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Freetown.	1/11/41.	0550.	L.5805 (H/95), P/O. Badley, P/O. Blackden, P/O. Lawrence, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 0655 message to base "Am returning to base my MLA 0745, S.O engine trouble". 0750 waterborne Freetown. 0825 airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 1025 encountered continuous heavy rain, unable to dodge same. 1145 over 1 R/V which requested its position. Given D.R position. 1205 over 1 E/V. 1227 sighted 1 Minelayerz 1330 message to base "Am returning to base, my H.M. 1415. Vis mainly nil. Unable to transit return signal earlier owing to severe electrical interference". 1435 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	2/11/41.	0625.	L.5805 (H/95), F/Lt. Robertson, P/O. Pybus, P/O. Lovett, P/O. Davis (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 0817 sighted 1 tanker, 2 EVs. Tanker about 1300 tons and lightly laden. 1102 over 1 tank cr. 2 photographs taken. 1322 over 1 laden tanker. 2 photographs taken. 1420 sighted 1 yacht. 1448 over 5 A/S trawlers. 1451 sighted 1 ML. 1501 over 1 MV and 1 EV. 1512 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	3/11/41.	0544.	T.9046 (J/95) F/O. Beecock, P/O. Kitte, P/O. Oakes, W/O. Williams (N), airborne to escort convoy. 0620 in position I. 0908 commenced search for convoy. 1008 convoy not yet located, position 0556N 1856W, weather very bad. Visibility nil in showers. Commenced A/S patrol northwards. 1300 message from base "Are you still with convoy? If not return to base". Continued towards base. 1508 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	3/11/41.	0628.	L.5805 (H/95), W/Cmdr. Pearce, P/O. Bailey, P/O. Blackden, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne on A/S patrol. 0640 over HMS "Severn" and escort exercising. 0757 left HMS "Severn". 0925 over 2 A/S trawlers almost stationary. 0955 over convoy 4 MVs, 4 EVs. 0955 signal to Corvette "Have you had air escort yet?", reply "Not". 1030 message to base "KNU - 4 - 4 - Cap - IFXJ 5209 - 554 - 8 - 1000 - No previous air escort am escorting H.M.S.". 1245 to base "Have lost contact with convoy - bad weather - Visibility nil en patrol". 1520 set course for base. 1400 message from base "H.M.S - H.M.S - Convoy". 1620 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	4/11/41.	0555.	T.9046 (J/95), F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Marshall, P/O. Day, P/O. Banfield (N), airborne to escort convoy O.S.S. 0625 over convoy, 26 MVs, 4 EVs. (SNO L.44). 0844 left convoy. Returned early to base with engine trouble. Sighted Sunderland aircraft on way home. 1100 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	4/11/41.	0905.	T.9046 (J/95) F/O. Beecock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Kitte, P/O. Oakes (N), airborne escort convoy O.S.S. 1240 over convoy 26 MVs, 1 DR (H.84), 5 Corvettes. 1020 sighted 1 MV of 8000 tons. 1550 left convoy - same composition. 1736 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	4/11/41.	0857.	L.5805 (H/95), P/O. Bailey, P/O. Blackden, P/O. Lawrence, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to escort force of 1 B/S and 2 DRs. 1113 over convoy O.S.S., 26 MVs, 1 DR, 5 EVs. 1522 over B/S and escort. MLA 106°T, 18 knots. B/S passed message to aircraft. Aircraft unable to carry out any escort duty due to their long message. B/S requested a repeat back of a signal to C in O. S.A. but this was not given on account of shortage of time. 1504 left force, composition, course and speed unchanged. 1750 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown.	5/11/41.	1745.	T.9046 (J/95), F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Day, P/O. Lovett, P/O. Banfield (N), airborne to carry out night A/S patrol. 2011 over 2 MVs (1 probably tanker) and 2 Corvettes. 6/11/41 0552 waterborne Freetown.	7

