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JANUARY, 1939.

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of (Unit or Formation) No.9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	27	<p><i>NR 5. Changed to NR 9. from 1. 1. '39 (Air Bd memo)</i></p> <p>H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY; crew: No.467 Sergeant HARPUR, J.J., Metal Rigger; No.2325 LAC. ENDACOTT, O.G., Photographer; No.2424 LAC. McIEAY, L., Metal Rigger; No.2631 LAC. CUMMINGS, J.H., Fitter Armourer; No.1902 AC1. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".</p>	
SYDNEY	31	<p>H.M.A.S. "HOBART" detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-7, stores and personnel, pilots: Flying Officer J.N.BELL and Flying Officer T.M.PRICE; crew: No.1576 Corporal ORME, W.M., Fitter Aero; No.2540 LAC. HANNA, W.D.G., Metal Rigger; No.2295 LAC. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer; No.3546 AC1. CALLEN, T.J., Photographer, embarked in H.M.A.S. "HOBART".</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	6	H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-1, stores and personnel, pilots Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON and Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS; crew: No. 474 Sergeant HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger, No. 1800 LAC. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero, No. 2796 LAC. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger, No. 2278 LAC. ABBOTT, C.J.N., Fitter Armourer, No. 2600 Corporal GRAINGER, G.M., Photographer, embarked in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
RICHMOND	28	Flying Officer M.M. McINNES was posted to No. 1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK (For specialist navigation course). <i>to 8. 1. 39</i> <i>bill. SAM</i>	<i>SB</i>

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MARCH, 1939.

of (Unit or Formation) No.9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND.	7 FEB.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20, Pilot: Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH, Crew: No.2255. L.A.C. CRAIG, A., Fitter Aero; No.2475 A.C.I. STANFIELD, T., W/T Operator Mechanic; Passenger: Mr. S.FOWLER, Fisheries Officer (C.S.I.R.), proceeded to CEDUNA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, in connection with Pelagic Fish Observations.	
LAVERTON.	1 MAR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-16, Pilot: Flying Officer D.L.G.DOUGLAS, and crew of four were diverted from a training flight with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-18 and proceeded to HOBART to relieve Seagull V. Aircraft A2-7 which was damaged aboard H.M.A.S."HOBART". After assisting in the repair of A2-7, A2-16 returned to RICHMOND via WHITEMARK, LAVERTON and COOTAMUNDRA.	
RICHMOND.	8 MAR.	Flying Officers K.E.A.BOLLEMAN and A.E.CROSS were posted to Air Force Headquarters (To special duty list) prior to embarking at SYDNEY in R.M.S. "ORONTES", for passage to ENGLAND to attend specialist armament course.	
HOBART	17 MAR.	Flying Officers E.H.COURTNEY and K.C.H.EKINS disembarked from H.M.A. Ships at HOBART and returned to RICHMOND for duty.	
RICHMOND.	24 MAR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-13, Pilot: Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS and crew of two, departed for WESTERN JUNCTION for exercises with H.M.A.Ships in NORTHERN TASMAN and PORT HILLIP.	
RICHMOND	28 MAR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20, Pilot: Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH, Crew: No.2255 L.A.C. CRAIG, A., Fitter Aero; No.2475 A.C.I. STANFIELD, T., W/T Operator Mechanic; Passenger: Mr. S.FOWLER, Fisheries Officer (C.S.I.R.) returned from CEDUNA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, in connection with Pelagic Fish Observations.	

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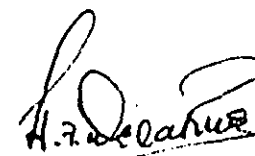
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	6 MAR.	Squadron Leader J.A.S.BROWN, R.A.F., took over the command of the Squadron.	
RICHMOND	1 APR.	Flight Lieutenant D.A.CONNELLY was posted to No.21 Squadron, LAVERTON.	
RICHMOND	6 APR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-13, Pilot: Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS and crew returned from WESTERN JUNCTION, TASMANIA, at the conclusion of exercises with H.M.A. Ships in NORTHERN TASMANIAN Waters and PORT PHILLIP.	
RICHMOND	15 APR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22, A2-21, A2-16 and A2-18, with full operational crews, proceeded to MALLACOOTA to take part in Exercise N.Z.3.	
MALLACOOTA	17 - 18 APR.	Exercise N.Z.3.	
RICHMOND	19 APR.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22, A2-21, A2-16 and A2-18, with full operational crews, returned from MALLACOOTA at the conclusion of Exercise N.Z.3.	



