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**HANDLEY PAGE HAMPDEN  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERIAL NUMBERS  
INDIVIDUAL HISTORIES**



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## Overview

This publication is intended to provide a brief overview / summary of individual aircraft histories using information drawn from the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Aircraft Record Cards and the associated Accident Record Cards held by the Canada Aviation & Space Museum. In addition, this information has been further supplemented and / or verified against accident reports held by the Library & Archives Canada along with various other publicly available references identified at the end of the publication. Appendix A details the individual service histories of those aircraft which were allocated to the Royal Canadian Air Force for use in the Home War Establishment. Appendix B details the serial numbers, code letters and combat histories associated with Hampdens serving with the RCAF's 400-series squadrons based in the United Kingdom.

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## Additional Information

The information in this publication as accurate and up to date as possible (as of 2017) based upon the available references. Any errors of commission or omission are solely those of the author. As with all endeavours of this nature, however, the author would be pleased to hear of any additional information and / or corrections. Please provide any details to: [kestrelaerospaceresearch@gmail.com](mailto:kestrelaerospaceresearch@gmail.com)

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## Dedication

This publication is dedicated to all those who flew and maintained these Handley Page Hampden aircraft and especially to those who gave their lives in the service of their country while flying or maintaining the Hampden.

## Cover Image Notes

A Handley Page Hampden Mark I, AT137 'UB-T', of No 455 (RAAF) Squadron based at Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, in flight above clouds, May 1942. - Imperial War Museum Photo (used with permission)

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### RCAF Handley Page Hampden Serials

Serial	Manufacturer	Company designation	Name	Mark
L4142	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 13 September 1943</p> <p>First used by 76 Sqn and then 16 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used at No. 32 OTU in BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
L4145	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 4 October 1943</p> <p>First used by 76 Sqn and then 16 OTU in the UK. Converted to TB configuration in the UK and employed by 489 Sqn. Then transferred to Canada and used at No. 32 OTU in BC. On 15 Oc 1943, the a/c swung to port on landing. The pilot over-corrected and the swing to starboard resulted in a collapsed undercarriage and a crash later categorized as Cat "A". The crew escaped without injury.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 28 January 1944 - Cat "A" write-off - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
L4157	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 29 October 1943</p> <p>First used by 76 Sqn and 16 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used at No. 32 OTU</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
L6069	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 23 September 1943</p> <p>One of 13 Herefords converted to Hampdens. First used by 5 AGS and AAS in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used at No. 32 OTU</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
P1167	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 30 August 1943</p> <p>First used by 16 OTU and then 14 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
P1200	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 23 September 1943</p> <p>First used by 16 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Went missing on a night navigation exercise on 28 January 1944. The crew, consisting of P/O (RAFVR) W.R. Dishman (nav), Sgt. E.G. Quigley (WAG), and Sgt. (RAFVR) R. F.L. Watson (pilot), were never found. They were the last fatal casualties on the Hampden type.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 6 April 1944 - Cat "A" write-off</p>				
P1230	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 30 August 1943</p> <p>First used by 16 OTU and then 14 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Lost port propeller near Saanichton, BC on 7 November 1943 damaging the pitot head.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				

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<b>P1311</b>	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 21 September 1943</p> <p>First used by 106 Sqn in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used at No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P2067</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 12 October 1943</p> <p>Converted to T.B., date unknown. First used by 16 OTU and then 14 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P2133</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 16 September 1943</p> <p>First used by 16 OTU and then 489 Sqn in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Reported as a T.B. Mk. I.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P5298</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 12 November 1943</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Struck by taxiing Hampden #AJ997 while parked at Patricia Bay on 8 November 1943. Repaired and returned to service.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P5336</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 7 May 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Taxied into another aircraft at Patricia Bay on 15 October 1943 during a heavy rainstorm. Repaired and returned to service.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P5337</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 1 February 1941</p> <p><b>Cat "A"</b> crash near Dugald, MB outside of Winnipeg, MB on 17 December 1942 while on a ferry flight to Western Air Command. No other details available. Alloted to 8 RD for salvage.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 25 May 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>P5399</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 10 June 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on takeoff from Patricia Bay on 27 November 1942, landing gear collapsed, Cat "B" damage. Landing gear collapsed again on take off from Patricia Bay on 16 September 1943, not repaired. The solo pilot on board was not injured.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 28 January 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				

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<b>P5400</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Severe damage on 5 August 1942 when it swung on take off from Patricia Bay. When the a/c swung to the right on take-off, the solo pilot on board over-corrected and swung off the runway, collapsing the undercarriage and breaking the fuselage in half aft of the turret. The pilot was uninjured. Classified as <b>Cat "A"</b> , and not repaired.				
<b>SOS:</b> 10 February 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5421</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 29 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Due to pilot error the landing gear collapsed on landing at Patricia Bay on 28 November 1941. Repaired, returned to service. <b>Cat "A"</b> crash at Patricia Bay on 27 July 1943. The a/c undershot the landing at night and hit an obstruction. The pilot escaped without injury.				
<b>SOS:</b> 17 August 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>P5422</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Cat "C" damage at Medicine Hat, AB on 24 June 1942 while being ferried by No. 124 (F) Sqn. A student pilot from No. 34 SFTS taxied his a/c in #P5422. Repaired and returned for service with No. 32 OTU.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5423</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 10 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5424</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 1 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. "B" cat crash when the a/c swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 13 June 1942, collapsing landing gear. No injuries. Undershot landing at Patricia Bay on 10 November 1943, crashed and was destroyed. The four-man crew escaped without injury.				
<b>SOS:</b> 28 January 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>P5425</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 1 December 1941				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Cat "B" accident when the a/c swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 13 March 1943. The a/c ran into soft ground and sheared off landing gear. Not repaired. Later assessed as beyond economic repair and written-off.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5426</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 3 June 1942				
<b>Cat "A"</b> crash at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, ON on 29 May 1942, before being taken on strength. The a/c dove into the ground 3 mi E of the station. F/O E.S. Parsons was killed.				
<b>SOS:</b> 12 November 1942 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				

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<b>P5427</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 25 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. The pilot successfully bailed out after an elevator control failure (the controls locked) during an air test on 31 July 1943. The a/c crashed near Sydney, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 17 August 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>P5428</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 21 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Stalled on landing at Patricia Bay on 24 October 1942, and port main gear collapsed. The pilot was unhurt. Struck by taxiing Hampden #P5429 at Patricia Bay on 5 September 1943. Repaired and returned to service.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5429</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "HM*B". Struck Hampden #P5428 while taxiing at Patricia Bay on 5 September 1943. This aircraft not repaired.				
<b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5430</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 29 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 26 May 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5431</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 26 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Forced landing in field near Patricia Bay on 24 February 1943, after starboard engine failed. The pilot was slightly injured. The airframe was not repaired. Later assessed as beyond economic repair and written-off.				
<b>SOS:</b> 15 March 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>P5432</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 1 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Ground looped on landing at Patricia Bay on 2 December 1942, landing gear collapsed; Cat "B" Damage but not repaired.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>P5433</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. The a/c had a Cat "B" accident when it ground looped and collapsed starboard main gear on landing at Patricia Bay on 17 October 1942. Crashed vertically into Saanich Inlet on 14 March 1943, and exploded. The four-man crew, consisting of P/O (RAAF) A.T. Hunt, P/O (RAAF) R.K. Manitan, P/O G.L. Hall and Sgt H.S. Piercy, all perished.				
<b>SOS:</b> 30 March 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				

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<b>P5434</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 5 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 4 July 1942, collapsed gear. Swung on takeoff from Patricia Bay on 26 April 1943, starboard wing struck dirt mound and right main gear driven up through wing. Then became airborne, landed gear up on the grass infield and was destroyed by fire. The pilot escaped unhurt.				
<b>SOS:</b> 13 May 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>P5435 / A386</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 1 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Classified as Instructional Airframe A386 on 16 March 1944.				
<b>SOS:</b> 27 April 1954				
<b>P5436</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
Manufactured in 1942. Serving with No. 32 OTU, RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, when it crashed into water on practice torpedo mission on 15 November 1942, after entering "stabilized yaw" while turning at low speed and altitude. The four person crew were rescued by a Stranraer. The wreckage was recovered from 600 feet of water in 1985 and 1986, restored using pieces from wrecks of #AN136 and #AN132 plus parts purchased in UK. Now on display at Canadian Museum of Flight, Langley, BC. Marked "H*LB" by 2005.				
<b>SOS:</b> 1 December 1942 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>X3137</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 22 October 1943				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Reported as a T.B. Mk. I.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>X3149</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 19 October 1943				
First used by No 44 Sqn and No. 420 Sqns in the UK. Converted to torpedo bomber. With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AD751</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 10 September 1943				
First used by No. 14 OTU in the UK. Then with No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AD754</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 12 October 1943				
First used by No. 144, No. 61 and No. 408 Sqns in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				

