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	MARCH, 1945.		on shore
BATHURST.	1st.	10.31.	A.S. FOR MOSQUITO. Sunderland X/95 sighted the Mosquito at 11.35 and dropped two Bircham Barrels and a dinghy pack. At 13.17 the aircraft was waterborne in Cachan River and at 14.20 a rescue party was sent ashore. At 17.00 the Mosquito was not alight and destroyed and the rescue party returned to the aircraft with the crew at 17.50. At 18.20 Z/95 was airborne on return and was waterborne at base at 19.07.
	2nd.	11.01.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland X/95 received orders to return to base at 11.57 and was waterborne at 13.08. Port Etienne unfit - visibility on patrol 1-2 miles.
	2nd.	10.54.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland X/95 received orders to return to base at 11.57 and was waterborne at 13.28. Port Etienne unfit - visibility as above.
	4th.	10.57.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland X/95 completed the patrol and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.25.
		11.00	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO PORT ETIENNE. Sunderland D/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 19.18.
PORT ETIENNE.	5th.	10.04.	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO BATHURST. Sunderland C/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 18.02.
BATHURST.	6th.	10.56.	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO PORT ETIENNE. Sunderland J/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 18.30.
	6th.	12.27.	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO PORT ETIENNE. Sunderland X/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at PORT ETIENNE at 20.35.
PORT ETIENNE.	7th.	09.46.	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO BATHURST. Sunderland X/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.43.
	7th.	09.45.	A.S. PATROL AND MOVE TO BATHURST. Sunderland J/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at BATHURST at 17.50. Patrol followed U-boat sighting by transit Catalina (approximating to current U-boat appreciation)
BATHURST.	13th.	16.10.	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland J/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 0124/14th. Patrol followed U-boat sighting by transit Catalina (approximating to current U-boat appreciation)
	"	18.20	A.S. PATROL. Sunderland D/95 obtained an S.E. Contact at 22.00. The aircraft homed on this contact but lost it at $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. An endeavour was made to regain contact without success and the patrol was resumed at 22.10. D/95 came off patrol at 0159/14th and was waterborne at base at 06.50/14th.

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BATHURST.	13th.	18.13	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland G/95 was on patrol from 22.20 to 02.28/14th with nil result and was waterborne at 06.55/14th.		
"	"	18.13.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland Z/95 was on patrol from 20.38 to 01.50/14th during which one S.E. contact was investigated with nil result. The aircraft was waterborne at 07.22/14th.		
"	14th.	07.00	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland S/95 was on patrol from 09.34 to 16.04 with nil result and was waterborne at 19.30.		
"	14th.	20.28	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland K/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 10.12/15th.		
"	14th.	20.33	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland J/95 was on patrol from 22.14 to 06.36/15th with nil result and was waterborne at 09.43/15th.		
"	"	20.49.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland B/95 was on patrol at 22.35. At 06.52/15th an S.E. Contact was made and investigated but lost. The aircraft came off patrol at 0731/15th and was waterborne at 11.05/15th.		
"	15th.	18.53.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland D/95 was on patrol from 20.40 to 03.52/16th with nil result and was waterborne at 07.00/16th.		
"	16th.	10.09.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland Z/95 was on patrol from 12.00 to 19.51 with nil result and was waterborne at 23.37.		
"	17th.	00.06.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland B/95 completed the patrol without result and was waterborne at 10.38.		
"	"	07.38.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland F/95 was on patrol from 09.23 to 17.07 with nil result and was waterborne at 19.30 hours.		
"	"	21.52.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland K/95 was on patrol from 00.58/18th to 07.26/18th and was waterborne at 11.14/18th.		
"	18th.	00.05.	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland S/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 09.15.		
"	18th.	03.15	<u>A.S. PATROL.</u> Sunderland D/95 experienced engine trouble at 07.50 and set course for base. It was found necessary to jettison the D.C.'s and 500 gallons of fuel and an S.O.S. was sent at 09.46, which was later cancelled. The aircraft was waterborne at RFL AIR at 10.22.		

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		09.15.	
18th.	03.15	A.S.PATROL.	Sunderland D/95 experienced engine trouble at 07.50 and set course for base. It was found necessary to jettison the D.C.'s and 500 gallons of fuel and an S.O.S. was sent at 09.46, which was later cancelled. The aircraft was waterborne at RHL AIR at 10.22.

