

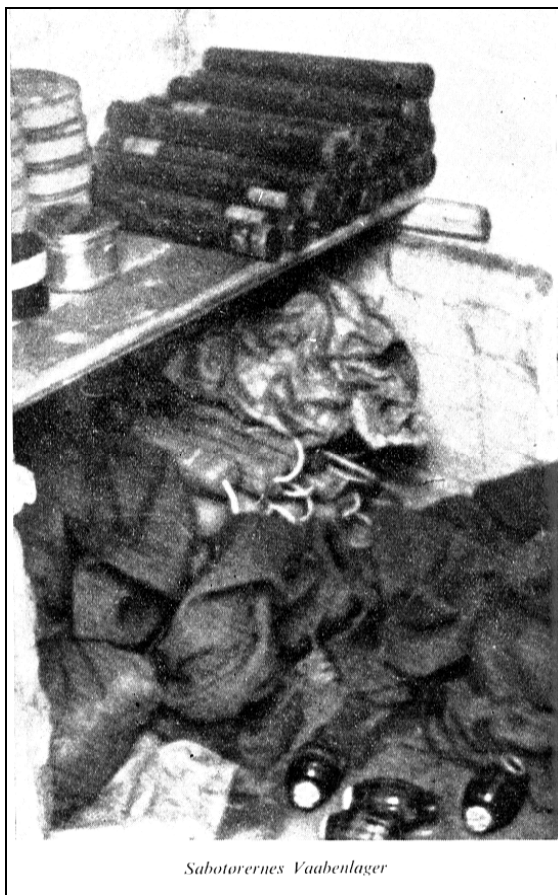
Receiving weapon containers.

Always people from the Resistance would be listening to the BBC sending. When code 'Jeppe' was heard, group members (8-10 men) know about a delivery coming in the same night at No. 18 south of Herning. They contacted each other. Separately in the darkness they went out to the dropping place, where the team spread out ready for action and picking up containers, when the weapon plane came. Torches were in order, red and white, so signal could be given to the flyers. Everybody was on guard for German patrols in the area.

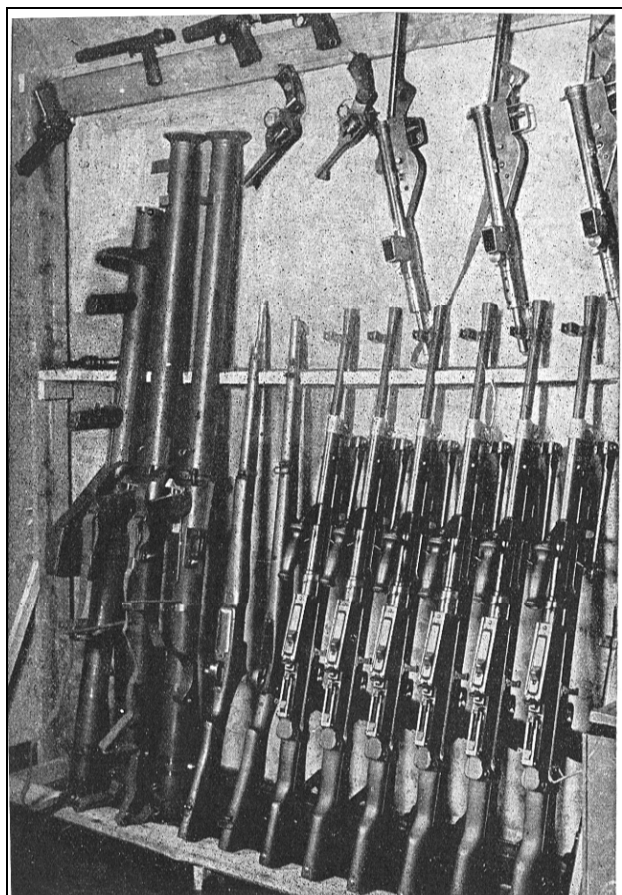
At about midnight the waited low flying aeroplane would come from western direction. Men with torches gave the signals. Seconds after the sounds from opening parachutes were heard. Then the rush really started. Quickly out and gather the parachutes together and hide them. The heavy containers were transported over the open area to nearby hiding places. Maybe the material was loaded on to a wagon. In this case the containers would be transported to a waiting secret place and kept there for a short time. Containers were opened and the goods taken out. Weapons had to be cleaned and made ready for next transport together with ammunition and explosives.

