

## OPERATIONS 1940.

Air war over the Netherlands May 1940.

15/16 BC.

ATs. Wellington attacked A/F between Eindhoven - Nieuse(?). 6 hits seen. 1 Hampden bombs on Boxtel and Gorinchem.

15/16 Recce reports.

North of Breda at 2302 a train observed to be on fire. Large fires seen at Rotterdam, The Hague, Dordrecht and sHertogenbosch. Over Haarlem at 0140 8 oil tanks were seen burning, 5 still being intact. At 0040 Tilburg seen to be on fire. At 0010 when flying at 10,000 ft over Amsterdam, large fire with dense smoke was observed and appeared to be oil on fire.

16 CC.

Hudson/206 on routine patrol at 2138 3X250 on submarine 290° Borkum 30 miles. 2 fell one length ahead and 3rd direct hit on the semi submerged target. All bombs failed to explode.

16/17 BC.

AT. Whitley 12 X 500 and 18 X 250 on communication targets at Maastricht. One burst seen near the main road bridge and fire at the point where the road and railway converge.

17 PRU.

Spit left Heston at 1030 to photo area in Germany. Instead photographs taken of Huizen, Amsterdam to IJmuiden, The Hague and Schouwen A/F. Other Spit at 1445. Also ATs, Schiermonnikoog, Ameland and Terschelling.

16 CC.

Anson/500 observed 7 men and women in a lifeboat rowing towards England in a position 016° Maaslicht 45 miles.

Blenheim/235 in position 050° Ostend 25 miles observed a He-111 attacking a naval unit 1 bomb seen to burst 3 points abaft port beam. The He-111 escaped into clouds as our a/c climbed to attack. 3 destroyers, possibly French were seen to have to off Flushing

19 PRU.

Teuge aerodrome 4 miles NE Apeldoorn appears to be plowed up.

18 CC. 6 Swordfish/812 mining off Dutch coast between Maaslicht and Texel.

20 CC.

3 Ansons/48 on patrol of Dutch coast saw 8 or 9 enemy MTBs in pos 220° Texel 22 miles at 1900. A dive bombing attack was made in the course of which 6 X 100 Lbs bombs were dropped. 2 bombs from 1 a/c straddled leading MTB and several good bursts were fired at it by the rear gunner before the a/c was put out of action by light A.A. 2

bombs of another Anson fell about 30 yards ahead of 1 MTB. The pilot of the 3rd a/c saw 1 a/c hit on the starboard wing, but it did not appear to be seriously damaged. 1st a/c however MIA. Another Anson received damage to a wing and the fuselage and AL. and WOp were wounded.

20/21 CC.

6 Swordfish mining of the Dutch coast.

6 Beauforts offensive patrol to Rotterdam. one a/c dropped 2 salvos of 250 lbs bombs in the centre of the plant near the Petroleum harbour at Rotterdam. Few moments later a large fire was observed in the centre of plant "C". A 2nd Beaufort dropped 4 X 250 on plant C and saw three bursts on southern part of the target. A 3rd Beaufort

4 X 250 on the target. Numerous fires seen particularly in the NE and SW corners. The 4th Beaufort 4 X 250 and direct hit on the centre of the target. There was an immediate explosion which lit up the whole area. On recircling the target 4 smaller tanks seen to blow up in succession, and the foremost southerly tanks were ablaze. When a/c left 2 large and 5 small tanks in N part still intact but fires spreading rapidly. 5th Beaufort 4 X 250 on same target causing large fires in the refining plant on the W side.

6th Beaufort no attack due engine trouble.

21 CC.

Anson/48 saw submarine in pos 360 Texel 17 miles which was challenged but did not reply. Flares dropped and submarine dived.

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22/23 BC.

1 Hampden attack on railway line Emmerich-Cleve with 5 X 250. 1 bomb fell on track and train stopped. Also bombs on The Hague A/F.

23/24 BC

Hampdens bombs on Weert and Geldrop. At Helmond bombs straddled road, rail and canal and 6 fires started. At Weert bombs dropped near bridge, at Geldrop fires started Waal river bridge one salvo direct hit. (1/44 and 1/61 MIA)

24 CC.

Swordfish/825 4 X 250 at 800 ton MV 34 miles off Ostend. No hits. A Hudson/206 escorted by 2 Blenheims/235 on patrol to mouth of Eems. 1 Blenheim lagged behind and was shot down by 2 Me-109s. Hudson bombed and MV of 4000 in pos 270 Borkum 4 miles. Bmbs exploded within 10 yards from stern of vessel which rolled heavily. Blenheim saw att and believed bombs grazed ship.

24/25 BC.

Hampdens desp to a.o. Roermond and Maastricht areas. 12 Wellingtons to France but Flushing A/F as AT.

3 Hampdens Flushing A/F with 9 X 250 and 180 Inc. Hits on tarmac and hangars. 1 Wellington att Flushing A/F at 0310 with 12 X 250. 5 hits on A/F. At 0103 att on Zaltbom-0 mei.. Hits reported on road and rail bridge over Waal. Both destroyed.

24/25 CC.

4 Hudsons offensive patrol Rotterdam 2315-0140, repeated at 0005-0230.

1 Hudson/220 did not locate tgt at Rotterdam but dropped 4 X 250 on what was believed to be a railway line about 3/4 of a mile SW of the tgt. 2 Hudson/220 crossed tgt from the West and dropped 4 X 250, 1st falling in the river and 4th possibly on tgt. results unobserved.

3rd Hudson/220 could not locate tgt and dropped 4 X 250 in pos ition thought to be

Rotterdam A/F. Bombs were not fused! 4th Hudson/220 dropped

4 X 250 from 14500 ft. The last is believed to have hit the tgt as the raar gunner saw a fire blazing as a/c left.

Hudson/206 dropped bmbs over tgt but results not seen due avoiding action from A.A.

2 Hudsons/206 did not locate tgt and returned to base, 4th Hudson/206 att searchlights and flak as tgt could not be located. Bmbs dropped close to objectives and just before explosions searchlights were extinguished.

Anson/500 shadowed enemy MTB pos 90 Maaslight 4 miles at 0214 for 10 minutes. Anson made divebomb att at 400 ft drop 1 X 100 ASB. Direct hit obtained and there was no sign of MTB after attack,

25 Photorecce.

Naamstede, Veere, Flushing, Schiphol, Schellingwoude and Buiksloot.

25/26 BC.

AT. Wellington road bridge canal Sas van Ghent, bmbs close to the bridge. Marshalling yards near centre of Maastricht, one stick feil across.

Hampdens. Buildings of fire in Maastricht bombed with inc. Column on road Roermond-Beverlo and railway Roermond-Sittard. Results unobserved.

fserved during pperations: Flarepath at sHertogenbosch, Becloo, Bickendorf and Em-1 hitley. Railway lunction at Zevenaar NW Emmerich 3 bursts on riw. P"nefinti. -

25/26 CC.

Hudsons/206 of offensive patrol Rotterdam dropped 20 brnbs on tgts. The NW side of one tgt was burning upon arrival and bombs were released on the 5E side, resulting in new fires. Another tgt previously smouldering was set alight.

An Anson/500 while on special patrol at 1940 was hit in the port engine by A.A. fire. Another a/c/500 saw Anson land on sea, soucht naval unit and guided her to rescue of damaged a/c. These a/c had att 2 MTBs in pos 240 Texel 18 miles and bursts from front and rear gons seen to strike both Vs.

A Beaufort/22 from Area "E". Massage from a/c at 0158 began "cannot fly much Jonger pos 82 N.Coates 152" Another Beaufort/22 went to pos and fired very lights but got no answer. On 26 3 patrols to find Beaufort. No succes. (Was Squadron CO. W/Cdr Mellor. Still MIA)

26/27 BC.

AT. Hampden. Flushing A/F with 4 X 250 and 60 X 4 lbs Inc. Bursts seen near buildings and fires started. (49 Sqn.)

27 CC.

Anson/48 and 2 Ansons/500 saw 1 MTB which escaped into Rotterdam when a/c gained height for attack. Hudson/220 att MTB at IJmuiden with 4 X 250 from 2000 ft but no hits 3 Ansons/500 att 4 MTBs in pos 226 Texel 30 miles at 1902. 6 X 120 GP but no hits.

27/28 BC.

Whitleys. 1 att Flushing A/F where petrol tank was seen to burst in flames. Other a/c 12 X 250 but results unobserved.

28 CC.

Patrols flown. Offensive sorties to att 3 MTBs in pos 295 IJmuiden 40 miles by 9 Swordfish from Bircham Newton. Offensive sorties to att 6 MTBs off Ameland by 8 Swordfish from Detling. Results: A Hudson/206 att one of 4 stationary MTBs in pos 015 Terschelling 32 miles with 2 X 100 and 2 X 250 which fell 10 yards ahead of tgt. No damage seen. Hudson/224 att shore batteries at E end of Terschelling. A stick of 250s was dropped and one bomb fell within 20 yards of batt position, 2 fires burning when a/c resumed patrol. Hudson/206 2 X 250 AS and 2 X 250 SAP at 4 enemy destroyers in pos 085 Terschelling 16 miles but results unobserved. Hudson/220 sighted a liner of ± 6000 ton almost blocking the entrance to IJmuiden harbour. A stick of 250 AS dropped which fell 30 yards ahead of vessel. No apparent damage.

29 CC.

Offensive sorties to att 3 transports and aux Vs off Den Helder by 6 Swordfish and repeated later by 7 Swordfish. Offensive sorties to att MTBs in IJmuiden harbour by 5 Beauforts.

Results: Anson/500 att 2 MTBs in pos 230 Maaslight 16 miles with 2 X 250 both astern. One Swordfish saw hangar at Texel apparently demolished with about 6 wrecked seaplanes in the water close by. 5 X 250 GP dropped at a round hangar but damage not seen owing haze and rain.

Beauforts. No MTBs seen but a ship of ±3000 ton was sighted lying on her side apparently beached against the north wall of the outer harbour. 3 a/c dropped bombs at this ship and 2 hits claimed. 2 a/c also dropped bomb at small vessels lying in outer harbour. Another a/c dropped bomb at a ship of liner type lying at Eastern end of the harbour, but no hits claimed. Another Beaufort dropped its bomb in the middle of the harbour but bad visibility prevented results being seen. 2 Beauforts hit by pom-pom and shrapnel through fuselage and gun-turret, one a/c rendered U/S.

28 PRU.

Rotterdam.

30 PRU.

One Spit took off at 1025 to photo Rotterdam and Dutch coast. A/c returned at 1225. Photos of Rotterdam obtained despite heavy AA fire.

30/31 BC.

Hampdens. Harbours and A/F's on Frisian Islands.

31 CC.

8 Swordfish to att Den Helder. Results: 4 Swordfish att Willemsoord dropping 4 sticks of bombs. A fire was started and 1 stick fell on the shore just south of the channel. AA fire from the top of the mainland was very accurate.

A Hudson/220 att 3 ships at Terschelling with 2 X 250 which near missed, and later scored a direct hit on the jetty and a 400 ton coastal steamer, Fire on the jetty.

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31/5-1/6. CC.

0005 2 Hudsons/206 with 3 of other squadron attack en oil targets in Rotterdam, dropped 7 X 250.

1 BC.

Recce. 2 Blenheims/82 took off at 1245 and returned 1440. Nothing of importance seen. Area Terneuzen for naval units.

1/2 BC.

ATs. Hampdens A/Fs. Spiekeroog, Nerhoven, Borkum and Flushing. At Flushing bursts near flarepath.

1 /2 CC.

Offensive ops. 3 Hudsons Rotterdam, 9 Beauforts Ghent and 3 Swordfish mining Vlieland /Terschelling. Results: Hudsons/220 succesfully bombed tgts at Rotterdam, all of which burnt out and smouldering. Bursts of flame seen. 1 a/c dived to 400 ft and machinegunned searchlight battery, where 3 lights were immediatly put out. All a/c returned.

2 CC.

3 Hudsons/220 att 3 MTBs 360 Ostend 22 miles with 11 X 250 and machinegunned Vs. After att one of Vs believed to have turned into channel north of Schouwen. Another Hudson/220 att MTB with 4 X 250 off the Hook, but results unobserved. 1 Hudson/233 att MTB off Texel with 3 X 100 ASB but no hits obtained.

2/3 BC.

ATs. Whitleys Deventer A/F at southern edge, and Rotterdam A/F buildings NE side.

3 CC.

Beauforts/22 saw submarine of unknown nationality 270 Terschelling 50 miles submerged on approach of a/c. Later saw what appeared to be large versel with no funnel and a flightdeck off Texel which was escorted by 5 or 6 smaller Vs. These a/c att 2 trawlers or armed patr Vs and 7 MTBs 350 Borkum 48 miles with 6 bombs.

Hudsons/220 att enemy destroyer in IJmuiden harbour alongside wharf half a mile NE of breakwater with 4 X 250 ASB which feil ±150 yards aster<sup>p</sup> in centre of harbour. No damage.

3/4 CC.

4 Hudsons to att oil tanks at Rotterdam and 8 Beauforts to att oil tanks at Ghent.

7 Hudsons/220 report that 28 X 2.50 dropped on tgts in Rotterdam a number of which seen to be hits, causing fires to break out. AA very much greater than encountered on previous raids. A Beaufort/22 on raid on Ghent reported that on arrival 3 tgts were on Eiree and so a stick of 6 bombs dropped on another tgt, which was set ablaze. One a/c bombed a strong searchlight barrage south of IJzendijke which were extinguished. 2 a/c report that their flares failed to work and so unable to locate tgt. 2 bombs released, which appeared to drop in ta<sup>p</sup>ai and four in a row 10 miles N of Ghent. 2 other a/c bombed tgts.

3/4 BC.

ATs. Hampden 4 X 250 and 60 X 4 lbs inc on Flushing A/F. Bursts seen south of buildings on N side of A/F..

5/6 CC.

8 Beaufort Ghent and 8 Swordfish mining.

Ghent. 6 X 250 on tgt "C", 2 tanks hit and large lire started which was seen from 30 miles. 2 attacks with machineguns started small fire. Also bombs on tgts E and F. One Beaufort which did not locate the objective dropped 6 X 250 on what appeared to be 3 fires in the centre of searchlights near Flushing A/F.

6 CC

PRU. Photos of Numansdorp up river to Nijmegen, Wageningen and Leiden. Other PRU pi-lot reported 21 small craft observed off Ameland sailing in E direction.

Search bv 6 Blenheims to attack 21 E-boats reported off Ameland. 4 Swordfish mining.

7 CC.

Ansons reported following sightings:

- a. 03572E-boats 210 Maaslight 20 miles, course 60 speed 20-30 knots. 2 bombs no results
- b. 0404 1 [-baat 212 Maaslight 12 miles course 60 speed 20 knots. MG'd and photo-graphs
- c. 0415 1 E-boat 215 Maaslight 12 miles. Not under way.
- d. 04172E-boats 212 Maaslight 17 miles presumed to be same "a" machinegunned.
- e. Rear gunner reported on landing having seen 3 E-boats 213 Maaslight 19 miles course 60 speed 20.

8 CC.

PRIJ. Photos taken of De Mok, De Kooy and Harlingen. 2nd a/c de Mok, Amsterdam and Germany.

9 CC.

PRIJ. Photos from route IJmuiden/Arnhem.

8/9 CC.

7 Beauforts/22 attacks in Ghent during early morning of 9th. Targets A, C, D, E and F ignited. Fires and explosions, also railway cars.

9/10 BC.

10/11 CC.

7 Swordfish in IJmuiden. Unable to do due to bad weather.

11/12 BC.

ATs. Hampdens. Flushing A/F. Direct hits on buildings north of A/F. On landing area Haamstede] hits on landing ground and tarmac.

Until 18th no opposition in Holland except for

17 CC.

Hudson/206 at 0055 hours hit on a destroyer off the Frisian Islands. 18 CC.

PRU. Photos of Terschelling, Hook of Holland, IJmuiden, Amsterdam 8/F, Flushing and coastline from HeVst to Alkmaar. Pilot reported a/o on N side of Amsterdam A/F.

18/19 CC.

Hudson attacked enemy seaplane base at Den Helder at 2000 which started a large fire. Of 6 Albatrosses mining off DC in early morning of 19th only 3 successful. 19/20 CC.

6 Hudsons in IJmuiden inner harbour where anti sub bombs burst on docks and on the west of the bridges, warehouses on S bank of canal also hit.

Hudson reported 5 enemy destroyers 243 Terschelling in formation and later 2 more destroyers had joined from Vlieland and Terschelling where they had been guarding 10 MVs. Our a/c was attacked by 4 109s and was forced to take cover in the clouds, later the Hudson attacked but again had to take cover due to 109s and AA from AV destroyer. Though to have hit one destroyer.

20 BC.

Attack on Schiphol A/F abandoned by 17 Blenheim due to lack of cloud cover, but later 18 Blenheim set out to bomb this target. 12 of the a/c returned within 20 minutes because of weather conditions. The remaining 6 Blenheims attacked and burst down on the tarmac. About 20 a/o mainly in engine seen on tarmac near hangar on SE side of IVF. Moderate and fairly accurate AA fire encountered after bombing.

21 CC.

Until 206 sighted 5 MVs of small tonnage and 3 destroyers at anchor off Texel in the morning. At 1300 Hudson/206 dispatched to attack these ships. Ship shot 1000 and Den Helder/Nillemsoord instead of aiming hits on ships and extensive damage to warhousess and ammo dumps. Considerable Flak experienced. Albacore 826 also set out to attack ships, but also unable to locate target. Ue Kom' A/F on Den Helder. Attacked by 109 and 8] baobares MIA. (BoLh came down on Texel) One severely damaged managed to reach base.

21 BC.

ATs. Blenheim at Haamstede A/F. Observations: 4 large 4 engine a/c on Schiphol. On Nieuwe Waterweg Rotterdam - Moassluis, large number of barges 3 abreast pointing seaward. Also HoringvUet, Krammer, Volkecekan and Ooaterschelde.

21/22 BC.

Special reconnaissance flight by Blenheim not carried out due lack of cloud cover. Photo not taken, but the a/c, which left at 0315 and landed at 0500, bombed Schiphol A/F on return journey.

22 BC.

Only 28 reconnaissance photo Dortmund - Ems canal due to lack of cloud cover mission not completed.

22 CC.

Hudson on reconnaissance Heligobight attacked 5 small ships of MT8 class off Terschelling. No hits observed.

23 BC.

ATs. Blenheim Schiphol A/F. Observed construction advance in progress and 5 twin engine a/c seen. Also attack on Schiphol by 2 other Blenheims. Also attack on A/F at Oostvaardersland and Waalhaven. Bursts seen among hangars at the former and on landing ground at the latter where 6 twin engine a/c were seen.

23 CC.

Hudson reported MVs off Terschelling.

24 BC.

ATs. Blenheim A/F at Eindhoven, Schiphol and Waalhaven.

24 CC.

Hudson on reconnaissance of Zuiderzee area reports sighting a 2 funnelled MV of about 4000 tons sunk near entrance to IJmuiden harbour. 3 MVs of about 2000 ton in harbour.

Mining operation by Swordfish cancelled due to weather.

A special raid on the Nieuwe Waterweg with "W" bombs by Blenheim Ores/828 cancelled owing to enemy raids interfering with the squadron take-off!!!!

In the evening 6 Hudson/206 successful raid on De Kooy A/F. High and low level attacks simultaneous. Many buildings demolished and set alight.

24/25 BC.

Wellingtons. Attack on Wierden. 8 bombs fell on docks and town causing explosion in storage depots at docks, one large explosion throwing debris high into air and one large fire near centre of the town. Later a/c reported one large warehouse on fire and another fire with dense black smoke visible from 60 miles out to sea. The fire spread to Den Helder.

3 fires started in buildings and hangars at Schiphol and a large fire caused on breakwater at IJmuiden.

24/25 CC.

SAB cores detailed to drop "W" bombs in the river Maas and in channels between river Maas and the Scheldt. This operation was carried out successfully between 0015 - 0545.

25 CC.

Reconnaissance of Hook of Holland, Rotterdam, South Beveland and Flushing flown by 9 Blenheims. Five VEs of 1500 ton observed in harbour of Hook of Holland. Ten river steamers, 19 barges and 50-60 small craft observed in channels and harbours between Rotterdam and Flushing. Six rivers canals under way. 3 heading E, 3 N.

25 BC.

ATs. Blenheim on Waalhaven A/F and iron foundry at Alkmaar (!).

25/26 BC.

87s. Whitley successful attack on Haamstede A/F and Wellingtons Schiphol and Oostvoorne A/Fs, Alsnattock on Popenburg.

25/26 CC.

25/26 CC. HUDSON/206 on routine patrol 2 X 250 GP and 2 X 20 Inc on seaplane base at Texel at 0400  
Fires observed but definitely unknown. Another Hudson 250 E00251 b50n Den Helder  
seaplane base at 0240. Several explosions seen and 4 fires burning on  
near the beach. Heavy bomb believed on buildings but results unobserved. A/c re-  
sults several fires in the region of De Kooy A/F which apparently being bombed at  
0240 as 3 sticks of 4 bombs and some incendiaries seen to explode.

26 BC. One Blenheim AT. Left at dawn but failed to reach primary, bombed Schiphol from 10,000  
ft but results unobserved. A/c was at by enemy fighter and sustained damage to under-  
carriage.

25/26 GA/O to drop "W" bombs in canals between Nieuport and Willemstad. Canals bed.

26 CC.

Special recon. A.O. Flushing.

26/27 CC.

Hudson/206 saw MV (7/10000 tons) off Hook of Holland at 0420 course 225, speed 2-3 knt  
Hudson attack MV with 2 X 250 SAP and 2 X 250 GP which exploded 80 yards away. Hudson  
was attacked by 2 109s and was hit by cannon and MG fire but not disabled. 2nd enemy a/c  
was destroyed after receiving a burst of fire from the Hudson. 6 Blenheims successfully dropped bombs in canals between Nieuport and Willemstad  
6 Blenheims despatched in early morning to attack enemy MTBs sighted in River Maas  
area.

27 CC.

A search over area 20 square miles about pos 239 Texel 16 miles by 6 Blenheims sighted  
5 small V's in pos 015 Hook of Holland 14 miles. Very heavy AA fire from VAP 051 in S  
around Amsterdam, which split up the formation. E and T/235 reported 4 109s in S  
of Amsterdam and T/235 attacked one, doing possible slight damage. At 1430 He-115  
was shot down and exhausted. Serious damage believed to have been inflicted.  
Four Blenheim SMIA. (All 235 Squadron down in Holland)

26/27 BC. ATs. Hampdens a.o. A/Fs at Schiphol and Waalhaven, Many firm starts and direct hits  
claimed on buildings at Schiphol. Wellingtons a.o. Waalhaven and Schiphol successfully.  
Three bursts observed on docks at Willemsoord and a hit elaborated on bridge and lock at  
Genemuiden.

27/28 BC.

Wellingtons successfully attacked A/Fs Schiphol, Texel and Waalhaven. Also attack on  
Petroleum harbour at Rotterdam, but no hits seen. One Whitley attacked Petroleum har-  
bour at Rotterdam, hits seen on target.

27/28 CC.

Hudsons/206 on patrol along Dutch Coast, dive-bombed Willemsoord and dropped 2 X 250  
GP and 6 X 25 lbs inc at 0240/28. Bombs seen to hit warehouses and buildings on south  
side of the inner dock and a large explosion took place which was considered to be an  
ammunition store.

28/29 BC.

Wellingtons attacked Waalhaven and 28 bursts seen on the roof of the A/F and among the  
buildings. One Whitley also attacked Waalhaven and Hampdens attacked A/Fs Schiphol.  
Flushing and De Mak.

28/29 CC. 2 Albacores to drop "W" bombs in pos 90 Ostend 30 miles flown between 0109/0340. A/c  
dropped bombs between bank and large, heavily laden motor barge. A heavy explosion  
looked place 2 minutes later and presumably barge blown up, and the channel  
blocked. 2nd a/c dropped "BU"s in position.

29 CC.

Recce North of Terschelling 10 miles out 18 ships at 1350. A later report states 25  
ships in line on a NE course.

29/30 CC.

6 Swordfish operations in Boulogne and IJmuiden areas, and 3 Albacores bombed areas 1 and 3.

28/29 CC. (addition).

One Hudson/206 attacked Gas works at Den Helder by gliding down to 1500 feet before letting go bombs. Large explosions and large fires at 8 p.m.

29/30 BC.

Wellingtons successful attack on Schiphol. Whitleys attack on barges in canal near Vlaassuis unsuccessful. Whitley also bombed Schiphol.

30 CC.

Reported by recce. An MV of 10,000 tons seen partly submerged in 3/4 of harbour at IJmuiden.

30/6-1/7 CC.

6 Swordfish operations in Terschelling Gat.

Hudson/206 attack on De Kooy A/F.

13/14 BC.

AT. Hampden Flushing A/F.

14/15 CC.

2140-0040 1 Blenheim/59 attack on oil tanks Flushing dropping 4 x 250.

21 BC.

23 BC.

2 Blenheims on Schiphol MIA. ( During evening attack shot down by German Flak. One each of 107 and 110 Squadron. 107 lost another Blenheim on the way to Germany, but Blenheim crashed in the Netherlands.)

27 BC.

AT. Blenheims Soesterberg A/F. 1 Blenheim MIA. (Blenheim of 82 Squadron crashed near



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1/2 BC.

ATs. Hampdens, one each, Venlo A/F and Texel seaplane base.

1/2 CC.

18 Swordfishes attacked a concentration of over 100 barges in the River Maas, east of Rotterdam during the night. This attack was followed by 5 Albatrosses dropping bombs. 2 Swordfishes MIA. (Bath of 812 Squadron FAA. One came down on Rozenburg, crew killed.)

2 [C.

Recon search of cruiser over Schouwenwaterways by 3 Blenheims, no large barges observed in position 163 Maas Dight 26 miles and 1 MV of 2008 tons 178 Maaslight 26 miles. No enemy/seen and no AA.

PRU. Photos of Schouwen up the coast to The Hague, Rotterdam and Hooik of Holland.

2/3 BC.

ATs. Wallington a.o. Dookeat Rotterdam and Flushing A/F.

2/3 CC.

12 Swordfishes in two forces of 6, mining Terschelling Gat. 11 **SUOOE SUI, 1** failed to re-

5BC.

Blenheims attack on a convoy south of Den Helder, one patrol ship was hit and an M\ fell out of the when the convoys scattered. Also attacks on A/Fs at Flushing and Haaflaauwen on both hits were scored.

lease.

Hudson/206 on patrol dropped bombs on a factory 6 miles east of IJmuiden, after which smoke was seen to be issuing from the buildings, 1 enemy, Bf-109, attacked Hudson and was shot down in flames. Another Hudson dropped bombs on buildings looking like hangars on northern end of Texel at 0430/3, fires seen close to the target. (Hudson was attacked by the Bf-109 at 0516, This 109 of I/JG54 Schiphol, crashed near Assendelft, pilot baling out.)

3/4 BC.

7 Albatrosses on barges in Rotterdam. 2 British did not attack. Busing fire on Al. Hampden De Kooy A/F.

4 BC. Blenheims attacks on targets near Zwolle and Schiphol A/F were hangars were 'Fa and reswore started. Photographs were taken. During attack on Schiphol Blenheims attacked by 109s, but the damaged flew back to base. 1 Blenheim MIA. (Was

Blenheim of 18 Squadron which came down in Brielse Maas).

4 CC.

5 Hudsona/206 offensive sortie to attack shipping in harbour of Ullems Oord. None found, but a successful attack was made at 1645 on 5 trawlers north of IJkook of Holland. 2 Hudsons search for a missing Hampden, MIA. (Bath 206 Squadron down in Northsea.)

SCC.

PRU. Photographs of the coast from Helder to IJmuiden and canal Amsterdam to IJmuiden also photos taken of Schiphol A/F.

Photographs show barges lined up along Noide of canal Amsterdam/IJmuiden and two ships in IJmuiden harbour.

5/6 BC.

WeUingtons. A/Fs Schiphol and Texel. A number of fires started and at Texel 4 explosions seen, but mainly results unobserved.

ATs. Hampdens. Hit on tow-path and 2 hits on docks and barges in Nordhorn-Alneio canal. 1 Hampden Texel A/F.

68C.

Hjens. Barges at Zwolle. As barges in canal near Katwijk en Ypenburg A/F. Results unobserved.

6/7. CC.

5 Blenheims/53 "w" bomb attack on IJmuiden/Amsterdam canals. Hudson/220 attacked minesweepers on a course of 255 speed 15 knots in pos 317 Terschelling 12 miles, at 0520 from 2000 ft. 3 X 250 8S8 dropped but no hits. Heavy pom-pom and AA. PRIJ. a.o. Rotterdam and Hook of Holland.

78C.

Blenheims. Attack on Zwollen and as Als Twenthe A/F and barges at Rotterdam.

7/8 BC.

AT. Hampden Waalhaven 8/F.

7/8 CC.

Hudson/206 attack on MV at Willemsoord at 0235/8 dropping 4 X 250 GP. Results unobserved due to presence of enemy aircraft.

8 BC.

48 Blenheims detailed. No a/c seen on Overflakkee and Flushing A/F. 25BJ attacked barges. At Zwolle bombs hit 2 barges and 2 others were set on fire, probably due to machinegun fire. Two Vemles ON of Eiburg 888 were attacked with machinegun fire, leaving 2 smoking and one off fire. In canal south of Delft and also NN of Elburg, barges bombed but results unobserved. On canal junction at Hattem barges bombed and wreckage seen, and at Weert canal junction direct hits on 2 obtained. Two Vemles observed at Lekkerkerk and at Papendrecht 30 in clusters of 5.

8/9 BC.

Five Wellingtons successful attack on Schiphol A/F where buildings were set on fire, and a large fire and explosions started at Waalhaven.

9/10 CC.

A Hudson observed what was thought to be a cruiser and also 5 MVs in pos 270 Texel 8 miles at 2212.

6 Swordfishes successful landing at Terschelling Gat.

9 CC.

PRU. e.o. Photographs of Hook of Holland.

9/10 BC.

Wellingtons Schiphol A/F where 5 good fires were started. Hampdens a.o. Waalhaven and Texel A/Fs. 10 CC.

Hudson chased enemy aircraft 54 miles W of Texel but lost touch after 14 minutes. PRU. e.o. Flushing.

10/11 CC.

6 Swordfishes successful landing at Terschelling Gat.

11/12 BC.

Wellingtons. Of 32 only 3 attacked primary. Majority attacked A/Fs in Lh of Netherlands. 1 Blenheim attacked Rotterdam. AT. 1 Hampden also Rotterdam. gmm~

11/12 CC.

1 Anson PDA from patrol. (1 Anson of 500 Squadron crashed near Oostvoorne in Holland).

12 CC.

PRIJ. Spitfires Flushing and mast from Calais to Texel,

12/13 CC.

6 Blenheims/SJ attacked disjunct of Leidam (???) (Rotterdam?). 6 Swordfishes successful landing at IJmuiden.

13 DC.

13 CC.

Hudson saw 2 minesweepers at Terschelling 30 miles at 0535, Hudson made 3 direct bomb attacks dropping 3 X 250 AS, one of which fell right to gun port bow of one of the vessels which heeled over violently.

13/14 8C.

Mist Wellingtons attacked A/Fu at Soesterberg, Waalhaven, de Kooy and Schiphol, fires caused at last target.

Hampden s.o. A/Fsat Eelde, Texel and Waalhaven but rseul tounobaerxed.

13/14 CC.

12 Blenheims detailed to attack oil tanks at Ghent.

2 Hudsons/206 dive bomb attack on docks at Harlingen dropping 4 X 250 8nd 1 Ondiar repeated explosions and a large fire.

14/15 8C.

ATs. W Dington Sa.o. A/F at Vught a large fire started.

14/15 CC. 1 Hudson/206 dive bomb attack at 0235 on Willemsoord dropping 4 X 350 and 04 in-

15 CC. Reconnaissance. Coast Hook of Holland - Oatend by 1 Anson.

15/16 BC.

ATs. Hampden s.o. blast furnaces at Hoorn (T????) results unobserved. k on Do Kooy A/F where 1 hangar was set on fire and 4 other fires started.

17 BC.

13 Blenheims detailed. 11 Abandoned but 2 attacked barges in the Enkhuizen area.

17 CC.

12 Blenheims detailed to attack Oil at Ghent. Only 6 did attack.

18 BC.

Blenheims attacked 20 barges just west of Pernis but results unobserved. Other Blenheims detailed for attack on barges in the Zuiderzee.

18 CC.

Blenheims reconnaissance a.o. coast Hook of Holland ristende, and mouth of Schelde. 1 E.U. Enghon reconnaissance Flushing MIA. (Nasof 53 Squadron)

18/19 CC.

6 Blenheims/53 night attack on Ghent. Of 6 Hudsons/206 detailed for Emden, one attacked at "330" harbour of Harlingen and one did attack on Ni Demsoord.

18/19 BC.

8 ATs. Hampdens. One attacked railway bridge between Badalcheren and South Bevelend and one attacked searchlights 10 miles S of Rotterdam. Results unobserved.

19/20 CC.

9 Swordfishes. 3 in Huijbart Gat, 6 in River Ems. 6 Hudsons and 3 Blenheims Co attack barges and shipping in Emffiden. 1 Hudson/206 attacked harbour of Harlingen.

19/20 BC.

Wellingtons A/F at Schiphol and Naalhaven and Texel seaplane base. In most cases hits and fires, also at Lacksonships near Polderdam area in Holland (near Lemmer). A's. Hampdenau. De Kooy A/F.

20 BC.

26 Blenheims detailed, all abandoned except one which attacked Flushing A/F.

20/21 CC.

6 Blenheims/53 successfully attacked oil tanks at Vlaardingen causing extensive fires and severe damage.

~ 3 Hudsons/206 and 6 Blenheims attacked oil tanks at Benth causing large fires.

Hudsons at Landed Emden harbour causing damage to boats and docks.

Mini ng. 6 Sum rd fi shes ucces yul } yn ó ned Hubert Gat and 6 Sword fi ohessuocas fu U ynd nod  
ri ver Ems. , i r f t t A ~ / e ~ e o e = r e . A , . b ~ ~ ~ w N 7 ~ \* w e e d e \* \* r e A e x \* " 4 Y .

21 CC. PRU. Photographs taken of a.o. b.daterwaysneerSchouwen, Schelde, Zuiderzee and from Emden to Terschelling.

21/22 BC.

JL

6 Fairey Battles detaile 4oatteok Rotterdam A/F mnd 12 Blenheims offensive p8trmls A/Fs in Belgium. NW Franco and Holland.

Four out of 6 Bettles attacked military target at Rotterdam and A/F at Haamstede between 0125 and 0255 hrs from hoights between 7000 end 2500 y. 16 X 250 and 6 X 251 incendiaries dropped. No d\$finite results observed. Two airor 8ft did not complete task (Were of 103 Squadron). 8lenh\$ims did not attack tgts in Holland.

21/22 CC.

6 Blenheims suocesfully attached Ghent 2215. Severe damage. Swordfishes successfully mined Hubert Gat and Emu Rixer and 1 Hudson/206 dropped bomb on Harlingen harbour. Large fires. Another Hudson/206 dropped bomb on seohlights near Zaandam and

a 3rd Hudson/206 attacked the outer harbour of IJmuiden.

21 Raid assessment Holland.

" Some Outoh citizens who recently arrived in this country report thot in the last week in June an RAF a/c hit and damaged a railway bridge at Rotterdam which took a week to repair. That after a raid on Schiphol on 23rd June heavy smoke was seen coming from the 8/F. That from Arnhem fires in the Ruhr could be seen, that at Scheveningen harbour 2x sssls have been sunhand there has been some damage to quays and warehouses."

22 Raid assessment

Rotterdam. Photograph taken on 21st July showing that the oil tanks at Vlaardingen / Depotsouth of the New Waterway are burning.

22/23 BC.

6 Fairey Battles detailed to attack Schiphol. Results: 3 a/c attacked Schiphol and one a/c dropped bombs on A/F at Marian\$ Bosch (???) Results unobserved 8 Seeohlight activity. ATs. Hampden s.a.D, Schiphol A/F and S\$aplan 8 base De Mok on Texel successfully.

22/23 CC.

12 Blenheims attached barges at Amsterdam. Results mostly unobserved 4 hits observed on petroleum docks One a/c crashed on landing, (6 Blenheims/53 and 6/59). 6 Swordfishes successfully mining in Hubert Gat and River Ems. 1 Hudson/206 attacked 6 ships in basin OM of den Helder. Three bombs burst on or between 2 ships and incendiary bombs fell on seawall causing a large 22gi SM. **m/m** ei( ce.«.,.=.u°a^e se P", ay A/c

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23 BC.

23 CC.

PRU. Photographs taken of Amsterdam and Vlaardingen.

23/24 BC.

3 Battles detailed to attack Schiphol. Results Operation to Schiphol unsuccessful, two a/c forced to return due technical trouble, and other a/c failed to locate target due bad weather. Dropped bombs on 2 searchlights at IJmuiden.

Five Blenheimsto attack A/Fs. a.o. Schiphol. AT Wellingtons successfully attached A/Fs at Schiphol and Haamstede. Whitleys bombed A/Fs including Schiphol where a hangar was set on fire, and a Hampden attacked De Kooy 8/F.

23/24 CC. 7 Blenheims. 6/53 and 1/59 at Lachod oil tanks at Flushing. 18 X 250 and 12 X 40 incendiaries dropped and six other hits scored on targets and fires started. One a/c released 15 bombs east of Duisberg (??Y?? Doesburg????), Swordfishes. Of the 6 detailed to drop mines at Terschelling Gat, Texel and Westerschelde off Flushing, 5 dropped as ordered. Remnina a/c dropped NE of Ameland due to poor visibility. 1 Hudson/206 on offensive sortie to Emden dropped on return flight bomb on Texel A/F. 3 burst: een along southern end of A/F.

24 CC.

PRU. South Beveland area: One Hudson reported enemy force of 1 large MV and 5 sloops at 2010 hrs on pos 394 Terschelling 36 miles, course 235 speed 5 knots.

24/25 BC.

25 CC.

PRU. Photographs taken of Den Helder and Frisian Islands.

25/26 BC.

12 Blenheims detailed to attack A/Fs at 8 arg<sup>g</sup>, Eelde, Jever, Schiphol, Leeuwarden, De Kooy and Ypenburg. Results: A/F at Eelde, Jever and De Kooy missed. 2 Blenheim MIA. (One each of 15 and 40 Squadron. Not down in the Netherlands.)

ATs. 20 Wellingtons alternative targets, a.o. Schiphol A/F and AA battery at Oostvoorne but results unobserved.

25/26 CC.

Six Blenheims detailed to do "W" bomb and GP bomb attack on harbor building yards at Spaarndam. 2 identified target and scored direct hits or near misses.

3 Swordfishes successfully bombed mouth of Meuse.

Hudsons. 3 of 5 which carried out attack on fuel tanks at Amsterdam dropped 10 > 250 GP and incendiary bombs immediately east and west of target and started fires.

26 BC.

14 Blenheims, 11 abandoned only three bombed, a.o. Schiphol A/F where hits on runway, and as 8 TU Daalhaven 8/F. Photographs taken of the areas around Flushing and Willemstad, (Waalhaven 1st operation over Holland 139 Squadron)

26 CC.

PRU. Photographs a.o. of East Zuiderzee.

27 BC.

15 Blenheims detailed on 13 attacked. North Sea canal burst observed. Canal bank barges at Stavoren, remaining a/o Germany.

(Bombs did not fall in Stavoren but in Lemmer some 12-13 miles east of Stavoren.)

27 CC.

Hudsons attacked 3 MVs in pos 360 Terschelling 19 miles and almost 100% hit.

27/28 CC.

Of 3 Hudsons detailed, 2 attacked fuel tanks at Amsterdam dropping 7 X 250 and 66 incendiary bombs in one explosion and six fires. One Hudson attacked the canal and railway 10 miles north of Amsterdam but results unobserved.

28 BC.

9 Blenheims detailed, a Dabandon due to lack of cloud cover but 1 a/c bombed 12 Bf-109s seen on Leeuwarden A/F, of which some are believed to have been damaged.

After bombing the Blenheim was attacked by 4 Bf-109s on its return journey and one Bf-109 believed to have been shot down. (Captain of the 2nd De Hoimwee W/Cdr. Lart. Bf-109 was indeed shot down. Belonged to Stab I/JG 27 and crashed near Franeker, pilot severely wounded.)

28/29 BC.

ATo. Bodewater. a.o. Wellington Eindhoven 8/F and Hampden Texel A/F.

28/29 CC.

6 Blenheims/53 detailed to attack barge building yards at Spaarndam. Only one a/c located target and dropped 2 X 250 and laid down bombs in the centre of the 8 baai. 1 De Hoimwee attacked IJmuiden.

Of 6 Hudsons/206 detailed to attack fuel tanks at Amsterdam only 4 attacked target but results unobserved. One of 4 attacking Hudsons attacked Schiphol 8/F.

29 CC.

PRLJ. PRIJ. a.a. Rotterdam and Schelde area.

29/30 BC.

29/30 BC.

Nellingtona.o. rail targets at Weert, large explosion seen.

Whitleya.o. attack on nonoentratjon of barges in river Waal betweenGorinchomand Werkendam. Hits oloimed.

29/30 CC.

8 Blenheims/53 attachon Emden. Only 1 a/c attacked and another dropped bombSonan island north of Texel. (Must have been Vlieland )

29 BC.

crashlanded on Texel. Was F/0 Keighley of 82 Squadron)

30 BC.

Blonh<sup>g</sup>imsA/FsmainIy in Franco and Belgium, but in Holland Flushing and Leeuwarden A/Fwereattack<sup>g</sup>dandn<sup>g</sup>armisses scored onan<sup>P</sup>K/of 3000 tonsoffFTushlng. 1 BlenheimPDA. (Was Blenheim of 15 Squadron Cr@ehed noarBr<sup>g</sup>sk<sup>g</sup>ns.)

31 BC.

28 8lenh<sup>g</sup>ims detailed for raids on A/Faa.o, in Holland Schiphol, Haamstede  
19 Blenheims abandoned due lack of cloud cover but in HollandattaCked: 2 large MVs in The Hague with 2 X 250 and 6 X 40 Ine., some neermiss<sup>g</sup>s. At VDD<sup>g</sup>nhom<sup>g</sup>a stam<sup>g</sup>and 3 Vs of about 1500 ton, no results seen but a new steel buildingOn docks he}iex<sup>g</sup>dhit, and barges at Tholen, 1 barge hitwdth heavy bomb. Blenheim/114 whil<sup>g</sup>attacking ThoIenwas attao<sup>g</sup>dby2 He-114 seaplanes. Gunner fired one He-114 went down smoking the other broke off.

31/7-1/8 BC.

6 Battled<sup>g</sup>tailed to attao<sup>g</sup>Waalhaven. Five returned eezlyand one was shot down by own fighter on way out over Skegness.

31 CC.

PRU. Amsterdam area.

-13<sup>g</sup>. Addition.

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18 Blenheims detailed. 4 Blenheims suncesful\y attacked Ypenburg 8/F. Bucstss<sup>g</sup>n among personal on tarmac, also a number of fires started. 2 Blenhobmsattaoked barges seen ontheriuer Lek nearSohoonhoven. butresultsunobserv<sup>g</sup>d. Photorecconnaissance byBlonhoim. A/c reported a barge tightlypaokedwith ± 300 men, being Cowed acroossmall bay near Polder on Eeastside ofUle Zuiderzee.



## LUCHTOPERATIES NEDERLAND AUGUSTUS 1940.

### 1. Augustus. Bomber Command.

Doelen in Nederland Schiphol, Vlv'n Leeuwarden, Soesterberg en Haamstede. 12 Blenheim's uitgestuurd, 6 vroegtijdig terug ivm gebrek aan wolkendekking, 1 teruggeroepen, 1 MIA  
Resultaten: 3 Blenheim's Leeuwarden. RNWG maar bommen moesten veld hebben geraakt.  
Tevens vijandelijke vliegtuigen opgesteld aan de rand van het veld aangevallen. 1 Blenheim  
Haamstede. Treffers op nieuwe hangar en met MG's vliegtuigen op de grond  
beschoten. C %Lu.. .L w. 1114 c p b ---Aw+4-- , - . - ) - + R-  
1 Blenheim "flakschip" 13 m W van de Helder maar bommen vielen voor het doel.

### 1 Augustus Coastal Command.

Hudson om 12.04 uur aanval op 3 bewapende trawlers of mijnenvegers 25 m NW Terschelling. Bommen 50 meter naast het doel.

### 2 Augustus Bomber Command.

Vlv'n: Soesterberg, Haamstede, Leeuwarden, Schiphol, Texel, Vlissingen en Waalhaven. 36 Blenheim's. 10 vroegtijdig terug. 24 vielen aan, 1 bereikte doel maar kon bommen niet lossen. 1 MIA. (Blenheim 18 Squadron Haamstede)  
Resultaten: 3 Blenheim's Soesterberg, bommen op veld en hangars.  
3 Blenheim's Schiphol, bommen op veld en hangars. Tevens geschoten met MG's.  
1 Blenheim Leeuwarden, maar RNWG.  
3 Blenheim's Haamstede, 1 explosie op veld, anderen RNWG. Twee Blenheim's aangevallen door Bf-109's.

1 Blenheim Vlissingen, maar RNWG.

3 Blenheim's Waalhaven, hangar getroffen. Ook geschoten met MG's.

Andere aanvallen: Een goederentrein 3 m Z van Haarlem aangevallen, bommen vielen op de rails voor de trein.

Sluizen en brug bij Leimuiden met treffers midden op de brug.

Marine patrolleervaarttuig 6 m NW van Veere. Doel niet geraakt.

### 1/2 Augustus Bomber Command.

Vlv Gilze-Rijen aangevallen door 1 bommenwerper. Doel waarschijnlijk geraakt maar geen explosies gezien. Vliegveld lichten gingen uit.

Een Wellington van 3 Group werd bij Den Haag aangevallen door een vijandelijk vliegtuig welke door de Wellington brandend werd neergeschoten.

### 2 Augustus Coastal Command.

Fotoverkenning. Spitfire/Heston. Veel rook ten noorden van het vlv van A'dam en start. banen 8 m naar het zuiden die niet op de kaart staan aangegeven.

### 2 augustus Bomber Command.

Nadere bijzonderheden.: Blenheim bij Leeuwarden aangevallen door 3 Bf-109's, bij Waalhaven door 2 Bf-109's, Blenheim ten zuiden van Amsterdam door een Bf-110 en een Blenheim bij Vlissingen door 3 He-113's en Blenheim bij Haamstede door 3 Bf-109's. Alle Blenheim's konden ontkomen.

### 3 augustus Bomber Command.

Vlv'n Schiphol, Haamstede, Leeuwarden en Soesterberg. 18 Blenheim's uitgestuurd waarva 11 vroegtijdig terug. Aanvallen op:  
Schiphol door een Blenheim met bommen op hangar op Oostzijde van veld. Tevens MG's.  
Haamstede door een Blenheim RNWG maar vermoedelijk hangar geraakt.  
Spoorlijn naar vliegveld aangevallen met twee brisantbommen.

### 2/3 augustus Coastal Command.

Hudson rapporteerde grote brand in de buurt van Texel en Rotterdam.

### 3/4 augustus Bomber Command.

AD. Wellington naar Schiphol. Bommen op veld, baanverlichting en brand gerapporteerd.

### 3/4 Coastal Command.

6 Swordfish- aanval op olietanks en schepen bij Vlaardingen en 4 Alabacores eveneens aanval op olietanks bij Vlaardingen.

3 Swordfishes konden doel niet vinden en keerden terug, een deed aanval op zoeklichten bij Hoek van Holland, een deed aanval op de havens van Dordrecht en een MIA. Ivm met mist steeg slechts een Albacore op voor aanval op Vlaardingen cpru,rs Wg m de olietanks bij Rotterdam te hebben aangevallen. Na de aanval grote aanval op Veel zoeklichten en luchtafweer. (flak).

3/4 augustus Bomber Command.

Schiphol aangevallen door 3 Wellingtons. Explosies op baanverlichting en aan west kant van veld.

4 augustus BC.

Geen ops.

4 augustus CC.

Fotoverk. Vlissingen, Schelde en olieopslag ZO van R'dam.

5 augustus BC. 3 Blenheims o.a. Leeuwarden en Waalhaven. Vroegtijdig terug ivm weer.

5 augustus CC.

Fotoverkenning. O.a. Amsterdam, Emden/Delfzijl en Schelde-Maas gebied.

Rapport. Emden/delfzijl. In Delfzijl minder schepen dan op 28/7. Amsterdam. Fotos van IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Oostkust IJsselmeer (ZZ) van Harderwijk tot Makkum, afsluitdijk en Den Helder. Pilot rapport 4 watervliegtuigen in haven Amsterdam. Schelde-Maas. Fotos van Hoek van Holland to Rotterdam, Maas, Schelde en Vlissingen.

Rapport. Foto 4/8 Vlissingen. 4 1000 ton binnenschepen aan kanaal ingang en een van 1000 ton bij olieopslagtank. Kleinere in Breskens. Rotterdam weinig verandering, in Hellevoetsluis geen schepen.

Rapport 5/8. 30 kleine schepen van diverse types in haven Nieuwe Diep en Willemsoord  
Geen schepen in IJmuiden. Op Schiphol 21 He-111's, 2 Ju-52's en 1 Ju-86.

5/6 augustus BC.

AD. Anval op Schiphol, explosies in NO hoek van vlv. Aanval op reterend baken in de buurt van Zwolle. Baken ging uit.

6 augustus BC.

6 Blenheims "sweep" over de Noordzee.

Aanvallen o.a. Vlv'n Leeuwarden, Vlissingen, Schiphol, Haamstede en Waalhaven. 40 Blenheims uitgestuurd, 38 vrtg terug. (1 aanv. doel in Frankrijk, 1 techn. moeil.)

6/7 augustus. BC.

12 Hampdens mijnen. 1 MIA (49 Sqn in zee)

5 aug. BC.

Nagekomen. 6 Blenheims Noordzee "sweep".

6 aug. CC.

Fotoverk. Spit/Heston. Schelde-Maas Vlaardingen. Rap. fotos genomen van kanaal van Dordrecht naar de Schelde inclusief Haringvliet en van Maas gebied bij Schiedam. Rap. watervlg basis Amsterdam 5/8. Schellingwoude basis voor het eerst in gebruik vijandelijke vliegtuigen. Vliegt. aanwezig Ju-52 met drijvers, 15 verm He-115's en een watervliegtuig dat er al langer was. Het is mogelijk dat er nog anderen bedekt werden door bewolking. Binnenschepen zijn gegroepeerd bij de Ned. Scheepsb. My sds 26/7

7 aug. BC.

Doelen o.a. Vlissingen en Haamstede. 28 Blen. 26 vrtg terug. 1 Frankrijk en 1 Blenheim Haamstede. Vlv door regen slecht te zien maar bommen zien vallen in lijn van 0 naar W halverwege kompas cirkel en gebouwen. (Zie manuscript)

6/7 aug BC. Resultaten: 4 Wellingtons Schiphol. Bomexpl op veld gevolgd door 2 grt exp 1 Wellington Gilze-rijen. Op baanverl. en hangar in brand gezet.

