt. Belovort	do	2135	0314	Visibility good, no cloud. Flarepoint made on EREB TON and a third run made from there. One P.O.H. 2 was released from 600 feet at 0047 hours on a heading of 257°, 144 h.p.h., in correct position. Parachute was seen to open and vegetable to enter the water. Return to base was made without incident.	A.566
ght 12/13	Hampden A1246	Sgt. Gordon Sgt. Burns Sgt. Aldridge Sgt. Hinkle	do	2128	0309	With no cloud and haze, this aircraft pinpointed ST. PETER and made a third run from there. The vegetable assembly 22, was released in correct position, from 600 feet at 0037 hours, 210°E, 144 h.p.h. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A.567

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Night 12/13	Hampden LA204	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Treherne Sgt. Robins Sgt. Callaway	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	2130	0257	Visibility good, practically nil cloud. Pinpointing on SHILL and making a timed run from there this aircraft released its vegetable, one P.D.M. 4, in the correct position from 700 feet, at 0039 hours, on a heading of 225°, at 160 m.p.h. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base made without incident.	A-568
Night 12/13	Hampden AB289	P/O. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Raine Sgt. Lewis	Gardening in HAWTHORN II AREA	2119	0425	Visibility good, no cloud but hazy. Pinpointing LHM FIBROD and making a timed run from there this aircraft released its vegetable in the correct position from 300 feet, at 0204 hours, heading 283°, I.A.S. 160 m.p.h. Parachute not seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A-569
Night 12/13	Hampden AB297	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. Deformi P/O. Ashton Sgt. Lobenz	do	2120	0342	Good visibility, no cloud. Aircraft pinpointed LHM FIBROD and then made a timed run from there. Vegetable, one assembly 22, was released, in the correct position, from 300 feet, at 0030 hours, heading 312°, at 123 m.p.h. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base made without incident.	A-570
Night 12/13	Hampden AB150	Sgt. Johnstone Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Gernsey Sgt. Sams	do	2122	0352	Good visibility, nil cloud, but slight haze. Aircraft pinpointed on LHM FIBROD and timed run made from FIBROD point. Vegetable, one P.D.M. 1, was released in the correct position from 300 feet, at 0033 hours, heading 276°, I.A.S. 140 m.p.h. Parachute seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A-571
Night 12/13	Hampden AB366	Sgt. McGregor Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Ferillie Sgt. Daughney	do	2124	0429	Good visibility but hazy when this aircraft pinpointed KIRKSHORN, KIRKSHORN and LHM FIBROD. Vegetable, one ordinary, was released, in correct position, from 300 feet, at 0046 hours 204°, I.A.S. 150 m.p.h. Parachute was seen to open. Aircraft home successfully.	A-572
Night 12/13	Hampden AB237	Sgt. Mason Sgt. Bell P/O. Gorman Sgt. Lindsay	do	2121	2312	This aircraft returned early with vegetable, from GR ¹ LA ¹ B. 55°30'N, as the oil temperature rose beyond the danger point.	A-573
Night 13/14	Hampden AB432	P/O. Farrow P/O. Hunter Sgt. Russell Sgt. Burey	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	2115	2236	This aircraft returned early from a point 55°40'N, 00°04'E. Artificial horizon u/h.	A-574
Night 13/14	Hampden LA204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Bayden Sgt. Watson Sgt. Bourgeois	Gardening in HAWTHORN I AREA	2113	0127	Visibility 1 - 2 miles, nil cloud, but sea haze. A pinpoint was obtained on TRESCHELING and ANGLAND. At a height of 300 feet, at 2346 hours, and heading 055°N, at 150 m.p.h., vegetable, one assembly 22, was released in correct position. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A-575

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Night 13/14	Hamden AB439	P/O. Coulter P/Sgt. Ketherall Sgt. Sutton Sgt. Skelton	Gardening in ROSEMARY AREA	2107	0313	With 1/10 cl oud at 1000 feet, and a heavy sea haze, this aircraft was unable to pinpoint anywhere. Landmarks were invisible. One ordinary vegetable was brought back to base.	A.576
Night 13/14	Hamden LA042	Sgt. Cogman Sgt. Smith, A.D. Sgt. Smith, M. W. Sgt. Milford	Gardening in MOTARINE I AREA	2116	0140	With sea haze over North Sea this aircraft was unable to identify position on N.I. One ordinary vegetable was brought back to base.	A.577
Night 13/14	Hamden AB418	P/Sgt. Dillon Sgt. Draper Sgt. Page P/O. Greenwall	do	2120	0103	Very dark, haze up to 2,500 feet. All cloud. This aircraft was unable to pick up land anywhere. One P.D.M. 2 was brought back to base.	A.578
Night 14/15	Hamden P2075	P/W. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Raine Sgt. Lewis	Docks and Shipp- ing LE HAYNE	2123	0234	With no cloud, slight haze and fair visibility, this aircraft identified GAP IN LE HAYNE and followed coastline to LE HAYNE. Docks were clearly seen. Bombs were released from 11000 feet at 2345 hours heading 090° along South of Docks No.7. Five bundles were seen. One of the six 250 lb G.P.s carried was brought back owing to release failure. Six bundles of P.32 were dropped over LE HAYNE from 11,000 feet at 2345 hours. Aircraft returned to base without incident.	A.579
Night 14/15	Hamden P5321	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Treherne Sgt. Robins Sgt. Galloway	do	2124	0121	All cloud, very dark with fair visibility. Identified GAP IN LE HAYNE and followed the coastline to LE HAYNE where docks were seen. Bombs, 5 x 250 lb G.P.s, were released over the target from 12000 feet at 2325 hours heading 090° E. No results were seen. Six bundles of P.32 were released over HANFLSHUR at 2329 hours from 12000 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.580
Night 14/15	Hamden AB289	P/O. Taylor Sgt. Young Sgt. Stroud Sgt. McKensie	do	2125	0132	With no cloud and good visibility, this aircraft pinpointed at CARBOURG and GAP IN LE HAYNE and followed the coastline to LE HAYNE. Bombs were released over the dock area from 12000 feet at 2330 hours on a heading of 90°. No results were observed. Two bundles of P.32 were dropped over LE HAYNE from 12000 feet at 2330 hours. Aircraft returned to base without incident.	A.581

