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In the Field.	1.5.43		In the morning there was no enemy activity in the Bone area, and the weather was non-operational. No patrols were carried out. At Monastir one early morning patrol was carried out by F/O Turnbull and Sgt. Fowler Nav/Rad. but no High was seen or contacted. F/O Turnbull then returned to Setif via Paddington. Later in the day F/O Roberts flew to Monastir and F/O Bates flew with the Engineering Officer as a passenger to Paddington. Weather continued bad at Bone and the one dusk patrol by S/L Horne (AFC.) F/L Browne Nav/Rad. was recalled early. From Monastir W/C Green (DFC) with F/O Gillies Nav/Rad. did a dusk recon of the Cap Bon area.		
	2.5.43		An early morning patrol of the Bizerte area was carried out by S/L Horne (AFC) with F/L Browne Nav/Rad. under Cap Serrat GCI. Control. There was however no activity. Dusk patrols were also carried out by F/O Bates with F/O Clarke Nav/Rad. and Sgt. Parkinson with F/S Stevens Nav/Rad. There still was no enemy activity and both aircraft were given vectors to patrol some 30 - 40 miles off the Sardinian coast under control of Cap Takouch. Nothing was seen. Sgt. Talbot with Sgt. Lloyd Nav/Rad. whose place was taken by Sgt. Parkinson, had an engine catch fire after take off when the aircraft had climbed to 6,000ft. Extinguishers had no effect and crew baled out, landing some 5 miles N.E. of the A/D. The pilot suffered some injury to the ankle, but the Nav/Rad was none the worse. The aircraft itself crashed 8 miles N.E. of the A/D. During the day F/L Hilken with his Nav/Rad. flew to Monastir. Dusk patrols of the Bone were carried out by F/L Arnsby with F/O Lawson Nav/Rad. and by Sgt. Newman with Sgt. Randall Nav/Rad. But there was no activity. A dusk recon of Cap Bon area was carried out by W/C Green from Monastir.		
	3.5.43		F/S Cwan with Sgt. McAllister and F/S Vigar with Sgt. Palfrey Nav/Rad. patrolled from Paddington for Bone GCI. but again there was no enemy activity and there was nothing to report. Weather continued to be bad at Bone with slight drizzle and thundercloud 7-10/10. There being no enemy activity, dusk patrols were not flown but at 2000hrs. a distant raid was plotted and F/S Watson with Sgt. Miller Nav/Rad was scrambled. The plots faded however and patrol was carried on for an hour. At Monastir Offensive patrols were carried out by F/O Young with F/S Blackburn Nav/Rad. and by F/O Roberts with F/S Burraston Nav/Rad. who freelanced from the coast to Pentellaria and North to Cap Bon. Nothing hostile was encountered. At 2000hrs. F/S Hutton with Sgt. Gerlew Nav/Rad. was scrambled on account of a bogey which proved friendly.		
	4.5.43		Weather remained bad at Paddington and no morning patrols were done. From Monastir F/L Hilken with F/O Lushington Nav/Rad. and W/C Green (DFC) did prevalence patrols, again without encountering anything hostile. The W/Cdr. landed at Paddington. In the afternoon F/L Hamus flew S/O Akharlay from Setif to Paddington and Monastir, returning himself to Paddington. Dusk patrols were carried out over the Bone area from Paddington by Sgt. Hareep with Sgt. Redmond Nav/Rad. and by F/O Metcalfe with F/O Thompson Nav/Rad. but there was nothing to report. Weather conditions were poor at Monastir and no patrols were flown.		
	5.5.43		At 0120hrs. F/L Hamus with F/O Eyles Nav/Rad was scrambled from Paddington on account of enemy activity over the front line. Several contacts were made but no visuals resulted. At 0300hrs. S/L Horne (AFC) with F/L Browne took off on dawn patrol from Paddington but deteriorating weather made it necessary to land /contd. over.		