1 Wellington Ypenburg, enkele branden. Zelfde vltg zoekl. bij Schiphol maar RNWG. 1 Wellington Texel. Kleine brand ontstond.

1 Well. Soesterberg, maar RNWG.

Well. Texel ook wit roterend baken bij Arnhem met twee Brisant. Baken ging uit. 1

Well Venlo. Expl. bij baanverl. die uit ging.

1 Well Eindhoven. bommen over baanverl. die uit ging. Tevens ontstonden kleine brand

7/8 aug BC.

12 Hampden mijnen. AD. Vlv Vught. Er ontstond een grote brand.

8 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 15, 13 Blenh vrt terug. 1 Blenheim Schiphol, maar RNWG en 1 Blenheim Valkenburg 10 m 0 van Maastricht(!) bom op hangar maar RNWG. 1 Blenheim Vlissingen MIA. (18 Squadron in zee).

8 aug. CC.

0315-0400 Anson/Detling Hookos. Terug naar basis om 0345 ivm slecht weer. Geen rap.

8/9 aug CC.

0315-0515 Anson/Detling Hookos.

2110-2220 Blenheim/Detling Hookos.

035-0915 Blenheim/Detling zoekactie voor Anson over tijd van Hookos patrouille.

zoekgebied: Detling, North Foreland, Ostende, Walcheren, North Foreland, Detling.

Bijzonderheden: Anson startte voor Hoek van Holland-Oostende patrouille om 0235 uur ETR 0500 uur, maar is tot op heden niet teruggekeerd. Blenheim M/53 kon vermiste Anson, B/500 niet vinden maar zag een trawler bij de noordkust van Walcheren op een koers van 270° snelh. 4 knopen. Nationaliteits tekens niet zichtbaar.

9 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 15 Blenh. 13 vrt terug. 2 Frankrijk.

9 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Spit/Heston. Kanalen zuidelijk Holland en Emden.

Z.Holl. fotos van Rotterdam en vlv" Haamstede, Vlissingen en Knocke. Emden fotos van Groningen, Amsterdam, Noordzeekanaal en IJmuiden.

Avond. 6 Blenheims aanval op haven en schepen in Vlissingen. Twee claimden voltreffers tussen opslagtanks die in brand vlogen. "S" kon doel niet vinden en wierop bommen on Zuid Beveland, maar RNWG.

9/10 aug CC.

6 Swordfishes mijnen in rivier de Ems. 4 legden mijnen zoals opgedragen en twee konden locatie niet vinden door laaghangende bewolking en mist. Geen flak.

9/10 aug BC.

2 Well aanval op Schiphol. Enkele branden ontstonden die 3 eplo veroorzaakten.

AD doelen. 1 Well aanval op verm vlv Eindhoven, bommen over vlv waar enkele branden ontstonden. 1 Well Gilze-Rijen en 1 Well Venlo, beide RNWG.

10 aug BC.

vlv bezet gebied. 22 Blenh. 2 MIA. In Nederland:

2 Blenh Schiphol. Bommen tussen hangars. Ook MG's op hangars ZO hoek veld.

Waalhaven. 1 Blenh 1 expl tussen hangars zuidzijde vlv.

Vlissingen. 1 Blenh bommen over vlv., maar RNWG. De bemanning van deze Blenheim (Castello van 105 Sqn.) had de buitengewone belevenis door getuige te zijn dat een vijandelijk vliegtuig, verm een Hs-126, werd neergeschoten door de eigen Flak. Het vliegtuig vloog aan stukken toen het werd getroffen(2 MIA in Frankrijk).

10 aug CC.

Rap fotoverk 9/8 toont aan dat middelgrote stomers Rotterdam hebben verlaten. Geen activiteiten in Breskens en kanalen zuidelijk Nederland.

10/11 aug BC.

AD. 1 Well vlv Twenthe. RNWG maar vermoedelijk "over het doel geschoten". 1

Whitlev aanval op vlv bij Gramsbergen(!) Bommen vielen voor het veld.

11 aug BC.

O.a. vlv in bezet gebied. Nederland. 1 Blenheim aanval op twee torpedobootjagers bij de Ned. kust in de buurt van Den Helder, maar RNWG. )1 Blenh 107 Sqn MIA).

11 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Spits/Heston Nederlandse kanalen Nijmegen/Luik gebied en Den Helder. Fotoverk DenHelder. Pilot rap. 15 kleine schepen gezien en gefot varend in N richting langs Ned. kust, mogelijk E(corte)schepen op mijnneveeg ops. Twee witte schepen van

2000 ton gezien in Den Helder, ook 3 grijze, zo groot als een trawler. Tevens aantal kleine schepen in de havens.

11/12 aug BC.

AD. 1 Well Vlv 5 m ten westen van 's hertogenbosch. Expl niet gezien maar bommen vielen ± 100 meter ten noorden van baanverlichting.

11/12 aug CC.

11/12 aug CC.

4 Swordfishes sussesvol mijnen gelegd in het Hubert Gat en twee Swordfishes in de rivier de Eems.

6 Blenheims aanval op olieopslag tanks in Amsterdam.

Drie Blenheims konden doel niet vinden en keerden met bommen weer terug. Twee ande ren kwamen tot op 15 m van Amsterdam en keerden vandaar terug. Een der Blenheims van de 1ste drie rapporteert een telkens oplichtend baken bij Stavoren. G/53 verloor het contact met de anderen en kwam uit ten noorden van IJmuiden, en vloog vervolgens zuid over het IJsselmeer (ZZ). Zag een geel oplichtend baken bij Huizen om ± 2300/11. Kwam aan bij het doel om ca 2320 dook van 9000 naar 1500 voet en liet de bommen los op het doel. Blenheim dook toen naar 350 voet om zoeklicht con concentratie te vermijden. RNWG ofschoon in goede positie om doel vernietigd te kunnen hebben. 3 X 250 Lbs GP.(3 X 250 ponders brisant)

12 aug BC.

AD. 1 Blenheim vlv De Kooi.maar RNWG.

12 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Ned. kanalen en Wilhelmshaven-Emden. Kanalen alleen van Antwerpen naar het oosten. Wha+Den/Emden wolkendek, daarom Den Helder en kust Den Helder-School Spit voor Kiel Potos vlv Leeuwarden.

Rapport. Den Helder. Marine haven toont komst van meerdere schepen. Nieuwe Diep niet geheel gefotografeerd, maar tenminste 2 Esc. schepen van verm 4 aanwezig. Nederlandse motorboot en verscheidene kleinere stoomschepen gearriveerd in Marine ha-ven. Zwaar gecamoufleerd flakschip van ca 55 m lengte in droogdok. 10 coasters van ca 35 m lengte, niet nieuw, in Nieuwe Diep.

13 aug BC.

Fotoverk. 2/114 Sqn. Kamen en Dortmund-Ems Kanaal.

Aanvallen op vlv in bezette gebieden. 29 Blenheims, 12/82, 8/114 en 9/139 Sqn startten gedurende de dag. 7 vrt terug ivm met weer en techn mankementen. Van de 12 Blenheim van 82 Sqn naar Aalborg keerden 11 niet terug (1 vrt terug door brandstofgebrek) 1/114 naar vlv op Jersey MIA.Totaal aant bommen 30 X 250 Lbs Brisant. Alle andere doelen Frankrijk maar Waalhaven door 2 Blenheims. Doel vrijwel met zekerheid geraakt Twee 2-motorige vliegtuigen gezien aan noordzijde van het veld.

12/13 aug BC.

AD. 3 Well. Schiphol, bom expl gezien en verscheidene kleine branden ontstonden, sommige bij de hangars. 2 Well Haven van Amsterdam, ook daar branden. 1 Well flak batterij bij Gramsbergen, flakbat stopte met vuren. Deze Well ook Schiphol, maar RNWG.

12/13 aug CC.

Aanvallen op Den Helder door 6 Blenheims, 6 Albacores en 6 Swordfishes. Tevens aan-val van vier Hudsons op Den Helder. in avond van de 12de.

Resultaten.: 3 Hudsons wierpen bommen af op haven Den Helder, een op 12 flakschepen bij Den Helder. Veelal RNWG.

Twee Blenheims wierpen bommen af op kanaal ZO De Kooi en deden ook aanval op haver van Texel waar een zware explosie plaatsvond. verm munitie schip geraakt. Andere Twee andere Blenheims Den Helder maar RNWG. Een kon doel niet vinden en deed aan-val op IJmuiden, en een kon doel niet vinden en deed aanval op enkele binnenschepen in meer aan NO kant van IJsselmeer (ZZ) Een terug zonder aanval.

Van de zes Albacores deden drie aanval op Den Helder maar RNWG. Een aanval op vlv Texel waar branden ontstonden tussen gebouwen, een deed aanv op De Kooi zesde nam bommen mee terug.

Van de 6 Swordfishes deden twee aanval op Den Helder, twee op binnenschepen in de buurt, een bij vergissing op westelijk deel van de weg bij Amstelmeer en een nam bommen mee terug.

allo >&XX. 12/13 aug BC.

2 Hampdens vlv Texel maar RNWG.

13/14 aug BC.

2 Well vlv Vught. Expl tussen gebouwen. Een van deze Well deed ook aanv op spoorweg-emplacement bij Roermond, expl op noordelijk gedeelte. b - P L C **Sch rPkc.L t t l € 4** , expl op noord" deel, 1 Well vlv Vlissingen, expl 200 m NW van obstruct-

13/114 aug BC (vervolg)

Een Hampden vuurde met neusmg op groot niet geïdentificeerde bommenwerper' bij het vlv Soesterberg. Vijandelijk vliegtuig schoot vier rode lichtkogels af en verdween in de wolken.

14 aug BC.

Aánvallen op vlv in bezet gebied. 24 Blenheims, slechts 3 deden aanv in Frankrijk.

14 aug CC.

Drie Hudsons verk naar Texel, Rotterdam en Vlissingen. Geen teken van vijandelijke activiteit. Rotterdam bedekt door mist.

Fotoverk. Spit/Heston IJmuiden-Amsterdam en Spit Rotterdam-Hoekvan Holland.

1 te geen fotos ivm met weer, wel enkele van rivier de Lek Utrecht-Rotterdam.

2de fotos van Noorden van Schouwen, Rotterdam naar Hoek van Holland en Naamstede.

Dit vlv bommenkraters. Geen vliegtuigen zichtbaar.

114/15 aug BC.

13 Blenheims vlv bezet gebied. Vijf geen aanval, een Blenheim vlv Soesterberg, expl tussen gebouwen. 2 Blenheims MIA. (niet in Nedl.)

AD. 1 Hampden vlv Harskamp. Expl gezien maar pos niet gezien tov vlv.

15 aug BC.

8 Blenh div doelen. Een Blenh als AD vlv De Kooy, maar waarschijnlijk over het doel. 15

au g CC

Hudson patrouille. Rapport. E/206 beschoot He-115 van een afstand van 150 meter in positie 298<sup>e</sup> Terschelling 50 m om 0600 uur. Gevecht duurde 40 minuten. Spoedig nadat gevecht aanving liet de He-115 zijn bommen vallen en door de superieure wendbaarheid van de vijand kon de Hudson niet binnen haar draaien. Vijandelijk vliegtuig brak na 20 minuten het gevecht af maar de Hudson bleef aanvallen tot de Nedl kust in zicht kwam. Vijandelijk vltg meerdere malen g eraakt maar ogenschijnlijk geen grote schade. K/206 rapporteerde twee onbekende schepen in positie 280 Terschelling 28 m om 0400 uur, koers 50<sup>o</sup> snelheid niet bekend. Een later rapport meldde dat dit twee Esc schepen waren om een koers van 40<sup>o</sup> met een snelheid van 50 knopen. Hudson kon niet aan-vallen daar wolkenbasis onder 15 meter lag!

Fotoverk. 2 Spits/heston Schelde gebied, 1 Spit gebied Amsterdam-Noordzeekanaal, en IJmuiden-Den Helder. Een Spit Wilhelmshaven.

1 Spit Schelde rapport fots van kust Den Haag-Hoek van Holland, Rotterdam, Vlissinge en mond van Schelde. Lucht schoon bij Den Haag, mistig bij Schelde in verder naar' bin nenland. 2de Spit MIA. (PRU) Geen schepen gezien in Noordzee.

3de Spit. Rapport. Alle veiligheids schepen en bijbehorend wachtschip hebben Den Hel-der samen met het verm flakschip van 11/8 in dok verlaten, verder geen wijzingen. In IJmuiden alleen binnenschepen. In Noordzee kanaal verscheidene tonnen houtsecties in richting IJmuiden. Ten minste 10 grote watervliegtuigen op Schellingwoude. Spit Wilhelmshaven ook fotos van vlv'n Eelde en Leeuwarden.

15/16 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 1 Blenheim vlv bij Dostvoorne (dummie!!!) en 1 Blenheim vlv Leeuwar- den. Hier branden tgv bommen op hangar, en op opgestelde vliegtuigen. AD. 2 Well vlv Eindhoven. 1 bom raakte groot gebouw, verm watertoren, anderen dicht bij hangars. 1 Well liet bommen te vroeg los.

1 Hampden ongeïdentificeerd vlv oost van Woensdrecht. RNWG door zoeklichten. Nacht- vliegen was gaande.

14/15 aug BC.

Nog een Blenheim vlv Soesterberg. RNWG.

15/16 aug CC.

Drie Blenheims aanval op haven en schepen Den Helder. 3 voltreffers op gebouwen en kade west van vierkante basin. Grote steekvlam en zware explosie gehoord(!). Andere Blenh. mogelijk treffers op kade van haven t.o. vierkante basin. 3de Blenh terug met bommen.

3 Swordfishes succesvol mijnen in Maasmonding en drie andere Swordfishes bij Texel. Een van deze werd opgepikt door zoeklichten en het wordt mogelijk geacht dat de vij-  
nd in de... te ad dat er mijnen werden gelegd. Lichte flakbatterijen gezien op ZW  
ceel van elianu exel.

15/16 aug CC (vervolg)

7 Blenheims aanval op Den Helder havens en schepen. Vier lieten hun bommen los en branden werden geconstateerd maar resultaat van schade kon ivm slecht zicht niet worden waargenomen. 5de Blenheim aanval op vlv Texel, RNWG, twee laatste bommen mee terug.

16 aug BC.

Geen off vluchten.

16/17 aug BC.

2 Blenheims, een vlv De Kooi.

AD.1 Hampden eveneens De koog. Treffers waarschijnlijk.

17 aug BC.

Geen bijzonderheden.

16/17 aug CC.

3 Swordfishes succesvol mijnen in Terschelling Gat en 3 Swordfishes succesvol mijnen in Schelde bij Vlissingen.

17 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Omgeving Brussel. Fotos van Hulst tot kust bij Naamstede en Vlissingen.

17/18 aug BC.

Vlv'n in bezet gebied 35 Blenheims en Wellington Schiphol.

2 Blenheims Waalhaven, grote brand. Elk een Blenheim Vlissingen, Schiphol en de kooi, maar RNWG. 1 Wellington Waalhaven, expi op vlv kleine branden. 1 Well Schiphol, 2 a 3 expi tussen gebouwen ZO hoek van vlv. Geen branden.

AD. 1 Hampden vlv Zuiderland op Texel. treffers op vlv.

18 aug BC.

Geen ops. Nederland.

17/18 aug CC.

8 Blenheims brandstof depots en schepen in 1Y4èb 24-6XXXX Vlaardingen.

Slechts een rapport bommen te hebben afgeworpen. RNWG door zoeklichten. Geen flak.

Wolkendek 9/10 met enkele gaten. Tweee terug met techn.mank. anderen konden doel

niet vinden.

17 aug. CC.

1 PRU Spit MIA. (Eems/Dortmund)

19 aug BC.

Stooraanvallen olieopslag en vlv. 15 Blenheims 12 vrt terug. 1 MIA (114 Sqn)

1 Blenheimvly Vlissingen en 1 Blenheim flakbatterij NW van Amsterdam.

19/20 aug BC.

36 Blenheims vlv bezet gebied. 34 safe. 1 inzee, 1 MIA. (Beide 101 Sqn. Zie manuscript.) 17 Whitleys Golpa. 1 MIA. Noodlanding in Nederland. (Was Whitley van 51 Sqn die noodlanding maakte in toen nog watergebied van NO Polder. Bemanning gered)

Resultaten: 1 Blenheim Vlissingen, branden. 2 Blenheims leeuwarden, branden. Haamstede, Zandfoort(?) en Soesterberg elk 1 Blenheim, RNWG.

AD. Well Texel, De Mok treffers op slipway.

2 Well De Kooi, RNWG en 1 Well flak batterij bij Hoek van Holland. Er ontstonden branden en batterij hield op met vuren.

20 aug BC.

1 Blenheim Schiphol. RNWG.

20/21 aug BC.

Alle operaties afgelast.

19/20 aug CC.

3 Swordfishes succesvol mijnen in Eems en 3 succesvol mijnen in Hubert Gat.

21 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 21 Blenheims. 13 vrt terug, 1 techn moeil. 1 startte niet, maar 1 Blenheim (1/139) De Kooi van 2000 meter. Twee treffers op grote hangar die ogenschijnlijk in brand raakte daar er grote rookwolken uitkwamen toen Blenheim naar huis ging. Manschappen op vlv vermoedelijk gewond door 40 4 ponds brandbommen die tussen hem invielen toen ze hard naar de hangars holden. Een 2de Blenheim viel eveneens De Kooi aan en wierp bommen af van 4000 meter. RNWG, maar zware flak.

21/22 aug BC.

AD. 1 Hampden De Mok op Texel. Treffers op slipway.

21/22 aug CC.

5 Swordfishes mijnen bij Schouwen.

22 aug BC.

Niets Nederland.

21/22 aug CC.

Nadere bijzonderheden. 3 Swordfishes mijnen bij Schouwen succesvol. Een keerde vrt terug en een MIA. Kwam vermoedelijk neer bij Goedereede. (Swordfish 812 Sqn FAA) Blenheim op patrouille rapporteerde dan bij Vlissingen en Zuid Beveland vanaf de grond de letter "M" werd geseind.

22/23 aug BC.

33 Blenheims vlv in bezet gebied. Geen in Nederland.

23 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 20 Blenheims, 12 vrt terug (1/218 MIA) in Nederland:

1 Blm de Kooi, stick van NW-ZO over veld. RNWG.

Waalhaven 1 Blm, RNWG. Schellingwoude 1 Blm 1 bom 50 meter van 3 He-59's. 15 He-115's op basis gezien, wijd uit elkaar.

1 Blm Vlissingen, treffers in havengebied, maar RNWG.

1 Blm "onbekend" vlv 240<sup>9</sup> Alkmaar 2 z m. Treffers op vlv.

22/23 aug BC.

AD. 1 Wellington De Mok op Texel, RNWG.

23/24 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. 35 Blenheims. In Nederland:

1 Blm Eindhoven. Stick over gebouwen en baanverlichting. 1

Blm zoeklichten bij Amsterdam.

24 aug BC.

9 Blenheims vlv bezet gebied. In Nederland:

1 Blm Schiphol, RNWG, veld beschoten met MG in neus. D,+rb.aa r Are 1

Blm Schellingwoude, maar RNWG.

24/25 aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. Blenheims geen in Nederland, maar:

1 Well Schiphol, RNWG; 1 Well vlv Vught, 3 expl op vlv gevolgd door 3 branden in NO hoek van veld.

Niet geïdentificeerd vlv bij Limburg(?). Expl op N kant van veld, 200 meter van baanverlichting. tevens MG" van 300 meter.

1 Well Ypenburg, RNWG.; Niet geïdentificeerd vlv bij Haarlem, treffers in centrum van vlv. Tevens aanvallen op twee schepen van ca 2000 ton in IJmuiden, treffers of "near misses" en aanval op Ameland, evenwel RNWG.

24/25 aug CC.

4 Albacores aanval olieopslag Rotterdam/Vlaardingen. Een voerde aanval uit glijdend van 4000 meter naar 1300 meter, maar RNWG. Tweede werd verblind door zoeklichten en getroffen door flak, 3de vond doel bedekt door wolken en wierp bommen ook niet af, Ode kon doel niet vinden.

6 Blenheims aanval op vlv Vlissingen. Een voerde aanval uit met treffers in NO hoek van veld en brandbommen stichtten kleine branden. 2de vond vlv niet en wierp bommen af op de haven, maar RNWG. 3 volgende vonden doel niet en namen bommen mee terug, 6de vrt terug ivrn kompas moeilijkheden.

24/25 aug CC. (vervolg)

Verschillende flak batterijen ZO en ZW van Middelburg en in Vlissingen zelf. Zware flak op zelfde posities als zoeklichten.

6 Swordfishes mijnen bij Schouwen. 3 succesvol, 1 mijnen net ten zuiden van Hoek van Holland ivm hevig flakvuur en 2 konden positie niet vinden door slecht zicht.

25 'aug BC.

Vlv bezet gebied. In Nederland:

3 Blenheims de Kooi, treffers op veld maar RNWG.

Texel 1 Blenheim van 30 meter(!) Voltreffer op hangar en administratie gebouwen.

Bergen (Alkmaar) 1 Blenheim, maar RNWG.

Dp Mok Texe 1 Blenheim on "slipway" maar RNWG. Hangars leken zwaar beschadigd.

25/26 aug BC.

Geen doelen Nederland.

26 aug BC.

16 Blenheims, 14 vrt terug. 1 Blm De Kooi met 1 X 250 ponder 30 minuten vertraging ontsteking, 1 250 ponder met 6 uren vertraging ontsteking en 12 40 ponds brandbommen maar RNWG.

26 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Spit/Heston Den Helder-Amsterdam, Spit Antwerpen-Schelde en Kiel-Cuxhave (laatste werd Terschelling, Vlieland, Texel, Den Helder tot Den Oever.

Iste o.a. fotos Kanaal naar Ijmuiden. Rapport fotos Rotterdam, mond van Maas en deel van Schelde. Fotos van 1800 uur tonen vliegtuig veiligheids vaartuig op punt van aan-leggen in Den Helder. Coasters en visserijvaartuigen vrijwel alle weg. Verscheidene kleine hulp vaartuigen aanwezig. Hangar op De Kooi beschadigd door bommen, slechts

1 vliegtuig aanwezig.

26/27 aug BC.

Blenheims vlv bezet gebied. Nederland: 1 Blm Vlissingen, RNWG; 1 Blm De Kooi, brand aan rand van veld en expl aan zijkant van landingsveld; Haamstede 1 Blm, RNWG, Texel 1 Blm treffers op hangar en grote explosie veroorzaakte 7 branden.

AD. 1 Well Waalhaven, RNWG; 1 Well Vlissingen, RNWG; 1 Well Arnhem. 1 bomexpl gezien op hoek van groot gebouw aan NO kant van vlv en verscheidene op landingsveld. Gebouwen van 700 meter hoogte beschoten met MG's.

Teuge (Zutphen) 1 Well 1 treffer op weg en een op groot gebouw veroorzaakten grote gele explosie en verschillende kleinere.

27 aug BC.

Bremen en vlv'n. 13 Blenheims 12 vrt terug. Een aanval op schip van 3000/5000 ton met langszij binnenschepen op 060° Den Helder 15 mijl, maar RNWG. 5 gecamoufleerde vracht wagens rijdend op DEM (???) weg beschoten met MG.

27 aug CC.

Fotoverk. 1 Spit Schelde.

27/28 aug BC.

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AD.1 Well Veere, maar RNWG.

27/28 aug CC.

2 Blenheims Schellingwoude. Een loste bommen treffers op drijvende pier in doelgebied. 2de Blenheim bommen mee terug ivm veel wolken.

28 aug BC.

Vlv. 2 Blenheims beide vrt terug.

28 aug CC. **rvZovetz**k. 5<sup>p11</sup>**Fwecr**. 2ec-BR. **ggc**, vLiei',,,q.:n,

**vA1-19kw**

Rapport fotoverk : Fotos van 1715 uur tonen kleine stomer in Zeebrugge en geen teken van activiteit in Vlissingen. 4 vliegboten, verm Do-24's in buiten haven. Olieop-slagtanks "intact".

28/29 aug BC.

15 Blenheims vlv bezet gebied. In Nederland: 2 Blm Schiphol, een grote brand gevolgd door 3 grote explosies. Elk een Blm Leeuwarden en haamstede.

AD. 1 Hampden Schellingwoude. Expl bommen tussen de gebouwen.



29 aug BC.

20 Blenheims doelen in Dld en vlv. 13 vrt terug, rest als volgt:

1 Blm De kooi. Blm beschadigd door flak, beide tanks doorboort.; 1 Blm vlv Bergen(Alk-maar)maar RNWG. Schepen. 1 Blm aanv op 12 schepen van ca 4000 ton elk tussen Texel en vaste land, expl tussen schepen. 1 Blm aanv op 3 schepen verm mijnenvegers tussen Dek] Helder en Texel, bommen over het doel, maar na bommen geen vuur meer van schepen. Andere Blm bommen op haven den Helder, RNWG maar Blm rapporteerde 3 grote lijn boten in buitenhaven van Den Helder en vrachtschepen en kruisers in binnenhaven.

29 aug CC.

1 Blenheim MIA van Hookos. (Hookos was standaard verk/patrouille vlucht van Hoek van Holland naar Oostende die in het algemeen twee maal per dag werd gevlogen. Was J/53)

29/30 aug BC.

1 Blm Ockenburg, treffers op doel en 1 Blm Waalhaven, hier RNWG.

AD. 1 Well Waalhaven, explosies tussen hangars.

30 aug BC.

Blenheims vlv Den Helder, Schiphol en Schellingwoude. Alle vrt terug ivm geen wolken.

30 aug CC.

0310 - 0600 uur 6 Blenheims aanval op schepen en haven Den Helder.

Resultaten: Q en V/53 en Anson Z/500 wierpen 12 X 250 ponders brisant af op pier en schip tussen 0500-0600 uur. Goed gerichte flak werd ervaren. Blenheims T, H en G/53 wierpen hun bommen niet af. Konden doel niet vinden ivm slechte weerscondities.

Fotoverk. In ochtend Spit/Heston Den helder-Emden in late middag 1 Spit Den Helder.

Fotoverk 1ste vlucht. Fotos Den Helder en IJmuiden. Geen activiteit in beide. 2de fotoverk. Den Helder niet genomen ivm veel wolkendekking.

(Noot 604 Squadron Spitfires vlogen ook verkenning. Gerapporteerd als Spitfire van Heston.)

30/31 aug BC.

1 Blm de kooi, treffers in midden veld.

AD. 1 Well vlv Oldebroek Stick viel NO-ZW van baanverlichting, er ontstonden 4 branden.

1 Well Schellingwoude, 2 bommen op de wal, waarna brand.

1 Whitley fabriek waarschijnlijk in Nordhorn. 3 fabrieksschoorstenen vielen om en verscheidene grote branden.

31 aug BC.

Niets Nederland.

31-aug/1-sept BC.

1 Blm Ypenburg, maar RNWG. 1 Well vlv Texel en Hampden vlv Leeuwarden en Arnhem.

31 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Spit/Heston Amsterdam, Noordzeekanaal, Ijmuiden en Texel en Den Helder.

Rapport. Texel Den Helder, De Mok, De Kooy, Amsterdam, Ijmuiden en NZ Kanaal. Amsterdam 5/10 bewolking. Noordzee helder maar heig (clear but hazy) Kleine toeneming van patrouillevaartuigen in Willemsoord maar geen grote veranderingen. Geen activiteit Ijmuiden en in Amsterdam. Mogelijk 1 torpedoboot in droogdok. geen abnormale activiteit in Noordzeekanaal. Vrijwel alle binnenschepen verdwenen uit Amsterdam. Opvoeren van contingent binnenschepen was opgevallen t/m 26-8-1940.

Tevens fotos Ameland, Leeuwarden , terschelling, vlieland Texel en Den Helder.

31 aug/1 sept CC.

Opdracht aanvallen. 1930-2220 2 Beauforts Schellingwoude watervliegtuig basis.

2000-0030/1 6 Swordfishes olieopslag tanks Rotterdam.

1925- 2145 5 Blenheims aanval op Vlaardingen.

Resultaten:

Beauforts. G/22 wierp 6 X 250 ponders met ontsteking 27 maar RNWG ivm met hevige luchtafweer. Baanverlichting ging uit net voordat Beaufort arriveerde. Beaufort rapporteerde ook dat de verduistering in Amsterdam niet compleet was. Andere Beaufort kon doel RXWR5Schellingwoude, niet vinden.

1925-2145 Blenheims Vlaardingen. M,T,D,H en Z/53 wierpen 12 X 250 ponders brisant en

240 X 4 ponds brand die alle in het doelgebied vielen, waar grote branden ontstonden.

31 aug/1 sept CC (vervolg)

Hevig en accuraat afweervuur werd ervaren. D/53 is nog niet op de basis teruggekeerc 2000-0030 6 Swordfishes Rotterdam. M/812 deed aanval op olietanks van 1000 meter om 224,0 uur 31/8, waar een groot vuur ontbrandde. Slechte verduistering in den Haag. R/812 kon doel niet vinden en wierp bommen af op slipway 5 mijl van de mond van de Nieuwe Waterweg om 2315 uur 31/8 van een hoogte van ca 2500 meter. A en C/812 kon-den doel niet vinden. In totaal werden 12 X 250 ponds brisant afgeworpen. Twee schepe in haven van Rotterdam vuurden met flak op M/812. Hevig afweervuur boven Rotterdam en Dordrecht.

P/812 keerde niet op de basis terug, D/812 kwam in zee terecht na de aanval op Vlaardingen. Bemanning werd gered.

Nagekomen informatie. D/812 wierp 2 X 250 ponds brisant op Haamstede van een hoogte van 60 meter om 2350 uur 31/8. RNWG maar verm landingsveld geraakt. Op weg naar huis gingen kompas en intercom kapot en vliegtuig landde in zee. Bemanning gered door

Marineeenheid en kwam op 2 sept om 1400 uur in Immingham aan land.

Fotoverkenning. Rapport. Geen belangrijke veranderingen in Willemsoord, maar 2 snelle stomers van ca 60 m lengte op weg naar zee bij den helder. De Mok watervliegtuig basis geen vliegtuigen. Grote foto van Vlissingen toont een grote en een kleine pont voor voertuigen or treinen en een paar kleine schepen in Marinehaven.

Swordfish P/812 kwam neer op Rozenburg waarbij een lid van de bemanning omkwam. Blenheim D/53 met als piloot de Squadron Commandant Wing Cdr. Edwards kwam neer bij Rotterdam. Edwards en zijn twee andere bemanningsleden kwamen om.

AIR OPERATIONS HOLLAND SEPTEMBER 1940.

1 BC.

18 Blenheims A/Fs occ. terr and Germ. 15 abandoned, but one a/c each A/Fs Ypenburg with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40; and Schiphol with same load.

1 CC.

Hudson/206 0400-0700. Result: W/206 saw at 0610 a disabled naval unit, pos 296 Texel 52 miles, course 280 speed 4-5 knts stern down with large patch of oil at head stretching rearwards for 6-8 miles. Crew all wearing life jackets. A 2nd naval unit was sighted 3 miles to the south sinking with 6 feet of bow above water.

Photo recce. Southern 4 miles of Beveland canal contain 160 barges of which 20 are going south and none north. At least 5 steamers manoeuvring of f Hansweert. Untill 26-7-40 no barges and no traffic in canal. Immediate recce not available but this barge disposition considered abnormal. No activity Flushing.

Hudson/206 1930-2245. Results: P/206 saw 10 Vs pos 331 Terschelling 16 miles on course 270 at 15 knts at 2110 hrs and appr. at least one V of 2-9000 ton, but only the wake and bare outline of others visible. A/c attempted to get into bomb pos but lost con-tact with this force. no bombs and flares dropped. At 2140 saw series of clusters of lights 286 Terschelling 29 miles but no Vs actually sighted.

1 /2 BC.

17 Blenheims tgt Germany, 33 Wellingtons A/Fs a.o. Soesterberg. (1/37 MIA) Results:

AT. Blenheim searchlights between Schiphol and De Kooy with 2 X 250 +

6 x 40 + 6ex 4, bursts observed on tgt. Searchlights Texel 2 X 250, 6 X 40 + 6ex 4 but RNWG. Wellington briefed for Soestersberg did not attack but De Kooy att bv 1 a/c with 6 x 250 and 6 x 40 but RUO. Hampden a.o. wharves at Maastricht with 6 x 250 and 60 x 4. Several fires started and explosions seen.

2 BC.

Blenheims all abandoned.

2 CC.

Photo recce. Spit Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Den Helder.

Other Spit Canal Ghent-Terneuzen, canal Zuid Beveland, Flushing. Many small ships or logs seen in Terneuzen and southern end of canal on Zuid Beveland.

Photo recce results: Recce Rotterdam/Bruges shows in 12 miles of Ghent-Terneuzen canal north of Ghent increase of nearly 200 barges since 15/8. 50 of which are moving south, none moving north. Vehicle concentration Ghent shows considerable increase since 18/8.

Operations:

1715-2000 6 Blenheim/Bircham recce pos 295 Texel 32 miles. Results: Blenheims contacted 2 MTBs 48 miles N of Texel and escorted them untill 2000. Failed to locate lifeboat in 270 Terschelling 34 miles but large streaks of oil plainly visible. Blenheims F, J, E, H and W/235 attacked Do-18 in 270 Texel 15 miles. Enemy a/c forced down on water, rear engine unservicable but front engine still ticking over. Pilot seen standing up on gun wale, rear gunner believed killed. Appr 600 rds firedd. Two armed MVs seen 270 Terschelling 40 miles at 1804 which fired recognition signal emitting 5 - 6 green/white stars and opened fire on H/235 with light AA. J/235 sighted 9 unknown enemy a/c at 1827 in 271 Terschelling 41 miles, approaching from the west, which la-ter feil away and disappeared in mist.

2015-2345 4 Albacores/Bircham strike Flushing. Results: P/826 approached tgt from the south and dropped at 2135 6 X 250 and 7 x 25 inc from 8000 ft. No results observed although tgt was clearly identified and bombs dropped with good aim. No AA fired or balloons sighted. 5 searchlights seen at Flushing and 6 E of Kapelle.

L/826 appr from the South at 2138 and drop 6 X 250 + 8 X 25 inc from 4800 ft. No results seen except small fire after a/c had left tgt. Light but accurate AA fire encountered which ceased after bmbs had dropped. C/826 had to return duo engine trouble, B/826 MIA.

1940-2345 3 Beauforts/Bircham strike Flushing. Results: Q/22 arrived over tgt area at 2035 att from E to W in dive from 10.000 to 5000 ft dropping 4 x 250 GP, but RUO. G/22 bombed from E to W at 12.000 ft hits seen on main tgt at wateredge, but RUO. In all 20 X 250 + 15 X 21 inc dropped. C/22 crashed on landing at North Coates. This a/c drop 4 X 250 on tgt from 10.000 ft believed hit factory. Small fire started.

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2 CC.

Further results photo recce: Increase of 140 barges Terneuzen since 16/8. No concentration of barges in N end of Beveland canal. Slight increase at S end since 1/9, where total is now approaching 200.

2/3 BC.

13 Blenheims to Germany and France. ATs 1 Blenheim Eindhoven A/F with 2 X 250, 6 x 40 and 60 X 4. Several small fires started. 1 a/c A/F east of Breda with 2 X 250 and 12 X 40 but RUO.

3 BC.

Blenheims Schiphol A/F all abandoned.

3 CC.

Photo recce 2 Spits. 1 a/c landed early due engine trouble but photos taken of Den Helder, Emden, Texel, Groningen and Leeuwarden. Pilot reports: several boats seen Delfzijl and 5 - 6 fast naval ships steaming 10 miles WNW Den Helder at 1335. It is believed large quantities of small boats in Willemsoord.

Patrol.: N/206 at 2225 in 320 Texel 20 miles 2 Vs of ± 600 tons, course 180 speed 8-10 knts. No reply to challenge signal and 2 X 250 dropped from 500 ft, resulting in one direct hit just aft of bridge. A/c met heavy fire from remaining ship but no att made on this V owing bomb shortage and failing light, It was not possible to see if 1st ship was sinking due dense white smoke.

1845-2345 5 Swordfish strike at barges Terneuzen. Results: 1 Swordfish returned to base at 2100 owing engine trouble. Other 4 dropped total of 20 X 250 GP on tgt area between 2055-2215. Hits obtained on barges in the canal basin, followed by explosions and large fires. A jetty probably destroyed. Intense light AA encountered. Swf/N.Cs

1945-2215 3 Beauforts/N.Coates strike at barges Beveland Canal. Results: Beauforts total of 12 X 250 between 2045-2125. Barges were hit and at least 3 set on fire. Little AA fire and searchlights encountered.

1945-2120 8 Blenheims/Thorney Island to att shipn Ostende harbour. Results: One a/c bombed Terneuzen by mistake causing 3 fires and one explosion.

2005-2130 5 Blenheims/Detling to att shipn Ostende Harbour. 1 Blenheim dropped bombs on Flushing A/F at 2100 and another dropped bombs west side Flushing harbour.

3/4 BC.

Blenheims France but as AT 1 Hampden De Kooy A/F with 3 X 500. Fires observed.

4 BC.

No ops Holland.

4 CC.

Patrols. Hudson T/206 engaged He-115 286 Terschelling 30 miles at 0512 Some damage to enemy a/c which escaped in haze.

Photo recce. Photos taken a.o. Terneuzen. Pilot reports two fires at Breskens. 100 barges at Terneuzen, all stationary.

1845-2300 6 Swordfish/N.Cs strike barges Terneuzen. Results: Swordfish K, R, G, M and L/812 on att barges Terneuzen dropped 26 X 250 all of which dropped in dock areas with exception of two. Some explosions and green flashes were seen, but results in general UO. A/c C unable to locate tgt. Four parachute flares dropped but no barges were seen by any of our a/c.

2000-2130 5 Blenheims/Detling strike Flushing. Results: K/53 on att oil tanks Flushing dropped 3 X 250 + 12 X 20 on tgt, which caused 2 fires. Remaining a/c failed to ident tgt and returned with bombs.

Photo recce. Results: Photos show increase of ± 100 barges at Flushing, 12 floating bridge sections newly arrived at Veere. No action or concentration at IJmuiden. At Schiphol ± 60 a/c are shown among those fully visible 15 Ju-88s, 4 He-111s and 1 Ju-52. Amsterdam Schellingwoude 22 a/c visible. A concentration of 76 small ships average length 150 ft is revealed at anchor in Wester Schelde off Flushing. It is probable that the 76 Vs referred to, are part of the 100 mentioned in 1st part of rpt Over a 100 barges shown in Delfzijl harbour and many more in adjacent canal. 1050-1510 Spit/Heston. Photo recce. Result: Photos show no change in number of steamers in the inner harbour, and decrease in the number of barges and small craft in the outer harbour at Emden. No change at Den Helder, 7 patrol Vs 10 m N of Texel proceeding in line ahead towards Texel. No change at Harlingen, no a/c at Leeuwarden

No a/c at Texel, De Kooy and De Mok.

4/5 BC.

No ops Holland, but of 12 Whitleys to Berlin{ , one crashed into the sea, going out, off the Dutch coast. ( Was Whitley of 51 Sqn.)

ATs. Blenheims a.o. A/F at Enschede with 2 X 250, 6 X 40, 2 X 25 and 60 X 4. Bursts on tgt. Ship showing sea<sup>^</sup>chlight (30 miles W of Alkmaar) with 2 X 250, 6 X 40, 2 X 25 and 60 X 4 but results UO. 1 Wellington A/F Deurne near Antwerp.

5 BC.

Blenheims Germany, all abandoned.

5 CC.

Spits/Heston in morning and afternoon photo recce areas, Rotterdam, Flushing/Zeebrugge and Flushing, S.Beveland canal, Ghent, Ostende and Terneuzen. Results: Photos taken Rotterdam of river, canal and docks to Hook of Holland and North Schelde. Much ship activity in Schelde going past Willemstad, Ooltgensplaat and Tholen Island. At Zierikzee a few medium ships, the rest small.

Flushing/Zeebrugge. Photos show movement of small barges nad self propelled units for most parts in pairs lashed together and 52 in number through Krammer, Volkerak towards East Schelde.

Photos taken canal Ghent-Terneuzen, the Beveland canal, Flushing and canal and Ostende. Several small boats seen going out in canal to Ghent. Also photos taken of Delfzijl.

5/6 BC.

Wellingtons detailed to attack barges at Delfzijl. Results: 4 Wellingtons dropped 15 X 250 but results UO. One of these a/c dropped 7 X 250 on AA battery at Borkum. but UO. ATs. Hampdens. a.o. seaplane base Texel with 1 X 500 and 4 X 250 but UO. 1 Hampden Twenthe A/F with 6 X 250. Bursts across line of hangars and a very large fire resulted.

6 BC.

Blenheims Germany, all abandoned.

6 CC.

Patrol. F/53 reports no surface activity 330 Flushing 20 miles. A 109 and en a/c belie - vod 110 gave chase, but shaken off. No shots exchanged.

1115-1335 Photo recce Spit/Heston. S Beveland canal, Ghent - Terneuzen canal, Middelburg canal, Northsea canal and Willemsoord canal. Results: Photos taken of Ghent Terneuzen, Beveland canal, Middelburg canal, Rotterdam, Amsterdam , Northsea canal and Den Helder. Pilot reports having seen 50 boats including large barges between Schouwen and Tholen, and several large ships steaming into Den Helder harbour from the Northsea. Small group of small craft entering Willemsoord but these is no noteworthy concentration at IJmuiden. Middelburg canal no traffic and Veere empty. S Beveland canal traffic slight, Terneuzen nearly deserted.

5 CC.

Further results photo recce.: A.o. Decrease of steamers present Delfzijl, no important change in barges from 4/9. At 1800 show in Veere 65 barges arriving since 4/9, 12 moving through canal towards Flushing, but in Flushing appr the same, though re-arranged. Group of ships off Flushing app departed but quality of photos does not allow certain statement. In Terneuzen only 10 barges in tidal basin, and negligible movement in canal towards Ghent.

6/7 BC

AT. One Hampden Arnhem A/F with 4 X 500. Bmb bursts nr beacon and obstruction lights put out.

7 BC.

Blenheims, a.o. Leeuwarden and Schiphol but all abandoned.

7 CC.

Photo recce. Spit/Heston. 0945-1150 Mouth of Schelde. Photos taken of Schelde estuary, Beveland canal, Flushing, Terneuzen and Ghent. Pilot reports large number of barges proceeding from mouth of the Rhine (Dordrecht) through Schelde estuary by way of Willemstad and Beveland canal.

7/8 BC.

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7/8 BC.

Wellingtons a.o. 1 a/c Gilze-Rijen with 3 X 250 which fell wide; 1 a/c Eindhoven with 5 X 250 and 60 X 4 bursts seen near landing a/c.; Soesterberg 1 a/c with 3 X 250 bursts seen on tgt., and Oostvoorne A/F (!!) 1 a/c 2 X 250 which burst on flare path.

8 BC.

Blenheims detailed for a.o. A/Fs Alkmaar (Bergen) and Leeuwarden + offensive recon - naissance. 24 took off, 21 safe, 2/82 and 1/218 MIA. Results: Convoy with 6 destroyers 53.20 N - 04.50 E with 4 X 250 but missed. A/F at Bergen aan Zee with 4 X 250.

8 CC.

Patrol 0400-0700 Hudson/206 att a He-115 in 315 Terschelling 48 miles at 0600. Hudson obtained direct hits on an a/c. Slight damage sustained by our own a/c.  
Patrol 1600-1715 Blenheim F/53 reports 20 barges 2 -3 miles off coast of Hook of Holland at 1645, also one E boat at 1630 in 272 Schouwen 12 miles course 220, speed 20 kts

8/9 BC.

ATs. Wellington A/F Soesterberg with 12 X 250 but UO.; Whitley road and railway junctions north(????) of Delfzijl, with 2 X 500, 5 X 250 and 60 X 4 but UO.; Hampdens, 2 a/c Delfzijl harbour with 8 X 500 but UO and no shipping observed.

Encounters en a/c. During day 8 Sept at Flushing a Blenheim followed out to sea by Me-109, which att at 600 ft. Blenheim dived to sea level and held fire until 109 was at 300 ft, where 2nd burst caused black smoke and an a/c broke off combat.

9 BC.

Bomb raids to att and photo recon of Flushing, Ostende, The Hague and area between Zuiderzee and The Hague. 7 Blenheims, all abandoned. 1 MIA. (107/Ostende)

9 CC.

Photo recon. Several sorties Flushing/Schelde area by Spits of Heston. Results: Pilot reports at Flushing huge concentration of ships and barges. One large ship fired off red very lights so carried out an attack on him with front guns. AA fire activity in consequence(!).

Other reports: Mouth of Schelde photos taken of 6 trawlers and 6 E boats off Dunkirk, ships off Flushing, Walcheren canal, Beveland canal, barges from Terneuzen to NE part of Schelde and Rotterdam. Pilot reports 60 or 70 ships of all sizes anchored SE off Flushing, and 14 barges from Terneuzen to Beveland canal.

Offensive sorties. 1145-1545 6 Swordfish/NC to attack Flushing. Results: Swordfishes A, C, L, M and K/812 report having observed 3 MVs, 3 aux., and 8 escort Vs of ± 600 tons in 342 Ostende 12 miles and 3 mile ahead were 10 groups of barges of 3 or 4 in each group, being towed by tugs. Force appeared to be coming from Flushing and forming up off Ostende. The MVs, aux and Esc Vs appear to have wide red bands round hull and red dot on deck towards stern. A/c K and M att concentration of Vs with 24 X 250 in 342 Ostend 12 miles and one hit was obtained on the stern of aux and several near misses. Intense AA fire encountered from esc Vs. A/c L and B did not drop bombs due failure of mechanism. 6 Albacores/Bircham 1200-1310 on strike against barges and E boats off Ostend, did not complete tasks due Jack of cloud cover.

(L/812 on att Flushing reports having obs 8 sloops or destroyers and 14 MVs of ± 6000 each, escorting 50 - 100 barges proceeding west, 4 miles off Ostend at 14.15 hrs. An a/c is being sent to investigate.

9/10 BC.

ATs. Wellington. 1 a/c Schiphol A/F with 2 X 250 on or near flarepath. All lights extinguished.

10 BC.

Two Blenheims/218 reconnaissance Belgian and Dutch coast. A/c Dunkirk/Flushing forced to abandon, and a/c Flushing/The Hague only Schelde and Rotterdam due low cloud and rain.

10 CC.

0115-0520 Strike. 5 Beauforts/NC Calais-Boulogne. Results: a.o. Beaufort K/22 dropped 2 flares at Boulogne at 0230 and 0235 but unable to locate tgt and returned to England and then went to Flushing. 4 X 250 dropped on harbour from 1000 ft at 0345. Result UO due avoiding action intense AA. MVs opened fire on flare. 7 MVs of ± 1500 tons seen outside harbour by lights of flare.

10 CC.

1945-2315 patrol. Hudson U/206 reports having observed 28 MVs 006 Terschelling 10 miles at 2231 course 300 sp 8 knts. A/c att this force off Ameland with 3 X 250 GP and 1 X 250 ASB., and it is estimated that one GP prob hit side of 6000 ton vessel. Ships vary from 200 to 6000 ton which were almost stationary when last seen.

Photo recce. 0600-0800 Spit/Hest. Flushing-Calais. a.o. 14 large MVs in line astern heading south 8 miles off Flushing. Sorty time 0700 shows 8 MVs convoyed by 4 MTBs possibly E boats between Flushing/Calais proceeding south. 2/4000 tons.

Sorty Emden/Flushing abortive, but pilot reports no activity near Borkum and/or D. c

9 CC.

Further results. Sorty at 1830 shows 200 barges in Flushing and in parts confirm pilots visual report of 60 Vs off Flushing widely dispersed and mant' under way.

10/11 BC.

Detailed 29 Blenheims a.o. harbour Flushing and Ostend. Wellingtons a.o. Flushing and Ostend as well as A/F at Deurne (Antwerp). Results:

Blenheims. 4 a/c Flushing harbour dropping 8 X 250 and 48 X 40 but U0. Searchlights Flushing area 1 a/c with 2 X 250 and 12 X 40 but also U0. (2 a/c brought bombs back, 1 a/c jettisoned load)

Wellington. 1 a/c Flushing harbour with 8 X 250 and 60 X 4. Three bursts seen. 1 a/c Flushing dock and ship with 10 X 250 bursts seen across the dock. 2 Wellingtons failed to locate tgt and 1 a/c dropped bombs "safe" in error.

(Deurne A/F. 1 a/c dropped 12 X 250. Four big white flashes seen on the SE corner of the A/F. 1 a/c jettisoned.)

ivole.: *luftwafi-e reporten* [0 He- t I ls of II/KG4 destroyed on Eindhoven A/F on 10th September as a result of an air attack. According to all documents available there were no sorties to Eindhoven by either Bomber - or Coastal Command on night of 9/10th, day 10th and night 10/11th September. Last attack on Eindhoven was night of 7/8 September by a Wellington. Unless same German groundcrew member made mistake which was coveren up as an "air attack" it might also be possible that one of the bombs dropped by the Wellington did not explode directly, but later on remaval causing the damage.)

11 CC.

Patrol. Hudson W/206 reports having observed light house flashing bright light groups every 10 seconds visible for 20 miles, which was extinguished on approach. Two lights burning continously in 334 Terschelling 32 miles and 338 Terschelling 37 miles at 0400 A convoy of ± 25 MVs observed at 0400 course 200 in 255 Terschelling 17 miles. Search lights active near to lighthouse but no fire encountered.

Patrol 0510-0545. Blenheim F/53 reports enemy convoy of 14 MVs of 1000 ton in 225 Hook of Holland 13 miles at 0525 course 225 speed 8/10 knts.

Patrol 0915-1345 (Ops Look) Blenheim B/235 searched Texel harbour, de Kooy and IJmuiden area, but no enemy craft seen. Weather excellent. T/235 reported 24 MVs 500/5000 in 36 Hook of Holland 20 miles course 200. A/c shadowed force untill turned into canal to Rotterdam at 1430.

Patrol. 1100-1200 (Flush.To shadow MV course SW from Flushing) Blenheim S/53 reports 10 MVs at 1120 cours 235 10 knts in 350 Ostend 8 miles. V had one funnel and two masts Leader might be MTB but otherwise no escort.

Photo recce. Spits Flushing/Calais and Emden/Fr. Islands/Den Helder. 1st. Pilot reports 35 large ships 15 miles W Flushing stationary at 0730d. 2 Large ships of appr 10.000 and one outside Flushing together with 10 smaller ships at 0735. 2nd run. Pilot reports fire at IJmuiden.

Patrol 2220-2315. Blenheim F/53 reports at 2252 seeing 3 flares dropped near Flushing Steady white light was seen burning for ± 8 seconds possibly from a light buoy in the mouth of the river Maas.

11/12 CC.

2230-0300. Hudson V/206 saw one MV 800 ton fully illuminated in the shape of an arrow pointing in the direction of a line of 4 lights, prob buoys in 203 Maaslight 5 miles. MV was att with 2 X 250 and 1 X 250 ASB at 0145 but only near misses. All lights on ship went out.

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11/12 BC.

Blenheims to att Flushing. Results: Blenheims. 13 a/c dropped 26 X 250 and 156 X 40. Bursts observed on large concentration of barges on coast NW of tgt. Bursts also observed on docks. 8 a/c unable to observe results. (ATs. None Holland, 1 Hampden Borkum.)

