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Freetown	2-7-41	1200	T 9040 H/o Parsons & H/o Bosock airborne to carry out air test. Waterborne 1250.	
Freetown	2-7-41	1040	N 9050 S/Ldr Lombard, H/o Baggott, H/o Gosh & H/o Bannan (has) airborne to carry out air test. Waterborne 1130.	
Freetown	3-7-41	0630	N 9050 S/Ldr Lombard H/o Baggott, H/o Gosh & H/o Bannan (has) airborne for Bathurst en route for U.K. Waterborne Bathurst 0945	
Bathurst	3-7-41	1930	N 9050 S/Ldr Lombard, H/o Baggott, H/o Gosh & H/o Bannan (has) airborne to proceed to Gibraltar. Waterborne Gibraltar 0830 GMT 4-7-41.	
Gibraltar	4-7-41	1930	N 9050 S/Ldr Lombard, H/o Baggott, H/o Gosh & H/o Bannan (has) airborne for U.K. Waterborne Mount Batten 0452 GMT 5-7-41.	
Freetown	4-7-41	0727	L 5805 H/o Robertson, H/o Pifer, H/o Pyler & H/o Ritty (has) airborne to escort convoy SL 80. 0832 over convoy in position 0925N 1500W. Composition 10 M/Vs, 1 AMC, 1 DR, 1 yacht & 3 corvettes. Left convoy 1850 composition unchanged, in position 0948N 1538W. 1728 airborne Freetown.	
Freetown	5-7-41	0732	T 9040 H/Lt. Eason, H/o Parsons, H/o Bosock & Sgt. Banfield (has) airborne to escort convoy SL 80. 1220 over convoy in position 1110N 1728W. Composition 10 M/Vs 2 E/Vs 2 D/Rs 1 yacht. 1400 sighted one Spanish M/V ESCOLAND in position 1124N 1743W course 260°T, speed 13 kts. M/V intercepted by HMS. HIGHLANDER. 1710 left convoy, same composition plus AMC. CANTON. #20 waterborne at Bathurst.	
Bathurst	7-7-41	1300	T 9040 H/Lt. Eason H/o Parsons H/o Bosock & Sgt. Banfield (has) airborne to escort CV SL 80. 1628 over convoy in position 1327N 2227W. Composition 10 M/Vs 1 AMC, 2 DRs, 2 E/Vs 1 yacht.	26

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			Course 285°T, Speed 6½ kts. 1930 left convoy in position 1332 N 2246 W, same composition plus AMC ESPERANCE BAY. Same course & speed. 2249 waterborne at Freetown.
Freetown	12/7/41	07:50	L5805 7/0 Robertson, P/O Pipes, 7/0 Pybus, 7/0 Rittley (has) Airborne to escort convoy W398. During patrol, sighted five trawlers, one Spanish tug with two lighters in tow, one Portuguese Steamer "Cunene", & one 4000 ton Steamer unidentified; 15:24 over convoy comprising "Galatia", 1 AMC, 3 DPs, 1 Corvette, & 12 m/vs. Posn 0933'N 1508'W Course 130°T, Speed 11 Kts. Message passed from Galatia to C-in-C, S.A., 16:17 left convoy in posn. 0928'N 1456'W, same composition, course, & speed. 17:30 Waterborne Freetown.
Freetown	14/7/41	07:23	T9040 7/12 Evison 7/0 Boscack Sgt Banfield (has) Airborne to effect a/s Patrol. Area patrolled 1100'N, 1800'W - 1000'N, 1900'W - 0900'N, 1800'W - 1000'N, 1700'W 1800 completed patrol. During patrol, sighted one British m/v. 17:25 Waterborne Freetown.
Freetown	15/7/41	08:46	T9040 7/12 Evison 7/0 Boscack Sgt Banfield (has) Airborne to effect a/s patrol. During patrol sighted three corvettes; one m/v (British) & 1 m/v (Portuguese). Waterborne Freetown 18:58 hrs.
Freetown	16/7/41	07:33	L5805 7/0 Robertson, P/O Pipes, P/O Pybus, 7/0 Rittley (has) Airborne to escort convoy SLX1. 08:46 over convoy composed of 19 m/vs, 1 AMC, 1 DP, & 4 corvettes in position 0823'N - 1516'W. 16:02 left convoy in position 0855'N - 1609'W, same composition, course 280°T Speed 6 Kts. 17:45 Waterborne at Freetown.
Freetown	17/7/41	07:28	L5805 7/0 Robertson, P/O Pipes, 7/0 Pybus 7/0 Rittley (has) Airborne to escort convoy. 10:03 over convoy ^{W398} composed of 12 m/vs, 1 cor., & 4 dcs. in position 0429'N - 1405'W course 180°T, speed 12 Kts. 14:16 left convoy 17:20 Waterborne Freetown.

