

R.A.F. Form 540

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## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) 95 Squadron, R.A.F.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	<u>SECRET.</u>	References to Appendices
BATHURST H.M. COLONY GAMBIA.	DECEMBER 1953.		<u>SQUADRON PERSONNEL</u> , as at 1st December, 1953. Establishment.	Posted. Strength.	Aircraft. Strength.
			Officers. 33 Warrant Officers. - 2 S.M.C.O's. 78 92 Other Ranks. 156 148 Total. 267 277	11. 22.	
			<u>OPERATIONS AND AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS - GAMBIA.</u>		
4th	10.20.		<u>ARRIVAL.</u> Sunderland A/95 arrived from Port Etienne where it was airborne at 10.30 hours. It carried out A/S Patrol en route, and was waterborne at Bathurst at 15.00 hours.	Narrative.	
5th	06.10.		<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland P/95 met convoy S.L. 142 at 04.56 hours in position 14° 10' N. 17° 41' W. on a Northerly Course. The convoy comprised 22 MV's and 3 HV's. Box patrol carried out at 10 miles with S/E checks. At 06.09 an S/E contact was made believed to be convoy GS.59 Southbound. At 07.05 the aircraft was over the convoy again in position 14° 36' N., 17° 40' W., on a course of 360° at 8 knots. Adder patrol carried out. Aircraft left convoy at 13.35 in position 15° 17' N. 17° 36' W. Same composition force and speed. No relief aircraft was seen. It arrived back at base at 14.45 hours.		
6th	03.40.		<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland T/95 met convoy at 04.59 in position 11° 10' N. 17° 38' W. comprising 19 MV's with 5 HV's on a course 176 degs. at 9 knots. At 07.15 Cobra patrol was carried out visibility 12 miles. At 08.00 6 MV's left the convoy on a course of 242 degs. at 8 knots. Convoy left at 11.07 in position 10 degs 19 mins. N. 17 degs. 34 mins W. speed 8.5 knots. Composition 15 MV's 5 HV's. Relief was not sighted. Aircraft waterborne at Bathurst 13.10.		
7th	14.35.		<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland T/95 carried out escort to force F.I. At 15.06 trawler sighted in position 12 51' N. 17 10' W. speed 6 knots. The force met in position 12 14' N. 18 18' W. on a course 357 degs. at 19 knots. Box patrol 30 by 15 ahead. At 19.45 using S/E, the aircraft swept 30 miles ahead and 7 miles on each side. Force left in position 14 00' N. 18 15' W. course 360 degs. at 19 knots. At 2304 hours aircraft waterborne at Bathurst at 00.32/8th.		
10th	18.25.		<u>ESCORT TO MV. DEMPO.</u> Sunderland T/95 met the MV, with two HV's in position 11 30' N. 17 35' W. at 19.38 hours, course 136 degs. at 15 knots. At 20.00 hours a closed V Patrol commenced 30 miles ahead and 10 miles each side of track using S/E. One neutral MV sighted at 01.20/11 in position 10 09' N. 17 02' W. course 137 degs. at 10 knots. Estimated tonnage 5000. The DEMPO was left in position 9 45' N. 16 55' W. at 01.59 hours. Same composition force and speed. Aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 04.18/11.		
12th			<u>ARRIVAL.</u> Sunderland S/95 with W/Cdr. Thomas commanding 295 Wing during absence on duty of G/C. J.R. Constable-Roberts, on board, arrived from Dakar having stopped the night there en route from Port Etienne. Aircraft waterborne at Bathurst at 09.23 hours.		