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Freetown.	8/11/41.	0424	L.5805 (H/95) P/Lt. Robertson, P/O. Davis, P/O. Marshall, P/O. Pybus (N), airborne to carry out escort duty. 0635 over M.L. 0640 over "Arcadia" and DR "Vimy". Carried out patrol 20 miles to seawards. 0641 DR "Vimy" passed message to O in C, S.A., and gave E.T.D. Monrovia as 1400°/s. Message to Cim.S.A. Starboard engine out of action. Ships fighting efficiency virtually unaffected, can still do 25 kts. 1411 Freetown 1200 N/M. 1550 over another M/M at Monrovia. 1434 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	7/11/41.	0522	L.5805 (H/95), P/O. Bailey, P/O. Blackden, P/O. Lawrence, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to escort convoy SL.92. 0608 over Portuguese S/B Angola. Message to base and H/S Brilliant. 0727 over SL.92, 35 MVs, 2 MM, 3 Corvettes. 0659, 1 DR (I.35), and 1 American M/V sighted. 1130 passed message to DR Vansittart from Corvette Bullock "An delayed half hour with engine repairs". 1524 left Convoy, being relieved by A/C H/95. 1444 sighted 1 DR, 1 Corvette and 1 submarine. 1503 sighted 1 DR and 2 MM. 1522 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	7/11/41.	0655	T.9045 (J/95) P/Lt. Bocock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Oakes, P/O. Kitte (N), airborne to escort convoy and carry out A/S patrol. 0654 sighted 2 A/S trawlers and 1 M.L. 0740 sighted 5/6 Knobshaven also small convoy of 1 tanker (10,000 tons), 1 armed trawler and 2 MVs. Photographs taken. 0659 in position 0645W 1234N. Force G not sighted. 0658 over 1 M.M. (Prince of Wales) and 2 DRs. 1230 signal from R/H "My position at 1230 is 0625N 1235W. Pass to Cim.S.A. from S.O. force Knobshaven G.I.O one 71 7' Rest of signal indecipherable". 1255 S.O. for sector A. 1544 over S/B Gloucester Castle. Took photographs. 1516 sighted 1 tanker, grey vessel of 8000 tons. 1522 sighted 5/6 Knobshaven again. 1536 over 2 A/S trawlers. 1522 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	7/11/41.	1121	T.9075 (J/95), P/Lt. Bowie, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Young, P/O. Tinker (N), airborne to escort convoy SL.92. 1512 over convoy 33 MVs, 1535 left Convoy. 1740 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	8/11/41.	0614	L.5805 (H/95), P/O. Bailey, P/O. Blackden, P/O. Lawrence, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector A. 0743 over Spanish M/V "Mar Tirreno". 1150 over 2 MVs (one No. 88) and 1 MV flying Netherlands flag. 1250 over 1 MV with US.A. flag painted on side. MV stationary with small boats alongside at entrance to JUNK RIVER. 1507 over Portuguese M/V "Balanga". 1614 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	9/11/41.	0550	L.5805 (H/95) P/O. Bailey, P/O. Blackden, P/O. Oakes, P/Sgt. Littlewood (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 0622 on patrol. 0925 left sector A. 1040 on patrol in sector B. 1440 off patrol in sector B. 1455 over one AST (I.44). 1550 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	10/11/41.	0725	T.9046 (J/95), P/Lt. Bocock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Kitte, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector B. 1408 over one MV of 5000 - 4000 tons. 1451 over 2 Corvettes and 1 MV (4000 - 5000 tons). 1523 over S/B Cubango (Lisboa). 1626 over British MV of 3000-4000 tons with some deck cargo. 1728 waterborne Freetown.			
Freetown.	11/11/41.	0655	T.9045 (J/95), P/Lt. Bocock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Oakes, P/O. Anderson, Sgt. Simmonds (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector D. 0645 over 1 MV of 3000 tons. 0731 over 1 A/S trawler. 1209 over 1 MV of 4000 tons. 1308 over 2 MVs escorted by a Corvette, gave Corvette her position. 1415 over Convoy NT'S. 30 MVs, escorted by 1 sloop, 1 AST, 2 Corvettes. 1510 over Submarine "Severn" (submerged) escorted by 1 M.V. Carried out exercise with submarine. 1622 waterborne Freetown.			