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Night 14/15 Hampden A2130	Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Evans Sgt. Gurney Sgt. Stone	Docks and Ship- ping at LE HAVRE	2322	0155	Primary target was attacked after aircraft pinpointed. GUY DE LA HAYE and followed the coastline to LE HAVRE. Bombs were released from 15000 feet at 2333 hours on a heading of 130°. No bursts were seen. Six bundles of F. 33 were dropped over LE HAVRE area from 10000 feet at 2334 hours. Return to base was made without incident.	A.502
Night 14/15 Hampden A2130	Sgt. Gordon Sgt. Alderton Sgt. Hinkle	Alcove point "B" DUNKERQUE	2320	0130	With good visibility and no cloud this aircraft could not identify alcove point so alternative target, DUNKERQUE town was attacked. Bombs were released from 15000 feet at 0025 hours, heading 220°. No burst seen. Three fires seen just South of centre of town. Six bundles of G.13 were dropped over DUNKERQUE at 0025 hours from 12500 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.503
Night 14/15 Hampden A2131 "O" Bn.	Sgt. Hollinbeck Sgt. Hagel Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Rolover	do	2305	-	Nothing heard from this crew after take-off. Operational hours and type of crew are as follows:- GUY/HOLLINCK Sgt. Hollinbeck, A. (Pilot) 5 30.30 GUY/HAGEL Sgt. Hagel, F.W. (Navigator) 6 32.30 GUY/JOHNSTON Sgt. Johnston, A. (Inst/G/15) 4 30.30 GUY/ROLOVER Sgt. Rolover, J. (Inst 1/15/15) 1st trip.	A.504
Night 14/15 Hampden A2220	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jeffries Sgt. Shelton	do	2322	0140	With no cloud, slight haze, this aircraft attacked primary target, identified by light of fires. Bombs were released from 15000 feet at 0025 hours on a heading of 290°. One burst was seen. About 12 fires were seen near target area. Six bundles of G.13 were dropped over HAVRE from 15000 feet at 0030 hours. Return to DUNKERQUE was made without inci- dent. Bomb load counted - 1 x 2000 H.O.	A.505
Night 15/16 Hampden A2130	Sgt. Holroyd P/O. Putman P/O. Wood	do	2304	0137	With C/10 - 4/10 cloud at 6000 feet, heavy haze and poor visibility this aircraft was unable to see alcove point. Pinpointed River HEN and bombs, 1 x 1000 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were released into DUNKERQUE town. Two bursts were seen, fire seen in North part of town. Six bundles of G.13 were released over DUNKERQUE from 15000 feet at 0139 hours. Return to base was made without incident.	A.506

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Night 15/16 Bombers A337	2/O. Williams Sgt. Turner Sgt. Nelson Sgt. Leach	Aiming point "P" DORTMUND	2309	0700	This aircraft experienced poor visibility with heavy haze and all cloud. Pinpointed on GHOORN and reached believed target area and saw yellow flames, but no red, turned South and followed River WIELE to ZWINGEN, which was attacked from 12000 feet at 0246 hours on a heading of 090°. 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were jettisoned aimed at 0250 hours, 50°30'N - 00°20'E in order to gain height through front. Six bundles of G.I.'s were dropped over what was believed to be the DORTMUND area. Bomb load carried, 1 x 1500 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s. Return to base was made without incident.	A.587
Night 15/16 Bombers A338	2/O. Price Sgt. Holman Sgt. Williams Sgt. Allington	do	2314	2329	This aircraft returned early from position 52°22'N - 00°10'E. Air speed indicator o/n.	A.588
Night 15/16 Bombers A330	Sgt. Hanson Sgt. Ferguson Sgt. Cowan Sgt. Lindsay	Guarding BREM	2330	0326	Visibility 2 - 3 miles, all cloud, slight haze, this aircraft pinpointed on 221° 10' W and 51° 15' N in HANNOVER. Vegetable, one incendiary 25, was released in correct area, from 500 feet at 0323 hours, on a heading of 000°. The parachute was seen to open and the vegetable to enter the water. Six bundles of G.I. were dropped over JOCHUM at 0328 hours from 10000 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.589
Night 15/16 Bombers P2073 "E" on	2/O. Dillon Sgt. Sawyer 2/O. Connors Sgt. Page	do	2357	0420	Visibility 4 - 5 miles, all cloud, slight haze. Pinpoint made on 221° 10' W and 51° 15' N, ST. HANNOVER and 221° 10' W and 51° 15' N, VEGETABLE, one 250 lb. G was released in the correct position from 700 feet at 0356 hours, heading 015°, 250 mph. Vegetable was seen to enter the water. Six bundles of G.I. were dropped over JOCHUM from 10000 feet at 0355 hours. Return to base was made without incident.	A.590
Night 15/16 Bombers A339	2/O. Davis 2/O. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearson	Aiming point "P" DORTMUND	2311	0625	With 4/10 cloud at 5000 feet and visibility poor except for flares, this aircraft could not definitely see the Aiming Point as a pinpoint was made on River WIELE and alternative target, DORTMUND town, was attacked from 15000 feet at 0303 hours, on a heading of 225°. One burst was seen which left a fire. Other bursts and incendiaries were seen to fall around it. Heavy fires seen in the area. No red flames seen. Six bundles of G.I. were released over DORTMUND. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load - 1 x 2000 H.G.	A.591
Night 15/16 Bombers A332	2/O. Farrow 2/O. Hunter Sgt. Russell Sgt. Harvey	do	2316	0553	Encountered 10/10 cloud for one hour from 11000 - 15000 feet with heavy icing. A.G.I. frozen up. Bomb, 1 x 2000 H.G., was released over last resort, estimated position of BREM, from 18000 feet at 0230 hours, on a heading of 075°. No results were observed. Six bundles of G.I. were dropped over estimated position of BREM. Return to base was made without incident.	A.592