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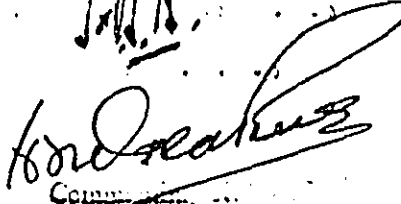
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MAY, 1939.

of (Unit or Formation) No.9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	5th	<p>R.A.A.F. Detachments, complete with aircraft, pilots, crews, and stores, disembarked from H.M.A. Ships, as under:-</p> <p><u>H.M.A.S."CANBERRA"</u>. - Aircraft, Seagull V. - A2-1; Pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; Crew: No.1002 F/SGT. PATTEN, E.G.C., Storekeeper; No. 474 SGT. HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger; No.1800 LAC. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero; No.2796 LAC. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger; No.2278 LAC. ABBOTT, C.J.N., Fitter Armourer; No.2600 CPL. GRAINGER, G.M., Photographer.</p> <p><u>H.M.A.S."SYDNEY"</u>. - Aircraft, Seagull V. - A2-9; Pilot: Flying Officer T.M.PRICE; Crew: No. 467 SGT. HARPUR, J.J., Metal Rigger; No.2625 LAC. ENDACOTT, O.G., Photographer; No.2424 CPL. McLEAY, L., Metal Rigger; No.1902 AC1. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero; No.2631 LAC. CUMMINGS, J.H., Fitter Armourer.</p> <p><u>H.M.A.S."HOBART"</u>. - Aircraft, Seagull V. - A2-7; Pilot: Flying Officer J.N.BELL; Crew: No.1576 SGT. CRME, W.M., Fitter Aero; No.2540 LAC. HANNA, W.D.G., Metal Rigger; No.2295 CPL. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer; No.3546 AC1. CALLEN, T.M., Photographer.</p>	
RICHMOND	8th	<p>The Annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners commenced.</p>	
RICHMOND - ROCKHAMPTON.	9th	<p>Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20; Pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; Crew: No.2915 AC1. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Operator Mechanic; No.2933 AC1. MOMSEN, J.M.S., Photographer; No.3733 AC1. HANSELL, J.T., Flight Rigger; No.3767 AC1. DEWS, W.M., Flight Fitter, proceeded to ROCKHAMPTON in connection with the CONNORS RANGE and PORT MORESBY Surveys.</p>	
PORT MORESBY	25th	<p>Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20 broke free from anchorage in high tide and was damaged.</p>	
RICHMOND.	27th	<p>Seagull V. Aircraft A2-13; Pilot: Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH; Crew: No.316 S.M.I. STOCKER, E.J., S.M.Engineer; No.1869 SGT. HANCOCK, L.J., Air Observer; No.2808 AC1. RICKMAN, J.R., W/T Operator Mechanic, departed for PORT MORESBY to replace Seagull</p>	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND (CONTD)	27th	V. Aircraft A2-20 in the PORT MORESBY Survey and also to make available a technical adviser (SM. STOCKER) for the salvage of Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20.	



