

R.A.F. Form 540

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
BATHURST, H.M. COLONY GAMBIA	November October, 1943		SQUADRON PERSONNEL, as at 1st November, 1943. Establishment Posted Strength Aircraft Strength		
			Officers 33 34 Warrant Officers ... - 1 Senior N.C.O.s. 78 88 11 Other Ranks ... 156 152 267 272		
HALF DAY			OPERATIONS AND AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS - GAMBIA.		
1st	1140	O.T.10	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland B/95 met Convoy, consisting of 6 Tankers and 3 EV, in position FOWY 3838 at 1449 hours on a course of 360°. Escorted Convoy until 2008, when aircraft set course for base owing to petrol running low, position VEWY 2450 - 360 - 14½ knots. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2207 hours.	Narrative	
4th	1058		A.S.R. EXERCISE: Sunderland F/95 carried out A.S.R. Exercise. Waterborne at base, 1435 hours.	"	
5th	1153		CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland J/95 met Convoy S.L.139, consisting of 35 MV and 8 EV., at 1402 hours in position SRCU 3217, on a course of 360°, at 7 knots. Cobra patrol carried out. At 2001, in position PGZV 1158, Hospital Ship "LLANDOVERY CASTLE" sighted, fully lighted, on a southerly course at 13 knots. Convoy left at 2057 hours in position PCCU 3517, same composition, course and speed. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2305 hours.	"	
6th	0330		A/S. PATROL: Sunderland C/95 began patrol at 0420 in position TXZV 5749, patrolling to positions PSZV 3540 - 3720 - VBZV 0020 - PSCU 3520 - EBCU 3030, from which position course was set for base. At 0940, in position VBZV 0050, convoy S.L.137 sighted on course of 360° at 7 knots, this being the only sighting during the patrol. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1520 hours.	"	
7th	0250		ESCORT: Sunderland J/95 carried out escort to Tanker "GAMAS MEADOWS". Hospital ship sighted in position QQCU 4010 at 0408 hours. Position reached at 0525 and search commenced. M.F.B.I received at 0630, altering position approximately 130 miles West. "GAMAS MEADOWS" sighted in position XTPV 4248, course 090°, at 14½ knots, at 0650. Box patrol carried out at 10 miles visibility, and Tanker left in position XTPV 4250 at 1205 hours, same course and speed, a relieving Catalina aircraft having been sighted at 1155. Aircraft waterborne at base, 1530 hours.	"	
8th	1116		ARRIVAL: Sunderland Z/95 arrived from Port Etienne, where it was airborne at 1116 hours. At 1226 hours, met Task escorted by French "Wellington". Aircraft waterborne at base, 1543 hours.	"	
9th			TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT: Sunderland EK587, which arrived Bathurst on 27th October, 1943, from United Kingdom, handed-over to 204 Squadron. Authority:- A.H.Q.W.A. Signal F179, 28.10.43.	92	
14th	1355		CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland G/95 carried out escort to Convoy S.L.140. S.E. Contact with convoy at 1507 hours. At 1516 hours met convoy, consisting of 29 MV and 3 EV, in position QQCU 3919, course 356°, 7 knots. Cobra 15, visibility 10 miles. At 1900 hours, Cobra 6.	Narrative	
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HALF DIE			with S.E., visibility 2. Convoy left in position GLCU 4015 at 0030 (15th November), same composition, course and speed. Aircraft waterborne at base, 0128.		Narrative
	15th	1735	ESCORT: Sunderland P/95 escorted Tanker "NAPANIO". Met task at 1815 hours in position PQEX - 180 - 10 knots. Box patrol carried out, vis. 10 miles, until 2215, S.E. being unserviceable from 2100 hours onward. At 2215 hours a search by moonlight was commenced, but no further sighting made. Area patrolled until 0430, when course was set for base. Aircraft waterborne at base, 0630 hours.	"	"
	16th	1158	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland A/95 escorted Convoy S.L. 140. Convoy S.S. 57 (39 MV and 3 EV) sighted at 1301 hours in position KXEX 1628, course 197°, 7 knots. Task met (Convoy S.L. 140) at 1614 hours in position HXEX 1310 - 360 - 7, consisting of 32 MV and 3 EV. Escorted until 2220, when left in position HXEX 5710, same composition, course and speed. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2359 hours.	"	"
	16th	0946	COMMUNICATIONS: Sunderland G/95 left for Dakar, arriving there at 1040 hours. Return journey commenced 1620, aircraft waterborne at base 1712 hours.	"	"
	17th	2217	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland G/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.S. 57 (not met). At 2300 hours, in position PQEX 2018, starboard outer engine failed and at 2311 hours course was set for base from position PQEX 2018, 800 gallons of petrol being jettisoned. Aircraft waterborne at base at 0002 hours (18th November).	"	"
	18th	0350	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland P/95 escorted Convoy O.S. 57. After S.E. contact had been made with 2 MV at 0535 hours (probable detachments from convoy) the Convoy was met at 0545 hours in position WHEX 5631 - 110 - 8 knots. Box patrol with S.E. carried out. At 0650, an MV detached from convoy and took course of 180°, the convoy then being in position WHEX 5539. Cobra 20 and then Adder. At 0745, 2 more MV broke away from convoy in position WHEX 5346 and also took course of 180°. At 0900 hours, aircraft again over convoy and carried out Cobra 15. A relieving "Catalina" aircraft was sighted at 1230 hours, and at 1253 the convoy was left in position WHVA 3436, same course and speed, composition being 21 MV and 4 EV. Aircraft waterborne at base at 1525 hours.	"	"
	20th	1107	ARRIVAL: Sunderland G/95 arrived Bathurst 1443 hours, having carried out Coastal Recco from Port Etienne (Nil report), where it was airborne at 1107.	"	"
	21st	1226	A/S. PATROL AND MOVE: Sunderland S/95 left Bathurst 1226 hours; landed at Dakar 1318 hours to pick up a passenger. Airborne from Dakar 1403 hours, and commenced patrol at 1427 in position KXEX 0000. At 1630 hours, in position KXEX 3803, Portuguese MV "SAUDADES" sighted, making 12 knots. Aircraft came off patrol at 1716 hours in position DEX 0000 and was waterborne at Port Etienne at 1807 hours.	"	"
	22nd	0500	(Not met) ESCORT: Sunderland G/95 detailed to escort "PALMA". Following area searched without success - WHIB 2525 - DTVA 1020 - HCEX 4357 - HDTB 3020 - PQTB 4515 - NDEX 0515. Following sightings made during search for "PALMA": - 1108 hours, MV "EMPIRE BUCKLER" (sec p.3)	"	"