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	5.5.43 (Contd.)		at Bone. From Monastir W/C Green (DFC) with P/O Gillies Nav/Red. took off on a freelance patrol. At approx. 0500hrs. N.E. of Gulf of Tunis flying at 200ft the W/Omr. saw an aircraft pass overhead at 3,000ft. A chase and a dogfight followed, both aircraft exchanging fire at maximum deflection. Strikes were observed on the Ju.88 and the Beaufighter sustained some damage to the starboard leading edge. At night the Squadron commenced to operate from Bone instead of Paddington. Enemy activity consisted of a raid on Philippeville shortly after dusk. Sgt. Harrop with Sgt. Redmond Nav/Red. patrolled on Philippeville GCI. was vectored on to incoming Axis E/A's but no contact resulted. The other dusk patrol by P/O Peton with P/O McNulty Nav/Red. was carried out on Bone GCI. without incident. Later a patrol fro Cap Takeuch C.O.L. was done by S/L Horne (AFI) with P/L Browne Nav/Red. but enemy activity had ceased and there was nothing to report.		(See Combat Report)
	6.5.43		There was no activity in the Bone and Philippeville area but the usual dawn patrols were carried out for Philippeville and Bone GCI's by P/L Hannu with P/O Eyles Nav/Red. and by P/O Metcalfe with P/O Thomson Nav/Red.. From Monastir freelance patrols were carried out by P/L Hilken with P/O Lushington Nav/Red. and by W/C Green with P/O Gillies Nav/Red. The latter was shot at by an Italian destroyer between Sicily and Cap Bon and also experienced light risk on crossing the coast of the Peninsula. Damage was done to the flaps, ASI, and brakes. At night the weather had begun to deteriorate in the Bone area. There was no enemy activity and the one dusk patrol on Bone GCI. carried out by P/O Bastow with P/O George Nav/Red. was given vectors on to a bogey which proved to be friendly. From Monastir P/O Mellersh with P/O Armstrong Nav/Red. did a freelance patrol without seeing anything.		
	7.5.43		Patrols from Monastir were carried out by P/O Peton with P/O McNulty Nav/Red. P/S Hutton with Sgt. Carlaw Nav/Red. and by P/L Hilken with P/O Lushington Nav/Red. The first of these had nothing to report, but P/S Hutton scrambled originally to investigate a bogey, succeeded in destroying a SM79 near the Agadean Islands at 0505hrs. P/L Hilken also patrolling in the Sicilian Channel observed four self-propelled barges making for Sicily. A dawn patrol was flown from Bone by P/O Thompson with W/O White Nav/Red. but there the weather had become bad and nothing was contacted or seen. No night patrols were flown from Bone owing to very bad weather conditions. Three patrols took off between 19.45hrs. and midnight from Monastir. P/O Newhouse with P/O Pate Nav/Red. patrolling between Cap Bon and Sicily at 8,000ft. made contact on something at Off. but investigation did not lead to a visual. P/O MacKinnon with Sgt. Poole Nav/Red. patrolling with Mk. VII A.I. P/S Downing with Sgt. Lyons Nav/Red. also did a freelance patrol landing at Bone. R/R being U/S.		(See Combat Report)
	8.5.43		6 patrols were flown from Monastir between midnight and Dawn. The following crews taking part. P/O Bates with Sgt. Cedman Nav/Red. P/O MacKinnon with Sgt. Poole Nav/Red. P/S Hutton with Sgt. Carlaw Nav/Red. P/O Mellersh with P/O Armstrong Nav/Red. P/L Hughes with P/O Dixon Nav/Red. and W/C Green with P/O Gillies Nav/Red. At 0450hrs. some 20 miles South of the Agadean Islands P/S Hutton saw a Ju.52 at sea-level flying towards Sicily. Combat ensued in which the Beaufighter made several strikes on the Ju.52 experiencing return fire at the same time. Ju.52 was eventually lost in a cloud which was heavy with showers below. P/O Bates with Sgt. Cedman also on offensive patrol damaged an aircraft about to land on an airfield in the peninsula. Weather remained non-operational at Bone, and no dawn patrols		(SEE Combat Report)

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IN the Field	11.5.43		Dawn patrols were flown from Bone by F/O. Raybould with F/O. Mullahey Nav/Rad. and by F/O. MacKinnon with Sgt. Poole Nav/Rad. There being no activity, vectors were given towards Sardinia, but nothing was seen. From Monastir freelance patrols were carried out by F/L. Arnaby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Rad. and by F/S. Viger with Sgt. Relfrey Nav/Rad. but without result. At night 20 plus Raids were plotted 40 miles North of Bone at 20,000ft. The dusk patrols flown by F/S. Parkinson with F/S. Stevens Nav/Rad and by F/L. Hilken with F/O. Lushington Nav/Rad. were both given various vectors on to Bandits but in no case was contact made owing to the low flying and the diving tactics of the Bandits. F/S. Parkinson saw one Bandit shot down by ICS Squadron. The weather was unsuitable for patrols from Monastir. From this night it had been decided, owing to the stage the war had reached, attacks on landing grounds would cease and that all the aircraft would patrol out to sea. The Mk. VII's would be used exclusively on the C.O.L.'s		
	12.6.43		One early morning offensive patrol in the Sicilian Straits was flown by F/O. Paton with F/O. McAnulty Nav/Rad. from Monastir but nothing was seen or contacted. Dawn patrols were flown from Bone by S/L. Hughes (DFC) with F/O. Dixon Nav/Rad. and by F/O. Newton with Sgt. Rose Nav/Rad. but without incident. Dusk patrols were flown from Bone by F/S. Harrop and Sgt. Redmond Nav/Rad. and by F/O. Crabtree with Sgt. Waddell Nav/Rad. From Monastir an offensive patrol was flown shortly after dusk by F/L. Arnaby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Rad. followed by a patrol by W/O. Green with F/O. Gillies Nav/Rad. across the Sicilian Straits, but nothing was encountered.		