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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	2	The Annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners completed.	
RICHMOND	5 - 16	Short Maintenance Course for Telegraphist Air Gunners of the R.A.N.	
RICHMOND	14	Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON, No.316 S.M.I. STOCKER, E.J., S.M.Engineer, No.1869 SGT. HANCOCK, L.J., Air Observer, No.2808 AC1. RICKMAN, J.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-20, returned from PORT MORESBY, after disembarking at SYDNEY from S/S "MACDHUI". <i>J.H.R.</i> <i>9/12</i>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON and Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH posted to No.10 Squadron, POINT COOK (for flying duties) and attached to No.9 Squadron.	
POINT COOK	3	Flying Officer T.H.DAVIES and Pilot Officer E.V.BEAUMONT posted to No.9 Squadron (for flying duties).	
RICHMOND	3	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-13, Pilot: Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH, Crew: No.2915 A.C.I. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Operator Mechanic, No.3767 A.C.I. DEWS, W.M., Flight Fitter, No.3733 A.C.I. HANSELL, J.T., Flight Rigger, and No.2933 A.C.I. MOMSEN, J.M.S., Photographer, returned from Photographic Survey, PORT MORESBY (PAPUA).	
RICHMOND	10	Flying Officer T.H.DAVIES and Pilot Officer E.V.BEAUMONT reported for duty.	
SYDNEY	10	H.M.A.S."SYDNEY" Detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, stores and personnel, Pilot: Flying Officer T.M.PRICE, Crew: No.2424 Corpl. McLEAY, L., Metal Rigger, No.2625 L.A.C. ENDACOTT, O.G., Photographer, No.1902 A.C.I. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, No.3863 A.C.I. KEENE, J.W., Fitter Armourer, embarked in H.M.A.S."SYDNEY".	
SYDNEY	7 - 13	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" Detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-1, stores and personnel, Pilots: Flying Officer J.N.BELL and Flying Officer T.H.DAVIES, Crew: No.1797 Sergt. MORRIS, A.J.G., Fitter Aero, No.1915 Corpl. WALDIE, W.G., Photographer, No.2278 L.A.C. ABBOTT, C.J.N., Fitter Armourer, No.2796 L.A.C. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger, No.3956 A.C.I. GRADY, D.A., Flight Fitter, embarked in H.M.A.S."CANBERRA".	
SYDNEY	7 - 14	H.M.A.S."HOBART" Detachment, complete with Seagull V. Aircraft A2-21, stores and personnel, Pilot: Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS, Crew: No.2110 Corpl. SELVEY, C.L., Metal Rigger, No.1906 L.A.C. WILSON, R.S., Fitter-Aero, No.2296 L.A.C. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer, No.2369 A.C.I. JOHNSTON, A.J., Metal Rigger, No.4012 A.C.I. HOWE, F., Photographer, embarked in H.M.A.S."HOBART".	
RICHMOND - NOWRA. RICHMOND.	17 - 27	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14 and A2-17, Pilots: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - NOWRA (CONTD) RICHMOND.	17 - 27	and Flying Officer D.L.G.DOUGLAS, with full operational crews, participated in Naval Exercises with H.M.A.Squadron. (Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, Pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY, returned to RICHMOND, 24.7.39)	
DARWIN	22	Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON and Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH left for ENGLAND by air (for special duty re.delivery of Sunderland aircraft).	
RICHMOND - MASCOT - NOWRA. - RICHMOND.	28	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, Pilot: Flying Officer D.L.G.DOUGLAS, Crew: No.829 Sergt. STIRLING, J.B., Photographer (No.6.Squadron), and No.3209 A.C.I. HENDERSON-WILSON, K., W/T Operator Mechanic, embarked Flight Lieutenant J.M.LEREW at MASCOT and proceeded to NOWRA for the purpose of carrying out a photographic reconnaissance for a possible Armament Training Camp site at JERVIS BAY, returning to RICHMOND the same day.	

