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JANUARY 1938.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (F.C.) Squadron

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	17	No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron re-opened after the Annual Leave period.	
SYDNEY	20	Visit of No.204 Squadron to SYDNEY. A formation of 3 Seagulls accompanied these flying boats from BROKEN BAY to SYDNEY HARBOUR.	
NARRABEEN	26	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flying Officer J.N.BELL and crew, No.460 Corporal COOK, W. Metal Rigger and No.2202 A.C.I. SWABY, H.J., W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out Drogue Target practices for 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries at NARRABEEN.	
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, Flying Officer W.N.GIBSON; crew No.1229 Corpl. BRINSLEY, G.S., Photographer; No.1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger; No.1900 L.A.C. LEE, C.H., Fitter Aero; No.2283 A.C.I. LEE, A.W., Fitter Armourer, embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	pilot
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, Flight Lieutenant C.W.PEARCE pilot; crew, No.598 F/Sergt. SANDERSON, Fitter Aero; No.1900 L.A.C. LAUGHTON, Metal Rigger; No.2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.2296 A.C.I. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-4, stores and personnel, Flying Officer A.N.HICK, pilot; crew, No.474 A/Sergt. HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger; No.2424 A.C.I. McLEAY, L., Metal Rigger; No.2295 A.C.I. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer; No.1890 A.C.I. LARGE, H.P., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".	
NARRABEEN	28	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flying Officer J.N.BELL and crew, No.460 Corporal COOK, W. Metal Rigger and No.2202 A.C.I. SWABY, H.J., W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out Drogue Target practices with 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries at NARRABEEN.	
SYDNEY	29	Sesqui-Centenary Review at Centennial Park. Five officers and 53 airmen from No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron were included in the R.A.A.F. Wing.	

Commanding Officer, No. 5 Squadron, R.A.A.F.

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (F.C.) Squadron

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
NARRABEEN	3.2.38	Further drogue target towing was carried out at NARRABEEN for 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries.	
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SYDNEY	4.2.38	A number of airmen from this squadron were included in the R.A.A.F. detachment which marched through SYDNEY in connection with the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations.	
RICHMOND -	7.2.38	Seagulls A2-13 and A2-17, pilots, Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER and Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY, with crews, left at 1520 hours for NOWRA.	
JERVIS BAY	7.2.38	Target towing, height finding, and other exercises were carried out at JERVIS BAY during the period 7.2.38 till 11.2.38.	
	11.2.38		
JERVIS BAY	8.2.38	Seagull A2-14, Pilot, Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT, R.A.F., with Wing Commander J.P.J.McCAULEY and Lieutenant-Commander V.E.KENNEDY as passengers, and No.1731 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, as W/T Operator, visited H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" at JERVIS BAY for a conference, and returned at 1630 hours.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	11.2.38	Seagull A2-18, Pilot, Pilot Officer K.C.H.EKINS, proceeded to NOWRA, and embarked EARL DE LA WARR and Secretary for MASCOT. Returned at 1700.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	14.2.38	Seagulls A2-13, A2-17, Pilots, Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER and Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY proceeded to NOWRA and carried out further exercises at JERVIS BAY, and returned at 1500 hours. Flight Lieutenant C.W.PEARCE was embarked in A2-17 at JERVIS BAY for RICHMOND, on his disembarkation from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
RICHMOND - MALLACOOTA..	14.2.38	Seagulls A2-16 and A2-15, Pilots, Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT, R.A.F., and Pilot Officer K.C.H.EKINS, proceeded to MALLACOOTA at 0900 hours, to take part in Exercise N.Z.2.	
MALLACOOTA	15.2.38	During these two days, 32 hours' flying was carried out in connection with with Exercise N.Z.2, and spotting and "bombing" attacks were made against "enemy" ships at sea.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
MALLACOOTA -	18.2.38.	Seagulls A2-15 and A2-16, with pilots and crews, returned from MALLACOOTA.	
RICHMOND. RICHMOND.	18.2.38.	The Minister for External Affairs, The ^{Rt.} Hon. W.M.HUGHES, visited the Station and inspected No.5 (F.C.) Squadron hangar and aircraft.	
RICHMOND - MASCOT.	26.2.38.	Seagulls A2-15, A2-17, A2-18 - Pilots, Flight Lieutenant C.W.FEARCE, Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY and Pilot Officer K.C.H.EKINS, proceeded to MASCOT at 1100 hours for the Aero Club pageant, and returned at 1700 hours.	