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<b>AD767</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 October 1943				
First used by No. 144 and No. 415 Sqns in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. For unexplained reasons the a/c dove vertically into the sea near Dinner Point on Mayne Island, BC during a training flight. The pilot, Sgt R Hayes, who had only 5 hours on type, was killed.				
<b>SOS:</b> 24 February 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AD961</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 21 September 1943				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AE258</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 October 1943				
First used by No. 44, No. 420 and No. 408 Sqns in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by the AAS and then by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AE295</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 20 October 1943				
First used by No. 207, No. 408 Sqns and No. 14 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AE363</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 30 August 1943				
First used by No. 83, No. 144 Sqns and No. 5 OTU in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AT147</b>	English Electric	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 14 October 1943				
First used by No. 50 and No. 489 Sqns in the UK. Then transferred to Canada and used by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Reported as a T.B. Mk. I.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AJ988</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 20 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Hit the sea near Sidney Island BC during low flying practice on 25 October 1942, after engine failed. The two man crew, consisting of Sgt J. Orrell and Sgt H.J. Thorn, were both killed. The a/c could not be salvaged due to the depth of the water.				
<b>SOS:</b> 1 December 1942 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				



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<b>AJ989</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 14 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Crashed into sea off Sidney Island, east of Patricia Bay, after a fire in the starboard engine on 10 July 1942. The four-man crew escaped with minor injuries. The airframe was later salvaged.				
<b>SOS:</b> 6 October 1942 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ990</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
Used by No. 32 OTU, RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "HAO". Torpedo gear fitted by 3 August 1942. Taxied into communications trailer at Patricia Bay on 10 August 1943, port propeller damaged.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AJ991</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "HAN". Torpedo gear fitted by 3 August 1942 at No. 6 RD. Crashed while attempting single engine landing at Tofino, BC at night on 27 May 1943. The a/c bounced on landing, overshot, and overturned off end of runway. The four-person crew escaped with minor injuries.				
<b>SOS:</b> 30 August 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ992</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
Fitted with torpedo gear on 3 Aug 42 at No. 6 RD. With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "HAJ". Crashed into sea 20 kilometres off Cape Flattery in bad weather on 14 June 1943. The four-person crew were all killed. They were F/O G.G. Douglas-Home, P/O C. Sugden, Sgt (RAAF) A. Lynch and Sgt (RAAF) E. Ritchie.				
<b>SOS:</b> 17 August 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ993</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "HAP". Lost at sea in bad weather on 19 September 1943. The four-person crew were all killed. They were F/O H.H. Frost, Sgt A.S.Dobie, F/ Sgt J.H. Bateman and F/Sgt A. France.				
<b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ994</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Spun in after practicing steep turns and single engine training on 28 September 1943. Came down near Retreat Cove on Galiano Island. The pilot, Sgt (RNZAF) H.D. McLeod, was killed.				
<b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ995</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Torpedo gear fitted by 3 August 1942. Swung on takeoff at Patricia Bay on 12 August 1943, collapsing port main gear. The crew escaped unhurt.				
<b>SOS:</b> 23 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				

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<b>AJ996</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Collapsed port main gear in a heavy landing at Patricia Bay on 23 July 1943 caused by pilot error. There were no crew injuries.				
<b>SOS:</b> 30 August 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ997</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC, coded "H2". Taxied into parked Hampden #P5298 at Patricia Bay on 8 November 1943.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944				
<b>AJ998</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Landing gear collapsed due to mechanical failure while taxiing at Patricia Bay on 6 December 1942. Undershot landing at Patricia Bay on 4 September 1943, destroyed by post impact fire. The solo pilot was injured.				
<b>SOS:</b> 15 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AJ999</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 June 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN100</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Reported missing on navigation training flight on 4 June 1943. All 4 crew, including Sgt W.F. Barker, Sgt J. Ralph, Sgt (RAAF) D. Maddrell and Sgt (RAAF) G. Senger were listed as missing.				
<b>SOS:</b> 16 June 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN101</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 13 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 20 December 1942, struck aerodrome control hut, Cat "B" damage. Lost power during torpedo drop off Stuart Island, BC on 9 October 1943, and crashed into sea off Turn Point Light. All of the crew on board were killed, but only 2 bodies recovered. The crew consisted of P/O A.L. Warner, P/O K. Shaw, Sgt (RAAF) N. Weekes and Sgt (RAAF) F.K. Maiden.				
<b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN102</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 29 November 1942, landing gear collapsed. Landing gear collapsed again on landing at Patricia Bay on 23 July 1943; initially assessed as Cat "B" but not repaired. No injuries.				
<b>SOS:</b> 23 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				

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<b>AN103</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 15 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Propeller struck sea south of Fairfax Point, BC on 19 October 1943, returned to base without further damage.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN104</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 17 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN105</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 15 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Flew into trees high up on Mount Taum on Saltspring Island at 20:30 hrs on 4 October 1942, while on a night training flight. The only occupant, P/O (RAF) N. Thomas was killed.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 9 October 1942 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN106</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 26 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN107</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 4 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Taxied into Beaufort #N1027 at Patricia Bay on 26 October 1943, damaged wing tip.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN108</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 4 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 26 May 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN109</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 4 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on takeoff from Patricia Bay on 3 July 1942, undercarriage collapsed, Cat "B" damage. No injuries.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN110</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 4 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Landing gear collapsed on takeoff from Patricia Bay in August 1942. Swung on takeoff at Patricia Bay on 3 July 1942, damaged landing gear, Cat "B" damage. Undershot during single engine landing at Patricia Bay on 24 January 1943, crashed and was destroyed. The crew escaped without injury.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 26 January 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				

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<b>AN111</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 10 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN112</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 6 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN113</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 18 February 1942</p> <p>Cat "C" accident while in the hands of No. 124 (F) Sqn at St. Hubert, QC on 8 January 1943. The aircraft jumped the chocks and swung while being run up causing the tail to strike a snow bank. Later with No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Crashed on takeoff from Patricia Bay on 18 May 1943, after starboard engine failed. Came down in the bomb dump and the aircraft was destroyed. The solo pilot on board escaped but with injuries.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 16 June 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN114 / A385</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 18 February 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Nosed over on landing at Patricia Bay on 6 May 1943. Damaged nose and both engines; assessed as Cat "B". No injuries to the pilot. Classified as Instructional Airframe A385 on 16 March 1944.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 21 February 1945 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN115</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 18 February 1942</p> <p>Ferried from Ottawa to Winnipeg by No. 124 (Ferry) Squadron in January 1943, destined for No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Crashed at Regina, SK on 6 January 1943, with Cat "B" damage, after the starboard engine failed first and then then port engine failed while on the approach necessitating a belly landing.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 22 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN116</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 12 March 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN117</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				

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<b>AN118</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 2 March 1942				
With Test & Development Establishment at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, Ontario. With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on takeoff from Patricia Bay on 18 November 1942. Starboard main gear collapsed. Repaired and returned to service.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN119</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN120 / A366</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Classified as Instructional Airframe A366 on 19 January 1944.				
<b>SOS:</b> 27 April 1954				
<b>AN121</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 7 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Nosed over while taxiing at Patricia Bay on 17 January 1943, Cat "C" damage. Crashed into sea inverted on 13 April 1943, off Cowichan Head. Aircraft had just completed bombing run and entered steep left hand turn. The Pilot P/O (RAF) J.S. Peterkin, and the navigator Sgt.(RAAF) R.T. Barrow were killed; the WAG Sgt. D.D. MacGilivray was missing but his body was later found; the other WAG, Sgt. K.E. Thompson, was injured.				
<b>SOS:</b> 10 May 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN122</b>	CAA Ltd (QC Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 7 May 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Cat "C" damage when the port propeller struck water in low flying area off Moresby Island on 12 March 1943. Landed gear up at Patricia Bay on 19 April 1943, due to mechanical failure. Swung on takeoff at Patricia Bay on 21 January 1944, undercarriage collapsed; the a/c caught fire and burned out. The solo pilot was uninjured. <b>Cat "A" damage.</b>				
<b>SOS:</b> 24 February 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN128</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	T.B. Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Noted as fitted for torpedoes on 8 May 1942 at No. 6 RD. Landing gear collapsed on landing at Patricia Bay on 26 October 1942; No injuries. Initially assessed as Cat "B" damage. Later written off as of 14 Dec 1942 due a lack of spares and shortage of materials to effect any repairs.				
<b>SOS:</b> 7 April 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN129</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				