	13.5.43		F/S. Newman with Sgt. Randall Nav/Rad. was scrambled from Bone at 0140hrs on account of a bogey which afterwards proved friendly. Routine patrols of the Bone and Philippeville areas were later carried out by F/O. Bestow with F/O. George Nav/Rad and by F/S. Owen and Sgt. McAllister Nav/Rad. There was no enemy activity and there was nothing to report. From Monastir early morning patrols across the Sicilian Straits were carried out by F/L. Hanna with P/O. Hyles Nav/Rad. and by F/O. Roberts with F/S. Burreston Nav/Rad. The later on going in to investigate some lights on the Agades Islands got a blip eastern. He took a steep turn and lost contact. This was repeated three times and was possibly a contact on another Beafighter (Mk. VII A.I.) Intimation was received that F/S. Watson had received his own Commission. At night there was no enemy activity in the Bone and Philippeville areas but the routine dusk patrols were carried out by F/O. Bates with Sgt. Cadman Nav/Rad. and by S/L. Hughes with F/O. Dixon Nav/Rad. A patrol was flown by F/L. Hilken with F/O. Lushington Nav/Rad. followed, but in no case was there anything to report. At Monastir from which Air and Ground crews had already begun to move to Bone, only one patrol was flown (and that was the last to be flown by the Squadron from that airfield for the time) by F/O. Paton with F/O. McAnulty Nav/Rad. He was given vectors on to low flying aircraft by the C.O.L. at Bizerte but no contacts resulted.		
	14.5.43		Patrols were carried out in the morning from Bone by F/S. Owen (DFM) and Sgt. McAllister (DFM) Nav/Rad. and by F/O. Mellersh with F/O. Armstrong Nav/Rad. but there was no enemy activity and there was nothing to report. Dusk patrols from Bone were carried out by F/S. Harrop with Sgt. Redmond Nav/Rad. and by F/O. Bestow with F/O. George Nav/Rad. Shortly afterwards F/L. Arnaby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Rad. and F/S. Newman with Sgt. Randall Nav/Rad. took off also. Practice interception were carried out until Raids were reported 30 miles North of Bone at approx. 2130hrs. flying at 11,000ft. F/L. Arnaby obtained contact and visual on 2 Ju. 88's in succession but both were lost when they dived down to sea-level. F/S. Newman was also given vectors in among the Raids which came in very close together. Contacts		

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	15.5.43		F/S. Owen with Sgt. McAllister Nav/Rad. were scrambled from Bone at 0240hrs. on account of an unidentified aircraft flying West at 8,000ft. The Bogey was later reported practically at sea-level and no contact was made. Enemy aircraft again made an attack on Bone from approx. 2100hrs. coming in very close together climbing on to the target and diving down to sea-level on leaving. Dusk patrols were then being flown by P/O. Young with Sgt. Cadman Nav/Rad. and by P/O. Mellerah with P/O. Armstrong Nav/Rad. These were reinforced by P/S. Harrop with Sgt. Redmond Nav/Rad. F/O. Young obtaining too many simultaneous contacts and having to leave off on E/A's entering I.A. 20 and P/S. Harrop losing his as the E/A dived down to sea-level after leaving the target. P/S. Harrop then flew across to Sardinia and damaged a sea-plane at Cagliari.		(See Report)
	16.5.43		Weather had become bad and there being no enemy activity dawn patrols were not flown. At night there again was some enemy activity, and from dusk, patrols were flown by P/S. Owen (DEM) with Sgt. McAllister (DEM) Nav/Rad. by P/O. Mellerah with P/O. Armstrong Nav/Rad. by S/L. Hughes (DFU and Bar) with P/O. Dixon (DFU) Nav/Rad. and by P/L. Arnsby with P/O. Lawson Nav/Rad. Again the trouble was too much "fog" owing to the tactics of the Bandits and no results were achieved. P/S. Owen later, at approx. 2200hrs. circled Cagliari, and then attacked hangars at Decimomannu and a water tower South of Assemini, as well as railway sidings on the Palmas - Suerati Railway. The pilot also reported accurate Bofors fire.		