12 BC.

Blenheims recce and weather flights , Dunkirk, Flushing and The Hague. 8 Blenheims took off, all abandoned.

12 CC.

Photo recce. Spits/Heston. 3 runs. A.o. Photos of Flushing, Mouth of Schelde, Beveland canal, Terneuzen and Haamstede A/F. Four large ships at anchor off Terneuzen at 0830 and 2 small boats S of Schouwen moving W at 0825.

Photos taken of IJmuiden and of some ships. Pilot reports ± 10 ships, small MV 10 miles off coast IJmuiden. Photo confirm convoy of 10 Vs course S and 2 miles W of IJmuiden 3 Vs over 5000 tons and are unescorted except by motor boat. No activity at IJmuiden Pilot reports off Terneuzen u small MVs at anchor.

12/13 BC.

ATs. Wellington Flushing doek area. 2 a/c 17 X 250 and 120 X 4. Direct hits observed on buildings and presumably on an ammo dumpo as large fire and tremendous explosions were seen, which were still going off and observed on homeward journey.

13 BC.

Blenheims photo recce and att on ports The Hague/Boulogne. 16/218 and 9/114. Holland. 1 Blenheims att a concentration of barges east of Rotterdam with 2 X 250 and 16 X 40. Results U0.

Observations. 2 large flying boats seen on north bank of the Maas at Rotterdam. Photos taken of Haamstede area but very little activity observed. A small number of barges seen at Breskens, Dordrecht and Calaisw.

13 CC.

Patrol. 1830-2130 Hudson recce Dutch coast IJmuiden to 291 Flushing 11 miles. Result: V/206 reports no sign of cruiser. One MV of ± 800 tons showing red light amidships course 180, 12 knts at 1935 in 54 Maaslight 12 miles.

13/14 BC.

No tgts Holland. (15 Wellingtons Antwerp)

14 BC.

Offensive recce of ports Dunkirk-The Hague. 8 Blenheims, all abandoned but 1/105 attacked Haamstede A/F with 2 X 250 and 12 X 40. Buildings being hit.

14 CC.

Photo recce Spits/Heston 3 runs. Flushing/Calais. No photos Flushing but pilot reports only a few barges in Flushing canal, but 40 steamers of ± 2000 tons outside Flushing, and 2 more of 5000 tons. Photos show little change in barges outer harbour Flushing, 105 present, but arrival of 15 small coasters possibly flakships and 25 large tugs, 4 smaller motorboats appr harbour entrance. In vicinity of Flushing one large tanker, 2 small cargo ships and 1 ship of about 3000 ton.

Photorecce Ruhr but: photos of Schelde estuary, Middelburg canal, from Vianen to Gorinchem. Pilot reports very little shipping in Schelde but 3 MTBs moving int() Schel de east of Colijnsplaat at 1345. 20 large barges moored in the basin at Flushing at 1400 but no steam ships were seen.

Photo recce Amsterdam. Photos taken of Rotterdam, and no visial report. 1800-2100 Strike. 3 Beauforts with torpedoes against transports in Flushing roads. Results: I and K/22 report no shipping seen around Flushing harbour. Red white star cartridge seen at Flushing at 2000 followed by 5 or 6 bursts of heavy AA fire, very inaccurate. G/22 reported at Flushing at 1958 15 small Vs seen, probably E boats, small barges of small flakships. All 3 a/c made no attack.

Photo recce. Further report. Time 1315. Photo shows no significant change in outer harbour at Flushing. 30 more barges have appeared in the inner harbour since 12/9. 9 Barges and small craft in Middelburg canal near Flushing are moving to Flushing. 4 small MVs + 1 tanker at anchor in Flushing roads. No barges in Middelburg canal except



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14 CC.: those mentioned above. One slight movement of barges in the Hollands Diep and in the Maas north of South's Hertogenbosch. Closer examination reveals at Flushing, torpedo boat probably Wolf Class, alongside repairing dock in Verbreed canal. PRO sortie. time 1740. Photos shown part of Rotterdam obscured. Prob many of the ships and barges seen on 6/9 have left.

14/15 BC.

No briefed tgts bu ATs: Wellingtons. 1" a/c De Kooy with 7 X 250 + 60 X 4. Several fires caused. One heavy and several light explosions. Flushing, 1 a/c Patrol store with 11 X 250 + 60 X 4. Bursts in tgt area and large fires started. Yppenburg, 1 a/c 12 X 250 + 12 X 4. Large fire started. Flushing A/F and Terneuzen canal, 1 a/c 15 X 250 + 60 X 4 hits on west end of landing ground and canal straddled. Ship at IJmuiden, 1 a/c 12 X 250 + 120 X 4. 6 bombs fell within 50 yards of 2 1/2000 tons cargo boats. Other bombs and inc fell amongst small craft and barges. Two bursts observed on docks and harbour. Zutphen canal junction. 1 a/c 16 X 250 + 60 X 4. Fires observed 10 min later. Whitleys. Flushing harbour (barges and ships) 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 6 X 250, bombs fell in tgt area but results UO. (18 a/c detailed to attack the target 4 hours later failed to complete tasks owing severe electrical storm, low cloud and rain. Main tgt Antwerp.)

15 BC.

Blenheims recce + attack (Barges and ships) a.o. Flushing. 6 a/c all abandoned, but one a/c observed at a point 5 miles W of Breskens, a convoy of 10 ships, 5 of them ± 6000 ton.

15 CC.

Photo recce. Photos a.o. Flushing. Pilot reports at 1112 5 ships were seen leaving Flushing and heading west. These were larger than barges. Photos show Flushing departure of some 30 barges and associate towing craft, as well as most of the small steamers. Only 7 of the tugs remain in port. Present concentration of 150 barges will require reverse movement of tugs. Torpedo boat reported 14/9 left and 7 patrol craft leaving time of sortie. Departed barges, 12 seen in neighbourhood of Flushing and others assumed nearing Dunkirk.

Breskens no change.

**X** 1830-2330 Beaufort/NV Rover between pos 55 Maaslight 13 miles and 365 Texel 14 miles Results: Beaufort A/22 sighted one 3-4000 ton MV in inner harbour of IJmuiden at 1955 released one mark 12 star torpedo at 3 points starboard beam and blew up ship. Tremendous explosion occurred and showered fragments high into the air. A/c was picked up searchlight and fired down beam, putting out light.

Patrol. Hudson Y/206 saw enemy convoy of 60 small ships in 65 Terschelling 21 miles. Made dive bomb attack on tgt near ship (appr 12,000 ton) dropping 1 X 250 ASB and 2 X 250 GP in salvo from 500 ft. Direct hits claimed and ship believed sunk. A/c also machinegunned an armed trawler and an E boat from 300 ft. One possible destroyer seen at head of convoy and another at rear.

Patrol 2200-2255. Blenheim S/53 dropped 4 X 250 in a stick along canal IJmuiden trying to straddle lock gates. Bombs fell slightly short, 3 into canal and 1 just outside lock gate.

15/16 CC.

6 Swordfishes/ Thorney Island. Mining West Schelde off Flushing. Results: Swordfish A, B, G, K, X and P/812 dropped mines as ordered in West Schelde and Flushing from heights varying between 600 and 200 ft between 2150/2325. At 2200 considerable shipping activity seen outside Ostend harbour, ± 25 Vs of unknown tonnage.

14 CC.

Photo recce. Further results: Photos taken 14/9 show a ship of about 5000 ton at Hoek alongside northern side of New Waterway near the railway station. Ship had deck cargo of 16 small motor boats ± 30 ft long. This is the first direct evidence obtained of embarkation of motorboats and suggests that their use will not be confined to the Straits of Dover area.- Admiralty.

15/16 BC.

ATs. Blenheim Flushing. with 2 X 250, 12 X 40 + 4 X 25. A large fire was seen on leaving Hampdens (24 a/c Antwerp) Several hits seen on barges and one bomb seen to fall near a barge at Liefkefschoer (?????) in the River Schelde.

4 Hampdens Flushing with 28 X 250. Sticks fell across inner and outer harbour from W to E. Detailed results UO.

16 BC.

Recce and attacks a.o. on Flushing, The Hague and Veere. 15 Blenheims, of 114, 218 and 139. 3 abandoned lack of cloud cover but tgts attacked were: Haamstede A/F with 1 X 250 + 12 X 40, but UO. Concentration of 8 - 12 barges in canal lock 1/4 mile S of Veere by 1 a/c with 2 X 250 and 16 X 40 but also UQ. Convoy of 12 barges 51.23N 03.23 E with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40 sticks fell 30 - 40 yards to starboard.

15/16 CC.

2245-0610 Hudson recce. Search for Vs pos 059 Terschelling 18 miles. Results: U/206 sank a MV in convoy N of Ameland at 0430 from 300 ft., after dropping 1 X 250 ASB and 2 X 250 GP- A/c received 5 small holes from splinters of own bombs!

0145-0545 Hudson recce. Search for shipping 265 Terschelling 16 miles. Results: P/206 reports at 0300 12 ships course 220 speed 8 knts, 200 - 2000ton in 270 Terschelling 10 miles. At 0345 10 small ships in 260 Borkum 24 miles course 90 speed 5 knts. These ships were bombed damage not seen, but believed to be considerable. At 0400 1 V of 5000 t in pos 6 miles N of Terschelling, course 230 speed 12 knts. At 0510 2 esc Vs in line astern and 40 small ships at anchor in 250 Borkum 22 miles. The esc V and nearby beacon attack with machinegun fire.

16 CC.

1030-1300 Three Blenheims recce for ships 4 m NW Hook of Holland to Texel. Results: Blenheim F, D and B/235 following Vs within 5 mile radius of the pos 222 Texel 20 miles At 1140 20 E boats, at 1147 3 coastal MVs of 500 tons, course 030 speed 10 knts and 2 MV of 2000 tons each and 2 further MVs of 500 tons, course 210 speed not known. 1530-1800 Strike. Hudson to attack ships in harbour Hook of Holland. Results: W/206 did not see target due low cloud and returned.

Photo recce. 2 runs Spits/Heston. Coast Flushing/Caen and Flushing/Le Havre. Results nothing observed at Flushing.

17 BC.

Recce and att. a.o. The Hague. 15 Blenheims, 12 abandoned but 1 a/c attacked convoy 6 miles N of Hook of Holland with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40. Results UO, and 1 a/c A/F mile NE The Hague with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40, bursts seen near hangars and photographs were taken. Encounters with enemy a/c. 5 miles N of Haamstede at 1300, 15000ft 2 Me-109s came up and att a Blenheim in line astern closing to 150 yards. Blenheim rear gunner got in a burst at each a/c. The Blenheims went down to sea level and the 109s were not seen again.

17 CC.

Patrol. 1215-1250. Blenheim B/53 on recce Flushing reports no ships seen in Flushing roads but impossible to see Flushing harbour to lack of cloud cover. No ships observed in estuary or along coast from Ostend to Walcheren.

Photo recce. Spits/Heston 3 runs. Reports. Poor visibility with rain but photos taken Flushing harbour and Zeebrugge A/F. Little ships observed off Flushing and no great concentration inside harbour, possibly Dwing bad visibility. Much AA and machinegun activity in neighbourhood of Flushing. Many camouflaged a/c seen on Flushing A/F. Other run. Photos taken of Den Helder and Fr. Islands. Pilot reports 6 Vs of 100 ton outside Den Helder and 10 of 50 tons outside Schiermonnikoog at 16.30.

17/18 CC.

2330-0200 4 Swordfish mining off Schouwen. Results: Swordfish P, B + K/812 mines successfully off Schouwen.

17 CC.

Photorecce. Further results. PRU photos 16.50 photo shows increase of about 20 naval and aux Vs at den Helder. 30 now present. Also 25 uniform Vs 45 ft in length. No MVs of importance lying in harbour. 3 seen lying off.

17/18 BC.

37 Hampdens to attack ships and barges at Flushing, Terneuzen and Antwerp. (1 MIA.) Results: 8 a/c att Flushing, shipping and docks with 8 X 500, 41 X 250 + 120 X 4, bursts on docks, shipping in harbour and canals. Terneuzen shipping and docks. 7 a/c with 12 X 500, 28 X 250 + 120 X 4. bursts seen on quayside and barges, fires and explosions followed. (1 a/c Antwerp MIA. 44 Sqn.)

ATs. 1 Whitley Midlum A/F with 2 X 500 and 6 X 250, bursts seen on flarepath. (Germany)

18 BC.

1 Blenheim recce and att Ostend, abandoned.

18 CC.

PRU. 2 runs, Amsterdam area and Flushing/Caen. Results: Spit/Heston took photos of IJmuiden, Northsea canal, Amsterdam, Flushing, Rotterdam and parts of Schelde estuary. Pilot reports 10 medium ships off Flushing at 1055. At 1115 appr 100 self prop bar-ges sailing SW in Willemstad-Colijnsplaat canal. At 1130 2 ships ± 12.000 tons in Rotterdam docks. Photos Flushing. 1100 reveals Flushing decrease of 20 barges and redistribution of main barges and small craft. Arrival of 14 small coasters 9 Vs anchored in Flushing roads. 4 of 250 ft, 5 of 130 ft. Now present at Flushing 140 barges, 3 MVs, 35 coasters, 1 tanker, 2 train ferries and 60 small motorcraft.

Further results: IJmuiden no activity. Northsea canal little movement of shipping. Amsterdam shipping normal. Schellinghouse seaplane base 29 a/c. Schiphol A/F 17 a/c. Schelde and Maas estuary notable movements of small craft as follows: Volkerak ± 30 barges and small craft moving up and down streamd. Mastgat 80 small craft proces-ding in W direction. Wester Schelde ± 30 small craft heading for Terneuzen. Flushing no notable change. Rotterdam not covered.

Den Helder 1700. Not clearly seen, but no apparent damage from 17/9. 2 MVs of 420 and 365 ft lying off the harbour.

18/19 CC.

1900-2300 5 Beauforts/NC strike to att shipping at Den Helder. Results:

I/22 torpedoed ship Cuxhaven, missed; M/22 aimed one mark 12 star torpedo at 4 MVs 2 miles NE Texel at 2135 from 100 ft. Results unobserved due intense AA fire.; G/22 ship Bremerhaven,; X/22 torpedo at one (5000 ton) of 11 MVs in 185 Texel 4 miles, at 2045 from 60 ft, but estimated no damage; J/22 unable to locate tgt did not drop. I/22 did not see any ship at den Helder but at 2145 sighted 2 ships firing at each other, 200 Heligoland 12 miles.

2130-0030/19. Hudson to att De Kooy A/F. Results: Y/206 divebomb att at De koog A/F 5000-1200 ft at 2305 with 4 X 250 seen to burst across A/F.

1945-2320 Patrol. Hudson T/206 dive bomb att on large destroyer, which was among 40 Vs (80 - 1000 tons) dropping 2 X 250 GP and 1 X 250 ASB. One direct hit and 2 nr misses were seen. Att was made at 2215 from 600 ft off Borkum. Intense AA and mg fire encountered from small ships.

19 CC.

Patrol. Blenheim R/53 saw parachute 1000 ft over the water in 295 Texel 30 miles and German seaplane type He-115 3 miles SW of this position heading NE, and it appeared that a/c was out to rescue parachutist.

PRU. Spit/Heston. Flushing-Calais. Results. No cover of photos Flushing and no acitivity seen in vicinity.

18/19 BC.

Wellingtons. a.o. to attack shipping at Flushing.

Results: Wellingtons. 6 a/c dropped 85 X 250 + 360 X 4. Docks straddles in various directions. Hits on north and east Walcheren and Verbreed canal. Large fire at Fort de Ruiters. 1 a/c De Kooy A/F with 7 X 250 + 60 X 4, large fire started. (2 MIA 1/99 and 1/149). Whitleys 1 a/c Flushing with 1 X 500 + 3 X 250 which were seen to hit buildings in the dock area. Den Helder harbour also 1 a/c with 1 X 500 + 3 X 250 but results UO Encounters enemy a/c. Hampden was att by single fighter with red and green tracer bullets. Front gun fired 4 bursts at 2/300 yards and believed scoring hits. En a/c seen to stall and sideslip out of sight.

19 BC.

Recce and attacks coastlines. 12 Blenheims, 11 abandoned 1 att Dunkirk.

19/20 BC.

Hampdens ships and barges Flushing. Results: Flushing harbour and shipping. 4 a/c 28 X 250 + 180 X 4. Sticks across Verbreed canal and outer - and innerharbour. Fires and explosions with green flames in barges.

Bergen op Zoom 1 a/c with 6 X 250 and 50 X4, 3 fires on N side of tgt.

1 a/c 8 X 250 along canal bank between Veere and Middelburg. 7 bursts seen.

19/20 CC.

1800-2230 5 Beauforts to att shipping off Den Helder, Dutch and German coast. Results: G/22 reports havding observed ships off Kaap Hoofd which was attacke with torpedo, but result UO. M, X, J + A/22 returned without att owing to weather conditions. Inaccurate medium flak encountered.

19 CC.

Further results: Patrol. Hudson G/206 made for Dutch coast at IJmuiden, went on to Schouwen and tried to locate Haamstede A/F. Several white star cartridges were started by enemy a/c in this vicinity. Our a/c dropped 1 X 250 + 5 X 25 inc, but no fires were seen. A/c remained in area for nearly 1 1/2 hour without locating tgt. Very bad weather was experienced.

20 BC.

Recce and attack coastline. 3 Blenheims, all abandoned.

20 CC.

0400-0600 5 Blenheims/Bircham strike shipping Den Helder. results: S/53 approached tgt from N of Texel, dropping 4 X 250 but results UO. G, J, X + U/53 unable to locate target.

PRU Spits/Heston 3 runs. a.o. Flushing, Rotterdam. Results: e.o. Flushing. pilot reports 4 3000 ton ships 6 miles SW Haamstede at 1010. ""!! Photos taken of New Waterway at Antwerp(!??). Pilot reports 3 ships of 10.000 tons each and about 3 of 2000 inside entrance to New Waterway at 1615, apparently stationary. Further reports: 1630.

Photos show considerable increae in MVs in Rotterdam, Hook of Holland and New Waterway. Since last definite count on 29/6. This increase is of recent date. Ships present, 85 steamers between 200 and 500 ft, 650 barges, 2 Dutch destroyers and 26 aux of 150-200 ft. At Hook of Holland 47 steamers and 625 barges but no naval units. Patrol. Blenheim U/53 observed drifting barrage balloon 244 Texel 31 miles at 1600.

20/21 CC.

1930-2320 5 Beauforts/T.Isl. strike shipping Den Helder. Results: I/22 att ;V of 4000 t 320 Emden 18 miles at 2127 with torpedo which passed astern. X/22 attacked oil tanker of 5000 ton in Den Helder at 2242 with torpedo, result UO due evasive action ta-ken. M/22 att same tanker but missed. G + A/22 saw no shipping. The W Fr. Islands were patrolled and heavy flak encountered. One MV of 2000 tons observed between Ameland and Schiermonnikoog, course 310 speed 6 knts.

Patrol. Hudson Y/206 observed 2 Vs probably MVs of about 1000 tons on course 18 at 2115 at Amelander Gat. An att was made with 3 X 250 and a direct hit being obtained followed by a 2nd explosion. Flying debris could be seen. A/c unable to locate De Kooy due searchlight activity.

B/206 reports large cluster af reddish lights in 65 Hook of Holland 16 miles, and V/206 reports at 2200 2 destroyers in line astern cours 250 12 knts which were att with 2 X 250. Bursts seen 10 - 20 yards ahead of leading destroyer. AA fire and searchlights were encountered from both destroyers after att. At 2240 2 miles S of Borkum a MV seen of 6/8000 ton and att with 2 X 250 + 4 X 25 inc. observed latter seen to explode on side of V amidships. Later a slight glow seen from position in which V was attacked.

21 BC.

Recce and att along coasts by 12 Blenheims. Att made, each by 1 a/c a.o.: Docks and barges in Rotterdam; on 8 barges in a large inlet 6 miles SW of Terneuzen; on ships towing barges along Dutch coast, and on a steamer at Flushing, and guns on the coast nearby.

**Z** X 20/21 BC.

Briefed, Wellingtons Flushing, and Whitleys ships and barges Flushing. (1/75 MIA) Results: Wellingtons. Ships and barges Flushing by 10 a/c with 121 X 250 and 600 X 4. Many bursts observed in tgt area and fires started. Two of these a/c scored direct hits on a petrol store which resulted in a large fire and dense black smoke which spread over a wide area. Four large explosions caused near the inner haven, but other results UO due glare of fires.

Whitleys. Texel seaplane base by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 6 X 250, bursts seen near sheds but no fires started.; Schiphol A/F by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 6 X 250 bursts seen on A/F

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(20/21 BC)-- Den Helder docks by 1 a/c with 1 X 500 + 3 X 250 but results UO.; Ships and barges Flushing by 3 a/c with 6 X 500 + 18 X 250 bombs being dropped across tgt area setting fire to oil tanks at North end of Inner Haven.

Factory 1 mile E of Maastricht by 1 a/c with 3 X 250, direct hits being registered.; Bridge over Rhine (believed Cologne!) with 2 X 500 but UO and blast furnace near Assen (!?) by 1 a/c 1 X 500 + 3 X 250 UO. (Assen where??)

Hampdens (Antwerp 10 a/c) bursts observed amongst MVs in river Schelde.; i Hampden De Kooy A/F and 1 Hampden Haamstede each A/F with 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 but both UO.

21/22 BC.

All atts ships and barges along coasts, no tgts in Holland.

21/22 CC.

2130-0230 Hudson/Bircham recce ports Texel/Ostend. Results: **BM**-Ct<sup>g</sup> i10s»kII M K H/206 reps 15-20 MVs of 500-4000 tons off Willemsoord, one coastal vessel steering west. No activity at IJmuiden. Encountered pom pom fire from group of flakships in pos 12 miles S of Den Helder. Ground fog over Hook of Holland, Maas and Schelde estuary made observation impossible. One small ship anchored 5 miles NW Flushing. Enemy nightflying seen at Schiphol.

22 BC.

Recce + att ports along coasts. 15 Blenheims, 11 abandoned. Tgts att Holland: Flushing docks 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 inc from 5000 ft but results UO. Ships seen and photographs taken.; Concentration of barges as Colijnsplaat. A concentration of 20 barges att with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40 seen to fall to starboard but results UO.

22 CC.

1115-1445 1 Blenheim recce IJmuiden/Emden. : U/235 obs 3 E boats 011 Terschelling 10 miles, 24 MVs various tonnage at 1310 S of Borkum, 2 MVs stationary at 1315 145 Borkum 7 miles, 2 MVs of 3000 tons 1315 242 Emden 5 miles, 6 Vs at 1325 51 Borkum 12 miles 5 MVs Emden harbour and 1 MV of 2000 ton 336 Terschelling 20 miles.

1900-1915 1 Blenheim/Thorney recce Rotterdam harbour. Results: N/59 reps 36 barges closely packed in docks The Hague. At Waalhaven Rotterdam 1 MV of 10.000 ton, 2 MV 6000 tons and 12 very small steamships. In floating doek W of Waalhaven, 3 MV of 2000 tons. No shipping in River Scheur(?) in Mouth of River Scheur(?) or in mouth of Maas. In Rotterdam/Delft canal a single lino of barges stretching halfway to Delft. In other canal barges in two and three's, the whole length, probably about 50 in each canal. Barges were bombed but no hits registered. heavy flak encountered at Rotterdam. 4 X 250 on barges at 1849.

22/23 CC.

2215-0155 4 Blenheims to att Flushing/Zeebrugge area.(Cover for naval units laying mines off the Schelde) Results: 19 X 250 + 60 X 4 dropped between 2341/0130 at docks Flushing and Zeebrugge. 3 a/c reported hits and fires started, other did not obs results. J/53 was hit by AA fire from a boat and bomb door was damaged. 1 a/c did not attack.

2230-0420 4 Swordfish/ThIsl. mining Maas estuary off Hooke of Holland. Results: 4 Swordfish succesfully laid mines as ordered. 1 a/c saw 49 MVs off Ostend at 0115 following coast west at 5 knts. Two MVs of 1000 tons obs 8 miles off Zeebrugge at 0145 course south at 6 knts. A flarepats seen in pos north of Schouwen Island near the coast. 0001-0400 6 Beauforts/N.C. strike shipping off Den Helder. Results: X/22 attacked a MV in 235 Den Helder 17 miles at 0112. Results UO. Other a/c did not drop.

22/23 BC.

Briefed atts. Hampdens Flushing. Results: 5 a/c each 4 X 250 bursts observed across harbour works between inner and outer harbour.

23 BC.

6 Blenheims recce + att along coasts. All abandoned.

23 CC.

PRU. Spits/Heston 2 runs covering Flushing, Rotterdam and Schelde. Results: Photos Flushing. Pilot reports few ships in Flushing. Photos show increase of 12 tonning + patrol craft, decrease of 44 barges, but 40 now moored in canal between Flushing/ Middelburg. MV of 300 ft has left inner harbour west. 13 Vs anchored in Flushing roads.

23 CC. ---6 being between 200/390 ft and 7 smaller  $\pm$  80 ft. Terneuzen no ships in har-outer harbour.

Rotterdam/Schelde. Pilot reports concentration of barges in canals around Rotterdam and 4 5 Vs of  $\pm$  10.000 tons leaving canal at Hook of Holland also 4 5 stationary boats of 4000 tons off Flushing. Photos show port of Rotterdam where clouds permit. Impression obtained several large steamers, over 100 barges and 9 auxs have left port. At Hook of Holland some increase of nav auxs at quay and steamer still present. New Waterway at Hook of Holland not shown.

23/24 CC.

2300-0200 7 Blenheims/Detling strike Flushing/Zeebrugge (cover for mining by naval forces) Results: M + K/53 unable to locate tgt at Flushing returned to base with full bomb load. J/53 found objective after 17 minutes when starboard engine pattered out returned to base with full bomb load. Conditions. Flushing 10/10 cumulus cloud from 4000 to 8000 ft.

24 CC.

0300-0800 7 Beauforts/NC Cuxhaven-Den Helder-Hook of Holland. Results: I/22 att MV (2000 tons) in 305 Borkum 21 miles at 0505 from 40 ft, drop torpedo which passed astern G/22 att a tanker 337 Emden 20 miles at 0550 from 80 ft but torp missed.

A + J/22 saw no shipping between Den Helder-Schiermonnikoog-Borkum and X + M/22 no shipping between Den Helder and Hook of Holland.

U/22 saw two small trawlers with navigation lights off Scheveningen.

PRU 2 runs Rotterdam/Calais. No reports.

23/24 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 2 X 40 but U0. Hampdens Soesterberg A/F. 1 a/c 4 X 500 bursts seen on perimeter A/F but U0.

24 BC.

No ops Holland.

24/25 CC.

1845-2100 4 Blenheims/Detling strike Rotterdam. All a/c returned owing bad weather. 2230-0520 6 Swordfish/T.Is. mining off Texel. Results: B, G, H + M/812 dropped mines in correct position. No opposition. p/812 returned to base at 2345 with engine trouble and R/812 returned to base 0225 owing to bad visibility.

Patrol 2230-0300. Hudson M/206 saw first aid baat 6 miles off IJmuiden with red cross brilliantly illuminated; size of baat not more than 800 tons.

24/25 BC.

ATs. Whitley. 1 a/c Delfzijl doek and shipping with 2 X 500 + 6 X 250. Straddled docks

25 BC.

Blenheims recce + att Boulogne - Dordrecht. Most abandoned but 1 Blenheim att with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 large ship in 280 Flushing 20 miles, but bombs undershot astern of ship

25 CC.

Patrol. Hudson. K/206 att with 2 X 250 GP and 1 X 250 ASB 3 MVs 6 miles N of Terschelling at 0603 in dive attack. 3 Hits on leading vessel (1500 tons) which was sinking by stern when last seen.

0200-0620. 6 Beauforts/NC Rover patrol Den Helder/Gris Nez. Results: 6 Beauforts/22 patrolled Dutch coast between Den helder and Ostend from 0200-0620. U/22 att a 6000 ton tanker in pos SW Texel 5 miles at 0350 with torp at 600 yards range. A close miss registered. During patrol weather deteriorated rapidly and all a/c returned to base. PRU. Spits/Heston 2 runs. No reports.

Patrol 2000-2100. Blenheim Q/53 dropped 4 X 250 on canal at IJmuiden at 2045 Results U0. 12 Powerful white searchlights were seen apparently from the western extremity Schouwen Island. (A/c reports unsatisfactory black-out Canterbury city at 2215 )

25/26 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. 2 a/c Flushing with 8 X 250 + 2 X 40. Bursts seen between no 4 and 5 docks. Hampden Leeuwarden A/F with 4 X 500, but U0.

26 BC

Offensive ops along coasts by 6 Blenheims. 1 att Calais, 4 abandoned and 1 MIA (1/114)

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26 BC.--- One a/c encountered 18 109s and 110s off Flushing, and another 5 109s off Middelburg. The enemy a/c evaded action.

26 CC.

Normal patrols etc. no strikes.

PRU. 2 runs Spits/Heston a.o. Flushing are. (1 a/c returned owing engine and oxygen trouble) Results: Flushing slight decrease in shipping at Flushing, 11 medium sized MVs still moored in Flushing roads.

26/27 BC.

No tgts in Holland.

27 BC. Offensive ops along coasts by 6 Blenheims. 3 abandoned but: 1 a/c att 6 small ships in 5157N-0412E with 4 X 250; 1 a/c 2 ships 500 tons in 5132N 0344E with 4 X 250, and 1 a/c 1 ship of 300 tons off Tiengemeten with 4 X 250. All attacks results U0.

27 CC.

0100-0410 6 Blenheims/Detling strike Den Helder. Results: B/53 dropped **aW** 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 on Den Helder at 0300. 4 fires seen but no explosions. Tgt easily identified by moonlight. Only one searchlight was observed and no other activity. J/53 crashed on take-off, remaining a/c cancelled.

1815-2050 3 Blenheims/Detling strike against torpedo workshops Den Helder. Results: T/53 returned with flap trouble. B/53 reports bombs fell into sea 20 miles out when pilot was testing selection switches in routine manner. M/53 failed to locate tgt and dropped 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 on De Mok seaplane base from 800 to 900 ft at 1928. Bombs seen to burst and 2 large fires started.

PRU. Spit/Heston Flushing-Calais. No report.

27/28 BC.

No tgts in Holland.

28 BC.

No tgts in Holland.

28 CC.

PRU. Spits/Heston 2 runs. Flushing/Calais and Dutch A/Fs. Results: Pilot reports at 1050 5 ships of 5000 tons off Flushing and 10 smaller of 1000 tons also in vicinity. In estuary some Vs stationary, others moving. Photo shows: Flushing, decrease of ± 15 barges from harbour since 26/9, leaving 135 of which 90 are dispersed in a line along banks of Middelburg canal. Only 5 small MVs seen moored in Roads, although pilot reports 15. In Wester Schelde 2 craft sweeping.

Dutch A/Fs. Photos taken Rotterdam, New Waterway, River Lek to Schoonhoven, and Soesterberg and Ypenburg A/Fs. Pilot reports 20 barges moving towards Rotterdam along River Lek at 1615.

Further results. Photos reveal at 1615 Rotterdam, 10 naval aux arrived, 4 at Lloyd quay and 6 in Jobhaven, but no significant change in MVs since 23/9. Submarine 220 ft present at Wilton wharf, which was present at 20/9 but not previously reported.

Waalhaven mostly obscured by clouds but one medium a/c visible. Of high priority A/Fs ordered only Soesterberg and Ypenburg covered. Soesterberg 11 a/c visible, A/F extended to the Bast. Extension and considerable constructional activity at Ypenburg since 29/7/40. 4 a/c visible.

1815-2240 4 Albacores/Bircham strike barges Flushing. Results: Albacore A/826 made glide att from 10000 -9000 ft at 1940 dropping 6 X 250 + 8 X 25 on inner harbour, a number of flashes were seen. A/c saw 3 MVs, 2000 tons in convoy 290 Flushing 15 miles course 240 . K/826 encountered one 110 at 10.000 ft in 305 Flushing 16 miles, a/c att with front guns which jammed. R + P/826 returned to base owing to bad weather.

28/29 BC.

Whitleys Fokker Amsterdam. Results:

ATs. Wellingtons Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 and bursts seen on flarepath. This a/c also bombed a "satellite A/F" 7 miles SW of Eindhoven A/F drop 5 X 250 which burst on edge of flarepath.

Whitleys stated that weather conditions over the whole of NW Germany were very bad and identification of tgts almost impossible. Fokker not attacked but Eelde A/F

~~with 2 x 250 bombs. 1 a/c saw 3 MVs, 2000 tons in convoy 290 Flushing 15 miles course 240 . K/826 encountered one 110 at 10.000 ft in 305 Flushing 16 miles, a/c att with front guns which jammed. R + P/826 returned to base owing to bad weather.~~

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28/29 BC.: by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4. bombs fell on A/F causing an immediate explosion. Hampdens. 1 a/c attacked Fokker factory Amsterdam. 4 X 500 in the area, but results UO. Texel A/F by 1 a/c with 4 X 500 but also UO.

29 BC.

Offensive patrols along coasts by 3 Blenheims. All abandoned.

29 CC.

PRU. 1 run. Spit/Heston Flushing/Calais. Photos taken Flushing. Results: Photo at 1630 show only slight changes in port of Flushing since 28/9. In Flushing Roads and Sloe Channel 21 ships probably MVs. Two of these, opposite Fort Rammekes, appeared particularly large.

29/30 CC.

1900-2215 6 Swordfish/Bm strike Rotterdam,  
1830-2140 4 Albacores/Bm strike Rotterdam, and  
1825-2017 6 Blenheims/D.1. strike Rotterdam. Results:

(1) Swordfish A/812 returned owing broken bracing wire. H, K, P, G + R/812 owing unsuitable weather.

(2) Albacores A, G, R + M/826 did not drop bombs due 10/10 cloud and icing conditions. Flak accurate!

(3). Blenheim G/53 att tgt with full bomb load, but UO. R/53 failed to locate tgt and att Naamstede A/F, but UO. D/53 failed to locate tgt and att Den Helder naval base, hits scored on long docks W of Nieuwe Diep, but otherwise UO. Each Blenheim att with 4 X 250.

Blenheims B, K + O/53 failed to locate tgt and returned with bombs.

29/30 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 2 X 40, bursts in tgt area.; Wellingtons, 1 a/c seaplane base S of Zuiderzee (Schellingwoude) with 7 X 250 + 60 X 4, but UO. 2 a/c Fokker factory Amsterdam with 12 X 250 + 120 X 4, large fires started in docks south of target. Whitleys. 1 a/c Schiphol A/F with 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, bursts seen on flarepath.

30 BC.

1 Blenheim recce along coast. Abandoned due weather.

30 CC.

PRU. Spits/Heston. Photos taken off Rotterdam/Hook of Holland, A/Fs Ypenburg, Valkenburg and Gilze-Rijen.; Den Helder. at 1230 no particular concentration of ships in Willemsoord. ± 30 small steamers, barges etc exercising off shore in approaches to Den Helder. No naval units other than few patrol craft.; Flushing, barge total increased by 35 to 185. Towing ships + pairs towed, increased from 5 to 37.

30/9-1/10 CC.

(1) 1815-2130 4 Albacores/Bm strike at Rotterdam.

(2) 1900-2300 4 Swordfishes/Bm strike at Rotterdam, and

(3) 1822-2050 6 Blenheims/D1. strike at Rotterdam. Results:

(1). Albacore A/826 failed to identify tgt and released 6 X 250 + 8 X 25 on oil target at Vlaardingen at 2025, bombs seen to burst in area but no fires observed. M + G/826 released 6 X 250 + 1 X 25 each on North bank of Maas river over Keilhaven docks. Results UO, but fires were burning before attack. F/826 MIA.

(2). Swordfish K/812 dropped 6 X 250 at 2145 on Rotterdam dry dock and Waalhaven, UO owing to flares fired from ground to 6000 ft above a/c. P/812 unable to bomb area due searchlights, dropped 2 X 250 on North corner of Petroleum harbour of Rotterdam at 2200, but UO. G/812 dropped 6 X 250 on South corner of Rotterdam dry dock at 2150 Bomb seen to explode causing red glow lasting a few minutes. M/812 failed to bomb.

(3). Blenheim K/53 att primary tgt at 2010 being guided by a large fire probably started by previous a/c which had hit fuel dump. Bombs well in tgt area, causing 2 large and 3 small fires. D/53 started large fire in docks. =/53 failed to locate tgt and att oil tanks at Vlaardingen at 1950, but UO. T/53 failed to locate tgt and att A/F Haam-stede at 1932 causing large fire on North side of A/F., direct hits believed on petrol dump and barrack huts. U/53 failed to locate tgt attacked Ostend. G/53 MIA.

30/9-1/10 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. 1 a/c Twente A/F with 9 X 250 + 60 X 4, bombs dropped on flarepath Hampdens. 1 a/c Schellingwoude with 4 X 500, bombs believed to have fallen among seaplanes. 1 Hampden Schiermonnikoog A/F (??) with 4 X 500, but UO.



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1 BC.

1 Blenheim recce and att Flushing-Antwerp. Abandoned lack of cloud. (1/218)

1 CC.

PRU. 2 runs. Spit/Heston Antwerp-Caen. Rep.: Flushing, no naval units. Decrease of 10 barges and of 7 towing craft since 30/9. 2nd. Dutch A/Fs. Photos taken of A/Fs Eindhok/én, Soesterberg, Gilze-Rijen and Valkenburg. Pilot reps.: 5 ships of 5000 in line astern off The Hague going NE.

Patrol. Hudson J/206 saw one unidentified object with green light on one side and red on the other and none forward or aft, off the E coast of Terschelling at 2100. Hudson released 2 X 250 from 750 ft, lights extinguished, but results unknown.

PRU. Spit/H. On IJmuiden. Ships present, 5 small V of ± 100 ft and 30 barges. Decrease of 13 small MVs since 18/9.

Results A/Fs.: Eindhoven, intense constructional activity, 3 runways most complete, 17 a/c present, including 3 Ju-52, 2 He-111 and 4 Do-17. Gilze-Rijen.: Great constructional activity at old A/F of G.R. and new A/F at Nerhoven, adjoining which makes one very large A/F. 3 runways complete and a large number of dispersal areas cut in the woods. 23 a/c present including 2 Ju-52s, 2 He-111s and 8 Ju-88. Valkenburg.: Great constructional activity since 1/8 3 runways now complete, no a/c visible. Soesterberg.: 35 a/c present including 8 Ju-52s and 12 He-111s. Increase of 25 a/c since 28/9. Vught and A/F not covered.

1/2 BC.

Detailed: Raid to att shipping at Rotterdam. Results: Flushing 1 Blenheim 4 X 250 + 2 X 25 but U0; Veere seaplane station, 1 Blenheim 40XCX Q. ?t~f)(X ~X+X **O?amQ** XIJO.

Whitleys Rotterdam. 4 a/c 8 X 500 + 24 X 250, bursts on quay side and fires started. ATs.

Fokker Amsterdam by 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 1 X 250 + 60 X 4., fires started. ATs Hampdens.

Haamstede A/F 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 6 X 250 + 60 X 4 but U0. 1 Hampden Flushing, 4 X 500 but U0. 1 Hampden beacon and lights 3 mile SE of Ouddorp with 6 X 250 + 60 X 4. Small fires started.

2 BC.

Nothing Holland.

2 CC.

PRU. Few runs. A.o. Flushing. Little change since 1/10., three pairs of barges and no steamers at Sloe.

2nd run. Photos of Haamstede, New Waterway to Rotterdam. Schiphol, Amsterdam and Northsea canal to IJmuiden. pilot reps about 20 barges at E entrance Amsterdam harbour in Zuiderzee. ± 50 barges or rafts in east of Amsterdam docks at 1500. Raid assessment.:

Occupied Holland. Flushing. It is reported by a reliable source that the paraffine tanks have been hit and fired and slight damage has been caused to the Hotel Zeeland. The town is being evacuated each night but the Germans do not want total evacuation in the hope that possible Dutch casualties will deter attack.

2/3 CC.

1800-2215 4 Beauforts mines Ems river. JMX + U/22 succesfully.

1800-2200 4 Albacores/BN: Strike Rotterdam docks and harbour.

1900-2330 6 Swordfish/BN same target.

1900-2110 6 Blenheims/Detl. same target. Results:

3 Albacores failed to locate tgt due 10/10 cloud and returned with bombs. 1 a/c saw Nieuwe Waterweg canal through gap in cloud and dropped 6 X 250 + 8 X 25 from 6900 ft at 2000 on oil storage tanks at Vlaardingen, but U0.

2 Swordfish unable to identify tgt dropped 12 X 250 on searchlights in position 208 Rotterdam 7 miles and 2 miles East of Rotterdam, 6 bombs on each. 1 Searchlight put out of action. 1 a/c returned due "intercom trouble", 3 failed to locate tgt and returned. Blenheims, 2 dropped bomos on Rotterdam, 1 att Vlaardingen and one Hook of Holland. All reported bad visibility, but reflection of fire seen through clouds, otherwise U0 due weather. In all 12 X 250 + 180 X 4. 2 Blenheims/53 failed to locate tgt and returned.

P R U further results: 2/10. Haamstede no a/c visible, some construction change since 17/ Schiphol: One large, 22 medium and 6 small a/c visible outside covered shelters. Some constructional changes in part removal of blast shelters to extend effective landing area. Schellingwoude: 19 large and 6 medium sized a/c present.

Buikslot: 3 large and 2 medium sized a/c present. Fokker factories Amsterdam: 1 large and 1 medium sized a/c present.

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2 CC:PRU.: Rotterdam incomplete but confirm impress of 30/9 of ships leaving port. 8 medium sized Vs in the Mervehaven have left since 28/9 and remainder seems different Vs. Further reduction of 15 barges since 30/9 at Rotterdam dry dock. Some increase in barges at slipway at IJsselmonde. New Waterway no shipping. Hook of Holland 6 patrol craft and MV of 430 ft previous reported are present. Amsterdam, only naval unit pre-sent, is coastal defence ship previously reported. Besides 6 Vs under construction, there are present 7 MVs over 200, a decrease of 2 since 18/9. ± 180 barges, a decrease of 20 since 18/9.

2/3 BC.

Raid detailed on Rotterdam. Results: 1 Whitley att with 2 X 500 + 60 X 4 but UO. ~ATs. Blenheims. 1 a/c Flushing harbour with 4 X 250 but UO. 1 a/c Ypenburg A/F with 4 X 250 but also UO. Wellingtons. 1 a/c De Kooy A/F with 4 X 500 + 1 X 250 + 60 X 4, bursts believed in tgt area.; Schiphol, 1 a/c with 9 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts seen on runway beside A/F buildings. Whitleys. Attack on blazing warehouse 70 Haarlem 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>- mile, 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4, further large fires and explosions. Potsdam and Ijmuiden docks and canal by 1 Whitley with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 on these 2 targets but UO.

2 CC.

Further results: Patrol Hudson /206 saw at 1950 a light on the water, which proved to be an MV of 800 ton with red crosses on funnel and illuminated red cross on deck in 285 Texel 48 Miles. MV did not reply to challenge made 5 times, and Hudson dropped 1 X 250 which fell 50 yards short. Intense wireless activity followed attack. Another V similar to above seen in same area.

3 CC.

Nothing to report.

3 BC.

9 Blenheims of 2 Group, all abandoned primary but a.o.: 1 a/c att 50 barges at Huisden (Neusden) with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, barges and quay side hit. Another a/c att Rotterdam docks nr 25 and 28 with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, results UO.

4 BC.

30 Blenheims briefed for tgts in Germany (15, 105, 114 + 218 Sqns) but as AT att: Barges at Maassluis by 1 a/c with 4 X 250, bursts seen on canal bank.; Shipping at Hellevoetsluis 1 a/c with 4 X 250 but UO.; Flushing A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, but UO.; Bruinisse harbour 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 3 X 25, bursts seen on quay side and small fires started.; Barges at Rotterdam 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 bursts on barge and another on quay side.; Naamstede A/F 2 a/c 8 X 250 + 8 X 40 but UO.; Convoy 10 miles W Den Helder 1 a/c 4 X 250 but UO.; Large MV IJmuiden harbour 1 a/c 3 X 250 + 4 X 40, UO.; Lockgates and railway bridge east end of doek 30 Rotterdam 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, cloud of smoke or brown earth on W side of tgt. 14 Blenheims abandoned, all safe.

4 CC.

Patrol. Blenheim B/53 reported at 0936 in 20 miles N of Hook of Holland a single funnel coastal steamer of 500 ton marked with large red crosses, course 250 speed 4 knts. At 0940 in 30 Hook of Holland 14 miles, 6 flakships + 2 E boats observed. A/c was fired with no effect.

PRU. Spit Flushing/Calais. No photos Holland.

Patrol 1230-1735 Beafort Thorney. F/42 on patrol IJmuiden/Ostende MIA.

5 BC.

8 Blenheims, Germany + coastlines. All abandoned lack of cloud.

5 CC.

PRU. Several runs A.o. Vught and Flushing. Pilot reps 7 barges stationary in canal NE Flushing, 3 large ships moored S of Flushing + 11 small ships approaching Flushing from SE Further results: a.o. Willemsoord increase of patrol craft + motorboats, 21 of former, 17 of latter, no seaplanes at De Mok. In Rotterdam mostly internal movement of ships and increase of 30 barges in Waalhaven, gives total of 120. In Delfzijl no notable change in harbour and canals. Six coasters have arrived. No activity at Hellevoetsluis. 2nd run at 1700 shows that since 1130 5/10 14 patrol towing craft have left Flushing. There is no aerodrome at Vught. Patrol. 0725-0845. Blenheim L/53 chased by a 110, 15 miles off Hook of Holland. Me-110 gave up chase before coming into range. Blenheim returned due lack of cloud cover.

5/6 BC.

Four Wellingtons Rotterdam shipping. Results.: 2 attacked with 8 X 500 + 2 X 250 + 60 X 4., one a/c observed bursts between Maashaven and Waalhaven and 2nd a/c believe bombs dropped near Merwehaven and set building on fire, bursts also observed on dockside and on N bank opposite dock entrance. One a/c unable to attack primary, attacked Flushing with 3 X 500 + 1 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts being observed on SW side of Verbreed canal causing several explosions.

ATs. Hampdens. Schiphol 1 a/c with 4 X 500, 4 bursts observed, 3 on landing ground. Oldebroek A/F, 1 a/c 4 X 500 bursts across landing ground. Texel seaplane base 1 a/c with 6 X 250 + 60 X 4, bursts seen but UO.

Hampdens mining Elbe. 3 successful, 3 jettisoned, a.o. one safe off Texel. 3 returned with mines.

6 BC.

21 Blenheims despatched recce and attack Den Helder + coast Rotterdam/Boulogne. 10 abandoned due weather, remainder attacked: Shipping at Den Helder by 2 a/c with 8 X 250, 4 bombs seen to burst in harbour causing large explosion and clouds of red sparks, and one hit on stern of 800 ton ship SE of Den Helder.

Harlingen, 1 a/c drop 4 X 250 on 5 cargo ships (± 4000 tons each) and on MV alongside quay. Results UO.; Stavoren ship in harbour 1 a/c with 4 X 250 + 2 X 40 bursts seen on east bank of wharf running south from main harbour; Enkhuizen harbour. 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 2 X 40 on 3 cargo ships of appr 4000 ton each, bursts seen on quay at W side of harbour and amongst ships on N of harbour. Fires started among ships.; Dordrecht, 1 a/c

4 X 250 + 2 X 40 on 30 barges moored in river NE of Dordrecht, bursts seen among barges. Motorvessel proceeding to Willemsoord (2 miles NE of Den Helder) by 1 a/c with 4 X 250, bursts seen 50 ft ahead of target.

Note: On this day no, rpt no bombs did fall in the harbour of Harlingen.

6 CC.

Nothing special to report.

7 BC.

12 Blenheims Germany and Fr, Belg, and Dutch coast. 10 abandoned due Jack of cloud, 2 a/c attacked. One Blenheim barges in canal at Goes with 4 X 250 + 4 X 50 but UO.; 1 a/c 30 - 40 barges in harbour at Sommelsdijk (Overflakkee) with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, bursts seen on S of canal near target.

7 CC.

PRU. Spit/Heston. Antwerp/Rotterdam. Photos taken of Hellevoetsluis, Antwerp and Flushing. Pilot reps 3 large ships outside Flushing harbour, also 6 small one at anchor at 1445. 1530-1800 3 Beauforts/NC to attack shipping Den Helder roads. Results: J, K + R/22 returned without dropping torpedoes due bad visibility.

7/8 CC.

1730-22.25 6 Swordfish/NC mines Maas estuary Hook of Holland. Results: K, G, H, M + P/81 dropped mines as ordered. Fixed white lights above cloud level in vicinity of The Hague probably mark balloon cable.

1845-2055 6 Blenheims/Detl. ships and barges Rotterdam; D, G, S, M, K + V/53 rep: K/53 over tgt at 1950 bombs dropped in a stick straddling between Mervehaven and Koushaven(?) docks. bombs seen to explode. All boundary and landing lights shown at Haamstede at 1937.; S/53 approached tgt at 1940 and dropped stick of bombs at 2015 straddling between Lekhaven and S end of Waalhaven. Moonlight prevented observation. M/53 sighted concentration of ships at entrance Voorne-Putten canal and dropped bombs at 194= which burst, but UO. D/53 bombs on canal S of Maasriver in mistake for Vlaardingen, 2 small fires seen. G/53 attacked Gravelines, V/53 early return due technical trouble.

7/8 BC

Wellingtons a.o. Eindhoven A/F, but A/F probably Gilze-Rijen 1 a/c 7 X 250 + 240 X 4, bombs seen to burst on flarepath and hangars causing small fire. (1/38 MIA)

Whitleys Fokker Amsterdam. 12 a/c 23 X 500 + 60 X 250 + 660 X 4, many direct hits obtained causing several fires. Docks adjacent to Fokker factory, 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 10 X 250 +

120 X 4 causing large fire in dock area. Two Whitleys 4 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 120 X 4 on canal, large fire seen. J-mr, u, x, n f Fokke 4 f c r ip  
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7/8 BC.: ATs Hampden. Texel with 6 X 250, but UO, Schiphol by 1 a/c with 8 X 250 bursts seen across flarepath.

8 BC.

No ops Holland.

8 CC.

Patt'ol. Hudson 0/206 dropped 2 X 250 GP + 1 X 250 ASB on a vessel of 600 tons 360 Maas-light 21 miles. Attacked from 4000-1500 ft bombs in salvo fell 130 yds astern. After explosion enemy lit 2 red crosses forward of funnel. No defensive action taken by enemy bombs dropped at 0619.

PRIJ. Spit/Heston Flushing/Calais. No results, Spit shot down near Sandwich at 1035, pilot injured.

1530-1930 2 Beauforts/NC Rover IJmuiden-Western Ems. Results: K/22 reported no shipping seen in Den Helder. Off IJmuiden one flakship and another 270 Terschelling 10 miles. Torpedo carried by this a/c dropped owing faulty gear in 220 Texel 14 miles. W/22 returned with torpedo.

1600-1900 6 Blenheims/BN Texel-Flushing. Results 5 Blenheims reported 6 MVs in convoy, ± 750 tons, off Hook of Holland at 1714. At 1718 1 Red Cross V of Schouwen course 90 sp 5 knts, ± 1000 tons.

