

POSITION 54°30N 0600E AND ON TO "HORNSEA". THE DETAILS ON THE FORM YOU GAVE ME ARE:- DATE- 15/16 SEPTEMBER 1944. TYPE- HALIFAX MARK III. SERIAL NO- LV869, GROUP- 4. SQUADRON- NO 78. LETTER- G FOR GEORGE, (SQUADRON LETTERS WERE E.Y. THEREFORE THE AIRCRAFT LETTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN EY-G.) TAKE OFF TIME 22.25 HOURS. BASE- BRIGHTON, TARGET- KIEL. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT- H2S WHICH WAS AN AIR TO GROUND RADAR SCANNER TO AID NAVIGATION. THE OTHER WORD LOOKS LIKE FISHPOND WHICH WAS ANOTHER RADAR DEVICE, THE SCANNER OF WHICH WAS HOUSED AT THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT BELOW THE REAR TURRET TO DETECT ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTERS. THE OTHER LETTERS LOOK LIKE A.P.I. AND THE ONLY INSTRUMENT I CAN THINK OF THAT FITS SUCH DESCRIPTION IS ANOTHER NAVIGATION AID CALLED THE AIR POSITION INDICATOR. WHICH IS A COMPUTER WHICH GIVES THE AIR POSITION LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE AND DISTANCE TRAVELLED, THE BOMB LOAD WAS 1x2000LB HIGH CAPACITY BOMB AND 13x500LBS CLUSTER BOMBS, THESE COMPRISED OF LARGE INCENDARIES PROBABLY WEIGHING 30LBS EACH HELD TOGETHER WITH STRAPS, NOSE CAP AND TAIL FIN TO FORM A 500LB BOMB AND RELEASED BY AN ATMOSPHERIC MECHANISM AT A PREDETERMINED HEIGHT SO THAT THEY SCATTERED OVER A LARGE AREA.

YOU WILL NOTE ON THE ENCLOSED EXTRACT PAGES THAT AIRCRAFT LV891 WAS DELIVERED TO HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR DURING THE PERIOD JAN-
~~MARCH~~ ^{JUNE} 1944 AND WAS THEN SENT ON TO BRIGHTON, STATISTICS FOR THE OPERATION DATED 15/16-9.44, TARGET KIEL, INDICATE THAT THERE WAS A MIXED FORCE OF 496 AIRCRAFT BOTH HALIFAX AND LANCASTER AND 7 MOSQUITO'S. SIX AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN. I HAVE ALSO