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22nd	0500	(not met) ESCORT: Sunderland G/95 detailed to escort "PALMA"/ Following area searched without success - WHTB 2525 - DTVA 1020 - HOMX 4357 - HOMX 3080 - PQTB 4515 - NDEX 0515. Following sightings made during search for "PALMA": 1106 hours, MV "EMPIRE BUCKLER" (see p.3)
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	22nd		<u>ESCORT</u> (Cont'd. from p.2)		
			in position WHTB 2025 - 012 - 10 knots; 1234 hours, MV "DELAIRES" in position DTVA 1000 - 315 - 13½ knots; 1318 hours, Portuguese MV "ANGOLA" in position DXEX 5853 - 328 - 11 knots. Photographs taken of 2 latter vessels. Aircraft did not meet task and was waterborne at base, 1636 hours, having left search at 1535 hours.	Narrative	
	22nd	1330	<u>TRANSIT (ARRIVAL)</u> : Sunderland DK 105 (now T/95) arrived Bathurst at 1330 hours from Port Etienne and United Kingdom. Airborne at Port Etienne at 0945 hours and waterborne at Bathurst 1330 hours.	"	
	24th	1230	<u>CONVOY ESCORT</u> : Sunderland P/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.I. 141. Convoy contacted on homing aerials at 25 miles and sighted at 1340 hours, visibility 5 miles, in position HOMX 3615 - 356 - 7½ knots. Composition 14 MV and 3 EV. Patrol Cobra and Adder 6 close. Cobra 10 carried out at 1423 hours, and Patrol Adder at 1525 hours. At 1757 hours MV "STARLING" sighted in position PQEX 1943 - 180 - 10 knots; photographs taken. Cobra 10 carried out at 1900 hours. Convoy left in position PQEX 3512 at 2105 hours, on northerly course at 7 knots. Aircraft waterborne at base, 2220 hours.	"	
	25th	0442	<u>CONVOY ESCORT</u> : Sunderland M/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.I. 141. Convoy met at 0524 hours, consisting of 14 MV and 3 EV, in position NDEX 3301 on a course of 360° at 7 knots. Cobra 7. At 0652, S.N.O. requested hourly Cobra 15 and Adder close. Relieving aircraft (French Wellington) sighted at 1210 hours, and convoy left in position REX 1502 at 1220 hours, same composition, course and speed. Aircraft waterborne at base, 1320 hours.	"	
	27th	1515	<u>TRANSIT ARRIVAL</u> : Sunderland P/95 arrived Bathurst, 1515 hours, from Port Etienne, where it was airborne at 1106 hours.	"	
	27th	1535	<u>ESCORT AND MOVE</u> : Sunderland M/95 detailed to escort Cr. SUPPER (Not Met) and move to Port Etienne. Patrol commenced at 1543 hours in position REX 5509. Task not met but the following sightings made: at 1740 hours in position HOMX 3408, 1 Spanish MV "ISLA DE TENERIFFE", course 180 - 6 knots; at 1833 hours, in position KEX 0312, Portuguese MV "QUANZA", course 180°, 13 knots; Convoy S.I. 141 also sighted. Aircraft came off patrol in position DXEX 1208 at 1948 hours and was waterborne at Port Etienne, 2045 hrs.	"	
	29th	0830	<u>A/S. SWEEP</u> : Sunderland P/95 carried out C.L.A. Search in Area A. Patrol commenced at 1021 hours vis. 5, S.E. on. At 1749, in position NDPA 5752, a two-masted fishing vessel sighted. Patrol completed without further sightings or incident at 1910 hours. Area searched: PQV 0242 - PPPA 0257 - PQPA 5357 - PQV 5342. Nil report. Aircraft waterborne at base at 2110 hours.	"	
	29th	2245	<u>TRANSIT ARRIVAL</u> : Sunderland D/95 arrived Bathurst from Port Etienne, where it was airborne at 1226 hours, having escorted Convoy R.S. 12 en route.	"	177
			<u>DETAILS OF OPERATIONS BY 95 SQUADRON AIRCRAFT FROM PORT ETIENNE SHOWN OVERLEAF.</u>		