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AUGUST, 1939.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND.	8/8/39.	Seagull V. aircraft A2-13, A2-14, A2-16 and A2-19 proceeded to EVANS HEAD to take part in trade protection exercise T.P.X.	
EVANS HEAD.	9/2/39.	Seagull V. aircraft A2-13, A2-14, and A2-16 took part in exercise T.P.X.	
EVANS HEAD-10/8/39. RICHMOND.		Aircraft returned from EVANS HEAD on conclusion of exercise T.P.X. <i>E.W.B.</i>	

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SEPTEMBER, 1939.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.														
RICHMOND.) MALLACOOTA.) AT SEA.)	2	<p>On the outbreak of war, No.9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron consisted of:-</p> <p>(i) A skeleton staff at R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.</p> <p>(ii) A detachment of 5 aircraft with full operational and maintenance crews at MALLACOOTA.</p> <p>(iii) Detachments on each of 3 H.M.A.Cruisers, "CANBERRA", "SYDNEY" and "HOBART".</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ESTABLISHMENT. (RESTRICTED WAR)</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>Officers.</u></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>Airmen.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>General Duties Branch.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Equipment Branch.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">87</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>STRENGTH.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">87</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>DUPIES OF OFFICERS:</u></p> <p><u>MALLACOOTA DETACHMENT.</u> - Commanding Officer: Squadron Leader J.A.S.BROWN, R.A.F. Adjutant: Flying Officer D.L.G.DOUGLAS. Flight Commander: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY. Signals Officer: Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS.</p> <p><u>RICHMOND.</u> - Acting Adjutant: Flying Officer E.V.BEAUMONT. Equipment Officer: Flying Officer D.L.SWIFTE.</p> <p><u>H.M.A.CRUISERS.</u> - Officer Commanding "CANBERRA" Detachment: Flying Officer J.N.BELL. Officer Commanding "SYDNEY" Detachment: Flying Officer T.M.PRICE. Officer Commanding "HOBART" Detachment: Flying Officer T.H.DAVIES.</p>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen.</u>	<u>General Duties Branch.</u>	<u>Equipment Branch.</u>	15	1		87		<u>STRENGTH.</u>	8	1		87	Operation Order No.13; App."B".
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>MALLACOOTA</u>	2	Officers and airmen of the detachment at MALLACOOTA were accommodated in a large house owned by Mr. C.V.ROBERTSON. Communication with RICHMOND was established by a ground W/T station and a telephone was installed.	
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	3	Tender with bombs arrived from RICHMOND. Bomb dump dug and bombs stored. One aircraft returned to RICHMOND. Search patrol carried out.	App. "A"
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	4	Search patrol carried out.	App. "A"
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	5	Search patrol carried out.	App. "A"
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	6	Flight Lieutenant S.A.C.CAMPBELL and Flight Lieutenant G.J.I. CLARKE were called up from Reserve, posted to No.9 Squadron, and attached to No.22 Squadron.	<i>Unit Box File</i>
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	9	Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS and crew departed for PEARCE, W.A., in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22. This aircraft was allotted to R.A.A.F. Station, PEARCE, to be held as reserve aircraft for H.M.A.Cruisers operating in WEST AUSTRALIAN waters.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	13	Flying Officer E.V.BEAUMONT and crew proceeded to LAVERTON, Victoria, in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, to carry out drogue target towing for H.M.A.Ships.	Operation Order No.14 App. "C"
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	15	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Flying Officer E.V.BEAUMONT and crew returned from LAVERTON.	<i>Unit Box File</i>
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	18	Search patrol carried out.	App. "A"
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	18	Flight Lieutenant P.G.GRAHAM called up from Reserve and posted to No.9 Squadron.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	19	Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY returned from MALLACOOTA to embark in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA". Replaced by Flying Officer E.V.BEAUMONT.	
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	22	Search patrol carried out.	App. "A"
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	23	Building of slipway to facilitate beaching of aircraft commenced.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	25	Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS and crew of Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22 returned from PEARCE, W.A., by rail.	

