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AIR MINISTER CONGRATULATES SUNDERLAND CREW

The Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, has sent congratulations to the R.A.A.F. crew of a Coastal Command Sunderland which shot down three Ju. 88s and probably destroyed a fourth when the flying boat was attacked by eight enemy aircraft over the Bay of Biscay on June 2, 1943.

The message, which was sent through the A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command (Air Marshal Sir John Slessor) was as follows :-

"Please convey my congratulations to the crew of the Sunderland of a R.A.A.F. Squadron for their outstandingly gallant and successful action with a formation of Ju. 88s over the Bay of Biscay -

signed, Archibald Sinclair."

The A.O.C. in C., in forwarding this message to the squadron, added:

"Congratulations were never better earned."

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