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Place	Date	Time UP & DOWN	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
JUI	2.8.42	0720	T 9078 Sunderland A95 F/L Marshall P/O Mack P/O Lovett P/O Cross (Navigator)	G. 45/1.8.42
		1753	Escorted C/V WS.21P. 1150 to 1440 hrs. sighted 3 M/Vs & 1 sloop.	O. 1/2.8.42
JUI	2.8.42	0903	DV 956 Sunderland L95 F/L Borch P/O Kite P/O Corbett P/O Lyman (Mar)	G. 44/1.8.42
		1906	Escorted H.S.S. HYDRANGEA, 3 tankers & 1 M/V 1110 to 1646 hrs	O. 2/2.8.42
JUI	3.8.42	0623	L 5803 Sunderland H95 F/L Bailey P/O Galen P/O Dalton F/S Taylor (Mar)	G. 47/2.8.42
		1703	Escorted H.M.S. HYDRANGEA, 3 tankers & 1 M/V 1200 to 1305 hrs.	O. 3/2.8.42
JUI	3.8.42	0552	DV 956 Sunderland L95 F/L Borch P/O Kite P/O Corbett P/O Lyman (Mar)	G. 101/2.8.42
		1659	searched for an U-Boat picked up by Radio. Nothing seen except M/V McWHURTER	O. 4/3.8.42
JUI	4.8.42	0726	T 9078 Sunderland A95 F/L Marshall P/O Lovett P/O Mack P/O Cross (Mar)	G. 48/2.8.42
		1417	Escorted S.S. AQUITANIA en route from Capetown to London.	O. 5/4.8.42
JUI	5.8.42	1025	T 9040 Sunderland E95 F/L Davis P/O Steer Sgt Mcintosh (Mar)	G. 49/4.8.42
		1755	Escorted C/V S.L. 118 from 1401 to 1620 hrs.	O. 6/5.8.42
JUI	6.8.42	0625	DV 957 Sunderland K95 S/L Lilow Young F/L Bay F/O Young Sgt Wharton P/O Lusher (Mar)	G. 49.50/4.8.42
		1545	Escorted C/V S.L. 118 0911 to 1315 hrs. sighted 3rd C/V of M/V GROIX & 2 E/Vs	O. 7/6.8.42
JUI	6.8.42	0556	T 9040 Sunderland E95 F/L Davis P/O Steer Sgt Mcintosh (Mar). York used to AS escort	G. 51/5.8.42
		1856	& sweep tracks of AMC CHESHIRE & M/V STRATHMORE. sighted former at 1100 & 1247 & latter at 1508 hrs. also sighted AQUITANIA & M/V GROIX (Herald), the latter with 2 E/Vs, one a yacht & the other a gunboat.	O. 8/6.8.42
JUI	7.8.42	0910	DV 957 Sunderland K95 F/L Bay F/O Young Sgt Wharton P/O Lusher (Mar)	G. 54/6.8.42
BATHURST	-	1905	Escorted M/V O.S. 35 (S.S. AQUITANIA) 1100 to 1555 hrs. returned to Bathurst.	Appendix O. 24/7.8.42
BATHURST	8.8.42	0701	DV 957 Sunderland K95 F/L Bay F/O Young Sgt Wharton P/O Lusher (Mar)	G. 55/7.8.42
JUI	-	1740	Escorted C/V O.S. 35 0842 to 1400 hrs.	O. 9/8.8.42
JUI	9.8.42	1354	T 9040 Sunderland E95 F/L Davis P/O Steer Sgt Mcintosh (Mar). Escorted C/V O.S. 35 1608	G. 106/9.8.42
		1850	to 1653 hrs. At 1453 (position TKCR 5227) sighted 1 M/V (Brit) on fire & 2 M/Vs closing in to pick up survivors. (3 lives lost - M/V blew up at 1507).	O. 10/9.8.42

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JUL	10.8.42	0641	T 9040 Sunderland E 95 F/L Davis P/O Galea P/O Wilton F/Lgt. Taylor (Nav.)	G. 57/9.8.42
		1711	Escorted C/Vs O.S.35, O.S.35, V.S.21, T.S.13; also sighted D/R "Vilva", 1 M/V, 3 E/Vs + 1 A/V	O. 12/10.8.42
JUL	12.8.42	0625	L 5803 Sunderland H 95 F/L Bailey P/O Galea P/O Wilton F/S Taylor (Nav.)	G. 59/10.8.42
		0827	Yach crew to patrol Junction approach lane. M/V returned to base due to bad oil leak	O. 13/12.8.42
JUL	12.8.42	0924	DV 957 Sunderland K 95 F/L Day P/O Lucker (Nav.) F/O Young Sgt. Wharton.	G. 59/10.8.42
		1843	Replaced H 95 A/S patrol of shipping lane 3 M/Vs + 2 Italian registration ships	O. 14/12.8.42
JUL	12.8.42	0802	T 9040 Sunderland E 95 F/L Davis P/O Mear Sgt. Wharton (Nav.) Escorted three T.R.I.	G. 60/12.8.42