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Freetown	12/11/41.0630	T.9075 (E/95) F/Lt. Bowie, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Young, P/O. Tucker (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of Sector B. 1402 over S/S "Oabo Verde". Lisbon. 1403 over 1 Blue funnel line ship. 1420 over A/S trawler T.125. Photographs taken. 1850 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	12/11/41.0657	T.9040 (E/95) F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Day, P/O. Lovett, P/O. Bamfield (N), airborne to escort convoy OS.11, 1 laggard from convoy making 7 knots. 0818 convoy 29 MVs, and 4 escorts. 0915 received message to CincO, from "Bridgewater". 1054 sighted 1 MV. 1450 signal from laggard (12 miles astern) "Boiler repairs completed, am now making 10 knots" - passed to convoy. 1512 left convoy. 1645 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	13/11/41.0540	T.9040 (E/95) F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Day, P/O. Marshall, P/O. Tucker, airborne to search for survivors of S/S "Peru". 1021 search commenced. 1252 search abandoned. Nothing sighted throughout search. Visibility 1000 yards at commencement of search, clearing to 20 miles. 1605 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	13/11/41.0558	N.9024 (H/204) F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O. Arundel (A8), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector D. 0850 sighted 1 MV. 0754 sighted 1 MV. (10,000 tons). 0908 sighted 1 MV, 5,000 tons. 1332 sighted 1 MV, 5,000 tons. 1340 sighted A.M.C again. 1400 sighted 1 MV and escort. 1430 sighted 1 H.L and 1 A.S.X, swooping. 1540 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	14/11/41.0550	N.9024 (H/204) F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O. Arundel (A8), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector D. 0807 sighted 1 AST and 1 DR. 0719 sighted 1 MV, 5,000 tons. 0940 sighted S/S "Uniweleco". 1014 sighted three Life-Boats under sail (40 on board), sent signal to base. Dropped food and cigarettes (picked up). 1200 over S/S "Uniweleco", directed her by V/H to lifeboats. 1410 survivors and lifeboats aboard "Uniweleco", 1500 signal to base. 1705 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	15/11/41.0547	T.9075 (E/95) F/Lt. Bowie, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Oakes, P/O. Tucker (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 0727 sighted S/S "Uniweleco" and 1 A/S trawler. 0805 sighted Corvettes "Clover". 1209 sighted DR "Veler". 1325 sighted DR "Glynnhams". 1501 over 2 A/S trawlers. 1618 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	15/11/41.0550	N.9024 (H/204) F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O. Arundel (A8), airborne to escort convoy OS.10. 0929 met convoy, 26 MVs, 1 DR, 5 Corvettes. 0800 sighted 1 DR. 1335 left convoy, same composition. 1445 sighted 1 DR. 1506 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	16/11/41.0547	T.9048 (J/95) F/Lt. Beopok, W/C. Williams, P/O. Kitto, Sgt. Simmons (N), airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector A. 1042 sighted S/S "David Livingstone". 1408 sighted 1 MV, 6000 tons. 1455 sighted 2 AST, (T.122 & T.06). 1624 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown	17/11/41.0550	T.9040 (E/95) F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Day, P/O. Lovett, P/O. Bamfield (N) 1452. airborne to escort convoy OS.10. 1700 met convoy, 25 MVs, 6 EVs. 1324 left convoy same composition. 2053 waterborne Freetown.	88	

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Freetown. 17/11/41. 0526.			T.9024 (E/94) F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O. Arthur (A). airbornes to carry out A/S patrol. 0615 sighted 1 A/S trawler. 0630 sighted one MV. 0744 sighted 2 Corvettes. 0800 sighted one MV, sighted again at 1354. 1352 sighted S/B "Mebeka". 1430 sighted 2 A/S trawlers. 1535 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 17/11/41. 0555.			T.9048 (J/95) F/Lt. Beacock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Oakes, Sgt. Simmons (N) airbornes to escort convoy OS.10. 0644 sighted CR "Dorsetshire". 0725 over convoy 25 MVs, 1 DR, 2 Corvettes. 0730 "Vansittart" passed message to CINC, S.A. 0920 1 Corvette left convoy. 0940 message from base. 1050 message to base. 1130 E/V "Star Storm" stationary, DR alongside. 1245 Star Storm in station again. 1545 DR passed message to CINC, S.A. 1500 received by E/95. 1508 left convoy. 25 MVs, 5 EVs. 1507 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 17/11/41. 1526.			T.9040 (E/95) F/Lt. Parsons, P/O. Day, P/O. Marshall, P/O. Bamfield, W/O. Anderton, airbornes to escort convoy OS.10. 1435 over convoy 25 MVs, 5 EVs. 1545 left convoy, same composition. 1745 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 18/11/41. 0547.			T.9073 (S/95) F/Lt. Bowie, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Pybus, P/O. Tucker (N), airbornes to carry out A/S patrol of sector A. 0751 sighted 2 A/S trawlers. 0842 sighted S/B "Athelgegant" escorted by 1 Corvette. 0910 sighted 1 MV (BGME).				