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<b>AN130</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN131</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Struck trees and crashed while flying in heavy fog 6 miles south-west of Ladysmith on Vancouver Island, BC on 30 November 1943. Destroyed by the post-impact fire. Both crew members were killed. They were Sgt (RAF) J.F. Fearnley and Sgt (RAF) L. Pettit.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 10 February 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN132</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Cat "B" accident when a/c ran off end of runway on attempted takeoff at Patricia Bay on 8 December 1942, collapsing landing gear. Later hit a hill and crashed near Maggie Lake close to Ucluelet, BC on a night navigation exercise on 16 October 1943. All 4 crew killed; Sgt R. Allcorn, Sgt P. Hornbrook, Sgt R. Porter and Sgt (RAAF) M. Smith. The wreckage was not located until 6 July 1945, and was then left on site. Wreckage recovered post war, and pieces used to restore #P5436, now on display at Canadian Museum of Flight, Langley, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN133</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 13 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on landing at Patricia Bay on 15 April 1943, collapsing landing gear, initially assessed as Cat "B" later revised to <b>Cat "A"</b> damage.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 6 July 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN134</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 15 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Several bullet holes found in aft fuselage after a flight on 1 October 1943.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares &amp; produce</p>				
<b>AN135</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 6 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Crashed into sea in the Gulf Islands on 18 May 1943, after starboard engine failed. The solo-pilot on board was injured.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 16 June 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				
<b>AN136</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<p><b>TOS:</b> 13 January 1942</p> <p>With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Crashed on Mount Tuam, Salt Spring Island on 14 January 1944, during night solo flight. Sgt. (RAF) H.C. Birch was killed. Wreckage recovered post war, and pieces used to restore #P5436, now on display at Canadian Museum of Flight, Langley, BC.</p> <p><b>SOS:</b> 24 February 1944 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>				

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<b>AN138</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
This aircraft was forced down enroute to Western Air Command. Allotted to Canadian Pacific Airlines for repairs as of 21 June 1943. Then with No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN139</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 February 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Port main gear collapsed while waiting to take off at Patricia Bay on 25 March 1943. Cat "B" damage on 17 April 1943.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN140</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Taxied into crash truck at Patricia Bay on night of 30 November 1942; no injuries. Initially assessed as Cat "B" damage. Later written off as of 14 Dec 1942 due a lack of spares and shortage of materials to effect any repairs.				
<b>SOS:</b> 26 March 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b> - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN141</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 9 March 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Ditched off James Island on 18 August 1943, after starboard engine failed. All of the four-man crew were rescued.				
<b>SOS:</b> 16 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN142</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 6 February 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung during single engine landing at Patricia Bay on 23 May 1943, caught fire and burned out. The four-man crew were killed; they were P/O (RAAF) C. Davies, Sgt A. Marlow, Sgt (RAAF) R. Hughes and Sgt (RAAF) C. Bishop.				
<b>SOS:</b> 16 September 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN143 / A183</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 24 February 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on takeoff at Patricia Bay on 10 June 1942, collapsed landing gear after running 200-300 yards to the right of the runway. The a/c came to rest with its fuselage on the ground, both props bent and the rear portion of the fuselage broken off just aft of the rear turret. No injuries. <b>Cat "A" damage.</b> Classified as Instructional Airframe A183 on 27 August 1942.				
<b>SOS:</b> unknown				
<b>AN144</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 9 March 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung on takeoff at Patricia Bay on 25 November 1942, collapsing main gear, Cat "B" damage. No injuries. Repaired and returned to service.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				

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<b>AN145</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Swung to starboard on take off from Patricia Bay on 16 March 1943, undercarriage collapsed, aircraft caught fire and burned out. No injuries.				
<b>SOS:</b> 30 March 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN146</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Spun in on approach to Patricia Bay on 17 September 1943, destroyed by post impact fire. Sgt. (RAF) A.W.V. Fear was killed.				
<b>SOS:</b> 25 November 1943 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>				
<b>AN147 / A320</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 8 April 1942				
With No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Classified as Instructional Airframe A320 on 4 October 1943.				
<b>SOS:</b> 24 May 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				
<b>AN150 / A367</b>	CAA Ltd (ON Group)	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 18 July 1942				
Assigned to No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC. Category "C" damage on 20 July 1942, forced landing near Kirkland Lake, ON while ferrying to the west coast. Classified as Instructional Airframe A367 on 17 January 1944.				
<b>SOS:</b> 28 March 1947				
<b>AT147</b>	Handley Page	H.P.52	Hampden	Mk. I
<b>TOS:</b> 14 October 1943				
First served with No. 50 Squadron in the UK. Converted to Torpedo Bomber configuration. Then used by No. 489 Squadron in the UK. Transferred to Canada for use by No. 32 OTU at RCAF Station Patricia Bay, BC.				
<b>SOS:</b> 2 August 1944 - Reduced to spares & produce				

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

#### Aircraft (or Air Vehicle) Damage Level (ADL) Categories: <sup>1</sup>

The RCAF ADL is a qualitative categorization system used to determine the level of damage sustained by an aircraft / air vehicle during an occurrence. The following damage level definitions are used to reflect the degree of damage:

**Category "A"** = Destroyed / missing: The aircraft has been totally destroyed, is assessed as having suffered damage beyond economical repair or is declared missing; **NB** - Aircraft totally destroyed are normally written off the inventory. Accidents with a lower ADL may also subsequently result in administrative write-off of the aircraft for reasons [primarily economic] not directly related to the damage.

Category "B" = Very Serious: The aircraft has sustained damage to multiple major components;

Category "C" = Serious: The aircraft has sustained damage to a major component;

<sup>1</sup> Drawn from: A-GA-135-001/AA-001 Manual of Flight Safety for the Canadian Forces



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Category "D" = Minor: The aircraft has sustained damage to non-major components; and

Category "E" = Nil: The aircraft, including the power plant, has not been damaged.

**Number of Category "A" crashes = 48** (or ~ 49% of the original 97 a/c in the fleet)

### ABBREVIATIONS

BC	=	British Columbia (Canada)
CAA Ltd (ON Group)	=	Canadian Associated Aircraft Ltd. (Ontario Group)
CAA Ltd (QC Group)	=	Canadian Associated Aircraft Ltd. (Quebec Group)
C/N	=	Construction Number
MB	=	Manitoba (Canada)
ON	=	Ontario (Canada)
QC	=	Quebec (Canada)
RAF	=	Royal Air Force
RAFVR	=	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
RAAF	=	Royal Australian Air Force
RCAF	=	Royal Canadian Air Force
RNZAF	=	Royal New Zealand Air Force
SOS	=	Struck Off Strength
S/N	=	Serial Number
Stn	=	Stn
TOS	=	Taken On Strength
UK	=	United Kingdom

### RCAF RANKS

Aircraftman, 2nd Class	-	AC2
Aircraftman, 1st Class	-	AC1
Leading Aircraftman	-	LAC
Corporal	-	Cpl
Sergeant	-	Sgt
Flight Sergeant	-	F/Sgt
Warrant Officer, Class II	-	WO II
Warrant Officer, Class I	-	WO I
Pilot Officer	-	P/O
Flying Officer	-	F/O
Flight Lieutenant	-	F/L
Squadron Leader	-	S/L
Wing Commander	-	W/C
Group Captain	-	G/C
Air Commodore	-	A/C
Air Vice-Marshal	-	A/V/M
Air Chief Marshal	-	A/C/M