		1152	0914 to 1049. Returned due to visibility of less than 1 mile Force T.R.I. consisted of S.S. "Monarch of Bermuda" + "Empress of Iran", escorted by B/S "Malaya" + "Coventry" + "Sting", + B/S "Narcissus".	O. 15/13.8.42
JUL	13.8.42	0632	L 5802 Sunderland H 95 F/L Bailey P/O Galea P/O Wilton F/S Taylor (Nav.)	G. 59/10.8.42
		1640	A/S patrol of shipping lane sighted 1 M/V + 2 M/Vs (Br.) + "Joao Belo" (Port. M/V)	O. 16/13.8.42
JUL	14.8.42	0912	L 5803 Sunderland H 95 F/L Bailey P/O Wilton F/S Taylor (Nav.)	G. 59/10.8.42
		1748	A/S patrol of shipping lane. 1 M/V sighted.	O. 17/14.8.42
JUL	15.8.42	0630	L 5803 Sunderland H 95 F/L Bailey P/O Wilton F/Lgt. Taylor (Nav.) Yach to search for	G. 13/14.8.42
		1815	7 lifeboats. None seen. Sighted C/V V.S.21 + 1 M/V (Br.)	O. 18/15.8.42
JUL	16.8.42	0711	DV 956 Sunderland L 95 F/L Brock P/O Kettle P/O Everett P/O Lynn (Nav.)	G. 65/15.8.42
		1735	Escorted C/V V.S.21 from 1019 to 1431 hrs.	O. 20/16.8.42
JUL	16.8.42	0636	DV 957 Sunderland K 95 F/L Day P/O Adams Sgt. Wharton F/O Lucker (Nav.)	G. 59/11.8.42
		1806	A/S patrol of shipping lane. Located 2 lifeboats from M/V CRIPPLE CREEK, + co-operated with reserve A/S "Vander PICT" + "ST. VISTAN".	O. 20/16.8.42
JUL	17.8.42	0633	DV 957 Sunderland K 95 F/L Day P/O Adams Sgt. Wharton F/O Lucker (Nav.)	G. 59/11.8.42
		1715	A/S patrol of Junction shipping lane. 1 M/V sighted, also an empty lifeboat, presumed to be from M/V CRIPPLE CREEK.	O. 21/17.8.42
JUL	17.8.42	0643	DV 956 Sunderland L 95 S/L Wilson Young P/O Kettle P/O Everett P/O Lynn (Nav.)	G. 66/16.8.42
		1823	Search for survivors from torpedoed M/V MENDENAU. Nothing sighted, except one dog.	O. 22/17.8.42

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JVI 17.8.42 0642 DV 956 Sunderland L95 S/L Fison-Young P/O Kitto P/O Corcutt P/O Gunn (Nav) G. 66/16.8.42
 1823 Search for survivors from torpedoed M/V MENDENAU. Nothing sighted, except wreckage O. 22/17.8.42

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JVI	18.8.42	0651 1835	DV956 SUNDERLAND L95 S/L FISON-YOUNG, P/O KITTO, P/O CORCUTT, P/O GUNN (NAV) SEARCHED FOR SURVIVORS FROM M/V MENDENAU. SIGHTED C/V S.T.31	G.11/17.8.42 O.23/18.8.42
"	19.8.42	0749 1745 (Dawn/Dusk) 1745	L6903 SUNDERLAND H95 F/LT BAILEY, P/O WELTON, F/SGT TAYLOR (NAV) SEARCHED FOR M. 20.9. OVERDUJE FROM 17.8.42. NOTHING SIGHTED, EXCEPT SHORT PIECES OF PLANK AND BEAMS AT GOMEZBAH.	O.66/17.8.42 O.66/19/1/42 (GAM)
BATHURST	19.8.42	0718 174	DV963 S'land ops. Sgt Palatch, P/O Beach, Sgt Beard (Nav) searched for M. 20.9. Nothing sighted	G? O.69/19.8.42 (GAM)
"	20.8.42	0655	L5803 S'land ops. F/Lt Bailey, P/O Wilton, F/SGT Taylor (Nav) searched for M. 20.9. Nothing sighted	G? O.73/20.8.42 (GAM)
JVI	21.8.42	0530 1332	DV956 S'land ops. S/Lt Fison-Young P/O Kitto P/O Corcutt P/O Gunn (Nav) Task to escort a small fleet unit & to do P/O patrol. 10/5, 175T, 9.2 M/V sighted. Returned to base early because of oil leak.	G.11/21/8.42 O.25/21/8.42
BATHURST	21.8.42	1054	L5803 S'land ops. F/Lt Bailey, P/O Wilton, P/O Beach, F/SGT Taylor (Nav), Transit Pass, Nothing	G
JVI		1441	of interest to report.	O.27/21.8.42