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 Group Captain
 Commanding R.A.A.F. Station
 Richmond N.S.W.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SIDNEY	2nd.	W/LS "AUSTRALIA" detachment complete with aircraft AB-11, stores and personnel, Flight Lieutenant W. S. GEMSON, No. 1225 Corp'l. BRINSLEY, F.S. Photographer, No. 1012 A.C.I. FORTYTH, S.C., Metal Rigger, No. 1300 I.A.C. LEE, C.H. Fitter Air, No. 2493 A.C.I. LEE, A.I., Fitter Armourer was dispatched to RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	14th. 15th.	Flight Lieutenant C.W. PEACE posted to No. 25 Squadron, PERTH, W.A. Squadron AB-12 with Pilot Officer E.B. COMPTON, No. 470 Cpl. COOK, W., Metal Rigger No. 2733 A.C.I. MUIR, I.J., Metal Rigger and T.A.S. CROSS (RAI) proceeded to NOWRA to carry out Target Towing exercises at JERVIS BAY for the period 14th. MARCH to 17th. MARCH, 1939.	
PERTH, W.	15th.	A detachment of six airmen under Flying Officer W.L. CAMPBELL left for PERTH to take part in the Sasqui-Centenary Celebrations. Returned 16th. March.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	21st.	Squadron AB-12 with Pilot Officer E.B. COMPTON, No. 470 Cpl. COOK, W., Metal Rigger No. 2733 A.C.I. MUIR, I.J., Metal Rigger and T.A.S. CROSS (RAI) proceeded to NOWRA to carry out Target Towing exercises at JERVIS BAY on 21st. MARCH.	
GUILDFORD - TAMMARTIN.	22nd.	A detachment of six airmen under Flying Officer W.L. CAMPBELL left for TAMMARTIN and GUILDFORD to attend the Sasqui-Centenary Celebrations. Returned 24th. MARCH.	
RICHMOND.	24th.	Lieutenant W. GIBSON (RA) reported No. duty while attached to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
SIDNEY.	24th.	W/LS "CANBERRA" detachment complete with aircraft, AB-9, stores and personnel, Flying Officer J.M. BELL, No. 333 F/Sgt. SMITHSON, R., Fitter Air, No. 1300 I.A.C. LINTON, E., Metal Rigger, No. 2301 I.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer, No. 1300 A.C.I. MC LEAN, F.C., Fitter Air and No. 2493 A.C.I. GURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer, was dispatched to RICHMOND.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	25th.	<p>REAS "SIDNEY" detachment complete with aircraft AB-1, stores and personnel, Flying Officer A.W. HICK, No. 474 A/Sgt. BASHARTY, S.M., Metal Rigger, No. 2424 A.C.I. W. HEALY, L., Metal Rigger, No. 2235 A.C.I. DONWELL, J.K., Fitter Amourer, No. 1830 A.C.I. HARRIS, H.P., Fitter Aero, was disembarked to RICHMOND, 25th. March.</p>	
RICHMOND.	25th.	<p>Flight Lieutenant D.M. CONNOLLY reported for duty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. J. De la Rue</i></p>	<p><i>FOR REVIEW JAD</i></p>

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - LAVERTON	2	Eight (8) Seagull V Aircraft, with pilots and crews, proceeded to LAVERTON for the Air Display, and returned on 11.4.38.	
RICHMOND	11	Pilot Officer H.M.BIRCH reported for duty.	
RICHMOND	23	Nine (9) Seagull V Aircraft, with pilots and crews, partook in the Air Display.	
SYDNEY	25	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.756 Sergt. BLAKE, T.H., Metal Rigger; No.2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero; No.2369 A.C.I. JOHNSTON, A.J., Flight Rigger; No.2296 A.C.I. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer, embarked in H.M.A.S."CANBERRA".	
SYDNEY	25	H.M.A.S."SYDNEY" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, pilot: Flying Officer J.N.BELL; crew: No.474 A/Sergeant HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger; No.2278 A.C.I. ABBOTT, C.J.N., Fitter Armourer; No.1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger; No.1811 L.A.C. MASON, D.S., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S."SYDNEY".	
RICHMOND	26	Pilot Officers A.E.CROSS, A.E.K.BOLLEMAN, T.M.PRICE, M.M.McINNES, M.J.WIBER, and D.L.G.DOUGLAS, reported for duty.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	28	Seagull V Aircraft A2-13, pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY; crew: No.1576 L.A.C. ORME, W.M., Fitter Aero; No.2796 A.C.I. MUIR, L.J., Flight Rigger; No.1731 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to NOWRA to carry out drogue target exercises with H.M.A.Squadron, and returned.	