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HALF DIE	December 13th	10.50	<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland P/95 met convoy S.L. 143 at 13.02 hours in position 9° 38' N 16° 38' W. Composition 23 M.V.'s and 4 E.V.'s. Course 312° at 7° knots. Crocodile Patrol carried out. S.E. apparatus became u/s at 17.30 hours. At 17.50 Box Patrol at 4 miles carried out; at 19.10 Rox 15. At 20.25 in position 10° 16' N 17° 19' W same course and speed the convoy was left. Aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 23.10 hours.	"	Narrative
	13th	11.45	<u>ESCAPE.</u> The task was escort to Tanker "ENTRE CHIETANI" and was carried out by Sunderland P/95. Patrol commenced at 13.21 hours in position 12° 10' N 19° 40' W visibility 3. At 14.10 in position 13° 38' N 19° 28' W the tanker was sighted at a course 174° degs. speed 12 knots. Photographs were taken. Patrol was carried out 30 miles ahead and 10 miles each side of task. Visibility 2 using S/E. The tanker was left in position 11° 44' N 19° 56' W course 160 degs. at 10 knots time 22.18 hours. The aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 00.30/1.	"	"
	14th	09.00	<u>ARRIVAL.</u> Sunderland J/95 arrived from Port Etienne having swept track of convoy O.S. 60 en route. Aircraft waterborne at Bathurst at 16.20 hours.	"	"
	14th		<u>TRANSIT ARRIVAL.</u> Sunderland DW 507 arrived from Port Etienne having travelled from U.K. via Gibraltar. It was airborne at P.E. at 11.20 hours on 14th and waterborne at Bathurst 15.10 hrs. It was allotted Squadron number R/95. <i>Capt T/C T. Davis ex 95 Sqd. 2nd pilot</i>	"	"
	15th	02.30	<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland P/95 met convoy S.L. 143 at 03.29 in position 13° 13' N 18° 20' W. Cobra Patrol at 10 miles using S/E was carried out. At 07.10 convoy was in position 13° 40' N 18° 20' W. Composition 23 M.V.'s 4 E.V.'s, course 015 degs. at 7° knots. Crocodile 15 was carried out. At 07.30 2 MVs and 1 EV detached to East. At 10.48 the aircraft left the convoy to locate the portion joining from Bakar. This was met at 11.30 in position 14° 40' N 17° 41' W and comprised 2 MVs with 2 EVs. course 252 degs. at 6 knots. A bearing was given and the aircraft rejoined the convoy at 11.56 hours carrying out Crocodile 15. Relieving aircraft was sighted at 13.02 and the convoy left at 13.15 in position 14° 30' N 18° 04' W on a course of 018 degs. at 7° knots. Composition 21 MVs, 3 EVs. S/95 waterborne at Bathurst at 14.20 hours.	"	"
	15th	05.26	<u>CONVOY ESCORT.</u> Sunderland C/95 met convoy O.S. 60 at 06.12 in position 13° 38' N 17° 45' W and carried out Cobra 15. The aircraft was over the convoy at 07.45. Composition 16 MVs, 3 EVs. Course 180 degs. at 9 knots. At 08.50 2 MVs, 1 EV sighted in position 13° 28' N 18° 00' W.	"	"

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HALF DIE	December		course 090 degs. at 10 knots. At 09.50 Adder Patrol carried out. At 14.38 Portuguese IV.	"	Narrative

CONVOY ESCORT. Sunderland B/95 met convoy O.S.60 at 06.12 in position 13 38' N 17 45' W  
and carried out Cobra 15. The aircraft was over the convoy at 07.45. Composition 16 MVs, 3 EVs. Course 180 degs. at 9 knots. At 08.50 2 MVs, 1 EV sighted in position 13 28' N 18 00' W.

