

Two operations from MANSTON
(Part of Large Scale Amphibious Exercise)
"MENAGERIE"

Both consisted of divebombing naval gun positions (14000 – 5000 feet) at HARDELLOT

8th September 1943 1707 – 1805

<i>Red:-</i>	<i>C.O</i> ^{x✓}	<i>Beau</i> ^{x✓}	<i>Proc</i> [✓]	<i>Purk</i> ^{x✓}	<i>Ross</i> ^{x✓}	<i>Todd</i> ^x
<i>Blue:-</i>	<i>Mac</i> [✓]	<i>Heat</i> [✓]	<i>Wat</i> [✓]	<i>Wil</i> [✓]	<i>Wood</i> [✓]	<i>Coop</i> [✓]

Unfortunately S/Ldr Baker's C/S unit jammed which caused him to return from Hastings (English pt of departure) and F/Lt Ross' R/T was U/S, so that the whole section returned to Manston with the exception of Sgt Proctor who caught up Blue Section. These 7 d/b'd the gun positions and got 6 bursts among them. Flak was slight and inaccurate

Escort by Typhoons of 1 and 609 Squadn

9th Sept 1943 0800-0905

<i>C.O</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Tuf</i>	<i>Mercer</i>	<i>Holman</i>
<i>Mac</i>	<i>Hand</i>	<i>Purk</i>	<i>Tod</i>	<i>Wood</i>	<i>Beau</i>

10 a/c d/b'd Hardelet guns, 14000-4000 feet. V. gd results. 7 bursts in small target area of 150yds radius. Flak v slight and inaccurate.

Holman returned C/S U/S. C.O's bombs hung up

It was later confirmed that as a result of these and other similar operations one heavy battery was DESTROYED and another rendered U/S for 8 hrs.