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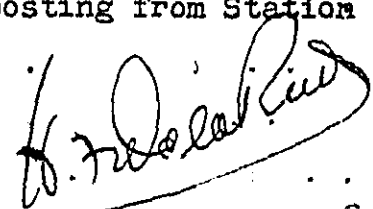
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	5	Seagull V Aircraft A2-13, pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY; crew: No.1797 LAC. MORRIS, A.J.G., Fitter Aero; No.2796 ACL. MUIR, L.J., Flight Rigger; L/Tel.OXLEY, R.A.N., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to NOWRA to carry out drogue target exercises with H.M.A.Squadron, and returned.	
SYDNEY	6	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.756 Sergt. BLAKE, T.H., Metal Rigger; No.2651 LAC. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero; No.2369 ACL. JOHNSTON, A.J., Flight Rigger; No.2296 ACL. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer; was disembarked to RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND.	6	Three Seagull V Aircraft took part in a fly past at HAWKESBURY Agricultural Show.	
RICHMOND	10	The Annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and T.A.Gs. commenced with the following personnel:- Lieutenant Commander C.H.BROOKS, R.A.N. Lieutenant P.C.PATTEN-THOMAS, R.N. Lieutenant Commander J.C.BACON, R.N. Lieutenant E.N.C.CHAPMAN, R.N. Lieutenant F.K.FOGARTY, R.A.N. Lieutenant C.V.S.MALLESON, R.N. Petty Officer Telegraphist C.CROSS. Leading Telegraphist OXLEY, K.W.E. Telegraphist BUNNETT, C.K. Telegraphist UPTON, R. Telegraphist HENZELL, H.G. Telegraphist HUTCHISON, E.M.. Telegraphist MOODIE, D. Telegraphist PATTERSON, A.K.	
SYDNEY <i>File 153/2/71</i>	7	No. 1915 LAC. WALDIE, W.G., Photographer, embarked in S/S "MARELLA" with photographic stores and equipment, to establish base at THURSDAY ISLAND, in connection with photographic survey of NORTH AUSTRALIA.	
RICHMOND	10	Seagull V Aircraft A2-22, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.1229 Photographer Corporal BRINSLEY, G.S./ No.646 Corporal CHERRY, E.G.L., Metal Rigger, No.2374	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND (Contd.)	10	L.A.C. MATTHEWS, S.R., Fitter Aero, No.1724 L.A.C. THORLEY, A.F., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to THURSDAY ISLAND in connection with the photographic survey of NORTH AUSTRALIA.	
RICHMOND	23	Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER was posted to Station Headquarters, RICHMOND (for administrative duties).	
RICHMOND	23	Flight Lieutenant A.X.RICHARDS reported for duty on posting from Station Headquarters to No.5 Squadron.(for flying duties).	
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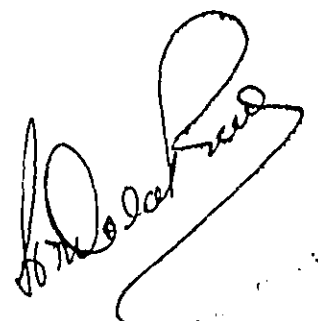
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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	2	The annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and T.A.Gs completed.	
RICHMOND	3 - 4	Inspection of RICHMOND Station by the Chief of the Air Staff - Air Vice-Marshal R. WILLIAMS, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	
SYDNEY	14 - 16	Catapult training was carried out from H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" in Harbour, and all officers of No.5 Squadron have now been catapulted.	
RICHMOND	20	Pilot Officer D.L.SWIFTE reported for duty on posting from No.2 Aircraft Depot (for equipment duties).	
RICHMOND	27	Flying Officer K.E.CAMPBELL posted to No.2 Aircraft Depot (for equipment duties).	
RICHMOND	29	Inspection of RICHMOND Station by Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Edward L. ELLINGTON, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. (Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force).	
RICHMOND	30	Flight Lieutenant A.X.RICHARDS posted to No.3 Squadron (for flying duties).	
RICHMOND	30	Flying Officer A.N.HICK posted to No.1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK (for flying duties).	

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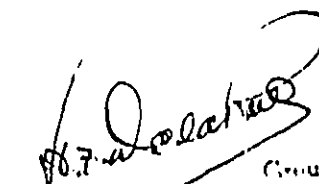
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of (Unit or Formation).....No.....5.....(Fleet Co-operation).....Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	Completion of inspection of R.A.A.F. Station by Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Sir Edward L. Ellington, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. (Inspector General of the Royal Air Force)	
RICHMOND - Pt. STEPHENS.	2 - 3	Flight to PORT STEPHENS and SALAMANDER BAY for inspection of landing grounds and Seaplane anchorages. Seagull A2-14 was taken with Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT as Pilot and Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES as Co-pilot.	