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Night 26/27 Bombers A3209	Sgt. Gould Sgt. Gower Sgt. Raine Sgt. Anthony	Reconnaissance LILLY	2331	0123	Visibility good, slight haze, no clouds. 1000 bombs of 2.5 lb. dropped, position 50°25'N, 0°45'E to fall in LILLY area. BOMBERS and LILLY clearly identified, shape of LILLY shown up by bad blackout. Return to base was made without incident.	A.593
Night 27/28 Bombers A3209	Sgt. Raine P/Sgt. Motherall P/Sgt. Raine P/O. Paine	Aiding point "P" BOMB	2306	0640	No cloud but some ground haze. Pilots compass 1/2. Hit BOMBERS when course set for BOMB then flying on pilot's compass. By the time target area approached, after flying to BOMB and towards the target on observer's compass, target time was over. Bombs were released on last report, 5th and searchlight position on BOMB, from 12000 feet, at 0330 hours, heading 000°. One burst was seen. 2 x 250 lb. G.A.'s followed from searchlight position near BOMB, 0340 hours, from 10000 feet as aircraft could not climb. No results were observed. Five bundles of G.A.'s were dropped over BOMB at 0342 hours, from 10000 feet. Return to base was made without incident.	A.594
Night 27/28 Bombers A3209	P/O. Raine P/Sgt. Motherall Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Aiding point "P" BOMB	2313	0630	Visibility good. Alternative target, BOMBERS town, was attacked from 12000 feet at 0330 hours, heading 300°. River recognized. Nine red and red flare seen in area attacked. Bombs not seen as aircraft blinded with searchlights. 12 flares similar to one tested were observed 15 minutes later, sufficient number of searchlights playing around target area to make positive identification of centre of city, almost impossible. 6 bundles of G.A.'s were dropped over BOMB at 0330 hours from 12000 feet. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load carried 1 x 1000 lb. G.A.'s and 2 x 250 lb. G.A.'s.	A.595
Night 27/28 Bombers A3209	P/O. Pearce P/Sgt. Raine Sgt. Russell P/Sgt. Raine	do	2330	0600	Visibility very good with nil clouds. Aiding point could not be identified as alternative target, BOMBERS town, was attacked, from 12000 feet at 0330 hours, heading 300°. One burst was seen and one large flare in R.A. of town. Bombs not seen on BOMB Island. Six bundles of G.A.'s were dropped over BOMB at 0330 hours from 12000 feet. Return to base was made without incident. Bomb load 1 x 1000 lb. G.A.'s and 2 x 250 lb. G.A.'s.	A.596

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Night 17/18 Hampden A6297	P/O. Godwin P/O. Wood Sgt. Sutton Sgt. Palmer	Aiming point "D" HAMBURG	2331	0455	Last course, flash and searchlight position believed on HAMBURG, was attacked from 10000 feet at 0229 hours, heading 001°. One burst was seen. Unable to pinpoint target or get any other pinpoint from which course to target could be set. Could not get any assistance from Navigator's operated loop. 2 x 150 lb. G.P.'s were jettisoned safely. Position 54°00'N - 00°07'E at 0240 hours from 8000 feet, in order to gain height. Fixed successfully on Japboom G. Both loads carried 2 x 1500 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.597
Night 17/18 Hampden A6297	P/O. Williams Sgt. Curran Sgt. Leach Sgt. Holmes	do	2308	0404	Visibility moderate. No cloud but considerable ground haze. HAMBURG pinpointed and reported to target. HAMBURG ALIGHT recognized. Alternative target, HAMBURG, was attacked from 11000 feet at 0317 hours, heading 270°. Three bursts were seen. Four three were heading in different parts of HAMBURG area. Six bundles of G-33 were dropped over HAMBURG area from 11000 feet at 0315 hours. Return to base was made without incident. Both loads carried 1 x 1500 lb G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s.	A.598
Night 17/18 Hampden A6297	Sgt. Gordon P/O. Stone Sgt. Alford Sgt. Hinkle	do	2259	0502	Both pilot's and navigator's on approach apparently w/e hit HAMBURG when on course from position North of HAMBURG, then came South of HAMBURG when course had been reset for position North of HAMBURG. Operation abandoned. On return journey hit North of HAMBURG when aiming for HAMBURG. 1 x 1500 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were brought back to base.	A.599
Night 17/18 Hampden A6299	P/O. Taylor Sgt. Young Sgt. James Sgt. McKenna	Guiding in HAMBURG AREA	2251	0448	Visibility 4 - 5 miles, all cloud, heavy haze. Vegetable released in correct position from 1000 feet at 0229 hours, heading 250°, at 150 mph, after pinpointing on HAMBURG and on HAMBURG HED. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A.600
Night 17/18 Hampden A6042	Sgt. Capman Sgt. Smith, L.A. Sgt. Smith, H.A. Sgt. Hillard	do	2257	0434	Good visibility and no cloud. Vegetable, one assembly 22, was released in correct position from 2500 feet at 0221 hours, heading 250° at 150 mph, after pinpointing on HAMBURG and making a third pass. Parachute seen to open and also to enter the water. Return to base was made without incident.	A.601
Night 17/18 A6297	Sgt. McGregor Sgt. Wilson Sgt. James Sgt. Hinkle	do	2255	0447	Visibility 2 - 4 miles, all cloud, slight haze. HAMBURG and HAMBURG pinpointed and a third run from HAMBURG made. Vegetable, one P.O.D. 2 was released in the correct position, from 100 feet at 0220 hours, 150°, I.e., 150 mph. Parachute seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A.602