	17.5.43		Dawn patrols from Bone were flown by P/O. Young with P/S. Blackburn Nav/Rad. and by P/O. Raybould with P/O. Mulleley Nav/Rad. for Bone and Philippeville GCI's, respectively, without incident. Sgt. Poole received his Commission as Pilot-Officer. Sgts. Owen, Hutton, Wolstenholme, Perkinson, and Harrop were promoted F/Sgts all backdated to varying degrees. Dusk patrols were flown for Bone GCI, Philippeville GCI, and Cap Takouch GCI, by S/L. Horne AFC, with P/L. Browne Nav/Rad by P/O. Raybould with P/O. Millsley Nav/Rad and by W/O. Green (DFU) with P/O. Gillies Nav/Rad. Only P/O. Raybould had a contact which may have been a friendly and was lost. The others had nothing to report. Weather had begun to deteriorate.		
	18.5.43		P/S. Perkinson with P/L. Stevens Nav/Rad. did a patrol for Bone GCI, but owing to weather becoming non-operational at Bone, landed at Setif at 0210hrs. Dusk patrols were flown by P/O. Mellerah with P/O. Armstrong Nav/Rad. by S/L. Horne (AFC) with P/L. Browne Nav/Rad. and by P/O. Bates with Sgt. Cadman Nav/Rad. P/O. Young with P/S. Blackburn Nav/Rad. had also taken off, but had to return owing to R/T trouble. P/O. Mellerah and S/L. Horne patrolled in figures of eight 45 miles off S.W. coast of Sardinia, but nothing was seen or contacted. P/O. Young took off later at 2025 hrs. in another aircraft and patrolled for Philippeville GCI, but there was no enemy activity.		
	19.5.43		From 0225hrs. P/O. Raybould with P/O. Mulleley Nav/Rad. patrolled off the Sardinia coast. Some E/A's expected to return there, contact and visual was in fact obtained on a E/A at 9,000ft. but the Beaufighter over-shot and lost the contact and was too far out of GCI range to get further vectors. PROMVISIONS END 1725hrs. Two anti-shipping sweeps were carried out by the se Beaufighters each. The first by P/L. Hilken with P/O. Lushington Nav/Rad. P/L. Henus with P/O. Eyles Nav/Rad. and		1482



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In the Field.	19.5.43	(Contd)	by F/O. Bates with Sgt. Cadman Nav/Red. searched northwards from a point 40 miles north of Bone at 2000ft. but nothing was encountered. The other sweep which was northwards from a point some 70 miles north of Philippeville was flown by W/O. Green (DFC) with F/O. Gillies Nav/Red. F/O. Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Red. and by F/O. Young with F/S. Blackburn Nav/Red. The only thing seen was a German Dinghy observed by W/O. Green, whose occupant was subsequently rescued. The dusk patrols had to return owing to engine trouble, but F/S. Hutton with Sgt. Carlaw Nav/Red. took off again at 2040hrs. to patrol for Bone GCI. but there was no activity and nothing to report.		
	20.5.43		Patrols were flown by F/S. Parkinson and F/S. Stevens Nav/Red and by F/L. Henus and P/O. Eyles Nav/Red. for Philippeville and Bone GCI's respectively, but without incident. The transference of equipment and personnel from Setif to Bone had meanwhile been going on, and a Squadron camp site had been organised at Bone. At night there was no enemy activity, but routine patrols were flown by F/O. Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Red. by F/L. Henus with P/O. Eyles Nav/Red. and by F/O. Raybould with P/O. Mulleley Nav/Red.		
