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JANUARY, 1936.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 101 (Fleet Co-operation) Flight.

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| RICHMOND | 6     | No. 1307 A.S.I. MCNICOL, K.A. (Fitter Armourer) was posted to No. 101 Flight from No. 1 Aircraft Depot, LAYERTON.  |                           |
|          | 15    | No. 1003 L.A.C. RICHARDSON, W. (Carpenter Boat Builder) and No. 1612 L.A.C. FURSEY, S.G. were attached to No. 1 Aircraft Depot.  |                           |
|          | 20    | The Flight personnel returned from annual recreation leave.<br>Flight Lieutenant E.G. STOK-REIGHT proceeded to Melbourne by train to sit for the R.A.A.F. Staff College Entrance Examination, returning 24/1/36. |                           |
|          |       | No. 1033 L.A.C. RUSSELL, J.R. (Fitter Aero) was posted to No. 101 Flight from No. 1 Flying Training School, POINT BLACK.   |                           |
|          | 30    | M.A.S. "CAMBERRA" Detachment, complete with stores, personnel and Seagull A9-5, was embarked for the duration of the Barker Cruise. Flying Officer A.A. RICHARDS was the officer in charge.                      |                           |

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*Macfar*  
 Flight Lieutenant,  
 Commanding No. 101 Flight, R.A.A.F.

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| SYDNEY       | 1     | H.M.A. Squadron sailed from SYDNEY for the Summer Cruise to HOBART, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE and JERVIS BAY.   |                           |
| RICHMOND.    | 4     | Flight Lieutenant L.V. LANTAL was posted from No. 1 Flying Training School to No. 101 Flight.   |                           |
| HOBART.      |       | Range finding target and Mini Speed and Direction exercises were carried out in Seagull A9-5.   |                           |
|              | 6     | A Range finding target exercise and W/T test were carried out in Seagull A9-5.  |                           |
| RICHMOND     | 10    | Flight Lieutenant E.G. KNOX-REYNOLD was posted from No. 101 Flight to No. 1 Flying Training School.   |                           |
| HOBART       | 12    | Seagull A9-5 proceeded HOBART-ESPERANCE BAY-PORT ARTHUR for exercises with H.M.A.S. "YARRA".  |                           |
| PORT ARTHUR. | 13    | Seagull A9-5 proceeded to MARGATE for exercises with H.M.A.S. "YARRA".  |                           |
| RICHMOND.    | 14    | No. 32 F/Sgt. (F/S. II) BARTLETT, J. and No. 651 SGT. SYMONS, W.J. passed the following subjects for the Special Examination for Promotion to Warrant Officer - October, 1935: No. 32 F/Sgt. (F/S. II). BARTLETT - Warrant Officer (Disciplinary) - Subject 6, Office Administration and Station and Unit Duties and Subject 7, Courts Martial. No. 651 SGT. SYMONS, W.J. - Subject 2, Administration, Part I, Subject 3, Administration Part II, Subject 4, Hygiene and Sanitation, Subject 5, Elementary Bookkeeping, Correspondence. |                           |
|              | 19    | L.A.C's. BLAKE, T.H., RICHARDSON, W. and HALL, H.W. were promoted to Corporal <del>with</del> with seniority from 2/10/35.  |                           |
| ADELAIDE.    | 20    | Oblique photography and a W/T test were carried out in Seagull A9-5.  |                           |
| RICHMOND.    | 23    | SPL. TOMKINS, W.K. returned from DARWIN.  |                           |

*Marchal*  
 .....Flight Lieutenant,  
 Commanding No. 101 Flight, R.A.A.F.