SYDNEY	4	High Speed Towed Target Bombing commenced and three Seagull aircraft from this Squadron took part. Aircraft and Crews - 1st day. A2-14 Pilot Officer M.J. WIBER, Pilot, No. 2637 Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H., Bombaimer., A2-15 Pilot Officer K.E.A. BOLLEMAN, Pilot Pilot Officer A.E. CROSS, Bomb aimer., A2-19 Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH, Pilot, No 2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer (Photographic Aircraft)	
SYDNEY	5	Aircraft and Crews - Bombing, 2nd. day. A2-21 Pilot Officer A.E. CROSS, Pilot Pilot Officer M.J. WIBER, Photographer, (Photographic aircraft) A2-19 Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES, Pilot, Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH, Bomb aimer, A2-15 Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Pilot, Pilot Officer T.M. PRICE, Bomb aimer.	
RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE	6	A further flight was undertaken to inspect suitable alighting areas at LAKE MACQUARIE ; Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT staying at TORONTO to inspect possible landing grounds. A2-19 Pilot, Wing Commander HEWITT, Co-pilot Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES.	
SYDNEY	6 /	Flying Officer E.B. COURTNEY embarked in H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS". Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH took over duties as Adjutant, No. 5 Squadron	
RICHMOND- LAKE MACQUARIE	7	Flight in Seagull aircraft A2-19, Pilot Officer McINNES Pilot bringing Wing Commander HEWITT back from LAKE MACQUARIE.	
SYDNEY	8	Further bombing of the Target towed by HMAS. "VOYAGER" took place, but was abandoned later owing to low cloud. Aircraft A2-21, Flying Officer K.C. EKINS, Pilot,	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	8	(contd) No.2637 Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. Bomb-aimer.	
SYDNEY	11	A formation of five Seagull Aircraft took part in a formation flight to farewell the aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" which is proceeding to ENGLAND.	
SYDNEY	13	Flying Officer J.N. BELL and Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES embarked in HMAS "CANBERRA". Aircraft - Seagull A2-17, Crew -No.1135 Sgt. KEAR, A.C. Fitter Aero, No. 1800 ACI. MC LEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero, No. 2279 L.A.C. EDMUNDS, H.O. Fitter Armourer, No. 2369 ACI. JOHNSTON, A.J. Flight Rigger, No. 2626 ACI. ENDACOTT, O.G. Photographer. Pilot Officer K.E.A.BOLLEMAN and Pilot Officer T.M. PRICE embarked in HMAS "SYDNEY". Aircraft, Seagull A2-6, Crew No. 756 Sgt. BLAKE, T.H. Metal Rigger, No. 2424 ACI. MC LEAY, L. Metal Rigger, No. 2278 ACI. ABBOTT, C.F.N. Fitter Armourer, No.1797 LAC. MORIS, A.J.C., Fitter Aero. No. 2651 LAC. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer.	
RICHMOND, OLD BAR, NARROMINE	18	Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH proceeded in Seagull A2-19 with crew of three to OLD BAR, NARROMINE and return on a combined navigation exercise and test of the D/F Station at RICHMOND.	
JERVIS BAY	19 -27	All Pilots from this Squadron took part in Naval Co-operation exercises with H.M.A. Squadron at JERVIS BAY.	