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Night 17/20 Hampden T532	Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Shelton Sgt. Sams	Garboring in TERRIBLE AREA	2252	0300	Good visibility and no clouds. Disoriented HOOK and made timed run to garden. Vegetable, one ordinary, was released into position detailed from 700 feet at 0230 hours, 2252. Sgt. Irwin 145 mph. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base made without incident.	A.603
Night 17/20 Hampden A1366	P/O. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Lewis Sgt. Williams	do	2304	0320	Visibility 5 - 10 miles, nil clouds, slight haze. Disoriented HOOK, HOOK, HOOK. Timed run from 700 feet. Vegetable, one ordinary, was released into position detailed from 700 feet, 0230 hours, heading 195°, at 232 mph. Parachute was seen to open.	A.604
Night 18/20 Hampden A1303	Sgt. Ophman Sgt. Smith, P.O. Sgt. Smith, P.O. Sgt. Hillard	Garboring in TERRIBLE AREA I	2318	0252	Very dark, low clouds and haze making pinpointing very difficult. One ordinary was returned to base. A/C was directed to HOOK HOOK HOOK.	A.605
Night 18/20 Hampden A1042	P/Sgt. Hansen Sgt. Ferguson P/Sgt. Cowan C.O. T. Sams	do	2307	0306	This aircraft was unable to pinpoint owing to bad visibility, as the vegetable, one ordinary, was returned to base. A/C landed at HOOK HOOK HOOK.	A.606
Night 18/20 Hampden A1309	P/O. Taylor Sgt. Young Sgt. Brown Sgt. McEwen	do	2319	0230	Moderate light; haze but pinpoint was made on TERRIBLE. Vegetable, one assembly 22, was released in designated place, from 700 feet at 230 hours, 2319. Sgt. 152 mph. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base was made without incident.	A.607
Night 18/20 Hampden A1339	P/O. Dade Sgt. McEwen Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	do	2312	0225	Poor light, clouds base below 2000 feet, visibility about 2 miles. Disorient made on TERRIBLE. Vegetable, one ordinary, dropped in position 5350 0225, a timed run having been made from the Western tip of TERRIBLE. Parachute was seen to open and vegetable to enter the water. Aircraft was directed to HOOK HOOK HOOK.	A.608
Night 18/20 Hampden A1330	P/O. Coulter Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Brown Sgt. Shelton	do	2315	0300	Visibility fair, some clouds. Flare over VILLAGE and pinpointed from TERRIBLE. Vegetable planted in stipulated position from 700 feet at 0305 hours, 0255. Sgt. 140 mph. Parachute seen to open. Return to HOOK HOOK HOOK was made without incident.	A.609

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Night 19/20 Bombers P5321	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Robinson Sgt. Raine Sgt. Galloway	Guarding in RESEARCH AREA I	2311	0314	Poor visibility, cloud 10/10 at 2000 feet. Pinpointing on RESEARCH AREA I, the vegetable, one assembly 22, was released in the correct position, from 700 feet, at 2307 hours, heading 035°E, I.L.S. 150 mph. Parachute was seen to open but it is thought that wire may have exploded on hitting the water as a white flash was seen, with water displaced to a height of approximately 50 feet. Nothing was felt in the aircraft. Return to base was made without incident.	A.610																				
Night 19/20 Bombers A8295	Sgt. Gould Sgt. Gower Sgt. Raine Sgt. Rutherford	do	2307	0335	Visibility 2-4 miles, 10/10 cloud down to 2000 feet. Pinpoint made on RESEARCH AREA I and vegetable, one P.D.M. 5 was released in correct position from 800 feet, at 2258 hrs, heading 035°E, I.L.S. 150 mph. Parachute was seen to open. Return to base made without incident.	A.611																				
Night 19/20 Bombers A1237	Sgt. McGregor Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Scott Sgt. Daugherty	do	2315	0330	Visibility nil, pitch dark, 10/10 cloud, haze below 300 feet. It was impossible to locate an island on which to pinpoint so the vegetable, one P.D.M. 1 was returned to base. This aircraft landed at NORTH LUTHERHAM.	A.612																				
Night 19/20 Bombers A1204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Hughes Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Russell	do	2312	0325	Visibility practically nil, 10/10 cloud, down to sea level. It was impossible to identify any place to pinpoint so the vegetable, one assembly 22, was brought back to base. Daugherty door of rear gunner's tin fell off, half way across the North Sea. This aircraft landed at NORTH LUTHERHAM.	A.613																				
Night 19/20 Bombers A8366	P.O. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Galloway Sgt. Lewis	do	2316	0355	With 8/10 cloud down to 2500 feet and poor visibility this aircraft pinpointed the west end of RESEARCH AREA I, and the vegetable, one assembly 22, was released in the correct position, from 900 feet, at 2336 hours, heading 035°E, I.L.S. 150 mph. Parachute was seen to open. Return was made to NORTH LUTHERHAM.	A.614																				
Night 20/23 Bombers A8220	P.O. Gaultier P.O. Good Sgt. Mackinnon Sgt. Dutton	Guarding in RESEARCH AREA I	1943	0313	This aircraft was unable to obtain a pinpoint until it was too late to reach I.L.S. safely. There was no cloud and visibility from 1-2 miles with only slight sea haze. A third run was made off RESEARCH AREA I and vegetable was planted at 0245 hours from 800 feet, heading 135°E. Late 150 mph. Return was made without incident and aircraft landed at RESEARCH AREA I at 0313 hours. One assembly 22 was carried.	A.615																				
Night 20/23 Bombers A8237	Sgt. McGregor Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Galloway Sgt. Daugherty	Guarding in RESEARCH AREA I	1946	-	This aircraft took off at 1946 hours. Nothing has been heard of the aircraft or its crew since. Operational trips and hours of the crew were as follows:- <div><div>1920</div><table><tr><th>DATE</th><th>NAME</th><th>POSITION</th><th>TIME</th></tr><tr><td>19/20</td><td>Sgt. McGregor, A.J. (Pilot)</td><td></td><td>23-10</td></tr><tr><td>01/20/21</td><td>Sgt. Wilson, R.L. (Navigator)</td><td></td><td>4 23-15</td></tr><tr><td>12/20/21</td><td>Sgt. Galloway, E.L. (Rear Gunner)</td><td></td><td>24 79-20</td></tr><tr><td>01/21/22</td><td>Sgt. Daugherty, J.L. (Rear Gunner)</td><td></td><td>5 17-20</td></tr></table></div>	DATE	NAME	POSITION	TIME	19/20	Sgt. McGregor, A.J. (Pilot)		23-10	01/20/21	Sgt. Wilson, R.L. (Navigator)		4 23-15	12/20/21	Sgt. Galloway, E.L. (Rear Gunner)		24 79-20	01/21/22	Sgt. Daugherty, J.L. (Rear Gunner)		5 17-20	A.616
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Night 22/23 Bomber A1320	W/Sgt. Hanson Sgt. Ferguson W/Sgt. Coombs Sgt. Hutchinson	Guarding in NORTHSEA AREA	1945	0335	Visibility was 3-4 miles when this aircraft reached the guarding area. Vegetable was planted in the correct area at 2255 hours, from 200 feet heading 267° and it was seen to enter the water in the correct area. Navigation was checked during the whole trip. Base was reached without incident. One ordinary vegetable was carried.	A.617
Night 22/23 Bomber A1320	W/Sgt. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Williams Sgt. Lewis	do	1949	0303	This aircraft took off at 1949 hours and set course for NORTHSEA. At the coast a course was set for the position in North Sea. Base indicated that aircraft was heading North coast so course was changed to 002° until 2325 hours and then to 011°. There was broken cloud at 3-5000 feet and visibility was good, but the starboard engine failed, near the coast, so vegetable 1 failed. It was jettisoned live in a position approximately 54° 30'N and 07° 30'W from 2300 feet at 2320 hours, heading 100°. Height could not be obtained on one engine. Engine gave trouble on way home. Aircraft was diverted to CRINGHAM.	A.618
Night 22/23 Bomber A1320	Sgt. Povey Sgt. Baylen Sgt. Watson Sgt. Gillman	do	1947	0340	5 minutes ahead of Base. Land was sighted and the coastline was visible, but later the coast was lost owing to haze at 2400. Land was sighted again but a pinpoint could not be obtained. Aircraft returned to base with vegetable, one assembly 22.	A.619
Night 22/23 Bomber A1323	Sgt. Gould Sgt. Davies Sgt. Raine Sgt. Gauthier	do	1950	2385	1 course was set via NORTHSEA. Just 4 minutes before 2400 starboard engine failed and picked up later. Vegetable was jettisoned safe at 2341 hours, 54° 55'N 06° 45'W from 2300 feet. Aircraft landed at CRINGHAM. One ordinary vegetable was carried.	A.620
Night 22/23 Bomber A1322	Sgt. Mott W/Sgt. Hutchinson W/Sgt. Duffin Sgt. Soles	do	1950	2305	This aircraft returned early owing to instruments becoming a/s. Aircraft was diverted to CRINGHAM. One assembly 22 was brought back.	A.621
Night 22/23 Bomber A1327	W/Sgt. Williams Sgt. Farmer Sgt. Wilson Sgt. Lewis	do	1945	0335	A course was set for primary target but was unable to pinpoint so it was decided to attack alternative target, this was discouraged by night fighters. The vegetable was jettisoned safe approximately 53° 45'N 06° 15'W, owing to fog. Aircraft landed at CRINGHAM.	A.622

