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No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES, N.S.W.

Fleet Air Arm - Return No. 2143.

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## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

MONTHLY RETURN - JANUARY 1941.

R.N.Z.A.F. Form 540.

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of (Unit or Formation) 700 Catapult Squadron, N.Z.D.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES".

Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events Flying carried out by - Flying Officer L.G. Webber, R.A.A.F.	References to Appendices.										
AT SEA	5/1/41	0545	Aircraft L 2236 catapulted at sea for exercise in picking up underway by boom towing method. Flying time - 30 minutes.											
		0655	Catapulted at sea for flight to Hobsonville Air Base. Flying time - 20 minutes.											
HOBSONVILLE	6/1/41	1455	Aircraft L 2236 embarked H.M.S. "Achilles" from Hobsonville. Flying time - 15 mins.											
AT SEA	9/1/41	1300	Catapulted at sea - flight to Suva to deliver message and return. Flying time - 2 hours 20 minutes.											
	20/1/41	0525	Catapulted at sea - flight to Suva. Flying time - 30 minutes.											
		1045	Service flight from Mooring Buoy, Suva. Flying time - 1 hour.											
AUCKLAND	23/1/41	0825	Catapulted Auckland Harbour - flight to Hobsonville via Whenuapai. Flying time - 25 minutes.											
HOBSONVILLE	29/1/41	1125	Service flight Hobsonville to H.M.S. "Achilles" - Auckland Harbour and return. Flying time - 45 minutes.											
	30/1/41	1400	Local flying experience dual with Flight Lieutenant Jury (test Pilot R.N.Z.A.F.) "Hawker Hind" - K 5423. Flying time - 1 hour.											
	30/1/41	1515	Local flying experience Solo - "Hawker Hind" - K 5423. Flying time - 40 minutes.											
	31/1/41	1130	Service flight "Walrus" L 2236 Hobsonville - H.M.S. "Achilles" Auckland Harbour and return. Flying time - 1 hour.											
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				Lieutenant "O", Officer Commanding.										

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FLEET AIR ARM - RETURN No. 243.

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Month February 1941.

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R.M.S. "ACHILLES".

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AT SEA	3/2/41	1340	Aircraft L 2236 carried out heightfinding exercise and vertical photography of torpedo run H.M.S. "Achilles". Flying time 2hours 20 minutes.	
	4/2/41	0910	Heightfinding exercise and dummy close range attacks on "Achilles". Landed alongside ship and conveyed Lieutenant Commander Nicholson R.N. and mail to H.M.S. "Philomel". Flying time 3hours 20 minutes.	
	5/2/41	0850	Drogue towing for "Achilles" - H/A exercise. Flying time 3hours 45 minutes.	
	5/2/41	1635	Aircraft L 2222 conveyed mail etc., from "Philomel" to "Achilles" and returned Hobsonville Air Base. Flying time 45 minutes.	
	6/2/41	1000	Aircraft L 2236 carried out drogue towing exercise for "Achilles". Flying time 2hours 40 minutes.	
	6/2/41	1430	Aircraft L 2222 spotting for "Achilles" - full calibre 6" shoot. Flying time 1hour 35 minutes.	
	7/2/41	1500	Aircraft L 2222 embarked "Achilles" at sea, hoisted inboard. Flying time 1hour 50 minutes.	
	16/2/41	0945	Catapulted at sea to carry out operational reconnaissance and landed Rose Bay, Sydney. Flying time 3hours 10 minutes.	
SYDNEY	17/2/41	0945	Catapulted Sydney Harbour for spotting exercise with H.M.A.S. "Hobart" and hoisted inboard "Achilles" on completion. Flying time 1hour 45 minutes.	
AT SEA	17/2/41	1645	Catapulted at sea for spotting exercise for "Achilles" and "Hobart". On completion landed Rose Bay. Flying time 2hours 5 minutes.	
	18/2/41	1325	Took off from Rose Bay and carried out exercise for H/A shoot H.M.A.S. "Hobart". Flying time 2hours.	
	* 21/2/41	0925	Catapulted at sea for reconnaissance flight and on completion aircraft picked up underway by boom towing method. Flying time 2hours 10 minutes.	
	23/2/41	0610	Catapulted at sea to disembark aircraft Hobsonville Air Base. Flying time 1hour 5 minutes.	
	* 18/2/41	0915	Took off from Rose Bay and carried out spotting exercise for "Achilles" 6" shoot also A/S attacks on target towed by H.M.A.S. "Hobart". Dropped 6-8 1/2 lb. practice bombs. On completion landed Rose Bay. Flying time 1hour 55 minutes.	

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AUCKLAND	25/2/41	1015	<p>Aircraft L 2222 embarked H.M.S. "Achilles" from Hobsonville Air Base. Flying time 15 minutes.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY FOR MONTH:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Flights.</u></th> <th><u>Duration.</u></th> <th><u>Sea.</u></th> <th><u>Landings</u> <u>Land.</u></th> <th><u>Catapult</u> <u>Launchings.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>23</td> <td>32hours</td> <td>22</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Forwarded <u><i>Im S. Carter</i></u> CAPTAIN.</p> <p><u>4th. March 1941.</u></p> <p><i>Incl'd &amp; copy kept for Squadron records</i></p> <p><u><i>W. Maxwell</i></u> Lieutenant "O", Officer Commanding.</p> <p><u><i>J. J. Allen</i></u> Wing Commander R.A.F. Commanding No. 9 Squadron R.A.A.F.</p>	<u>Flights.</u>	<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Sea.</u>	<u>Landings</u> <u>Land.</u>	<u>Catapult</u> <u>Launchings.</u>	23	32hours	22	1	5	
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Monthly Return - March 1941.

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New Zealand Division.

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			Flying carried out by Flying Officer L.G. Webber, R.A.A.F.		
At Sea	7/3/41	0755	Aircraft I2222 catapulted at sea - flight to Rongotai Aerodrome to carry out repairs. Flying time 45 minutes.		
Rongotai	10/3/41	0850	Test flight I2222 on completion of repairs. Flying time 1 hour.		
	10/3/41	1600	Local flying experience - Wellington - made five sea landings and two aerodrome landings. Flying time 50 minutes.		
	13/3/41	0945	Carried out shadowing exercise and close range attacks with H.M.S. "Achilles" at sea. Flying time 1 hour 45 minutes.		
	13/3/41	1235	Flight from Rongotai to embark H.M.S. "Achilles" - Wellington Harbour. Flying time 45 minutes.		
Wellington	16/3/41	0920	Catapulted Wellington Harbour to carry out catapult test. Flying time 1 hour 40 minutes.		
Auckland	25/3/41	0805	Catapulted Auckland Harbour - flight to Hobsonville Air Base. Flying time 10 minutes.		
Hobsonville	25/3/41	1045	Test flight aircraft I2236 on completion of after cruise inspection. Flying time 15 minutes.		
	26/3/41	1145	Embarked H.M.S. "Achilles" with aircraft I2222. Flying time 10 minutes.		
At Sea	28/3/41	1620	Catapulted at sea <sup>reconnaissance for H.M.S. Monowai</sup> in search of ship, on completion - picked up underway by boom towing method. Flying time 1 hour.		
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	31st. March 1941.				