LAKE MACQUARIE	22	Seagull A2-18 with Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH as pilot conveyed Wing Commander J.E. HEPBURN and Squadron Leader L.V. LACHAL to VALE'S POINT, LAKE MACQUARIE to inspect places suitable for combined aerodrome and sea plane station. Pilot Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull A2-15 conveyed Flight Lieutenant J.M. LEREW to LAKE MACQUARIE to confer with Wing Commander HEPBURN and Squadron Leader LACHAL on the suitability of VALE'S POINT as a seaplane base.	<p style="text-align: right;">  Commanding Officer Group 1000 R.A.N.S. </p>

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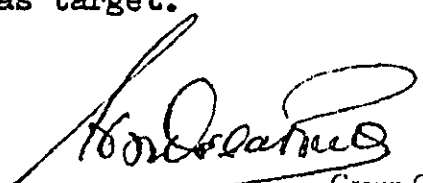
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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	6th.	<p>Five Seagull V aircraft were flown to MARYBOROUGH under the Command of Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Commanding Officer, No. 5 (F.C) Squadron to carry out manoeuvres and navigational exercises with H.M.A. Squadron at HERVEY BAY, Queensland. Intermediate stops were made at OLD BAR and ARCHERFIELD for the purpose of re-fuelling the aircraft.</p> <p>Aircraft and crews were as follows:-</p> <p>A2-15 - Pilot, Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Lieutenant F.K. FOGARTY, ACIs. No. 2042, RICHARDSON, C.W. W/T Operator Mechanic (No. 3 Squadron), No.2533, CERINI, C.V. Metal Rigger, and No. 2255 CRAIG, A., Fitter Aero.</p> <p>A2-18 - Pilot, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, LACs No.1731 BARNES, G.H., W/T.Operator, Mechanic, No.2105 FORD, N.E., Metal Rigger, No.2659 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. Air Observer, No. 1091 Sgt. BRADLEY, W. Fitter Aero.</p> <p>A2-13 - Pilot, Flying Officer A.E. CROSS and ACIs. No.2202 SWABY, M.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, No.2796 MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger and No. 1902 WISHART, C.G. Flight Fitter.</p> <p>A2-16 Pilot, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH, No. 474 A/Sgt. HAGGARTY, S.W. Metal Rigger, No.2637 T/Cpl ROBERTS, V.H. Air Observer, No.1065 L.A.C. FOLEY, E. Storekeeper, No.2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. Metal Rigger.</p> <p>A2-19 - Pilot, Flying Officer M.J. WIBER, No.1869 T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. Air Observer, No.2915 ACI. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.1889 ACI. LESTER, G. Metal Rigger (No. 22 Squadron)</p>	
HERVEY BAY	8th.	<p>Four aircraft took part in a Naval Search and Interception Exercise with H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY". Later in the day the same aircraft were sent out on navigational exercises. One aircraft, A2-13 was engaged in Sleeve Target Towing for HMAS "CANBERRA".</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
HERVEY BAY	9th.	Sleeve Target Towing and short navigational exercises in the morning. In the afternoon a tactical bombing exercise was carried out on H.M.A. Ships in which the two ships' aircraft took part. Pilots - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Flying Officer J.N. BELL, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH, and Flying Officer T.M. PRICE. Wind was found near BUNDABERG and the ships were attacked "down sun" by the aircraft in two flights of three aircraft each. The ships were anchored in PLATYPUS BAY.	
HERVEY BAY	10th.	Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS in Seagull V, A2-13 took part in the Sleeve Target Towing exercise. Flying Officers A.E. CROSS and M.J. WIBER were engaged in Naval Height finding exercises. Flying Officer M.J. BIRCH carried out dummy torpedo attacks on H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"	
HERVEY BAY	11th	Four aircraft proceeded on navigation exercises, all of which terminated at BUNDABERG where the aircraft landed. Aircraft took off later in the afternoon and proceeded direct to MARYBOROUGH. The pilots engaged in this exercise were Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, Flying Officer H. M. BIRCH and Flying Officer M.J. WIBER. Flying Officer A.E. CROSS was piloting the Drogue Target aircraft in Sleeve Target exercises with the Fleet.	
MARYBOROUGH	12th.	All aircraft left MARYBOROUGH at 0745 hours, landing to re-fuel at ARCHERFIELD and KEMPSEY arriving at RICHMOND at 1610 hours the same day.	
RICHMOND.	19th.	Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS posted to No. 1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK.	
RICHMOND.	29th- 31st	Annual Training exercises. Windfinding, air-to-air and ground-to-air camera gun for pilots and observers. Dummy bombing, using Camera Obscura as target.	<p style="text-align: right;">  Group Captain Commanding R.A.A.F. Station Richmond N.S.W. </p>

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND- COOTAMUNDRA- RICHMOND.	1st.	Annual Training Navigation Exercise carried out by Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull V, A2-19. Crew - No. 2637 T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. Navigator, No. 1811 LAC. MASON, D.S., Fitter Aero and No. 2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. W/T Operator Mechanic .	
RICHMOND	3rd.	All shore based pilots of No. 5 Squadron carried out wind finding exercises as part of Annual Training.	
RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE RICHMOND.	5th	Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT in Seagull V, aircraft A2-9 with Director of Works and Buildings - Flight Lieutenant J.M. LEREW proceeded to LAKE MACQUARIE for inspection of suitable Seaplane base. Crew - No. 1731 LAC. BARNES, G.H. W/T Operator Mechanic and No. 1833 LAC. GERRARD, G.W. Fitter Aero.	
RICHMOND	11th.	Flying Officers A.E. CROSS, H.M. BIRCH and M.J. WIBER carried out formation practice in preparation for display to be held by No. 22 Squadron on 18th. September, 1938.	
RICHMOND	12th.	Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull V aircraft A2-14 with crew - No. 1869 T/Cpl HANCOCK, Air Observer and No. 2659 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. Air Observer, carried out an altitude test, reaching a true height of 20,000 feet.	