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Night 22/23 Hampton A3436	P/Sgt. Bellon Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Page P/O. Crosswell	Gardening in ROSSBURY AREA	1942	0153	This aircraft found good visibility of 2 miles with no cloud but slight mist. A p.p. shot was obtained on the coast at ROSSBURY and ROSSBURY AREA. The vegetable was dropped at 0153 hours from 700 feet, heading 285°/10, and the parachute was seen to open and rise to enter the water.	A-623
Night 22/23 Hampton A3503	Sgt. Copeman P/Sgt. Smith, A.O. Sgt. Smith, H.O. Sgt. Hillard	do	1957	0210	A pinpoint was obtained in the ROSSBURY AREA, in good visibility. The vegetable, one P.O.M. was dropped at 0210 hours from 700 feet at 255°, in the correct position. Bombing ended up on ordered factory. Aircraft returned after an uneventful trip.	A-624
Night 22/23 Hampton A3439	P/O. Davis P/Sgt. Robinson Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	Gardening in ROSSBURY AREA	1949	0252	With no cloud and good visibility a pinpoint was obtained on ROSSBURY AREA. The vegetable was released from 2000 feet at 0252 on a heading 35°/10, and vegetable, one P.O.M. 3, was seen to enter the water. The return to base was made without incident.	A-625
Night 22/23 Hampton A3509	Sgt. Taylor Sgt. Young Sgt. Rowan Sgt. McFarlane	Gardening in ROSSBURY AREA	1949	0300	Order to climb down to 700 feet and then this aircraft could not obtain a pinpoint. One P.O.M. 3 was brought back to base. Aircraft landed at ROSSBURY.	A-626
Night 24/25 Hampton A3592	P/Sgt. Bellon Sgt. Irwin Sgt. Page P/O. Crosswell	ROSSBURY A/O WOODS ROSSBURY AREA ROSSBURY	2317	0503	A pinpoint was obtained on coast and battery and fires burning in target. Bombs were released at 0503 hours from 3000 feet, heading 060°, into the target, one large fire, and several smaller ones, were started in the target area. 6 bundles of G-13 were dropped in the ROSSBURY AREA from 6000 feet at 0500 hours. One P.O.M. was seen to turn on but engine action lost him. Aircraft landed at ROSSBURY.	A-627
Night 24/25 Hampton A3594	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. DeGard Sgt. Ledson Sgt. Watson	do	2320	0555	This aircraft obtained a pinpoint on the battery. Flak and fires were seen in the target area. Bombs were released on the target and were seen to burst near a fire already burning in the left corner of the target. Bombs were dropped at 0555 hours, from 6000 feet, heading 277°. Six bundles of G-13 were dropped 3 minutes after bombing. A/O returned to ROSSBURY.	A-628
Night 24/25 Hampton A3594	S/O. Price P/O. Hardingham Sgt. Hughes P/O. Hatfield	do	2324	0543	A pinpoint was obtained on river and coastline. Bombs were released at 0543 hours from 6000 feet, heading 250°. Three bursts were seen in factory area. Six bundles of G-13 were dropped at time of bombing. Aircraft went down low and machine gunned the village of ROSSBURY, fires were started. This aircraft returned ROSSBURY without incident. 1 x 100 lb. G-1, and 2 x 250 lb. G-1's were carried.	A-629