8/9 CC.

1745-2300 3 Swordfish/NC mines Ems river. Results b( H, K + B/812 between 2010-2020 mine in mouth of river Ems, light inaccurate flak encountered.

1915-2043 1 Blenheim/Detl. Strike and patrol. Results: Y/53 returned with bombs. Casualties, K/53 and S/235 MIA.

8/9 BC.

Blenheims. 7 a/c Flushing with 28 X 250 bursts seen on quay and dock area and also on Walcheren canal.

Whitleys a.o. Fokker factory. One a/c., detailed for this operation did not attack. ATs. Flushing 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 burst seen in dock area but UO. D Docks at The Hague by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts in dock area but UO.

9 BC.

8 Blenheims, no briefed tgts in Holland but as AT,: 1 a/c att 5 barges and a bridge at Anna Paulowna with 4 X 250. One burst seen on bridge at canal junction, one on edge of canal, and 2 among barges. Texel A/F by 1 a/c with 4 X 250 2 hits on road and 2 on buildings.

9 CC.

Nothing special to report.

9/10 BC.

Wellington Flushing with 10 X 250 + 60 X 4. Bombs fell across E side of dock 5, starting small fire.

ATs. Flushing A/F 1 a/c with 13 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts among buildings S boundary of A/F Rotterdam A/F. 1 a/c with 2 X 250 causing fires.; Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c with 1 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 60 X 4. Six hits on A/F remaining bombs overshot.; Naamstede A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 8 X 250 + 60 X 4, but UO.

Hampdens. Flushing docks by 1 a/c with 4 X 500, bursts adjacent docks, but UO.; Amsterdam docks and railways by 1 a/c with 6 X 250 + 120 X 4. One stick across railway line and docks causing several fires.; Rotterdam docks west end by 1 a/c with 4 X 500, 3 bursts seen and a glow for 2 or 3 minutes after.; De Kooy A/F by 2 a/c with 16 X 250 8 bursts seen and small fire started which increased when a/c left the area.; Haarstedt A/F by 1 a/c with 8 X 250. 4 bursts on N part of A/F.; Military objectives near De Kooy A/F by 1 a/c with 3 X 500, 2 bursts among buildings near edge of A/F.; Flarepath 4 miles SW of Emmerich. 1 X 500 burst seen 100 yards from flarepath.

8/9 BC. Further results.

Fokker. The Whitley engaged on this operation dropped 36,000 propaganda leaflets type 432 and 90,000 EH433 from Dutch frontier to the Ruhr.

10 CC.

PRIJ. Spit/Heston Germany, but a.o. photos of De Kooy and Leeuwarden.

10/11 CC.

1845-2125 4 Blenheims/Detl. Strike Den Helder. Results: U/53 3 X 250 E side of quay seen to explode and incendiaries started 3 fires. On leaving tgt a/c saw 3 large explosions caused by a/c G. G/53 dropped bombs w side of canal in dockyard causing 3 large explosions and fire at NE corner of dockyard. S/53 bombed N side of dock straddling upper yard from W to W causing 3 explosions. D/53 bombed N to S down upper part Den Helder canal. Explosions seen. Incendiaries to start fire about 300 yards above W side of upper dock, straddling lock gates. In all 12 X 250 + 240 X 4.

1900-2330 3 Swordfish mining off Texel and 1900-2359 3 Swordfish mines Terschelling Gat Results: A, G ? B/812 succesfully off Texel, B, M + K/812 succesfully Terschelling.

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No ops Holland.

10/11 BC.

Wellingtons. Eindhoven 1 a/c 6 X 250 + 60 X 4, bursts seen on target.; Schiphol 1 a/c 1 X 500 + 7 X 250, but UO.; Deventer A/F(???) 1 a/c with 1 X 500 + 2 X 250 + 60 X 4 starting 7 fires. This a/c also dropped 5 X 250 on Amsterdam docks, but HO.; Delfzijl docks 1 a/c 1 X 500 + 7 X 250 + 60 X 4, all bombs in dock area, one fire started.; Flushing by 2 a/c each 1 X 500 + 7 X 250 + 60 X 4, starting fires in tgt area.

ATs. Blenheims 1 a/c De Kooy A/F 4 X 250 + 2 X 40 but UO.

Whitleys. Rotterdam docks by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4, two explosions followed by 3 large fires.; Target 2 1/2 mile W of De Kooy A/F by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 causing fires and several explosions. ; Target, probably Fokker factory(!) 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 starting fires in a large building.; Docks 1 mile WNW Amsterdam by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 starting 4 large fires on dock edge.; Oostvoorne A/F by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 bombs on tgt but UO. Encounters with enemy a/c. A Wellington shot down in flames an a/c thought to be 2 engined in the Schelde area.; A Wellington also attacked a single engined, high or mid-wint a/c, about to land at Gilze-Rijen. Front gun fired 150 rounds at 300 yards and enemy a/c appeared to slow up and disappeared with red sparks coming from the fuselage. An enemy a/c following a Whitley for 4 mins over Amsterdam fired few bursts then left. A Whitley near Overflakkee saw one unidentified a/c held in searchlights and shot down in flames by flak at 8000 ft. Since all our a/c are safe, presumably an enemy a/c.

11/12 BC.

No briefed tgts in Holland. 5 Battles/1 Group Ostende. All safe. 1/142 returned early. ATs. Wellingtons. De Kooy A/F 2 a/c with 4 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 120 X 4 fires started near hangars, followed by 2 explosions.; Schiphol A/F 2 a/c 3 X 500 + 6 X 250 + 120 X 4 bursts along S runway.; Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4, fires started.; De Mok seaplane base with 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 60 X 4 fires seen.; Willemsoord docks by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250, fires started.; Vught A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 2 X 250 bursts on edge of A/F. This a/c dropped 60 X 4 on beacon 10 miles NW of Vught A/F.; Flushing 1 a/c 8 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts seen across entrance to nos 3, 4 + 5 docks.; Venlo A/F 1 a/c 5 X 250, bursts on target. This a/c also 2 X 500 + 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 on Flushing A/F, but U| Whitleys. Fokker 2 a/c 4 X 500 6 X 250 + 60 X 4, bombs in tgt area starting fires.; Quay Den Helder 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts along quay where 5 ships lay moored. Explosions resulted , followed by fire. Hampdens. Texel A/F 1 a/c with 4 X 500, 1 burst on target Mining Elbe/Kield. 1 Hampden a.o. attacked Leeuwarden A/F with 2 X 250 but UO.

11/12 CC.

1753-2330 6 Swordfish/NC mining Hubert Gat. Results: A, G + P mines in Hubert Gat betw 2040/2100. A + G reported flakship 230 Schiermonnikoog 7 miles as well as numerous searchlights operating from Dutch Islands, P reported a one funnel destroyer, also one E boat off S end of Terschelling. These Vs challenged but as they did not reply fire opened with MGs over them, and as it was not returned it is assumed that they wer<sup>p</sup> friendly. M due error dropped mine off Schiermonnikoog. A convoy of 4 small coasters 3/400 tons escorted by armed trawler seen 3 miles of N coast of Terschelling course 90 speed 4 knts. B + X returned due techn trouble no drop.

1845-2044 6 Blenheims/Detl attack on shipping Rotterdam. Results: Blenheims r, E, O, P + G/53 att Rotterdam from 2015-2030 dropping 15 X 250 + 300 X 4. R + E saw bombs burst in tgt area. "O" dry docks, and P Hook of Holland. G/53 att Haamstede A/F. P reported 3 MVs of 5000 tons stationary off Schouwen Island at 2000.

Patrol. Blenheim D/53 patr along coast, dropped 4 X 250 between gas works and Lekhaven from 8000 ft at 2100. Hits observed.

12 BC.

No ops Holland.

12 CC.

Nothing to report.

12/13 BC.

Blenheims Fokker. 3 a/c with 12 X 250 stick feil SE to NW straddling tgt and another stick feil along NE side of Northsea canal. A direct hit made on the electrical power station.

ATs. Wellingtons. 1 a/c Vught A/F with 1 X 500 + 6 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts on tgt started large smoking fire.; Waalhaven A/F 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 across buildings of A/F.

13 BC.

No ops Holland.

13 CC.

Patrol. Hudson S/206 unsuccessfully att 4 MVs 315 Terschelling 45 miles at 0630.

PRIJ. Spit/Nest. coast Flushing/Boulogne. Photos taken of a.o. Flushing and Terneuzen. pilot reps 8 1000 ton Vs 10 miles SW of Flushing in line astern going south, followed by one 4000 ton V half a mile behind and 7 of 500 tons Vs S of Flushing in line astern steaming west.

13/14 CC.

1900-2050 6 Blenheims/Detl. attack shipping Flushing. Results: R, 0 + S/53 R + S bombed in tgt area but owing cloud results difficult to assess, but observations and fires indicated hits in tgt area. 0/53 all bombs on Domburg harbour but UO. Other a/c attacked Zeebrugge.

14 BC.

Blenheim Germ/Belg. 12 Blenheims, 9 abandoned. 1/139 Ostend MIA.

13/14 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Woensdrecht A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250 bursts on tgt. Wellingtons briefed for Eindhoven did not att primary. ATs.: Flushing 1 a/c 6 X 500 but UO.; Texel A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500, UO.; Flak positions 2 miles East of Zuthpen by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 60 X 4 firing stopped! Hampdens. Texel A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500, UO.; Gun positions on Terschelling 4 X 500, UO.; 2 ships 5 miles NW Terschelling (6000 tons each) 1 a/c with 4 X 500 but UO. (One Wellington on Eindhoven A/F - training flight - returned early.)

14 CC.

Nothing to report but 1 Hudson/206 MIA from patrol.

14/15 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. Den Helder docks. 1 a/c 3 X 500 + 60 X 4, bursts seen along jetty on E side of entrance to Great North Hollands canal.

Hampden. De Kooy A/F 1 a/c with 1 X 1000(!!!!) Burst seen on edge of building on N side of A/F.

15 BC.

No ops Holland.

15 CC.

Special patrols and reconnaissance.

0115-0500 2 Hudsons/B.N. Recce (Windmill) Bircham-Newton to Terschelling.

15/16 CC.

2230-0200 2 Swordfish/Detl. Operation P.S. (???????)

Patrol (Hookos) L/53 att tgt at Flushing and, though harassed by enemy a/c dropped 4 X 250 then completed patrol.

1855-2128 3 Blenheims/Detl strike Terneuzen. Results: D/53 full load on tgt Terneuzen at 1956, 1 bmb seen to fall near lock gates and 1 appeared to hit oil dump starting fire G/53 was intercepted on run but dropped at Terneuzen with UO at 2015. V/53 full load Terneuzen at 2030 bombs feil on E side of canal and some inc increased fire started by D/53. All attacks from 11,000-10000 ft, in all 9 X 250 + 180 X 4.

1815-2240 6 Swordfish mining Flushing. Results: H, K, L, X. A + D/812 mines of Flushing between 1955/2040. H/812 at 1955 saw beacon flashing white at Naamstede.

15/16 CC.: K/812 saw fire start at Terneuzen at 2000. Considerable searchlights active at Walcheren and S Beveland canal. Numerous enemy a/c seen as well as a dummy flarepath south of Haamstede. A/F and flashing white lights in the channel south of the wer\_ point of Tholen Island.

1910-2133 3 Blenheims/Detl. strike Flushing. Results: A/53 intercepted by enemy a/c on ruri at Flushing. Enemy a/c driven off, but A proceeded to Ostend. R/53 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 on docks at Flushing at 2048, bombs seen to straddle oil tanks, M/53 motor failir returned, bombs jettisoned in sea. OPERATION WINDMILL ( T8-W 320 Schaper)

15 CC.

PRO. 2 Flights. Photos taken of Flushing, Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Nijmegen, Arnhem, Terneuzen and Middelburg. One pilot reps 5 Vs of 1000 ton entering New Waterwy in line astern.

15/16 BC.

ATs only. Blenheims. 1 a/c 10 small ships 1 mile S of Flushing with 4 X 250 but UO.; Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250 bursts seen across S end of Dock.

Wellingtons. 1 a/c shipping at Den Helder with 6 X 500 bursts in basin 5 and amongst buildings in North Naval harbour.; Shipping at Flushing by 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 9 X 250 + 60 X 4. Railway straddled, bursts among buildings N of junction Walcheren/Verbreed canal.; Vught A/F. 1 a/c 1 4 lbs incendiary(!). Vert' large greenish explosion followed by one Bach side, then bright white fire.; Convoy of 4 Vs of 6/7000 tons 53.27N 05.40E by 1 a/c with 5 X 500, bombs overshot.; Ships anchored 5 miles N of east point Amsterdam Island by 1 a/c with 6 X 500, stick feil behind stern of vessel.

Whitleys. Fokker factory. 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 10 X 250, but UO.; Railway station and factory near Amsterdam 1 a/c with 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4. Two X 250s seen to burst on facto ry. Incendiaries started fires on roofs.

Hampdens. Schiphol by 1 a/c with 2 X 250 but UO.; Steady white light 5 miles S of KampE by 1 a/c with 4 X 500 bursts on road junction to SE.; De Mok seaplane base 1 a/c 4 X 500, smoke over drome. ; Waalhaven 1 a/c 4 X 500 bursts on buildings N side of A/F fire started.; Unidentified A/F 2 miles N of Amersfoort (!!!????) 1 a/c 4 X 500, but UO.

16 BC.

No ops Holland.

16 CC.

Patrol. Hudson Y/206 saw 5 destroyers in line ahead at 0410 4 miles N of Texel on cours 210 speed 10 knts. A/c made glide att with 2 X 250 + 1 X 250ASB but near misses. X/206 dive attack Willemsoord harbour with 2 X 250 + 1 X 250 ASB on searchlights on NW corne of harbour. Lights extinguised. A/c reported no shipping in Zuiderzee between Willem oord and IJmuiden.

Patrol. Search for 5 destroyers 276 Ijmuiden 20 miles. Y/53 did not see 5 destroyers. 2 MTBs seen at 0855 279 Maaslight 27 Miles, on course 225 speed 30 knts.

16/17 BC.

ATs. Hampden. 1 a/c Leeuwarden A/F with 6 X 250 + 60 X 4, bursts seen on runway.

17 BC.

8 Blenheims tgts Germany. 7 abandoned 1 a/c De Kooy A/F with 4 X 250, but UO.

17 CC.

1130-1530 2 Beauforts/NC Rover/torp DC IJmuiden/Cuxhaven. Results: G + K/22 saw 2 des troys 7 miles NW Terschelling and what appeared to be 4 800 ton tenders on course 75. No attack made owing lack of cloud. G attacked with torpedo what appeared to be a minelaying tender 1000/2000 tons accompanied by 4 flakships 6 miles N of Ameland at 1317 from 100 ft, near miss aft of tender. Fairly intense fire from flakships which woun ded navigator in face and gunner in leg of K/22.

B/22 attacked MV of 1500/2000 with a torpedo in 6 miles N of Ameland (time not stated), but UO due to evasive action.

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18 BC.

No ops Holland.

18 CC.

Nothing to report.

18/19 BC.

No targets in Holland.

19 BC.

10 Blenheims detailed, a.o. Rotterdam, Flushing + Den Helder, all abandoned lack of do I

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19 pC.

Nothing to report.

19/20 BC.

No tgts Holland.

20 BC.

Nd ops Holland.

20 CC.

PRU. Spit/Hest. Antwerp/Calais. a.o. photos of Terneuzen/Flushing.

20/21 CC.

1825-2310 6 Swordfish/NC mines off Flushing. 2 early returns, but K/812 mines in Schelde NE of S Beveland at 2135, G/812 in pos 3 and reps seachlight on water at Terneuzen. P/812 in pos 3 and reps flakship off Goedereede, X + L/812 early return. H/812 in pos 2 but forcelanded at Humberstone at 0030. Crew safe but a/c badly damaged.

20/21 BC.

26 Blenheims detailed a.o. Rotterdam and Flushing. Several a/c abandoned but 5 Blenheims attacked Rotterdam with 20 X 250 bursts in vicinity of docks. 4 a/c attacked Flushing with 16 X 250, in general UD, but fires in tgt area.

ATs. Wellingtons. 2 a/c Vught A/F and believed Antwerp, with 6 X 500 and 60 X 4, but UC Whitleys. 1 a/c Schiphol with 2 X 500 and 5 X 250 + 60 X 4, but UO.

21 BC.

No ops Holland.

21 CC.

Nothing to report.

21/22 BC.

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ATs. 1 Wellington A/F at Eindhoven or Gilze-Rijen with 2 X 500, 3 X 250

60 X 4. 44 separate expls were seen and many fires caused.

22 BC.

Blenheims. a.o. tgt at Amsterdam, but only 1 Blenheim (1/114) attacked cargo ship 3 miles N of Hook of Holland, with 4 X 250 scoring direct hit on the bow from 700 ft.

22 CC.

Nothing to report.

23 BC.

8 Blenheims along coast. 5 abandoned but 3 attacked motorvessels, pass E boats, 10 miles W of Walcheren with 4 X 250, but UO.

~ W C X 23 CC.

1345-1745 2 Beauforts/NC Rover off Dutch Coast. Results: A + G/22 attacked enemy convoy of 9 MVs + 3 esc Vs 5 miles N of Schiermonnikoog at 1626, each a/c dropping torpedoes from 50 ft. One MV of 4000 tons and another of 2000 tons hit, explosions being seen in each case. It was also observed that one vessel was down by the stern and the decks of the other awash.

23/24 CC.

2105-0200 5 Swordfish/NC mines off IJmuiden. Results: R, L, B + X/812 dropped mines according to plan.

23/24 BC.

Blenheims ships off Hook of Holland. Results: Blenheims ships at Hook of Holland and searchlights in the vicinity. 7 a/c 26 X 250 + 120 X 4. Results in general UO due low thin cloud, but fires started between railway station and docks and incendiaries seen to burst at side of jetty.

Flushing 1 Blenheim 3 X 250 + 3 X 40 + 60 X 4 burst just N of tgt.

ATs. Wellingtons. Schiphol by 1 a/c with 5 X 500 + 60 X 4 bursts close to flarepath. A



large fire poss from petrol seen, and 1 a/c reported to have been burned out.

23/24 BC.: Eelde 1 a/c 3 X 500 + 120 X 4 large square fire caused which appeared to be a hangar on fire.

Hampdens. De Kooy 3 a/c 4 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 2 X 20 + 120 X 4 but UO.; Eelde 1 a/c 4 X 500, bursts on A/F but UO.

Blenheims. Flushing 1 a/c 3 X 250 ? 3 X 40 bursts on N of dockarea. Searchlight and AA in 1; the Hague area 1 a/c 2 X 250 + 6 X 40 + 60 X 4, but UO.

24 BC.

No attacks on Holland.

24 CC.

Patrol. Search for Vs off IJmuiden. 0940-1140. R/53 did not see the 20 MVs reported in the area. At 1057 1 MV of 1500 anchored  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off IJmuiden, and 1 hospital ship white red crosses 6 miles off on N course. At 1105 4 MVs in line astern proceeding very slowly SW and near them another hospital ship on a NE course and a vessel of trawler type of appr 400 ton. PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Rotterdam. Pilot reps 6 MVs of  $\pm$  2000 + 2 smaller 8 miles west of Schoorl going S. No sign of 20 MVs reported earlier this morning. Also photos taken of Delfzijl and Leeuwarden.

24/25 CC.

2010-0245 5 Swordfish mines Maas estuary. Between 0025/0105 all mines successfully in correct position.

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24/25 BC.

<sup>M</sup>1 m X Wellingtons to attack docks Rotterdam. Results: 5 a/c 16 X 500 + 48 X 250 + 300 X 4, bombs straddled northern and western banks of dock causing explosion and fires, but cloud hampered observations.

Blenheims. 12 a/c Flushing with 54 X 250 + 12 X 40 + 12 X 25, in general UO but bursts seen around docks 3, 4 and 5 and basins 2, 3, 4 and 5 also on quays and one big fire caused.

ATs. 1 a/c Rotterdam with 4 X 250, UO.; IJmuiden 2 a/c 8 X 250, UO.; De Mok 2 a/c 8 X 250 but also UO. Whitleys. De Kooy 1 a/c with 4 X 250 3 bursts seen around buildings on N side of A/F and one W of railway. Hampdens. De Kooy 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 6 X 250 + 60 X 4 bursts near A/F.

25 BC.

No tgts Holland.

25 CC.

Nothing to report.

25/26 BC.

Blenheims a.o. Eindhoven and Schiphol. Results: Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c with 1 X 250 + 12 X 40, bursts across flarepath (this a/c also at Zeebrugge). ; Schiphol 2 a/c 8 X 250, UO.

Medemblik harbour 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; AA Battery Amsterdam 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; Haamstede A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 12 X 40 UO.; Amsterdam A/F(?) 1 a/c 4 X 250, bursts on tgt. ATs.

Wellingtons. Haamstede 1 a/c 3 X 500 + 60 X 4 bursts near flarepath followed by a large column of smoke. Whitleys. Arnhem A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4 bombs across flarepath.; Schiphol 2 a/c 3 X 500, 10 X 250 + 120 X 4, short of target.; Den Helder docks 2 a/c 7 X 500d, 9 X 250 + 60 X 4, 3 fires seen along canal and docks.; De Kooy 3 a/c 1 X 500, 2 X 250 + 60 X 4, by same 2 a/c Bursts on flarepath.

26 BC

5 Blenheims "roving" commission. All abandoned.

26 CC.

Patrol 1000-1230 3 Blenheims/BN Den Helder, Terschelling and IJmuiden. D, H and G/235 reported only 3 small Vs of trawler type 307 Texel 23 miles at 1200.

25 CC. Further results.

Patrol. Hudson 2/206 saw white light flashing every 5 seconds 20 miles off Terschelling at 2005. Located 6 ships 8 miles N of Terschelling at 2015, course 40, moving line ahead showing only blue station keeping lights. On approach of a/c all lights put out as well as beacon from Terschelling and 2 searchlights from Terschelling. Contact lost and low cloud prevented use of flares.

26/27 BC.

Blenheims Flushing. Results: Flushing 3 a/c with 12 X 250 + 5 X 40, bombs across basins 3, 4 and 5, and fires started. ATs 2 a/c Ypenburg A/F with 8 X 250, but UO.; Searchlight Rotterdam area 1 a/c 4 X 250 but UD.; Hampdens. Haamstede A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500, but UO.

27 BC.

7 Blenheims roving commission De Kooy-Emden area. Results: 1 a/c attacked Minesweeper's in pos 53.35N-0525E with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 last bomb of stick burst under stern of one V. Other a/c att small cargo V at 5228N-0420E with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 nearest burst 60 yards away.

27 CC.

Patrol. 0815-1015 Blenheim R/53 saw and attempted to att 14 MVs 4/500 tons, stationary 8 miles SW Den Helder. Due cloud a/c lost convoy but saw then 10 MVs in docks Den Helder and 8 outside harbour. Made dive attack on 2 of former but had to take evasive action. Pilot confident bombs found tgt. 'hen att gun and searchlight positions with MG  
On leaving coast att bv 3 109s a/c hit and damaged, crew lightly injured. Landed Hartleham. 0527-0820 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Dutch coast Borkum/Texel. Results: X/22 saw at 0645 2 MVs of 1000 and 1 of 2000 tons off IJmuiden. Attacked 2000 ton MV with torpedo but missed. I/22 att MV of 4000 5 miles N of Ameland but torpedo missed.  
0444-0800 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Hook of Holland - Texel. Results: E/22 at 0700 saw MV of 6000 tons off Den Helder with 2 flakships nearby. A/c att 6000 ton V at 0720. Flakship opened fire, broke windscreen punctured tire starboard wing and oil tank. Pilot broke off attack and went back to base without dropping. A/22 saw 3 MVs north of Juist. Tor jammed, no attack. Also saw 4 MVs of 2000 + 5000 tons paddle steamer and 3 flakships 12 miles N of Borkum. At 0828 4 E boats from Terschelling roads and at 0722 saw 2 MVs of 3/4000 tons N of Vlieland. At 0725 3 flakships N of Texel, challenge of day from enem ship seemed to be red ball bursting into 4 stars.

1030-1500 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Borkum -Hook of Holland. Results: G + A/22 attacked MV of 2/3000 tons 9 miles N of Ameland at 1225 with 2 torpedoes, scoring possible hit with one on the extreme stern of the V. A/c later had 30 minutes argument with a He-115 4 miles S of above position. At the end of which enemy a/c seen emitting cloud of black smoke from starboard engine and losing height..

27/28 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. 1 a/c Haamstede with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40, UO. AA battery at Maastricht 1 a/c with 4 X 250 fires believed started. Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO. Wellingtons. Schiphol 1 a/c 8 X 500 + 60 X 4, bursts on target. Whitleys Schiphol 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 5 X 250 + 60 X 4. An enemy a/c taking off along flarepath was hit and explosion followed.

28 BC.

No ops Holland.

28 CC.

1525-2000 and 1545-2000 each 2 Beauforts/NC Rover off Dutch coast. Results: X/22 att 2000 tons MV with torpedo 6 miles W of Terschelling at 1625, vessel took avoiding action and torpedo passed ahead. Slight flak. V/22 also att 3000 tons MV in same position, also avoiding action and torp missed. A/c reps 3000 ton MV 288 Texel 15 miles at 1625.  
I + U/22 att 2 of 3 oil tankers of ± 3000 tons 300 Borkum 21 miles at 1705, but due violent avoiding action torps missed astern. Intense flak from all 3 tankers. U/22 att one of the tankers with rear gun. 2 E boats seen 005 Ameland 18 miles at 1658.  
PRU. Spits/Heston several runs. Photos taken a.o. of Delfzijl, Harlingen and Den Helder Northsea canal as far as Amsterdam and possible Amsterdam and western half of New Waterway to Hook of Holland. Pilot reps at 1400 2 Vs of ± 3000 tons at anchor off IJmuiden

28/29 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Ypenburg A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, bursts on target. Waalhaven A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, but UO.

29 BC.

Blenheim roving commission. 1 despatched, dropping 4 X 250 + 4 X 40 on ships and docks at Rotterdam from 400 ft but UO.

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29 CC.

0445-0835 and 0539-0845 each 2 Beauforts/NC Rover off Dutch coast. Results: G/22 att MV of 2000 230 Borkum 13 miles, torp missed close ahead. A/c fired 200 rds at 5 flakships stationary close to ship which was attacked. X/22 found no target. D/22 crashed in sea, after take-off, crew killed. H/22 3 flakships and 1 E boat off Den Helder at 0658 stationary. Also 6 E boats in about same position on course 45 speed 10-15 knts. PRU' Photos taken Northsea canal, Amsterdam, Schiphol, canal Amsterdam/Rotterdam, and New Waterway. Pilot reps 6 large columns of smoke coming from Amsterdam. No shipping seen Den Helder-Schelde. Also photos Flushing and Delfzijl.

.29/30 BC.

Blenheims briefed for Flushing and Schiphol, but attacked: Searchlights at Goedereede area 1 a/c with 4 X 250, U0.; Searchlights Breda 1 a/c 4 X 250, U0.; Flushing 2 a/c 8 X 250, bursts across docks and fires started.; IJmuiden 1 a/c 4 X 250 bursts across docks and fires started.

ATs. Wellingtons. Schiphol 2 a/c 8 X 500 + 1 X 250 + 120 X 4, bursts on tarmac. Texel A/F 2 a/c 9 X 500 + 300 X 4, explosions seen on W side of A/F and hit on building followed by fire.; Flarepath 5 miles SW of Schiphol 1 a/c 1 X 500, but U0. This a/c also 3 X 500 + 60 X 4 on Schiphol, bursts seen and fires started. Whitleys. Ypenburg A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 2 X 250 + 240 X 4, one large fire started.; Texel A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, large fire started.; Schiphol 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 240 X 4, 2 large fires started.; Den Helder docks 2 a/c 4 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 240 X 4, several fires started.; Vught A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4 causing one very large explosion followed by fire.; De Kooy A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, across buildings, fires started.; Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, bursts on A/F and buildings, followed by fire and explosions.; Railway lines NW of Amsterdam 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, b Hampdens. AA Harlingen. One a/c dropped 1 X 250, flak ceased. This a/c also dropped 1 X 250 + 1 X 1000 on road at Harlingen. No results seen.; Oldebroek A/F. 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 2 X 250 + 120 X 4, but U0.

NOTE. Hampden on Harlingen must have been mistaken in position. There were no, rpt no bombs dropped in Harlingen that night.

30 BC.

No ops Holland.

30 CC.

Nothing to report.

30/31 BC.

Wellingtons Flushing. Results: 10 a/c 65 X 500 + 480 X 4. Bursts observed around docks and large fires. Many small fires also caused at the north edge of the A/F.

31 BC.

14 Blenheims roving commission. 1 Blenheim attacked Soesterberg A/F with 4 X 250 + 4 X 40. Smoke on west side of the A/F.

31 CC.

Nothing to report.

31/10-1/11 BC.

No ops Holland.

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1 BC.

No ops Holland.

1/2 BC.

Blenheims a.o. Waalhaven, Valkenburg, Schellingwoude, Schiphol, Haamstede and Flushing Results. Schellingwoude, 1 a/c 4 X 250, UD.,

Waalhaven 1 a/c 4 X 259, 2 flashes in tgt area.;

Haamstede 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.;

Soesterberg 1 a/c 4 X 250, 2 flashes in tgt area.;

Bergen 1 a/c 4 X 250, 2 bursts near flarepath.;

Schiphol 2 a/c 8 X 250 + 2 X 40, 2 bursts and large fire started.;

Flushing A/F 2 a/c 8 X 250, UO.

ATs. Wellington Schiphol 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 1 X 250 + 60 X 4, fire in NE corner and a/c on flarepath damaged.

Deventer A/F. One a/c MGn with 1500 rds enemy a/c in the air and on the ground.

1 CC.

PRU. Photos taken of Flushing, Leeuwarden, Den Helder and De Kooy.

2 BC.

Blenheim De Kooy abandoned due weather.

2 CC.

PRU. Photos Amsterdam, IJmuiden and Den Helder.

3 BC.

Germany and roving commissions for 11 Blenheims. 9 abandoned but: Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, and 1 a/c Bussum A/F with 4 X 250, both UO.

3 CC.

Nothing to report.

3/4 BC.

No ops Holland.

4 BC.

7 Blenheims to attack a.o. Haamstede, Schiphol and Leeuwarden, all abandoned due weather.

4 CC.

Nothing to report.

4/5 BC.

No ops Holland.

5 BC.

1 Blenheim Haamstede, abandoned.

5 CC.

Nothing to report.

5/6 BC.

25 Blenheims detailed, a.o. Flushing. Results: Flushing 7 a/c with 28 X 250 + 16 X 40, bursts seen in NW corner of basin 2 and 3, and in basin 5, also in vicinity of basin 2. 3 small fires started. Searchlights Flushing 1 a/c with 4 X 250 + 12 X 40m bursts among buildings near searchlights.

Wellingtons. Flushing 3 a/c 12 X 500 + 17 X 250 + 240 X 4, bombs on docks and dockside of no 8 and 9 and across centres of docks 3, 4 and 5.

De Mok. 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X southern part hit causing large white explosion and fire. Encounters enemy a/c. An attack was made by 3 enemy a/c on a Wellington over De Mok. After rear gunner fired several rounds into the leader, other a/c disappeared and shortly after a large explosion seen near de Mok as though from a crashed a/c.

6 BC.

Germany and roving commission Blenheims. 9 Blenheims a.o.: Haamstede A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, last bomb of stick burst on NW edge of what appeared to be a camouflaged hangar. About 6 Me-109s on ground MGd and 1 enemy a/c burst in flames.

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6 CC.

1215-1730 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Cap Gris Nez- Heligoland. Results: G + T/22 saw a convoy of 12 Vs 206 Terschelling 18 miles heading east at 1435. Both a/c released torpedo at a heavily laden MV of 8/10000 tons. A hit seen amidships and the vessel heeled over to port and made for shore. It was observed that 2 other MVs went to her aid. The MV challenged our a/c with 4 star red cartridges and after the attack with a signalling lamp. Photos were taken.

6/7 BC.

No ops Holland.

7 BC.

Blenheims a.o. Schiphol and Haamstede. 12 Blenheims, 10 abandoned, 1 MIA (of 139 Sqn in sea) and 1 attacked Haamstede with 4 X 250, hits near hangar which personnel was evacuating. Encounters enemy a/c. 15 miles NW Texel at 0957 4000 feet one enemy a/c to attack Blenheim. Took evasive action in cloud.

7 CC

0515-0945 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Hook of Holland-Langeoog. Results: F/22 on Rover fired torpedo from 60 ft at a 4/5000 ton MV off Borkum at 0735. MV avoiding action, torpedo passed astern.

6 CC

Further reports.: G/22 on Rover reps.

1341 335 Maaslight 17 miles, 4 MVs 1500/2000 tons course south speed 10 knts.;

1356 332 IJmuiden 15 miles, 7 MVs 1000 tons course south speed 8 knts.;

1409 220 Texel 8 miles 3 flakships stationary.;

1411 270 Den Helder 15 miles, 4 MVs 500 tons course south speed 10 knts.;

1414 Mouth Den Helder 4 capital flakships and 1 MV of 3000 tons.;

1421 Off Texel 12 MVs 2000 tons course NE. Also one large camouflaged MV or troopship of 8000/10000 tons, which was attacked at 1426 (see rep.).;

1432 Off Vlieland 3 MVs 900 tons course south 10 knts.

7/8 BC.

Blenheims a.o. tgts Eindhoven and Gilze-Rijen. Results:

Gilze-Rijen 2 a/c 4 X 250 + 16 X 40, two small explosions on flarepath. These a/c also dropped 8 X 40 on runway 2 miles north of Gilze-Rijen, but UO.

Eindhoven 1 a/c 1 X 250 and 12 X 40, but UO.

Flarepath near Flushing 1 a/c 2 X 250 + 12 X 40 five flashes among huts on north side of tgt.

ATs. Whitley. Eindhoven 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 180 X 4 causing several explosions. Hampdens.

1 a/c railway road bridge near Nijmegen with 1 X 1000 + 2 X 250, but UO.

Enc. en a/c. Near Doesburg an air duel observed 5 miles west, 1 a/c believed down.

8 CC.

Patrol. Blenheim V/53 saw 6 small Dutch motorcoasters stationary 282 Den Helder 12 m. In same position "V" was attacked by a 109 and returned fire. Enemy a/c thought to have been hit.

Patrol. E/53 saw 4 small ships at 1853 5 miles E of Schouwen, thought to be flakships but darkness made identification impossible.

2 Beauforts/NC on Rover along coast attacked ships off Norderney.

Raid assessment. Reliable sources report that in a raid on Deventer A/F 5 a/c and a building were destroyed.

8/9 BC.

Blenheims a.o. following tgts in Holland:

Flushing 1 4 X 250, UO, 1 a/c flakship off Flushing, UO.

A/F west of Utrecht 1 a/c 4 X 250, 2 bursts on target.;

Amsterdam docks 3 a/c 8 X 250, bursts seen on quays.;

IJmuiden 1 a/c 4 X 250, 2 bursts seen.;

Flushing docks 1 a/c 4 X 250 hits between docks 4 and 5 causing white cloud of smoke;

Hook of Holland docks, 1 a/c 4 X 250, bursts seen on railway station.;

Amsterdam Fokker factory 1 a/c 4 X 250 1 burst observed.

ATs. Wellingtons. Gilze-Rijen en Roosendaal A/F 1 a/c 6 X 500 on Gilze-Rijen but UO.

110 X 4 on Roosendaal, fires started. This a/c fired 1000 rds on searchlight hits at Roosendaal. Haamstede 1 a/c 6 X 500 bursts on E side of A/F. Oostvoorne A/I- 1 a/c 5 X 500, 1 X 250 + 60 X 4. One stick seen on tgt causing fires.

9 BC.

No ops Holland.

9 CC.

Nothing to report.

9/10 BC.

No tgts in Holland.

10 BC.

Blenheims roving commission. No tgts Holland.

**WI ( 4 'Isd** 10 CC.

Nothing to report.

10/11 BC.

ATs. Blenheims (2/82 MIA in sea.)

Flushing 3 a/c 8 X 250 + 30 X 40 bursts along docks SW of Verbreed canal.;

Rotterdam docks 1 a/c 4 X 500(?) 2 bursts in Waalhaven doek 20.;

Amsterdam docks 1 a/c 4 X 500(?), UO.;

Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 7 X 40 bursts across A/F.

Fokker Amsterdam 1 a/c 4 X 250, but UO.

Wellingtons ATs.:

Flushing A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4, bursts on E edge of A/F.;

Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4, UO.;

Haamstede A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4, UO.

Whitleys. 1 a/c Docks at The Hague, 2 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, bursts in dock area.;

Hampdens, 1 a/c Flushing 4 X 500 but UO.

11 BC.

No ops Holland.

11 CC.

1117-1517 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Terschelling-Langeoog. Results: G + F/22 attacked MV of 6000 tons off Borkum at 1250. Two torpedoes from 80 ft., distante 600 yards, both missed. PRU: Photos a.o. of Hook of Holland canal, Rotterdam, South Beveland canal and Flus-hing.

12 BC.

No ops.

12 CC.

Nothing to report.

12/13 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. 1 a/c Teuge with 3 X 500 + 100 X 4, but UO.

Haamstede 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4, UO.;

Flushing A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4 bombs on west end of tgt.;

Flushing 2 a/c 7 X 500 1 X 250 + 300 X 4, bursts in dock area.

13 BC.

13/14 BC.

No ops Holland.

Wellingtons. Haamstede 1 a/c 4 X 500, 1 X 250 + 60 X 4, bursts on tgt. Whitleys Texel A/F 1 a/c 2 X 500, 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, UO.

13 CC.

Nothing to report.

13/14 CC.

1800-2359 5 Swordfish/NC mines in Ems river. Results: P + L/812 mines in Hubert Gat at 2035 and 2030. P/812 was fired at from a ship in mouth of Hubert Gat at 2205 without being hit.

14 BC.

No ops Holland.

14 CC.

Nothing to report.

14/15 CC.

1700-2300 3 Swordfish/NC mines Ems river. Results: X/812 did not drop mine due weather 1/812 as ordered at 1945. B/812 forced landed near Cromer.

14/15 BC.

Wellingtons Schiphol and Soesterberg, Whitleys Eindhoven. Results:

Soesterberg 5 a/c 36 X 500, 2 X 250 + 60 X 40 + 424 X 4. Bursts seen on runways and buildings. Transport MGd. Fires started.

Schiphol 8 a/c 38 X 500 6 X 250 720 X 4. All bombs in tgt area, several explosions and fires. Eindhoven, 2 Whitleys, 4 X 500 + 12 X 250. Bursts on runways and near hangars.

15 BC.

No ops Holland.

15 CC.

0745-1045 3 Blenheims/BN recce for barges Terschelling. Results:

3 Blenheims/235 made careful recce of area. No ships or activity seen.

PRU. a.o. photos of Delfzijl, Den Helder and Flushing. Pilot reps 3 5000 ton MVs stationary off Flushing.

15/16 BC.

Blenheims. 47 detailed, only one Holland.

Vught A/F with 4 X 250 + 12 X 40, but UO.

Wellingtons Schiphol and Soesterberg, Whitleys Eindhoven. Results:

Soesterberg 3 a/c 15 X 500 1 X 250 240 X 4 bombs across S corner of A/F, across runways up to hangars. Fires and explosions started.

Schiphol 5 a/c 29 X 500 + 9 X 250 + 660 X 4, bombs on A/F and near buildings. Fires started, followed by explosions.

Eindhoven 2 Whitleys with 3 X 500 + 10 X 250 + 120 X 4. Bombs across runways and incendiaries set light to main buildings east of runway.

16 BC.

Blenheims Germany, but: Oostvoorne A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, among buildings in SW of A/F.; 4 MVs + 3 small Vs 5251N-0432E with 4 X 250 but UO.;

Ships at Den Helder with 4 X 250. Stick across warehouse and stationary barges.

16 CC.

Nothing to report. (Change of patrols today.)

16/17 BC.

Blenheims a.o. to attack Schiphol, and Flushing docks, and Wellingtons to attack Schiphol and Soesterberg. Results:

Blenheims. Haamstede 2 a/c 4 X 250 24 X 40 direct hits on hangar, fires started.;

Schiphol 2 a/c 4 X 250 + 25 X 40, UO.; Flushing 1 a/c 2 X 250 + 8 X 40, also UO.;

Searchlights at Burg(?) 1 a/c 2 X 250 14 X 40, but UO.

Wellingtons. Schiphol 3 a/c 6 X 500 1 X 250 + 300 X 4, UO.; Oostvoorne A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 120 X 4. Fires started.

Soesterberg 1 a/c with 6 X 500 + 60 X 4, two fires started, same a/c believed A/F 2 mts NE of Soesterberg with 1 X 500 + 60 X 4. Fire started and U-shaped building burned out.

17 BC.

No tgts Holland.

17 CC.

Nothing to report.

17/18 CC.

1635-2000 3 Beauforts and 3 Blenheims/NC attack shipping off Dutch and German coasts. Aircraft all recalled at 1737.

1900-2044 4 Blenheims/Detl. Strike Vlaardingen. Results: Blenheims E, H, M + P/53 att oii installation at Vlaardingen and dropped 16 X 250 GP tail fused bombs between 1952/ 2025.

Bursts seen in tgt area. Slight flak encountered. Enemy a/c seen showing yellow and some red lights. A/c confirm dummy flarepath S of Haamstede and one a/c reps similar flarepath 5 miles S of Dordrecht. Beacons at Haamstede + Knocke were flashing.

17/18 BC.



17/18 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. Schiphol 1 a/c 3 X 500 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, UO.; De Mok 1 a/c 2 X 500 + 1 X 250, bursts seen.; A/F believed to be Harskamp 1 a/c 3 X 500 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, bombs fell on buildings and runways where 9 heavy bombers were standing.; A/F thought to be Ypenburg 1 a/c 3 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, large fire started.

Whitleys. Den Helder 1 a/c 2 X 500, 6 X 250 + 60 X 4, in doek area, fires started.; A/F 51.27N-06.45E 1 a/c 2 X 500 4 X 250 + 120 X 4, 3 large fires started.

18 BC.

5 Blenheims several tgts. None in Holland. 5 abandoned, but 1 a/c attacked tankers at 52.13N-03.58E but bombs missed target.

18 CC.

1530-1200 3 Blenheims/BN search for tanker to 337 Hook of Holland 14 miles. 0745-1200

1 Beaufort and 2 Blenheims/NC Rover recce Dutch-German coast. Results:

Z + Y/235 attacked 2 He-115s 24 Texel 22 miles at 0920. Rear gunner of one He silenced and pieces of a/c seen to break off. "Z" fired 3000 rds and one enemy a/c considered shot down, 2nd a/c probable. Pilot of Y/235 slightly wounded and minor damage to a/c X/22 also inconclusive combat with He-115. No ships seen torpedo back to base.

18/19 CC.

1830-2300 4 Swordfish/NC mining Maas river. Results: Q/812 mines ± 3 miles east of Maaslight, having misjudged distance to coast owing low cloud. Lightship or buoy seen in vicinity of drop. H, G + E/812 dropped as ordered. H reps 2 revolving lights 1/4 mile apart in 199 IJmuiden 15 miles. No searchlights or flak encountered. G saw no searchlights or flak but 2 revolving lights 1/4 mile apart at or near Haarlem.

18/19 BC.

No ops Holland.

19 BC.

No ops Holland. (5 Blenheims abandoned).

19 CC.

0430-0900 1 Hudson/BN EMRO patrol (Emden/Rotterdam). Results: J/206 saw convoy of 6 MV + 1 Esc, 315 Terschelling 7 miles. Size MVs 1/3000 tons. Convoy was not sighted until directly overhead at 700 -Peet and shot at by accurate light flak. Unable to find again later.

1430-1800 3 Beauforts/NC Rover Dutch coast and Fr. Islands. Results: J + S/22 saw no shipping and returned with torps. "On coast 2 miles S of Den Helder extensive building operation in progress, gun emplacements or circular block houses, about half finished". T/22 early return due intercom trouble.

19/20 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. Naamstede 1 a/c 5 X 500 + 180 X 4. Direct hit on large hanger which caught fire and was still burning when a/c left.; Texel 1 a/c 4 X 500 1 X 250 + 120 X 4 bursts on A/F and fires started.; Huizen believed W/T station, 1 a/c 6 X 500 + 4 X 250 + 180 X 4, but UO.

20 BC.

No ops Holland.

20 CC.

1400-1815 3 Beauforts/NC Rover Texel/Borkum. Results: F/22 saw red cross ship stationary 118 Texel 11 miles at 1502. At 1506 2000 ton tanker seen 022 Texel 14 miles. At 1537 5000 ton MV stationary 264 Borkum 13 miles which was attacked with torpedo, but UO. At 1555 8 MVs 6/8000 tons in convoy 358 Borkum 5 miles and this reported by W/T to base. Convoy escorted by 3 small flakships. I/22 attacked MV 5000 tons stationary 264 Borkum 13 miles at 1530, Results UO due rough sea. V/22 attacked 5000 tons MV 264 Borkum 13 miles at 1534, torpedo missed 12 yards ahead!

20/21 CC.

2300-2335 patrol. 1 Blenheim/T.Is. Ostende-IJmuiden. F/53 failed to locate Naamstede A/F and dropped 3 X 250 + 60 X 4 on 5 small Vs on north side of entrance to canal IJmuiden, 2 bursts seen.

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20/21 CC.: 2330-0230 4 Hudsons/BN fuel installations Vlaardingen. Results: D, N, M + R/206 28 X 250 + 11 X 25 from 9000 ft to 12000 ft. Bombs seen to fall across tgt area. One a/c aimed 7 x 120 + 3 X 25 at a 4000 tons MV 9 miles N of Hook of Holland, missing narrowly astern.

20/21 BC.

ATs. Blenheim Eindhoven with 2 X 250 + 12 X 40, bursts across A/F and fires started.

21 BC.

Blenheims France but: Flushing 1 a/c 4 X 250 which understhot tgt and feil among bar-ges at entrance of canal. ; Convoy of 5 MVs off Walcheren by 1 a/c 4 X 250, but UO.

22 BC.

Blenheims briefed for Rotterdam docks attacked: Schiphol 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; Leeuwarden A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, across A/F but UO.; Docks and shipping at Willemsoord 1 a/c 4 X 250 2 hits on docks.; Two large stationary barges 2 miles S of Callantsoog 1 a/c 4 X 250 but UO.; Convoy of 8 Vs off shore NW Vlieland 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, stick 200 yards starboard to convoy.

22 CC.

1400-1800 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Texel/Borkum. Results: E/22 at 1550 1 MV of 2500 tons esc by 3 small flakships 267 Borkum 16 miles. At 1600 1 MV 3/4000 tons course west 10-12 knts 280 Borkum 34 miles and attacked. A/c glided from 3000 to 60 ft but torpedo broke surface and did not run. S/22 saw nothing.

22/23 BC.

Blenheim Flushing. 2 a/c attacked with 4 X 250 + 8 X 40 bursts on docks followed by red Blow.; Schiphol 1 a/c 4 X 250 bursts on flarepath which was extinguished.

23 BC.

No ops

23 CC

PRU. Photos a.o. of Amsterdam and canal to IJmuiden, Rotterdam to Hook of Holland, Delfzijl and Den Helder, Flushing and Terneuzen.

23/24 BC.

ATs Blenheims. Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250 , undershot by 200 yds.; Arnhem A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO but floodlight dowsed on bombing.; Texel A/F 2 a/c 8 X 250, 1 stick across A/F, otherwise UO.; Schiphol 2 a/c 8 X 250 1 stick across A/F otherwise UO.; A/F in the vicinity of Boskoop(?) 1 a/c 4 X 250 but UO.; Vught A/F 1 a/c 3 X 250 bursts short of tgt. Hampdens. Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 4 X 500, 4 bursts on A/F, all lights except flarepath dowsed after attack.

24 BC.

No ops

24 CC.

Patrol. D330-0800 Hudson/BN. P/206 1 small flakship 245 Ameland 9 miles and another 313 Terschelling 12 miles. "Flaming Onions" and 1 searchlight at IJmuiden. 0418-0755 4 Hudsons/BN Nomad strike to enemy shipping ports and A/Fs Texel to Schouwen. Results: D/206 nil report. M/206 7 x 120 + 3 x 25 across harbour at Hook of Holland but UO. Very heavy pom-pom fire encountered and "flaming onions" at mouth of Nieuwe Waterweg as well as searchlights. N/206 rep small MV off IJmuiden as well as AA fire and 2 searchlights on coast in vicinity. R/206 rep no sign of the Swedish ship, nothing else seen and returned with bombs.

24/25 BC.

ATs Wellingtons. Den Helder docks 1 a/c 3 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, bursts een and one large warehouse demolished.; Waalhaven A/F 1 a/c 3 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, bursts along flarepath, large fires caused.

25 BC.

No ops [redacted] te [redacted]

25 CC.

1600-2015 3 Swordfish/NC mining Texel. (No results reported.)

25/26 BC.

ATs. Wellingtons. De Mok 1 a/c 4 X 500 + 180 X 4, bombs on shore between large bay and seaplane base.; Texel A/F 1 a/c 3 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4. 1 stick E-W across A/F, bursts and several explosions seen.; De Kooy A/F 1 a/c 3 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, UO. Docks Willemsoord. 1 a/c 5 X 500 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, bursts in dock area and fires started.

26 BC.

No ops Holland.

26 CC.

0330-0800 1 Hudson/BN. Patrol. U/206 saw MV 3/5000 tons showing 3 lights 270 Borkum 7 miles at 0510. A/c dropped 1 X 250 ASB and 1 X 250 GP in shallow dive resulting in 2 flashes being seen. Heavy blast felt in a/c and rear gunner reported debris. It is believed both bombs hit target. Lights went out. A/c crashed on landing.

0500-0840 3 Hudsons/BN Nomad patrol Texel-Schouwen. D, R + M/206 unable to locate tgts due bad visibility.

1230-1615 3 Beauforts/NC Rover Dutch/eerman coast. Results: F/22 torpedo from 70 ft at 600 yards at MV of 5/6000 tons 30 Borkum 10 miles at 1433, seen to run for 200 yards then lost.

T/22 was seen by a/c F to attack one of two MVs of 3/4000 tons in 260 Borkum

29 miles at 1414. T/22 after dropping continued its run turning slightly to port, then a large splash was seen about 400 yards from the ship after which "T" was no longer visible. F/22 circled spot for 6 minutes observing large patch of oil in position of splash, but no wreckage or crew were seen. J/22 landed 1300 hrs.

26/27 CC.

1605-2100 3 Swordfish/NC mining Maas estuary. Results: H, P + M/812 dropped mines in Maas estuary between 1758/1810. H reps 1 patrol boat stationary 5 miles off Hook of Holland at 1800. At 1825 cockpit lights of 2 a/c, probably enemy, were observed 20 mts off Dutch coast. This a/c took avoiding action into cloud. At 1710 a light flashing red was seen on a suspected periscop in 360 Maaslight 4 miles course 300.

Casualties. T/22 in sea 260 Borkum 29 miles. (1806/26 N + T/53 MIA Ghent.)

26/27 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Eindhoven 2 a/c 6 X 250 but UO.; Flushing docks 1 a/c 4 250, UO.; and Schiphol 1 a/c 4 X 250, also UO.