RICHMOND	18th.	Flying Officers H.M. BIRCH, D.L.G. DOUGLAS and M.M. MC INNES, piloting three Seagull V aircraft, Nos. A2-18, A2-16 and A2-14 respectively flew past and dropped dummy parachutes for the C.A.F. Cadets graduation Day Display. The Fly Past was witnessed by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Wakehurst, KC.M.G.	
JERVIS BAY	20th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS in Seagull V aircraft A2-13 with crew - No. 2796 ACI MUIR, L.J. Flight Rigger, No. 1902 ACI. WISHART, C.G. Flight Fitter and No. 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out towed target exercises at JERVIS BAY.	
TORONTO	22nd.	A reconnaissance exercise was made to TORONTO for the purpose of inspecting	

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TORONTO	22nd	moorings, beaching sites and accommodation for the combined operations at PORT STEPHENS, 6th to 8th. OCTOBER, 1938. Aircraft, Seagull V, A2-18. Pilot - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, crew - Lt. F.K. FOGARTY (RAN), Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH No.773 Sergeant Major SLIGHT, A.A.B., W/T Operator and No.1091 Sgt. BRADLEY, W.A., Fitter Aero.	
JERVIS BAY	23rd	Target Towing was carried out at JERVIS BAY by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS in Seagull V aircraft, A2-13, crew - No.2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J. Flight Rigger.	
RICHMOND	27th	Tests of a new C.Q. parachute manufactured in Australia were made from a Seagull V aircraft piloted by Flying Officer M.M. MC INNES. Tests were satisfactory and the workmanship of the parachute appeared good.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF, SYDNEY	30th	Throughout the month, safety aircraft patrols were carried out over the Air to Air Firing Range, ECLIPSE BLUFF. No.3 Squadron practising Air to Air Firing over the sea now require a Seagull V aircraft to act as a safety aircraft in the event of a Demon being forced down on the water.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
LIVERPOOL	3rd & 4th	Tests of the modified course setting bombsight bracket were made on these dates over the LIVERPOOL BOMBING RANGE from a height of 6000 feet. Thirty two bombs were dropped during the two days and the new mounting appears satisfactory. Seagull aircraft A2-17 was used for the tests with Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH as Pilot and No.1869 T/CPL HANCOCK, Air Observer, as Bomb-aimer. Photographs of fall of bombs were taken by No.2600 LAC. GRAINGER, G. M., Photographer.	
JERVIS BAY.	7th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS as pilot of Seagull V aircraft, A2-13 with crew, No.1902 ACI. WISHART, ^{C.G.} Fitter Aero, 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing at JERVIS BAY for H.M.A. Cruisers, "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" during 4" H.A. firing.	
JERVIS BAY	10th	Sleeve Target Towing carried out at JERVIS BAY for H.M.A.Cruisers by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, in Seagull A2-13 with crew, No. 1902, ACI. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, No.2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Op. Mech and No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger for close range firing. Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS in Seagull aircraft A2-9 with crew No.2659 T/CPL. CAMERON, A.J., Air Observer and No.2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. W/T Op. Mech. carried out a height finding exercise at JERVIS BAY.	
NOWRA.	11th	Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull A2-9 with No.2659 T/CPL. CAMERON A.J. Air Observer, No.2915 ACI. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Op. Mech carried out a height finding exercise for H.M.A.Cruisers.	
RICHMOND	11th	Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER in Seagull A2-17 with Major General DOWNES, director of Medical Services, and crew, No. 1833 LAC. GERRARD, G.W., Fitter Aero made a short hygienic survey of the local water supply, sewerage and drainage systems.	
JERVIS BAY	12th	Flying Officer D.L.G DOUGLAS in Seagull A2-17 participated in height finding exercises	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
JERVIS BAY	12th.	with H.M.A. Cruisers at JERVIS BAY. Flying Officer A.E.CROSS in Seagull A2-13 with crew, No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger and No. 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Op. Mech carried out flag target towing for Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners, firing from aircraft attached to H.M.A.Ships, "SYDNEY" and "CANBERRA".	
JERVIS BAY NOWRA.	13th	Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH in Seagull A2-13 with crew No.1902 ACI. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger., and LAC. BARNES, G.H., W/T Op Mech proceeded to NOWRA and JERVIS BAY for Sleeve Towing with H.M.A. Cruisers. H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" carried out full calibre battle practice firing, using all their armament at the same time. While the Seagull attacked each ship in turn from the rear, the cruisers were firing at a target towed by a tug, eight miles distant.	