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HALF DIE	December		course 090 degs. at 10 knots. At 09.30 Adder Patrol carried out. At 14.38 Portuguese MV 'AFRICA OCCIDENTAL' sighted in position 12 13' N 17 50' W, course 100 degs at 8 knots. The S.O. of convoy was informed. The convoy was left at 16.30 hours in position 12 03' N 17 41' W same composition, course and speed. A tanker in the convoy was seen to be leaving an oil streak 4 miles long. The aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 17.35 hours.	"	Narrative
15th	15.13		CONVOY ESCORT. Sunderland B/95 met convoy O.S.60 at 16.10 hours in position 12 10' N 17 38' W Composition 16 MVs, 3 EVs, course 174 degs. at 9 knots. Adder Patrol carried out. At 17.30 hrs. Cobra 10 was carried out, visibility 10. At 18.30 hours the aircraft left the convoy and at 18.40 met convoy S.R.8, in position 11 30' N 17 52' W, course 343 degs. speed 13½ knots. Composition 2 MVs, 2 EVs. Creeping Line Ahead to a distance of 40 miles was carried out until 19.22 hours. At 19.30 hours the aircraft was again with convoy O.S.60 and carried out Cobra 10. The convoy was left at 23.56 hrs. in position 11 00' N 17 35' W. The aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 01.26/16.	"	"
16th	07.33		CONVOY ESCORT AND MOVE TO P.E. Sunderland B/95 met convoy S.L.143 at 09.33 in position 16 38' N 17 02' W comprising 21 MVs, 3 EVs. Course 000 degs at 7 knots. Crocodile 15 was carried out. Convoy was left at 17.10 in position 17 30' N 17 02' W, same composition, course and speed. The aircraft was waterborne at Port Etienne at 18.45 hours.	"	"
16th	14.58		CONVOY ESCORT AND MOVE TO P.E. Sunderland B/95 met Convoy S.L.143 at 17.30 in position 17 50' N 17 57' W. Course 000 degs, speed 7 knots, composition 21 MVs, 3 EVs. Crocodile then Cobra 10 was carried out until 01.30/17, when the convoy was left in position 19 16' N 18 00' W. Same composition, course and speed. S/E was used throughout. The aircraft was waterborne at Port Etienne at 01.05/17 hours.	"	"
16th	16.02		REPORT Sunderland B/95 escorted MV 'NEW NORTHLAND' and 2 EVs. The vessels were met in the Gambia Fairway at 16.10 hours. At 16.30 the aircraft had to return to base on account of airframe vibration, 900 gallons of fuel being jettisoned. It was waterborne at Bathurst at 17.07 hours.	"	"

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HAIF DYE	December 18th	12.39	A/S SWEEP Sunderland R/95 proceeded to Port Etienne carrying out A/S Sweep. The only sighting was at 16.30 in position 19 58' N 17 35' W, where 3 MVs were met on a course of 183 degs. at 6 knots. The aircraft was waterborne at P.E. at 18.26 hours.	"	Narrative
	21st	09.48	A/S SWEEP Sunderland J/95 took off from Bathurst at 09.48 and swept the track of MV 'NEW CHANG'. The weather was very hazy, otherwise nothing to report. Aircraft was waterborne at JUT at 14.48 hours.	"	
	21st	11.25	A/S SWEEP AND MAVZ TO PORT ETIENNE. Sunderland R/95 proceeded from Bathurst to P.E. carrying out A/S Sweep. The only sighting was a sailing ship of 150 tons at 14.52 in position 19 20' N 17 08' W, course 320 at 3 knots. S/E was used throughout the sweep. The aircraft was waterborne at P.E. at 15.42 hours.	"	
	22nd	10.50	ARRIVAL. Sunderland R/95 arrived from Port Etienne having carried out A/S Sweep en route. The only sighting was Portuguese MV 'COLONIAL' during sweep down 18 30' W, three photographs being taken. Aircraft was waterborne at Bathurst at 1555 hours.	"	
	22nd	11.45	ARRIVAL. Sunderland R/95 arrived from Port Etienne having carried out A/S Sweep en route and was waterborne at Bathurst at 16.31 hours.	"	
	22nd		A/S SWEEP. Sunderland J/95 took off from JUT at 10.10 for Abijan, where it arrived at 1740 hrs. The aircraft was briefed at JUT to carry out A/S Sweep enroute. The Commanding Officer took off. The aircraft swept the track of Convoy S.T.L.S. climbing to 4500 feet to avoid cumulus clouds and met the convoy at 1218 after picking up B lip at 25 miles on the Port bow. Visibility 1 to 3 miles and very hazy conditions. A small chart of Abijan had been obtained, also information concerning landing, moorings, marine service, station etc. Several photographs were taken. When landing at Abijan, most flying boats use N - S waterway, regardless of wind. The take off and landing run are over 1 mile in length; width of waterway not unlike JUT. There are 4 buoys, one refueller very slow in pumping, one power boat and one dinghy. The Commanding Officer is of the rank of Squadron Leader and 16 airmen make up the strength of the Station. It is advised that wireless telegraph messages be sent to Takoradi. Feeding is a difficult problem, aircrew dining at French restaurants, the cost being met by the R.A.F. Abijan is a very beautiful town and most enjoyable, apart from the fact that there are no washing facilities.	"	