### REFERENCES:

#### Official Records

##### Canada Aviation & Space Museum

- RCAF Hampden Aircraft Record Cards
- RCAF Aircraft Accident Record Cards

##### Library & Archives Canada

- No. 32 OTU Operational Records / Unit Diary - Microfilm # C-12364

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- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC - [file includes Flying Accident Signal Report for **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - P5429] [ P5428 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5428. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident at Comox, BC - Sgt. H.O. McLeod killed [ AJ944 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ944-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident at Sidney Spit, BC - Sgt. J. Orrell and Sgt. H.J. Thorn killed [ AJ988 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ988-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident near Galiano Island, BC - H.D. McLeod killed [ AJ994 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ994-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident near Patricia Bay, BC - P/O H.H. Frost, Sgt. A.S.D. Dosie, F/SFT. A. France, Sgt. J.H. Bateman missing and believed killed [ AJ993 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ993-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident - F/O D.H.L.G. Gospatrick, P/O C. Suiden, Sgt. A.S. Lynch, and Sgt. E.R. Ritchie all missing [ AJ992 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ992-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ991 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ991. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accidents at Patricia Bay, BC and St-Hubert, Quebec [ AN113 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN113. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ990 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ990. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident near Patricia Bay, BC - Sgt. Harold Charles Birch killed [ AN136 ]. 1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN136-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Fairfax Point, BC [ AN103 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN103. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN110 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN110. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ996 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ996. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ997 ]. 1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ997. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ989 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ989. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5431 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5431. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5436 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5436. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC - Sgts. Ronald Frank Allcorn, Peter Francis Hornbrook, Raymond Robert George Porter and Mervyn Charles Bruce Smith all missing [ AN132 ]. 1943-1945. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN132-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN128 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN128. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at unknown location [ AN134 ]. 1942-1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN134. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC - Sgt. Alec William Venum Fear killed [ AN146 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN146-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN101 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN101. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC - P/O Charles John Davis, Sgt. Allen Robert Harlow and Sgt. Reginald John Hughes all killed - Sgt. Charles John Bishop dangerously injured [ AN142 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN142. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident - Sgt. Ronald Frederick Watson, P/O William Ronald Dishman, Sgt. Edward Gerald Quigley [ P1200 ]. 1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P1200-1. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ995 ]. 1945. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ995. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Mount Tuam on Saltsprng Island, BC - P/O Norris Thomas killed [ AN105 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN105-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5399 ]. 1942-1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5399. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5434 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5434. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident - Sgts. William Frederick Barker, Jack Ralph, George W. Maddrell and Grant Charles Senger all missing [ AN100 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN100-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5421 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5421. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN121 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN121. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident near Patricia Bay, BC [ AN135 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN135. Microfilm # C-5935.

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- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Saanich Inlet, Vancouver Island, BC [ P5433 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5433. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ992 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ992. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN107 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN107. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Saanichton, BC [ P1230 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P1230. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** RAF Aircraft - Accident at Winnipeg, MB [ P5337 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5337. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at sea off Cowichan Head, Vancouver BC - P/O James Smith Peterkin, Sgts. Richard T. Battown and Donald Duncan MacGillivray killed - Sgt. Keith E. Thompson slightly injured [ AN121 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN121-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Saltspring Island, BC [ AN105 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN105. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident [ AJ998 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AJ998. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accidents at Patricia Bay, BC and unknown location [ AN132 ]. 1942-1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN132. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN140 ]. 1942-1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN140. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN144 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN144. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN109 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN109. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5424 ]. 1942-1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5424. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** RAF Aircraft - Accident at Woodroffe, BC [ P5432 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5432. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident nar James Island, BC [ AN141 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN141. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5427 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5427. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN122 ]. 1943-1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN122. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5400 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5400. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ L4145 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-L4145. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN118 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN118. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN139 ]. 1943-1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN139. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident near Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, BC - Sgts. James French Fearnley and Leslie Pettit killed [ AN131 ]. 1943-1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN131-1. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN133 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN133. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Dinner Point, Wayne Island, BC - Sergeant Roland Hayes killed [ AD767 ]. 1944. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AD767-1. Microfilm # C-5934.
- **Hampden** Aircraft - Accident at Regina, Sask [ AN115 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN115. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accidents at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN102 ]. 1942-1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN102. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** RAF Aircraft - Accident at Rockcliffe, Ont. - Edward Scarritt Parsons [ P5426 ]. 1942. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5426-1. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ AN145 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN145. Microfilm # C-5935.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC [ P5425 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-P5425. Microfilm # C-5938.
- **Hampden** Mk I RAF Aircraft - Accident at Patricia Bay, BC - P/O Allen Leonard Warner, P/O Kenneth Shaw, Sgts. Francis Keith Maiden and Melville Oswald Weeks all killed [ AN101 ]. 1943. File. RG24-E-14. File # 1300-AN101-1. Microfilm # C-5935.

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## 408 SQN HAMPDENS

**From August 1941 to September 1942**

**Sqn Code = "EQ"**



### **Serial# Code Details:**

**L4042** Served with No. 408 Sqn  
**L4086** From 49 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn.  
**L4140** EQ-B Lost without a trace on a "Gardening" mission to Yams area on 27 Mar 1942. One of 3 Sqn a/c lost that night, probably shot down by night fighters. The crew was P/O (RNZAF) G.F. Beaver (pilot), F/Sgt G.P. McLean (nav) and WAG's Sgt's (RAF) S.F. Bentley and R.N. Beale.

**P1165** EQ-B Shot down 28/29 Dec 1941 by night fighter, (Obt Emil Woltersdorf, III./NJG1) and crashed 2 km east of Winterswijk (Gelderland), Holland. The pilot P/O S.B.K. Brackenbury became a POW. The nav, Sgt J.C. Tomlin and the two WAGs, Sgt (RAF) D.T. Williams and St (RAF) P.F. Isaac perished.

**P1166** EQ-K Served with No. 408 Sqn in 1942, coded "EQ\*K". Converted to Torpedo Bomber, date not known.

**P1212** EQ-T On the night of 20/21 Oct 1941, the a/c stalled on approach to Coningsby after returning from a mission to Bremen. Three of the crew, consisting of Sgt (RNZAF) D.G. Bradley, Sgt A.T. McMillan, and Sgt R.A. Stansfield, were killed. Sgt E.L. Cotes survived with injuries.

**P1218** EQ-B Went missing on a mission to Mannheim on 22/23 Oct 1941. The crew F/S F.A. Titcombe, Sgt R.M. Gifford, Sgt P.A.G. Wragg and F/Sgt R.R. Walker all perished.

**P1244** EQ-Y Lost on raid to Kassel, 27/28 Aug 1942. All 4 crew were killed. They were Sgt (RAF) A.H. Jennings (pilot), F/Sgt L.G. Chaston (nav), Sgt (RAAF) C.H. Thompson (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) J.W. Todd (WAG). Brought down by flak and exploded on impact in the village of Isth, 11 miles west of Kassel.

**P1314** From 49 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn.  
**P2064** From 14 OTU. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.  
**P2073** From 106 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To No. 5 OTU.  
**P5321** From 44 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. To No. 14 OTU.  
**P5392** EQ-W From No. 7 AAU. To 408 Sqn on 14/15 Dec 1941, the a/c dove into the ground near Longdown, Hants while returning from a mission to Cherbourg. Sgt R.W. Sterling, Sgt J.C. Tomlin, Sgt W.R. Williams and Sgt P.F. Isaac all perished.

**X2989** From 61 Sqn. To 14 OTU. Then served with No. 408 Sqn.  
**X3140** From 61 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.  
**X3051** EQ-U From 144 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission against Bremen, 21/22 Jan 42

**AD754** EQ-Y To 144 Sqn. To 61 Sqn. To 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To No. 32 OTU.  
**AD758** From 144 Sqn. To 14 OTU.  
**AD782** EQ-A From 14 OTU. Crashed shortly after take-off from Balderton on a mission against Brest on 25 Jan 42. The four-man crew perished; they were Sgt V.C. Dadson (pilot), Sgt (RAF) R. Ball (nav), Sgt (RAF) W.D. Morris (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) H. Davies (WAG)

**AD803** EQ-L From 106 Sqn. Crashed in the sea south of Samsø 16 May 42. Together with 49 other a/c AD803 were gardening (mining) the western part of the Baltic Sea and the Danish Belts. AD803 was tasked with gardening the area east and south of the island of Samsø. When this was done, AD803 headed west together with one other Hampden. South west of Samsø, a German mine sweeper was spotted and attacked with 250 lb bombs, of which each aircraft carried two under the wings. One of the bombs hit the mine sweeper on the front deck but bounced off without exploding. Flak from the mine sweeper hit AD803 and at approx. 02:00 hrs it crashed burning into the sea. It floated for a while, and this allowed the pilot, Sgt H.J. Copeman, to get out of the wreck. Copeman, who was badly injured, was then picked up from the sea by the mine sweeper. F/Sgt A.A. Smith, Sgt (RAF) N.W. Smith and Sgt. W.F. Millerd were killed in the crash.

