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Photograph following the initial explosion of the airship Hindenburg. Online courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*Commander Rosendahl saw...a small burst of flame on the top of the ship...*

FBI Report  
"Destruction of Airship Hindenburg"

As the great airship hovered above its landing spot at New Jersey's Lakehurst Naval Station, thunderstorms still rumbled in the atmosphere. It had been a stormy May 6th day.

Making its first trip of the 1937 season, the *Hindenburg* carried 97 people. Her crew expected to return to Frankfurt in a few days. The Zeppelin would be fully loaded with American passengers planning to attend the coronation of George VI.

But those passengers would need to find another way to London. Within 34 seconds after Commander Rosendahl saw the small burst of flame, the great rigid airship was completely destroyed in an unbelievable fire.

Miraculously, 62 people survived.

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**Media Stream**



The Great Airship Hindenburg

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THE FIRST RETURN VOYAGE ONLY.

**SCHEDULE OF TRIPS OF THE NEW AIRSHIP "HINDENBURG"  
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, AS FOLLOWS:**

Departure from FRANKFURT on/Main	Departure from LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY
May 5th	May 11th
May 16th	May 20th
June 20th	June 24th
July 1st	July 5th
July 11th	July 15th
August 5th	August 9th
August 15th	August 19th
September 16th	September 20th
September 26th	September 30th
October 7th	October 11th

ABOVE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Hindenburg's Schedule

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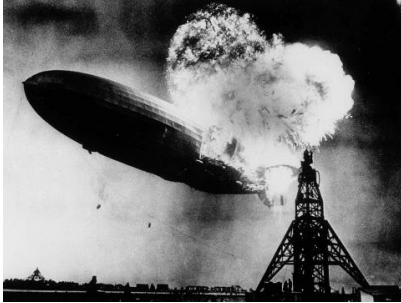


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