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| RICHMOND.         | 1     | Air Co.adore H.M. NICHOLS, R.A.A.F. (Air Leader for personnel), inspected the Unit.   |                           |
| PORT<br>SHEPHERD. | 2     | Seagull A9-5 was dispatched from H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" to Technical Squadron, No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK, for extensive repairs to main prop.  |                           |
|                   | 5     | No. 716 Corporal BLAKE, P.M., Metal Fitter, was discharged from H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK.   |                           |
|                   | 7     | Flying Officer G.A. RICHARDS was discharged from H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK, for training on Seagull V aircraft.  |                           |
| RICHMOND          | 11    | Flight Lieutenant L.F. LINDSEY was a candidate for promotion and transfer "C".  |                           |
|                   | 17    | Flight Lieutenant L.F. LINDSEY proceeded to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK, for instruction and test of Seagull V aircraft.  |                           |
| EMMERTON.         | 27    | No. 102 Corporal RICHARDSON, A., Carpenter Boat Builder, and No. 1012 R.A.A.F. BARBER, S.C., Aircraftman General, ceased attachment to No. 1 Aircraft Depot, EMMERTON and were attached to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK. |                           |
| RICHMOND.         |       | No. 1125 R.A.A.F. GAGE, A. Fitter Aero. proceeded to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK.   |                           |
| SEBAST.           | 23    | No. 1023 R.A.A.F. ROSSER, J.M., Pistol Aero, was discharged from H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" and proceeded to No. 1 Flying Training School, PORT COOK.  |                           |
|                   | 28    | No. 1047 R.A.A.F. WATKIN, R.A.F. was discharged from H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" and proceeded to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.   |                           |

*Harold*  
Flight Lieutenant,  
Commanding No. 101 Flight, R.A.A.F.

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*Naval Flight*


of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

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| Place.   | Date. | Summary of Events.   | References to Appendices. |
|----------|-------|--|---------------------------|
| STURMUNG | 1     | Seagull 12-4 and 12-5 were allotted from No. 1 Aircraft Depot, LAMINGTON.  |                           |
|          | 2     | Seagull 12-5, pilot, Flight Lieutenant L. J. BAYNE, and observer, No. 1003 Sergeant RICHMOND, F. S. No. 1076 Sergeant J. W. J. J., and Seagull 12-4, pilot, Flying Officer G. W. RICHARDS, observer, No. 750 Sergeant Frank, F. S. No. 1003 Sergeant WOODMAN, F. S. were flown from LAMINGTON to STURMUNG. |                           |
|          | 3     | No. 1012 Sergeant BAYNE, S. S. returned from STURMUNG by train on evening departure.   |                           |
|          | 4     | No. 110, Sergeant BAYNE, F. S. also returned from STURMUNG. "The Hawk" was re-embarked on 17.4.31.   |                           |
|          | 5     | The experience in the trial of Seagull aircraft was found to be most successful.   |                           |
|          | 6     | No. 1 (Fleet Co-operation) Flight was re-embarked and the title was changed to No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron. Flight Lieutenant L. J. BAYNE was appointed commanding officer.  |                           |
|          | 7     | The personnel of H. S. S. "The Hawk" Detachment (No. 750 Sergeant Frank, F. S., No. 1003 Sergeant WOODMAN, F. S. and Sergeant J. W. J. J. S. S.) and stores were embarked in H. S. S. "The Hawk".  |                           |
|          | 8     | Seagull 12-5 was flown from RICHMOND to LAMINGTON for embarkation in H. S. S. "The Hawk" - pilot, Flying Officer G. W. RICHARDS.   |                           |
|          | 9     | Seagull trials were successfully carried out in H. S. S. "The Hawk" in LAMINGTON and at sea by air to LAMINGTON. Flight Lieutenant BAYNE and Flying Officer RICHARDS, the 4000 ft. trial was carried in "The Hawk" gained experience in navigation.  |                           |
|          | 10    | A navigation exercise was carried out in Seagull 12-5.   |                           |
|          | 11    | No. 1047 Sergeant THURTELL, F. S. was attached to H. S. S. "The Hawk".   |                           |
|          | 12    | A navigation and shadowing exercise was carried out in Seagull 12-5 from LAMINGTON to FERRIS BAY.  |                           |

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| Place.     | Date. | Summary of Events.  | References to Appendices. |
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| JARVIS BAY | 29-30 | <p>In cooperation with H. ... Squadron, Seagull A2-5 was flown for High Angle Control runs, Height Finding Exercises, and also A2-5 followed torpedoed to assist in their recovery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <br/> .....Flight Lieutenant,<br/> Commanding No. 5 Squadron R.A.A.F. </p> |                           |