Freetown. 18/11/41. 1000.			T.9045 (J/95) F/Lt. Beacock, F/Lt. Filson-Young, W/O. Williams, P/O. Oakes, Sgt. Whalley (N), airbornes to carry out A/S patrol around convoy OS.95 assembling. 1031 over HMS "Severn" escorted by 1 DR and 3 Corvettes; carried out exercise with "Severn". 1145 sighted HMS "Hawkins". 1237 convoy SL.95 assembling. 1314 sighted 5 MVs - cross channel packet type - and 2 escorts. 1520 left SL.95 assembling. 1535 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 19/11/41. 0701.			T.9073 (S/95) F/Lt. Bowie, F/Lt. Filson-Young, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Young, P/O. Tucker (N), airbornes to escort convoy SL.95. 0757, 32 MVs, 1 DR, 3 Corvettes, 1 Whaler, in position TPAQ 4108. 0925 message from DR "Brilliant" for CINC, S.A giving position TPPH 2056 at 0800. Aircraft requested repeat of signal to check figures. It subsequently checked and confirmed its own reckoning by landfall. 1541 left convoy. 1707 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 19/11/41. 0552.			L.8905 (E/95) F/Lt. Robertson, W/O. Davis, P/O. Pybus, Sgt. Whalley (N), airbornes to carry out A/S patrol of sector A. 0611 sighted 1 U.S.A MV (Barber Line - 4,000 tons). 0617 sighted 2 A/S trawlers. 1254 sighted 1 A/S trawler. 1510 sighted same MV again. 1409 sighted 2 A/S trawlers. 1530 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 20/11/41. 0520.			L.8905 (E/95) F/Lt. Robertson, W/O. Davis, P/O. Pybus, P/O. Anderton, Sgt. Whalley (N), airbornes to escort convoy SL.95. 0758 over convoy, 31 MVs, 1 DR, 4 EVs. 1130 sighted 1 USA MV (5,000 tons). 1225 left convoy, same composition. 1510 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 20/11/41. 0608.			T.9075, F/Lt. Bowie, P/O. Mountford, P/O. Young, P/O. Tucker, airbornes to carry out A/S patrol. 0715 turned back on account of engine trouble. 0835 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown. 20/11/41. 0855.			T.9048 (J/95) F/Lt. Beacock, W/O. Williams, P/O. Kitto, Sgt. Simmons (N) airbornes to carry out A/S patrol. 1225 1 MV (4,000tons) escorted by one Corvette. 1509 sighted 1 A/S trawler. AST to A/C "Have had engine breakdown: can you see anything - our distance 800 yards?". A/C to AST "Do you need help?" AST to A/C we are getting good echo on Asdic 500 yards". A/C to AST (patiently) "on what bearing". AST to A/C "Red". Aircraft searched and saw nothing: "cannot see anything, do you still get it?". AST to A/C "contact believed non-sub, am proceeding with difficulty". A/C to AST "must go, do you want a tow?". AST to A/C (prevaricates) "may be able to make port". Aircraft then departed. 1721 waterborne Freetown.				

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A/Y 46 201 "Must go, do you want a low or a high?" (providing a low make port). Aircraft then departed. 1721 waterborne Freetown.

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Freetown.	21/11/41.0555.	T.9046 (J/95), F/Lt. Boosey, W/O Williams, P/O Sales, Sgt. Simmons (N). Airborne to carry out A/S Patrol. 0655 sighted 1 A/S. trawler, 0705 sighted S.S. "SAMSON" and "Atlantic Coast", escorted by sloop. Message to C. in O.S.A. passed by sloop. 1029 14000 ton M.V. 1130 sighted 1 British M.V. (4000) tons. 1245 sighted S.S. Ostelmet (U.S.A.) anchored in mouth of Duno river. 1328 Portuguese M.V. Evadades sighted. 1609 waterborne Freetown.		