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PORT ETIENNE.	November				
1st	2207		<u>ARRIVAL:</u> Sunderland B/95 waterborne from Escort to G/V. O.T.16 and move from Bathurst		
2nd	1200		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland Z/95 detailed to continue escort on Convoy O.T.10. Aircraft met convoy and was waterborne at Port Etienne at 2305 hours.		
5th	2300		<u>ARRIVAL:</u> Sunderland J/95 arrived Port Etienne from Bathurst, having escorted Convoy S.L.139		
6th	0700		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland D/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.139. Convoy met and Cobra 20 and Adder carried out alternately until 1230 hours, when vis. contact established. Left convoy 1300 hours, waterborne at Port Etienne 1448 hours.		
6th	1320		<u>ARRIVAL:</u> Sunderland C/95 arrived from Bathurst, having flown Special A/S Patrol on way.		
7th	0650		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland B/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.139. Convoy met and Trick Procedure carried out. Relieved by Sunderland Z/95, 1345 hours. Met Frigate "ODZAU" 45 miles astern of Convoy; 5 photographs taken. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1605 hours.		
7th	1223		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland Z/95 detailed to continue escort on Convoy S.L.139. Met task at 1345 hours, and relieved Sunderland B/95. Waterborne at Port Etienne 2245 hours.		
8th	0247		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland J/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.139. Convoy met, and aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1428 hours.		
8th	1115		<u>A/S. SWEEP AND MOVE:</u> Sunderland Z/95 detailed to sweep track of Convoy S.R.7, and move to Bathurst. Met task, escorted by French Wellington aircraft, at 1226. Waterborne at Bathurst, 1545 hours.		
8th	1053		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland D/95 detailed to continue escort on Convoy S.L.139. Convoy met at 1359; carried out Trick Procedure, Cobra 20 and Crocodile 10-20. Viper carried out for last hour before dark, and box patrol for two hours after last light. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 0002/9th.		
13th	0149		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland J/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.57. Convoy met and escorted. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1420 hours.		
13th	1027		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland D/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.57. Patrol Cobra and Adder started alternately at 1330, convoy having been met at 1300 hours. Patrolled Cobra 15 for 2 hours after last light, with S.E. Convoy left at 2118 hours, and aircraft waterborne at 2255 hours.		
14th	1222		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland C/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.57. Convoy met and escorted. Aircraft due to return to base at 2115 but instructions received from Dakar for it to remain on patrol until relieved. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2337 hours.		
16th	2359		<u>ARRIVAL:</u> Sunderland A/95 arrived from Bathurst, having escorted S.L.140 on way.		