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| Place.      | Date. | Summary of Events.   | References to Appendices. |
|-------------|-------|--|---------------------------|
| JERVIS BAY. | 1     | Height finding exercises and following and photographing torpedoes were carried out in co-operation with H.M.A. Squadron in Seagull A2-5.  |                           |
|             | 4     | Spotting for short burst firings was carried out in Seagull A2-5.  |                           |
|             | 5     | Spotting for full calibre firings at speed targets and marking for sleeve target exercises were carried out in Seagull A2-5.   |                           |
| RICHMOND.   | 6     | Flying Officer F. HEADLAM and Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON proceeded by rail to R.A.A.F. Station, LAVERTON, to take over Seagulls V, A2-6 and A2-8.  |                           |
| SYDNEY      | 8-11  | The personnel of R.A.A.F. Detachment in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" were disembarked to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.  |                           |
|             | 11    | Seagulls V, A2-6 and A2-8 were flown to RICHMOND from LAVERTON by Flying Officer F. HEADLAM and Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON.  |                           |
| RICHMOND.   | 11    | The annual gunnery and bombing training of Naval Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners was commenced. The course was attended by the following personnel - Lieutenant Commander G.A. HALL, Lieutenant Commander P. BAILHACHE, Lieutenant G.C. OLDHAM, Leading Telegraphist C. CROSS and Leading Telegraphist K.A. OALEY. A total of 94 hours 30 minutes was flown in the gunnery and bombing training of the Naval personnel. |                           |
|             | 27    | Squadron Leader C.B. WINCOTT, R.A.F., was posted to the Squadron.  |                           |

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| RICHMOND | 11    | Flying Officer Frank HEADLAM commenced a Flying Instructor's Course.   |                           |
|          | 12    | The Air Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND, N.S.W. (Group Captain Adrian Trevor COLE, M.C. D.F.C.) inspected No.5 Squadron. |                           |
|          | 14    | Flight Lieutenant Leon Victor LACHAL relinquished command of No.5 Squadron.  |                           |
|          | 15    | Squadron Leader Cyril Beresford WINGOTT, R.A.F. was appointed to command No.5 Squadron.  |                           |
| SYDNEY   | 20    | Fourteen members of No.5 Squadron took part in a review at Centennial Park, SYDNEY, in honour of the King's Birthday.                  |                           |

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| Place.   | Date.  | Summary of Events.   | References to Appendices. |
|----------|--------|--|---------------------------|
| RICHMOND | 1 July | An Air Navigation Course for full time air gunners was commenced on this date and concluded on the 30th July. The course was conducted by Flying Officer William Henry GARING, and the following airmen attended - No. 1016 L.A.C. BOLITHO, W.J. (Metal Rigger), No. 1897 A.C.I. TORRENS-WITHEROW, H. (Fitter General), No. 1833 A.C.I. BANKS, E.S. (Fitter Armourer), No. 1818 A.C.I. DANZIEL, K.E. (W/T Operator Mechanic), No. 1745 A.C.I. GOULD, W.H. (W/T Operator Mechanic) No. 1730 A.C.I. HARRIS, C.W. (Turner).   |                           |
|          | 4.     | Seagull A2-5, piloted by Flying Officer Athol Xavier RICHARDS and accompanied by No. 1109 Corporal COLE, Thomas Arthur (Photographer), No. 1135 Corporal KERR, Andrew Cowan (Fitter Aero), and No. 942 Corporal TOMKINS, Wilfred Heith (W/T Operator Mechanic) departed from RICHMOND for MALLACOOTA to commence a photographic survey of GIPPSLAND areas (BENDOC-Mt. TENNYSON-BULLDAH-COMBIENBAR-MALLACOOTA). Adverse weather conditions were experienced after passing JERVIS BAY (winds up to 50-55 m.p.h.). On returning to JERVIS BAY, the aircraft was secured to the Southern Buoy, where the velocity of the wind increased to 60 m.p.h. The aircraft was then beached and sustained damage by the surf pounding on the rudder. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on 6.7.36 after repairs had been effected. |                           |
|          | 9.     | The Air Member for Personnel, Air Commodore R.H. NICHOLL, CBE, R.A.F. inspected the Unit.  |                           |
| SYDNEY.  | 10.    | The H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment, (Flying Officer Athol Xavier RICHARDS, No. 756 Corporal BLAKE, Thomas Harry, (Metal Rigger), No. 1033 L.A.C. RUSSELL, Joseph, Ronald, (Fitter Aero), No. 1612 L.A.C. FORSYTH, Sidney George, (A.H. General) and No. 1921 A.C.I. DURAND, Phillip John, (Photographer), ) complete with aircraft and stores, was embarked for co-operation with H.M.A. Squadron for the duration of the Spring Cruise, 1936.   |                           |