Whitleys (Turin). Rotterdam 1 a/c 2 X 500, 4 X 250 + 120 X 4. Explosions in dock area and one very large fire caused emitting black smoke, probably from oil. Large bluish explosion seen 5 minutes after a/c left.

27 BC.

No ops Holland.

27 CC.

Patrol. Hudson P/206 rep 8 V 295 Borkum 16 miles at 0520, also 3 small 246 Borkum 14 mts 0600-1200 2 Beauforts/NC Rover, one Bach Belgian and Dutch coast. Results: I/22 att MV of 5000 tons 325 Terschelling 8 miles at 0800 with direct hit with torpedo from 80 ft, 300 yards. MV listed to starboard and stern came out of the water, screw trashing in the air. The engine stopped. No flak from MV when sighted, on course 260 5-8 knts Torpedo struck her on 1/3 of length from stern. 2 other MVs of 5000 ton seen 2 m to the south. ( E/22 off Belgian coast nothing).

12.15-1630 2 Beauforts/NC Rover Den Helder/Borkum. E/22 att tanker in harbout of Wil helmshaven, hit. At 1314 3 photos taken Den Helder showing shipping.

27/28 BC.

ATs. All Blenheims. Oostvoorne A/F. 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; Vught A/F (nr Hertogenbosch) 1 a/c 4 X 250 + 4 X 40, 2 bursts near A/F.; Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 2 X 250, 2 bursts on A/F.; same a/c Gilze-Rijen 2 X 250, but UO.; Beverloo(?) 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; Eindhoven A/F 2 a/c 8 X 250, burst on A/F.; Naamstede 1 a/c 4 X 250, bursts only observed.; Gilze-Rijen 1 a/c 4 X 250 bursts along flarepath. Flarepath and 3 enemy a/c about to land MGD.

28 BC. No ops Holland.

28 CC.

0630-1015 Patrol. 1 Hudson. S/206 reps 2 MVs (1000 tons) in line ahead 65 Texel 7 miles at 0700 course 70 speed 1/4 knts. Hudson climbed up from 300 feet in effort to make att but owing to low cloud and showers failed to locate ships again, though a/c remained in area for 50 minutes.

28 CC.: 1140-1615 2 Beauforts Rover Den Helder/Wilhelmshaven. Results: S + I/22 returned to base from Texel owing lack of cloud. No shipping seen.

PRU. Photos taken a.o. Den Helder, The Hague and Flushing. Pilot reps stationary ship off Flushing.

1615-2030 4 Swordfish/NC mining Maas estuary. Results: H, X, P + Y/812 dropped mines as ordered. Further nil reports.

28/29 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. Eindhoven A/F 1 a/c 4 X 250, UO.; Eindhoven A/F 4 x 40, also UO.; Wellingtons. Flushing docks. 1 a/c 5 X 500, 1 X 250 + 180 X 4, bursts on west bank of canal, opposite oil target.; Hampdens. Road and rail bridge Walcheren-Beveland. 1 a/c 4 X 500, bombs overshot target by 200 yards.

29 BC.

No ops

29 CC.

1015-1400 2 Beauforts/NC Rover off Dutch coast. Results: E/22 early return due engine trouble. F/22 reported enemy convoy of 8 MVs of 8000 tons, 4 MVs of 4/5000 tons and 5 small Vs believed to be flakships in 264 Terschelling 11 miles at 1130. A/C attacked MV of 8000 tons, but torpedo sank.

1315-1715 4 Beauforts/NC strike at shipping Terschelling/Wilhelmshaven. Results: J/22 attacked MV in convoy 273 Terschelling light 17 miles at 1434 with torpedo. Vessel took violent avoiding action and the torpedo missed. F/22 attacked 2 He-115s in 330 Terschelling 30 miles. Enemy a/c withdrew after it had jettisoned bombs and damaged our a/c with cannon fire. A convoy of 10 MVs + flakships seen in 45 Terschelling 19 miles and F + X/22 each attacked a MV with torpedoes at ± 1530, without results. X/22 had indecisive combat with 2 He-115s and 1 Hs-126(?) in 65 Cromer 76 miles at 1550. 1630-1930 3 Beauforts/NC strike shipping 250 Terschelling light 12 miles. Results: One Beaufort attacked MV of 8000 tons with torpedo. MV seen sinking by the stern. 0550-0850 5 Blenheims/T.Is. strike fuel tanks Ghent. Results: S + H/53 reached target and dropped 6 X 250 + 8 X 25 + 60 X 4 at 0710. Bursts seen and fires started. (1 Blenheim/59 MIA from patrol.)

**29KB** X 29/30 CC.

**NI OP)** **XUIt** ° t X Nothing to report.

29/30 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. 1 a/c Vught A/F. Bombs fell when enemy a/c were landing.

30 BC.

No ops due weather.

30 CC.

Nothing to report.

Adds.:

23/24 BC.

1 Blenheim Rotterdam docks, but UO.

23 CC.

PRU. Report. Considerable activity observed at Amsterdam, being an increase of at least 100 barges since 29/10. At Rotterdam little change.

25/26 BC.

ATs. Attack on about 30 barges off Dutch coast north of Haarlem.

25 CC.

Three Swordfish successfully laid mines south of Texel island between 1735/1800.

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1 BC.

No ops.

1 CC.

A Beaufort on patrol off Frisian Islands attacked a 7000 ton MV in 010 Terschelling 38 miles at 1312. Torpedo released from 80 ft at 400 yards, but dived to the bottom. A/c reported sighting 13 MVs and 4 flakships.

1/2 BC.

10 Hampdens detailed to attack Waalhaven. Four did attack, remaining 6 attacked other targets, a.o. a flak battery at Terschelling.

2 BC.

6 Blenheims detailed, 4 abandoned due weather. 1 a/c attacked the railway lino Elten-Zevenaar, but UO. The other unsuccessfully attacked 2 sea going barges of ± 1000 ton each, off shore near Ouddorp.

2/3 BC.

No ops Holland.

3 BC. No

ops.

3/4 BC.

Small ops due weather. ATs. 1 Blenheim bombed a flarepath and beacon to the NE of Leerdam (near Utrecht.)

4 BC.

ATs. Blenheims. One a/c each attacked Voorschoten railway station (NE of The Hague) and Texel A/F., but UO.

4 CC

A Beaufort on a Rover patrol made an unsuccessful torpedo attack on a tanker off Texel at 1244.

4/5 BC

ATs. a.o. A/Fs at Eindhoven, Volkel, Haamstede, flarepaths at Vught, Tilburg and east of Oostvoorne and a flak concentration at Venlo.

5 BC.

No ops Holland.

5 CC.

Two Blenheims dropped 8 X 250GP on Philips Electro Chemical works at Eindhoven at 0705 hrs obtaining at least 4 hits on the factory. Another Blenheim dropped 4 X 250 on Haamstede A/F, bursts on flarepath. A 4th Blenheim dropped 4 X 250 on Flushing docks with UO results and a 5th a/c dropped the same weight of bombs on Eindhoven A/F, but also UO. PRU. Rotterdam, Terneuzen, Flushing, ports of Maas estuary.

5/6 BC.

5 Whitleys of 4 Group took-off but all were recalled. One of these a/c bombed Wesel A/F but UO.

6 BC.

No ops.

6 CC.

No ops due weather.

6/7 BC.

29 Blenheims, 16 Wellingtons and 10 Hampdens A/Fs in enemy occupied country. Blenheims in Low Countries. Results: 29 Blenheims detailed located 20 A/Fs in Low Countries and NE France, bursts on targets, mainly UO except for Harskamp A/F where bombs fell on a hangar which was illuminated, causing an explosion and a fire. Channel ports attacked by 7 Blenheims and 4 Wellingtons. a.o. Antwerp and Flushing. Bursts seen across docks at Antwerp and Flushing.

7 BC.

No ops Holland.

7/8 BC.

A/Fs at Eindhoven and Flushing, bursts observed at Eindhoven, fires started at Flushing (Blenheims) ATs. e.o. Concentration of searchlights 2 miles S of Rotterdam.

8 BC.

No ops due weather.

8 CC.

PRU. a.o. Leeuwarden, Harlingen and Den Helder.

8/9 BC.

18 Blenheims A/Fs occupied countries. A.o. A/Fs at Flushing, Eindhoven and Gilze-Rijen but mainly UO. Single Blenheim Flushing harbour.

8/9 CC.

A Blenheim on routine patrol dropped 4 X 250 + 60 X 4 on Haamstede A/F at 1907, result UO.

9 BC.

Five Blenheims Germany, only 1 primary, but 3 single Blenheims attacked: 3 stationary Vs believed MSWs, 3 miles SW of Zandvoort, bombs seen falling close to Vs.; A convoy of 3 MVs off Hook of Holland,; Bergen A/F, both UO.

9/10 BC.

ATs. Channel ports. but a single Blenheim also attacked searchlights batteries and AA concentration at Rotterdam, but UO.; A/Fs single Blenheim attacked Eindhoven, bursts seen on A/F resulting in fires.

10 BC.

No ops.

10/11 BC.

Bad weather. ATs. Blenheims. single a/c a.o. searchlight battery in vicinity of Woensdrecht, and a searchlight and AA concentration on Overflakkee.

Channel ports. single Blenheims a.o. searchlight battery at Flushing and a searchlight battery and beacon S of Rotterdam, but UO. ; A/Fs single Blenheim on Eindhoven A/F where 2 fires were started, and on a flarepath at Soesterberg.

10/11 CC.

èOOá0èf,rt. A Hudson on routine patrol dropped 6 X 120 + 2 X 25 from 10000 ft on ■defences on the southern side of the Hook of Holland and Rotterdam canal at 2240 hrs. A large number of flashes seen in the middle of the enemy ground defences.

11 CC.

PRU. Docks at Flushing, Hook of Holland, Katwijk and IJmuiden. Haamstede A/F and a convoy off the Schelde.

11 BC.

1 Blenheim despatched to Schiphol A/F with weather recce as 2nd task, abandoned due weather.

11/12 BC.

A/Fs and channel ports, nothing in Holland.

12 BC.

1 Blenheim Emden, abandoned.

12 CC.

A Hudson 1 X 250 on 3 MVs 7 miles N of Terschelling at 0620, naar miss.

12/13 BC.

Opsd cancelled. (1 Hampden Duisburg)

12/13 CC.

Hudson on routine patrol saw convoy of 12 Vs in 315 Den Helder 12 miles at 1945. A/c dropped bomb on 7000 tons chip scoring direct hit amidships, but damage was not observed.

13 BC.

No ops Holland.

13/14 BC.

A/Fs. Wellingtons. 1 a/c each Schiphol, where 3 fires were started in dispersal areas followed by 3 explosions, and Haamstede where bursts were observed. ATs. Wellington attacked docks at Willemsoord, but UO.

14 BC.

1 Blenheim Dortmund, abandoned.

14 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl.

14/15 BC.

Ops cancelled.

15 BC.

No ops.

15/16 BC.

Ops partly cancelled. Nothing Holland.

16 BC.

1 Blenheim weather recce Dutch area.

16/17 BC.

ATs. a.o. 1 a/c Flushing port.

17 BC.

No ops Holland.

17/18 BC.

Due weather ops partly cancelled. No tgts Holland, 1 Whitley Ostend.

17/18 CC.

4 Swordfishes mining Ems river. Of 4 Swordfishes detailed, 3 dropped mines in Ems river and 4th dropped mine in O62 Terschelling light 22 miles.

18 BC.

No ops due weather.

18 CC.

Four Swordfishes dropped mines as ordered in the Maas estuary, off Hook of Holland.

18/19 CC.

Projected ops. 5 Beauforts to attack Waalhaven. (No results reported)

18/19 BC.

Ops partly cancelled due weather. No tgts Holland.

19 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack tgts at Emmerich, channel ports + A/F Caen. All abandoned due lack of cloud.

19 CC.

A Beaufort attacked a 4000 ton MV at 1240, 4 miles N of Borkum with torpedo but UO.; A 2nd Beaufort attacked an MV of 4000 tons off Hook of Holland at 1711 with 6 X 250, all of which fell ahead of target.

19/20 CC.

No ops Holland.

19/20 BC.

Ops partly cancelled due weather, but as ATs Wellingtons attacked searchlights near Arnhem, military objectives on Dutch coast and flak at Rotterdam. Single Blenheim attacked a.o. Wesel A/F. (1 Blenheim/107 MIA.)

20 BC.

5 Blenheims detailed, 4 to attack A/F at Eindhoven, + 2 A/F France, and 1 to attack oil in Kdln. Of these 4 abandoned due weather, and one attacked Flushing A/F, but UO.

20/21 BC.

Channel ports, main attack Ostend by 19 a/c, but also attacked docks at Flushing, Amsterdam and Antwerp. Single a/c attacked A/F at Wesel and near Rotterdam. Encounters with enemy a/c. NFs have been encountered over the Northern and Western shores of the Zuidersea.

21 BC.

No ops Holland.

21 CC.

A Blenheim on routine patrol bombed Borkum A/F at 0415 but UO.

21/22 BC.

11 Blenheims attacked oil storage depot at Rotterdam where several fires were started. Whitleys attacked Flushing, bombs observed to drop across north end of dook, from the canal to the outer harbour, and some small fires were started.

A/Fs. a.o. De Kooy A/F.

21/22 CC.

Five Swordfishes to drop mines off Flushing. Results: Of five Swordfishes detailed, two a/c successfully laid mines at Flushing at approximately 0300 hrs. One a/c did not take off owing to engine trouble and the other two returned, one on account of petrol trouble and the other on account of the observer being ill.

A Blenheim on routine patrol sighted one large MV which might have been an aircraft carrier, with 4 esc Vs of destroyer type at 0312, course northerly in 252 IJmuiden 10 miles. A/c made beam attack with 4 X 250 which burst astern. UO.

22 CC.

A Blenheim on a special search sighted a convoy of 3 large MVs of ± 15000 tons at 1025 in 041 Texel 20 miles, course 045 escorted by six smaller Vs, destroyers or E boats. Three Beauforts despatched to attack enemy convoy referred to above sighted 2 MVs of 2000 tons 10 miles NE Terschelling, but failed to locate convoy and returned to base with torpedos.

22 BC.

No ops due weather.

22/23 BC.

Channel ports. 6 Wellingtons attacked Flushing and first 3 reported many bursts seen in NW part of target. Five large fires started which were reported still burning by later aircraft. These a/c bombed doek area with UO. (1 Wellington as AT Calais). ATs. Single a/c Gilze-Rijen, Eindhoven and Flushing, but all UO.

22/23 CC

Four Swordfishes dropped mines off Flushing between 0308/0350.

22/23 Fighter Command.

7 Blenheims of No 23 Squadron from Tangmere were despatched; 6 have returned safely, one has not reported to base.(later reported to have crashed). Reports received state that bombs were dropped on aerodromes at Caen, Lisieu,, Roye and Deauville, without results being observed, at Abbeville where a hangar was hit, at Amiens where bombs fell among buildings, and at Vernay, where a fire was started. Beacons at Bertangles, near Amiens, and west of Caen were machine-gunned, also an aerodrome at Cartiquet.

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23 BC.

No ops.

23/24 BC.

Reduces ops due weather. Channel ports, a.o. Flushing.

23/24 CC.

Nothing to report.

24 BC.

No ops.



24 CC.  
Nothing to report.

24/25, 25, 25/26 and 26 BC.  
No ops.

26/27 BC.  
Ops on reduced scale. No tgts Holland.

26, 26/27 CC. No  
ops Holland.

27 BC.  
No ops.

27 CC.  
6 Beauforts dispatched on Roving strike against shipping off Dutch and German coasts. One a/c made unsuccessful attack with torpedo on 2 MVs in 310 Terschelling 10 miles at 1247. Two other a/c attacked an MV of 8000 tons off Terschelling at 1305, but UO. A 4th a/c attacked an MV of 6000 tons in 270 Texel 8 miles at 1659, but also UO. A 5th a/c did not attack and the 6th a/c is MIA. (S/ldr. Fanny Francis 22 Squadron.)

27/28 BC.  
Projected ops, a.o. 12 a/c oil at Antwerp and Rotterdam. Ops on reduced scale, and no attack on Rotterdam, but A/Fs in France and a Flarepath believed to be NW of Middelburg attacked by a single Blenheim, but apart from flarepath being extinguished results UO. 1 Blenheim attacked Gilze-Rijen but MIA. (21 Sqn near Breda.)

27/28 CC.  
A Hudson on routine patrol saw convoy of ± 15 ships 5 miles N of Ameland at 0630. A/c dropped 2 X 250GP + 1 X 250 ASB on one MV 6 miles astern of convoy, results very near miss or possible hit.

28 CC.  
No ops Holland.

28 BC.  
No ops.

28/29 BC.  
Mainly France but oil targets at Antwerp(Wellingtons) and a further 6 Wellingtons at oil storage depot at Rotterdam. Intense ground opposition rendered the observation of results difficult, but most of the a/c report that bombs seen to burst in target area, some fires and explosions also seen. One Wellington crashlanded on home A/F, 2 of crew being killed.

29 BC.  
No ops.

29/30 BC.  
Ops on reduced scale, no tgts Holland.

30 BC.  
2 Blenheims Germany, both abandoned.

30/31 BC.  
Ops cancelled.

31 BC.  
22 Blenheims to attack targets in Germany and A/Fs, a.o. Gilze-Rijen. Results: One a/c attacked Rotterdam docks (+ Nieuwate(?) Vegetable oil store where bombs fell in target area, but UO.), 1 a/c attacked a flakship off Flushing, bombs straddling ship which was finally observed to be down at the stern and listing to port. 1 a/c hit on an administration building at Haamstede A/F., half the roof seen to blow away. 1 a/c bombed 60 barges in the docks at IJmuiden but UO, and 1 a/c bombed an unidentified road bridge believed to be in Emmerich area, bridge straddled and at least one burst seen on bridge (2 Blenheims MIA. 1/139 in sea, 1/114 Squadron near Gilze-Rijen, Sgt. Young being killed.) 31-12-41/1-1-41 BC.  
All ops cancelled. Due weather.

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1 BC.

Blenheims Germany, all abandoned.

1/2 BC.

ATs. One Wellington attack on Flushing starting 3 fires to the west of the Wester Haven. Another Wellington attacked the docks at Amsterdam, but UO.

1/2 CC.

Six Blenheims of 7 detailed to attack train ferries at Flushing, dropped bombs in tgt area, resulting in a very large fire. Five Blenheims out of 7 further detailed to attack same targets at Flushing, bombed but results UO. Other 2 returned with technical trouble.

2 BC.

Blenheims all abandoned.

2 CC. -

PRU. Photos a.o. Canal to Rotterdam, barge traffic in Hollands Diep, Flushing and Breskens.

2/3 BC.

Projected ops, a.o. 9 a/c Oil at Amsterdam. Due weather at home bases, ops partly cancelled, but one Wellington attack<sup>E</sup> petroleum harbour at Amsterdam and bombs seen to burst 200 yards west of target.

3 BC.

No ops.

3 CC.

PRIJ. Photos a.o. of IJmuiden, Schiphol, Rotterdam and Honk of Holland.

3/4 BC.

ATs. One Blenheim attacked a railway junction at Assen.

3/4 and 4 CC.

No ops Holland.

4 BC.

Blenheims all abandoned.

4/5 BC.

Oil targets. 28 Blenheims to attack oil storage at Hamburg and Rotterdam. Due bad weather only 4 attacked tgt in Hamburg, but UO. Also no results observed following attack by 2 Blenheims on oil storage at Rotterdam. (ATs mainly in Hamburg area)

5 BC.

Four Blenheims detailed, one to Flushing. Other 3 abandoned but Blenheim to attack oil storage at Flushing dropped bombs, but UO.

5/6 BC.

Proj ops a.o. 4 a/c to Rotterdam oil. Due weather all cancelled.

6 BC.

Two Blenheims detailed to attack uil at Rotterdam and one Blenheim to Germany. All 3 forced to abandon primary due weather. A/c on Germany attacked a 5000 ton tanker 1 1/2 mile off Hooi< of Holland, obtaining a direct hit on starboard bow with a 250 lb bomb, and one of the a/c on Rotterdam also bombed another tanker 2 miles NW of Hook of Holland, scoring a near miss.

6/7 BC.

No ops due weather.

7 BC.

1 Blenheim abandoned due icing.

7/8 BC.

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8 BC.

5 Blenheims detailed. 2 Den Helder/Fokker Amsterdam, one Rotterdam/Antwerp, one Den Helder, and 5th oil at Amsterdam. All abandoned due weather.

5 - 8 CC.

Nothing to report.

8/9 BC.

Due weather part of ops cancelled. ATs. A single Wellington attacked the A/F at Leeuwarden, but UO. A Hampden and a Whitley attacked the A/F at Borkum, hitting barracks and causing a fire.

9 BC.

One Blenheim Antwerp abandoned. Spits 3 PRU to Germany.

9 CC.

PRU. Photos a.o. Frisian Islands, Den Helder and Rotterdam.

9/10 BC.

Proj ops. a.o. 14 a/c oil targets in Holland. Results: Oil targets. 19 Wellingtons attacked oil storage at Rotterdam where one very large fire was observed on the east side of the Petroleum harbour. A further 2 large fires started among the oil tanks at the north side of the target area, and some explosions observed. Some bombs appeared to burst on a chemical plant and other fires started at the SW end of Tines of oil containers. Bursts observed at the Petroleum harbour at Rotterdam which was attacked by an additional 3 Wellingtons. At the petrol store plants at Flushing which were attacked by 2 Wellingtons a burst was observed between the Easter inner - and outer harbour. Channel ports. Single Blenheims bombed a.o. Flushing and docks at Rotterdam where 3 bursts were seen across the Koningshaven. A single Wellington attacked a.o. AA and searchlight concentration on the Dutch coast near Hook of Holland, but UO.

ATs. A/Fs at Haapmstede# and a flarepath at Bergen/Alkmaar and a flarepath 4 miles east of Hilversum. The A/F at De Kooy was MGd. Military objectives half a mile NW of Rotterdam, UO.

Encounters enemy a/c. 30 miles west of Gilze-Rijen, at 2053 hrs at 1200 feet a Blenheim attacked a Ju-88 from 30 feet. The enemy a/c fired at the Blenheim whose gunner returned the fire and saw flames and sparks emitted from the starboard engine whereupon the enemy broke away and burst into flames on hitting the ground.

10 BC.

No ops Holland.

10 CC.

PRU. Flushing, but abandoned.

10/11 BC.

No ops Holland.

11 BC.

9 Blenheims single attacks on following targets: A convoy of 6 vs 15 miles W of Den Helder, the Petroleum harbour at Rotterdam, Haamstede A/F, Flushing, 4 E boats 5 miles west of IJmuiden, Rotterdam, a small MV west of The Hague, barges in a canal at Mid-delharnas where a stick of bombs was dropped along the barges, and Zeebrugge. The a/c attacking Flushing MGd from 800 feet, 50 soldiers on a drill square at Domburg. 1 a/c MIA. (1/82 Squadron)

11 CC.

A Beaufort on a strike off the Dutch coast, saw 5 E boats off Terschelling at 1730 hrs. A/c dropped a sea-mine ± 5 miles ahead of the E boats, which, when last seen, had broken formation.

11/12 BC.

Due weather reduced ops. ATs. Single Hampden attacked a concentration of ships about 10 miles north of Delfzijl and it is estimated that bombs fell amongst ships.

12 BC.

6 Blenheims detailed, one to Flushing. Abandoned.

12 CC.

12 CC.

Two Beauforts attacked a MV of 2000 tons off Borkum at 1524. The 1st a/c dropped a torpedo which missed astern, while 2nd a/c dropped 6 X 250, but UO.

Raid assessment. Occupied Holland. Several persons have written of the severe damage caused to a sugar beet factory at Puttershoek. Date of attack not mentioned.

12/13 BC.

No tgts Holland.

13 - 14/15 BC and CC.

No tgts Holland. Few ops only.

15 BC.

Two Blenheims despatched to attack Leeuwarden A/F and Fokker Amsterdam. Both abandoned due weather but latter attacked a coastal steamer SW of Flushing with 2 X 250 scoring a near miss astern.

15/16 BC.

Four Wellingtons Petroleum harbour Rotterdam, causing fires and explosions in tgt area. ATs. Single Wellingtons a.o. Schiphol A/F., fires and explosions observed, and Flushing but UO.

16 BC.

No ops Holland.

16 FC.

Offensive operations France and Belgium.

15/16 CC.

Four Swordfishes mining Hubert Gat and Ems river. Results: 3 Swordfish mines in Ems River and Hubert Gat, 4th a/c returned with serious petrol leak.

1 Beaufort MIA. (1/22 Squadron).

16 CC

PRIJ. Photos a.o. Flushing. Attempt to photographs Leiden Wir. Tel Station unsuccessful due weather.

• 16/17 BC.

Germany but a.o. Dutch ports. Two Wellingtons attacked docks and petroleum harbour in Rotterdam causing 4 large explosions and leaving several fires burning. Den Helder attacked by one Blenheim, but UO.

ATs. De Mok bombed by 1 Wellington, causing fires. Also a railway junction 10 miles NE of Rotterdam, but UO.

17 BC.

No ops Holland.

17 CC

Hudson on routine patrol off DC sighter a convoy of 6 MVs and 2 esc Vs off Den Helder at 0815 and dropped 4 X 120 scoring 1 near miss.

Four Beauforts esc by 3 Blenheims att a conv of 4 MVs and 3 flakships in 250 IJmuiden 7 miles betw 1325-1347d. 18 X 250 dropped resulting in direct hits on two of the MVs and 2 near misses. One of the Beauforts dropped 6 X 250 on a conv of a destroyer, 4 medium sized MVs and 26 small MV in 241 IJmuiden 18 Miles at 1326. One of smaller Vs probably hit.

Six Blenheims esc by 3 Blenheim Fs att a conv of 6 - 8 medium sized MVs in 213 Hook of Holland 4 miles at 1355. 16 X 250 SAP and 8 X 250 GP were dropped scoring a direct hit on the stern of one V which caused an explosion and a list to starboard. Six nr misses also obtained. 1 a/c damaged by flak.

Four Hudsons esc by 3 Blenheir Fs dropped 4 X 250 AS and 6 X 250 GP on an enemy destroyer and 2 minelayers in 309 Hook of Holland 5 miles at 1410. A direct hitd was scored on one minelayer which was left in a sinking condition and only the stern showing.

17/18 BC.

Ups cancelled due weather.

18 BC.

1 Blenheim despatched Flushing abandoned.

18/19 to 21/22 BC.

Few operations due weather, none Holland.

19 CC.

A Blenheim of recce of DC saw unescorted convov of 5 medium MVs in 321 IJmuiden 16 miles, and made an unsuccessfull diving attack on last vessel at 1258 hours.

22 BC.

12 Blenheims despatched to att A/Fs at Nordhorn and Gilze-Rijen. A.o. oil at Flushing and Rotterdam. Docks at Emden, Fokker Amsterdam and Railway wagon works at Zuilen 1 a/c crashed at Lowestoft, crew killed. Nine a/c abandoned due weather, and 1 a/c attacked oil at Flushing, bombs seen to fall in target area, but OU.

22 CC.

Two Beauforts on Roving strike against shipping off DC, were attacked by 2 He-113s off Texel, resulting in slight damage to one a/c, the other FTR. (1/22 Squadron). A 3rd Beaufort on same patrol attacked De Mok at Texel at 1325 hrs, but no hits obtained. At 1405 this a/c was attacked by a Me-109 resulting in damage to both a/c before enemy a/c broke off encounter.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

22/23 BC.

ATs. Single a/c attacked Waalhaven A/F at Rotterdam.

23 - 24/25 BC and CC.

Few ops only, none Holland.

25 BC.

8 Blenheims Flushing, Rotterdam, Ghent, Antwerp, Zuilen and Gilze-Rijen. All abandoned due weather.

25 CC.

3 Beauforts on Roving strike att E boats in 310 Ameland 8 miles at 1400, with 6 X 250 without succes; at 1445 a MV of 7000 tons att in same position, 1 torpedo without succes. An anti a/c gun on the ship silenced with MG. One Beaufort crashlanded Docking on return with cannon shell in engine.

25/26 BC.

No ops.

26 BC.

1 Blenheim Flushing abandoned.

26/27 BC.

Projected ops. a.o. Oil Rotterdam 18 a/c. Only 17 a/c Germany, all other ops cancelled

27 - 28/29 BC and CC.

Few ops only, none Holland.

29 BC.

1 Blenheim despatched to attack Fokker or shell depot at Ghent. Weather prevented either attack.

29/30 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

30 -30/31 BC and CC

Few ops only, none Holland.

31 BC.

7 Blenheims despatched to att oil and petrol at Antwerp, Flushing, Rotterdam and Ghent, but all abandoned due weather.

31/1-1/2 BC.

All ops cancelled.

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1 BC.

3 Blenheims despatched to att Antwerp/Dunkirk and Fokker Amsterdam. 2 abandoned but a/c for Fokker att a cargo vessel of 3000 tons off Flushing, but no hits.

1/2 BC.

Few ops only, none Holland.

1/2 CC.

4 Swordfishes despatched to lay mines in Hubert Gat, but returned without dropping mines due adverse weather.

2 CC.

PRU. Photos a.o. Flushing.

2/3 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

3 BC.

1 Blenheim Antwerp abandoned.

3 CC.

Nothing to report.

3/4 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

4 BC.

7 Blenheims despatched to make single att on Borkum A/F and Gilze-Rijen, and oil tgts at Ghent, Antwerp and Flushing and railway wagon works at Zuilen. All abandoned due weather but one a/c bombed gun defences on NW end of Borkum A/F but UO.

4 CC.

Routine patrols. One Hudson on patrol of Dutch Coast MIA. (1/206 Sqn.)

4/5 BC.

ATs. Hampden attacked a railway bridge at Roermond where a train was set on fire. Single Blenheim attacked A/F at ""Willemstad"(!!!!!)

5 BC.

PRU. Photos taken of Gelsenkirchen and pilot reported that runways of A/Fs at Gilze-Rijen and Eindhoven were cleared of snow.

5 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Den Helder and Amsterdam.

5/6 - 7/8 BC and CC.

Due weather very few ops, none in Holland.

8 BC.

9 Blenheims detailed to att Zuilen railway wagon works and weather recce, Flushing petrol stores, Ghent Shell oil, Den Helder docks, Antwerp oil, Norderney seaplane base and Gilze-Rijen. Seven a/c abandoned due weather, but 1 Blenheim att Flushing petrol stores and another att as AT Rotterdam Petroleum harbour, but both UO.

8 FC.

No official ops Holland but " Three Hurricanes intercepted a Do-17 off Harwich. It disappeared into the clouds and after reappearing at 3000 feet was attacked by one Hurricane which set its starboard engine on fire. The enemy then burst into flames and disappeared into the clouds. It is claimed as destroyed. One Hurricane MIA. (V6823/242 Sqn. P/O Cryderman, seen near Harlingen.)

8/9 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

9 BC.

11 Blenheims detailed to att docks Den Helder, Antwerp, Le Havre, Boulogne, Dunkirk, oil at Antwerp, Lister seaplane base, and petrol at Flushing and Rotterdam. 7 abandoned, 3 att tgts France and one Blenheim att Flushing petrol stores with a direct hit on stores, starting a fire.

9 FC.

1st Offensive operation by 2 Spitfires along Belgian coast.  
(FLushing reported combat with a Fiat 90.!!!)

9/10 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

10 BC.

6 Blenheims with fighter escort Dunkirk. And 6 Blenheims to attack docks at Calais, Emden and Den Helder, oil at Antwerp and Zuilen railway wagon works. All primaries attacked except Antwerp, this Blenheim att Haamstede A/F as AT.

PRU. 2 Spits to Bremen/Osnabruck, but took IJmuiden and Amsterdam as AT.

10 CC.

PRU. IJmuiden, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Waalhaven, Flushing and Schiphol in Holland.

10/11 BC.

263 a/c despatched, 221 Hannover, 38 Rotterdam and 4 Boulogne. Results: Rotterdam Petroleum harbour. 35 a/c, 17 Wellingtons, 9 Whitleys, 6 Blenheims and three STIRLINGS attacked, dropping appr 36 tons HE and 5000 incendiaries. Numerous fires and explosions started in tgt area. Two sticks were seen to burst amongst storage tanks alongside Petroleum harbour. Two bursts seen in marshalling yards. This raid marks the 1st occasion on which Stirlings have operated.

Invasion ports. Apart from France, as AT 2 Blenheims att IJmuiden, causing fires on shipping in centre of doek. A Wellington att Amsterdam docks, 3 bursts seen on the dock side, fire caused but went out immediately.

Single attacks on De Kooy A/F, sticks fell on hangars, 2 fires and 3 large explosions observed. Sheds on River bank SW of Island in Maas ± 2 miles South of Dordrecht, 2 large explosions seen. Also att on Schiphol A/F and a flarepath East of Eindhoven.

11 BC.

A.o. Blenheims to att Flushing. All abandoned due weather.

10/11 CC.

6 Beauforts mining between 1950/2036 in Ems river. 2 Swordfishes assisted in naval operations in the vicinity of Ostend between 0100/0140.

11 CC.

PRU. a.o. Alkmaar/Bergen, Den Helder, Leeuwarden, De Kooy, De Mok, Texel and E baat s and other vessels off Schouwen.

11/12 BC.

109 a/c Ger'many, but 1 Wellington Rotterdam. Results: One Wellington attacked Rotterdam Petroleum harbour and bursts seen which were followed by violent explosion. ATs. Single a/c., 8 Wellingtons, 8 Whitleys and 5 Hampdens, a.o. Terschelling aerodrome (!???) and Groningen, but all mainly UO.

11/12 CC.

4 Swordfishes detailed to drop mines in Terschelling Gat unable to locate target owing adverse weather. Tow of 6 Beauforts detailed dropped mines in Hubert Gat. Three unable to locate target due weather but one of these dropped mines in position 287 Borkum 10 miles, and the 6th a/c is MIA. (1/22 Squadron).

Three Hudsons on a roving strike against shipping off the Dutch coast flown between 2100/0100 are MIA. (3/206 Squadron:)

12 - 13/14 BC and CC.

Vert' few ops, none Holland.

14 BC.

Three Spits of 3 PRU detailed to photograph Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hannover and Gelsenkirchen. Photos taken only of Rotterdam. Spit of Gelsenkirchen MIA.

14 CC.

Of 3 Blenheims detailed to att shipping off Dutch Islands, one att a ship of 3000 tons anchored S of Den Helder at 1455, scoring a direct hit on stern of MV with 250 lb bombs The other 2 a/c att Den Helder at 1449 and 1452 and bursts seen on the harbour, railway and lock gates S of De Kooy A/F.

14/15 BC.

ATs. a.o. single a/c A/Fs at Haamstede (2 a/c), Gilze-Rijen, and one believed to be at Vught. Apart from bursts across the A/Fs no results claimed.

15 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack petrol stores at Flushing. 3 abandoned, only 1 attacked and one a/c MIA. ( 1/114 Squadron)

15 FC.

Offensive patrol France. Two Hurricanes took off from Manston at 1140 for offensive operations in the Ostend district. Nothing heard of them since take-off and both MIA. (Bath 615 Squadron, 1 pilot POW.)

15 CC.

A Hudson on a routine patrol saw a convoy of 8 - 10 MVs, 2 of which were 3-4000 tons in 288 Borkum 10 miles at 0550 but convoy subsequently lost in haze.

PRU. a.o. Terschelling, canal Terneuzen/Ghent, ` and Ameland.

15/16 BC.

ATs. Single a/c Den Helder, Rotterdam and A/Fs at Ypenburg, Haamstede, Eindhoven and one near Vught were attacked but all UO except at Eindhoven were bombs dropped on flarepath as a/c was landing.

16 BC.

9 Blenheims despatched to Fr/Belg, Rotterdam Petrol harbour, Fokker Amsterdam, Gilze-Rijen A/F and Den Helder docks and shipping.

4 a/c made no attack, single Blenheims attacked ships towing several barges off Oostvoorne, causing explosions in leading barges, docks and shipping at Hellevoetsluis where the quayside and vessel alongside were hit, sheds by the canal at Middelburg and docks at Zeebrugge and Den Helder.

15/16 CC.

3 Swordfishes laid mines in the Terschelling Gat.

16/17 BC.

Ops cancelled.

17 BC

5 Blenheims detailed. a.o. Den Helder. Adverse weather forced to abandon, one a/c detailed Ostermoor MIA. (1/114 Squadron)

17/18 - 19/20 BC and CC.

Due weather very few ops, none Holland.

20 BC.

One Blenheim detailed to attack Oil refinery at Ostermoor, bombed IJmuiden docks. Bursts not observed but large fire with black smoke was seen coming from a tank or gasholder on quayside.

20/21 BC.

No ops.

21 BC.

1 Blenheim Ghent abandoned due weather.

PRU. 1 Spit of 3 PRU Ruhr. Unsuccessful due cloud, photos taken of Axel.

21 CC.

PRU. Photos taken of Flushing, Eindhoven and Schouwen.

21/22 BC.

7 Blenheims detailed to att A/Fs . Results: 5 of 7 Blenheims attacked as follows, France A/Fs but also Eindhoven. In most cases fires resulted but at Eindhoven a large explosion was caused. 2 Blenheims abandoned, 1 crashed on return Watton.

ATs. Single Wellingtons and Whitleys A/Fs at De Kooy, Den Helder, Leeuwarden, Schiphol and one near Naamstede.

22 BC.

3 PRU. Photos of Tilburg and Walcheren.



22 CC.

Three Blenheims on routine patrol attacked a He-111 in 333 Borkum 61 miles between 1250/1300. Enemy a/c hit and damaged but was still flying steadily when last seen. 1 Blenheim lost, and 1 Blenheim slightly damaged. (1/235 Squadron MIA).  
PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Amsterdam, seaplane base east of Amsterdam, Utrecht, Rotterdam and Leiden.

22/23 and 23 BC.

No ops Holland.

23 CC.

1 Spit 1 PRU MIA from photorecce Ostend/Antwerp.

23/24 BC.

France but 3 Blenheims to attack Den Helder. Results: 3 Blenheims carried out a dusk attack on Den Helder but UO.

24 BC.

No day ops.

3 PRU. 2 Spitfires Germany but instead Rotterdam. 1 MIA.

24/25 BC.

No ops Holland.

25 BC.

Four Blenheims detailed to attack Borkum A/F, Den Helder and Flushing petrol stores. One a/c detailed on petrol store attacked submarine assembly and repair station at Flushing. Three bursts seen on this target. This a/c MGd the A/F and oil tanks at Flushing and 2 small vessels off the coast. Other a/c abandoned.

PRU. 2 Spits Ruhr. 1 abandoned, other took photos of Leiden area.

25/26 BC.

No tgts Holland. (1 Wellington Deurne near Antwerp)

25/26 CC.

4 Swordfishes mining in Terschelling Gat.

One of 4 Beauforts detailed to lay mines in Ems river, dropped as ordered. Of remainder, unable to locate position, one dropped 6 miles NW Schiermonnikoog and another 10 miles ahead of 5 MVs previously sighted heading E 3 miles off Borkum.

26 BC.

Circus operation France.

26/27 BC.

ATs. 2 Wellingtons and 1 Manchester attacked Flushing starting fires.

1 Blenheims attacked Eindhoven A/F.

26/27 CC.

One of -3 Swordfishes detailed to lay mines in Terschelling Gat landed in the sea in 350 Cromer 29 miles, 40 minutes after take-off. Neither a/c nor crew were found. The other 2 a/c abandoned, one remaining in vicinity dropping flares, while other obtained assistance from Naval units.

27 BC.

Due weather at home, no ops.

28 BC.

8 Blenheims despatched a.o. Den Helder and Flushing. 3 a/c crashed.

2 a/c attacked Den Helder.

28/2 -1/3 BC.

Bad weather. A V s. 15 a/c A/F s, F lak and Military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

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1 CC.

PRU. Photos. a.o. Tilburg, Roosendaal, Den Helder, Schiphol, Gilze-Rijen, IJmuiden, Zui-derzee, Harlingen, Breda, canal north of Steenbergen and Leeuwarden A/F.

1 /2 BC.

ATs. 5 a/c. A/Fs, docks, military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

2 BC.

1 Blenheim bomberd 7 MVs off the Dutch Islands, but U0.

2 CC.

Two Beauforts of 4 detailed on Rovers strike bombed Borkum A/F, bursts seen among buildings. A 3rd a/c attacked Haamstede A/F damaging a hangar and brick buildings, and bombed IJmuiden locks resulting in near misses. 4th Beaufort bombed docks and shipping at Den Helder, a 1500 ton MV at Harlingen and barges and lockgates at Den Oever, but on last target bombs hang up and did not drop. Results U0.

2/3 BC.

Blenheims. 4 attacked Schiphol, single Blenheims attacked Ouddorp A/F (!!??), Gilze-Rijer bursts seen on target. Rotterdam, 4 detailed, 3 attacked docks and Petroleum harbour starting fire at docks. 1 Blenheim MIA (1/21 Squadron).

ATs. Single Blenheim a.o. IJmuiden.

3 CC.

PRU. a.o. Texel.

3/4 BC.

ATs. Single a/c A/Fs in Low Countries and military objectives in Ruhr.

4 BC.

1 Blenheim Ghent, abandoned.

3/4 CC.

At 0515 a Wellington on routine patrol bombed Den Helder docks, causing a large explosion.

4 CC.

At 1535 a Blenheim on routine patrol saw 50 stationary Dutch fishing vessels with no escort in 270 IJmuiden 40 miles.

6 BC.

5 Blenheims detailed oil targets in Low Countries. Only 1 a/c attacked gas workds and railway sidings at Sluiskil, but U0.

6 CC.

3 Blenheims detailed for offensive strike on Ruygenhoek A/F ( 8 miles North of Rotter-dam (!)). One a/c located target and bombed from 8000 feet. Bursts seen on A/F and close to buildings on south side. Later same a/c attacked 2 He-113s(!) which were on patrol but with no effect. Other 2 a/c no attack due technical trouble and lack of co-ver.

7 CC.

4 Beauforts detailed on Rover patrol to attack shipping off Dutch coast and Dutch A/Fs. The first a/c attacked Ockenburg A/F from 2000 feet. Hits on hangars on south and east corner of A/F. Smoke interfered with observation of results. Second a/c had a direct hit with 1 X 500 ASB on the stern of a 2500 ton MV off Hook of Holland at 1302. MV seen sinking by the stern. Same a/c bombed the naval dockyard in Den Helder, bmbs seen to explode but U0. 3rd a/c saw 7 Vs of 3-500 ton in 20 Hook of Holland 9 miles at 1205 but did not bomb. 4th a/c abandoned due technical trouble.

8 BC.

8 Blenheims detailed, 1 Den Helder, 1 Zuilen RWW, 1 Fokker Amsterdam, and 5 Germany. 6 abandoned. Two a/c attacked Den Helder dock, but U0.

10 BC.

1 Blenheim weather reconnaissance along enemy coast. Unsuccesfull.

~~10 BC. Fishing vessels and Den~~

10 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, Breskens and Den Helder.

10/11 BC.

Few ops, none Holland.

10/11 BC.

Encounters enemy aircraft. A Hampden observed a large flarepath at Eindhoven and dived to investigate. At 200 feet the Hampden attacked 2 enemy a/c believed to be Ju-88s, taking off with navigation lights, and fires short bursts, probably hitting one. A Me-110 then appeared ahead and was engaged at 100 yards. The Hampden fired bursts from front and rear guns and the enemy a/c climbed steeply to 1000 feet then dived and crashed to the ground. The Hampden observer saw the a/c hit the ground but it did not catch fire.

11 BC

Blenheims. 2 Ghent oil, 1 Rotterdam Petroleum harbour, 1 Zuilen RWW. 2 on Ghent abandoned. At Rotterdam one direct hit claimed on patrol storage tank on N side of dock no 7, and black smoke was observed issuing from it. 2 near misses also claimed. 2 fires started at Zuilen.

11/12 BC.

Few ops only, none Holland.

12 BC.

6 Blenheims detailed. Enemy coastal shipping 5, Ghent oil 1 a/c. A/c on Ghent abandoned. One a/c attacked MV off Dutch coast N of IJmuiden, one probable hit claimed and 2 bombs close to vessels. Further a/c attacked MV off Dutch coast obtaining near miss astern. 3 a/c abandoned unable to locate a target.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder.

12 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl, Den Helder and estimated photos of Amsterdam, Schiphol, IJmuiden, Rotterdam and Northseacanal.

12/13 BC.

1 Hampden seaming Dutch Islands to mouth of Elbe.

ATs. a.o. A/Fs De Kooy, Dostvoorne, Schiphol, Haamstede and Leeuwarden (Lemwerder!).

13 BC.

PRU 3 Spits. a.o. Rotterdam and Haamstede.

12/13 CC.

Blenheim at 2125 bombed a 5000 ton MV in IJmuiden harbour. Bursts observed 30 yards from ship. 5 other a/c nothing to report.

At 2145 a Blenheim on routine patrol bombed a flarepath and rotating beacon in pos 40 Hook of Holland 10 miles. Hits seen on large building to the south of the beacon.

13 CC.

At 0615 a Wellington on routine patrol attacked a 3700 ton MV off Hook of Holland. Dne 250 SAP dropped and the explosion appeared to throw the ship forward, but the full extent of the damage is not known.

PRU. a.o. Terneuzen, part of the Schelde, Estuary south of Bruinisse, Flushing, Beveland canal.

13/14 CC.

5 Beauforts detailed to attack shipping off the Frisian Islands. Results: At 2315 one Beaufort scored a direct hit with a torpedo on a 3000 ton MV 307 Borkum 8 miles. Ship listed to starboard and sank stern first. A 2nd Beaufort attacked the largest of 4 MVs but only one bomb burst in the water. Attempts to jettison the remaining bombs failed and the a/c crashed on landing at its base. 2 more a/c failed to sight any ship and returned to base with bombs. 5th a/c early return due technical trouble.

13/14 BC.

11 a/c to attack Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam Petroleum harbour. 14 a/c, 10 Wellingtons, 2 Blenheims and 2 Whitleys. 13 a/c attacked dropping approximate 12 tons of HE

and 1100 incendiaries. From this operation one Wellington crashed on return.

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13/14 BC. Continued.: ATs 9 a/c searchlights, A/Fs and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

Sea mining. 1 Hampden successfully mines in Ameland area.

14 BC.

4 Blenheims detailed to attack shipping. Only a a/c attacked a ship 12 miles off Ostend

14/15 BC.

13 a/c Rotterdam petroleum harbour, 8 Whitleys and 5 Blenheims. Results: 13 a/c attacker and dropped ± 10 tons HE and 800 inc. Direct hits made on oil tanks which caught fire and burned with much black smoke.

Encounters with enemy a/c. An enemy a/c attacked a Wellington at Arnhem. The Wellington claimed the enemy a/c as destroyed. On same night a Blenheim attacked an enemy a/c believed to be a Ju-88, over Gilze-Rijen and damaged it.

14/15 CC.

3 Beauforts anti shipping patrol Frisian Islands. Nothing to report.

At 2220 a Blenheim on routine patrol attacked Haamstede A/F. One bomb fell on the N end of the A/F. (At 2300 same a/c attacked Ostend.)

15 BC.

4 Blenheims to attack shipping. 2 made no attack, other two off Belgium/France.

15/16 BC.

Projected operations. 24 a/c on A/Fs, 20 a/c on Rotterdam. Due weather reduced ops and attack on Rotterdam cancelled. ATs. 2 Hampdens tgts in Ruhr and Holland.

14/15 BC.

Further reports. Encounters enemy a/c. A Wellington attacked a 2 engined enemy a/c about to land at Vught. Enemy a/c caught fire as it landed, but further observations impossible due the Wellington taking evasive action.

16 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack coastal shipping. All abandoned owing fog in target area.

16 CC.

PRIJ., Estimated photos of Bussum A/F, Dordrecht, Arnhem A/F, Harskamp, Utrecht and Rotterdam.

17 BC.

9 Blenheims to attack shipping made no attacks. 1 Blenheim detailed to attack Flushing petrol store, bombed target but UO. 3 PRU. Spitfire a.o. Maastricht.

17/18 BC.

Projected ops. 8 a/c to attack Rotterdam. Results: 3 a/c attacked Rotterdam petroleum harbour. One Blenheim and 1 Stirling attacked starting a fire among the oil tanks. ATs. 6 a/c individual attacks on docks at Emden and Den Helder, and A/Fs and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

Encounters with enemy a/c. Near Ameland a Blenheim attacked a Me-110 which exploded in the air.

18 BC.

11 Blenheims to attack shipping. 2 a/c attacked a small coastal vessel off the Dutch coast, near misses. 1 a/c attacked an E baat off Texel, also near misses. Both these vessels MGd. (Other a/c off Danish coast, 7 made no attack)

18 CC.

At 0550 a Wellington on routine patrol dropped 3 x 250 on docks at IJmuiden, bursts being observed. This a/c was attacked by a Me-110 in position 065 Great Yarmouth 12 miles and received one cannon shell hole in tail plane.

At 0552 a Beaufort on of fensive patrol along Dutch coast saw a convoy of 5 MVs (1/5000, 1/4000, 2/3000 and 1/1500 tons) 288 Borkum 11 miles, course 080. 1 a/c made torpedo attack on 5000 tons MV from 300 yards scoring a direct hit on port beam and ship sank rapidly. Another a/c on same patrol also torpedo attack, but UO. The Vs also MGd. 4 E boats reported in 251 Texel 59 miles at 0620 course 120.

At 1745 a Blenheim on patrol attacked a Dutch fishing vessel in 296 IJmuiden 38 miles with 2 X 40 GP, but near misses.

PRU. Flushing, Terneuzen, and canal Terneuzen/Ghent.

18/19 BC.

Rotterdam petroleum harbour, 11 Wellingtons, 6 Blenheims and 1 Stirling. Results: 17 a/c attacked dropping ± 18 tons HE and 1320 inc. Several fires, including a large one, starter followed by explosions of varying colours. From this operation 1 Blenheim crashed, crew safe. ATs. 15 a/c a.o. barges in Rotterdam and several other tgts in NW Germany and Holland

19 BC.

4 Blenheims coastal shipping. No ships seen. 3 PRU. Rotterdam.

17/18 BC.

It is reported that a/c of 3 Group dropped 120 balts of tea, the gift of the General Agriculture Syndicate of Batavia, to the Dutch people over Edam, Alkmaar, Schagen and Assen.

19 CC.

PRU. Photos Leeuwarden, Den Helder, Northseacanal, Harlingen, Amsterdam and IJmuiden Estimated photos: Beveland canal, Hollands diep, Terneuzen, Vught and Ouddorp A/F.(!)

19/20 BC.

2 a/c Rotterdam, 1 Wellington and 1 Stirling. Results: 1 Stirling attacked dropping 4 1/2 tons HE, but UO.

ATs. Wellingtons. A/Fs at Rotterdam, The Hague, Haamstede and Diest. At Waalhaven 2 large explosions and several smaller ones resulted from attack.

20 BC.

10 Blenheims coastal shipping. 6 a/c coast Holland/Belgium. Attacks made by 4 a/c on two convoys and other isolated ships. Near misses only. (Other a/c France) 1 MIA. (1/82)

20 FC.

2 a/c offensive patrols Holland. Results: 2 Hurricanes offensive patrol over Dutch coast from The Hague to Schouwen island. No activity observed and no enemy a/c encountered. On return flight a Me-110 intercepted. One pilot opened fire and although bullets seen to enter enemy a/c no definite result seen. No claim is made.