**AD829** EQ-E Lost on mission to Saarbrücken on 27 / 28 Aug 42. Crashed near Sauville, in the Ardennes. All 4 crew killed; they were Sgt (RAF) P.L. Kemp (pilot), Sgt (RAF) S.F. Clarke (nav), Sgt (RAF) H. Gregson (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) E.J. Stansfield

**AD842** From 49 Sqn; crashed on take-off from North Luffenham on a mining sortie on 9 Mar 42. The pilot, Sgt D.C. Hunter survived with injuries. The rest of the crew, consisting of Sgt (RAF) R. Ball (nav), Sgt (RAF)W.D. Morris (WAG) and Sgt F.F. Mackinnon, perished.

**AD853** From 50 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn. To AAS

**AD857** From 106 Sqn, To 7 FPP

**AD870** EQ-X From 83 Sqn, Converted to torpedo bomber.

**AD960** From 49 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn. To 1402 Flt

**AD963** From 61 Sqn, Converted to torpedo bomber. To 489 Sqn

**AD968** From 49 Sqn, SOC 3 Feb 44

**AD972** 06/07 Nov 41 - a/c was attacked by a German nightfighter over Lake IJsselmeer (Old Zuider Sea) on the return journey from Osnabrück to UK. After exchanging gunfire, the a/c undertook violent evasive action and corkscrewed downwards at high speed. The a/c was filled with the smoke of its own machine guns. Sgt. B.W. Palastanga (observer) thought a crash was imminent and bailed out but later drowned. The a/c successfully returned to base.

**AD980** EQ-Y Crashed near Balderton during an air test on 6 Jun 42; Took off from Balderton, crashed during a flat turn to port. 3 crew members were injured.

**AD987** From 25 OTU. Converted for use a torpedo bomber. To 144 Sqn

**AE133** EQ-X With No. 408 Sqn c.1941. Left this unit by 10/11 Jan 1942, when it was lost on operations with No. 83 Sqn.

**AE139** From 25 OTU. Lost while returning from leaflet raid over France on 25 / 26 Mar 42, Three crew members were killed ( P/O D.E. Vipond (pilot), Sgt HI Phalempin (nav) and Sgt (RAF) G.A. Medd (WAG)), and Sgt E.V. Conwell (WAG) was injured. This was the first sortie for this crew. Crashed near Wootton, in Berkshire.

**AE143** EQ-X From 144 Sqn. On 29 / 30 Sep 1941, ran out of fuel on approach to Driffield when returning from Hamburg. The four-man crew survived.

**AE148** EQ-B From 16 OTU. Failed to return from a mining sortie on 11/12 Dec 41 to Kiel Bay. Crashed at Sanderum, 5 km SW of Odense, Denmark, where all 4 crew are now buried. They were: F/O (RAF) J.A. Caldwell (pilot), Sgt (RAF) H.E. Marshall (nav), Sgt (RAF) E.A. Harry (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) R. Crawley (WAG).

**AE150** EQ-M From 25 OTU. Failed to return from a sortie on Mainz on 12/13 Aug 42; all four crew were killed. They were: F/O J.S. Coulter (pilot), F/O R.C. Hodgson (nav), F/Sgt W. Gittings (WAG) and F/Sgt W. Gartside (WAG).

**AE186** From 106 Sqn. To 14 OTU

**AE190** From 25 OTU. To 14 OTU

**AE192** From 44 Sqn. To 14 OTU

**AE196** EQ-M To 44 Sqn. Then with No. 408 Sqn. One of four Hampdens dispatched on this unit's first operations, 11/12 Mar 41. Returned early, unable to locate target. Left this unit by Dec 41. To 44 Sqn

**AE197** EQ-N One of four Hampdens dispatched on this unit's first operations, 11/12 Mar 41. Bombed primary target, docks at Rotterdam. On 28/29 Aug 42 this a/c shot down by a nightfighter piloted by Hptm Wilhelm Herget, of I./NJG4, while attacking Saarbrücken. Came down at Boussu-lez-Walcourt (Hainaut), 24 km SSW of Charleroi, Belgium. W/C J.D. Twigg and F/L I. Maitland were killed. F/L G.C. Fisher and F/O Van Den Bok survived. They both evaded capture and Van Den Bok received Bar to DFC on return to the UK.

**AE219** EQ-R One of 15 a/c assigned to lay mines in Heligoland Approaches on 27/28 Mar 1942. The a/c was shot down by a Luftwaffe nighter. P/O W.M. Fraser, W/O II A. Jenkins, Sgt A.F. Trawford and Sgt H.A. Benjamin were all killed.

**AE227** EQ-D From 49 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission against Saarbrücken on 28/29 Aug 42. Believed to have been shot down by a night-fighter and crashed at Dudweiler, 8 km NE of Saarbrücken; 4 crew killed. They were: F/Sgt (RNZAF) W.H. Gould (pilot), Sgt L.L. Garner (nav), Sgt C.A.L. Sutherby (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) T.C.R. Murliss (WAG).

**AE237** EQ-X From 83 Sqn. Failed to return from a mining sortie on 22/23 Apr 42

**AE244** EQ-P One of four Hampdens dispatched on this unit's first operations, 11/12 Mar 41. Returned early, unable to locate target. Later failed to return from a mission against Düsseldorf on 31 Jul / 1 Aug 42. The crew perished; They were Sgt O.M. Nelson (pilot), Sgt (RAAF) H.C.A. Warr (nav), Sgt C.F. Lloyd (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) H. Price (WAG).

**AE245** EQ-C Served with No. 408 Sqn c.1941/42

**AE258** From 44 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn. Converted for use a torpedo bomber. To A&AEE

**AE267** From 408 Sqn. One of four Hampdens dispatched on this unit's first operations, 11/12 Mar 41. Bombed primary target, docks at Rotterdam. Then operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42, coded "PT\*V". Lost without a trace on a mission to Hamburg on 26/27 Jul 42. All 4 crew killed.

**AE286** EQ-T From 61 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission against Wilhelmshaven on 10/11 Jan 42

**AE287** Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE288** EQ-H Lost on operation to Warnemünde on early morning of 9 May 42. Crashed in tidal waters east of island of Mando, Denmark. Struck by flak near Esbjerg, while returning from the target. 4 crew were killed; They were Sgt J.S. Norton (pilot), Sgt M.S. Sinclair (nav), Sgt (RAF) G.S. Jefferies (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) H.F. Stroud (WAG).

**AE289** EQ-W Served with No. 408 Sqn

**AE293** From 106 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE295** From No. 5 Grp TF. Served with 408 Sqn. To No. 14 OTU.

**AE297** EQ-F From 207 Sqn. Lost on mission to Warnemünde on 8/9 May 1942. F/Sgt J. Markle, F/Sgt C. Finbeiner, F/Sgt J. Dafoe and Sgt E. Killham were posted as "missing" & later "KIA".

**AE360** Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE361** Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To TDU.

**AE366** EQ-U From 83 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn.

**AE372** From 49 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE373** From 50 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To NAFDU.

**AE375** From 50 Sqn. Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn

**AE378** From 106 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn.

**AE385** From 44 Sqn, To 420 Sqn and flown coded "PT\*L". To 408 Sqn. Crashed on a training flight on 12 Sep 42, when it stalled while in the circuit at Balderton. The two crew members on board were killed; they were Sgt F.M. Frame (pilot) and Sgt W.G. Keogh (WAG).

**AE393** EQ-G From 44 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn. Lost returning from mission to Hamburg on 15/16 Jan 42. Crashed at Dalefoot, West Burton, 13 miles SW of Catterick, Yorkshire. Three crew perished including F/Sgt (RAF) J.A. Bunting, Sgt (RAFVR) J. Robinson (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) M. Jones (WAG). The pilot, S/L W.J. Burnett, a Canadian in the RAF, was seriously injured; he had already won the DFC while commanding C Flight in this unit. Later retired from the RAF in 1968 as an A/C.

**AE418** Served with 408 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE426** From 106 Sqn to 408 Sqn. AE426 was carrying incendiaries when it was shot down 18 miles south of Kiel, near Neumunster, Germany, F/Sgt R.L. Gordon (pilot), Sgt W. Alderdice, F/Sgt J.A. Romas, and Sgt (RAAF) W.W. Perroux were killed.

**AE432** EQ-S Served with No. 408 Sqn

**AE433** EQ-D Lost on mission to Essen on 8 / 9 Nov 41. Shot down by a night-fighter (Oblt Willi Dimter, III. NJG1) and crashed at Maasbree (Noord Brabant) near Limburg, 26 km NE of Helmond, Holland. All 4 crew became POWs.