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| Place.    | Date. | Summary of Events.  | References to Appendices. |
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| RICHMOND. | 15    | <p>The Minister of Defence, Sir Archdale PARKHILL, accompanied by M.L. SHEPPARD, Esq., the Secretary for Department of Defence, inspected No.5 Squadron.</p>  |                           |
|           | 16    | <p>The Captain Superintendent of Sydney, Captain C.H. SCOTT, R.N. inspected the Unit.</p>   |                           |
|           |       | <p>Seagull A2-6, piloted by Flying Officer William Norman GIBSON, and crew, Corporals COLE, KERR and TOMKINS, proceeded to MALLACOOTA for the photographic survey of GIPPSLAND areas and returned on 21.7.36.</p> |                           |
|           | 23    | <p>The photographic survey party returned to MALLACOOTA to resume the survey.</p>   |                           |
|           | 27    | <p>No.1915 A.C.I. WALDIE, Walter George, (Photographer) was attached to No.1 Squadron and proceeded to CLONCURRY for duty with No.1 Squadron Photographic Survey Party.</p>                                       |                           |

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| RICHMOND | 5     | The photographic survey party returned to RICHMOND having completed the air survey of EAST GIPPSLAND areas.   |                           |
|          | 13    | Seagull A2-7, pilot Squadron Leader Cyril Beresford WINCOTT, R.A.F. and crew, No.1731 A.C.I. BARNES, Gerwin Henry, W/T. Operator Mechanic, Group I, No.1833 A.C.I. GERRARD, George William, Fitter General, Group I, and No.1900 A.C.I. LAUGHTON, Enderby, Fitter General, Group I, proceeded to BRISBANE via the coast route for participation in the Royal Queensland Aero Club Pageant at ARCHERFIELD aerodrome on 15.8.36. A demonstration flight of Seagull V aircraft was given at the Pageant.   |                           |
| BRISBANE | 17    | Seagull A2-7 and crew returned to RICHMOND via the coast route.   |                           |
| SYDNEY   | 18    | No.1109 Corporal COLE, Thomas Arthur, Photographer, Group II, embarked in s.s. "ORHESTON" to proceed to CAIRNS for photographic duty at PORTLAND ROADS.   |                           |
| SYDNEY   | 20    | Seagull A.2-6 proceeded to H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" for hoisting in and fitting on the catapult trolley.  |                           |
| RICHMOND | 24    | Seagull A2-7, pilot Squadron Leader Leon Victor LACHAL, passengers No.1003 Corporal RICHARDSON, William, Carpenter Boat Builder, Group I, No.1731 A.C.I. BARNES, Gerwin Henry, W/T Operator Mechanic, Group I, and Seagull A2-8 pilot, Flying Officer William Norman GIBSON, passengers, No.942 Corporal TOMMINS, Wilfred Keith, W/T Operator Mechanic, Group I, No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, George Charles, Fitter General, Group I, and No.2068 A.C.I. WILLCOX, Thomas Edmond, Photographer, Group II, left RICHMOND to proceed to ORCHID POINT, NORTH QUEENSLAND, to carry out a photographic air survey of PORTLAND ROADS.<br><br>Captain H.A. FORSTER, M.V.O. R.N., commanding H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" and |                           |

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| SYDNEY | 24    | <p>Captain J.U.P. FITZGERALD, R.N., commanding H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" during an official visit to the Station inspected No. 5 (F.C.) Squadron.</p> <p>The first launch, with no cross wind, of Seagull V aircraft from the catapult of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" was successfully carried out.</p> |                           |
| SYDNEY | 27    | <p>The second and third launches from H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" were successfully carried out in calm weather. Further trials were postponed on account of fog.</p>   |                           |