In Herning District there were 5-6 storages spread out to a potato warehouse, upper store in a chapel, private homes and at some farms. Some times groups would be in action every night out in the big area. From Herning the illegal materials would be transported to waiting resistance groups around in Jutland. Many hundred kilos of TNT explosives came in use. Especially used for railroad sabotage, but also many other targets were blown up.

There were different resistance groups: Receiving weapons, sabotage groups and special groups under command by SOE. Sometimes also small groups trained for execution of Nazi informers and others for the Movement very dangerous people.

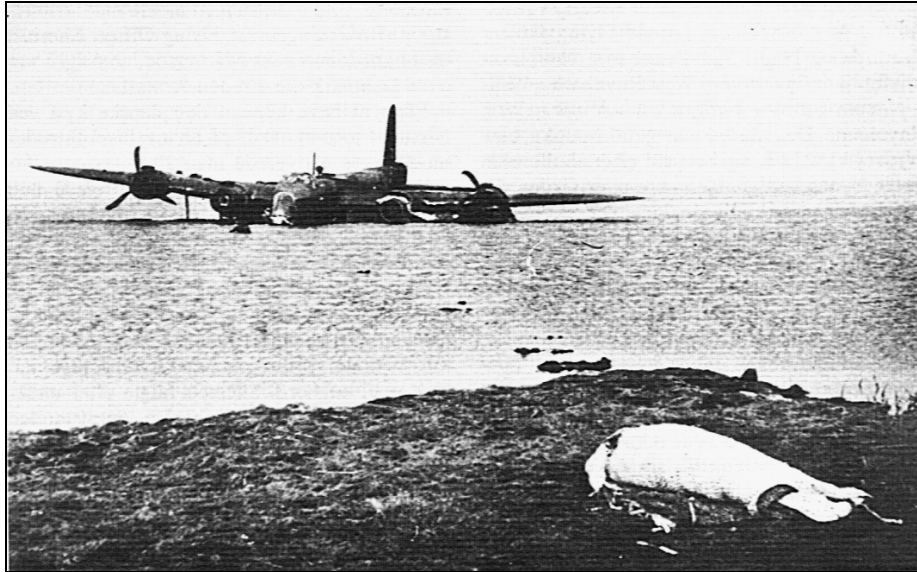


Sabotörernes Vaabenlager



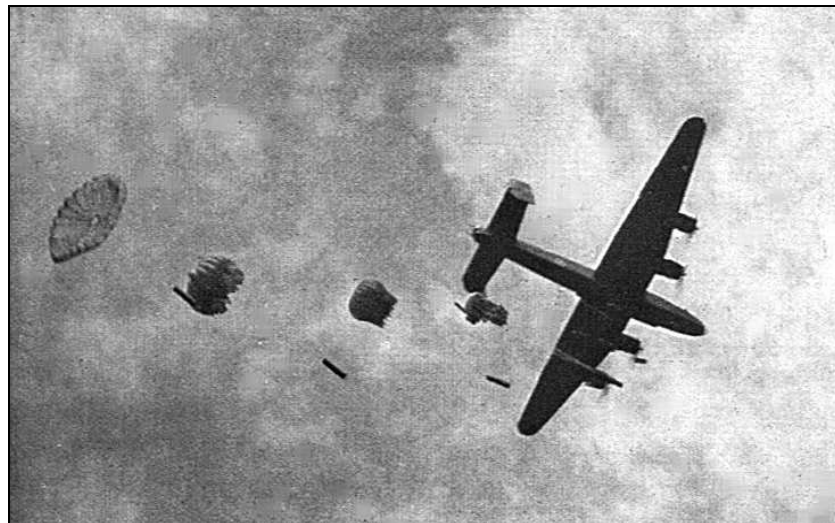
From a secret Resistance weapon store.