Freetown.	22/11/41.0557.	T.9075 (G/95), F/Lt. Bowie, F/O Mountford, P/O Young, P/O Tucker (N). Airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 0655 1 A/S Trawler. 1316 sighted 1 M.V. (EDMR). 1228 sighted 1 M.V. 1230 si ghted 1 M.V. 1244 sighted 1 M.V. 1540 waterborne Freetown.		
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Freetown.	10/11/41.0525.	L.5805 (B/95), W/C Pease, F/Lt. Robertson, F/O Davis, F/Lt. Milton (N). Airborne to carry out extended coastal reconnaissance. Coastwise to ABILIAN, where preliminary canal works were observed. Reconnaissance of KOTONOU and LOME were successfully carried out. 1715 waterborne LAGOS.		
Lagos.	11/11/41.0559.	Airborne to carry out reconnaissance of coast to LIBREVILLE. 0910 - 1020 coastal reconnaissance of Isle FERNANDO PO in good visibility, except L. NOUJA, which was not attempted on account of low cloud base (1000 ft.) 1126-1215 reconnaissance of RIO MUNI territory. 1300 waterborne LIBREVILLE.		
Libreville.	12/11/41.0633.	Airborne to carry out reconnaissance LIBREVILLE-POINTE NOIRE. 0700-0710 reconnaissance of RIO MUNI to 12 miles from mouth for suspected submarine base; nothing seen. 0847 - 0928 Isle of SAO THOME; nothing suspicious. 1028 - 1055 ANGORAM Isle. 1454 Waterborne POINTE NOIRE.		
Poite Noire.	14/11/41.0507.	14/11/41.0507. Airborne to carry out reconnaissance of ANGOLA to limit of endurance, and return. The only populated areas on the coast were around LUANOA and LOBITO BAY; the rest of the coastline only has small fishing villages. No new works, signs of aerodromes, fuel dumps, jetties, were observed. Visibility good throughout trip. 1455 - 1515 coastal reconnaissance of KANBINDA; nothing of interest sighted. 1528 waterborne POINTE NOIRE.		
Pointe Noire.	16/11/41.0433.	16/11/41.0433. Airborne to proceed to LAGOS via PRINCIPAL. 0830 - 0847 coastal reconnaissance of PRINCIPAL; nothing of interest seen. 1210 waterborne LAGOS.		
Lagos.	17/11/41.0541.	17/11/41.0541. Airborne to proceed to FREETOWN. 0614 - 0647 reconnaissance of coastal district south of PORTO NUOVO and along coast of KOTONOU. 1555 waterborne FREETOWN.		

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Freetown	25/11/41, 0550	H.9084 (H/204), F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O Arundel (A.G.)	Airborne to escort convoy S.T.9. 0633 2 A.S. trawlers. 0646 convoy consisting of 22 M.V.'s, 5 corvettes, 1 M.L. 0610 sighted Portuguese M.V. "CASSIQUER". 0637 sighted 2 A.S. trawlers. 1638 left convoy. 1658 sighted 1 M.V. 1644 sighted 1 M.V. 1540 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	25/11/41, 0550	H.9075 (S/95), F/Lt. Bowie, F/Lt. Filson-Young, P/O Mountford, P/O Young, P/O Tucker.	Airborne to patrol sector "A" diverted to escort convoy S.T.9. 1119 1 M.V. sighted 1446 sighted Portuguese M.V. "CASSIQUER". 1545 met S.T.9 composed of 25 M.V.'s, 5 corvettes, 1 M.L. 1558 left convoy. 1626 sighted 1 A.S. trawler. 1759				
Freetown	24/11/41, 0555	H.9075 (S/95), F/Lt. Bowie, F/O Mountford, P/O Young, P/O Tucker (N).	Airborne to patrol Sector "D". 0605 sighted 2 A.S. trawlers. 0730 sighted 1 M.V. 0807 sighted 1 M.S. "DORSETSHIRE". 1017 aircraft ordered to proceed to sector "A" and search there. 1249 sighted 1 Spanish M.V. 1356 sighted 1 M.V. 1558 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	24/11/41, 0140	H.9045 (S/95), F/Lt. Filson-Young, F/Lt. Bocock, W/O Williams, Sgt. Simmons (N).	Airborne to escort convoy V.S.13 (slow). Convoy not met until 1430 owing to bad visibility. Instructions re searching a track of 050°. Track ahead and astern of convoy was searched, also a large area to north. 1500 left convoy. 1720				