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| SYDNEY                     | 1             | Catapult trials of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" were continued. Four launches were carried out, making a total of seven satisfactory launches under maximum wind conditions available. This completed catapult trials of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" in Harbour.               |                           |
| ORCHID POINT<br>QUEENSLAND | 5<br>to<br>31 | Seagulls A2-7 and A2-8 arrived at ORCHID POINT, the advanced point from which the photographic party were to operate for the photographic survey of PORTLAND ROADS area. Due to unsuitable weather for photography, no progress up to 31st September, was made. |                           |

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| RICHMOND | 12         | The Commandant of the Royal Military College (Brigadier C.J.M. MILES, C.M.G., D.S.O., Staff Corps) visited RICHMOND Station on 12/10/36 and inspected No. 5 Squadron.  |                           |
| RICHMOND | 13         | H.M.A.S. "CAMBER" Detachment was disembarked to RICHMOND.  |                           |
| RICHMOND | 14         | The PORTLAND ROADS air Photographic Survey returned to RICHMOND.   |                           |
| SYDNEY   | 16         | H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2-2), stores and personnel (Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER, No. 1091 Corporal BRADLEY, W.A. Fitter Aero, No. 1429 Corporal (P) BRINCLEY, G.S. Photographer, No. 1437 L.A.C. HAIGH, J.B. Metal Rigger, No. 1822 A.S.I. GERRARD, G.I. Flight Fitter and No. 1900 A.S.I. LAUGHTON, M. Metal Rigger), was embarked.  |                           |
| RICHMOND | 16 -<br>20 | Search patrols for the missing launch "MUSKIE STAR" which left KRONQUEL ISLAND for AUSTRALIA on 5th October, 1936, were carried out with no success.   |                           |
|          | 19         | Seagull A2-11 and crew (Flying Officer A.M. RICHMOND, No. 1155 Sergeant BARK, A.S. Fitter Aero, and No. 1731 A.S.I. BARKES, G.N. W/P Operator Mechanic) were made available to assist the Council of Scientific Research in the observation of pelagic fish movements in waters in the vicinity of the South East coast of AUSTRALIA and coast of NEW SOUTH WALES.   |                           |
| SYDNEY.  | 21.        | H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2-2), stores and personnel (Flight Lieutenant C.W. BRADY, No. 598 Flight Sergeant SANDERSON, A. Fitter Aero, No. 1018 Corporal HATSON, A.I. Metal Rigger, No. 1390 A.S.I. BRACE, H.P. Flight Fitter, No. 1925 A.S.I. LMS, G.I. Flight Fitter and No. 2090 A.S.I. MILNER, A.E.D. Flight Rigger), was embarked.<br><br>Flying Officer W.H. GIBSON embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" for instruction. |                           |

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|          | 1.30  | The detachments embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" and "SYDNEY" carried out numerous exercises while the Squadron was operating between SYDNEY - MELBOURNE - JERVIS BAY. |                           |
|          | 1.30  | The observation of Pelagic Fish Movements in Southern waters was continued during the month  |                           |
| RICHMOND | 10.   | Lieutenant Commander G.A. HALL, R.A.N. was attached to the Unit for instruction of inexperienced pilots in Naval Co-operation duties.                                  |                           |

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| SYDNEY.   | 1st   | H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" and "AUSTRALIA" Detachments, complete with aircraft, stores and personnel, <sup>here</sup> <del>was</del> disembarked to RICHMOND.   |                           |
| RICHMOND. | 1st.  | Seagull A.2 -11 and crew engaged in the observation of Pelagic Fish Movements in southern waters, returned to RICHMOND.  |                           |
| SYDNEY    | 5th   | H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2 -5) stores and personnel (Flying Officer A.X. RICHARDS, No.1033 Corpl. RUSSELL, J.R. Fitter Aero, No.1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger, No.1811, MASON, D.S. Fitter Aero and No. 1921 A.C.I. DURAND, P.J. Photographer) was embarked. | UNW                       |