Information says that the photos are from somewhere in Herning District. Left: storage with hand grenades holsters with bazuoka grenades and packets with explosives. Right: Bazookas, rifles, Bren guns, pistols for execution and Stenguns. Those hand weapons are cleaned and ready for delivery to waiting groups in Jutland.



Although the German night fighters posed the greater menace to Bomber Command, the German flak occasionally had some success. For instance, there can be little doubt that flak brought Stirling LJ990 Q of 138 Sqdn. down on a weapon flight (Table JAM resistance flight to Denmark) on 3/4 March 1945. The Stirling belly-landed at 'Tippe-pold', 23 km south of Ringkoebing. During the flight an explosion was heard by two crewmembers, and the plane went into a dive. The pilot, however, managed to pull the aircraft up and to make a safe but somewhat wet belly landing on the low water. All crewmembers survived but had to spend two months in POW camp.

From the ground, searchlights sought out an identifiable aircraft so that it could be caught in a cone of light and shot down by anti-aircraft fire or fighters. Flare shells illuminated the sky to help fighters fix on their prey. Night-fighters tracked the bombers using sophisticated radar equipment, attacking them where they were most vulnerable and the fighter least visible.

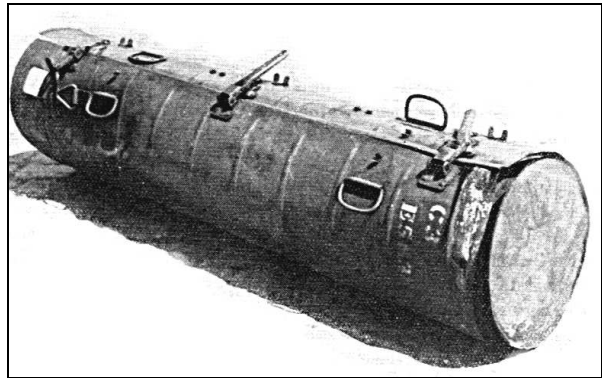


Stirling plane delivering containers with weapons to the Danish Resistance Movement in early spring 1945. People on the ground were waiting in great excitement. Would the big RAF aeroplane come at all? How would things go, when the dangerous transport of the goods should go on? Some time it failed, and no plane came at that night. It could have been shot down, or something else may have happened. At this time the plane came, and the material brought to safe places, before distributing to waiting resistance groups.

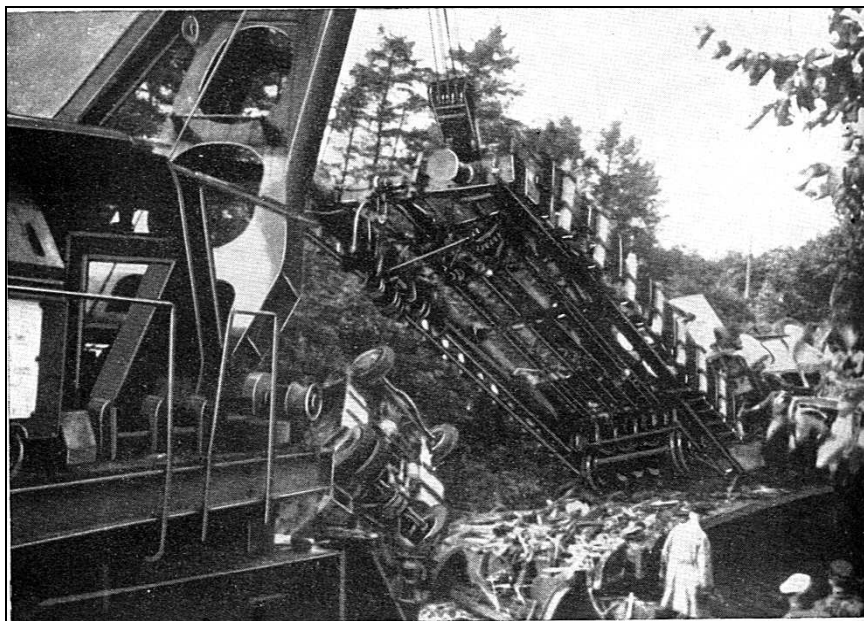
RAF airman: ...'Crossed the English coast over Corner ...20 miles of Danish coast our bomb aimer went forward to prepare for map reading ...crossed the coast, on track by now, at about 50 feet ... in such bright moonlight one could see the aircraft shadow scudding across the ground...climbed to 500 feet, the usual height for drop, static lines being used...dropped our load ...made final circle...down to 50 feet... and now homeward to eggs and bacon...good flight back cross Jutland...crossed coast over Ringkoebing Fjord.'



