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	<u>APRIL '45.</u>		<u>OPERATIONS.</u>		
<u>PORT ETIENNE.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>09.47.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland C/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.40.		
" "	<u>1st.</u>	<u>10.25.</u>	<u>F.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 18.35.		
<u>BATHURST.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>11.17.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland F/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 19.28.		
" "	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>11.50.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 19.20.		
<u>PORT ETIENNE.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	<u>09.49.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland F/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 18.02.		
" "	<u>3rd.</u>	<u>10.20.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 18.10.		
<u>BATHURST.</u>	<u>4th.</u>	<u>10.21.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland J/95 sighted M.V. (Spanish) EL NEPTUNA and M.V. (Portuguese) ANGOA and completed patrol, and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.15.		
" "	<u>4th.</u>	<u>10.36.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland G/95 escorted M/345 to PORT ETIENNE and was waterborne at 18.16 hours.		
<u>PORT ETIENNE.</u>	<u>5th.</u>	<u>09.18.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland J/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.27.		
" "	<u>5th.</u>	<u>09.27.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland G/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.16.		
<u>BATHURST.</u>	<u>6th.</u>	<u>10.27.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland G/95 sighted Spanish M.V. "MONTE CARLINO" and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.58.		
" "	<u>6th.</u>	<u>10.36.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland K/95 tested bomb-racks in flight when 4 DC's fell off, and aircraft returned to base being waterborne at BATHURST at 11.39.		
" "	<u>7th.</u>	<u>06.50.</u>	<u>SEARCH FOR BUOYS.</u> Sunderland D/95 sighted cluster of buoys and circled them until arrival of CH 72 and was waterborne at BATHURST at 14.46.		
<u>PORT ETIENNE.</u>	<u>7th.</u>	<u>09.15.</u>	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland G/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 18.05.		131

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BATHURST.	8th.	10.32.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland K/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST 21.05.		
"	8th.	10.27.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland D/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 20.40.		
JUL.	10th.	18.45.	U-BOAT HUNT. Sunderland G/95 returned to base (JUL) owing to faulty inter-com. Waterborne at JUL at 21.35.		
JUL.	10th.	22.05.	U-BOAT HUNT. Sunderland S/95 completed patrol without result and was waterborne at JUL at 09.35/21th.		
JUL.	12th.	12.49.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland G/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 21.37.		
JUL.	12th.	1250.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 20.45.		
JUL.	13th.	12.08.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland D/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 21.45.		
JUL.	13th.	12.13.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland C/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 20.50.		
JUL.	13th.	12.40.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland K/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 21.03.		
BATHURST.	14th.	10.28.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland H/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.56.		
"	16th.	10.22.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland G/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 19.21.		
PORT ETIENNE.	17th.	09.20.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland H/95 developed oil leak in starboard inner engine and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 10.36.		
"	17th.	09.42.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland G/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.49.		
BATHURST.	18th.	10.35.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.50.		

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BATHURST.	18th.	10.35.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.50.
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BATHURST.	18th.	10.23.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland D/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.29.		
PORT ETIENNE.	19th.	09.10.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland S/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST AT 17.15.		
" "	19th.	09.18.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland D/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.18.		
BATHURST.	20th.	10.20.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland H/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.56.		
" "	20th.	10.38.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland Z/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 19.05.		
PORT ETIENNE.	21st.	12.02.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland Z/95 developed engine trouble and jettisoned Depth Charges. Waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 12.32.		
" "	21st.	09.11.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland H/95 completed patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 16.51.		
BATHURST.	30th.	07.17.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland H/95 crashed approximately 10.40 hours. (Details not yet available)		
" "	30th.	12.39.	A.S.R. SEARCH FOR H/95. Sunderland Z/95 carried out search for H/95 and picked up signal believed to emanate from dinghy radio. The last letter of call sign 'H' only was received. Search unsuccessful, and aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 22.43.		
" "	30th.	22.09.	A.S.R. SEARCH FOR H/95. Sunderland K/95 picked up message giving dinghy position and contacted Portuguese ship ('GUIE') which had all crew on board. Failed to contact H.S.L. (also engaged in search). Waterborne at BEL AIR at 01.10.09.		
" "	30th.	16.36.	A.S.R. SEARCH FOR H/95. Sunderland D/95 picked up message that dinghy had been rescued by Portuguese ship "GUIE". Waterborne at Bathurst at 01.04.15.		
BEL AIR.	30th.	21.50.	A.S.R. SEARCH FOR H/95. Sunderland S/95 contacted Portuguese ship 'GUIE' and received message that all crew were safe. Electrical system unserviceable, and was waterborne at DAKAR at 01.04.20.		
BATHURST.	30th.	22.06.	A.S.R. SEARCH FOR H/95. Sunderland G/95 contacted H.S.L. and gave position, course and speed of 'GUIE' with instructions to close the ship. Waterborne at Bathurst at 01.11.50.		1 13 5

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			<u>WEATHER SUMMARY.</u>				
			Generally fair conditions with well broken upper cloud, occurring frequently by night in the latter half of the month, but on no occasion being present all day. No rain was recorded.				
			<u>Cloud.</u> First half of the month was characterised by variable cloud, frequently cloudless. From 15th onwards thin variable patches of stratus were reported during the night on all but three occasions, base 1000-2000 feet but falling very low on night of 20th-21st.				
			<u>Visibility.</u> Generally moderate with a minimum of 2 miles early on the 23rd.				
			<u>Winds.</u> Generally light to moderate but predominating between NW and SW with a tendency to be W.S.W. during the day and evening, and NW during the night.				
			<u>ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS.</u>				
			<u>Half Dia. Gambia.</u>	<u>A/S. Patrol</u>	<u>A.S.R.</u>	<u>Recco.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
			Sorties.	15.	4.	1.	20.
			Flying Hours.	115.49.	47.27.	7.56.	171.12.
			<u>Port Etienne, French W. Africa.</u>				
			Sorties.	13.	-	-	13.
			Flying Hours.	90.32.	-	-	90.32.
			<u>Bel Air, French W. Africa.</u>				
			Sorties.	-	1.	-	1.
			Flying Hours.	-	6.30.	-	6.30.
			<u>R. A. F. JUL, Sierra Leone.</u>				
			Sorties.	5.	-	2.	7.
			Flying Hours.	43.20.	-	14.20.	57.40.
			<u>GRAND TOTAL OF FLYING HOURS.</u>		<u>Operations.</u>	<u>325.54.</u>	
					<u>Training.</u>	<u>70.00.</u>	
					<u>Other Flying.</u>	<u>32.00.</u>	
						<u>427.54.</u>	
			<u>AIRCRAFT SERVICEABILITY.</u>				
				<u>Operations.</u>	<u>3.9.</u>		
				<u>Training.</u>	<u>1.9.</u>		

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