	21.5.43		There was still no enemy activity. Three routine patrols were flown by F/S. Hutton with Sgt. Carlaw Nav/Red. S/L. Horne (AFC) with F/L. Browne Nav/Red. and by F/S. Parkinson with F/S. Stevens Nav/Red. again without incident. Routine patrols from dusk onwards were flown by F/L. Raybould with P/O. Mulleley Nav/Red. by F/L. Arnsby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Red. by F/S. Hutton with Sgt. Carlaw Nav/Red. and by F/L. Henus with P/O. Eyles Nav/Red. But there was no hostile activity and there was nothing to report.		
	22.5.43		From 0300 hrs. 3 Raids were plotted 60 miles North of Philippeville P/O. Watson with Sgt. Miller Nav/Red. were scrambled but their weapon was found to be bent, and by the time F/O. Young with F/S. Blackburn Nav/Red were in position, the Raids were too distant for Cap Takouch COL. to assist. Dusk patrols were flown by F/S. Parkinson with F/S. Stevens Nav/Red. and by F/L. Hanna with P/O. Eyles Nav/Red. for Philippeville and Bone GCI's without incident.		
	23.5.43		There was no enemy activity and the usual dawn patrols were flown from Bone by S/L. Raybould Horne (AFC) with F/L. Browne Nav/Red. and by F/O. Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Red. Dusk patrols were flown from Bone by F/O. Young with F/S. Blackburn Nav/Red. and by F/O. Raybould with P/O. Mulleley Nav/Red. There being no activity, GCI co-ops were carried out.		
	24.5.43		From about 0330 hrs. Bandits were plotted flying on a North Easterly course North of Philippeville. F/L. Arnsby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Red. who took off to patrol for Philippeville GCI. at that time heard 163 Beaufighters being vectored on to them. Later he was told of a Bendit 16 miles away at 12,000ft. This he chased and contacted. A visual was obtained on a Ju. 88 and Beaufighter opened fire seeing strikes, but P/A peeled off into a vertical dive and disappeared into the haze below. The Ju. 88 was claimed as damaged. F/O. Newhouse with P/O. Thomson Nav/Red. and W/O. Green with F/O. Gillies Nav/Red. also patrolled but nothing was contacted or seen. The move from Setif to Bone of equipment and ground personnel continued. The usual dusk patrols were carried out by F/S. Harrop with Sgt. Redmond Nav/Red. patrolling for Bone GCI. and by F/S. Parkinson with F/S. Stevens Nav/Red for Philippeville GCI. By 2130 hrs. Bandits were reported approaching from the north and F/S. Harrop was taken over by Cap Takouch COL. and F/O. Newhouse with F/O. Tate Nav/Red. scrambled for Bone GCI control. F/S. Harrop obtained 6 contacts simultaneously on aircraft at approx. 4,000 ft. Nav/Red. therefore could give very little help. Shortly after however, a contact		(See Combat Report)

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	25.5.45		From approx. 0330 hrs. several Raids approached the Bone area. F/S. Hutton with Sgt. Gerlew Nav/Red were then on patrol for Bone GCI. and F/S. Owen with Sgt. McAllister Nav/Red. had just taken off to do a dawn patrol for Philippeville GCI. S/L. Horne (AFC) with F/L. Browne Nav/Red. was now scrambled and given westerly vectors on to incoming Raids. Contact was ultimately made on a Raid flying H.E. at 7,000 ft. which our pilot identified as a He. III and shot it down some 18 miles north of Cap Ross at 0403 hrs. The other patrols reported no contacts. During the day the Squadron began moving from their old site some miles along the coast from the A/D, where they had messed on their own, on to the A/D Communal Site, also close to the beach. Here the messing was in common with Station and other Squadron personnel. At night there was no enemy activity. Routine patrols were flown by F/O. Eaton with F/O. McAnulty Nav/Red. for Bone GCI. and by F/O. Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Red. for Philippeville GCI. Later F/O. Watson with Sgt. Miller Nav/Red. took over the Bone patrol but all were without incident.	SECRET.	(See Combat Report)
	26.5.45		Patrols were flown by F/L. Arnaby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Red. and by W/O. Green. DPO with F/O. Gillies Nav/Red. Intimation was received that F/L. J. J. Hannus (Czechoslovakia) had been awarded the D.F.C. Another contingent of the Squadron personnel arrived, and the set up of the new communal site, as far as the Squadron was concerned, was practically completed. At night there was no enemy activity, but the routine patrols of Bone and Philippeville areas were carried out by S/L. Horne AFC. with F/L. Browne Nav/Red. by F/S. Owen (DML) with Sgt. McAllister (DML) Nav/Red. by F/O. Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Red. and by F/S. Viger with Sgt. Palfrey.	SECRET.	