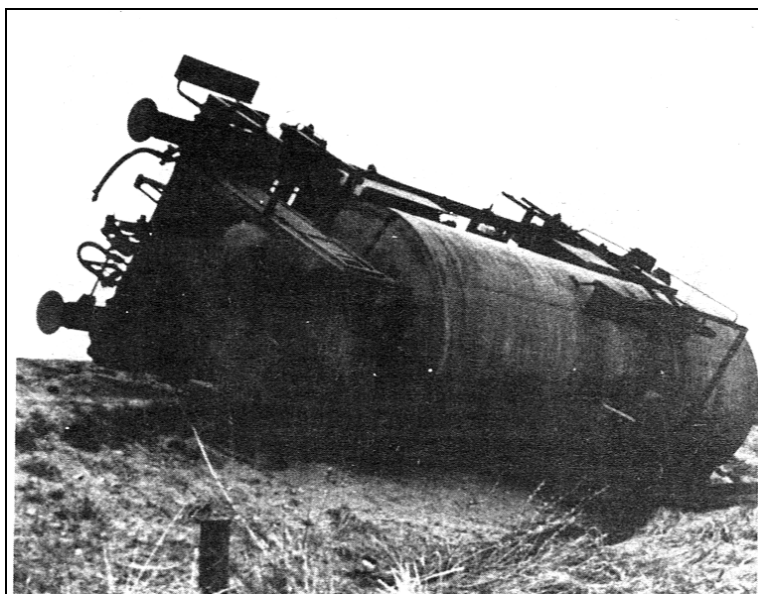
Team loading containers onto a farm wagon.



Weapon container. Weight 200 kilo.



Sabotage on railroad to Viborg in Herning city east, 3/9 1944. German army material destroyed.



Sabotage on railroad north of Herning. Fuel train for Airbase Karup. Results of weapon supply from England.

Herning Resistance District.

Places for receiving weapons delivered by plane from England.

