

MINE LAYING IN THE BALTIC = "GARDENING"

These operations were carried out by Bomber Command regularly, say, about every fourteen days. (Two or three aircraft were employed.) The area was very heavily defended with "flak". Generally, they returned. However on odd occasions one or two were missing.

Information as to the "dropping zone" for the mines would have to be known in advance so that raids could be implemented.

Out of interest - look at the position geographically of SWEDEN and the sea around its shores. IT WAS NEUTRAL

At the beginning of the War S. Sweden was Pro German + remained so all the time. However, there is evidence that elsewhere in the country support was provided for Britain. Any activity of this nature would have been **ILLEGAL!!** There would have been boats about FISHING

SWEDEN
NEUTRAL

NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

PEENEMÜNDE
ROCKET
BASE

DENMARK

Baltic

BALTIC

FRANCE

PEENEMÜNDE

GERMANY

Why then was mine laying carried out? Of course it poses a number of questions that will never be known... However, let us look again at the area, + ponder awhile... Repairs to the U Boats were always carried out in the Baltic - the facilities were there. When they were completed they would leave, + return to duty. Such information would have been invaluable - could this have been the answer? It was certainly cloaked in Secrecy of a highly sensitive nature never ever to be revealed. Never, ever + to remain fathoms deep!