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Freetown	19.7.41	07.35	15805 F/O Robertson, P/O Pipes, P/O Pybus, P/O Rittley (has) Airborne to escort convoy. 14.47 Located convoy in posn. 08°53'N 14°29'W Course 040°T Speed 15 Kts. Convoy consisted of AMC Pretoria Castle, m/v, Empress of Australia & 2 drs. 16.06 Left convoy in posn. 05°49'N 14°40'W, same composition, course 020°T, Speed 15 Kts. 17.09 Also sighted Portuguese Sandalwood, Lisbon & Dutch King Donan with life boat in tow. 17.44 Waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	20.7.41	09.38	15805 F/O Robertson, P/O Pipes, P/O Pybus, P/O Rittley (has) Airborne to effect a/s Patrol. During patrol, sighted 3 m/vs, One Tanker & one corvette. No sign of Fama. 18.06 Waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	22.7.41	08.08	T9073 W/C Pearce, F/O Mountford, P/O Blackden, Sgt. Simmonds (has) Airborne to effect a/s Patrol in area bounded by parallels 08°00'N, 09°00'N and 14°30'W, 16°00'W. 10.10 Set course for base owing to engine trouble. During patrol sighted 1 Dr. & one corvette 11.31 Water borne Freetown.	
Freetown	23.7.41	07.43	15805 F/O Robertson P/O Davies P/O Pybus P/O Rittley (has) Airborne to effect a/s Patrol in area 07°35'N, 13°45'W; 07°50'N, 14°10'W; to 06°20'N, 14°40'W to 06°10'N, 14°10'W. During patrol sighted 5 m/vs, 2 DRs & 2 Corvettes. 17.31 Waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	24.7.41	11.30	T9073 W/C Pearce, F/O Mountford P/O Blackden Sgt Simmonds (has). Airborne to effect sweep ahead of convoy 3.1.82. 15.54 over convoy in position 08°41'N - 14°08'W Composition 11 m/vs 1 AMC 1 DR & 3 Corvettes. Course 300°T Speed 6 1/2 Kts. 17.50 Waterborne Freetown.	
Bathurst	25.7.41	12.00	T9078 F/O Gibson, F/O Kyle Sgt Brydon Sgt (has). Airborne to carry out recce. of Pongo River. nothing seen. 15.25 Waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	25.7.41	08.23	15805 F/O Robertson P/O Davies P/O Pybus P/O Rittley (has). Airborne to escort convoy 8.1.82. 09.57 over convoy in posn. 09°41'N - 15°30'W. Composition 1 DR,	27

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Freetown	26.7.41	07.20	1 AMC "Derbyshire" 5 convetties, 11 M/Vs. Course 300°T Speed 7 Kts. 12.23 over convoy composed of Empress of Australia, 2 DRS + AMC Canton. Course 300°T Speed 15 Kts. Posn. 09°56'N 17°31'W 13.18 Rejoined convoy 24.42. 15.56 left convoy in posn. 09°56'N - 16°01'W course speed unchanged. 17.35 Waterborne Freetown. T9073 W/C Pearce, P/O Mountford, P/O Blackden Sgt Simmonds (has) Airborne to escort convoy 24.42. 10.45 Over convoy comprising 11 M/Vs, 1 AMC Derbyshire 1 Dr, + 5 convetties in position 10°59'N 18°01'W Course 289°T, Speed 6 1/2 Kts. 14.42 left convoy, same composition, course & speed. in posn. 11°08'N 18°32'W 17.30 Waterborne Freetown.
Freetown	27.7.41	07.38	L5805 P/O Robertson, P/O ^{Davis} Mountford , P/O Byrnes, P/O Rittley (has) Airborne to carry out A/S Patrol of area: 07°20'N 13°20'W; 07°00'N 13°40'W; 05°40'N 12°30'W; 06°00'N 12°10'W. During patrol sighted 2 DRS, 3 trawlers, 1 boom defence vessel. 15.21 1/2 hr for base ^{outing} to oil lube. 16.15 Waterborne Freetown.
Freetown	28.7.41	07.31	L5805, same pilot team, airborne to carry out A/S Patrol of same area as previous day. In patrol 08.20 hrs. During patrol sighted 2 DRS, 1 convett, and 2 M/Vs. 17.38 hrs waterborne at Freetown.
* Freetown	29.7.41	09.43	L5805, same pilot team airborne to carry out A/S Patrol in same area. 10.25 hrs entered search area. During patrol sighted 3 convett, 2 trawlers, 2 M/Vs. 17.31 hrs waterborne Freetown.
Freetown	30.7.41	06.22	T9073, P/O Kyle, P/O Mountford, P/O Blackden, Sgt Simmonds (has) airborne to effect A/S patrol of same area as that started a previous 3 days. 07.10 hrs in patrol. During patrol sighted 2 trawlers and 1 M/V. 13.45 set course for base owing to bad weather. 15.10 hrs received ^{instructions} message from base to land at Sherbro Island. Weather then bad, so proceeded to Freetown, landing there at

* INSERT:
FREETOWN

29.7.41 1400

First reconnaissance aircraft (Glenn Martin) sighted in harbor area. In spite of no
warning having been given by RBF first fighter aircraft of defense flight airborne within
3 minutes of alarm and stood within 7 minutes, but owing to no A/T communication
last aircraft to combat was cancelled.

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	SUNDERLAND	P/O Robertson (Capt)					