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PORT ETIENNE.	1943 November		<u>CONVOY ESCORT:</u> Sunderland C/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.140. Convoy met, and aircraft		

		Aircraft due to return to base at 2115 but instructions received from Dakar for it to remain on patrol until relieved. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2337 hours.
16th	2359	ARRIVAL: Sunderland A/95 arrived from Bathurst, having escorted S.L.140 on way.

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PORT ETIENNE.	1943 November				
	17th	1214	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland G/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.140. Convoy met, and aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 0033/18th.		
	18th	0008	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland A/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.140. Convoy sighted visually at 0040 hours. Aircraft recalled to base because of adverse weather conditions; waterborne at 1240.		
	20th	1110	COASTAL RECCO AND MOVE: Sunderland C/95 detailed to carry out Coastal Recco and move to Bathurst. Aircraft waterborne at Bathurst 1443 hours.		
	21st	0650	A/S. PATROL: Sunderland J/95 detailed to carry out A/S Patrol for U-boat. U-boat not seen, but convoy O.S.58 sighted. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1755 hours.		
	21st	1600	DK105 (now T/95) ARRIVAL: Sunderland X/95 arrived from Gibraltar and United Kingdom.		
	21st	1755	ARRIVAL: Sunderland S/95 arrived from Bathurst.		
	22nd	0656	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland D/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.58. Convoy not met. At 1135 hours, the Port Inner engine began to give trouble and aircraft returned to Port Etienne, where it was waterborne at 1454 hours.		
	22nd	0945	DEPARTURE: Sunderland X/95 DK105 (now T/95) left for Bathurst.		
	22nd	1245	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland A/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.58. Spanish MV "ESPAÑO ORI BITARTE" sighted, and also D/95 seen returning to base after searching for Convoy. O.S.58 met, 1535. Aircraft recalled before last light, and waterborne at Port Etienne at 1816.		
	23rd	1235	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland S/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.58, which was met and escorted until 2104 hours. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2205.		
	24th	0650	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland J/95 detailed to escort Convoy O.S.58. Convoy met, and aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1644 hours.		
	25th	0705	A/S. PATROL: Sunderland D/95 detailed to carry out A/S Patrol for U-Boat. Portuguese cargo liner "ANGOLA" sighted at 0803. C.L.A. Patrol commenced at 1014 hours. Portuguese MV "BAYLUNDO" sighted at 1408. U-Boat not found, and course set for base at 1500 hours; aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1833.		
	27th	0340	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland A/95 detailed to escort S.L.141. Convoy located at 0500 hours, and patrolled until dawn at 6 - 8 miles on S.E. Relieved by Sunderland D/95 at 1530, and waterborne at Port Etienne, 1440 hours.		
	27th	0500	A/S. PATROL: Sunderland S/95 detailed to carry out search for U-Boat. Nothing sighted, and aircraft was waterborne at Port Etienne, 1725 hours.		