**AE436** Built by English Electric Preston works, part of the seventh production batch TOC 17 Oct 41; To 44 MU, then to 408 Sqn RCAF, RAF Syerston. Suffered undershoot and undercarriage collapse on 15 Nov 41. To 13 MU 20 Nov and repaired by 21 Feb 1942. To 44 MU 8 Mar and returned to English Electric for TB.I modifications 8 Apr. Delivered to 144 Sqn at Sumburgh 2 May 42; Reported as missing 5 Sep 42 on a transit mission from Sumburgh in the Shetland Islands to Afrikaner, a Russian airfield located near to the Finnish border. SOC 24 Sep 42.

**AE437** EQ-U Failed to return from a mission against Düsseldorf on 27/28 Nov 41. The four man crew perished; they were: P/O J.A. Caldwell (pilot), Sgt H.E. Marshall (nav), Sgt E.A. Harry (WAG), and Sgt R. Crawley (WAG).

**AE438** EQ-N 09 Nov 41 - Shot down over Belgium crashing near Westkerke, 9 km SE of Ostend. Killed were P/O (RNZAF) E.B. Robertson (pilot), P/O J.C. Wilson (nav) , Sgt D.F.W. Norton (WAG), and Sgt D.V. Markall (WAG).

**AE439** Served with 408 Sqn. To A&AEE

**AT113** EQ-A From 455 Sqn. Crashed near Balderton during an air test on 29 Jul 42. Crashed at 15:16 hrs, in an oat field 2 miles south-east of airfield. Was on an air test in preparation for an operation against Saarbrücken that night. 4 fatalities, including two Air Training Command cadet passengers, both 16 years old. The crew was S/L L.B.B. Price (DFC) and Sgt I. Hughes. The cadets were G. Hughes and K.R. Cousin-Wood

**AT120** Failed to return from a mission against Essen on 12/13 Apr 42

**AT133** EQ-X Failed to return from a mission against Cherbourg on 14/15 Dec 41

**AT138** Converted for use a torpedo bomber. To 144 Sqn

**AT139** EQ-A From 50 Sqn. Crashed into the Waddenzee, Holland during a mission to Duisburg, 21/22 Jul 42. All 4 crew killed; they were Sgt R. Wishart (pilot), Sgt R.S. Doherty (nav) , P/O (RAF) T.R. Ashton (WAG), and Sgt J.B. Pleasance (WAG).

**AT141** From 106 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission against Dortmund on 14/15 Apr 42

**AT143** From 144 Sqn. Crash landed at Booker on return from a mission against Saarbrücken on 28/29 Aug 42

**AT154** EQ-B Failed to return from a mission against Essen on 2/3 Jun 42. Shot down by night fighter from II./NJG2 during that mission. Crashed at 01:06 hrs local in the Ijsselmeer, east of Medemblik. All 4 crew killed.

**AT176** EQ-A Failed to return from a mining sortie on to "Yams" area (Rivers Jade and Weser estuaries) on 26/27 Mar 42. All 4 crew killed; they were F/L W.B Brown (pilot), Sgt C.D. Dunn (nav), Sgt (RAF)R.F. Howell (WAG), and Sgt (RAF) C. Brown (WAG).

**AT178** From 49 Sqn. To 1404 Flt

**AT179** From 49 Sqn. Converted to torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn

**AT180** EQ-B From 49 Sqn. To 1404 Flt

**AT182** From 455 Sqn. To 1404 Flt

**AT186** Crashed at Clifton Pastures, Nottinghamshire at 14:40 hrs on 11 Apr 42, on a training flight. No injuries.

**AT189** EQ-G From 455 Sqn. Lost on mine laying operation to "Artichokes" area, off Lorient, 18/19 Jun 42. All 4 crew killed; they were P/O S.J. Beranek (pilot), Sgt (RAF) E.C. Squire (nav), Sgt (RAF) E.V. Conwell (WAG), and Sgt (RAF) D. Haddock (WAG).

**AT191** EQ-A From 49 Sqn. Lost during 1,000 bomber raid on Essen on 1/2 Jun 42, only Hampden lost on this raid. Shot down by night fighter from II./NJG2, crashed into Ijsselmeer, All 4 crew killed, including WAG F/Sgt (RAF) F.J.E. Womar, DFM, who was on his 56th mission. The other crew members were P/O W.F. Charlton (pilot), P.O (RAF) C.I.A. Sandland (nav) and Sgt (RAF) A. Marland (WAG) All now buried in Holland. Based from RAF Balderton for this mission. Wreckage located in Holland, June 1961, and recovered by RNLAf.

**AT220** EQ-G Destroyed by fire at Balderton, 3 Jun 42; caught fire while refuelling.

**AT224** EQ-A Shot down by flak off east coast of Jutland, Denmark during mining mission to "Pumpkin" area (north end of the Great Belt) on 15/16 May 42. All 4 crew killed, including (the pilot) F/Sgt J.R. Dillon, an American in the RCAF. The other crew members were: Sgt R.W. Dreyer (nav), P/O (RAF) C. Cresswell (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) W.D. Palmer (WAG).

**AT225** To 408 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, back to 408 Sqn, To 1404 Flt

**AT227** EQ-L 19 Jul 42 - on of 35 a/c on a daylight operation to attack ground targets near Moling, Germany. The a/c collided with a Bf-110 night fighter over the North Sea off Holland 50 kilometres north-west of Vlieland, Both a/c crashed and were destroyed. P/O (RAF) E.W. Swatton (pilot), Sgt (RAF) R.H. Burley (nav), Sgt (RAF) E. Haville (WAG), and P/O (RAF) H. Pearce (WAG) were all killed



**AT228** EQ-U From 49 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, To 408 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission against Saarbrücken on 28/29 Aug 42. Crashed near Liesse, near Laon, France. All 4 crew killed. Killed were P/O (RAAF) L.G. Lyons (pilot), P/O K.T. Pellett (nav) , Sgt (RAAF) M.S. Brighthouse (WAG), and Sgt C.N. Chalklen (WAG).

**Combat Losses = 40 aircraft**  
**Accidental Losses = 5 aircraft**  
**TOTAL LOSSES = 45 AIRCRAFT**

## 415 SQN HAMPDENS

From August 1941 to August 1942.

Sqn Code = "GX"



### Serial# Code Details:

- L4084** 03 Apr 43 - while engaged in a fighter affiliation exercise and using evasive tactics with two RAF Typhoon fighters, the a/c departed controlled flight and went into a spin at 2,000 ft. The a/c failed to recover from this spin and crashed near Goose Green, Sussex killing the crew onboard. The crew included: WO II D. Montgomery (pilot), WO II W.J. MacKay, (nav), F/Sgt J.W. Whipple (WAG) and F/Sgt J.D. Scott (WAG).
- L6055** GX-D Ordered as a Hereford but converted to Hampden. On 17 May 1943, the a/c took off from RAF Station Thorney Island, at 19:36 hrs to carry out a shipping strike off the Dutch coast. The a/c reached the point of the strike after midnight local time, but thereafter its movements were unknown, and the a/c failed to return to base. Later is confirmed as being shot down by ship's flak off the coast of Holland while engaged by night torpedo bombing. The crew consisting of F/O (RAAF) K.C. Wathen, (pilot), F/O (RAF) J.M. Crawford, (nav), F/Sgt (RNZAF) I.M. Sykes, (WAG) and Sgt (RAF) J.H. Steward, (WAG) were all killed.
- N9096** 22 Jun 43 - Overshot and collided with #X3061 while landing in heavy rain at RAF St Eval. Both aircraft exploded and burnt out, bomb blast damaging Hampden #X3115; all aircraft belonged to 415 Sqn.
- P1153** GX-V Lost on 27 Jun 42; The crew consisted of: Sgt. J McCallum (pilot), Sgt. H.F. Hasleden (obs), Sgt. R.M. Neil (WAG) and Sgt. L.H. Latimer (WAG)
- P1157** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1943. Shot down by flak while attacking enemy shipping off the Dutch coast on 18 Feb 43. Ditched at 22:57 hrs; the crew rescued by an ASR Walrus 2 days later. Believed to have damaged one merchant ship in the attack.
- P2065** Caught fire during refuelling on 26 Feb 43 setting off two 500 HE bombs being loaded. **Cat "A" write-off**
- P4306** From 14 OTU, To 420 Sqn, Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.
- P5394** On 27 Oct 1942, the a/c took off from RAF St Eval on a shipping strike. On the return trip the a/c lost an engine and ditched into the sea off Pentire Point 4 miles N of Padstow Police Station after being lost. The aircraft sank but the four crew members were rescued; one with slight wounds.
- X2898** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Shot down by flak during night shipping sweep off Egmond, Holland on night of 19/20 Aug 43. The four-man crew survived to become POWs.
- X2961** GX-S Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Severely damaged by flak during a torpedo attack off the Dutch coast on 22 Dec 42. Returned to base. Shot down by Fw-200 over Bay of Biscay while on anti-submarine patrol 14 Jun 43. The four-man crew consisted of S/L G. Stronach, WO W.A. Trask, F/O G.K. Crummy and P/O A.B. Clegg all perished.
- X3061** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Destroyed by fire after being struck by Hampden #N9096 while parked at St. Eval on 22 June 1943.
- X3115** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Destroyed by fire and explosions after collision of Hampdens #N9096 and #N3061 at St. Eval on 22 Jun 43.
- X3116** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn.
- X3140** Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Also served with No. 408 Sqn.
- X3145** GX-F Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. Failed to return from a patrol over Bay of Biscay 17 Jul 1943. SOS received from off Coates, but no further trace. The crew perished including: F/Sgt R. Walter, F/O V.C. Steer, F/Sgt H. Huntingdon and F/Sgt (RAF) J. Janisse.
- AD762** GX-J Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.
- AD767** GX-Y Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AD799** 09 Sep 1943 - the a/c took from RAF Thorney Island at 11:05 hrs on a night test flight and was seen to crash and burn a few miles from the aerodrome at approximately 11:30 hrs. The a/c clipped some trees before crashing but the phenomenon known as "stabilized yaw" was considered to be the cause. The crew consisted of: F/O R.S. Arnold (pilot), F/O C.E. Coons (nav), and F/Sgt. D.K. Stroud (WAG).