20 CC.

At 1323 a Beaufort on offensive patrol against shipping attacked 2 E boats with MGs of f Texel. At 1352 same a/c attacked a 1500 ton drifter in channel between Ameland and Terschelling. Bombs dropped which caused oil to leak and crew to take to the boats. At 1400 this a/c was attacked from behind and below by a Me-110 with MG fire. On our rear gunner returning fire the enemy a/c broke off the action.

At 1723 a Blenheim attacked 5 E boats in 300 Hook of Holland 22 miles with bombs and MG fire. No results of bombs seen but E boats frequently hit by MG fire.

20/21 BC.

No ops Holland.

21 BC.

9 Blenheims coastal shipping. Belgian coast and a 3000 ton MV and a destroyer and an E boat off the Frisian Islands. Here near misses only. (Hit on tanker off Belgian coast)

21 CC.

At 1140 a Blenheim on routine patrol saw and attacked with MG a MV of ± 1500 tons in 126 Maaslight 10 miles, hits seen on deck.

21/22 BC.

No ops Holland.

22 BC.

6 Blenheims shipping. Results: the only shipping seen was a convoy of ± 15 ships off IJmuiden which was attacked by 1 a/c, bombs straddling one ship.

22 CC.

At 0530 single Blenheim detailed to attack IJmuiden encountered bad weather and as AT dropped bombs on the railway west of Limmen from 700 feet, resulting in near misses.

22/23 BC.

No ops.

23 BC.

5 Blenheims coastal shipping. No attacks off Dutch coast.

23 FC.

2 Spitfires offensive patrols off Dutch coast, but no activity observed.

23 CC.

At 1745 3 Blenheims on patrol attacked 3 vessels, a flakship and an E baat, 340 Maaslight 9 miles, but no hits seen. Immediately afterwards Blenheims were attacked by 3 Me-109s and 2 of the Blenheims were shot down into the sea. Remaining a/c successfully avoiding action and returned fire, probably damaging one of enemy a/c. (2/235 Squadron MIA)

23/24 BC.

Two Blenheims and 1 Stirling Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results: Stirling hit high tension cables on return and crashed. Blenheims reported bursts in and near target. One of these a/c also attacked a beacon at Willemstad.

ATs. 2 a/c attacked den Helder, including the Bock area where fires were started, 3 of considerable size.

Propaganda. Reports have been received which state that Wellingtons of 3 Group dropped 300 tea bags over The Hague, Utrecht, Zwolle and Amsterdam areas.

24 BC.

Raid assessment. ROTTERDAM. Photos taken on 19 March show the success of the attack upon the oil refinery and oil storage tanks in the Petroleum harbour. Three tanks have been destroyed, 9 badly damaged and 3 most probably damaged. The tanks are estimated to have a capacity of 4000 tons. While on previous occasions the refinery had shown activity, the present photos show it to be inactive.

24 BC.

9 Blenheims despatched, 4 against shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 1 a/c attacked and sank a 50 feet fishing vessel off Scheveningen and another attacked a very small fishing vessel off the Dutch coast, but UO. 1 MIA (1/82 Squadron)

24 CC.

PRU. a.o. Terneuzen.

25 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack shipping of Frisian Islands and Dutch coast. Results: A vessel of 5/600 ton off Borkum, believed to be a naval patrol vessel. One bomb seen to burst to starboard. 1 a/c a grey motor vessel of 200 feet long, 4 miles NW of Egmond, near misses 1 a/c a flakship off Ameland, UO, but it is believed a direct hit was scored as the a/c was badly shaken by the blast.

25 CC.

1 Beaufort MIA from a roving strike against shipping off the Dutch coast. (1/22 Squadron)

26 BC.

12 Blenheims coastal shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 3 a/c a low level attack on a steam trawler of 4/500 tons, and although ship was straddled, no vital damage seen. Single a/c attacked mainly from low level a small fishing vessel, a coaster, 3 small Dutch drifters, 3 Dutch fishing vessels, a small sailing vessel and 2 coastal tramps of ± 100 tons, but all near misses only. Another a/c which attacked a steam trawler reported that the vessel was low in the water when the a/c left.

26 CC.

At 1348 a Beaufort on a roving strike saw a convoy of 6 MVs and 3 Flakships entering IJmuiden harbour. The a/c attacked the largest vessel (6000 tons) in the convoy with a torpedo, scoring a direct hit which resulted in a tremendous explosion. When last seen the MV was well down by the bows. Another MV of 2000 tons in the convoy was also MGd At 1501 another Beaufort on the same task attacked a MV of 6000 tons, one of a convoy of 13 vessels of 2/6000, in 231 IJmuiden 20 miles. One torpedo released and was seen to run, but UO.

27 BC.

10 Blenheims to attack shipping. 5 off Dutch/Belgian coast, 5 to East and Dutch Frisians  
Results: 1 a/c saw W of Hook of Holland a naval force of 1 submarine, 20 E boats, 3 probable  
destroyers, 1 probable naval tender and one launch. The a/c., despite intense flak, dropped  
bombs in slow stick across destroyer, but UO.

All other a/c no attacks due fog.

27 FC.

At 1420 4 Spitfires set out on an offensive operation against Rotterdam, but after  
sweeping 20 miles off Dutch coast returned owing lack of cloud.

27/28 BC.

ATs. 1 a/c Flushing, bursts in target area. A/Fs. single a/c Naamstede, bursts observed other  
a/c MGd Deelen A/F.

28 BC.

18 Blenheims on coastal shipping. No shipping seen.

29 BC.

4 Blenheims to attack coastal shipping off Dutch coast. Results: One Blenheim attacked a MV  
of ± 5000 tons. Bombs overshoot by 25 yards. Vessel also MGd. A/c hit by shrapnel, but safe.  
Other Blenheims no shipping. @}E

30 BC.

6 Blenheims shipping Fr. Islands and Dutch coast. Results: 2 Blenheims recorded near misses  
on 2/3000 tons MV which was also MGd, and 1 Blenheim attacked 2 flakships off Ter-  
schelling, but [JO. Remaining a/c no shipping.

30 CC.

PRU.a.o. Flushing.

30/31 CC.

4 Swordfishes between 2030/2125 succesfully mines off Ameland.

31 BC.

8 Blenheims to attack shipping and land targets from Texel to Schiermonnikoog where a large  
destroyer was attacked. Two hits claimed and ship left listing heavily and clouds of smoke  
issuing from stern. A 2000 ton MV in a convoy was attacked by 1 a/c off IJmuiden. Direct hit  
claimed on stern causing volume of black smoke. At Oosterend on Terschelling a long grey hut  
with soldiers outside, was hit and set on fire. At Hollum on Ameland a gun emplacement  
received a direct hit, debris being thrown in the air. Also near this point, owing to Dutch  
civilians pointing and waving in a certain direction a/c investigated and found soldiers on  
parade who were bombed. 2 a/c MIA. (2/21 Sqn.)

31 Raid assesment.

IJmuiden. Some time ago one of our bombs missed the harbour but feil on the house of  
a local "Quisling". The whole town was delighted and said "you see the RAF knows everything, if  
you are a Quisling, you will certainly be bombed."

31/3-1/4 BC.

3 Wellingtons attacked Rotterdam. They also dropped propaganda tea bags.

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2 BC.

19 Blenheims despatched for attacks on shipping off Frisian Islands and Dutch coast. Results: A flakship hit by 2 X 250. At Naamstede A/F hits obtained on ammo dump and a WT station nearby, causing a large explosion. Dispersed a/c on A/F also attacked but UD. At Flushing A/F earthworks and ammo dump nearby attacked. During this attack 1 a/c fired a burst at an He-111 which evaded into cloud. Another Blenheim was engaged by 2 Me-109s, of which one is claimed as damaged. One Blenheim MIA (1/82 Squadron)

3/14 CC.

5 Swordfish to lay mines 3 miles N of Ameland. Results: 2 successful, 2 failed to locate target area and returned with mines, 5th returned with technical trouble.

3/4 BC.

4 Wellingtons, 1 Stirling and 1 Blenheim to attack Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results 2 Wellingtons attacked. Blenheim attacked Ostend. 440 teabags dropped over Rotterdam area.

4/5 BC.

3 Wellingtons and 1 Blenheim Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results: 3 a/c attacked target. ATs. Single a/c A/Fs at Oostvoorne, Gilze-Rijen and Schiphol.

5 BC.

3 PRU. Photos of Enkhuizen, Den Helder and Texel.

6 BC.

14 Blenheims despatched to attack coastal shipping off Dutch and Belgian coasts. Results: 3 a/c attacked from 50 -Peet a 2000 ton MV beached on a sandbank about 12 miles S of Den Helder, all bombs close. This is believed to be the vessel in a convoy on which a direct hit was obtained by a Blenheim on 31 March.

At IJmuiden individual attacks were made on the iron and steel works, ships and barges in the docks and a railway bridge. One a/c MGd a long low building 2 miles N of Zandvoort.

6/7 BC

2 Blenheims on Rotterdam failed to attack. One attacked an AT. Blenheims on A/Fs met poor conditions, but one attacked a flarepath near Haarlem.(!)

7 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack shipping off Dutch coast. None seen.

5 Blenheims to attack iron and steel works at IJmuiden and 3 to attack electricity power station at IJmuiden. Results: 5 Blenheims (and 1 detailed for power station) attacked steel works. Bursts seen near a condenser and direct hits obtained on buildings which were seen to be severely damaged. One Blenheim attacked the power station and smoke was seen coming from the W side of the power house. 1 Blenheim MIA.

During the attacks standing patrols of Me-109s were encountered. During a running fight one enemy a/c was clearly hit and seen gliding towards Dutch coast emitting black smoke from the engine. 2 Blenheims were badly shot up, and one damaged by flak, an air gunner and an observer being wounded.

7/8 Bc.

ATs. 9 a/c. a.o. A/Fs at De Kooy, Texel, Wangerooze and Husum.

8/9 BC.

Rotterdam petroleum harbour by 5 Wellingtons dropping 6 tons HE and 80 X 25 lb inc. ATs. 5 a/c single attacks on A/Fs Gilze-Rijen, Schiphol and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

9 BC.

7 Blenheims to attack shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 3 attacked trawlers.

6 Blenheims to Dutch/Belgian coast, no shipping seen.

9/10 BC.

3 Hampdens mining off Frisian Islands.

Encounters with enemy a/c. A Wellington damaged a Me-110 at Enkhuizen.

10/11 BC.

3 Wellingtons Rotterdam petroleum harbour, with 3 ton HE and 340 inc.



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11 BC.

8 Blenheims to attack Rotterdam, abandoned due lack of cloud. Went on shipping sweep, but none seen.

12 BC.

34 Blenheims despatched, mainly Dutch targets. 10 briefed for Leiden power station, only 1 a/c attacked, 1 a/c attacked docks and marshalling yards in vicinity. 7 Blenheims to attack Flushing oil storage, 4 bombed docks and 1 a/c a ship of about 3000 tons alongside dock, but UO due heavy flak, 1 a/c attacked two 500 ton motor coasters at Zoutelande jetty, hitting the side of one, 1 a/c attacked Rotterdam petroleum harbour. 5 Blenheims to attack coastal shipping off Dutch coast, but no shipping seen. 5 Blenheims shipping Dutch/Belgian coast. One a/c attacked small vessel near Capelle, 1 a/c MIA. 4 Blenheims to mouth of Schelde, 3 made no attack and 1 a/c MGd gunpits at Dom-burg. (1/110 Squadron MIA)

13 BC.

21 Blenheims despatched. 8 to attack Leiden power station and 1 for IJmuiden steel works all abandoned task W of Zandvoort owing lack of cloud.

14 BC.

30 Blenheims despatched. Fourteen to Frisian Islands of which 4 attacked 2 convoys off Hook of Holland of 7 and 8 ships. Hits believed. 8 a/c to Leiden Power station where 3 hits on centre of power house and on gasometer were claimed. Wireless station at Lisse attacked where a pylon blew up. 8 a/c to Haarlem electrical power station, 1 attacked, one Blenheim MIA. (1/18 Squadron MIA).

16 BC.

5 Blenheims to attack shipping off Dutch coast. Results: Off Haarlem s and E boat, a 500 ton ship and a trawler were attacked.

17 BC.

6 Blenheims sweep off Dutch Islands near Schelde, nothing to report.

17/18 BC.

13 a/c to attack Rotterdam petroleum harbour. 7 Whitleys and 6 Wellingtons, but only 8 a/c attacked. ATs railway bridge at Schiedam, W of Rotterdam.

18 BC.

21 Blenheims and 9 Hampdens despatched. 9 a/c briefed for shipping off Terneuzen where 4 attacked docks causing an explosion throwing up debris. A ship of 800 tons off Hoedekenskerke received a direct hit and was seen to disintegrated, the same a/c also bombed searchlights nearby. A further a/c dropped a stick of bombs across ships lying off Terneuzen. Breskens harbour also attacked. From all ops, 1 a/c crashed on take off.

19 BC.

28 Blenheims despatched. 22 to Frisian Islands, 6 to Schelde on shipping raids. Results: 1 a/c attacked a tug off Den Helder but overshot. Pilot reported sighting a MV of 4/5000 tons with stern well under water, well down and sinking. MV of 7000 tons 2 hits and ship heeled to port, also MGd. A 6000 tons MV was bombed off Terschellingd. Convoy off Texel and flakpositions on shore MGd. One ship of 5000 tons in convoy with 7 trawlers and a flakship straddled, near misses claimed. 1 a/c attacked a railway bridge believed to be between<sup>1</sup> Haarlem and Leiden and two hits on the railway line. 2 a/c attacked 2 camouflaged ships of about 2500 tons off Haamstede, a ship of 5000 tons in convoy off Scheveningen attacked by 2 a/c from 100 feet, ship hit and left sinking by stern. All ships in convoy MGd. 1 a/c for Flushing abandoned.

19/20 CC.

1 Swordfish laid mine off Ameland. Others failed to locate target and jettisoned.

20/21 BC.

17 Wellingtons and 7 Whitleys Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results: 17 a/c attacked dropping 20 tons HE and 1980 inc.

Two Hampdens mines off Frisians. ATs. Single a/c A/Fs Waalhaven, Venlo, Vogelsang. Teabags were dropped over Rotterdam.

21 BC.

8 Blenheims despatched. Each 4 shipping off Texel and shipping in Schelde area. No shipping seen.

3 PRU. IJmuiden and Rotterdam.

21/22 BC.

200 teabags over Rotterdam.

23 BC.

26 Blenheims on shipping off Dutch coast. Results: A convoy off Domburg was attacked and hits scored on a MSW. 1 Blenheim MIA. 1 a/c attacked a 3/500 ton coastal ship in the Rotterdam canal. Also 2 flakships attacked and a large column of smoke came from one of these. 3 a/c attacked a wireless station on Terschelling, dropping 2 bombs. Two Hampdens detailed to attack Rotterdam were cancelled.

23/24 BC.

7 Hampdens mining off Frisians.

24 BC.

2 Blenheims attacked a wireless station at Utsira (Holland??) f )

Note: At 1200 hrs (local) 4 bombs, of which 3 exploded hit a tobacco factory at Joure, near Sneek. Severe damage but no personal losses.

25 BC.

4 Blenheims to IJmuiden steel works. 3 Blenheims shipping Hook of Holland/Rotterdam, bombs on harbour entrance and also attacks with MGs.

6 Blenheims attack on Flushing docks very low level. 1 MIA.

24/25 CC.

6 Blenheims to attack E boat base at IJmuiden.

24/25 BC.

2 Hampdens mining off Frisians.

25/26 BC.

5 Wellingtons to attack Rotterdam docks. Results: 4 a/c attacked dropping 3 tons HE and 467 inc. 1 a/c early return. 1 Hampden mining off Frisians.

25/26 CC.

5 Blenheims to attack E boat base at IJmuiden. Results: only 1 a/c attacked.

1 crashlanded back at base.

26 BC.

6 Blenheims shipping of Frisian Islands and (2) 6 Blenheims shipping off Texel. Results: (1) Off Vlieland and Terschelling a 4000 tons MV and 2 flakships in a convoy attacked and hit. 2 MIA. (2/21 Sqn.)

(2) No shipping seen. 1 MIA. (1/110 Sqn.)

27 BC.

2 Hampdens. One attacked IJmuiden docks and the other De Kooy A/F. 14'

26/27 CC.

4 Blenheims attacked the E boat base at IJmuiden. Large burst seen S of the Middelsluis.

27 FC.

Between 1745/1930 4 Spitfires despatched. 2 to Schiphol returned early due weather, the 2 others attacked with MGs a goods train and a gun post near Gilze-Rijen A/F. (t-6G)

28 BC.

2 Hampdens. One attacked with bombs and MGs De Kooy A/F the other Den Helder docks.

28 FC.

At 1450 12 Spitfires despatched on offensive operations over Dutch/Belgian coast. One flight went to Walcheren and 4 of these a/c flew down to sea level to attack a searchlight post and personal on coast near Domburg. Remaining 2 Spitfires proceeded to Flushing A/F and shot down a He-118 at 100 feet. 1 Spit MIA. Note: last two Spits manned by Dutch pilots. P/O Pennings/611 Squadron MIA. The He-118 was actually a He-70 and was only damaged.

28 CC.

At 0722 a Blenheim on routine patrol reported a convoy of 2 destroyers and 8 MVs 11 miles SSW of Texel. At 1112 4 Blenheims bombers escorted by 3 Blenheim fighters attacked this convoy off Hook of Holland. While the F Blenheims remained fast under cloud base the bombers attacked and smoke poured from the stern of one of the destroyers. Three Blenheim bombers shot down into the sea by flak, the 4th also MIA. (4/59 Sqn.)

29 BC.

A Stirling detailed for Wilhelmshafen attacked as AT a barge and 4 vessels towing barges off De Kooy, but bombs overshoot.

3 Blenheims detailed to attack shipping off mouth of Schelde, attacked a convoy off Ostend.

29/30 BC.

31 a/c., 12 Hampdens, 11 Wellingtons and 8 Whitleys Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results: Rotterdam. 14 a/c attacked dropping 18 tons HE and 1100 inc. One fire started but results were generally unobserved owing to thick ground haze.

ATs. 5 a/c attacked searchlights and docks at Rotterdam. Single a/c attacked A/Fs near Dordrecht, Naamstede and Schiphol.

30 BC.

19 Blenheims despatched of which 5 to attack shipping off mouth of Schelde. Results: 3 Blenheims attacked a tanker of 8000 tons escorted by 8 flakships and 2 E boats off The Hague. The tanker and one flakship were bombed but owing intense flak, results UO: 1 Blenheim shot down into the sea near the convoy. 2 Blenheims saw no shipping.

30 FC.

At 1810 2 Spitfires took off on a strike against Oostvoorne. Dwing to lack of cloud cover when 20 miles from objective, patrol returned without incident.

30 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl and Den Helder. Estimated photos of Groningen.

30/4-1/5 BC.

Of 4 Wellingtons detailed to attack Rotterdam petroleum harbour only 2 a/c attacked observing bursts in the target area.

ATs. 12 a/c attacked military objectives in NWG and Holland, all UO.

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1 BC.

26 a/c, 23 Blenheims and 3 Hampdens despatched:

2 Blenheims shipping Rotterdam, 3 shipping Antwerp, 10 shipping Den Helder and 3 Hampdens Emmerich storage siding. (Others France.) Results:

1 Blenheims attacked a 5000 ton tanker off Hook of Holland, but near miss;

1 Blenheim attacked Rotterdam petrol store. The pilot is certain of hits on the oil tank as the run up was good and the altitude low. But no definite results observed owing to evasive action to avoid flak and enemy a/c. This Blenheim crashed on return, 2 of crew slightly hurt.

Antwerp. 1 a/c attacked 4 barges in mouth of Schelde, but UO. 1 a/c attacked a 6000 t MV in Flushing harbour, but owing smoke from a clos shell burst, results UO.

Hampdens abandoned due Jack of cloud. Den Helder: All 10 Blenheims attacked, scoring direct hits on a power house, a large warehouse near the powerstation, a hotel and crane at the lock entrance and probably hits on lock gates and barracks. One Blenheim MIA, but was seen to attack the target area.

2 BC.

25 Blenheim despatched of which: 6 to attack shipping off Ameland and 6 shipping in mouth of Schelde. Results: Ameland force, only 1 a/c attacked a ship off Juist, Schelde no shipping seen.

2 CC.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder.

2/3 BC.

3 Wellingtons to attack Rotterdam petroleum harbour. Results: 3 a/c attacked starting small fires which were soon put out. ATs. a.o. Railways at Groningen and Leeuwarden A/F. 11 Hampdens successful mining off Frisians.

3 BC

21 Blenheims despatched of which 4 to East Frisians and 5 shipping off Texel. Results: in both areas no shipping seen.

3 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

3/4 BC.

Fourteen a/c on Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam petroleum harbour. 5 Whitleys and 4 Wellingtons, 8 a/c attacked causing a number of fires, intense flak made observation difficult. From this operation a Wellington crashlanded at Honington on return. Crew safe.

AT,. None Holland. A Whitley dropped 2400 teabags between Rotterdam and the coast, and between Rotterdam and Antwerp.

4 BC.

No ops HOLLAND.

4/5 BC.

All France but: 9 Blenheims on shipping between Hook of Holland and Antwerp. Results: 3 a/c attacked Rotterdam docks, bursts seen across docks no 18, 19 and 20, but UO.

4 a/c attacked Antwerp. 1 a/c attacked a 1/2000 ton ship 3 miles off Terneuzen, claiming a direct hit, vessel left with thick black smoke issuing from it.

5 BC

11 Blenheims France, 1 Stirling coastal targets in NW Germany. Due Jack of cloud cover no attack made on land target. A ship attacked in the Northsea, but bombs undershot.

5 FC

Offensive patrol Holland, Belgium and N. France.

Between 1120 and 1315 6 pairs of Spitfires despatched on offensive patrols along Belgian and Dutch coasts. Only a few small ships seen and no enemy a/c. All returned safely.

5 CC.

At 1132 a Blenheim on routine patrol reported an enemy convoy of one destroyer and 18 MVs course 90° N of Borkum. The a/c was attacked by 2 Me-110s and took evasive action after hitting the enemy a/c with tracer bullets.



8 CC.

At 1555 a Blenheim on a routine patrol sighted a fishing drifter flying Dutch colours 28 miles W of Terschelling. On being fired at Blenheim dropped 2 bombs resulting in near misses and also attacked with MGs which was seen to hit drifter.

8/9 FC.

1 Hurricane to Holland. Bombs dropped on Villacoublay and Gilze-Rijen A/F where a fire was started.

9 BC. and FC. No ops Holland.

9 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam and Flushing.

9/10 BC.

A.o. Four Blenheims shipping off Texel and mouth of Schelde. Results: 1 Blenheim bombed a 500 ton V 7 miles N of Bergen aan Zee. Vessel seen later listing to starboard. One Blenheim attacked a 350 ton trawler 12 miles W of Den Helder, and incendiaries seen to hit vessel. One Blenheim attacked a 300 ton trawler 7 miles NW Den Helder, but UO. ATs. 1 Wellington attacked Flushing, bursts seen and a fire started, along E side of canal just East of Flushing.

9/10 CC.

Two Beauforts to attack E boat base at IJmuiden. Results: Between 2345/2355 two Beauforts attacked E boat base at IJmuiden. All bombs estimated to have fallen in target area and large fires started.

10 CC.

PRU. Oldebroek A/F, canal at Hooik of Holland, IJmuiden, Amsterdam. Estimated photos: Venlo A/F., Terneuzen and Flushing.

10/11 CC.

At 0001 hrs a Beaufort on a roving strike against shipping off Dutch coast attacked a MV of 3000 tons off Terschelling, but UO. Another Beaufort on same task also attacked a MV 10 miles N of Terschelling, but also UO.

10/11 BC.

18 Blenheims anti shipping between Dunkirk and Wangerooze. Results: One Blenheim attacked a ship of ± 2000 tons believed to be a destroyer or naval auxiliary, 1 mile off coast off Texel. One burst seen to illuminate bridge and one seen on port side. Ship then changed direction and was believed to be down at stern.

6 Blenheims attacked Rotterdam and bursts seen across docks no's 15, 16 and 17. Three large convoys found off Frisian Islands, comprising ships up to 5000 tons. Low level attacks carried out by 6 Blenheims, but hits UO. One Blenheim attacked 2 coasters of 500 tons each, on the south bank of the river at Maassluis, 2 explosions seen and the ships believed hit.

11 BC, CC and FC.

No ops Holland.

11/12 BC.

Rotterdam Petroleum harbour by 2 Wellingtons. Results: 3 Wellingtons attacked and bursts seen between Y dock and south branch of the river.

ATs. Single a/c A/Fs at Texel, Gilze-Rijen, Haamstede and Groningen.

11/12 CC.

4 Blenheims to attack E boat base IJmuiden and 3 Beauforts shipping off Dutch coast. Results: At 2310 3 Blenheims attacked E boat base IJmuiden. Bombs seen to burst in target area and fires started.

At 0028 a Beaufort unsuccessfully attacked a 4000 ton MV North of Borkum, and at 0152 another Beaufort on same task bombed De Mok seaplane base, but UO. Remaining a/c did not drop.

11/12 FC.

One aircraft bombed Gilze-Rijen flare path.

12 and 12/13 BC, CC and FC.  
No ops Holland.

13 BC.

44 Blenheims of which 6 anti shipping off Texel and 10 anti shipping Ameland. Both forces saw no shipping.

11/12 BC.

Further reports. Leaflets and teabags over Rotterdam.

13 CC.

At 1725 a Blenheim on routine patrol bomberd and MGd a 800 ton trawler and 4 fishing smacks, 26 miles W of IJmuiden, but UO.

13/14 FC.

At 0455 four fighters offensive ops off Ostend. Results: 4 Hurricanes took-off on offensive ops over Ostend, where an A/F was attacked with cannon and MGs resulting in explosions in a hangar.

14 CC.

At 1145 one of 3 Beauforts on anti shipping off Dutch coast sighted an enemy convoy of 5 MVs and 2 esc's 16 miles WNW IJmuiden. AS/c dropped torpedo at a 5000 ton MV and a large column of black smoke seen. An actual hit not seen owing evasive action and misty weather conditions.

15 BC.

20 Blenheims despatched. 11 to Rotterdam, 9 to Heligoland. Results: Blenheims Rotterdam one Blenheim attacked a 700 ton MV of f Haarlem but bombs overshot. Remaining a/c abandoned due lack of cloud. Nine Blenheims attacked a convoy at Langeoog. The Blenheims were attacked by 109s N of Vlieland, and one Blenheim crashed into the sea. One Me-109 destroyed and 1 damaged. (1 Blenheim 21 Squadron MIA).

15 CC.

At 0643 a Blenheim on routine patrol saw medium sized MVs escorted by 2 smaller MVs, 16 miles NNW of Texel. Four Beauforts detailed to attack these ships abandoned due lack of cloud cover. One a/c chased by 2 me-110s, jettisoned bomb load.

15/16 CC.

Four Beauforts E boat base IJmuiden. Results: Between 0350/0430 4 Beauforts dropped HE and incendiaries on the E boat base at IJmuiden. Results UO due cloud, but a number of fires started and some bursts seen in target area.

15/16 BC.

ATs. Single a/c A/Fs at Eelde, Waalhavn and Schiphol, but UO.

16 BC.

PRU. 1 Spitfire despatched to Cologne, photographed Flushing.

16 CC.

PRU. Harlingen, Den Helder and shipping (twice), Flushing and shipping, Terschelling and Terneuzen.

16/17 BC.

No ops Holland. Mining off Frisians.

16/17 CC.

Three Beauforts on shipping at Willemsoord. Results: Two Beauforts dropped at 2312 and 0021. One a/c saw bombs explode in water, the other did not observe results owing to release from only 750 feet, but estimated bombs feil in target area.

17 8C, CC and FC.

No ops Holland.

17/18 BC.

Rotterdam 14 Blenheims. The Blenheims were originally detailed to attack shipping in Waalhaven at Rotterdam, but ground haze and intense flak rendered the discovery of ships difficult, and therefore Rotterdam was attacked. Eleven a/c dropped 5 tons HE. Bursts observed among hangar type sheds in the dry dock, but otherwise UO. ATs. Single a/c attacked railway lines near Rotterdam where flashes were observed between buildings on either side of the railway.

17/18 CC.

Three Beauforts to attack Willemsoord. Results: Docks and shipping Willemsoord. Between 2345/0010 two Beauforts dropped bombs at Willemsoord. Bursts observed just north of mine depot. A 3rd Beaufort unable to locate target, dropped bombs on lights SW of Willemsoord and on searchlights NW of Den Oever. At 2315 a/c was attacked by enemy a/c 24 miles NNE of Cromer. Damage to bombdoors.

18 FC.

Offensive ops France/Belgium.

18 CC.

PRU. a.o. Leeuwarden, Amsterdam, Groningen, Schiphol A/F, shipping, Eelde, IJmuiden and Ruygenhoek A/F.

18/19 BC.

ATs. A flakconcentration SW of Terschelling, but UO.

19 - 20/21 BC, CC and FC.

No ops Holland. (Few ops only)

21 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

22 BC.

16 Blenheims detailed. Of which 6 shipping off Ameland. Results: Only 1 a/c attacked MV of 1000 tons NE of Borkum, UO due fog, but steam observed from vessel which was also MGd. 1 Blenheim abandoned, others saw no shipping.

23 BC.

20 Blenheims detailed. (1) 8 to attack shipping off Ameland, (2) 6 to attack shipping off Texel and (3) 6 to attack shipping off mouth of Schelde. Results: (1) no shipping seen. (2) Two a/c attacked 2 MVs 6/8000 tons near IJmuiden, no hits seen but a large volume of smoke seen issuing from one of the ships after bombing. (3). Four a/c completed sweep, but no shipping seen.

23 FC.

Offensive ops France and Belgian coast.

23/24 BC.

ATs. Two Stirlings attacked Rotterdam oil storage and 1 Stirling attacked Haamstede A/F, but UO. Single a/c a.o. Schiphol, Eindhoven, Gilze-Rijen, all UO but for Eindhoven were fires were started. C b e l' l ,, - ,, •')

24 BC.

23 Blenheims detailed. (1) 10 to attack Norderney and/or shipping (2) 9 to attack Barkum and/or shipping and (3) 4 to attack shipping off IJmuiden. Results: (1) 2 a/c attacked a 1500 ton ship 10 miles N of Borkum, also MGd, near misses; 2 a/c attacked a 2000 ton ship 10 miles N of Borkum, one hit registered and some near misses, also MGd. 1 a/c MIA. (2) 5 a/c attacked 2 ships of 2500 off Schiermonnikoog. One ship left enveloped in smoke. Near misses on other ship. (3) 1 a/c attacked 1500 ton ship SW of IJ-muiden. 1 bomb believed to have hit ship, others near misses. Results UO.

24 DO< BC.

PRU. Two Spits to Cologne and Rotterdam. Took Cologne and The Hague.

24 CC.

PRU. Ouddorp, Hook of Holland, The Hague and Haamstede.



25 BC.

31 Blenheims detailed. (1) 8 to attack shipping off Texel. (2) 6 to attack shipping off Denmark. (3) 8 to attack shipping off Ameland and (4) to attack Norderney. Results: (1) A 4/5000 ton MV and a 600 ton trawler attacked by single a/c, but no hits claimed 5 a/c completed sweep without seeing shipping, 1 a/c MIA. (2) 1 a/c 3 no att. and 1 MIA (3) Two 6000 and 1 4000 ton MV in a convoy attacked by 3 a/c. Although no actual hits were observed, debris was seen to fly into the air from one ship and column of black smoke from other. All ships in convoy MGD. Three other 4000 ton ships off Ameland attacked, but UO. 1 a/c MIA.

(4) no report yet but 1 a/c MIA.

25 CC.

PRU. a.o. Naamstede A/F, Schelde near Antwerp, Den Helder, Flushing and Texel.

26 BC.

12 Blenheims detailed, 6 each to attack shipping off Ameland and Texel. 3 on Ameland abandoned, 3 completed sweep but no shipping. 6 on Texel no shipping seen either.

26 FC.

Offensive patrols France/Belgium.

27 BC.

(1) 6 Blenheims to attack shipping off mouth of Schelde and (2) 8 Blenheims to attack shipping off mouth of Elbe. Results: (1) 3 a/c attacked from 50 feet 3 6/800 ton trawlers off The Hague. Near misses registered on 2 trawlers and smoke observed to be issuing from the hatches of 3rd vessel, which was left with a slight list. Ships also MGD. (3) 7 a/c completed patrol, no shipping seen.

27 FC.

Offensive ops France and Belgian coast.

27 CC.

At 2148 3 Blenheims were attacked by 2 Me-109s 50 miles WNW of Texel. No damage was sustained by our a/c. Our rear gunner replied and one enemy a/c believed to have been hit.

27/28 BC.

No tgts Holland.

28 BC.

7 Blenheims shipping mouth of Elbe. 2 attacked. 5 a/c saw no shipping but were attacked by 3 Me-109s 60 miles NW of Terschelling and in ensuing combat, one Blenheim shot down in flames. (1182 Squadron.)

28 CC.

At 2100 3 Blenheims on a routine patrol were attacked by 2 Me-109s 45 miles NW of Hook of Holland. As a result one Blenheim was shot down into the sea, and another has not reported to base. (21235 Squadron MIA)

28/29 BC.

No tgts Holland.

29 - 31/5 - 1/6 BC, CC and FC.

Due weather very few ops. No ops at all Holland. Except:

30 CC.

PRU. a.o. Wilhelmshaen, Delfzijl and Groningen.

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1 CC.

PRU. a.o. River from Dordrecht to Moerdijk, Bergen op Zoom, part of Schelde, smalt inlet Tholen island, Terneuzen and Dordrecht.

2 BC.

44 Blenheims detailed, of which 21 a/c fringe targets NW Germany. Of these a/c one attacked 2 1500 ton MVs in western harbour of Terschelling. Two near misses obtained and 2 further bombs are believed to have hit one of the vessels. (17 a/c abandoned, 2 MIA.)

2 CC.

At 1400 two Beauforts on roving strike against shipping off Dutch islands, unsuccessfully attacked with a torpedo a convoy of 3 MVs of 6000 ton, 10 MVs of 1000 ton, and one flakship off Terschelling. The a/c were attacked by 2 Me-1'10s and 2 of the Beauforts took succesful avoiding action. 3rd MIA.

2/3 BC.

ATs. Single a/c a.o. docks at Hook of Holland and A/F at Haamstede. One large fire started at Hook of Holland.

3 CC.

PRU. a.o. Shipping at Den Helder.

4 BC.

54 Blenheims detailed of which to Holland (1) 9 to Valkenburg A/F; (2) 6 to Haamstede A/F; (3) 9 to Bergen(Alkmaar) A/F; (4) 6 to De Kooy A/F. Results: (1). One a/c attacked a goods train in a railway junction on the NE outskirts of The Hague. Remaining 8 abandoned. (2) One a/c attacked a buoy 10 miles NW of Naamstede but (JO. Remaining 5 abandoned.(3) All a/c abandoned. (4) Four a/c abandoned, 2 MIA.

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4 CC.

PRU. a.o. Schiphol, Terneuzen, Hook of Holland. Flushing, river Schelde. Eindhoven A/F, Rotterdam, Amsterdam to coast and Gilze-Rijen.

4 BC.

Encounters enemy a/c. During the day 4 Me-109s intercepted a formation of 6 Blenheims returning from De Kooy A/F. In the ensuing combat which continued to within 50 miles of English coast, 1 enemy a/c was seen to break away with smoke pouring from its engine and is claimed as destroyed.

5 BC.

No ops Holland. (See FC.)

5 FC.

1110 hrs 12 Spitfires escorted 3 Blenheims to attack shipping off Ostend.

5 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Ypenburg, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Schiphol and Hook of Holland  
5 - 7 verg few ops due weather.

7 BC.

22 Blenheims detailed of which (1) 8 to attack shipping off Texel, and (2) 8 to attack shipping off Ameland. Results: (1) One 5/6000 ton MV in a convoy off IJmuiden was attacked by 1 a/c and received 2 direct hits and left listing and in flames. One 5000 ton MV in same convoy received direct hits and was left with smoke and flames coming from her. 4 a/c no attack as no shipping was seen, 2 MIA. (2) A MV in convoy off Ameland attacked by 1 a/c but bombs overshot. A salvage vessel off Ameland attacked by 2 a/c . One a/c missed with all its bombs, but saw a large column of smoke came up from the ship after 2nd a/c attacked. 5 a/c saw no shipping. The a/c whose bombs were seen to hit salvage vessel is MIA.

7 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Breskens, Flushing and Terneuzen.

7 FC.

Offensive ops France/Belgium.

8/9 BC.

Few ops. No tgts Holland.

9 BC.

18 aircraft detailed of which (1) 6 Blenheims shipping off Ameland, (2) 6 Blenheims shipping mouth of Schelde and (3) Four Wellingtons and 2 Stirlings to attack shipping south of Flushing along Belgian coast. Results: (1) Two a/c attacked a MV of 1200 tons in convoy. One a/c's bombs overshot but incendiaries hit deck, otherwise U0. One a/c was seen to attack same convoy, results U0. Two abandoned and 2 MIA.

(2) All a/c completed patrol no shipping seen. (3) Two Stirlings attacked a convoy off Dunkirk, but bombs fell wide. One Wellington attacked a convoy of 6-8 MVs of 2000 tons off The Hague, but bombs fell 50 yards ahead. Two Wellingtons MIA. One Wellington was attacked by a Me-109 for 30 minutes but sustained no damage.

10 BC.

10 a/c detailed of which 2 Stirlings Emden area. Results: Stirlings owing to lack of cloud cover no land targets were reached and no shipping was seen. During above operation one Stirling encountered 2 enemy fighters off Vlieland. One Me-109 shot down in the sea after a combat lasting 18 minutes. (No RAF losses).

11 BC.

25 Blenheims detailed, 3 Bremerhaven, but abandoned. 22 NW Germany, 19 abandoned, but one a/c attacked the docks at IJmuiden bombs seen to fall on storehouses on quayside between docks 2 and 3. Wharehouses also MGd. One a/c attacked and sank a 200 ton trawler 40 miles W of Bergen aan Zee. 1 MIA. During above operation 1 He-115 shot down into the sea and some combats with enemy fighters.

11 CC.

Roving strike. At 1300 3 Beauforts bombed an MV and the Mole at Zeebrugge. 4 hits on latter, heavy flak.

11/12 BC.

Four Wellingtons docks at Rotterdam and 5 Hampdens succesfully mines of Frisian Isles ATs. Single a/c Flushing and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

11/12 CC.

2 Beauforts shipping off Dutch coast. Results: No shipping seen and 1 Beaufort attacked Norderney A/F and seaplane base at 0126. 2nd a/c dropped bombs on the East boat anchorage at IJmuiden docks at 0212. UO in both cases.

12 CC.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder.

12/13 BC.

2 a/c detailed for Rotterdam Results: 2 Wellingtons attacked, starting a big fire among riverside buildings.

ATs. None mentioned in Holland. 46 a/c ATs mainly in Ruhr. This night bombs in Gouda.

12/13 CC.

Strike at E boat base in Rotterdam. Results: 1 Beaufort attacked canal and docks at Antwerp at 0230 and another attacked searchlight positions 12 miles SW of Rotterdam at 0235. In both cases U0. 3rd a/c MIA. 4th crashed at base on take-off. C14Z 41<sup>k</sup> E(

13 CC.

PRU. a.o. Part of Overflakkee, Rotterdam, Hook of Holland, Terneuzen, The Hague and Flushing.

13 BC.

PRU. 1 Spitfire for Osnabruck made photos of Flushing.

13/14 BC.

No tgts and/or ATs in Holland.

13/14 FC.

Offensive ops France. Results.:a/c hampered by poor visibility. Two to France/Belgium, 1 a/c bombed Gilze-Rijen A/F.

14 BC.

30 Blenheims detailed of which 6 to attack shipping off Texel and 6 to attack shipping off mouth of Schelde. Both no shipping seen.

14 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam and canal.

14/15 BC.

29 Hampdens Cologne. 25 attacked in conditions of 10/10th cloud from 10.000 to 2000 feet and a/c bombed on ETA. Some bursts and glows from fires however seen.

15 BC.

23 Blenheims detailed of which 1 shipping off Flushing (1); (2) 5 shipping off Texel and (3) shipping off mouth of Schelde. Results: (1) abandoned. (2) 1 a/c attacked MV of 5/6000 tons escorted by 7 flakships off Den Helder. One probable hit made, but results UO. 1 MIA.

(3) 8 - 10 E boats off Hook of Holland attacked. One E boat hit. 1 a/c attacked MV of 4000 tons in a stationary convoy of 8 ships off The Hague, scoring direct hits on the bows. Debris thrown into the air and a column of black smoke seen. An MV of 6/8000 tons in same convoy attacked by another a/c but UO. 1 MIA.

15 CC.

Strike at ships off Dutch coast. Results: Two Beauforts made torpedo attack on a 5000 ton MV in convoy at 1230, 20 miles NW of Texel. A column of black smoke was seen and MV listed. 3rd Beaufort MIA. C"/zz c .rs.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

15/16 BC.

Germany but of 4 Hampdens mining Frisian Islands, 2 succesfull. ATs. 7 a/c attacked ATs in NW Germany and Holland.

16 BC.

25 Blenheims detailed of which (1) 6 to East Frisian Islands, 1 MIA. (2) 7 shipping off Texel, (3) 7 shipping mouth of schelde and (4) 5 shipping off Dutch Islands. Results: (2) 3 a/c attacked MV of 4000 tons which was afterwards seen to be enveloped in a large cloud of smoke. 2 of our a/c intercepted by Me-109s on outward journey, one Blenheim shot down. One crashed on return at Norwich. (3) 1 a/c attacked MV of 1800 tons, but UO. 1 Blenheim MIA., was last seen attacking a 3000 ton MV. (4) 4 a/c attacked fishing Vs., 50 to 80 tons, 2 of Vs sunk.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam.

16 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

16/17 BC.

ATs. A/F at Deventer(!?), one NW of Rotterdam and seaplane base at de Mok, all UO.

16/17 FC.

Offensive ops France and to Gilze-Rijen. No attack on Gilze-Rijen.

17 BC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam.

17 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Flushing, Terneuzen and Delfzijl.

17/18 CC.

Three Swordfishes Ostend.

17/18 BC.

Germany but 8 Wellingtons to attack Rotterdam, and 4 Hampdens mining off Frisian Islands. Results: Mining succesfully. Rotterdam. The target was obscured by ground haze and the docks were only visible from searchlight concentrations. 7 a/c attacked the doek area and adjacent searchlights, but UO. About 10 tons HE dropped. ATs. Single a/c Eindhoven A/F, one believed to be Texel, and de Mok seaplane base.

18 BC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam.

18 CC.

PRU. a.o. Frisian Islands, den Helder and airfields in Venlo and Woensrecht areas.

18/19 BC.

No tgts Holland.

19 BC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden.

19/20 BC.

ATs. Single a/c attacked a town in south Ruhr area, and targets believed to be at Aachen. Fires seen at Aachen.

20 BC.

11 Blenheims of which 8 shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 2 a/c attacked a single funnel vessel of 100 tons off Den Helder. After attack vessel was seen with stern well down, and with clouds of steam issuing from it, and it is claimed as destroyed. 2 a/c attacked a trawler of ± 3600 tons off The Hague, but bombs overshot. Vessel was MGd, but results UO. 3 a/c saw no shipping, one abandoned.

20 CC.

PRU a.o. Den Helder and Frisian Islands.

20/21 BC.

ATs. Single a/c a.o. a tanker 10 miles N of Terschelling.

21 BC.

23 Blenheims of which (1) 6 shipping off Dutch coast and (2) 6 shipping off Frisian Islands. Results: (1) 1 a/c attacked a fishing vessel of ± 100 tons N of Texel, bombs seen to undershoot. This vessel also claimed to have been MGd. 5 other a/c saw no shipping. (2) All a/c saw no shipping.

21 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl and IJmuiden.

21/22 BC.

ATs. Calais, Ostend and Zeebrugge, by 3 Manchesters and 3 Wellingtons.

21/22 FC.

One Havoc to Gilze-Rijen. Results: One Havoc to the neighbourhood of Gilze-Rijen where bombs were dropped on Haamstede A/F, three fires being started.

22 BC.

Five Blenheims shipping off Dutch coast. No shipping seen. PRU. Flushing.

22 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl.

22/23 BC.

ATs. a.o. Den Helder. (Thick ground haze over all primaries)

22/23 FC.

One Havoc to Gilze-Rijen/Eindhoven. Results: Havoc Gilze-Rijen saw 1 enemy a/c on outward journey but could not engage it. No activity on A/F.

23 BC

23 Blenheims of which (1) 5 shipping off Frisian Islands and (2) 5 shipping off Dutch coast. In both cases no shipping seen.

23 CC.

PRU. a.o. Beveland canal, Amsterdam, Utrecht and IJmuiden.

23/24 BC.

One Hampden mining off Frisian Islands, and ATs single a/c A/Fs at Gilze-Rijen, Flushing and Haamstede.

24 BC.

No ops Holland.

24 CC and FC.

No ops Holland.

24/25 BC.

No tgts Holland.

24/25 CC.

Offensive reconnaissance shipping Le Havre-Walcheren by 2 Blenheims. Results: The one Blenheim on this patrol saw no shipping due poor visibility and returned without dropping.

25 BC.

Blenheims (1) 5 shipping off Dutch coast and (2) 5 shipping off Frisian Islands. In both cases no shipping seen.

25/26 BC.

Main targets Bremen and Kiel but 3 Wellingtons and 3 whitleys to Rotterdam. One Hampden mining off Frisians. Results: Hampden mining unsuccessfull due thunderstorm. Germany, thick ground haze still persisted over all targets in NW Germany making detailed observation of results impossible.

Rotterdam docks and oil installations. Four a/c attacked dropping 5 tons HE and 240 incendiaries. Incendiaries seen burning but otherwise U0. ATs. Rotterdam and Den Helder docks, A/Fs Waalhaven, Ypenburg, De Kooy. In main U0.

25/26 CC.

Two Blenheims shipping off Dutch coast. Results: Strike at shipping between IJmuiden and Rotterdam. The 2 Blenheims on this patrol returned without sighting any shipping.

26 BC and FC. No

tgts Holland.

26 CC

PRU. Overflakkee, Rotterdam, Hook of Holland, Amsterdam, and shipping off Hook of Holland and IJmuiden.

26/27 BC.

143 a/c Germany. 10/10th cloud and severe electrical storms. ATs. a.o. 3 a/c Naamstede A/F. 25 a/c single attacks on A/Fs and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

1 Hampden mining Frisians, succesfully.

26/27 CC.

Two Blenheims shipping Le Havre-Walcheren. No shipping sighted.(1 a/c bombed A/F at Dieppe.)

27 BC, CC and FC.

No tgts Holland.

27/28 BC.

Three Hampdens succesfully mines Frisians. ATs. 15 a/c. single attacks e.o. Den Helder and military objectives in NW Germany and Holland.

28 BC.

18 Blenheims and 6 Stirlings tgts in NW Germany, all abandoned but: Dne Stirling on this operation was shot down into the sea by a Me-109 ± 40 miles N of Terschelling.

28 CC.

Three Blenheims escorted by fighters despatched to attack two 3000 ton vessels, but not located.

28 FC.

Between 0345/0515 two Hurricanes escorted a Blenheim of CC in a search for shipping off the Dutch, Belgian and French coast. Dur a/c became seperated and returned at different times to base without having anything of interest to report.

28 BC

Encounters enemy a/c. Two Stirlings attacked by 6 - 9 Me-109s off Frisian Islands. The engine of 1 109 was stopped and it is claimed as destroyed. 1 109 was damaged, 1 Stirling lost.

28/29 BC.

34 a/c mining off Elbe and Heligoland, but a.o.: bombed several places ( Borkum ) but too a 8000 ton MV off Ameland was bombed, a glow and smoke being seen after the attack and a large MV N of Norderney was straddled.

28/29 FC.

At 0050 a Havoc despatched on offensive patrol to Gilze-Rijen. Results: Havoc found nothing in neighbourhood of Gilze-Rijen due weather and bombed Antwerp factory at 0340 hrs.

29 BC.

PRU. a.o. Schelde.

R)BC. 29 CC.

At 1647 a Blenheim attacked a convoy of 7 MVs of 2/4000 tons, 18 miles NNW IJmuiden. Bombs dropped and one the Vs MGd, but results UO.

29/30 BC.

Three Hampdens successfully mining of Frisians. ATs by 6 a/c. a.o. Den Helder and military objectives in NW Germany. (30-6-41 signal station at Kruislaan Amsterdam)

29/30 CC.

Three Blenheims shipping Le Havre-Walcheren. Results: Two Blenheims, one of which was escorted by fighters, failed to sight any ship and returned with bombs. 3rd Blenheim MIA.

29/30 FC.

No offensive ops. At 0400 2 Hurricanes to escort a CC Blenheim along French and Belgian coast.

30 BC.

52 a/c, 46 Blenheims and 6 Halifaxes. Two Blenheims and 1 Halifax MIA.

All tgts NW Germany but: 1 a/c detailed Bremen attacked docks and a W/T station at Terschelling and a 500 ton trawler SW of the island. A burst was seen on the side of the ship which is claimed as a total loss. Another attacked Bremen but was attacked for a period of 10 minutes by 3 Me-109s off Terschelling. Hits claimed on all 3 a/c and large pieces were seen to fall from wing of one of them, which is claimed as destroyed. The other 2 enemy a/c damaged. Blenheim was considerable damaged and crashed on landing but the crew is safe.

30 CC and FC.

No ops Holland.

30/6-1/7 BC.

No tgts Holland.

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1 BC.

45 a/c despatched on following operations:(1) 7 Blenheims ships Kiel Canal; (2) 5 Blenheims Oldenburg power station;(3) 3 Blenheims liner Europa Bremerhaven;(4) 3 Stirlings on roving commission according to available cloud cover, and (5) 3 Stirlings Cuxhaven. Results:(1) Abandoned lack of cloud, 1 MIA.;(2) Attacked, 1 MIA; (3) Abandoned lack of cloud cover; (4) 2 a/c attacked Borkum seaplane base. A/c attacked by enemy fighters and claim 2 Me-109s as destroyed. 3rd Stirling MIA., and (5) abandoned lack of cloud. Note: Details on losses etc. available. One ASR launch captured by Germans on the Northsea.

1/2 BC.

No ops Holland.

2/3 BC.

Germany. ATs. Single a/c A/F at Flushing, one A/F 10 miles NW of Amsterdam, and one possibly at Eindhoven. Two a/c attacked Rotterdam where bombs straddled oil tanks, followed by a terrible explosion. Ten a/c individual towns and military objectives in NWG and Holland.

3 BC.

PRU. a.o. Mouth of Schelde.

2/3 BC.

Encounters enemy aircraft. On night 2(3 July a Stirling was attacked north of the Zuiderzee by a Me-110. The enemy a/c was shot down in flames, and was seen burning on the ground. Note: Was a Me-110 C4 of II/NJG1 which crashed near Langweer. Crew baled out.