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PORT ETIENNE	1943 November				
	27th 27/11	0700	A/S. PATROL: Sunderland J/95 detailed to locate and sweep track of Force F.X - French Cruiser "JEANNE D'ARC". Cruiser met and patrol completed. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1710 hours.		
	27th	1106	DEPARTURE: Sunderland B/95 left for Bathurst.		
	27th	1235	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland D/95 detailed to escort Convoy S.L.141. Convoy sighted visually at 1319. Trick Procedure carried out at 1323, and Cobra 15 hourly and then Adder and then close patrols started at 1419. Cobra 15 maintained for 2 hours after last light. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2210 hours.		
	27th	2045	ARRIVAL: Sunderland M/95 waterborne at Port Etienne after move from Bathurst and A/S. Escort to French Cruiser "SUFFREN"; cruiser not seen.		
	28th	0432	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland A/95 detailed to escort convoy S.L.141. Over convoy at 0500 and Cobra 8 on S.E. carried out until dawn. A large ship which had been noted on S.E. behind convoy proved at dawn to be French Cruiser "SUFFREN", steaming North at 20 knots. As Sunderland M/95 had failed to locate the cruiser on the previous day, aircraft proceeded 40 miles ahead of S.L.141 and sent "SUFFREN'S" position, course and speed to base. Relieved by J/95 at 1330 hours, and waterborne at xxxx Port Etienne, 1459 hours.		
	28th	1055	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland S/95 continued escort on Convoy R.S.12. Aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 2225 hours.		
	28th	1235	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland J/95 met and escorted S.L.141; waterborne at Port Etienne, 2225.		
	29th	0400	CONVOY ESCORT: Sunderland M/95 escorted S.L.141. Convoy met, and aircraft waterborne at Port Etienne, 1535 hours.		
	29th	1230	A/S. SWEEP: Sunderland A/95 detailed to sweep track of S.L.141. Did not meet at E.T.I. and so carried out rectangular search and located well ahead and East of position, at 1630. Flew 30 miles ahead and commenced creeping line-ahead patrol 30 miles on each side of track. Intercepted "Not Met" signal from French Sunderland "C", which had been detailed to give close cover. At 1815, received signal "Escort S.L.141 until 2045". Returned to convoy and carried out Cobra 8 on S.E. Left convoy 2046; waterborne at Port Etienne 2320.		
	29th	1225	CONVOY ESCORT AND MOVE: Sunderland D/95 detailed to escort Convoy R.S.12, and move to Bathurst. S.E. contact at 28 miles made at 1335. Over convoy at 1347. Trick procedure carried out. On patrol until 1700. Patrol maintained with S.E. until 2046, when course was set for base. Aircraft waterborne at Bathurst, 2247 hours.		

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1943 November			ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS: HALF DIE, GAMBIA		

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			Escort. A/S. Patrol. Recce. Total.		
			Sorties 12 3 - 15)		
			Flying Hours 119.42 27.26 - 147.08 } Grand Total of Flying Hours.		
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			Sorties 22 6 1 29 } 442.00		
			Flying Hours 230.53 60.26 03.33 294.52 }		
			AIRCRAFT SERVICEABILITY: Gambia .83; Port Etienne 2.1; Total 2.93.		
			WEATHER SUMMARY		
			BATHURST, GAMBIA: A. 1st - 14th November: During this period the showery type of weather with high dew points persisted, although only a trace of rain was recorded. Lightning to the South-East was a prominent feature and on several occasions thunder was heard. Cloud was usually well-broken Cumulus and Cumulo-Nimbus, with very variable amounts of medium and high cloud. Visibility was mainly 6 - 12 miles. Haze occurred during the first few days reducing the visibility to 2,000 - 4,000 yards. Winds were light West to North-West.		
			B. 14th - 30th November: This period marked the onset of the dry season. A well marked lowering of dew point and vapour pressure was recorded on the 14th. On only one occasion was low cloud reported, and this was in the form of a distant isolated Cumulo-Nimbus. Very variable amounts of medium and high cloud were recorded but only on a few occasions did the total amount exceed 7/10. Visibility was generally 6 - 12 miles, haze reducing the visibility to 4,000 yards on a few occasions. Light North-North-West winds during the afternoon, becoming moderate to fresh North-Easterly during the night and on a few occasions Easterly.		
			PORT ETIENNE, FRENCH WEST AFRICA: Weather was generally fair throughout November, apart from the afternoon of the 18th, when visibility deteriorated in haze to one mile; visibility was generally good; there was neither low cloud nor precipitation. Winds were mostly from the N.E., often backing to the N.W. in the afternoon. On 4 occasions, the dawn wind gave a sea swell too rough for take-off, but on no occasion was the sea too rough for night landings after 2100 hours.		

