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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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BATHURST	JUNE 1945		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u></p> <p>All Operational Flying by No. 95 Squadron ceased on the 25th May, 1945. Flying carried out since that date was of a non-operational nature only, as detailed hereunder:-</p> <p>Under instructions from Air Headquarters, West Africa, it was laid down that all aircraft of the Squadron should be ferried home to the United Kingdom during the month of June, 1945. The disposal, however, of D/95, Z/95 and X/95 was to be as follows:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D/95 and Z/95 ----- To be broken up, X/95 ----- To be transferred to 343 Squadron.</p> <p>Ferrying accordingly commenced on Saturday 9th June, 1945.</p>		
BATHURST	9 June	0650	Z/95 took off from Bathurst for Port Etienne en route Gibraltar - Mount Batten - Wig Bay. Alighted Port Etienne 1320 hrs. on the same day.		
"	"	0655	Z/95 took off from Bathurst for Port Etienne in transit U.K. as above. Alighted Port Etienne at 1306 hrs on the same day.		
PORT ETIENNE	10 June	0627	Z/95 airborne at Port Etienne for Gibraltar. Arrived Gibraltar at 1538 hrs on same day.		
"	"	0629	Z/95 airborne at Port Etienne for Gibraltar. Arrived Gibraltar at 1539 hrs on same day.		
GIBRALTAR	12 June		<p>Z/95 airborne at Gibraltar for Mount Batten. Arrived Mount Batten on same day.</p> <p>Z/95 was unfortunately damaged during take-off in heavy swell at Gibraltar and was delayed until 25th June (q.v.)</p> <p>A signal from Air Headquarters, West Africa was received at Bathurst on 12th June stating that until further instructions were received, no further aircraft were to be dispatched. Owing to the arrival of this signal Z/95 and D/95 which had intended to leave on June 13th, did not proceed.</p> <p>On June 15th, another signal was received from Air Headquarters, West Africa ordering the dispatch of two more Sunderlands to U.K. This was subsequently cancelled, and no further movement of aircraft to U.K. was carried out from the Unit.</p>		

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BATHURST	24 June		After further ferrying to U.K. had been cancelled, instructions were received that the aircraft remaining to the Squadron were to be destroyed. A request was made, however, for the retention of G/95, S/95, Q/95 and V/270 for the purpose of carrying personnel posted to Home Establishment down to Jul on route 36 P.E.G. It should be noted that since V/270 was undergoing a Major Inspection at Bathurst at the time ferrying to U.K. commenced, it was accepted onto the Squadron strength and was to have been flown home under 95 Squadron control. Permission was granted for the retention of these four aircraft, and all four took off on the 21st June on the first trip to Jul.	
"	"	0950	G/95 airborne Bathurst. 1240 waterborne Jul. Airborne Jul 1445. Waterborne Bathurst 1752.	
"	"	0957	G/95 " " 1255 " " " 1440. " " 1747.	
"	"	1011	V/270 " " 1345 " " " 1510. " " 1910.	
"	"	1025	S/95 " " 1339 " " " 1520. " " 1930.	
"	25 June	0830	G/95 airborne Bathurst. 1443 waterborne Jul. Airborne Jul 1425. Waterborne Bathurst 1700.	
"	"	0831	S/95 " " 1445 " " " 1354. " " 1700.	
"	"	0838	V/270 " " 1456 " " " 1521. " " 1812.	
"	"	0844	Q/95 " " 1448 " " " 1402. " " 1652.	
"	24 June	1330	S/95 airborne at Bathurst. 1650 waterborne Jul. Personnel Ferrying.	
"	"	1333	G/95 " " 1645 " " " " " " "	
"	"	1334	G/95 " " 1648 " " " " " " "	
"	"	1404	V/270 " " 1745. Ditched in Position OS degs 07'N. 12 degs 55' W. During the course of the day's ferrying operations, V/270 had the misfortune to run into a squall when in the immediate vicinity of Jul, and was forced to ditch. There were no casualties either among the passengers or crew, and the aircraft was subsequently flown off, and alighted safely at Jul.	
GILBERTAR	25 June	0530	S/95 airborne at Gilbertar for Mount Batten. Alighted Mount Batten 1420 hrs.	
BATHURST JUL	"	0630	S/95 waterborne at Jul for Bathurst. Waterborne Bathurst 1130.	
"	"	0920	G/95 " " " " " " 1220.	
"	"	0926	G/95 " " " " " " 1223.	