Freetown	25/11/41, 0550	H.9024 (H/204), F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N), P/O Arundel (A.G.).	Airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector "A". 0613 sighted 1 M.V. 0659 sighted 1 trawler. 0622 sighted 3 M.V.'s escorted by 1 corvette. 1550 sighted 1 M.V. 1558 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	26/11/41, 0740	H.9024 (H/204), F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N).	Airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector "B". 0647 sighted sloop "Surprise". 0850 met sector returning to base on account of engine trouble. 0855 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	26/11/41, 0551	H.9048 (S/95), F/Lt. Bocock, F/Lt. Filson-Young, W/O Williams, Sgt. Simmons (N).	Airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector "G". 0615 sighted S.S. "Volendam" and "Northland" escorted by corvette. 0618 sighted S.S. "Settler", and then S.S. "Nevis". 0620 diverted to co-operate with "Surprise" in A/S hunt. 0610 Walrus aircraft joined in search. 0850 Sunderland H/204 sighted returning to base. 1045 1 trawler and 1 corvette arrived to join in search. 1245 1 M.L. joined in search. 1501 left ships and set course for base. 1548 sighted "WILLOWBOW" and tanker escorted by trawler and corvette. 1548 sighted H.M.S. "Devonshire".				
Freetown	27/11/41, 0511	H.9075 (S/95), F/Lt. Bowie, P/O Young, P/O Lovett, P/O Tucker (N), P/O Anderton (A.G.).	Airborne to escort convoy. 0652 met convoy 32 M.V.'s, 1 D.R., 4 corvettes, 1 trawler. 1559 left convoy. 1606 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	27/11/41, 0415	H.9024 (H/204), F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Smith (N), Sgt. Quinn.	Airborne to proceed to datum point and search for reported U/boat. 0651 sighted 1 trawler. 0804 sighted 1 D.R., 2 corvettes. 0833 reached datum point and started search. 0910 ordered by base to co-operate with "Starwort" in U/boat hunt. 1002 in position. Started search for "Starwort"; saw 3 corvettes and a trawler, but no "Starwort". 1200 ordered to patrol sector "G". 1559 sighted 1 M.V. 1645 sighted 1 D.R. heading for Freetown. 1508 waterborne Freetown.				
Freetown	27/11/41, 1542	H.9040 (S/95) F/Lt. Parsons, P/O Day, P/O Marshall, P/O Banfield. (N).	Airborne to escort convoy till dusk. It was not suitable for night arrival. Took off in very unpromising weather. 1640 met convoy; 32 M.V.'s, 8 P.V.'s. Returned at once in order to land at dusk. 1734 waterborne Freetown.				

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Freetown	28/11/40.	0950.	T.9040 (E/95). F/Lt. Parks, P/O Day, P/O Marshall, P/O Banfield (N). Airborne to carry out A/S patrol of sector "E". 1047 sighted M.V. "Empire Trader". 1139 sighted M.V. "Marrojo". Weather in south of sector extremely poor. Patrol in centre of sector carried out. 1615 "Empire Trader" again sighted, and escorted water until 1700. 1745 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	29/11/41.	0526.	E.9034 (E/204). F/Lt. Dagg, Sgt. Quinn, Sgt. Smith (N). Airborne to escort convoy N.S. 12. 0846 convoy composed of 16 M.V.'s, escorted by "Royal Sovereign", 2 D.R.s., 2 corvettes, 1 sloop. 1155 sighted 1 M.V. (SLASH) and S.S. "Marmojo" (Bilbao), 1455 sighted 3 corvettes. Passed message to base from "Royal Sovereign", giving her pos 1810 (correct). 1550 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	29/11/41.	1624.	T.9073 (E/95). F/Lt. Bowie, P/O Young, P/O Lovett, P/O Tucker (N). Airborne to carry out special A/S night patrol. The patrol was carried out in poor visibility with little moonlight. Nothing was seen or contacted during the entire night. 0558 waterborne Freetown.	
Freetown	30/11/41.	1410.	T.9048 (J/95). F/Lt. Filson-Young, F/Lt. Bocock, W/O Williams, Sgt. Simmons (N). Airborne to carry out A/S patrol. 1441 on patrol. 1718 sighted one M.V. (4000 tons) 1740 waterborne Freetown.	
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