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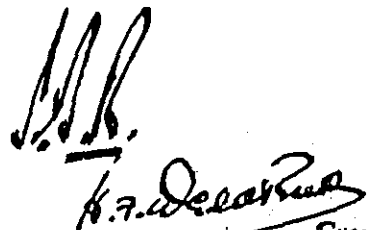
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>MALLACOOTA.</u>	27	Slipway completed and tested satisfactorily.	
<u>SYDNEY.</u>	28	Orders received for detachment to return to RICHMOND.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	28	Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY with crew embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	
<u>RICHMOND.)</u> <u>AT SEA.)</u>	30	MALLACOOTA detachment returned to RICHMOND.	
		<u>STRENGTH AT END OF MONTH:</u>	
		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen.</u>
		<u>General Duties Branch.</u>	<u>Equipment Branch.</u>
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		<u>APPENDICES:</u>	
		Search Patrols -	Appendix "A".
		Operation Order No.13. -	Appendix "B".
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OCTOBER, 1939.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	<p>Flying Officer D.L. SWIFTE posted to No. 11 Squadron, PORT MORESBY (for Equipment duties) as from 25. 9. 39.</p> <p>Pilot Officer D.P. CHADWICK posted to Headquarters Flight, No. 9. Squadron, (for Equipment duties) as from 25. 9. 39.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant P.G. GRAHAM and Flying Officer E. V. BEAUMONT posted to No. 11. Squadron, PORT MORESBY (for flying duties) as from 2. 10. 39.</p> <p>Seagull V, Aircraft A 2-11 and A 2-12 allotted to No. 11. Squadron, PORT MORESBY. Flight Lieutenant P.G. GRAHAM and Flying Officer E.V. BEAUMONT and crews proceeded to PORT MORESBY in above aircraft.</p>	
RICHMOND AT SEA	3	<p><u>DUTIES OF OFFICERS:</u></p> <p>Commanding Officer: Squadron Leader J.A.S. BROWN. R.A.F.</p> <p>Adjutant: Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS.</p> <p>Equipment Officer: Pilot Officer D.P. CHADWICK.</p> <p>Officer Commanding Cruiser Flight and Officer Commanding H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment: Flying Officer J.N. BELL.</p> <p>Officer Commanding Cruiser Flight Shore Base, Squadron Signals Officer and Squadron Parachute Officer: Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS.</p> <p>Officer Commanding H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment: Flying Officer E.B. COURTNEY.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND AT SEA	3	<u>DUTIES OF OFFICERS:</u> Officer Commanding "H.M.A.S. SYDNEY" Detachment: Flying Officer T.M. PRICE. Officer Commanding H.M.A.S. "HOBART" Detachment: Flying Officer T.H. DAVIES.	
RICHMOND- LAVERTON	3	Seagull V, Aircraft A2-16, pilot Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS and crew proceeded to LAVERTON to carry out Drogue Target towing in connection with Naval Exercises.	Appendix "B"
LAVERTON- RICHMOND	6	Seagull V, aircraft A2-16 returned from LAVERTON.	<i>Unit Box File</i>
RICHMOND	16	Pilot Officers H.G. HAVYATT and P.J. COSTELLO posted to Carrier Flight No. 9. Squadron (for flying duties) and appointed Squadron Navigation Officers and Squadron Photographic Officer respectively.	
RICHMOND- LAVERTON	21	Seagull V, aircraft A2-16, pilot Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS and crew proceeded to LAVERTON to carry out Drogue Target towing for units at R.A.A.F. Station LAVERTON.	Appendix "C"
RICHMOND	23	Flight Lieutenant P.O. LAVARACK posted to Carrier Flight, No. 9. Squadron (for flying duties) and appointed Officer Commanding Carrier Flight and Squadron Armament Officer.	<i>Unit Box File</i>
LAVERTON- RICHMOND	28	Seagull V, aircraft A2-16 returned from LAVERTON.	
RICHMOND	31	Throughout the month Drogue Target towing requirements of the Navy, Army and units of R.A.A.F. Station RICHMOND were fulfilled by No. 9 Squadron.	
RICHMOND AT SEA	31	Strength as at end of month: <u>Officers.</u>	

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 (~~Fleet Co-operation~~) Squadron.