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<u>BATHURST</u>	<u>26 June</u>	<u>-</u>	<p>Subsequent to the dispatch of V/270, a signal was received from Air Headquarters cancelling all ferrying by underlands of the Squadron. It was, however, agreed that Q/95 should be retained for ferrying personnel from Fort Sticks and Ruler to Bathurst. The destruction of Q/95 and Q/95 was ordered, and during the afternoon of the 26th June both were ferried out to their last resting places.</p> <p>In the meantime, Q/95, rocking gently at anchor at Half-Die received a mortal blow from a native shell, which would have rendered her unseaworthy for some time to come.</p>		
<u>BATHURST</u>	<u>27 June</u>	<u>-</u>	<p>In the afternoon of this day, the last remaining Squadron aircraft was towed aloft from Half-Die to the destruction position. Having been fired by the planes, Q/95 went as joyfully down to join her sisters beneath the waters of the Gambia.</p> <p><u>ABSTRACTS</u></p> <p>The month has largely been taken up by preparations for the disbandment of the Squadron. The instruction for this was contained in West Africa Air Headquarters Instruction (Internal) No. 78 dated 14th June, 1945, and the effective date of disbandment was the 30th June, 1945.</p> <p>The complete aircraft crew in Squadron aircraft to the United Kingdom and other aircraft were ferried to Jul en route for Home Establishment.</p> <p>On 25th June, W/Car. McGill, D.F.C. assumed command of the Squadron vice W/Car. L. O. Scott (posted).</p> <p>A board of Survey was convened to dispose of Unit Records and the following files, of temporary interest only, were handed over to R.A.F. Bathurst:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95S/16/Air - Mems of 95 Squadron from Bathurst. 95S/104/E1 - Discipline - Airman. 95S/104/2/E1 - Discipline - 1583465 P/S Moore, C.R. 95S/105/E1 - Register of Parliamentary Electors. 95S/110/E1 - Civil Service - Post War Recruitment. 95S/151/1/E2 - Postings - Officers and Aircrew. 95S/2458/E2 - Confidential Reports - Officers. 95S/2459/1/E2 - Permanent Commissions - Applications. 95S/168/E2 - Release - 2223775 Sgt Chavasse, C.R. 95S/203/4/5 - Release - 1510235 Lt. A.G. Jordan, T. 95S/220/1/1/E3 - Commissioning of Airman. 95S/210/2/5 - Postings - Airman. <p>A file of historical interest is attached to the original copy of this closing report of the Squadron activities. It is 95S/210/1/1/E1 entitled "Squadron History and Squadron Crest."</p>		

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			<p><u>ADMINISTRATION - Continued.</u></p> <p>The remaining personnel as at the 30th June, 1945, were posted to R.A.F. Bathurst pending final disposal.</p> <p>The medical history of the month has been good, possibly on account of the prospects of early posting to Home Establishment.</p>		
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			PERSONNEL	
			Appointments and Promotions.	
			F/O. T.L. FOLLOCK. (O.94736). GD.R.	Commissioned wef 2.3.45. Joined for duty as an officer wef 2.6.45. Auth: A.N. Signal P.4773 dated 28.5.45.
			F/O. F.J. TAYLOR. (53977). GD.R.	Appointed A/W/L (Said) wef 5.3.45.
			F/O. G. BULLOCK. (150277). GD.	Promoted to S/L (WS) wef 11.3.45.
			F/O. D.R.D. HILBERTON. (150363). GD.	" " " " " " 14.4.45.
			Postings.	
			F/O. E.D. CAMPBELL. (52607). GD.	Posted to Home Establishment wef 6.6.45.
			F/O. E.R. DESBOROUGH. (72127). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. A. GARRER. (475542). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. E.C. HARPER. (456056). GD.	" " " " " " " " 9.6.45.
			F/L. F.J. CHRISTOPHER. (130184). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O(A/S/L) G.C.R. COOPER. (162233). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. W.R. DUFF. (65468). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. E.R. FRENCH. (422584). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L(A/S/L) J. MUGRAVE. (80095). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. E. THURNEYWOLD. (150591). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " 22.6.45.
			F/L. L. LARSEN. (100509). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. F. HAGAS. (5,27624). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. D.R.D. HILBERTON. (150363). GD.	" " " " " " " " 23.6.45.
			F/O. J.S. BART. (5,38691). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. G.R. BISHOP. (5,94496). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. J.G. HIRD. (5,28105). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. H.A. CLUDE. (128379). GD.G.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. L.F. OSGROVE. (153411). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. J.A. ROSS. (156823). GD.G.	" " " " " " " " " "
			S/L(A/S/L) M.O. JONES. (39131). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. E.A. VOOD. (128575). GD.	" " " " " " " " 24.6.45.
			F/L. D.P. LINDSEY. (H.A.45769). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. A.B. EWERS. (184966). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. J.D. FOWELL. (160184). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. E. WHITWORTH. (170436). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. E.A. SMART. (112465). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. F.J. EVANS. (49534). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. (A/S/L) P.L. TAYLOR. (53977). GD.R.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. (A/S/L) J.D. GRACE. (405439). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. (A/S/L) D.M. GALL. (64310). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. H.M. ROESTER. (J.11020). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. J.E. BOERING. (48826). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. J.R. WATSON. (65564). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. G. BULLOCK. (150277). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. E.M. STEWART. (183350). GD.G.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. A.G. BRAY. (49450). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. L.W. SKEATON. (150672). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. F.G. FORSTER. (154706). GD.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/O. T.L. FOLLOCK. (O.94736). GD.S.	" " " " " " " " " "
			F/L. M.S. ABRIDGE. (136480). GD.	" " " " " " " " Home Establishment 25.6.45.

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			F/L. R.A. SMART. (112465) M.D.	Posted to RAF Eastbury w.e.f. 30.6.45.
			Hospitals.	
			F/L. P. J. EVANS (49534) G.D.N.	Admitted 55th General Hosp. w.e.f. 20.6.45. Discharged " " w.e.f. 23.6.45.
			<i>W. J. Hall</i>	
			Squadron Leader, Commanding,	
			No. 95 Squadron, R.A.F.	

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