**AE201** With No. 415 Sqn at Thorney Island when it was destroyed on 26 Feb 43 by fire started by explosion of #P2065.

**AE360** GX-H Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AE368** GX-W Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AE395** With No. 415 Sqn at Thorney Island in 1943. Failed to return from shipping strike on 23 Mar 1943.

**AE401** From 50 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE418** GX-B With No. 415 Sqn at Thorney Island, when it crashed during night approach on 19 Mar 43. Was returning from patrol off French coast, all 4 crew were killed. They were: Sgt W. Hurl, P/O B.A. Johnson, Sgt W.C Foerster, and Sgt R.H. O'Brien.

**AE422** From 50 Sqn, To 420 Sqn, Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE435** GX-U Crashed on take-off and burst into flames at Docking on 18 Feb 1942; the crew perished. They were Sgt (RAF) B. Campbell, F/O (RAF) K.R. Mafre, F/Sgt (RAF) R. Vokey and Sgt (RAF) M. Niblock.

**AN124** GX-M Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942. Suffered an engine failure and crashed in the sea off Firth of Tay. The crew survived.

**AN153** GX-B Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43 at Thorney Island. Lost on anti-shipping strike on 17/18 May 43, crashed in North Sea off Dutch coast. All 4 crew killed. They were: F/Sgt (RAF) L. McGee, F/O (RAF) L. Burgess, Sgt Jackson, and WO E. Ramey.

**AT114** GX-D Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AT135** GX-S 18 Aug 43 - The a/c had an engine fall off while on an Anti-Submarine patrol crashed into the sea 8 miles W of the Isles of Scilly, the aircraft was a total loss but the crew of four were rescued.

**AT152** GX-S Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AT193** GX-R Converted to torpedo bomber. Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942. Crashed after hitting a vehicle on the ground while in fog at Thorney Island on 1 Nov 42, upon return from a strike mission. 1 fatality (F/O J.H. Godfrey), 3 injured (P/O R.G. Frederick, F/Sgt D.M. Coates. and Sgt R.A. Clarke) Crew fatigue listed as contributing cause. Several crew recommended for medals for rescue actions after the crash; F/Sgt Coates received the George Medal for bravery.

**AT229** GX-V Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942. One of three aircraft that took part in this unit's first attack on enemy shipping on 29 May 42, operating out of Thorney Island, UK. On 10 Aug 42, the port engine failed resulting in an overshoot landing at Leuchars; no crew injuries.

**AT230** GX-L Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AT232** GX-A Converted to torpedo bomber. Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. One of two aircraft flown operationally on the first day this unit saw service, 27 Apr 42, patrolling out of St. Eval, Cornwall. Sighted several Spanish fishing trawlers. Crashed on beach near Thorney Island on 23 Mar 1943.

**AT233** GX-B Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.

**AT234** GX-C Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. coded "C".

**AT235** GX-P Flew on this unit's first day of operation, 27 Apr 42. Lost on operations 2 Jul 42; The crew consisted of: Pilot - F/O G.G.O. James, Observer - Sgt. A.K. Farnie, WAG. - F/Sgt G.A. Pearce and WAG - Sgt. T. Gibbons

**AT236** GX-R The a/c crashed into the sea off Vlieland on 29/30 May 1942 - cause not known but probably from flak during a shipping strike. The crew consisting of F/O D.H. Sargent, P/O M. Edwards, F/Sgt A.F. Conway and F/Sgt J.A. McWilliams were listed as missing in action. Reported to be first operational loss of Hampden torpedo bomber.

**AT238** GX-O Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1942/43.

- AT239** GX-T Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1942/43. One of three aircraft that took part in this unit's first attack on enemy shipping on 29 May 42, operating out of Thorney Island, UK.
- AT240** GX-D Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. On 4/5 Jun 1942, ditched into the sea on return from a mission to the Frisians. The crew survived the crash landing
- AT242** GX-F Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43.
- AT243** GX-N Converted to torpedo bomber. Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. Detached from St. Eval to North Coates in May 42. Took part in a convoy strike from here on 27/28 May 42. Damaged by AA fire, but completed attack. Crashed on landing back at North Coates, no injuries.
- AT244** GX-M Converted to torpedo bomber. Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. One of two aircraft flown operationally on the first day this unit saw service, 27 April 1942, patrolling out of St. Eval, Cornwall. No ships sighted.
- AT245** GX-U Lost on a torpedo strike mission near the Frisian Islands on 28 Jun 1942; shot down by ships' flak off Schiermonnikoog. The crew consisted of: WO I.W. Garfin (pilot), F/Sgt. V.B. Whelpley (obs), Sgt. D. Pearce (WAG) and Sgt. B.A. Dakin (WAG). WO Garfin was killed, the other crew members became POWs.
- AT247** GX-W Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1942. Failed to return from non-operational mission on 12 Mar 42. One crew body later found off Isle of Wight. The crew were: P/O Hebert, F/O W.L. Mackay, Sgt Murtha and Sgt H.R. Hatfield.
- AT248** GX-J Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1942. Crashed during takeoff on 9 Mar 42, no injuries. Apparently repaired, later served with No. 420 Sqn, coded "PT\*A". Shot down by night fighter of II./NJG2 on mission to Bremen on 2/3 Jul 42. Crashed at 02:30 hrs local at Koudum, Friesland, 18 kilometres south-west of Sneek, Holland. One crew member became a POW, the other 3 were killed.
- AT249** Converted to torpedo bomber. Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn. in 1942/43. Later with 489 Sqn.
- AT250** GX-K Served with No. 415 (TB) Sqn in 1942/43.

**Accidental losses = 8**  
**Combat losses = 21**  
**TOTAL LOSSES = 29 AIRCRAFT**

## 420 SQN HAMPDENS

From December 1941 to August 1942 Sqn Code = "PT"



### Serial# Code Details:

**L4086** From 49 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**P1187** PT-X From 44 Sqn. Bombed Stuttgart 4/5 May 42, operating from Waddington. Hit by flak, over Luxembourg, while returning to base, and shortly afterwards was attacked by a Me 110. Later crash-landed at St.Mary's Farm, Great Bentley, 7 miles ESE of Colchester, Essex. Sgt Germain and Johnson escaped without injury. Sgt F.S. Hiley was injured and Sgt J.F. Halward was killed.

**P1239** PT-Y From 50 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission to Essen 12/13.4.42. F/Sgt R. Johnson, Sgt C.J.E. Butler, F/Sgt R.H. Black and Sgt J. Salmon were killed.

**P1257** From 455 Sqn. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 489 Sqn.

**P1314** PT-S From 49 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**P2094** PT-Q From 50 Sqn. Ground accident at 1555 hrs on 20 May 42 at Waddington, UK. Damaged beyond repair after being struck, while parked, by a 44 Squadron Lancaster, which had gone out of control on its take off run.