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of (Unit or Formation) NO.9 SQUADRON.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	1	Drogue target exercises in which A2-14, A2-17 and A2-15 were engaged.	
"	2.	Drogue Exercises.- A2-16 and A2-17 took part.	
"	6	A2-16, A2-17 and A2-14 took part in Drogue Exercises.	
"	7	A2-16, A2-17 and A2-14 took part in Drogue Exercises.	
RICHMOND	7	A2-14 with Flight Lieutenant P.O. LAVARACK and crew left for MELBOURNE via COOTAMUNDRA. Arrived at LAVERTON at 1745 hours for Anti Aircraft Exercises at BARWON HEADS.	
SYDNEY	8	Drogue Target Exercises in which A2-17, A2-16 and A2-18 took part.	
RICHMOND	8	Flight Lieutenant G.J. CLARKE and S.A.C. CAMPBELL ceased attachment to No.22 Squadron.	
SYDNEY	9	Drogue Target Exercises in which A2-17, A2-16 and A2-18 took part.	
BARWON HEADS MELBOURNE -) SYDNEY)	9	Drogue Target Exercises in conjunction with 4th. Battery. A2-14 took part.	
	10	Drogue Target Exercises.	
BARWON HEADS	13	Drogue Target Exercises.	
LAVERTON	13	A2-14, Flight Lieutenant P.O. LAVARACK and crew left, and proceeded to GOULBURN via COOTAMUNDRA.	
SYDNEY	14	Drogue Target Exercises.	
RICHMOND	14	A2-14, Flight Lieutenant P.O. LAVARACK and Crew returned from LAVERTON. Photography Practise.	
RICHMOND	15	Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS, Pilot Officer H.G. HAVYATT and J.P. COSTELLO to No.10 Squadron (Overseas).	
SYDNEY	15-17	Drogue Target Exercises.	
RICHMOND	18	A2-17, Flying Officer C.K.H. EKINS and crew left for DARWIN via KEMPSEY and ARCHERFIELD.	

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ARCHERFIELD	19	A2-17, left for ROMA and CHARLEVILLE.	
CHARLEVILLE	20	A2-17, Flying Officer C.K.H. EKINS and crew left for LONGREACH, WINTON and Cloncurry.	
SYDNEY	20	Drogue Towing.	
RICHMOND	20	Flight Lieutenant P.O. LAVARACK attached to HMAS "CANBERRA". Flight Lieutenant G.J. CLARKE attached to HMAS "AUSTRALIA".	
CLONCURRY	21	A2-17, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS and crew left for CAMOWEEL, BRUNETTE DOWNS and arrived DALY WATERS.	
RICHMOND	21	Drogue Target Exercises.	
DALY WATERS	22	A2-17, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS and crew left for DARWIN and arrived same date.	
RICHMOND	22	Drogue Target Exercises.	


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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 9 SQUADRON.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	4	Flight Lieutenant S.A.C. CAMPBELL posted to Headquarters, R.A.A.F. Station, RATHMINES.	
SYDNEY	4	Drogue Target Exercises.	
DARWIN N.T.	4.	Drogue Target Exercises -Army Co-operation.	
SYDNEY	6	Drogue Exercises.	
RICHMOND	8	Flying Officer J.N. BELL ceased attachment to HMAS "CANBERRA".	
RICHMOND	9	Flying Officer E.B. COURTNEY ceased attachment to HMAS "AUSTRALIA".	
SYDNEY	11-12	Drogue Target Exercises.	
RATHMINES	14	Flight Lieutenant S.A.C. CAMPBELL relinquished T/Command of R.A.A.F. Station, RATHMINES.	
RATHMINES	15 X	Flight Lieutenant S.A.C. CAMPBELL to command No.9 Squadron. S/Ldr. J.A.S. BROWN posted to Headquarters, RATHMINES. Drogue Target Exercises.	
RICHMOND	16	A2-22, Flying Officer J.N. BELL and crew left for PEARCE.	
PEARCE	21	A2-22, Flying Officer J.N. BELL and crew left for RICHMOND and arrived 22/12/39.	
RICHMOND	28	No.9 Squadron moved to RATHMINES. (See Movement Order attached).	

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Commanding No. 9 Squadron R.A.A.F.

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