	27.5.45		There was still no enemy activity and was an early morning patrol for Bone GCI. was carried out by F/S. Downing (DML) with Sgt. Lyons Nav/Red. who had one engine seize and lost a propeller. Dawn patrols were carried out by S/L. Horne (AFC) with F/L. Browne Nav/Red. and F/S. Newman with Sgt. Randall Nav/Red. but there was nothing to report. Dusk patrols of the Bone and Philippeville areas were flown by W/O. Roberts with F/S. Barraston Nav/Red. and by F/L. Arnaby with F/O. Lawson Nav/Red. but there was no enemy activity and there was nothing to report. At 2200 hrs. F/O. Eaton with his Nav/Red. W/O. McAnulty was scrambled to search for a Walrus down on the sea north of Gallite. Beaufighter pilot dropped flares and fired recognition-colours seeing a light on the water some 8 miles North of Gallite. He also contacted the HSL Seagull 15 on VHF but HSL receiving apparatus appeared inadequate and Beau.	SECRET.	

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In the Field.	27.5.43	(Contd)	did not seem to be heard. After chasing a Rogey from 2345 hrs. the Beaufighter returned to the search, but this time saw nothing. HSL was however 5 miles from reported position of distressed Walrus and the beam of the HSL light could be seen searching.		
	28.5.43		At 0100 hrs. F/O Newhouse with P/O Thomson Nav/Rad took off on a further search for the Walrus. No trace of the Walrus was found but the HSL was seen 2 miles off the reported position of the Walrus. W/O Green with F/O Gillies Nav/Rad. patrolling after daylight, orbiting the position, but nothing was seen. Routine dawn patrols were flown by F/S Downing (DFM) with Sgt. Lyons Nav/Rad. and by F/S Perkinson with F/S Stevens Nav/Rad. but there was no enemy activity and there was nothing to report. Shortly after dusk there was a raid on Bone. Some 8 E/A's approaching over land from the East and coming into the target area from the South west. Nothing was seen or contacted by the dusk patrols flown by F/L Hanus (DFC) with F/O Finlay Nav/Rad. and by F/O Watson with Sgt. Miller Nav/Rad.		
	29.5.43		There was still no enemy activity, but three early morning and dawn patrols were flown by F/O Paton with F/O McAnulty Nav/Rad. by F/O Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Rad. and by F/S Owen (DFM) with Sgt. McAllister (DFM) Nav/Rad. Dusk patrols were flown by F/O Newton with Sgt. Rose Nav/Rad. and by F/O Roberts with F/S Burreston Nav/Rad. but there was no hostile activity.		
	30.5.43		Early morning and dawn patrols were flown by F/S Downing (DFM) with Sgt. Lyons Nav/Rad. by F/O Newhouse with F/O Tate Nav/Rad. and by F/L Arnsby with F/O Lawson Nav/Rad. but again there was nothing to report. S/L HUGHES with F/O Dixon Nav/Rad. flew to Le Sebela and Malta. At night there was no enemy activity but routine patrols were flown by S/L Horne (AFG) with F/L Browne Nav/Rad by F/S Owen (DFM) with Sgt. McAllister (DFM) Nav/Rad. on Bone and Philippeville GCI's F/O Paton with F/O McAnulty Nav/Rad. continued patrol on Bone GCI. till early morning.		
	31.5.43		F/O Turnbull with Sgt. Fowler Nav/Rad. took over from F/S Owen on the Philippeville patrol but returned early owing to his starboard engine becoming u.s. Mist closed down on the sea and dawn patrols could not be carried out. At night there again was no enemy activity but routine patrols were flown by W/O Green (DFC) with F/O Gillies Nav/Rad. and by F/O Crabtree with F/S Waddell Nav/Rad. There was nothing to report.		

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