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Night 24/25	Hampton A3439	F/Lt. Dowle F/Sgt. McDowell Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	BRIDGEL A/C WORKS 2116 MARINEHEAD Nr. ROSTOCK	2116	0515	This aircraft found the weather very good around the target area. A pinpoint was obtained on the river and other topographical features. The bombs were dropped in the factory buildings, at 0129 hours from 6000 feet, heading 260°. Incendiaries landed among factory buildings and a large fire was started which was visible 30 miles away. 6 bundles of G.I.s were dropped 1 minute after bombs had been dropped; aircraft landed at DISBURGH after a very successful trip. 2 x 250 lb. G.P.s and 4 x S.A.C. incendiaries and 4 x 1 lb. incendiaries were carried.	A.630
Night 24/25	Hampton L4204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Sugden Sgt. Hammond Sgt. Watson	do	2115	0543	This aircraft found the moonlight a great help and was able to pinpoint the river and estuary, and was read from Danish Coast. Incendiaries dropped from 6000 feet at 0145 hours, heading 250°, started fires in hangar-like building. On leaving the target area, due to large fire could be seen from 80 miles away. The 2 x 250 lb. G.P.s were jettisoned in the North Sea at 2225 hours from 10000 feet owing to high fuel consumption. Six bundles of M(C)15 were dropped at 0145 hours from 6000 feet; aircraft landed at BRIDGEL at 0523 hours. 2 x 250 lb. G.P.s and 4 S.A.C. incendiaries were carried.	A.631
Night 24/25	Hampton A2289	Sgt. Gould F/Sgt. Garner Sgt. Paine Sgt. Satherly	Doors and Ship- ing at DUNKERK	2158	0159	There was slight haze but no cloud and visibility was good. A pinpoint was obtained on the canal N.W. of DUNKERK. Target area was clearly seen. Bombs were dropped from 10000 feet at 0004 hours, heading 300°, and bursts were seen in the Dock area. Aircraft returned to base without incident. 6 x 250 lb. G.P.s were carried.	A.632
Night 24/25	Hampton A2426	Sgt. Copeman F/Sgt. Smith, A.A. Sgt. Smith, N.W. Sgt. Hillard	BRIDGEL A/C WORKS 2119 MARINEHEAD Nr. ROSTOCK	2119	0312	Visibility was very good, and a pinpoint was obtained on the coastline and river. Dummy fires were seen 2 miles S. of target. Bombs were released at 0146 hours from 25000 feet heading 270°. Six bundles of M(C)15 were dropped at 0150 hours from 3500 feet. This aircraft landed at DISBURGH at 0515 hours. 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was carried.	A.633
Night 24/25	Hampton A3150	Sgt. Norton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Jefferies Sgt. Stroud	do	2122	0328	Visibility was excellent over the target area and a pinpoint was obtained by use river. Bombs were released from 10000 feet at 0148 hours, heading 270°. Bombs were seen to fall in the middle of large shed-like buildings and a fire was started. 6 bundles of M(C)15 were dropped at the time of bombing. Aircraft landed at DISBURGH. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P.	A.634

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Night 24/25	Hampden A2220	P/O. Coulter P/O. Wood Sgt. Skelton Sgt. Sutton	ROSTOCK A/C WORKS MARZENBURG Nr. ROSTOCK	2122	0520	A pinpoint was obtained on the river and the two decoys were clearly seen. There was perfect visibility in the target area. Bombs were dropped at 0150 hours from 8000 feet on a heading 000°. Six bundles of E.H.(G) 13 were dropped in ROSTOCK area. Four incendiaries were dropped by rear gunner and fires were seen to start. Aircraft landed at ALTON, 1 x 1900 and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were carried.	A.635
Night 24/25	Hampden P5321	Sgt. Graig Sgt. Price Sgt. Robins Sgt. Galloway	do	2118	0409	This aircraft returned early owing to navigational error at approximately D.R. position 5521N 08280E. 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was brought back to base.	A.636
Night 24/25	Hampden A3197	S/Lt. Price P.M. P/Lt. Fisher Sgt. Curtis Sgt. Bursey	do	2115	0530	Visibility was very good when this aircraft reached the target area. The airfield was identified and buildings were seen. Bombs were dropped into the fires already burning, but bursts could not be recognised in the fires. Bombing was carried out from 7000 feet at 0151 hours, heading 225°. Six bundles of E.H.(G) 13 were released 2 minutes before bombing. Aircraft landed at ROSTOCK. Bombs carried 2 x 250 lb. G.P., 4 x S.E.C. incendiaries and 4 x 1 lb. incendiaries.	A.637
Night 24/25	Hampden L4042	Sgt. Markle P/Sgt. Pinkshiner P/Sgt. Dufes Sgt. Seels	do	2119	0518	A pinpoint was obtained on WARBURG and the target was bombed at 0155 hours from 8500 feet, on a heading 270°, and it is almost certain that bombs fell into the factory. No bursts were seen but fires were started. Five bundles of E.H.(G) 13 were dropped over the target at the time of bombing. A/C was followed for about 20 minutes by an unidentified A/C. This aircraft landed at COMINGSBY being so petrol shortage. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P.	A.638
Night 24/25	Hampden P1166	P/Sgt. Hanson Sgt. Ferguson P/Sgt. Cowan P/Sgt. Hodgkinson	do	2120	0458	This aircraft made bombing run over the target which was clearly seen, but bombs were not released owing to faulty selection switch. 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was jettisoned fused in the Baltic at 0150 hours from 8000 feet as aircraft had not enough petrol to carry load home. 4 bundles of G.13 were dropped over WILN. Aircraft landed at COMINGSBY.	A.639
Night 24/25	Hampden A3366	P/O. Sanderson Sgt. Jones Sgt. Lewis Sgt. Williams, J.I.	do	2121	0548	Good visibility and very good light enabled this aircraft to see road from East of WARBURG where German coast was crossed. Large fires were already burning in the target area, so bomb, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was dropped on the edge of a large fire. One large fire resulted, followed by expansion of fire already started. Three dummy fires seen in area. One as marked on target map; a second to North-West between the decoy marked and the coast; and a third to South-East of TOWN. Aircraft landed at ROSTOCK.	A.640