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Flying Officer (A/F/L) S. ROWAN Promoted to Temporary Flight Lieutenant, w.e.f. 29.9.43.					
<u>Acting Ranks.</u>					
Flying Officer I. B. OGILVIE Promoted to Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 18.9.43.					
Squadron Leader (A/W/Cdr.) P.R. HATFIELD: Reinstated to Acting rank of Wing Commander w.e.f. 23.10.43, the date on which he was admitted to Hospital.					
Pilot Officer P. B. WHARTON: Promoted to Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 30.10.43.					
<u>POSTINGS - OFFICERS.</u>					
Flying Officer L. I. GUNN (RCAF) Posted to Home Establishment, 14.11.43. Flight Lieutenant S. ROWAN " " 14.11.43 Flying Officer L. K. J. SPURRAY Arrived this unit by air on posting from H.E., 22.11.43. Flying Officer K. G. MULLETT " " 22.11.43 Flying Officer D. A. ROGGER " " 22.11.43					
<u>ADMISSION TO AND DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL.</u>					
Squadron Leader (A/W/Cdr.) P.R. HATFIELD: Discharged from 55th General Hospital, 3.11.43. Flying Officer G. SCOTT PORREST: Admitted to 55th General Hospital, 6.11.43. Flying Officer G. SCOTT PORREST: Discharged from 55th General Hospital, 15.11.43. Flying Officer F. FIELD: Admitted to 55th General Hospital, 24.11.43.					
<u>SQUADRON PERSONNEL - as at 30th November, 1943.</u>					
<u>Establishment Posted Strength Aircraft Strength</u>					
Officers 33 35 Warrant Officers - 1 Senior N.C.O.s. 78 93 Other Ranks 156 148					
TOTAL ... 267 277 11					
<u>SQUADRON BADGE AND MOTTO.</u> A.M.Q. N.905/43 was received during the month of November, reading as follows -					
<u>"N.905 - His Majesty has graciously approved the undermentioned badge; and</u>					

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reading as follows -
 "N.905 - Unit Badges. His Majesty has graciously approved the undermentioned badge and

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 See instructions for use of this form in K.R. and A.C.I.
 Form 2349, and War Manual, Pt. II, chapter XX, and
 notes in R.A.F. Pocket Book.

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			SQUADRON BADGE AND MOTTO (Contd)		
			mottoes for the units concerned, and they may now be taken into use as laid down in A.M.C. A 14-36:-		
			Unit. Badge. Motto. No. 95 Squadron. On a mount in waves of the sea in front of Trans Mare Exivi. a palm tree a Crowned Crane displayed.		
			POLICY - CENTRALISED MAINTENANCE		
			The following letter was received from Air Headquarters, West Africa:- To:- Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Bathurst. Date:- 19th November, 1943. Ref.:- WA/5901/30/ENG. Centralised Maintenance. A revised establishment for R.A.F. Station, Bathurst, placing the servicing of 95 and 204 SQUADRONS on a centralised basis is now being prepared for submission to Air Ministry. This establishment will provide for all servicing at Bathurst being organised on a maintenance wing basis under a chief technical officer. It is proposed to bring this new organisation and establishment into force on January 1st, 1944. A comprehensive instruction on this organisation will shortly be forwarded and the new Station Engineer Officer will be fully briefed at this Head- quarters. 2. In the meantime it is therefore important that any re-allocation of technical accommodation should be such that it will fall into place in the new organisation and all sections should be centralised now as far as possible. This applies particularly to Electrical and Instrument maintenance. An Electrical Officer for Bathurst is due to arrive shortly and he is to assume full responsibility for the organisation and supervision of all electrical and instrument work on the station, including servicing in Nos. 95 and 204 SQUADRONS. All maintenance personnel in these trades including those on Squadron strength are to be under his direction during working hours. There is to be only one Electrical and Instrument Workshop and Store wherein all special equipment and spares are to be centralised. All repair, calibration and test work is to be carried out in this shop except that which the Electrical Officer considers it desirable to carry out on the aircraft. The centralisation of these workshops and stores is to be put in hand immediately.		
			(Signed) J. COLE-HAMILTON Air Vice-Marshal, Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F., West Africa.		
			<i>J. Cole-Hamilton</i> W/Cdr. Officer Commanding, No. 95 Squadron, R.A.F.		18

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