RICHMOND	17th	Full load W/T tests were carried out in Seagull V aircraft, A2-17 and A2-14 by Flying Officers D.L.G. DOUGLAS and A.E. CROSS respectively.	
LIVERPOOL.	20th.	Medium and Low Level bombing carried out at LIVERPOOL by Flying Officers A.E. CROSS, K.E.A. BOLLEMAN and H.M. BIRCH in Seagull V aircraft, A2-17 and A2-14 with No.2637.T/Cpl ROBERTS, V.H., No.2659 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. and No.1896 T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. as Bomb-aimers.	
LIVERPOOL	21st	Further bombing at LIVERPOOL by Flying Officers, BIRCH, CROSS and T.M. PRICE with the same aircraft and crews as on the 20th. October.	
RICHMOND.	26th, 27th	Annual training in camera obscura bombing carried out by all pilots and air observers.	
RICHMOND	27th	Annual Training Navigation and interception exercises were carried out by Flying Officers A.E. CROSS and M.J. WIBER with T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. and T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. as check navigators. Aircraft A2-18 and A2-15 respectively.	
RICHMOND	28th	Annual training navigation and interception exercises were carried out by Flying Officers T.M. PRICE and M.J. WIBER in Seagulls A2-18 and A2-15 with T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. and T/Cpl. CAMERON A.J. as check navigators.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	X 1st.	Photographic Reconnaissance was carried out by all shore-based pilots , overlapping runs for mosaic work and pin points being photographed. Seagull A2-15, Pilot Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT with Group Captain H.F. De La Rue as passenger, and crew Flying Officer A.E. CROSS and No.2475 L.A.C. STANFIELD, T., W/T Op.Mech. proceeded to PORT STEPHENS and returned.	
RICHMOND	2nd.	Navigation and Interception Exercises were carried out by Flying Officers K.E.A. BOLLEMAN and D.L.G. DOUGLAS and cloud flying by Flying Officers T.M. PRICE and A.E. CROSS.	
RICHMOND	3rd.	Further Navigation and Interception Exercises were carried out by Flying Officers A.E.CROSS, K.E.A. BOLLEMAN, H.M. BIRCH and T.M. PRICE.	
LAKE MACQUARIE	4th.	Seagull V, A2-20, Pilot - Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER and crew proceeded to LAKE MACQUARIE on a reconnaissance flight.	
RICHMOND	6th.	Seagull V, A2-15, Pilot - Flying Officer M. J. WIBER, Crew- No.2751 A.C.I. EVERETT, E.A., Fitter Aero, No. 2090 A.C.I. MILNER, A.E.D., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.2600 Corporal GRAINGER, G.M., Photographer proceeded to MOUNT WALKER, Queensland for photographic survey.	
RICHMOND	7th.	Seagull V, A2-21 was water tested by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH practised rough water alightings in Seagull V, A2-20.	
RICHMOND	8th.	Seagull V, A2-18, Pilot - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY carried out a photographic Reconnaissance.	
MASCOT.	9th.	Seagull V, A2-17, Pilot - Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH proceeded to MASCOT.	
NOWRA.	10th.	Seagull V, A2-14 - Pilot - Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT and Group Captain H.F. De La Rue, D.F.C. as passenger proceeded to NOWRA, EDEN and return.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF	13th.	Flying Officer BIRCH and Flying Officer T.M. PRICE carried out a safety patrol over air to air Sea Firing Range for A.A. practice by No.22 Squadron.	

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BROKEN BAY.	14th.	High Speed Bombing was carried out as part of Annual Training by all Pilots and Squadron	
	15th.	Air Observers with H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER". Photographic aircraft flown by Flying Officer	
	16th.	M.M. MC.INNESS.	
RICHMOND.	18th	Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH - Pilot, Crew - No.1797 CORPL. MORRIS, A.J.G., Fitter Aero No.2202 L.A.C. SWABY, M.J., W/T Operator Mechanic and Mr. S. FOWLER, Fisheries Officer (C.S.I.R.) proceeded on Pelagic Fisheries Survey Flight to North East waters of TASMANIA, FURNEAUX GROUP, EASTERN BASS STRAIT, EASTERN COAST OF NEW SOUTH WALES and SOUTH QUEENSLAND COAST.	
BROKEN BAY			
BROKEN BAY.	17th.	Seagull A2-18, Pilot - Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS forced landed at SARATOGA due to engine failure. Assistance was sent in Seagull V A2-14, Pilot - Squadron Leader A.L. WALTERS, and after effecting repairs Seagull V A2-18 flew back to RICHMOND.	
" "	17th.	High Speed Bombing was carried out as part of Annual Training by all Pilots and Squadron	
" "	18th.	Air Observers with H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER". Photographic aircraft flown by Flying Officer M.M. MC.INNES.	