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Night 26/27	Hampton P1164	Sgt. Gould Sgt. Garner Sgt. Baines Sgt. Sutherland	Jardening in ROBINSKY AREA	2300	0539	Flying in good visibility and very clear sky, a pinpoint was obtained on ST. PETERS Point, and the vegetable was planted successfully from 1000 feet at 0322 hours, heading 230°. 1 x 1500 lb. G.P. was seen to enter the water. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Veg. carried - one assembly 22.	A.641
Night 26/27	Hampton AH150	Sgt. Johnston Sgt. Irwin P/Sgt. Cowen Sgt. Palmer	Reinforced A/U Works 2151 HARRISBURG BR. BOSTON	2151	0634	A pinpoint was obtained in good visibility, on the islands along the track to mainland, East of HARRISBURG. Bombs were dropped on two large sheds near the bank of the river, in the N. part of target area. Bombs could not be distinguished from flashes on the ground. Large fires were seen in the centre of target, the glow of which could be seen from 150 miles away. Bomb was carried out at 0232 hours, from 6000 feet, heading 240°. Six bundles of HE(6) 1's were also dropped at time of bombing. Aircraft returned to base without incident. 1 x 1500 lb. G.P. was carried.	A.642
Night 26/27	Hampton AH244	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. Desord Sgt. Leeson Sgt. Brown	do	2149	0552	This aircraft found perfect visibility and no cloud in the target area. The works were clearly identified in the moonlight. Bombs were dropped at 0220 hours, from 6000 feet, on a heading of 270°. and bursts were seen probably near buildings marked 19 and 20 on Photograph. No fires were seen. Five bundles of HE(6) 1's were dropped from 4000 feet, at 0300 hours approximately 55,000 ft. 09.202. A/U came down to 500 feet at 0221 hours and shot up KROPPEN with H/O's. Aircraft home successfully after a good trip. 1 x 1500 lb. G.P. was carried.	A.643
Night 26/27	Hampton LA042	Sgt. Harkle P/Sgt. Flakeliner P/Sgt. Dufre Sgt. Killian	do	2152	0620	The river was clearly seen in the moonlight. The target was bombed at 0220 hours from 6000 feet, heading 260°. Bomb, 1 x 1500 lb. G.P., fell right in the target area. Several large fires were seen in the town and a great deal of smoke was coming from the town. Aircraft landed at base without incident, after a successful trip.	A.644
Night 26/27	Hampton AH143	Sgt. Horton Sgt. Sinclair Sgt. Street Sgt. Jefferies	do	2153	0555	The estuary and target area was clearly seen in the moonlight. Bombs were dropped in the factory area, probably a 2444 ft. of buildings 21 and 22 and Row. A. 11 and 12. The burst of the 1500 lb. G.P. was seen, and a fairly large fire seen on leaving the target. Bombing was carried out from 5000 feet at 0221 hours heading 250°. Aircraft came down to 400 feet to shoot up HARRISBURG with H/O's after bombing. Three bundles of HE(6) were dropped from 4000 feet at 0225 hours over BOSTON. Aircraft made an uneventful return to base. 1 x 1500 lb. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were carried.	A.645

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Night 26/27	Hampden A7224	S/Ldr. Price P/Lt. Fisher P/O. Van Den Bok P/O. Maitland	Heinkel A/U Works MARSHALL Str. KOSTOG	2158	0559	A pinpoint was obtained on the river and the target was clearly seen. Bombs were dropped at 0218 hours from 6000 feet, heading 270°. No bursts were seen but a large column of smoke ascending from the factory was seen, also large fires and explosions were observed in area. Six bundles of G.I.s were dropped 1 minute before bombs were dropped. 1000 rounds of .303 were fired into the town of AMSTERDAM from roof level. 1 x 250 lb. G.P. which had hung up over the target was dropped on the town. A large fire was left burning. 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.s were carried.	A-646
Night 26/27	Hampden A8226	Sgt. Gordon P/Sgt. James Sgt. Alderice Sgt. Hindle	do	2146	0607	Map reading from the coast, the river was identified and buildings were seen. The 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was dropped in the N. part of the target area and one large burst was seen near large sheds on the River bank. Six bundles of G.I.s were dropped over the target from 5000 feet at 0235 hrs. Aircraft home successfully. 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was carried.	A-647
Night 26/27	Hampden A8192	P/Sgt. Dillon Sgt. Jones Sgt. Page P/O. Crosswell	do	2154	0623	A pinpoint was obtained on the river and the works were seen clearly in the moonlight. The bomb, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P., was dropped from 7000 feet at 0240 hours, heading 300°. No burst was seen, one fire seen on the edge of the river around building 20 and 21. Six bundles of G.I.s were dropped 1 minute after bombs, 2 miles N.W. of the target. Aircraft returned to base without incident. Load carried 1 x 1900 lb. G.P.	A-648
Night 26/27	Hampden A7179	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Rogers Sgt. Howard Sgt. Watson	do	2153	0610	With excellent visibility, no cloud and a moon, this s/d bombed the Southern part of the target owing to evasive action taken. Bombs were dropped among buildings where fires were already burning. Six bundles of G.I.s were dropped over the target at the same time as bombing, from 6000 feet at 0225 hours. Return to base was made without incident. Load carried, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P.	A-649
Night 26/27	Hampden A8803	Sgt. Copeman P/Sgt. Smith, A.I. Sgt. Smith, R.V. Sgt. Milford	do	2145	0547	With good visibility this aircraft's map read all way down coast. Target was clearly seen in the light of the moon. Bomb, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P., was dropped among large sheds South of the airport. Accurate observations of results were difficult owing to number of flashes on ground. Six bundles of G.I.s were dropped at the same time as the bombing, from 6000 feet at 0218 hours, heading 324°. This aircraft home successfully.	A-650

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Night 26/27 Hampden F5321	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Young Sgt. Robins Sgt. Galloway	Heinkel A/C Works MARLBOROUGH Nr. ROSTOCK	2150	0549	Pinpointing on RIBBIZ and making a run from there, bomb, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. was released from 7000 feet at 0224 hrs., heading 270° into the target. One burst was seen and a fire to start in one of the buildings. Also 'see' other fires start in other buildings in target area. Return to base was made without incident after a very successful trip.	A.651
Night 26/27 Hampden AB439	W/Lt. Dowie P/Sgt. McDowall Sgt. Elliott Sgt. Pearce	do	2147	0545	Excellent visibility, no cloud and a moon enabled this aircraft to identify large sheds plainly seen by the light of photo flashes from other aircraft. Bombs, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were dropped on sheds along river banks. Bursts were seen across the river banks and in the vicinity of the sheds. Fires were seen burning in target area when the aircraft left area. Six bundles of G.I. were dropped over target. Return to base was made without incident.	A.652
Night 26/27 Hampden AT220	P/O. Coulter P/O. Wood Sgt. Skelton Sgt. Sutton	do	2150½	2250	Starboard engine failure, jettisoned 1 x 1900 and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s safe at 7000 feet approximately 35 miles from MARLBOROUGH, heading 065°. Aircraft landed at DORNA HOOK.	A.653
Night 28/29 Hampden AT220	P/Sgt. Dillon P/O. Edwards Sgt. Page P/O. Cresswell	KIEL ADJUTANT POINT 'A'	220½	0542	With very little cloud, full moon and good visibility, this aircraft was unable to see Main Square owing to smoke screen so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, was attacked. Bombs, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were released at 0230 hours, 2500 ft. Two bursts were seen and about 6 large fires. Six bundles of RH(0) 17 dropped over KIEL at 0230 hours. Return to base was made without incident.	A.654
Night 28/29 Hampden AT180	Sgt. Clothier Sgt. Demari Sgt. Brown Sgt. Ledoux	do	2202½	0507	Aiming point was not identified owing to smoke screen, so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, attacked. 340 x 4 lb. incendiaries released from 12000 feet at 0233 hours, 2750 ft. Several fires seen to start. Six bundles of RH(0) 13 were dropped 12 miles East of KIEL at 0226 hours, from 13000 feet. Nothing of interest was seen on return trip.	A.655