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BATHURST.	18th.	05.21.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland Z/95 carried out the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 17.59.		
"	18th.	13.59.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland G/95 en route from C. Verdes patrol made a contact at 4 miles and carried out homing procedure. Flares were dropped but no further contact was made although an apparent water disturbance was seen. A square search was made with nil result and the aircraft was waterborne at base at 02.59/19th.		
"	19th.	06.40.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland S/95 was on patrol from 10.34 to 13.07 with nil result and was waterborne at 18.00.		
"	"	09.20.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland J/95 was on patrol from 12.58 to 17.44 with nil result and was waterborne at 21.15.		
"	"	11.05.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland B/95 experienced engine trouble at 14.18 and after jettisoning some D.C.'s and fuel set course for Dakar where it was waterborne at 17.39. The patrol was not completed.		
"	"	14.45.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland Z/95 was on patrol from 18.07. to 22.42 with nil result. At 18.50 a plain language <del>in</del> W/T message in GERMAN was intercepted with call sign 3WS. The aircraft was waterborne at 04.25/20th.		
"	25th.	03.00.	SEARCH FOR DAMAGED U-BOAT. Sunderland S/95 carried out the search with nil result and was waterborne at 14.55.		
"	"	03.20.	SEARCH FOR DAMAGED U-BOAT. Sunderland K/95 was on patrol from 08.46 to 11.23 with nil result and was waterborne at 16.30.		
"	29th.	10.57.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland D/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 19.07.		
"	"	11.25.	A.S.PATROL. Sunderland J/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at 21.06.		
31st.	11.28.	A.S.PATROL & MOVE TO PORT ETIENNE.	Sunderland C/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at Port Etienne at 19.05.		
"	"	10.00.	A.S.PATROL & MOVE TO PORT ETIENNE. Sunderland S/95 completed the patrol with nil result and was waterborne at Port Etienne at 19.17.		

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			<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.</u>		
			P/O.A. GARDNER. (175512). GD. RAFVR. Promoted to P/O. (MS) w.e.f. 22.10.44.		
			P/O.H.H. THOMPSON. (51124) GD. RAF. Promoted to T/L. (MS) w.e.f. 15.11.44.		
			E/O.T.W. ROWELL. (AUS. A09853) GD. (H) RAAF. Promoted to P/L. (S) w.e.f. 17.9.44.		
			<u>POSTINGS.</u>		
			F/O.W.L. GOLDIE. (150549). GD. RAFVR. Posted to Home Estab. for Captains course. w.e.f. 12.3.45.		
			F/O. W. WALKER. (163986). GD. (H) RAFVR. Posted to Home Estab. w.e.f. 17.3.45.		
			P/O.A.D.B. EVERIDGE. (56500). GD. (S) RAF. Posted to Home Estab. w.e.f. 5.3.45.		
			P/O.T.R. HAWLEY. (186597). GD. RAFVR. " " " "		
			P/O.L.M. POLEY. (AUS. 423696). GD.(S) RAAF. " " " "		
			F/L.P.N. PARHAM. (AUS. 413415). GD. (H) RAAF. " " " "		
			F/O.S.K. PRIESTLY. (AUS. 423887). GD. (S) RAAF. " " " "		
			P/O.P.J. TAYLOR. (53977) GD (E) RAF. Posted from Home Estab. w.e.f. 5.3.45 to fill F/Engr. leader post. Arrived on Squadron 27/3/1945.		
			P/O J.D. POWELL (180164) GD RAFVR Posted from Home Estab. w.e.f. 5/3/45. Arrived 27/3/1945.		
			<u>HOSPITALS.</u>		
			P/O.J.G. HIRD. (J.28105). G.D. (S). Discharged from S.S.Q. Bathurst w.e.f. 3.3.45.		
			P/O.H. THOMASWELL. (190591). G.D. (E). Admitted S.S.Q. Bathurst. w.e.f. 18.3.45.		
					Discharged from S.S.Q. Bathurst. 21.3.45.
			<u>MEDICAL REPORT.</u>		
			One case of venereal disease and two cases of external otitis were reported during the month, apart from which the general health of the Squadron remained excellent.		
			<u>WEATHER SUMMARY - BATHURST.</u>		
			During the month the weather was mainly fair with many cloudless days. There were three short periods when the visibility was moderate or poor in dust haze. Two feeble instability discontinuities passed through in the night of the 29th/30th giving very low cloud temporarily, but they amounted to little more than strong gusts. No winds greater than Beaufort force 4 were recorded. There was a general tendency for winds to be NE-E in the mornings, becoming light SE or variable in the afternoon and NW in the evenings, veering to NE-E again during the night and freshening a little. In the latter half of the month there was a tendency for the coastal winds to be more generally N-NW. SW'ly winds during the night were recorded at Bathurst on six occasions. There was no rainfall.		

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<b>SQUADRON PERSONNEL AS AT 31st MARCH, 1945.</b>					
			<u>Establishment.</u>	<u>TOTAL posted Strength.</u>	<u>Aircraft Strength.</u>
Officers			31	47	10
Warrant Officers			NIL	18	
Senior N.C.Os (aircrew)			69	55	
Senior N.C.Os (ground staff)			2	2	
Other ranks			10	8	
<b>ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS.</b>					
<u>Half Day, Gambia.</u>					
			<u>A/S patrol.</u>	<u>A.S.R.</u>	<u>Raccon.</u>
Sorties			31	1	2
Flying hours			317.30	3.35	24.16
					345.19
<u>Port Etienne, French West Africa.</u>					
			Sorties	-	-
			2	-	2
			Flying Times	23.57	-
					23.57
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF FLYING HOURS.</b>					
			Operations	369.16	
			Training	98.38	
			Other Flying	27.35	
				<u>495.29.</u>	
<b>AIRCRAFT SERVICEABILITY.</b>					
			Operations	-	5.5
			Training	-	2.3

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