	18th.	Photography of Bombing results was carried out by Flying Officer T.M. PRICE, Seagull A2-20.	
LIVERPOOL.	21st.	Bombing over the LIVERPOOL BOMBING RANGE was carried out as part of annual training of No 5 Squadron Air Observers .	
RICHMOND	22nd.	Flying Officer T.M. PRICE and K.E.A. BOLLEMAN as pilots carried out air to air camera gun practice as part of preliminary training of Squadron Air Observers.	
RICHMOND	23rd.	Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun course commenced. Practices carried out on air to	
	24th.	ground range.	
NOWRA.	24th.	Seagull A2-20, Pilot Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT, crew- No. 1931 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, No. 1902 A.C.I. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero proceeded to NOWRA and returned.	
RICHMOND.	25th.	Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gunn Course continued using air to ground range.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF.	28th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS as pilot of Seagull A2-13 with crew - No.2796 L.A.C. MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing over air to air sea firing range for	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
ECLIPSE BLUFF (contd)	28th.	Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun Course.	
BEENLEIGH Queensland.	28th.	Seagull A2-15 - Pilot, Flying Officer M.J. WIBER, crew - No.2751 A.C.I. EVERETT, E.A. Fitter Aero, No. 2090 A.C.I. MILNER, A.E.D., W/T Operator Mechanic, and a Police Officer crashed into high tension wires. Pilot and crew were incinerated.	
NEWCASTLE.	29th.	Seagull A2-14, pilot - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, crew Flying Officer T.M. PRICE, No.2255 L.A.C. CRAIG, A, Fitter Aero and No.2475 A.C.I. STANFIELD, T., W/T Operator Mechanic proceeded to NEWCASTLE and returned.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF	30th.	Flying Officer T.M. PRICE as pilot of Seagull A2-13 with crew, No. 2796 L.A.C. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing over air to air sea firing range for Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun Course.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	29 NOV.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew of three, proceeded to BRISBANE in connection with the salvage of Seagull V. Aircraft A2-15.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	1 DEC	Air to Air Gunnery and Target Towing carried out by Air Observers of No.5 (F.C.) Squadron.	
<u>SYDNEY.</u>	1 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-16, Stores and R.A.A.F. Detachment personnel disembarked from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
<u>BRISBANE. - ROCKHAMPTON.</u>	2 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew proceeded to ROCKHAMPTON to assist in repairs to Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22 which was damaged on North Australia Flight.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	5 "	Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS was posted from No.1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK to Carrier Flight, No.5 (F.C.) Squadron, for flying duties.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	8-8-2- 9 DEC.	Air to Air Gunnery was carried by Air Observers of No.5 (F.C.) Squadron.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	8 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH and crew of two returned from Pelagic Fisheries Survey Flight in co-operation with M.S. "WARREEN", the C.S.I.R. Fisheries Research Vessel.	
<u>RICHMOND - PORT STEPHENS.</u>	13 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, with Flight Lieutenant T.C.CURMOW as passenger, proceeded to PORT STEPHENS to survey a possible site for Armament Training Camp.	
<u>ROCKHAMPTON - RICHMOND.</u>	16 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew returned to RICHMOND from ROCKHAMPTON.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	16 "	A formation of four Seagull V. Aircraft led by Flight Lieutenant D.A.CONNELLY with Flying Officers K.C.H.EKINS, H.M.BIRCH and M.M.McINNIS, was made to scatter the ashes of the late Flying Officer M.J.WIBER.	
<u>RICHMOND - PORT STEPHENS.</u>	19 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH, in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-18, with Flight Lieutenants	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>RICHMOND- PORT STEPHENS.</u> (Contd.)	19 DEC	J.M.LEREW and J.R.BALMER as passengers, and crew, proceeded to PORT STEPHENS for further examination of a possible site for Armament Training Camp.	
<u>RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE.</u>	21 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, with passenger Flight Lieutenant J.M.LEREW, and crew, proceeded and alighted at MYALL RIVER, TAMILBA, and LAKE MACQUARIE, for general inspection of certain proposed Air Force sites.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	21 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22, Pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON, and crew, returned from North Australia Survey Flight.	
<u>SYDNEY.</u>	21 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-1, Stores, and R.A.A.F. Detachment personnel disembarked from H.M.A.S."HOBART".	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	26 "	Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-18, with crew, acted as Safety Aircraft for No.22 (City of Sydney) Squadron Air to Air Gunnery exercises.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	28 "	Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-16, with crew, carried out Safety patrol duties for No.22 (City of Sydney) Squadron.	

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