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Night 26/29 Hampden LA204	Sgt. Fern Sgt. Bugden Sgt. Watson Sgt. Hammond	KIEL ARMOING POINT 'A'	2158 $\frac{1}{2}$	0546	Pinpointing on KIEL ESTUARY, the primary target could not be identified owing to smoke screen so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, was attacked. 360 x 4 lb. incendiaries were dropped from 12000 feet, 0823 hours, 265%N. Five very large fires burning as a result. Aircraft was caught in searchlights for approximately three to four minutes. Rear gunner shot out five of the searchlights. Nothing further was accounted on the return journey.	AA6566
Night 26/29 Hampden K2179	Sgt. Markle F/Sgt. Pinkbeiner F/Sgt. Defoe Sgt. Killham	do	2159 $\frac{1}{2}$	0528	Good visibility, full moon and very little cloud. Pinpointed on SEILSTER SEE and KIEL ESTUARY. Primary target, screened by smoke so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, was attacked. 360 x 4 lb. incendiaries dropped near Main Square from 13000 feet at 0225 hours, 270%N. Four very large fires were seen. Six bundles of EH(G) 17 dropped East of KIEL. Return to base was made without incident.	A.657
Night 26/29 Hampden AM432	Sgt. Haloro F/Sgt. Metheral F/Sgt. McLeod F/O. Putnam	do	2201 $\frac{1}{2}$	0519	Visibility good, no cloud. Target was identified by the outline of Estuary, but primary target was screened by smoke so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, was attacked. Bombs, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were released from 12000 feet at 0216 hours, 270%N. No results were observed. Six bundles of EH(G) 17 were dropped on West side of target. Return to base was made without incident.	A.658
Night 26/29 Hampden ATL43	S/Ldr. Pin F/Lt. Fisher Sgt. Curtis F/Sgt. Bursay	do	2158	0523	Pinpointing on KIEL ESTUARY in excellent visibility, no cloud, this aircraft could not identify aiming point owing to smoke screen, so alternative target, KIEL TOWN, was attacked. 360 x 4 lb. incendiaries were dropped slightly North of Aiming point. Three large fires were seen burning. Aircraft was caught by one master searchlight which guided about thirty others on aircraft. Were held for about 15 mins. Searchlights were very accurate and it was very difficult to get out of them. Six bundles of EH(G) 17 were dropped on KIEL TOWN. Return to base made without incident.	A.659
Night 26/29 Hampden AM150	F/O. Coulter F/O. Wood Sgt. Skelton Sgt. Sutton	do	2200	0603	Visibility very good, bright and clear, no cloud. Pinpointed on KIEL ESTUARY. Aiming point could not be identified owing to smoke screen so KIEL TOWN was attacked, from 10000 feet at 0235 hours, 270%N. Bombs, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were dropped South East of Aiming Point, on the town. Three bursts were seen and several large fires burning. Six bundles of EH(G) 17 were dropped on KIEL TOWN. Return to base was made without incident.	A.660

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Night 28/29 Hampden AE439	S/Ldr. Price P/O. Hodgson Sgt. Hughes P/O. Maitland	KIEL. ALDERDICE PODET 'A'	2153	0332	Last resort, South end of SYLT was attacked. Primary target was not attacked owing to port engine being u/s. Bombs, 1 x 1900 lb. G.P. and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.'s were dropped from 8000 feet, at 0125 hours, 240°N. One burst was seen. Aircraft was hit by flak from shore batteries on East side of North end of SYLT. Nothing of interest was noted on return journey.	A.661																		
Night 28/29 Hampden AE426 "U" 6m	Sgt. Gordon P/Sgt. Roman Sgt. Alderdice Sgt. Hindle	do	2201	-	Missing - Nothing heard since take off. Operational trips and hours of crew were as follows. <table><tr><th></th><th colspan="2">OPERATIONAL</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>TRIPS</th><th>HOURS</th></tr><tr><td>CAN/R83552 Sgt. Gordon, R.L. (Pilot)</td><td>7</td><td>37.30</td></tr><tr><td>CAN/R76127 P/Sgt. Roman, J.A.E. (Navigator)</td><td>9</td><td>52.05</td></tr><tr><td>1056825 Sgt. Alderdice, W.Y. (1st W./OP/AG)</td><td>12</td><td>55.50</td></tr><tr><td>1106167 Sgt. Hindle, T. (2nd W./OP/AG)</td><td>9</td><td>37.15</td></tr></table>		OPERATIONAL			TRIPS	HOURS	CAN/R83552 Sgt. Gordon, R.L. (Pilot)	7	37.30	CAN/R76127 P/Sgt. Roman, J.A.E. (Navigator)	9	52.05	1056825 Sgt. Alderdice, W.Y. (1st W./OP/AG)	12	55.50	1106167 Sgt. Hindle, T. (2nd W./OP/AG)	9	37.15	A.662
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Night 28/29 Hampden F5321	Sgt. Craig Sgt. Young Sgt. Robins Sgt. Galloway	do	2159	0040	Returned early owing to starboard engine going u/s. Turned back position 534.9N. 0240E. Jettisoned 560 x 4 lb. incendiaries.	A.663																		
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