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HALF DUE	December		wine is the universal drink. It is undesirable to go u/s or the engineers will be worked to death, as facilities are non-existent. Aircraft was waterborne at 1755 hours.	"	Narrative
	24th	10.50	CONVOY S. Sunderland A/95 left for Dakar and arrived back on the return journey being waterborne at 1442 hours.	"	"
	24th	.	A/S SWEEP. Sunderland A/95 was airborne at Abijan at 0625 hours and commenced patrol at 0640. At 0926 in position 4° 38' N. 8° 51' W. a convoy consisting of 2 MVs was seen on a course of 120 degs. at 8 knots. The aircraft did not go over the convoy, no recognition signals having been issued at Abijan. Flying conditions were terrible, cumulus and CuNimb. present and it was impossible to climb over the clouds. Aircraft flying at 4/500 feet most of the way. At 1216 aircraft was in position 7° 30' N. 13° 00' W. At 1544 in position 11° 32' N. 18° 00' W. the convoy S.L. 1/4, consisting of 15 MVs, 4 EVs on a course of 360 degs at 8 knots was seen. Owing to lack of recognition signals the aircraft remained 6 miles from convoy and came off patrol at 1701 in position 13° 30' N. 18° 00' W. It was waterborne at Bathurst at 1755 hours.	"	"
	31st	20.50	CONVOY ESCORT. Sunderland C/95 was relieved over convoy R.S. 13 at 2209 in position 11° 28' N. 17° 33' W on a Southerly course at 17 knots and carried our Cobra 15. At 2308 an S/E contact 18/3000 homing was made - probably aircraft. At 2312 contact was lost but aircraft proceeded to circle and in position 10° 41' N. 17° 32' W contact was regained and followed for 5 miles without any sighting. At 0038 1st January, 1944, the aircraft was in contact with i.FV. 28 miles from convoy in position 10° 41' N. 17° 55' W, course 180 degs, speed 15 knots and at 0233 in position 10° 09' N. 17° 44' W it saw one aircraft at 2000 feet. At 0340 the generator went u/s on account of fire. The aircraft came off task in position 9° 46' N. 16° 40' W. no relief a/c being seen and was waterborne at Bathurst at 08.15/1st January.	"	"
			DETAILS OF OPERATIONS BY 95 SQUADRON AIRCRAFT FROM HERE EXTREME SHOWN OVERLEAF.		

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PORT ETIENNE	December 2nd	0350	Sunderland A/95 airborne to locate and sweep track of force F. Gr Georges Leygues. The Gr was met and the patrol completed and 'A' was waterborne at 1555 hours.		
		1014	Sunderland V/95 airborne on escort to O.S. 59. Met, and waterborne at 2225 hours.		
	3rd	0345	Sunderland S/95 airborne on escort to O.T. 11. The convoy was met and the aircraft was waterborne at 1555		
		1140	Sunderland J/95 was airborne on escort to O.T. 11 which was met and escorted and the aircraft was waterborne at 2305		
	4th	0335	Sunderland S/95 was airborne on escort to O.S. 59. The C/V was met and escorted without incident and the aircraft was waterborne at 1505 hours.		
		1020	Sunderland A/95 was airborne on an A/S Sweep along the track of O.S. 59. It arrived at Bathurst at 1500 hours.		
	6th	1015	Sunderland J/95 was airborne on escort to Convoy S.L. 142 which was met and escorted until 2106. Aircraft was waterborne at 2215.		
	7th	0449	Sunderland M/95 was airborne to escort S.L. 142. Unfortunately after meeting the C/V the A/C developed engine trouble and was forced to return to base. 'M' was waterborne at 0757 hours.		
		2010	Sunderland S/95 was airborne on the right escort to S.L. 142, the C/V was met and escorted, the A/C arrived back at base at 0920/9.		
	8th	0700	Sunderland J/95 was airborne on escort to S.L. 142. the C/V was met and the A/C was waterborne at 1825 hours.		
		1527	Sunderland M/95 was airborne to continue the escort on S.L. 142. The c/v was escorted without incident and the a/c was waterborne at 0343/9.		
	11th	1054	Sunderland S/95 was airborne on Recce and move to Bathurst.		
*	12th	0710	Sunderland J/95 airborne on escort to Convoy O.S. 60 which was met and escorted. 'J' was waterborne at 1840.		
	13th	0725	Sunderland M/95 was airborne on escort to O.S. 60. The Convoy was met and the A/C waterborne at 1841 hours.		
		1620	Sunderland B/95 arrived from Gibraltar and U.K.		
	14th	0900	Sunderland J/95 airborne on Move to Bathurst and sweep track of O.S. 60.		