**P4306** From 14 OTU. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**P4400** PT-J From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from from a shipping strike (Operation Fuller) 12.2.42. P/O J.R. Topping, Sgt F.W. Ashfield, Sgt T.H. Mate and F.O E.G. Growler all perished.

**P5330** PT-J From 106 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission to Rostock 24/25 Apr 42. Sgt J. Potter, Sgt J.M. Hicks, F/Sgt J. Smith and Sgt F. Adams were lost.

**P5332** PT-T From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from a mission to Bremen 2/3 Jul 42. F/Sgt C.G. Wilde, Sgt A.D. Bond, F/Sgt J.E. Gibbs and Sgt T. Crothers all were killed.

**X3057** PT-C From 49 Sqn. SOC 21.12.43.

**X3061** From 44 Sqn. To 14 OTU.

**X3122** From 83 Sqn. To 519 Sqn.

**X3149** PT-B From 44 Sqn. Struck by Lancaster from 44 (RAF) Sqn, while parked at Waddington on 20 May 42. Repaired, converted to Torpedo Bomber, and transferred to RCAF for use at No. 32 OTU.

**AD786** PT-L From 455 Sqn. Crashed at Boothby Pagnell, 5 miles SE of Grantham, Lincolnshire on 23/24 Jun 42., 20 mins after taking off from Waddington on a mining operation to Lorient. Three killed (F/Sgt H. Germain, Sgt G. Johnson and Sgt K. Little), one wounded (F/Sgt H.S. Hilet, DFM).

**AD853** From 50 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AD855** From 44 Sqn. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 489 Sqn.

**AD869** PT-L From 44 Sqn. Crashed soon after take-off from Waddington during a night navigation exercise 20.4.42. Crashed near Wispington, 3 miles NW of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, bursting into flames on impact. All 4 crew were killed as follows: Sgt H. Davis, Sgt J. Pritchard, Sgt G. Laronde, and Sgt G. Player.

**AD915** PT-F From 44 Sqn. Shot down by flak on a mining mission off the Frisian Islands on 18/19 Feb 42. Ditched off Schiermonnikoog. Crew dispatched messenger pigeon with the message "SOS AD915 F Time dispatched 21/2/42 10 o'clock Position OOSTERBIERUM Friesland Netherland OZO", arrived at Spurn Head in the UK next day. 2 crew were taken prisoner (P/O R. See and Sgt W. Rutledge) and, 2 were killed (Sgt H. Bake and Sgt J. Adams).

**AD960** PT-G From 49 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AD968** From 44 Sqn. To 49 Sqn.

**AE115** From 50 Sqn. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE155** From 455 Sqn. To 14 OTU.

**AE186** From 44 Sqn. To 106 Sqn.

**AE202** PT-X From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from Hamburg 26/27 Jul 42. Crashed near Toningen (Germany). 3 crew members were killed: (F/Sgt J.H. Timmis, Sgt N.F. Axford, and Sgt J.R. Elliott). P/O R.N. Payne became a POW.

**AE246** PT-V From 106 Sqn. Failed to return from Lubeck 28/29 Mar 42. Shot down by a night fighter near Heligoland Bight. S/L G. Tench, F/Sgt K. Hyde, F/Sgt H. Thorne and Sgt F. Durnan were all picked up from a dinghy and became POWs.

**AE248** PT-A From 144 Sqn. Failed to return from Bremen 2/3 Jul 42. Shot down by a night fighter near Koudum. F/L K. Brown, Sgt R. Williams, Sgt J. Waddington and Sgt Whytock were all killed in the crash.

**AE258** PT-W From 44 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. To 408 Sqn.

**AE260** PT-O From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from from mining sortie 2/3 Jun 42 to Lorient. Crashed near Guidel (Morbihan), 10 km NW of Lorient. One crew member (Sgt L. Nall) became a POW, 3 were killed ( Sgt E. Harrison, Sgt J. Getting and Sgt G. Laing)

**AE267** PT-V From 408 Sqn. Failed to return from Hamburg 26/27 Jul 42. The four-man crew perished; they were F/Sgt A. Johnstone, WO R. Law, P/O G.E. Tilling and Sgt J. Price.

**AE298** PT-D From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from from mining sortie 26/27 Mar 42. Shot down by a night fighter off Terschelling. The four-man crew perished; they were F/Sgt W. Groff, F/Sgt L. Stalker, Sgt R. Morgan and F/Sgt A. Williams

**AE314** PT-Q From 83 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE355** PT-A Failed to return from Dusseldorf 31.7/1.8.42. All 4 crew were killed; they were WO W. Kaufman, WO R. Stewart, P/O W.D. Frost and Sgt A.J. Greenaway.

**AE366** From 83 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AE378** From 106 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AE379** From 44 Sqn. To 455 Sqn.

**AE384** PT-M From 44 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE385** From 44 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AE386** From 14 OTU. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AE389** PT-D From 83 Sqn. Failed to return from a mining sortie 7/8 May 42. P/O M.F. Carson became a POW. Sgt G.C. Williams, Sgt A.S. Urquhart and Sgt W.A. McDonnell were killed.

**AE390** PT-Z From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from a mining sortie 12/13.7.42 in French waters; All 4 crew killed. They were Sgt T. Hannah, Sgt W. Chapman, F/Sgt P. Bull (DFM) and F/Sgt J. Thompson.

**AE393** PT-L From 44 Sqn. Served with 420 Sqn. To 408 Sqn.

**AE399** PT-P From 44 Sqn. Collided with 44 Con Fit Lancaster on landing at Waddington on return from Cologne 30/31 May 42. The crew escaped with some injuries.

**AE401** From 50 Sqn. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AE422** PT-J From 50 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 415 Sqn.

**AT128** PT-G From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from Dortmund 14/15.4.42. Shot down near Neuss and all 4 crew killed. They were: F/Sgt B.W. Johnson, Sgt H.S. Vosper, Sgt J.F. Shipton, and Sgt J.C.D. McHardy.

**AT130** PT-S From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from Emden 21/22.1.42. Shot down by flak; Crashed near Pietersbierum, Friesland, Holland. All 4 crew became POWs, including pilot S/L V.T.L. Wood, commander of B Flight. The others were Sgt D,D, Grealy, Sgt D. Temple and Sgt R.L. Bott. This was first raid by 420 Sqn aircraft.

**AT132** PT-U From 44 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. To 455 Sqn.

**AT134** PT-K From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from from shipping strike (Operation Fuller) 12 Feb 42. All 4 crew were killed. They were: S/L G. Harris, F/O H. Miller, F/Sgt A. Brunt and Sgt P. Rothery

**AT135** From 44 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. Converted for use as torpedo bomber. To 455 Sqn.

**AT136** PT-N From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from Essen 8/9 Jun 42. All four crew were killed. Shot down by a night fighter over the North Sea. The crew, as follows: F/Sgt I. Reid, Sgt (RAAF) A Grabham, Sgt H.R. Copeland and Sgt C.J. Bunn all perished.

**AT144** PT-A From 44 Sqn. Failed to return from Warnemiinde 8/9.5.42.

**AT185** PT-A From 49 Sqn. Failed to return from Emden 20/21.6.42. Shot down by night fighter of II./NJG2 at 00:59 hrs on 21 Jun 42. Crashed north of Dutch island of Ameland. All 4 crew were killed. They were: F/Sgt G. Ellis, P/O (RAAF) H. Waddell, Sgt B. Nidelman and Sgt L. Still.

**AT219** PT-C From 106 Sqn. Crashed soon after take-off from Waddington when headed for Dortmund 14/15.4.42. The crew perished. They were P/O W.J. Murray, P/O W.F. McCarthy, Sgt K.A. Johnson and Sgt K.A. Birch.

**AT225** Operated by 420 Sqn. To 408 Sqn. To 1404 Flt.

**AT228** PT-P From 49 Sqn. Operated by No. 420 Sqn in 1941/42. Later with No. 408 Sqn. Was coded "EQ\*U" when lost on mission to Saarbrücken on 28/29 Aug 42. Crashed near Liesse, near Laon, France. All 4 crew killed. Killed were P/O (RAAF) L.G. Lyons (pilot), P/O K.T. Pellett (nav) , Sgt (RAAF) M.S. Brighthouse (WAG), and Sgt C.N. Chalklen (WAG).

**Accidental losses = 10 a/c**  
**Combat losses = 29 a/c**  
**TOTAL LOSSES = 39 AIRCRAFT**

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