"	21.8.42	1558 1910	L5703 S'land ops. F/Lt Bailey, P/O Wilton, P/O Beach, F/SGT Taylor (Nav) P/O strike after reported U-Boat sighting by a ship. Nothing found	G.71/21.8.42 O.28/21.8.42
"	22.8.42	0433 1504	DV964 S'land ops. F/Lt Day, P/O Burston, P/O Sinclair, P/O Rich (Nav) P/O Search. Nothing seen, except 1 M/V & 1 comets.	G.71/22.8.42 O.29/22.8.42
"	22.8.42	0030 1933	DV 956 S'land ops. S/Lt Fison-Young P/O Kitto P/O Corcutt P/O Gunn (Nav) U-Boat search. Nothing sighted	G.11/21.8.42 O.31/22.8.42
"	22.8.42	0939 1845	L5803 S'land ops. F/Lt Bailey, P/O Wilton, F/SGT Taylor (Nav) P/O Patrol of Southern Shipping Lane. Sighted several Patrol & Merchant vessels. Sighted 4 empty lifeboats & considerable wreckage of TIGR 1638. (42) appears 2145000. When on the inspection line, L5803 was blown to pieces - the result of depth charges exploding, following a fire which started on the fuel tank (moved alongside)	G.11/21.8.42 O.32/22.8.42
"	22.8.42	0712 1910	DV964 S'land ops. F/Lt Burston, P/O Sinclair, P/O Rich (Nav) P/O Patrol of Southern Shipping Lane. 4 M/V sighted.	G.64/22.8.42 O.32/22.8.42

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JULI	23.8.42	0745	DV963 S'land B/95 4/p Young Sgt. Polatch, 4/p Hook Sgt. Beard (Nav) A/s Patrol of	563/22.8.42
		1735	Southern Shipping Lane	034/22.8.42
"	24.8.42	0653	DV957 S'land K/95 4/p Day 4/p Adams Sgt. Wharton 4/p Tucker (Nav) A/s Patrol	668/22.8.42
		1548	of Southern Shipping Lane. Sighted DRVing Returned to base because of oil leak	035/24.8.42
"	25.8.42	10.21	T9060 S'land E/95 4/p Davis, 3/p Oakes, Sgt. Mcintosh (Nav) A/s patrol of	G.68/22.8.42
		1914	southern shipping lane sighted 4 M/V's.	G.34/25.8.42
"	26.8.42	0629	DV956 S'land L/95 4/p Egan Young, 4/p Kettle, 4/p Corcoran, 4/p Gunn (Nav)	G.68/22.8.42
		1718	A/s patrol of southern lane. Sighted 2 M/V's 9 I.A.S.T.	0.37/26.8.42
"	26.8.42	0819	DV959 S'land K/95 4/p Day, 4/p Adams, Sgt. Wharton, 4/p Tucker (Nav)	G -
		1803	Escorted C/V S.L. 120 from 1059 to 1740 hrs.	0.38/26.8.42
"	27.8.42	1005	DV963 S'land B/95 4/p Young, 4/p Deesh, Sgt. Polatch, Sgt. Beard (Nav) A/s	G.68/22.8.42
		1825	patrol of southern shipping lane sighted 10 M/V's & 3 Comettes, 1 AMC, 3 I.A.S.T. 1440	0.39/27.8.42
"	28.8.42	0745	DV956 S'land L/95 4/p Bailey, 4/p Kettle, 4/p Dutton, 4/p Sgt. Taylor (Nav)	G.68/22.8.42
		1758	A/s patrol of southern shipping lane. Sighted 1 British M/V 1 Pol. M/V	0.40/28.8.42
"	29.8.42	0807	DV964 S'land C/95 4/p Burton, 4/p Sinclair, 4/p Hook (Nav) A/s patrol of	0.76/29.8.42
		1451	southern shipping lane at 0838 sighted C/V's S.T.32 & O.S.37	0.41/29.8.42
"	30.8.42	0705	DV956 S'land L/95 4/p Bailey, 4/p Kettle, 4/p Dutton, 4/p Sgt. Taylor (Nav) A/s	G.76/28.8.42
		1650	patrol of southern shipping lane. Nil sighted.	0.42/30.8.42
"	31.8.42	0700	DV963 S'land B/95 4/p Bailey, 4/p Galea, Sgt. Polatch, Sgt. Beard (Nav)	G.76/30.8.42
		1712	To search for survivors from "Viking Star". No M/V can exceed I.A.S.T. & I.M.C. 0.43/31.8.42	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2.8.42	T 9078/A95	F/L MARSHALL 7/p MACK P/O LEVETT P/O COONS P/O KITTO	C/N ESCORT	0720	1753	Escorted C/V WS. 21P. 1150 to 1440 hrs.	G. 45/1.8.42 0. 1/2.8.42 G. 44/1.8.42 0. 2/2.8.42
Reference: AIR 577761				0803	1906	4 SS HYDRONCO 3 tanks & 1 Mk 110 to 1645	