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PORT ETIENNE	December 11th	1123	Reinforcement Sunderland 2 P/Os		

		1620	Sunderland B/95 arrived from Gibraltar and U.K.
14th	0900		Sunderland J/95 airborne on Move to Bathurst and sweep track of O.S.60.
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PONT ETIENNE	December 14th	1123	Reinforcement Sunderland B/95 airborne in transit for Bathurst, arriving at 1510.		
	16th	1835	Sunderland J/95 arrived as a reinforcement aircraft from Bathurst having escorted S.I. 143 on its northward journey.		
	17th	0305	Arrival Sunderland S/95 after escorting Convoy S.I. 143 - Met, during move from Bathurst to Port Etienne.		
		0806	Sunderland M/95 was airborne on continued escort to Convoy S.I. 143, which was met and escorted. "M" was waterborne at 2058.		
		2207	Sunderland M/95 was airborne on escort to Convoy S.R. 8 which was met and escorted. "M" was waterborne at 1649/18		
	18th	0705	Sunderland S/95 was airborne on escort to Convoy S.I. 143, Convoy was met and escorted and the aircraft was waterborne at 1835.		
		1826	Sunderland R/95 was waterborne after A/S Sweep and move from Bathurst.		
	21st	1542	Arrival Sunderland B/95 from Bathurst on A/S Sweep and Move.		
	22nd	0724	Sunderland R/95 was airborne to locate and sweep the track of "Suffren". The vessel was met and the aircraft was waterborne at 1826 hours.		
		1050	Sunderland M/95 was airborne on A/S Sweep and Move to Bathurst, arriving there at 1555 hours.		
	22nd	1145	Sunderland B/95 was airborne on A/S Sweep of the track of "Suffren". The a/c was waterborne at Dakar at 1509 hours, airborne again at 1542 hrs, and eventually arrived at Bathurst at 1631 hours.		
	25th	0545	Sunderland S/95 was airborne on escort to O.S.61. The C/V was met and the A/C was waterborne at 1340		
		1130	T/95 left to relieve S/95 on O.S.61. The C/V was met and the a/c was waterborne at 1905. Poor conditions necessitated the early recall of this a/c.		
	27th	1044	R/95 was airborne on escort to Convoy S.I. 144. The Convoy was met, but the aircraft returned to base early, owing to engine trouble, and was waterborne at 1617.		
	28th	0725	Sunderland R/95 was airborne to locate and sweep track of O.S.67. The task was completed and the a/c was waterborne at 1835 hrs.		
	29th	0405	Sunderland S/95 airborne on escort to S.I. 144. Met, and waterborne at 1600 hours	60	

