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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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(Feb., '33.)

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 Sqn. - H.M.A.S. "Manoora"

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1/4/41	En route Sydney from Rabaul escorting "Katoomba"	
Sydney	3/4/41	Arrived Sydney	
"	4/4/41	New airscrew fitted to A2-5. Proceeded to Rathmines 5/4/41.	
"	9/4/41	Re-embarked at Sydney. Ship's observer Sub. Lieut. G.H. Jackson R.N. appointed from "Manoora" to H.M.A.S. "Australia".	
At Sea	12/4/41	Sailed for Darwin escorting "Katoomba".	
Darwin	21/4/41	Arrived Darwin.	
At Sea	28/4/41	Sailed from Darwin for Napier Broome Bay. Transported 5000 gallons petrol for R.A.A.F. Advanced Operational Base to Drysdale Mission Station.	
Napier Broome Bay	29/4/41	Landed petrol at Mission Bay. Carried out wind finding exercises with acting Observer Sub. Lieut. K.H. Hopper R.A.N.V.R. (S)	
"	30/4/41	Carried out Nav. exercise to Wyndham and return.	
		Total flying for April 14 hours	

Alexander
 Wing Commander
 Squadron R.A.A.F.

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of (Unit or Formation) H.M.A.S. "Manoora"

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Darwin XXXXXX	2/5/41		
At Sea	6/5/41	A2-5 flown for W/F exercise with Port Moresby from China Straits.	
Habaul	7/5/41		
At Sea	8/5/41	Sailed for Nauru and Ocean Island.	
Nauru	11/5/41	In company with H.M.A.S. "Australis"	
Nauru	12/5/41	A2-13 ex. "Australis" arrived from Ocean Island. A2-5 was moved to port side of deck and A2-13 placed in cradles alongside A2-5 for re-fuelling. Operation successful.	
	16/5/41	A2-5 and A2-13 carried out search off Nauru.	
Ocean Island	19/5/41		
	20/5/41	A2-5 hull damaged during hoisting in operations. Temporary repair effected.	
Nauru	22/5/41	Tested aircraft. Photographed Army gun emplacements at Nauru.	
At Sea	5/5/41	En route Sydney.	
Meri Is.	24/5/41	Took mosaic of Glaciosa Bay	
	31/5/41	En route Sydney	
		Total Flying for May 15 hours.	
		<i>J. R. ...</i> Commanding Officer 9 Wing Command Squadron	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Sydney	2/6/41	A2-5 disembarked to Rathmines for repair.	
	5/6/41	A2-1 with Pegasus Mk.VI engine allotted to "Manoora" to replace A2-5.	
	7/6/41	A2-1 embarked at Sydney.	
	13/6/41	Party Officer R.Clark (Observer) and Leading Airman G.A.Stevenson (T.A.G.) joined "Manoora".	
At Sea	20/6/41	Cmdr sailed for Ndani Is. to carry out survey Graciosa Bay.	
Ndani Is.	25/6/41	Arrived Ndani Is. Met American Seaplane Tender U.S.S. "Swan" based on Honolulu. Small ship of about 800 tons. Carried one Curtiss Mid-float type seaplane, powered by Pratt & Whitney Wasp 'Junior'. "Swan" engaged in search for possible flying boat bases.	
	27/6/41	Took mosaic photograph of Graciosa Bay for use of Surveyor.	
Vanikoro Is.	28/6/41	Arrived Vanikoro in company "Swan".	
Ndani Is.	29/6/41	Arrived Ndani Is. "Swan" sailed for Honolulu.	
	30/6/41	Carried out night flying exercise in Graciosa Bay using ships portholes as landing path.	

J. Andrews
..... Wing Commander
Commanding No. 9 Squadron R.A.A.F.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	2/7/41	30 hourly inspection carried out.	
"	4/7/41	Aircraft flown ahead of ship to Rathmines via Archerfield and Coffs Harbour.	
Sydney	7/7/41	Aircraft flown to Sydney and embarked in ship.	
At Sea	12/7/41	Convoying two troop carriers.	
Brisbane	14/7/41		
Kavieng	24/7/41	Transport disembarking troops.	
Townsville	29/7/41		

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Thursday Island	3/8/41	Aircraft flown to Thursday Island and returned with N.O.C.	
Darwin	8/8/41	Aircraft flown to R.A.A.F. aerodrome for engine inspection.	
Stevens Island	16/8/41	Aircraft flown to Thursday Island and returned with N.O.C.	
New Year Is.	18/8/41	" " to Darwin and return	
Townsville	25/8/41	" " to Townsville R.A.A.F. aerodrome and return.	
Brisbane	28/8/41	" " to Rathmines via Archerfield and Coffs Harbour, for repairs.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Sydney	2/9/41	Spotting exercise. Witnessed F. C. Shoot.	
"	7/9/41	Pilot Officer Stacy embarked	
Brisbane	12/9/41	Aircraft A2-1 damaged. Unserviceable.	
"	13/9/41	Aircraft A2-1 disembarked on wharf. Aircraft A2-11 flown from Archerfield to ship.	
Bowen	17/9/41	Aircraft A2-11 damaged. Unserviceable. Dismantled and retained on board.	
Thursday Island	22/9/41	Aircraft crew disembarked and ferried by Empire Flying Boat to Townsville to take over new aircraft A2-9	
Townsville	23/9/41	Aircraft A2-9 flown to Cooktown.	
Cooktown	24/9/41	" A.2-9 flown to ship at Port Moresby and embarked.	

D. B. O'Neill

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