3 CC

PRU. a.o. Flushing, Roosendaal A/F, Rotterdam, Texel, Terneuzen, Gilze-Rijen A/F, Terschelling, Den Helder, The Hague, Eindhoven and Vlieland.

3/4 BC.

Projected ops: 189 a/c, mainly Germany but 4 to Rotterdam. Results: Only 163 despatched 90/Essen, 68/Bremen and 5 to A/Fs. AIFS. 3 a/c attacked Gilze-Rijen A/F dropping 5 tons HE. Bursts seen on W side of A/F. From this operation one Wellington crashed at Methwold, 5 of crew killed one injured.

ATs. a.o. Naamstede A/F. Also bombs on Frederik Kazerne in The Hague.

4 BC.

32 Blenheims despatched, no tgts Holland.

4/5 BC.

Three Hampdens succesfully mining of Frisian Islands.

4/5 CC.

Offensive recce off Dutch coast. At 0010 a Blenheim attacked a coastal vessel of ± 1000 tons off Texel, but U0.

5 BC.

14 Blenheims despatched. (1) 7 shipping off Ameland and (2) 7 shipping off Texel. Results (1) 3 a/c attacked 3 sea-going and camouflaged barges towed by tug and escorted by a flakship 4 miles N of Schiermonnikoog. The leading barge got one direct hit. A large convoy seen on horizon and 5 Me-110s left the convoy and attacked Blenheim which although damaged, returned safely. (2) Apart from MGning "R" boats and 2 small vessels from long range, no attack carried out as no suitable ships sighted.

5 CC.

Attacks on MVs off Belgian coast. Escort by FC.

5/6 BC.

208 a/c detailed Germany, but 14 on Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam docks. 11 a/c attacked dropping ± 18 tons HE and 120 inc. Many bursts seen in the Bock area and explosions and fires were started. A direct hit was obtained on a large gasometer and vivid flashes were seen, followed by enormous flame.

ATs. Single a/c docks Amsterdam, Dordrecht, Den Helder. Fires started in most cases.



5/6 CC

Offensive recce shipping N.France and Dutch coast. 7 Blenheims and 3 Beauforts despatched. Results: At 0030 one Blenheim dive bombed from 300 feet 3 MVs of ± 1000 tons each, 15 miles NW of Borkum registering a near miss on one. Remaining a/c saw no ships.

6 BC.

30 a/c, 21 Blenheims and 9 Stirlings (6 Blenheims and 9 Stirlings France) despatched.

9 Blenheims shipping East Frisian Islands. NW Heligoland 1 a/c hit mast and crashed in the sea. 6 Blenheims shipping off mouth of Schelde. Of these 1 a/c attacked a grey flakship of ± 3000 tons. Bombs fell just short and alongside ship, which is claimed as damaged. A further flakship was attacked by one a/c and smoke and steam issued from the stern. The ship was seen listing to starboard and is claimed as a total loss. This a/c has not reported to base and above results were observed by another a/c.

6 FC.

Offensive ops France/Belgium.

6 CC.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder, Schellingwoude, Groningen, Amsterdam, Leeuwarden, Schiphol and IJmuiden.

6/7 BC.

Brest/Germany and 5 Wellingtons Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam. 5 Wellingtons attacked and bombs seen to burst across docks nos 14, 15, 16 and 20, and also west of dock no 18. Incendiaries were seen burning across the railway and the area north of it.

ATs. One Wellington attacked a convoy of 8 - 10 MVs of 3/4000 tons off the mouth of the Schelde and claiming to have hit one vessel. One Wellington attacked a 5000 ton ship in the Zuiderzee, and claimed a direct hit. Also single a/c Den Helder docks, Amsterdam docks and Texel A/F, but no outstanding results.

6/7 CC.

Anti ship Walcheren/St.Nazaire by 6 Blenheims and 4 Beauforts. Results: At 0040 a Blenheim attacked 2 MVs N of Texel scoring a possible hit on one of the ships which also was MGd. At 0124 a Blenheim saw a convoy of 13 MVs off Ameland. The leading ship was attacked, but UO. Remaining a/c saw no shipping.

5/6 BC.

Further reports. 350 tea bags dropped over Holland.

6/7 BC.

Encounters enemy a/c. One Wellington shot down a Ju-88 in the Zuiderzee, and another Wellington claimed to have probably shot down a Me-110 in the same area. Note: One Do-215 of 11/NJG1 shot down just east of Vlieland. Crew in dinghy saved by ASR.

7 BC.

28 a/c despatched (8 Stirlings France). (1) 11 Blenheims shipping off The Hague, and (2) 9 Blenheims shipping off East Frisian Islands. Results: (2) 5 a/c attacked off Spiekeroog, and (1) These a/c sighted and attacked from very low altitude a convoy of 8 MVs and

4 Flakships off The Hague and claim as total loss 3 vessels of 4000 tons, one vessel of 2/3000 tons and 2 vessels of 2000 tons. From this operation 3 Blenheims MIA. One of these was seen on fire and exploded on hitting the sea. Note: detailed information on this attack available.

7 FC.

Offensive ops and escort France/Belgium.

7 CC.

PRU. a.o. Eelde A/F, shipping between IJmuiden and Honk of Holland, Delfzijl, and shipping off Naamstede.

7/8 BC.

301 a/c Germany. ATs Uil tanks at Antwerp, Texel A/F, bombs burst near a hangar. Den Helder docks, bursts seen in north part of docks.

7/8 CC.

4 Blenheims shipping E. or um/Walcheren. Results: At 0020 a Blenheim attacked one MV of 40 tons in convoy off the an, scoring a hit or near miss.

8 BC.

No ops Holland. First operation by B-17s of 90 Squadron. Two Me-109s, probably part of a standing patrol off Terschelling were seen at 28000 feet, but the fighters could not engage.

K 8 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

8/9 BC.

171 a/c Germany but as ATs single a/c targets in NWG and Holland, including: Rotterdam, Schiphol A/F, Den Helder docks and an A/F(?) near IJmuiden. No outstanding results.

8/9 CC.

3 Beauforts shipping off Dutch and Belgian coasts. Nothing to report.

9 BC.

15 Blenheims shipping off Ameland. Results: 9 abandoned and 6 a/c saw no shipping.

9 CC.

PRU. Flushing A/F.

ASR. The crew of four of a Hampden, of 49 Squadron, were rescued from a dinghy, 60 miles ESE of Cromer at 1221 hours. It is reported that the crew had been in the dinghy since 30th June, nine days!

9/10 BC.

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140 a/c Aachen and Osnabruck. ATs. One Wellington dropped a 4000 lbs bomb on Bergen/Alkmaar A/F. It was seen to burst on the western boundary and all lights on the flare path were blown out.

10 BC.

No ops Holland. PRU. One Spit of 3 PRU despatched to take photos of Munster and Osnabruck abandoned owing to cloud, but photographed the The Hague and Arnhem areas.

10/11 Bc

130 a/c Cologne. ATs. 1 a/c attacked Flushing A/F bombs seen to burst across A/F and on a flashing beacon.

10/11 CC.

3 Blenheims and 3 Beauforts shipping off Dutch coast and Frisians. No shipping seen.

11 CC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam, Schiphol, Den Helder, Alkmaar A/F, De Kooy, Alkmaar. Estimated photos of Rotterdam, 's Hertogenbosch, Hook of Holland and canal to Rotterdam.

11/12 BC.

36 Hampdens Wilhelmshave; 35 attacked.

12 BC.

41 a/c despatched of which (1) 11 Blenheims shipping off Ameland, (2) 9 Blenheims shipping off Texel, (3) 6 Blenheims shipping mouth of Schelde and (4) 12 Blenheims shipping between Terschellinger bank and IJmuiden. Results: (1) no shipping seen. (2) 4 a/c attacked a 1000 ton trawler 25 miles W of Den Helder, bombs from 1 a/c fell very close to the port side, but all other bombs seen to fall wide. One a/c attacked a 100 feet sailing vessel, believed to be a reporting ship, in the same area, bombs overshot by 5 to 10 yards, vessel also MGd. During this operation 1 a/c seen to have been shot down into the sea whilst attacking a convoy off IJmuiden. (3) One a/c attacked a vessel of 150 tons, 5 miles off Walcheren, obtaining a direct hit, the vessel was left listing. Same a/c attacked a 500 ton escort ship, accompanying 5 fishing vessels, 3 miles N of Zoute-lande, but bombs overshot. These Vs also MGd. Another a/c attacked a gun emplacement 5 miles NW of Middelburg. It is believed that a direct hit was obtained. (4) 12 a/c completed search for convoy, but not located. C<sup>1</sup> /1) **S 1** .

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12/13 BC.

61 a/c Bremen. 2 Hampdens MIA. ATs Single a/c. a.o. Leer, SE of Emden, fires started.

13 BC No

ops.

13/14 BC.

69 Wellingtons Germany. ATs. 3 a/c attacked Amsterdam, bursts seen in dock area and fires started.; 2 a/c attacked Rotterdam, fires started and small explosions amongst oil tanks seen.; 1 a/c dropped 1 X 4000 on Texel A/F causing a great red flash followed by small fire.; also attacks by single a/c on Ostend and other towns in NWG and Holland

13/14 CC.

Seven Blenheims shipping between Le Havre and Texel. No shipping seen.

14 BC.

11 Blenheims shipping off Texel. Results: 8 a/c successfully intercepted a convoy 8 mts N of IJmuiden. 4 a/c attacked a 6000 ton MV scoring hits on the rear hatch, fore deck and stern. Two a/c attacked a 3000 ton MV obtaining a hit on the stern, and 1 a/c obtained hits aft and amidships on a 1500 ton escort V. All these ships claimed as total losses. Three a/c attacked 2 out of 7 trawlers ± 25 miles SW of IJmuiden scoring near misses (a 1500 ton MV also attacked but no hits) Our a/c were intercepted and attacked near IJmuiden by 2 Me-109s, one of which was hit and crashed into the sea.

14/15 BC.

201 a/c Germany but 9 Wellingtons Rotterdam. Five Hampden successfully mines of f Frisians. Results Rotterdam. 9 a/c attacked, bursts seen on the west edge of Waalhaven and south of Maashaven. A fire was seen to have started. ATs. 20 a/c single attacks NWG and Holland. Mainly UO.

14/15 CC.

8 Blenheims shipping off DC, 5 Beauforts mining Frisians. Results: Two Blenheims returned, no shipping seen, 6 others did not take off due weather. 5 Beauforts mining successfully off Frisians.

15 B .CC.

Four Blenheims despatched to attack enemy convoy 8 miles SW of Texel but returned having failed to locate their target.

15/16 CC.

6 Beauforts mining off Frisians. Cancelled due adverse weather.

15/16 BC.

38 Wellingtons Duisburg. ATs. 1 Wellington attacked Ypenburg A/F where buildings were hit and large fire started.

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16 BC.

4 Blenheims shipping off Dutch coast. No shipping seen.  
36 aircraft to attack Rotterdam docks, and 1 aircraft despatched as navigator to fighter escort to meet the returning bombers.  
Full details on this attack available. Four a/c MIA.

16 FC.

Between 1645 and 1800 hours, 15 Hurricanes and 1 Spitfire, with a Blenheim of BC (acting as navigator) successfully met and escorted home a force of Blenheims from an attack on Rotterdam.

16 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam.

16/17 BC.

107 a/c Germany. 5 Hampdens successfully mines Frisian Islands. ATs.: a wireless-telegraph station at IJmuiden, single a/c Texel. One of the mining Hampdens attacked a low building on the western point of Terschelling. 2 bursts being observed.

16/17 CC.

Seamining Frisian Islands 5 Beauforts. Results: 3 successfully, 1 failed to locate and returned with mine, 5th a/c MIA. (86 Sqn.P/O Zillessen.)

17/18 BC.

75 a/c Germany, 5 Wellingtons Rotterdam. Results: Dwing bad weather no a/c attacked the target in Rotterdam. 1 Wellington detailed on this operation crashed in flames on return 4 miles from Syerston, all crew killed.

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17/18 BC. cont.: ATs single a/c unidentified A/F ± 30 miles E of Ostend, A/F believed to be Oostvoorne, one 8 miles S of Rotterdam, and Flushing A/F, but generally UO. 5 a/c military objectives, a.o. 1 a/c Rotterdam. But UO.

17/18 FC.

Two Havocs to Gilze-Rijen. Results: both a/c attacked causing 2 large fires.

18 BC.

5 Stirlings to make individual attacks, a.o. 1 a/c Petrol stores at Flushing. (4 to Germany.) All a/c abandoned.

18/19 CC.

Three Beauforts mining Frisian Islands. Results: dropped as ordered.

19 Raid assessment.

Occupied Holland. Photos taken on 14 July during attack on convoy off IJmuiden show hits on one MV of 6000 tons.

19 BC.

24 Blenheims despatched: (1) 11 shipping off The Hague, (2) 8 shipping off Frisian Islands and (3) 2 with escort shipping off Ostend. Results: (1) 5 a/c attacked a convoy escorted by flakships 7 miles NW The Hague and claim to have destroyed 3 MVs of 6000 tons each and 1 MV of 4000 tons. The 6000 ton MVs received direct hits with 2 or more bombs and were left with dense black smoke rising from them. The 4000 ton V was hit on the stern by all 4 bombs of 1 a/c, and much debris was thrown into the air. A flakship of

500 ton which was in the vicinity, was also attacked and damaged, hits scored amidships which caused an explosion followed by black smoke.

6 a/c attacked a 1000 ton MV and 2 reporting Vs 13 miles NW The Hague. One of these a/c attacked the MV and observed a near miss, which probably damaged it. The other 5 a/c attacked the reporting Vs, 2 very near misses being obtained on one, which was left listing heavily and is claimed as a total loss. 2 a/c MIA. **Ca/tui:**

(2) attacked convoy off Norderney, and (3) attacked 6000 ton tanker, near misses.

19 FC.

Between 1930/2030 a squadron of Hurricanes escorted 2 Blenheims Ostend.

19/20 BC.

49 Germany, 35 Hampdens mining Germany.

ATs. Single Whitley Texel A/F, only bomb flashes seen. One mining Hampden bombed a 2000 ton MV 5 miles N of Borkum, and also Borkum.

19/20 CC

2 Blenheims shipping of Dutch coast, 1 Blenheim shipping Walcheren/Gris-Nez. Results: ops cancelled.

20/21 BC.

113 a/c Cologne, 24 a/c, 15 Wellingtons and 9 Whitleys Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam. 8 Wellingtons and 4 whitleys attacked in good weather, ± 18 tons HE and 1080 inc. dropped. Fires started in docks 15, 16 and 17 and to the north of these docks, and also in Maashaven and NE Waalhaven. ATs: 6 a/c attacked Rotterdam oil stores. A large fire was seen with a pillar of smoke rising to 6000 feet. 5 a/c attacked Aachen, 1 a/c gasworks. Single a/c tgts in NWG/Holland/Belgium. a.o. A/Fs Haamstede and Flushing, but UO.

20/21 CC.

4 Beauforts mining off Frisian Islands. Results: 2 Beauforts successfully. 1 MIA (86 Sqn Sgt. Boyse.)

21/22 BC.

2 Hampdens mining. 1 successfully, other crashed on return in Lincoln town, crew killed ATs. (Tgts South Germany) 1 a/c Ostend where a large fire was started.

22/23 BC.

FFM/Mannheim. ATs. single a/c a.o. Aachen, Rotterdam and Ostend. UO.

23 BC.

23 BC.

11 Blenheims to attack convoy off The Hague. Results: no attack carried out due to interception by a force of enemy fighters. 2 MIA. *Cif<sup>da</sup> ~*

6 Blenheims Zuidcoote/Graveline. 2 a/c attacked a tanker 2 miles off Ostend. 4 MIA. **Cis**

23 FC.

Offensive operations France/Belgium. At 1330 2 Squadrons of Spitfires and 1 Squadron Hurricanes escorted 6 Blenheims to attack a tanker at Ostend. Two Me-109s destroyed, all fighters returned safely.

23/24 BC.

FFM/Mnh. Two a/c Ostend and 1 a/c AT searchlights near Ostend. One Hampden mining off Frisians.

24 BC.

No ops Holland.

24 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl, shipping Schiermonnikoog, Hilversum, IJmuiden, Den Helder, Utrecht, Rotterdam, Haarlem to coast and shipping off Bergen aan Zee.

24/25 BC.

112 a/c Germany. 4 Wellingtons Rotterdam, 6 Hampdens mining Frisians. Results: Rotterdam. No aircraft attacked this target. ATs.: Single a/c a.o. Gilze-Rijen A/F. Mining successfully.

25 FC.

Few offensive ops Ostend/Dieppe area.

25 CC.

PRU. Delfzijl, shipping off Den Helder, Rotterdam, Groningen, Amsterdam, Den Helder, and EDAM A/F(!!??).

25/26 BC.

Projected ops. 116 a/c Germany, 2 for Rotterdam. Results: 109 a/c Germany, no a/c to Rotterdam. ATs., none in Holland mentioned.

25/26 FC.

One Havoc to Gilze-Rijen. Results: Havoc Gilze-Rijen did not reach target owing thick haze. Dropped however HE bomb on a searchlight post believed to be near Ostend.

25/26 BC.

Encounters enemy a/c. ± 50 miles due west of The Hague a Whitley attacked by a Ju-88. Both front and rear gunner of our a/c seeing their bursts enter the fuselage before enemy a/c was lost to sight. Claimed as damaged.

26 BC.

2 B-17s. 1 abandoned, 1 Emden with 4 X 1100.

26 FC.

Offensive ops France/Belgium.

From this date to the end of the month few ops, and none Holland (or near Holland) except following:

29 FC.

At 1920 2 Spitfires Ostend/Fecamp attacked a flakship off Ostend.

30 BC.

43 Blenheims mainly NW Germany, but 7 a/c shipping off Dutch coast. Results: no shipping seen. (Germany force, 7 MIA)

30/31 BC.

124 Cologne, 31 Boulogne. ATs.a.o. Aachen and A/F at Vogelsang.(???)

31/7-1/8 BC, FC and CC.

Ops cancelled.

LUCHTOPERATIES NEDERLAND AUGUSTUS 1941.

1 aug BC.

Geen ops Nederland.

1 aug FC.

Twee Hurricanes gestart voor of f patrouille over \ederland vrt terug ivm weer.

2 aug BC.

27 vltg gestart o.a.: 6 Blenheims schepen dij Ameland en 8 Blenheims schepen bij Texel. Resultaten: Ameland. Geen schepen gezien maar 1 Blm wierp bommen at op betonnen geschutsopsstelling west van Hollum (Ameland). Voltreffers gezien gevolgd door zwarte rook. 1 Blm aanval op munitieopslagplaats op UW punt van Texel maar RNTiJG door bewolking. Texel. 3 Blms deden aanval op patrouilleboot 6 m west van Den helder. 2 voltreffers gezien en het schip werd in brand en zinkeno achtergelaten. 1 Blm aanval op 2 kleine trawlers 3 m west van IJmuiden maar bommen vielen "wijd". Een van deze 8 Elenheims werd neergeschoten door flak. (Wg Cdr Burt. Squadron Cdt van 82 Squadron) Noot.GJZ. 1 Hafenschutboot gezonken, deze schoot wel ook de Blenheim neer.

2 aug CC.

Om 1526 torpedeerde een Beaufort de achterste van 3 tankers van ca 2000 ton 7 m NNO van Oostende. De tanker vloog in brand en werd 3 minuten later gezien met dek onder water in zinkende toestand. Een van 3 Beauforts NIIA. (Was Bft van 22 Squadron)

3/4 aug BC.

AD. Bommen afgeworpen in verm positie van Aken.

4 aug BC.

12 Blenheims gestart. 6 voor aanv op schepen bij Oost Fr. Eilanden en 6 voor aanv op schepen bij Ameland. Laatste 6 teruggeroepen ivm met vijandelijke jager actie. Van 1st 6 Blm deed een aanval op een schip van het trawler type 60 m N van Ameland, bom raakte achterschip andere Blm aanval op vissersschip in zelfde gebied. RNWG door heig

5 aug BC.

20 Blenheims gestart. O.a. 6 voor aanv schepen Schelde, en 8 voor aanv schepen Fr. Eil. - esultaten: 3 Blm aanval op middelgroot schip, verm de "Viborg Danemark" van een hoogte van 7 meter bij Hoek van Holland. Twee voltreffers gezien, schip tevens bescho ten met MG's. Andere 3 Blms deden aanval op 2 middelgrote schepen in een convooi bij Den Haag maar de bommen vlogen over de schepen heen..

Tweede groep Blms deden 3 een aanval op 3 kleine "uitkijkschepen" 57 m n van Borkum, alle 3 geraakt. 3 andere Blenheims 2 andere "Uitk schepen" 73 m N van Borkum, maar oommen over doel. 2 Blms geen aanv.

5 aug CC.

Fotoverk. : Rotterdam, Vlissingen, Terneuzen en Den helder.

5/6 aug BC.

Aken door 9 Wellingtons. Geen AD in Nederland.

6 aug BC.

23 Blms gestart o.a. 9 voor aanv schepen bij Texel en 8 voor aanv schepen mond van Schelde. Resultaten: 1ste groep. 3 Blms aanval op convooi van 4 vrachtschepen die alle werden beschoten met MG. 1 Blm scoorde een treffer of een "near miss" op het achterschip van een middelgroot schip dat werd achtergelaten in wolken van stoom en met achterschip laag in het water. 1 Blm aanv op klein schip maar bommen vlogen er over-neen. 6 Blms zagen geen schepen.

2de Groep. In mond van Schelde geen schepen gezien.

6 aug CC.

Een Blenheim op patrouille tussen IJmuiden en Hoek van Holland deed aanval van een hoogte van 1300 meter op een middelgroot schip maar RNWG.

7/8 aug FC.

4 Havoc Intruders aanval op Gilze-Rijen. Expl gezien op en bij startbanen en tussen ge bouwen.

7/8 aug BC.

3 Hampden mijnen bij Fr. Eilanden. 2 succesvol, 1 vrt terug.

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7/8 aug CC. **CO., F., ZBIH-se + Zr3í-~ .~.,. élk~cs~ u...r.A ..0,r,v.. . (• s~t**  
 Een van 4 Blenheims gestart voor aanv op schepen langs de Noordelijke Ned Kust deed duikbom aanval op 2 vrachtschepen van ca 1500 en 800 ton bij Ameland, bommen evenwel over het doel. 2 geen aanval, Ode MIA. (Blenheim 500 Sqn.)

8/9 aug BC. **•1444 vI..cklr**  
 2 Hampdens mijnen Fr.Eil. /lj-e" JSuvk w **C.A. ere, . ~ u• i, ,-**  
 AD. Vlv verm. Knocke. **1** **... c F v~-f 4**  
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10 aug FC.  
 Tussen 1800-1955 uur 2 Spitfires off patrouille tot 20 m vanaf Ned Kust. geen schepen gezien en Spits vrt terug door gebrek aan wolkendekking.

10 aug CC.  
 3 Hudsons op verk voor schepen tussen Borkum en Texel zagen convooi van 1 vracht-schip van 7/8000 ton geesc door 5 torpedojagers in pos 20 m N van Borkum. 1 Huds deed aanv van 150 meter, bommen vielen tussen torpedojagers. Een van de andere vrt terug ivm geen wolkendekking 3de werd neergeschoten toen het bijna bij het convooi was. (Was Hudson van 53 Sqn.)

11/12 aug BC.  
 34 vltgn Rotterdam. 31 Hampdens en 3 Wellingtons.  
 3 Hampdens en 3 Wellingtons voerden aanval uit met ca 15 brisant en 360 brandbommen. Er was veel dichte bewolking maar de meeste vltgn konden aanvallen door gaten in de bewolking en resultaten waarnemen. Bommen gezien die vielen in Haven Nr 24 en op een aantal schepen aan de westkant van de Merwehaven en aan de noordkant van de rivier Er ontstond een grote brand.  
 AD. Enkele vltgn doelen in NW Dld en Ned. maar alle RNWG. L,,L h's-w,,

12 aug BC en FC.  
 Zie bijvoegsels.

12 aug CC.  
 Fotoverk. Den Haag, Leiden, Amsterdam/Schellingwoude, Haarlem, De Kooy, De Mok, Ypenburg, Schiphol, IJmuiden, Hoorn en Den Helder.

12/13 aug BC.  
 AD. NW Dld, Ned en Frankrijk, maar alle RNWG.

12/13 aug FC.  
 Om 00.40 een Havoc naar Gilze-Rijen. Ca 20 vijandelijke vltgn gezien in de buurt van vlv, waarvan 7 werden aangevallen en 5 geclaimed als beschadigd. Bristant en brandbommen afgeworpen tussen gebouwen en opstelplaatsen.

14 aug BC.  
 31 Blms gestart waarvan 5 voor aanv op schepen bij Ned kust.  
 1 Blm aanv op vissersboot 35 m ZW IJmuiden en 2de Blm aanv op "drifter<sup>9</sup> 41 m NNW IJmuiden maar in beide gevallen bommen over het doel. 2 andere Blms aanv op stoomtrawler 30 m W van IJmuiden en 2 drifters en een trawler ca 40 m NW IJmuiden maar slechts "near misses" op een van de drifters. Andere RNWG. 5de BI m MIA. (een van 110 Sqn.)

14 aug CC.  
 Fotoverk. Rotterdam (noordelijk gedeelte) en Hoek van Holland.

14/15 aug BC.  
 Rotterdam 6 Whitleys en 2 Wellingtons.  
 5 vliegtuigen voerden aanv uit. Hierbij ontstonden 5 branden die zich snel uitbreiden. 5 Hampdens succesvol mijnen bij Fr. Eil.  
 AD. 2 vltgn Schiphol met treffer op een hangar met daarna lichtflitsen en rook vanuit die hangar. Enkele vltgn aanv op Soesterberg, Den Helder, waar brand ontstond, Ypenburg, Naamstede, texel, De Kooy en De Mok, maar RNWG.

16 aug BC.  
 12 Blenheims voor aanv op schepen bij Fr. Eil en 3 Blenheims voor aanv op schepen bij Ned kust. 1 e groep alle vrt terug ivm onderschepping door vijandelijke jagers. 2de Groep. Slecht 1 Blm voerde aanv uit van 15 meter op "uitkijkschip" 40 m NW IJmuiden. maar bmn over doel. Brand brak uit midscheeps verm door brandbmn. Tevens onder vuur met MG's. 2 anderen vonden geen schepen.



16 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Hoek van Holland, Amsterdam, De Kooy, Rotterdam, IJmuiden, Vlissingen en Den Helder.

16/17 aug BC.

Rotterdam 10 vliegtuigen. Resultaten:

7 Wellingtons, 1 Halifax en 1 Whitley voerden aanval uit en wierpen ca 15 ton brisant en 720 brandbommen af. Expl gezien over de havens en 3 branden ontstonden in NW hoek van de Waalhaven.

AD. Havens en vlv in NW Dld en Ned.

17 aug BC.

20 Blenheims waarvan 11 voor aanv op schepen bij Texel. Resultaten:

3 Blms aanval op trawler van ca 350 ton bij Texel. Voltreffers geconstateerd met "MC" bom (zgn Medium capacity bom, grotere springlading in verhouding met gewicht van bom dubbele werking scherven zowel als luchtdruk), na aanv rook uit het schip. Andere Blm aanv op trawler van ca 300 ton bij Texel maar bommen over doel, dit schip ook met MG. 3de Bim eveneens aanv op trawler van ca 100 ton zelfde positie maar "near misses" tevens beschoten met MG's. Andere Blms zagen geen schepen.

17/18 aug FC.

Twee Havocs naar Gilze-Rijen. beide terug met bommenlading.

17/18 aug BC.

7 Hampdens mijnen bij Fr.Eil. 6 succesvol.

AD. Mil doelen, havens en vlv in NW Dld en Ned. RNWG .....

18 aug BC.

39 Blenheims gestart waarvan

12 met jageresc voor aanv op schepen bij Texel,

6 met jageresc voor aanv op schepen bij de Schelde en

6 voor aanv op schepen bij noordelijke Ned kust.

Texel. Deze 12 Blms aanv op 2 trawlers van ca 300 ton 17 m ZW De Kooi, beide tot zinken gebracht. C<sup>E</sup> 4sr<sup>4</sup> 4rs<sup>3</sup> '., ,.,J. cnv+., z . i è,3

Schelde. 1 Bim aanval op trawler van 2/300 ton 34 m NW IJmuiden, met als gevolg dat achterschip er af werd geslagen en schip zonk in 45 seconden. Andere Blms geen aanv. Noord N.kust. Kort na de start teruggeroepen.

18 aug FC.

Om ca 1600 uur 3 Squadrons Spitfires voor escorte van 18 Blenheims van BC voor aanv op schepen bij Texel en Schelde. Vijandelijke vliegtuigen werden niet gezien.

18/19 aug BC.

AD. Vlv Katwijk en vlv baanverlichting "zuid van Beveland".

18/19 aug FC.

Om 0100 en 0120 resp twee Havocs naar vlv Gilze-Rijen. Bommen afgeworpen op vlv opstelplaatsen en startbanen. Op weg terug Naamstede vlv door een Havoc beschoten met MG's.

19 aug BC.

20 blenheims waarvan 6 voor aanv op schepen bij Texel.

3 van deze BLms voerden patrouille vlucht uit zonder schepen te zien, andere 3 MIA en gerapporteerd dat ze werden onderschept door vijandelijke jagers. (Alle drie van 114 Sqn waaronder die van de Squadron Cdt Wing Cdr Nichol.)

19 aug FC.

Om 1545 uur 22 Hurricanes en 7 Spitfires voor aanv van doelen, schepen etc. in buurt van Oostende. Geen vijandelijke jagers gezien, maar 1 Hurricane MIA (71 Sqn. Pilot P/O Olsen met parachute boven zee gesprongen.)

19/20 aug BC.

3 Hampdens waarvan 2 succesvol mijnen bij Fr.Eil.

AD. Zoeklichten en flak op Terschelling.

19/20 aug FC.

Om 2355 en 0030 2 Havocs naar vlv Gilze-Rijen. 1ste wierp bommen af die over doel vloegen, 2de zag expl bij baanverlichting en er ontstond een grote brand.

20 aug BC.

18 Blenheims waarvan 12 voor aanv op schepen bij Oost Fr.Eil en 6 met jagerescorte voor aanv op vlv Bergen(Alkmaar).

Van 1ste groep deden 5 Blms aanv op 12 "uitkijschepen" van 80/100 ton 85 m N van Ameland maar treffers werden niet geplaatst.

2de groep alle aanv op vlv en bommen gezien dat ze explodeerden in NO hoek van het vlv op een hangar, het landingsterrein en de opstelplaatsen.

20 aug FC.

Om ca 1520 uur 4 Squadrons Spitfires en 1 Squadron Hurricanes esc voor 6 Blenheims van BC voor aanv op vlv Bergen. Gedurende deze operatie werden een Bf-109 en een Bf-110 vernietigd en een Bf-109 vorm neergeschoten. 2 Spitfires vermist, maar de pi-loot van een van deze kon worden gered.

Om 1735 werd door 2 Hurricanes op Sea Rescue vlucht bij de Ned Kust een Bf-110 neergeschoten. Beide Hurricanes keerden veilig terug.

(Twee Spits van 66 Sqn gingen verloren, de Luftwaffe verloor een Bf-109 van 1Erg/JG3 en een Bf-110 van ZG76. De vlieger van de 109 kwam om, die van de 110 konden worden gered.)

19/20 aug CC.

3 Beaufort mijen in de Maasmonding. 2 succesvol, 3de verongelukte bij terugkomst waar-bij de bemanning omkwam. Waren van 22 Sqn.)

Intruder patrouille. Een Hudson deed een aanv op vlv Soesterberg waarbij de bommen west van de baanverlichting vielen.

20 aug CC.

Fotoverk. o.a. Delfzijl.

20/21 aug BC. Geen operaties ivm slecht weer.

21 aug BC.

12 Blenheims voor aanv op Hoogovens bij IJmuiden met jagerescorte. Resultaten:

De Blms vielen aan in twee golven. 1ste golf viel aan van ca 17 meter en expl werden gezien op de "rolling Mill warehouse" aan de noordkant van het doel. Andere expl bij de koeltoren en dicht bij de "biast furnace". De 2de golf viel 5 min later aan en expl werden gezien tussen twee rijen schoorstenen in het midden van het terrein. Deze veroorzaakten veel rook. Na het verlaten van het doel deden deze Blms met MG's een aanval op barakken in de duinen ten zuiden van de haven ingang. Slachtoffers gemaakt bij de cavalerie in de barakken. De 2de golf zag veel Bf-109's kort na het overvliegen van de kust op weg naar huis.

21 aug FC.

Om 0730 escorteerden "long range" Spitfires van 3 Squadrons 12 Blenheims voor een aanval op de hoogovers bij IJmuiden. 2 Spits MIA.(Beide van 130 Sqn. Een vlieger kon zich met zijn parachute redden en werd gevangen genomen. )

21 aug CC.

3 Beaufighters gestart voor aanval op trawlers bij Brest. (Eerste melding van Beaufigh ters in CC rapporten.)

22 aug BC.

12 Blenheims schepen bij Fr.Eil. Geen schepen gezien.

22/23 aug FC.

2 Havocs Gilze-Rijen. Een vrt terug met motorstoring, andere wierp bommen af op wat leek een vlv te zijn bij Eindhoven.

22 aug CC.

Fotoverk. o.a. Vlissingen.

22/23 aug CC.

1 Blenheim voor off patr naar vlv Soesterberg. Operatie afgelast.

24/25 aug BC.

AD. Niet in Ned. (Wel Aken en Mil Objecten in Roergebied)

25 aug BC.

6 Blenheims schepen in Schelde gebied. geen schepen gezien.

25/26 aug BC.

AD. Enkele vltgn o.a. haven van Rotterdam (ook Oostende en Antwerpen) tevens mil obj in W Dld.

26 aug BC.

40 Blenheims waarvan 17 met jageresc schepen bij Texel.

11 Blms aanv op convoi van 20 schepen 4 m ZW IJmuiden. 1 schip van 2/3000, 2 schepen van 4/5000 en 1 schip van 2000 ton geraakt. Een ander schip van 7/8000 ton kreeg twee voltreffers midscheeps die gevolgd werden door een zware explosie en het schip werd in zinkende toestand achtergelaten. De schepen in het convoi tevens onder vuur genomen met MG's. Zware flak van de escorte schepen. 6 Blms aanv op 8 'uitkijkschepen' van ca 500 ton elk 23 m N van IJmuiden, een tot zinken en treffers op een andere. 2 Blms MIA. (Bij deze aanv ging een van 226 Sqn verloren. Een Duits vrachtschip de SS Stadt Emden werd beschadigd maar kon worden binnengesleept.) Y-

26 aug FC.

Om 1300 uur esc een squadron long range Spitfires 17 Blenheims van BC voor een aanv op schepen bij de Ned.Kust. Ofschoon enkele vijandelijke jagers werden gezien vonden geen luchtgevechten plaats.

Ander actie. Tussen 0450-0640 uur vlogen twee Hurricanes op ochtend patrouille boven de Noordzee, zagen een Ju-88 gingen die achterna en na hem verloren te hebben vlo-gen ze naar de Ned kust bij Den Helder en namen een gecamoufleerde mil opstelling aan de kust onder vuur.

26/27 aug BC.

12 Hampdens succesvol mijnen bij Fr Eil.

AD. (Aken)

26/27 aug FC.

1 Havoc Gilze-Rijen. geen activiteit en bommen mee terug.

27/28 aug BC.

17 Hampdens waarvan 15 succesvol mijnen bij Fr.Eil.

AD. Enkele vltgn mil obj. en vlv NW Dld en Ned.

28 aug BC.

36 Blenheims voor volgende operaties:

18 Blenheims met jageresc voor aanv op haven van Rotterdam.

17 Blenheims met jageresc en 1 Blm als navigator voor de jagers die de terugvlucht moesten dekken, eveneens voor aanv op haven Rotterdam. Resultaten:

1ste groep kort na de start ivm met moeilijkheden met escorte teruggeroepen.

2de groep. Laag vlieg aanval werd uitgevoerd ondanks de zware flak oppositie. Voltreffers op een koopvaardijship van 8/10000 ton ZW cN SW Maashaven en op een koopvaarder van 8000 ton zuid van haven no 3. Andere vrachtschepen en schepen onder constructie eveneens aangevallen in haven no 3, maar RNWG. 1 Blm claimde voltreffer op loodsen aan de oostkant van haven no 20. 7 Blenheims MIA.

28 aug FC.

Om 1800 uur 2 squadrons long range Spitfires voor esc van 17 Blenheims voor aanv op Rotterdam. Een ander squadron Spitfires met opdracht om later te starten om met een Blenheim van BC als navigator de terugkerende Blenheims op te vangen en op weg te rug te escorteren.

Zware flak werd ervaren maar een schip in rivier zuid van Rotterdam, een fabriek en machinegeweer posten werden aangevallen. Slecht enkele vijandelijke vliegtuigen werden gezien. 3 Spitfires en piloten MIA.

28/29 aug BC.

AD.Enkele vltgn vlv'n Haamstede, Texel, Arnhem, Ypenburg, watervliegtuigbasis De Mok Bij De Mok en Haamstede ontstonden branden.

2 vltgn haven van Rotterdam waar eveneens branden ontstonden.

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28/29 aug FC.

1 Havoc Gilze-Rijen. vrt terug ivm motorstoring.

29 aug FC.

Tussen 0820-1045 zocht een squadron long range (LR) Spitfires tevergeefs naar een pi-loot die bij de aanval op Rotterdam op de 28ste met zijn parachute in zee terecht was gekomen. De Spitfires werden onderschept door Bf-110's en in het volgende luchtgevecht werden twee neergeschoten en twee beschadigd. 4 Spitfires MIA. (Alle 4 van 19 Sq

de Luftwaffe verloor geen Bf-110's, wadxviRREloFodmeooim>een ágeareebGxkRsekasiigfixx Slechts een Bf-110, van de 6/ZG76 op Leeuwarden, moest op het vlv de Kooi een noodlanding maken met een kapot geschoten hoogte en richtingsroer, waarbij alleen de boordschutter licht gewond werd.)

29 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Stavoren en IJsselmeer (ZZ)

30/31 aug CC.

Intruder ops.

3 Blenheims voor aanv op vlv Soesterberg. 1 Blm wierp bommen af en beschoot met MG's zoeklichten en geschutopstellingen 25 m ONO van Noordwijk. RNWG maar de zoeklichten gingen uit. Andere 2 Blenheims MIA. (500 Squadron. Een van deze heeft inderdaad zijn bommen op het doel afgeworpen, want Soesterberg meldde vier bommen. Een van Blms werd neergeschoten bij Schiphol, de andere kwam in zee terecht.) aalt

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31 aug CC.

Fotoverk. Delfzijl, Amsterdam, Breskens en IJmuiden.

31 aug/1 sept. BC.

AD. Verm gebied van Aken, en vlv bij Ijmuiden en Eindhoven.

31 aug/1 sept FC.

23 Havocs Gilze-Rijen. l vrt terug met bommen. 2de MIA (Was van 23 Squadron, het eerste Intruder Squadron van Fighter Command) Neergeschoten door flak van Naamstede, kwam terecht in zee. Pilot F/lt. Thomas werd gered en gevangen genomen.)

AIR OPERATIONS HOLLAND SEPTEMBER 1941.

1 CC.

PRU. a.o. Ameland.

1/2 BC.

58 a/c despatched. ATs Aachen and Ostend.

2 BC.

Two and 3 Blenheims respectively, with fighter escort, to attack enemy convoy off Belgian coast. Results: First 3 a/c. 2 saw no ships, 1 abandoned technical trouble. 2nd 3 a/c. All a/c attacked from 50 feet a MV of 4000 tons escorted by 6 flakships ex and 4 E boats ± 15 miles NE Ostend. Three direct hits and vessel was left in flames and enveloped in clouds of black smoke. 1 Blenheim hit by flak seen to dive into the sea in flames.

2 FC.

At 0805 3 Squadrons of Spitfires and 1 Squadron Hurricanes escorted 3 Blenheims of BC to Dunkirk. At 1020 2 Sqns of Spitfires and 1 Sqn of Hurricanes escorted a further 3 Blenheims to attack same ship then ± 10 miles NE of Ostend. The Hurricanes attacked 4 escort vessels, one was left burning and the other 3 were damaged. A number of E boats also attacked and left smoking. A squadron of Spits was attacked by 2 Me-109s on leaving the target and shot both of them down into the sea.

2 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, Hilversum, Dordrecht, Schiphol, Utrecht, IJmuiden and Soesterberg (1 Spit MIA PRU on 1-9-1941.)

2/3 BC.

200 a/c despatched. 11 Hampdens mining off Frisians, 7 successfully. (of 25 Hampdens 2 MIA. ATs a.o. Aachen.

3 CC.

PRU a.o. ships off Texel.

4 BC.

18 Blenheims France but (1) 1 Fortress Hamburg, (2) 1 Fortress Hannover and (3) 1 Fortress Essen. Results: (1) abandoned due technical trouble, (2) abandoned and jettisoned bombs N of Frisian Islands, and (3) Primary abandoned due contraels at 30.000 feet. Rotterdam attacked as AT from 32.000 feet. Bursts seen in dock area followed by brown smoke.

4 CC.

PRU e.o. Groningen and Den Helder.

4 BC. Raid assessment.

ROTTERDAM. Photos taken on 1-9-1941 show that as a result of the daylight raid on 28 August, a cargo vessel of the Noorddam type of ± 10.000 tons is lying on her side in shallow waters. The engine shop and assembly hall at Wiltons shipbuilding yard have been severely damaged and a warehouse nearby damaged by fire.

6/7 BC.

110 a/c despatched. No ATs in Holland.

7 BC

12 Blenheims with F escort despatched to attack shipping between Terschelling and IJmuiden. Results: 1 a/c attacked a 2000 ton MV 4 miles W of The Hague. The vessel was believed hit and afterwards was seen to enveloped in dense black smoke. 2 a/c attacked a flakship of 1200 tons in the same position, scoring hits amidships and on the stern, and vessel was seen to blow up! 7 a/c no attack, 2 MIA.

7 FC.

At 1200 1 Squadron of LR Spitfires escorted 12 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off Texel. Me-109s were encountered and one was shot down. A squadron of Hurricanes despatched to provide cover for withdrawal of the attack force, was not engaged in combat with the enemy.

7 CC.

PRU. a.o. Leeuwarden, Flushing, Den Helder, Amsterdam and coastline to IJmuiden, De Kooy AD, Harlingen(?!?)AD, Rotterdam and Hook of Holland.

7/8 BC.

303 a/c despatched. 8 Hampdens mining Frisians, 7 successfully. No a ATs in Holland.

7/8 FC.

6 Havocs France, 1 to Gilze-Rijen. Results: Havoc Gilze-Rijen dropped bombs in front of one enemy a/c that was taking-off, causing it to burst into flames.

6/7 BC.

300 tea bags were dropped over Rotterdam.

8 FC.

No offensive ops mentioned off Holland, but at 1700 2 Spitfires attacked an ocean going tug and 2 trawlers off Zeebrugge. No damage observed but smoke from decks.

7/B CC.

A Hudson attacked a MV of ± 1500 tons 6 miles N of Terschelling. It is estimated that one of more hits were obtained but UO.

8 CC.

PRU. a.o. Roermond, Flushing, ships in Schelde, Haamstede, IJmuiden and Rotterdam.

8/9 BC.

108 a/c despatched No ATs Holland. 1 Hampden mining Frisians.

9 FC.

Recce along Fr/Belg coast only.

10 BC.

6 Blenheims shipping off Frisian Islands. Results: 1 a/c attacked a reporting vessel 43 miles NW Terschelling, but UO due rain. 1 a/c attacked a reporting vessel 63 miles NW of Vlieland, near misses seen.

6/7 BC.

Encounters enemy a/c. During the night of 6/7 a Whitley returning from the raid on Huls, was attacked by a Me-110 over Texel. In the ensuing encounter the Whitley suffered damage to both wings and fuselage. The starboard aileron was also hit and became unusable, and the starboard engine was put out of action. The a/c came down out of control to 600 feet where control was regained with the port engine only running. The crew were ordered to crash stations and the a/c hit the water, but the pilot again regained control and managed to climb to 200 feet. Crossing the sea at that height, the English coast was reached and with U/C up and no flaps, a successful crash landing was made on a clear stretch of beach.

10 FC.

Between 1440/1715, 2 patrols, each of 2 Spitfires despatched to IJmuiden and Haamstede respectively. Off IJmuiden a number of small vessels were attacked. There was no return fire from the ships. Off Haamstede a ship of ± 1000 tons attacked, hits observed amidships.

10/11 BC.

Turin (79 a/c) ATs. Single a/c attacked Gravelines and Flushing. UO.

11 BC.

23 Blenheims of which 9 a/c with F escort to attack shipping off Hook of Holland. Results: 4 miles West of Hook of Holland single a/c attacked from 40 feet a cargo vessel of 4/5000 tons, a vessel of 2500 tons and a vessel of 2000 tons, all ships being MGd but all UO. All other a/c returned without seeing any ship.

11 FC.

At 1700 3 sections of four LR Spitfires each escorted 3 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off Hook of Holland. At 0735 6 Hurricanes met the returning Blenheims to cover their withdrawal. Nothing of importance was seen and no enemy a/c encountered.

At 1228, 2 sections of each of 2 Spits, despatched to attack shipping off Dutch coast.

Downing to cloud this operation was abandoned.

11/12 BC.

191 despatched. 10 Hampdens successfully mines off Frisian Islands. No ATs in Holland.

11/12 FC.

2 Havocs despatched 1 to France, 1 to Gilze-Rijen. Results: Havoc Gilze-Rijen abandoned due technical trouble.

12 BC.

11 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 5 of these a/c attacked a convoy of 6/7 MVs between 3/4000 tons. The a/c scored direct hits on a 3000 tons V, and left it listing and enveloped in smoke. A 2000 ton MV was attacked by 3 a/c one of which is believed to have scored a direct hit or near miss. The vessel was seen to be smoking after the attack. All other a/c returned without sighting any shipping. Although some of them were engaged by Me-109s, none did suffer damage.

12 FC.

At 1215 2 flights, each of 6 Spitfires, escorted 6 and 5 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping of the Dutch coast. 6 Hurricanes covered the return and engaged Me-109s which had been shadowing the bombers. As a result of combats, 1 Hurricane was shot down in the sea, and

2 109s were damaged. *C //s f. V4- L N,,) s . f*

At about 1400 2 pairs of Spitfires flew to Zandvoort and Alkmaar respectively. The 1st section attacked a 4000 ton MV off the Dutch coast. The ship altered course violently a deck cargo of timber causing it to heel over sharply. The 2nd section, after chasing 2 109s, dived to attack a ship and became separated. One Spit was attacked by 8 Me-109s and destroyed one. *C No lw-. . . wp. . < . . 1 . . , LK-Ew.. ~-s*

11/12 CC.

A Hudson sighting a convoy of about 30 MVs 20 miles NW of Ameland, and attacked a 6000 tons MV. Two hits were estimated, the rear gunner saw two explosions. A smaller vessel in this convoy was also MGD. A 2nd Hudson bombed a ship of ± 2000 tons, 26 miles NE of Ameland. One hit is believed to have been obtained.

12/13 BC.

161 a/c despatched. 5 Hampdens successfully mining Frisians. ATs. Single a/c a.o. Haamstede, bursts across flarepath.

12/13 CC.

Patrols off Dutch coast. A Hudson attacked an MV of 4000 tons 20 miles NW of Borkum One direct hit from 100 feet is claimed, and a large column of smoke and steam was observed. A further Hudson on same patrol attacked a MV of 2000 tons in about same position from 100 feet. Although UO, believed MV was hit.

13 BC.

No ops due weather.

13 FC.

Few ops France/Belgium.

13 CC.

PRU. e.o. Flushing.

14 BC.

12 Blenheims despatched. (1) 6 Blenheims with F escort shipping off The Hague and (2) 6 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Den Helder. Results: (1) 4 a/c attacked a vessel of 10.000 tons accompanied by 6 escort vessels 45 miles W of Hook of Holland. Four bombs were seen to undershoot by 10-20 yards, other results being UO. All a/c MGD deck of vessel. (2) All a/c recalled due failure to contact their escort.

14 FC.

At 1630 a squadron of LR Spits, in 2 flights despatched to escort 2 forces each of 6 Blenheims to attack shipping off Hook of Holland and Den Helder. Ship was sighted off Hook of Holland and 3 Me-109s seen briefly but no combats ensued. 6 further LR Spits covered the withdrawal of the attacking force, but no engage with enemy a/c. The flight despatched to Den Helder failed to make rendezvous and returned to base.

14 CC.

Nothing to report. (1 Hudson MIA 13-9-41 and 1 Hudson MIA 14-9-41)

15 BC.

15 BC.

14 Blenheims and 1 Fortress despatched of which: 8 Blenheims shipping off Frisian Islands. Results. 6 a/c saw and attacked a convoy of 7 MVs of 2/3000 tons escorted by 4 flakships and a destroyer N of Borkum. Hits with HE and inc obtained on a 3500 tons passenger/cargo type vessel, and near misses on a 3000 ton MV, and one a/c reports seeing a ship in a sinking condition with decks awash. Two further MVs of 3000 tons and one of 2000 tons also attacked, smoke and steam being seen to rise from the 2000 ton MV rising to twice mastheight after the attack. Otherwise UO. The majority of a/c MGd the ships. 2 a/c saw no shipping.

15 FC.

At 05.35 2 sections, each of 2 Hurricanes, despatched on offensive operations off the Dutch coast. As a result of this operation 1 Me-109 damaged, 1 Hurricane and pilot MIA. At 1500 2 Spits despatched on offensive operation to De Kooy. When 40 miles off the Dutch coast, they were attacked by 4 Me-110s. One 110 destroyed and another damaged. (No German losses reported.) (Hurricane 257 Sq, Sgt. Cowan.)

15 CC.

PRU. a.o. Texel, De Kooy and IJmuiden.

15/16 BC.

209 despatched. ATs. Some NWG, none mentioned Holland.

16 BC.

18 Blenheims of which (1) 12 shipping off Dutch coast and (2) 6 shipping off Dutch coast. Results: 1 Blenheim attacked a reporting vessel of ± 80 tons 120 miles off den Helder. Direct hits scored and vessel blew up and sank. Remaining a/c saw no shipping. On re-turn journey 1 Blenheim crashed into the sea leaving no trace. (2) Beat completed, no shipping seen.

16 FC.

At 1500 4 Spits despatched to attack shipping off Holland, but abandoned due bad weather.

16 CC.

PRU. e.o. Harlingen.

16/17 BC.

No tgts Holland.

16/17 FC.

6 Havocs on France and Gilze-Rijen. Results: the 2 on Gilze-Rijen abandoned owing excessive exhaust flames!!!

17 W. CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing and Ypenburg A/F.

18 BC.

6 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Texel. Results: 3 a/c attacked a MV of 1000 ton off IJmuiden. Bombs not seen to strike but much debris thrown into the air. 3 a/c attacked another MV of 1000 tons also off IJmuiden. One bomb seen to hit deck and bounce off!!!! Another undershot. The a/c were attacked by Me-109s and hits obtained on 5 enemy a/c.

18 FC.

At 1330 1 squadron of LR Spitfires escort to 6 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off Texel. A further squadron of LR Spits despatched to provide cover for withdrawal. None of our Fs engaged in combat with the enemy and all returned safely.