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1943 December			<u>ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS: HALF DIS GAMBA</u>		
			Escort A/S. PATROL Recon Total		
			Sorties 13 5 - 18		
			Flying Hours 135.13 36.17 - 171.30	Grand Total of Flying Hours	
				416.52.	
			<u>FORT ETIENNE, FRENCH WEST AFRICA</u>		
			Sorties 18 8 - 26		
			Flying hours 189.45 55.37 - 245.22		
			AIRCRAFT SERVICEABILITY : Bathurst 1.2; Port Etienne 1.6; Total 2.8		
			Note : Average additional aircraft available at Bathurst for training - 1.6		
			<u>WEATHER SUMMARY</u>		
BATHURST GAMBIA			A. 1st - 15th December. Fair to fine. No low cloud, varying amounts of medium and high cloud. Visibility excellent becoming good to moderate. Winds light NE'ly at night, light to moderate NW'ly by day.		
			B. 16th - 21st December. Cloudy. Intermittent light or moderate rain. Broken St. and Sc. cloud at times, lowering occasionally to 600 ft. with 9/10-10/10 medium cloud. Visibility moderate to good, decreasing to poor during the 21st. Winds moderate to fresh N-NW.		
			C. 22nd - 31st December. Fair to fine. No low cloud, varying amounts of medium and high cloud. Visibility moderate to good. Winds light, mainly NW'ly by day, NE'ly at night.		
PORTE ETIENNE FRENCH WEST AFRICA			The outstanding feature of the month's weather was a period of about a week during the middle of the month when considerable amounts of medium cloud obtained, associated with SW'ly upper winds; at times the cloud base fell to 5-6000 ft. and on two occasions there was slight rain. On the 25th, squally conditions at the 4000 feet level were reported at 1400 hours at position 20°18'W, otherwise weather was normal.		
			<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u>		
			Flying Officer J.A. SHIELD Appointed to Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 1.11.43		
			Flying Officer M.J. SEARS Appointed to Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 14.11.43		
			<u>POSTINGS - OFFICERS</u>		
			Flying Officer T.C. TUDERT (MED) Posted to No. 204 Squadron w.e.f. 17.11.43		
			Flying Officer A.D. MACK Posted to Home Establishment w.e.f. 12.12.43		
			Flying Officer B.J. HONEY " " " " 16.12.43		
			Flight Lieutenant J. MERRALL " " " " 26.12.43		
			Flying Officer (A/F/L) P.B. WHARTON " " " " 26.12.43		

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Personnel posted to this establishment		Posted to Home Establishment w.e.f. 12.12.43					
	Flying Officer B.J. HONEY	"	"	"	"	"	16.12.43
	Flight Lieutenant J. MERRALL	"	"	"	"	"	26.12.43
	Flying Officer (A/F/L) P.B. WHARTON	"	"	"	"	"	26.12.43

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<u>POSTING - OFFICERS (continued)</u>					
			Flying Officer B.W. HATHING Arrived this unit by air on posting from H.E. w.e.f. 14.12.43		
			Flying Officer H.A.S. DOUGHTY "	" " "	14.12.43
			Flight Lieutenant H.N. PHILLIPS "	" " "	11.11.43
			Flying Officer R.J. DEBENHAM "	" " "	11.11.43
			Flying Officer C. BULLOCK "	" " "	11.11.43
			Flight Lieutenant K.G. POWLER (MED) "	" " "	11.11.43
<u>ADMISSION TO AND DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL</u>					
			Flying Officer P.P. FIELD Discharged from 55th General Hospital 2.12.43		
<u>SQUADRON PERSONNEL AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1943.</u>					
Establishment      Posted strength      Aircraft Strength					
Officers			34	37	
Warrant Officers			-	2	
Senior N.C.O.'s			78	111	
Other Ranks			155	152	
TOTAL			267	303	12
<u>PARADE - 13TH DECEMBER</u>					
The Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice Marshal J.B. Cole-Hamilton, C.B., C.B.E., visited the Squadron on 13th December, to present the Crest approved (November P.540). The Squadron was paraded on the slipway, Half Tie, at 1430 hours. The A.O.C. gave a short address and formally presented the Commanding Officer with the crest. The Station Commander, Wing Commander E.P. Pippet, was present at the ceremony. A photograph of the parade and of the crest are attached as appendices.					
<u>APPENDIX "A".</u>					
<u>AWARD OF D.F.M.</u>					
968502 F/SGT Peter Barrington Wharton (now A/F/Lt) was awarded the D.F.M. on 24.12.43.					
<u>NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.</u>					
FORMS 541.					
FORMS 765A					
<u>P.R. Hayfield</u>					
Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 95 Squadron, R.A.F.					
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