Place No.	Date	Situated	Groups	Code names	Result/received (uden resultat=no result).
Pl. nr.	dato-år	Beliggenhed	Modtager- gruppe	Kodenavn	Resultat
18	27/9-44	Jyndevad	Herning	»Jeppe«	uden resultat
18	4/10-44	–	–	»Jeppe«	12 containere
50		111 Tihøje	?	»CarlAsta«	
57	1/11-44	Løvbakkerne	Herning	»Bertel«	1 cont., 11 stk. hentet af tyskerne
57	30/11-44	–	Herning/ Gullestrup	»Bertel«	uden resultat
57	2/12-44	–	–	»Bertel«	12 containere
96	26/11-44	Bjørnslev	Herning/Kibæk	»Gerd«	uden resultat (tysk transport)
122	2/12-44	Solskovbjerg	Gødstrup/ Snebjerg	»Mitzi«	12 containere, 1 Eureka radio
122	31/12-44	Solskovbjerg	–	»Mitzi«	12 cont., ild i en af dem
122	21/2-45	–	–	»Stefan«	12 containere, 2 bildæk
122	23/3-45	–	–	»Mitzi«	12 containere, 2 pakker
122	30/3-45	–	–	»Mitzi«	12 containere
122	22/4-45	–	–	»Else«	12 containere
125	26/4-45	Føvdalmoose 58		»Beate«	12 containere, 3 pakker
125	24/4-45	–		?	uden resultat
125	31/12-44	Bjørnslev Pk.33		»Pedro«	uden resultat
125	? 45	–		»Pedro«	uden resultat
125	23/2-45	–		»Pedro«	lygter tændt, uden resultat
125	30/4-45	–		»Pedro«	uden resultat
148	24/2-45	Hvilested	Kibæk	»Arne«	uden res. (cont. dropp.v.Troldhede)
152	9/3-45	Brænderigd.	Opsund/Videb.	»William«	uden resultat
152	12/3-45	–	–	»William«	uden resultat
152	13/3-45	–	–	»William«	uden resultat
152	16/3-45	–	–	»William«	uden resultat
152	20/3-45	–	–	»William«	12 containere, 2 pakker
152	27/3-45	–	–	»Urban«	uden resultat
152	2/4-45	–	–	»Urban«	12 containere
210	11/4-45	Finderup K	–	»Dorte«	12 containere
210	18/4-45	–	–	»Dorte«	12 containere
189	27/3-45	Svendlund	Lind/Herning	»Verona«	uden resultat
194	2/4-45	Ansberghuse	Ørre/Simmelk.	»Ingrid«	uden resultat
194	12/4-45	–	–	»Ingrid«	uden resultat
194	18/4-45	–	–	»Ingrid«	12 containere, 2 pakker
199	3/4-45	Timring Pl.	Vildbjerg	»Malle«	uden resultat
199	4/4-45	–	–	»Malle«	12 containere, 2 pakker
199	11/4-45	–	–	»Malle«	12 containere, 2 pakker
205	4/4-45	Lervadgrd.		»Hagen«	uden resultat
231	18/4-45	St. Langbjerg	Kølkær	?	uden resultat
251	24/4-45	800 m n.f. U i Ulvsø		»Manfred«	uden resultat
283	3/5-45	100 m n.f. L i Egeris Pl.		»Sigrid«	uden resultat
269	29/4-45	Timring Pl.		»Virgil«	uden resultat
u/ nr.	14/4-45	på åben mark i Hvedde øst f. Kibæk, afhentet af mandskab fra Herning			12 containere

The Ikast area under Herning Resistance District.

Place No. Pl.	Date	Situated	Groups	Code names	Result/received
nr.	dato-år	Beliggenhed	By	Kodenavn	Resultat
27	27/9-44	Kjærshovedg.	Ikast	»Anette«	12 containere
58	1/11-44	Vilsterbjerg	—	»Marinus«	12 containere, 1 Eureka radio
58	2/12-44	—	—	»Ingolf«	12 containere
58	26/3-45	—	—	»Marlene«	uden resultat
59	26/11-44	Isenbjerg	—	»Abraham«	24 containere, 34 cykeldæk
59	31/12-44	—	—	»Ejnar«	?
59	20/2-45	—	—	»Ejnar«	12 containere
59	28/2-45	—	—	»Ejnar«	12 containere, bildæk
59	7/3-45	—	—	»Ejnar«	uden resultat
59	12/3-45	—	—	»Ejnar«	uden resultat
59	16/3-45	—	—	»Ejnar«	uden resultat
60		R i Ravnhøj	—	»Abraham«	aflyst
105	26/11-44	d i Nørlund Pl.	—	»Egon«	?

Herning District XIII had registered 22 named places + 1 place without name at May 4th 1945. Goods were received 24 times. 289 containers were successfully brought to storage, and much material and many weapons had been distributed to many resistance groups. 53 times receiving groups were in action out at dropping places. But unfortunately 29 times the deliveries were missed. It could be because of problems with navigation and in the worse case; the weapon plane was shot down. And finally the Germans captured 11 containers from the freedom fighters. It was bad luck!



A reconstruction. Ole Moeller Jensen from Herning in tower of Rind Church south of Herning working with the 'Eureka' transmitter used for sending navigating bearing signals to RAF/SOE weapon planes.