19 FC.

Spitfires attacked a small trawler off Middelburgh and smoke was seen issuing from the stern. Attacks were also made on an army lorry, goods trains and a gun emplacement. Other fighter action. Between 1020/1150 2 Hurricanes on patrol in the Northsea, intercepted and probably destroyed a Me-109F.

At 1545 2 Tomahawks of Army Coop Cd on a recce of the Ostend area, attacked and damaged a gasometer at Mariakerke.



19 CC.

PRU a.o. Texel A/F.

19/20 BC.

72 a/c Stettin. ATs. a.o. single a/c Rotterdam docks, but UO.

20 BC.

24 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Zandvoort. Results: 11 a/c attacked a MV of of 5000 tons accompanied by a tanker of 2/3000 tons 3 Miles SW of Zandvoort. The MV was seen burning fiercely after the attack. Direct hits on tanker on which a heavy explosions were seen and ship heeled over to port.

4 a/c attacked a convoy of 14 ships 10 miles NW of Hook of Holland. 3 of the convoy were MVs of 7000 ton each and 1 of 1000 tons. Results generally Uo, but all 4 a/c report having seen 4 MVs emitting smoke and it is believed that they were on fire.

5 a/c reported they saw no shipping, 1 abandoned and 3 MIA. (, /i& t 2 /<sup>z</sup> k-G

20 FC.

At 1215 3 squadrons of LR Spits escort and cover for 24 Blenheims of BC in attack ons shipping off the Dutch coast. During this operation no enemy a/c encountered.

20 CC.

PRU. Texel, Den Helder, Rotterdam, IJmuiden and Amsterdam.

20/21 BC.

145 despatched. No tgts mentioned in Holland.(4 MIA 16 crashed UK!!!)

22 CC.

PRU a.o. Delfzijl, IJmuiden, Winterswijk, Zuiderzee dam, Utrecht. Visual recce and interpretation of photos show: IJmuiden. A convoy if 8 medium sized MVs escorted by 3 small Vs, proceeded north in a position just south of IJmuiden at 1820.

1 Spit on Hamburg MIA.

24 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam, Terneuzen and Bergen op Zoom.

25 CC.

PRU. a.o. Zwolle, Amsterdam and IJmuiden.

26 FC.

Few patrols France/Belgium. (1 Klemm destroyed.)

26 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam and Hook of Holland.

27 Raid assessment. It is reported that in the raid of 21 August on the steelworks, the drawing office and one ship were completely demolished. Unfortunately there were some Dutch casualties, but a number of German soldiers were also killed, together with one important German architect, whose body was send back to Germany.

26/27 BC.

104 a/c despatched. ATs. Military objectives in NWG and Occupied territory.

28 CC.

PRU. a.o. Delfzijl, Amsterdam and canal, Den Helder, IJmuiden, and A/Fs Alkmaar, IJmuiden Uitgeest and Den Helder.

28/29 BC.

92 a/c FFm/Genoa. No tgts mentioned Holland. (At 0550 bombs on a ship off Domburg.)

29 FC.

Between 1045/1110 a squadron of Hurricanes divided into 3 flights detailed to carry out a sequence of offensive patrols over Belgium. In the main operation the 1st flight made landfall S of Knocke and attacked a barge of f Neuzen(Terneuzen?)which was left sinking. On the return journey a gun position was attacked and put out of action and a vessel of ± 100 tons left in flames. One Hurricane damaged by AA fire and came down in the sea, but the pilot was subsequently rescued.

29 CC.

PRU. Six MVs and four escort vessels entering Hook of Holland.

29/30 CC.

Roving patrol off Dutch coast. At 2025 a Hudson attacked a MV of 5000 tons, and a one of a convoy of 8/10 Vs seen 14 miles N of Ameland. Four bombs dropped from 200 feet, but results UO except that rear gunner reported seeing a red glow through the mist, indicating a possible hit.

29/30 BC.

248 despatched. no tgts Holland. ( a Hampden claimed to have destroyed a Me-110 near Texel. ) (=nly German NF loss reported south of Heligoland.)

30/9-1/10 BC.

159 despatched. ATs NWG. None mentioned Holland.

30/9-1/10 FC.

Two Havocs Gilze-Rijen. Results: One Havoc did not locate the A/F and returned with bombs. Other a/c dropped HE and inc on A/F believed to be near Antwerp.

30/9-1/10 CC.

Roving patrol Dutch coast by 2 Hudsons. Results: At 2030 a Hudson scored a direct hit on a MV of 3000 tons 10 miles NE of Ameland, and saw ship illuminated by a red glow. AT 2040 a Hudson sighted 12 MVs (3 of 10000, others 2/3000) and 5 escort Vs 8 miles N of Ameland. Balloons were being flown but the a/c attacked with bombs, no hits scored. A later report stated that the Hudson which attacked a MV of 10.000 tons scored a direct hit between funnel and bridge. A balloon which was flying from the ship was also MGD.

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1 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, Texel, Terneuzen.

1/2 BC.

85 a/c despatched. 2 Hampdens mining of f Frisians, 1 succesful. ATs.(31 a/c) Ruhr tgts and along coast Calais/Ostend.

1 /2 CC.

Roving patrol 2 Hudsons off Dutch coast. Results: At 2057 one Hudson attacked a MV of 2000 tons from 30 feet in a position 12 miles NW Borkum with a stick of 4 X 250. One direct hit obtained causing a large column of smoke amidships and another hit was estimated. A 2nd Hudson attacked at 2045/1 a tanker of 2/3000 tons from 50 feet in position 11 miles NW Texel. Four 250 SAP dropped in salvo. Rear gunner saw distinct flash from V near the bow and splashes in the sea a few yards on either side.

2 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam, Arnhem A/F, Eindhoven A/F, Dordrecht, Gilze-Rijen A/F, Groningen, The Hague, Soesterberg A/F and Delfzijl.

3 BC.

6 Blenheims Ostend.

3 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Amsterdam, Winschoten, Flushing, Hilversum A/F, Schiphol, Rotterdam and Terschelling.

3 FC.

Escort Blenheims Ostend. 3 Spitfires MIA.

3/4 BC.

103 a/c despatched. 33 Wellingtons Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam. 32 a/c attacked in excellent weather, dropping ± 52 tons HE and 3660 inc. Many large fires were caused in the dock area and bursts were seen across the Petroleum harbour. 20 a/c on Antwerp, 19 attacked. (Bombs in Terneuzen.)

4 - 6 BC, CC and FC.

Very few ops due weather, nothing Holland.

6 FC.

1100/1215 4 Hurricanes offensive shipping recce. Attacked 4 trawlers off Ostend, one sunk and one damaged. 1 Hurricane MIA. (Reported as Spitfires over Schelde at 12.37 )

6 CC.

PRU. a.o. Terneuzen.

6 - 9 BC, CC and Fc.

Very few ops due weather, nothing Holland.

9 FC.

At 0950 12 Hurricanes detailed to attack shipping off Ostend. A 1500 tons MV damaged and left on fire, and another MV of 800 tons and a flakship also damaged. In addition a He-59 destroyed in harbour and another probably destroyed. 2 Hurricanes damaged.

10 FC.

At 1515, 11 LR Spitfires escorted 3 Beenheims of CC to attack a convoy off The Hague. No enemy a/c encountered.

10 CC.

At 0850 a Hudson on patrol off Dutch coast attacked a 800 tons trawler off Texel, UO At 1130 a Blenheim on patrol off Dutch coast attacked a 1000 tons MV and 2 flakships 18 miles SSW Walcheren, but UO.

At 1145 a Blenheim on same patrol attacked 5 MVs of 2/300 tons off IJmuiden. The a/c made 2 attacks and also MGd 4 of the ships, but UO. A further Blenheim on same patrol sighted a convoy of 12 MVs of 500/3000 tons, including a tanker of 3000 tons off IJmuiden, but unable to attack owing to lack of cloud cover. Later in the day 3 Blenheims were despatched to attack this convoy. It was located off The Hague, and one a/c scored 2 direct hits on a 2000 ton MV which is claimed as seriously damaged and which probably sunk. The a/c also NGd an escort V. The 2nd a/c attacked a 2500 MV and a

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10 CC.Cont.:smaller MV, but UO. The 3rd a/c was hit by flak when approaching one vessel and was unable to bomb, but MGd an escort V. (No losses) PRU. a.o. coast South of Den Helder to IJmuiden.

10/11 BC.

238 a/c despatched, 13 Wellingtons Rotterdam. Results: Rotterdam. 7 a/c attacked dropping ± 10 tons HE and 900 inc (including 4 X 50). Thick cloud was encountered, but occasional gaps enabled the a/c to identify the target and a number of fires were seen along the south side of the docks.

ATs. a.o. Valkenburg, Naamstede, searchlights south of Rotterdam, a bridge over the Lek river 10 miles east of Rotterdam and Flushing.

(One Wellington on Rotterdam crashed near Coney Weston Suffolk, 1 injured.)

10/11 FC.

Two Havocs to Gilze-Rijen. Results: Of the 2 Havocs on offensive patrol to Gilze-Rijen one a/c did not attack as bomb doors failed to open. The other a/c dropped incendiaries on Gilze-Rijen A/F, causing one large and 2 small fires. This a/c also bombed Eindhove A/F destroying 1 large a/c on the ground.

11 BC.

Eleven Blenheims with F escort to attack shipping off Dutch coast. Abandoned due failure rendezvous.

11 CC.

Nothing to report. Casualties. 1 Hudson and 1 Blenheim MIA from patrols off Dutch coast on night 10/11.

11/12 BC.

39 a/c despatched. No tgts Holland.

11/12 CC.

Rover patrols off Frisian Islands. Attack on shipping N of Norderney by a Hudson.

12 BC.

36 Blenheims despatched of which 12 a/c with F escort to attack shipping off IJmuiden. Results: 9 a/c attacked a convoy of 7 MVs and 3 flakships 15 miles S of IJmuiden. The attack was carried out from 30 feet and hits being observed amidships on a 5000 ton tanker, and one, possibly two hits on a 6000 ton timber ship. Columns of smoke were rising from this ship after the attack. A number of other attacks made on other ships in the convoy, but UO. Photographs taken. Out of 12 a/c despatched on this operation 2 are MIA, both seen to crash into the sea as a result of flak. f z 182 > Lr vlt.,<sup>55</sup>)

12 FC.

At 1220 2 squadrons of LR Spitfires escorted 2 formations, each of 6 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off IJmuiden. A further squadron of Spitfires provided cover for the return. Two Me-109s seen, but no combats.

12 CC.

PRU. a.o. Dordrecht, Flushing, Rotterdam, of 45 places covered from Norway to France

12/13 BC.

373 a/c despatched. ATs. One a/c attacked a ship in Den Helder harbout obtaining 2 direct hits. One a/c attacked 's Hertogenbosch A/F(???) were a large fire was started. 82 a/c attacked other points in NWG and Holland but UO.

12/13 CC.

Patrols off Dutch coast. Results: a Hudson attacked a MV of 1000 tons from 300 feet 15 miles NE Borkum, no hits seen. Another Hudson on same patrol attacked a 1000 ton MV from 100 feet 14 miles E of Ameland, obtaining 1 direct hit, which caused an explosion amidships.

Attacks on Schiphol A/F. Results: Two Blenheims detailed to attack Schiphol A/F were unable to find their target, but both a/c released their bombs over Valkenburg A/F., bursts being seen on the A/F. 1 Blenheim crashed on landing. Crew safe.

13 CC.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder, Flushing A/F, Ijmuiden, Hook of Holland and Hellevoetsluis.

13 FC.

Between 0935/1035 1 Beaufighter and 4 Spitfires despatched to attack E boats in the Northsea. These vessels were, however, not located and no enemy a/c encountered.

13/14 BC.

108 a/c despatched. 8 Hampdens mining off Frisians. Succesfully. ATs. Military tgts in Germany and Occupied countries, but U0.

13/14 CC.

Rover patrol off Dutch coast. Results: 1 Hudson attacked a 2000 ton MV off Terschelling, but U0.

14 CC.

PRU. a.o. Hellevoetsluis and 's Hertogenbosch.

14/15 BC.

No tgts Holland.

14/15 CC.

Rover patrol off Dutch coast. Results: a Hudson attacked from 50 feet a 5000 ton MV in convoy of 14 others 15 miles WSW of Borkum, one hit is estimated but results U0.

15 BC.

24 Blenheims despatched of which 12 to attack shipping off Frisian Islands. Results: 3 a/c attacked with bombs and MGs a convoy of 15/20 ships escorted by flakships ± 10 miles N of Ameland. 1st a/c attacked a cargo vessel of 3/4000 tons from a height of 50 feet and it is reported to have obtained one direct hit and one near miss. The 2nd and 3rd a/c attacked ships of 1500/2000 tons but in one case the bombs overshot and in the other the results are U0. 3 a/c saw no shipping and abandoned task. Of 12 Blenheims despatched on this task, 5 are MIA.

15 CC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam, Flushing, Breda, Rotterdam, Hook of Holland and canal, Delfzijl and IJmuiden. Visual interpretation: Rotterdam 1645/15. One 250 feet submarine has entered dry dock.

15/16 BC.

42 a/c despatched. No tgts Holland.

15/16 CC.

One out of 3 Blenheims despatched to attack Schiphol A/F., dropped bombs from 10.000 feet and hits obtained on buildings to the SE., starting a fire. Other 2 a/c no attack

16 BC.

No ops due weather.

16 FC.

Between 0730/0850 8 Hurricanes on an offensive patrol to the Flushing area attacked and damaged vessels in the harbour and canal. A petrol store was set on fire and casualties were caused among personal of a searchlight post and on a gun position. Heavy flak experienced and one Hurricane and pilot MIA. c t / 6 t A Aluov... +w•o 1 ~ 1 -

16/17 BC.

129 a/c despatched. ATs. Single a/c Amsterdam docks, Oostvoorne, Haamstede and Gilze-Rijen A/Fs. 10 a/c attacked military objectives in Germany and Occupied countries. Encounters enemy a/c. A Wellington saw a Me-110 over Oostvoorne. The enemy a/c turned towards the Wellington which dived for cloud cover, and when emerging saw the 110 40 yards to starboard. Wellington rear gunner fired a long burst which entered enemy a/c. There was no return fire and the 110 went into a shallow dive and crashed into the sea, disappearing almost immediatly. Claimed as destroyed. (No German losses reported.)

16/17 CC.

A Hudson on a Roving patrol off Dutch coast saw a convoy at 0600 consisting of ± 12 heavily laden MVs accompanied by at least 2 escort Vs off Terschelling, proceeding SW at 7 knts. An attack was made from 30 feet on a 5/6000 MV in the rear of the convoy and possible hit or near misses registered.

16/17 CC cont.: 9 Blenheims and 3 Hudsons despatched to attack shipping off the Frisian Islands. The Hudsons and one of the Blenheims carried flares only. Diving to low cloud, only 1 a/c attacked, the target being a MV of 1500 tons and 2 other Vs in position 6 miles N of Ameland. Bombs dropped from 800 feet and one burst was seen although its proximity to the target was not observed. (1 Hudson MIA.)

17 FC.

1145/1230 Spitfire on a weather recce saw and attacked 4 Vs of 100/200 tons off Ostend. 1700 8 Hurricanes anti shipping off Zeebrugge saw 4 armed trawlers. Two of these were attacked, damaged and set on fire. Intense flak from the shore and Hurricanes attacked this gun position. 2 Hurricanes damaged.

17/18 - 20 BC, CC and FC.

Very few ops due weather. None Holland.

20 BC.

8 Blenheims with F escort shipping off IJmuiden. Results: 2 flakships of 2000 and 800 tons respectively were seen 4 miles W of IJmuiden by one a/c which attacked larger V sconeer miss. Remaining a/c saw no shipping and returned with bombs.

20 FC.

Offensive ops France/Belgium. Between 1320/1500 18 Spitfires provided escort and cover for 8 Blenheims to attack shipping off IJmuiden. The fighters attacked a flakship and a smaller vessel, but UO. No enemy a/c seen.

20 CC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam, 'penburg, Groningen, Haamstede, Delfzijl and Rotterdam.

20/21 BC.

289 a/c despatched. 6 Hampdens mining off Frisian Islands. All succesfully. ATs. 2 a/c attacked docks at Rotterdam.

21 Bc.

17 Blenheims despatched of which (1) 9 to attack shipping off Ameland and East Frisian Islands, and (2) 8 with F escort to attack shipping off Texel. Results. (1) The a/c completed beat but no ships seen. On the return journey 1 of these a/c was seen to crash into the sea 8 miles off Borkum.

(2) A convoy of 7/8 ships of 1/4000 tons escorted by 4 flakships seen and attacked 5 miles W of IJmuiden. 2 a/c attacked a 2000 ton MV, UD; 1 a/c attacked a 2000 ton tanker, UO; 1 a/c attacked a 4000 ton MV, UD; 1 a/c attacked a 2/4000 ton MV and smoke was seen coming from the vessel after the attack. 1 a/c attacked a 1000 ton V bursts not seen but smoke issued from the V after the attack. The remaining 2 a/c were shot down into the sea near the convoy, one by a Me-109 the other by flak, both are believed to have attacked.

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At 1345 18 Spitfires escort and cover for 8 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off IJ-muiden. A convoy of 10 ships was sighted and one vessel was attacked. Some 109s which attacked the Blenheims were also unsuccessfully engaged.

Further offensive ops France/Belgium.

21 CC.

PRU. a.o. Amsterdam and IJmuiden.

21/22 BC.

136 a/c despatched. ATs NWG. None mentioned Holland.

21/22 FC.

6 Havocs despatched of which 2 to Eindhoven A/F. Results: both Havocs on Eindhoven bombed target.

21/22 CC.

Rover patrols Dutch coast. A Hudson attacked a 4000 ton MV in a convoy with 5 other smaller ships in position 10 miles NW Norderney. No hits claimed.

22 BC.

3 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Texel. All returned, no shipping seen.

22 FC.

A squadron of LR Spitfires escorted 3 Blenheims to attack shipping off Texel, while another squadron of Spits covered the withdrawal. No enemy a/c seen.

22 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing.

22/23 BC.

161a/c despatched. ATs. single a/c Naamstede.

22/23 FC.

1 Havoc to Eindhoven. Abandoned due weather.

23 FC.

Ops France/Belgium.

23/24 BC.

No tgts Holland.

24 BC.

18 Blenheims despatched of which 6 with F escort to attack shipping off IJmuiden. All returned without having seen any shipping.

24 FC.

Between 1343/1515 11 LR Spitfires escorted, and 6 Spitfires provided return cover for 6 Blenheims to attack shipping off IJmuiden. As a result of combats during this operation, one Me-109 was damaged. One Spit MIA.

Other ops France/Belgium.

24 CC:

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam.

25 FC.

At 0630 2 Spits carried out a sweep over Knocke. Two 109s sighted and attacked near Flushing, and in the ensuing combat one 109 was destroyed.

At 1540 2 pairs of Spitfires detailed to sweep the Oostvoorne/Haamstede area encountered 5 Me-110s. In the resulting combat one 110 was destroyed. Other enemy a/c also seen but these took evasive action in the clouds.

25 CC.

Rover patrol off Dutch coast. At 0612 a Hudson saw a convoy of 4 MV with one escort V off Borkum. The Hudson attacked from 50 -Peet a MV of 5/6000 tons which was last in convoy. Result UO except for the last bomb seen to overshoot by 10 yards. PRU. a.o. Flushing. Casualties. One Blenheim on search for enemy destroyers off The Hague is MIA.

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26 BC.

8 Blenheims despatched. 4 with F escort to attack shipping off IJmuiden. All safe having seen no shipping. Also 4 with F escort to attack shipping off The Hague. A convoy of 4 MVs of 2/5000 tons escorted by 3 flakships was sighted off The Hague. One ship of 5000 ton and another of 3000 tons were attacked, but Uo. One Blenheim was seen to land on the sea about 42 miles WNW of The Hague. Remaining 3 a/c safe. C/b<sup>8</sup>

26 FC.

At 1445 a squadron of LR Spitfires escorted 8 Blenheims of BC to attack shipping off the Dutch coast, while another sqn of Spits covered withdrawal. The two leading Spits attacked a flakship and in turn were attacked by 2 Me-109s. Resulting combat inconclusive.

25/26 CC.

Rover patrol of f Dutch coast. Six Hudsons despatched to attack shipping off the Dutch coast. A convoy of 15 MVs off Terschelling and further shipping off Texel were sighted and MVs of 10,000, 6000, 3000, 3000 and 2500 attacked by single a/c. Two flashes on the stern of the 10,000 MV and one flash amidships on the 2500 were seen, whilst flames and smoke which gave the appearance of oil burning, came from the stern of one of the 3000 ton MVs after the attack. Otherwise UO. The 6th Hudson attacked a trawler of 500 tons 14 miles N of IJmuiden, but bombs failed to release.

26/27 BC.

137 a/c despatched. No ATs Holland.(17 a/c ATs in NWG)

27 BC.

6 Blenheims with F escort shipping off Den Helder. Dne Blenheim attacked a MV of 3000 tons in a convoy of 4 MVs of 1500/3000 with 4 escort Vs off Texel, but UO. One Blenheim was hit by flak and then attacked by a Me-109 and crashed into the sea. Another Blenheim was attacked by a 109 and shot down into the sea. Both these a/c had attacked ships in the convoy, but UO. The remaining 3 a/c saw no shipping. C /<sup>1</sup>/4)

27 FC.

Ops off France/Belgium but: At 1320 9 LR SPitfires escorted 6 Blenheims to attack shipping off Den Helder. During this operation 1 Me-109 and 1 Spitfire were damaged. 5 further Spits provided cover for the return having nothing of interest to report.

27 CC.

Rover patrol off Dutch coast. At 0700 a Hudson on a Roving patrol saw a convoy of 8 heavily laden MVs of 1500/6000 tons 15 miles N of Terschelling. A MV of 5/6000 tons attacked with bombs from 50 feet but UO due evasive action. Other ships MGd.

28 FC.

At 1130 a Spitfire on shipping recce encountered 2 Me-109s. He attacked and destroyed one of them, the pilot observed to bale out. Other offensive ops France/Belgium but: between 1425/1620 8 LR Spitfires escorted 3 Blenheims and 3 Beaufighters of CC to attack a convoy off the Dutch coast. Nothing of interest to report.

28 CC.

At 0643 a Hudson on patrol off the Dutch coast attacked from a height of 50 feet a 2000 ton MV in a convoy of about 10 MVs, seen 11 miles W of Terschelling. A puff of black smoke was observed below the bridge and a violent disturbance in the water close to the stern. At 0715 a 2nd Hudson on same patrol attacked from a height of 70 feet a MV of 4/5000 tons in same convoy, but UO.

Subsequently 3 Hudsons were despatched to attack this convoy, but did not locate it, and later 3 Blenheims and 3 Beaufighters with an escort from FC despatched on same task but also did not sight convoy.

PRU. Den Helder and Brest. (Only two!!)

28/29 BC.

Few ops. No tgts Holland.

29 FC.

Few a/c offensive sweep Fr/Blm. a.o. barges, locks and guns in Brugge/Ostend area, and Brugge/Dunkirk canal.

29/30 BC.

61 a/c despatched of which 45 (40 Hampdens and 5 Manchesters) to Schiphol. Results: Schiphol. 11 Hampdens and 1 Manchester attacked dropping ± 11 tons of HE. Thick cloud was encountered and visibility was so bad that no results could be observed. Of the 45 a/c despatched on this target, 1 Hampden MIA.

ATs. Single a/c A/Fs at Oostvoorne, Bussum, Alkmaar, and a dummy A/F near Schiphol, but UO.

30 B . FC.

Few ops Fr/Blgm.

31 FC.

Offensive ops Fr/Blgm.

31 BC.

No ops Holland.

31 CC.

0639. A Blenheim on patrol off Frisian Islands attacked a MV of 900 tons in position 10 miles N of Ameland. 4 X 250 dropped from 200 feet which straddled the vessel and MG bullets seen to hit the deck. 1927 A Hudson on a rover patrol of Fr. Islands saw convoy of 10/15 ships 10 mts NW of Terschelling. 4 X 250 from 50 feet on a MV of 4000 ton, one direct hit scored close to the mast.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, De Kooy and Den Helder.



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31/10-1/11 BC.

226 a/c despatched. 8 Hampdens mining Frisian Islands, 7 successfully.  
ATs 63 a/c tgts in NWG, Low Countries and France, but all UO.

31/10-1/11 CC.

35 a/c despatched of which 8 Hudsons shipping off Frisian Islands and 3 Blenheimns shipping off the Dutch Islands. Results:

One 7000 ton MV believed to be the "Reichenfels" attacked off Terschelling. A salvo of 4 bombs released from Low level and a hit seen amidships causing a large explosion followed by fire. This result confirmed by another a/c and the V is claimed as sunk. The following ships were all claimed to have been hit by bombs as result of low level attacks. A 7000 ton tanker and a 7000 ton MV, one 5000 ton MV and one 3000 ton MV off Ameland. A 1000 ton MV off Terschelling. 5 other MVs attacked but UO. 1 Blenheim MIA

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1 FC.

Offensive ops Fr/Blgm.

1/2 BC.

178 a/c despatched.a.o. 4 Hampdens shipping off Frisian Islands. Results: Shipping. Two convoys of ± 30 and 8 ships located and attacked by 3 a/c. A direct hit on one large ship and near misses on other V in larger convoy, while near misses on ships in smaller convoy. 1 of these 4 Hampdens MIA.

ATs. No tgts in Holland.

C 1/2 CC.

0400/0500 6 Hudsons to attack convoy off Ameland. 3 a/c made LL attack and 1 MV of 6000 tons Off Terschelling received 2 direct hits. Th ship is believed to have blown up as the whole sky was lit by the explosion. Another 6000 ton MV off Terschelling one direct hit and also MGd. A MV of 5000 tons 15 miles N of Ameland attacked but no hits seen although rear gunner reported steam from amidships.

0714. One of 3 Blenheims to attack shipping off Ameland saw convoy of 8 MVs from 600 to 3000 tons. The largest ship attacked and one burst seen 15 feet from the side of the vessel which was also MGd.

2 FC.

1720 Two Hurricane bombers escorted by 2 Hurricane Fighters to attack shipping Dun-kirk/Ostend. Intense flak off Ostend. 1 Hurricane bomber attacked, other 3 MIA.

2/3 CC.

1947. Hudson on roving patrol off Dutch coast attacked a 1500 ton MV off Ameland, from 50 feet and a direct hit amidships resulting in a red flash and smoke issuing from V. 2242. Four Hudson to attack shipping off Borkum. 1 a/c attacke a 5000 ton MV in convoy with 11 others off Texel, but bombs overshoot. 2nd a/c attacked a 7000 ton tanker in rear of convoy from 50 feet and at least one, possibly 2 hits scored. Rear gunner saw explosion followed by a red glow and dense clouds of black oily smoke, which progested and increased as long as convoy was in sight.

0300/0335. 6 hudsons to attack shipping off Frisian Islands. 1 a/c attacked a 5000 ton MV in convoy with 10 others off Schiermonnikoog. No hits seen but ships MGd. 2nd a/c attacked a MV of 300D ton in convoy with 7 others off Terschelling but UO. 3rd a/c attacked a 1500 MV in convoy with 9 others off Vlieland, but UO. 4th a/c attacked from 1000 feet a 3000 ton MV in convoy with ± 11 others W of Schiermonnikoog. No hits seen.

3/4 BC.

France but 6 Hampdens shipping off Frisian Islands. Results: 5 a/c made individual attacks in one of which a direct hit was claimed on a ship of 7/10.000 tons in convoy with 9 others. Other ships attacked included 2 trawlers which suffered near misses, 6 flakships and a convoy of 4 ships none of which was hit, and 4 ships of 4/600 tons, UO.

4/5 BC.

85 a/c despatched. a.o. 6 Hampdens shipping off Frisian Islands and 3 Hampdens offensive patrols Kiel area. Results: Shipping. 1 a/c attacked 2 small ships off Texel but UO.. Kiel area. 2 a/c attacked Bremerhaven and Emden, and 1 a/c attacked Bremen (believed) and Harlingen harbour, each case UO.

ATs. a.o. targetSS in Rotterdam area.

4/5 CC.

2210. 4 Hudsons and 2 Blenheims to attack a convoy off the Frisian Islands. Results: 1 Hudfson saw and attacked MV of 5/6000 tons off Terschelling obtaining one, probably 2 direct hits between bridge and foremast. Debris thrown into the air and smoke and steam came from ship. Remaining a/c saw no shipping. 1 Blenheim MIA. **Ce/e=-0 -)**

5 CC

1846 Hudson on roving patrol saw convoy of 12 MVs with 3 flakships off Ameland. A 4000 ton MV attacked from 80 feet, a flash seen after the attack.

5 BC.

Three Stirlings Ruhr, abandoned.

b8C/1005 2 Spitfires shipping off Ostend. Combat with 3 Me-109s, 1 Spitfire MIA.

5 FC.

0845/1005. 2 Spitfires shipping off Ostend. Combat with 3 Me-109s, 1 Spitfire MIA. Ten Spitfires despatched on 4 different operations over Dutch coast and Cherbourg. Nothing to report.

5/6 BC.

59 a/c despatched of which 5 Hampdens shipping off Frisian Islands and 6 Hampdens offensive patrols Kiel area. Results: shipping. 2 a/c attacked a convoy S of Terschelling One ship believed to be a tanker hit and seen aflame from stem to stern. Of these 5 a/c 2 are MIA. (2/144) Kiel area. Single a/c attacked docks at Termunten.

5/6 CC.

2225/2345 8 Hudsons rover patrol off Frisian Islands. Results: 5 a/c attacked following ships: 1 MV of 1/1500 tons in convoy of 8 ships; 1 MV of 6/7000 tons; 2 stationary trawler type vessels; 1 escort vessel, probably a destroyer in convoy of 9 ships, and 1 MV of 2000 tons, one of 4 ships. Near misses obtained on the 6/7000 tons MV and after the attack the rear gunner saw a column of flame lasting 5 seconds in the position of the ship. One large yellow flash was also seen to come from the escort vessel after the attack, and all flak from the ship ceased. No other results reported. 1 a/c saw no shipping. 2 MIA and 1 Hudson on rover patrol off Frisians MIA.

6 FC.

Offensive ops Fr/Blgm. (Gasometers at Bergues and Middelkerke.)

6/7 Bc.

33 a/c despatched. a.o. 1 Hampden shipping off Frisians. recalled due weather. ATs. defende area on Terschelling but U0.

7 FC.

At 1250 4 Spitfires on offensive patrols Schouwen Island/Blankenberghe attacked a w wireless station at Scheveningen and camouflaged lorries nearby.

7 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam, Flushing and Schiphol.

7/8 BC.

400 despatched. Bad night. Losses 37 a/c.

ATs. A/Fs and unidentified tgts in NWG, Ruhr, Denmark, Holland and N.France.

7 Hampdens offensive patrols. 5 a/c attacked targets in "searchlight belt",but U0. 2 MIA.

8 CC

PRU. a.o. Maastricht, Amsterdam, Dordrecht, Den Helder, IJmuiden and Hook of Holland

8/9 BC.

86 a/c despatched. a.o. 6 Hampdens offensive patrol searchlight belt. 5 attacked near Bocholt, 1 MIA. ATs. Soesterberg and De Kooy A/Fs.

9 CC

PRU. Flushing and Rotterdam. 1245/9 Rotterdam. Two submarines still fitting out, one of which manouevring in Lekhaven. Hospital ship "Strassbourg" still present at Lloyd kade.

9/10 BC.

128 despatched. ATs. a.o. Terschelling, but U0. (NWG unidentified tgts.)

10 FC.

Few ops Fr/Blgm.

11 CC.

1422. A Hudson and a Beaufort on patrol off the Frisian Islands attacked a MV of 900 tons from 50 -Peet in position 12 miles W of Den Helder. One or more direct hits by the Beaufort causing the vessel to sink in 4 minutes.

11/12 - 15 Bc, FC and CC.

Very few ops. None Holland.

15 CC.

15 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, Terneuzen and Rotterdam. Interpretation: Flushing 1200/15 Three floating forts arrived since 9/11; Rotterdam 1145/15. Submarine manoeuvring on 9/11 has departed and another now fitting out. One MSW and 7 MTBs departed since that date, leaving 10 MTBs present.

15/16 BC.

110 despatched. a.o. 5 Hampdens mining Frisians. 3 succesful. (Of the Emden force 4 Wellingtons MIA, one off the North coast of Holland. Also one of the Kiel force of the north coast of Holland)

ATs. Unidentified targets on Frisian Islands, area of Den Helder and NWG.

16 CC.

1 Beaufort MIA from patrol.

In the following days very few operations due bad weather, except as noted.

18 FC.

At 1430 4 Spitfires despatched on offensive patrol to Walcheren. Abandoned due unsuitable cloud conditions.

18 CC.

1303. 3 Beaufighters on reconnaissance attacked a 600 ton vessel which was stationary 2 miles off IJmuiden. Numerous hits scored with cannon and MG on the bridge and near engine room, causing a large cloud of smoke or steam.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder, Amsterdam, IJmuiden, Bergen (Alkmaar) A/F, Harlingen and Rotterdam.

20 FC.

At 0805 2 Spitfires saw 3 E boats 45 miles off Dutch coast. Attack made with cannon and MGs and one E baat was left in sinking condition and a 2nd claimed as damaged. The Jatter was later reported to have been sunk by naval action.

22/23 CC.

Two Beauforts despatched to lay mines of Frisian Islands. One a/c returned with mine failing to locate tgt area. Other crashed on take-off, crew safe.

23 CC.

PRU. a.o. Hook of Holland.

24 BC.

4 Stirlings despatched, 2 to attack Ruhr area and 2 the Osnabruck-Bremen area. One Stirling finding cloud cover failing over the Frisian Islands attacked a convoy of 2 large MVs and 2 medium MVs with escort vessels, S of Borkum. Bursts seen between the large MVs, one being a near miss. 8 Me-109s attacked the Stirling, 1 Me-109 shot down in flames. 2nd Stirling also attacked by 8 Me-109s and was forced to abandon mission. In 25 minutes combat 2 me-109s probably destroyed and 1 damaged.

24 FC.

At 0745 11 Spitfires and 4 Whirlwinds despatched to search for E boats off Holland. Nothing of importance seen.

At 1227 2 Spitfires despatched on offensive patrols to Schouwen island, but the a/c returned 30 miles off the Dutch coast due Jack of cloud cover.

24/25 CC.

1846. A Hudson on a rover patrol off the Dutch coast attacked a 2/3000 ton MV 15 miles NNW of Borkum. Attack from 150 feet with 4 X 250. Intense light medium flak from ship and a/c hit in starboard engine and wing. As a/c pulled out of the dive, all flak ceased and a large white flash was seen from the position of the ship.

25 FC.

Between 0929/1045 2 Spitfires despatched to attack shipping on the canal at Veere (Walcheren). A building, believed to be a meteorological station, and a gun position on Schouwen island attacked and strikes observed. Heavy flak encountered.

24/25 CC.

24/25 CC.

1615/1915. Two Beauforts despatched to lay mines off Frisian Islands. Both MIA.

26 CC.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder, Nieuwe Schans, Vlieland and Texel.

26/27 BC.

118 despatched. ATs. 8 a/c unidentified tgts in NWG.

26/27 CC.

1600/2125 2 Beauforts despatched mining Frisian Islands. Results: 1 jettisoned, and one returned with mine.

27 CC.

1025. 3 Beauforts with F escort despatched to attack shipping off We11.aaá--Results: A 1500 ton MV escorted by 6 trawlers, ± 6 miles off The Hague was attacked by all 3 Beauforts from mast height. Bursts seen on and around the vessel which was left enveloped in black smoke and listing heavily. This ship which appeared to be equipped with an a/c catapult, was also MGD by 2 of the Beauforts, one of which was damaged by flak. C One.Ce,A.me+4o.+ w. {#4.^

27 FC.

Between 0930/1135 12 LR Spitfires escorted 3 Beauforts of CC to attack shipping off Hook of Holland. A further 6 Spitfires acted as rear cover to the operation off the Dutch coast. Two MVs were seen, one of which was camouflaged like a flakship. 4 of the Spitfires attacked both vessels, but UD.

27/28 CC.

1700/2100 2 Beauforts mining Frisian Islands. 1 succesful, 1 early return due technical trouble.

27/28 BC.

98 despatched. ATs. 22 a/c tgts in NWG, Holiand and France, mainly UD.

28 CC.

1410 6 Hudsons despatched to attack shipping off The Hague. 3 of the a/c attacked 3 flakships off Hook of Holland. One flakship set on fire but results of the attack on the other 2 ships U0. One of the Hudsons was hit by flak and set on fire, but the flames were put out and the a/c returned safely. 3 a/c made no attack.

29 CC.

1420. 3 Beauforts despatched to attack shipping off the Dutch coast. 1 Beaufort attacked a ship, probably a fruit ship of modern type, in company with 4 destroyers, ± 12 miles off IJmuiden. Results UO due to evasive action. Other a/c saw no shipping.

30 CC.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam and IJmuiden. Interpretation. Rotterdam 1250. MV shipping shows a considerable increase, particularly in the Waalhaven.

30/11-1/12 CC.

1829. Hudson on patrol off Frisian Islands saw 9 - 10 MVs of 2/5000 tons 5 miles N of Borkum. Hudson attacked largest MV from 30 feet and a large cloud of smoke observed on bow. Vessel went well down by the bow, and immediatly following the attack was seen by the rear gunner to be listing heavily to port and sinking fast.

1833. A further Hudson on same patrol attacked a MV of ± 6000 ton, in convoy with 12 MVs 4/8000 tons 10 miles N of Ameland, from 20 feet. Following the attack steam or smoke seen coming from the ship, but further U0.

1858. A Beaufort attacked a MV of 4000 ton from 50 feet in a convoy with 2 other MVs of same tonnage and 2 further MV of 500 ton, ± 10 miles N of Borkum. One large explosion observed amidships, but further results U0.

2105 a Hudson attacked a MV of 2000 tons from 1000 feet , 10 miles NE of Borkum, U0.

2110. Hudson on patrol off IJmuiden attacked a 3000 ton MV anchored in the outer harbour of IJmuiden, dropping 3 X 250 from 1500 feet. One hit seen on the ship. 2213. A Hudson attacked a submarine on surface 10 Miles N of Borkum, dropping 4 X 250 SAP from 200 feet. A large swirl and foam were seen but otherwise U0. 2215. A Hudson attacked a 4000 ton tanker 18 miles N of Borkum, dropping 4 X 250 from 50 feet. Two verg large explosions seen. Vessel also MGD.

0207. A HUDson attacked a 1000 ton MV off Vlieland, 3 X 250 from 50 feet, also MGD, but UD. 1 Hudson MIA. C^2"- (lou+?

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Note: Due weather conditions very few operations on a lot of days except as noted.

2 FC.

2 Hurricanes on a ship and weather recce saw a MV of ± 1000 tons and an armed trawler off Ostend. The trawler was attacked and also a gun position in the dunes, but UO

5 CC.

1022. Two Beaufighters on patrol off Frisian Islands made an attack on a 700 ton trawler type ship, with cannon and MGs, diving from 500 feet to deck level. Many hits seen. 1320. A Hudson on patrol attacked a 700 ton trawler off Den Helder, dropping 3 X 250 from 3500 feet. Two near misses, one bomb appeared to hit under or very close to the ship which is believed to have been left sinking. t

5/6 CC.

1910. A Hudson on patrol off Fris. Isl. encountered light flak and tracer from ships 20 miles W of Borkum. 3 X 250 dropped on the flak flashes, but UO. (E/407 MIA.)

7 FC.

In the afternoon 7 patrols involving 20 Spitfires despatched to attack targets in N.Fr/ Blgm and Holland. Dwing to variable weather conditions only 2 attacks made. Between 1311/1420 2 Spits despatched to attack Knocke A/F became seperatedds. One fired on a truck in a siding at Blankenberg, other MIA.

7 CC.

1245 A Hudson on patrol off Dutch coast attacked a 800 ton MV 6 miles W of IJmuiden from mast height, scoring 2 direct hits which left ship in a sinking condition. Also MG d.

7/8 Fc.

Between 1950/2210 a Havoc on offensive patrol to Gilze-Rijen A/F circled the target and fired on a number of enemy a/c, one of which a large twin engined a/c, probably a Ju-88, was seen to dive in flames, and is claimed as damaged. 2nd Havoc despatched at 2030 also circled A/F. Neither of these a/c released bombs owing technical trouble due freezing.

7/8 BC.

253 despatched Aachen. 62 ATs. Single a/c attacked estimated position of Aachen, and ATs in WG, Ruhr, Calais and Ostend areas. 1 a/c dropped propaganda leaflets over Holland.

8/9 FC.

At 2308 and 2345 two Havocs despatched to Gilze-Rijen. Results: 1 Havoc returned with bombs due weather. 2nd Havoc attacked enemy a/c about to land at Gilze-Rijen, hitss seen on its fuselage, port wing and port engine. It is claimed as damaged. The Havoc then dropped its bombs across the flarepath and debris, thought to be from a building thrown into the air.

9 CC.

1639. Two Beauforts attacked a MV of 12.000 tons in a convoy of 8 ships 15 miles SW Den Helder. The attack was made from below mast height and 3 direct hits were obtained and the vessel was seen to be well alight amidships and in the forward hold. 3rd Beaufort was seen to be hit and crashed in the sea ahead of the vessel.

1710. One Hudson saw convoy of 5 MVs consisting of 1 MV of 7000 tons. 2 MVs 3/4000 tons and 2 probably flakships, ± 11 miles SW Den Helder. The Hudson attacked one MV of 3/4000 tons from 100 feet with 4 X 250 SAP and claimed one direct hit. The rear gunner observed masses of debris thrown into the air amidships. The MV of 7000 to<sup>ps</sup> was seen to be stationary and burning fiercely from bows to superstructure and the other Vs in convoy appeared to be standing by.

1725. Another Hudson attacked a MV of 3/4000 tons from 200 feet off IJmuidend, but UO.

9/10 CC.

2243. One Hudson did attack a large MV which was blazing from stem to stern ± 17 miles SW of Den Helder. The a/c dropped 3 X 250 in a stick, but no hits seen. 5 other Hudsons made no attack.

10 FC.

Only one offensive operation. At 1345 2 Spitfires despatched to attack the distillery at Bergen op Zoom. The tgt was not located but 2 barges in an unidentified estuary attacked. Hits seen but no damage observed.

10 BC.

16 Hampdens despatched, 10 to lay mines off Frisian Islands and 6 for individual attacks a.o. at A/Fs at Leeuwarden, Soesterberg and De Kooy. Results: mining, 8 succesful. Leeuwarden A/F. No attack, returned with bombs.; Gilze-Rijen bombs dropped on SE corner of the A/F, and Soesterberg Hampden attacked from 350 feet and saw 2 bursts which caused a large explosion throwing debris in the air. Thick cloud over target.

11 BC.

6 Hampdens despatched a.o. to Leeuwarden and Gilze-Rijen. Results: Leeuwarden, the Hampden attacked the target from a height of 50 feet and bursts seen amongst hangars and other buildings on the SE side of the A/F. Personal on the ground also MGd. Dwing to lack of cloud no attacks on Gilze-Rijen, a/c brought bombs back. (1 Hampden attacked town on Borkum.)

11 CC.

1545, a Hudson on patrol attacked with MGs 2 small vessels 15 miles off IJmuiden. Many hits seen.

11/12 BC.

ATs. None Holland.

11/12 FC.

Two Havocs and a Hurricane despatched to Gilze-Rijen. One Havoc attacked one enemy a/c as it landed on the A/F with MGs, but UO. The other dropped bombs on a flashing light on the coast near Naamstede, after seeing no activity at Gilze-Rijen. The Hurricane (LR) circled Gilze-Rijen for 90 minutes but although there were signs of activity, no enemy a/c seen.

12 BC.

6 Hampdens despatched to Germany (a/c on Gelsenkirchen MIA) one to attack oil refinery at Emmerich. Attack made from 300 feet and bursts were followed by black smoke

12 CC.

1050. Hudson on patrol attacked a destroyer of the Butzen class, 15 miles SW IJmuiden with 3 X 250 from mastheight. Results UO due evasive action. Ship also MGd. 1107. Hudson on patrol attacked a 220 ton trawler 10 miles N of IJmuiden with 3 X 250 from 600 feet. Bursts 10 yards short.

12/13 FC.

.2 Havocs to Gilze-Rijen. Bath a/c dropped bombs.

13 CC.

0511 Hudson on patrol off Dutch coast attacked a 8000 ton MV off Texel, from 50 feet with 4 X 250 SAP and scored a direct hit which caused a large flash amidships. Vessel was left obscured by volumes of black smoke and steam.

0545. Hudson on same patrol attacked a MV or tanker of ± 4000 tons in convoy with 9 others at anchor off Ameland. Attack from 400 feet with 4 X 250 SAP, scoring a direct hit but due bad visibility UO.

PRU. a.o. Flushing (2X), Breda, Venlo A/F, Rotterdam and Flushing A/F.

Interpretation: Flushing. 1100/1213. 10 MTBs new arrivals in outer harbour making total of 11 present.

15 CC.

1640. Hudson on patrol Frisian Isl. saw convoy of 16 MVs 3/4000 tons with 1 escort V., probably a destroyer, 12 miles WNW Borkum. Hudson attacked MV on edge of convoy with 4 X 250 SAP from 50 feet, but UO. Hudson was pursued right back to base by an enemy a/c believed to be a Ju-88.

PRU. a.o. Den Helder and De Kooy A/F. (1 Hudson MIA patrol Dutch coast.) (//4 **oj**)

15/16 FC.

Havoc and Hurricane despatched to Gilze-Rijen. Havoc dropped 4 X 250 on the A/F., but UO. Hurricane MIA. C ((e .

16 FC

Between 1430/1605 12 LR Spitfires escorted 3 Beauforts and 3 Beaufighters of CC to attack shipping off Dutch coast, while further 6 Spits covered withdrawal. No enemy a/c seen.

16 CC.

1457. One of 3 Beauforts, despatched with 4 Beaufighters and F escort against shipping off the Dutch coast, made an attack with a torpedo from a height of 50 feet on an MV of 5000 ton in a convoy. It is believed that the torpedo missed the target but hit an escort ship which emitted large columns of smoke.

2nd Beaufort attacked a MV of 5000 ton off Hook of Holland. A torpedo attack made from 50 feet and although the course of the torpedo was thought to be accurate, results UO due heavy and intense flak. The 3rd Beaufort attacked with a torpedo a MV of 3000 tons in a convoy 1 mile S of Hook of Holland, but UO.

Three Beaufighters on above operation attacked with cannon and MGs from a height of 200 feet to sealevel, the 5000 ton MV, a flakship and other Vs in the convoy. The operation appeared to cause much confusion amongst the ships and some of them were damaged. The 4th Beaufighter did not attack.

PRU. a.o. Schellingwoude, Amsterdam and IJmuiden.

16/17 FC.

2 Havocs Gilze-Rijen. One dropped bombs in the estimated position of the A/F, the other a bomb in the vicinity of the beacon of Gilze-Rijen, but UO.

16/17 BC.

173 despatched. ATs. 11 a/c tgts in NWG, Holland, France and Belgium.

17 CC.

PRU. a.o. IJmuiden, Hollands Diep canal. Interpretation: Hollands Diep. 1300. 30 barges with towing craft moving towards Dordrecht and 18 barges seen moving south.

17/18 FC.

Three Havocs to attack A/Fs in Holland. Of these 2 attacked Gilze-Rijen each with 4 X 250 across the flarepath. One also attacked and damaged a He-111 coming in to land. 3rd Havoc dropped 4 X 250 across flarepath on an A/F near (!) Schiphol, but UO.

C~4X 18/19 CC.

2156 A Wellington on patrol off the Dutch coast attacked a 5000 ton MV ± 8 miles N of Ameland, but UO.

21 BC.

12 Hampdens on roving patrol NWG. Dwing back of cloud 11 abandoned, 1 MIA. C/t.G 5r1~ee..~.~le~

22 BC.

3 Hampdens to attack Schiphol, Leeuwarden and Soesterberg A/F. All abandoned due lack of cloud.

22 CC.

1 Hudson MIA off Dutch coast. **Ci/4 U7 )**

22/23 BC.

22 despatched Wilhelmshayen. 3 a/c ATs. one Borkum.

23/24 BC.

144 desp. (68 Cologne) 37 a/c ATs. None mentioned Holland.

12 Hampdens mining Frisian Islands. 6 succesful.

24 BC.

6 Hampdens tgts NWG. All abandoned lack of cloud.

24 FC.

During day 3 small operations despatched against tgts in France and Dutch islands, were abandoned due unsuitable weather. Two Spitfires however attacked a convoy of 4 ships off the Dutch coast and one vessel and one flakship claimed as damaged.

24 CC

0825/0838. A Beaufighter on ship recce off Dutch coast made a cannon and MG attack on a MV of 8000 tons, 2 MVs of 3000 tons and a fishing vessel of 200 tons between IJmuiden and Texel. Hits on all ships.

25/26 FC.

1 Havoc for Gilze-Rijen found no activity and dropped no bombs.



27/28 BC.

206 despatched. a.o. 6 Blenheims to Soesterberg A/F. Results: 5 a/c attacked from 1000 feet in excellent weather conditions whilst enemy a/c were landing. Bursts seen on runways, also a bright flare possibly due to an enemy a/c being hit. One enemy a/c damaged in combat over target area.

ATs. 26 a/c tgts in Ruhr, NWG and Holland.

28 CC. **n1Zg**

1738/1803 Of 10 Hudsons despatched to attack shipping off the Dutch coast, one a/c attacked a MV of 5000 tons off Texel with 4 X 250 SAP 11 seconds delay from 40 feet. One seen to burst amidships and another hit the side of the vessel. 2nd a/c attacked MV of 5000 tons off Texel, same bomb load, from mast height with one hit estimated. 3rd a/c attacked MV of 7000 tons off Texel, same load, from 100 feet but U0. The 3 vessels also MGd and cannon fire(?). Remaining 7 Hudsons no attack.

PRU. a.o. Rotterdam, Flushing, Den Helder, Soesterberg A/F, Terneuzen, IJmuiden, Amsterdam and Schiphol. (1 Spit Essen/Dusseldorf MIA). C Se 4 fk, er. 24.ow,

28/29 FC.

a.o. 2 Havocs to Gilze-Rijen. 1 Havoc finding no activity, bombed Haamstede A/F, while the other returned with bombs having been attacked by a twinengined a/c. Also 2 Hurricanes despatched to attack shipping off the Fr/Blgn coast. One of them attacked a 700 ton tanker, escorted by flakship off Ostend. Hits registerel b'furtherwise due darkness U0.

28/29 BC.

218 desp. of which 6 Blenheims offensive patrols to Soesterberg, Schiphol, Gilze-Rijen and Eindhoven. Results: Soesterberg 1 a/c bombed SW runway and SW dispersal points, but U0 due groundhaze.; Schiphol no attack made.; Gilze-Rijen 2 a/c attacked and flashes seen on the NE/SW and E/W runways.; Eindhoven 2 a/c attacked and dropped stick of bombs along NW/SE runway and the other attacked NE/SW runway, both U0. ATs. None mentioned Holland.

29 CC.

PRU. a.o. Flushing, and Flushing A/F.

Rest of year no activities.