

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.

FOR THE MONTH OF  
MARCH, 1941.

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(Feb., '33.)

of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 Squadron, H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY",  
Detachment.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1/3/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" on way to Melbourne and arrived at Nelson Pier, Williamstown 0605. At 0815 H.M.A.S. "HOBART" also berthed. Both ships departed at 1800 for Fremantle. No flying.	
At Sea	2/3/41	} No flying done.	
	3/3/41		
	4/3/41		
At Sea	5/3/41	Both Ships nearing Fremantle and at 0605 aircraft from H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" was catapulted with Flight Lieutenant Price at the controls and Pilot Officer Rowan as co-pilot under instruction. The aircraft was recovered in harbour at 0705.	
Fremantle	6/3/41	Ships in harbour. No flying done.	
Fremantle	7/3/41	At 1600 "SYDNEY" accompanied "HOBART" slipped to carry out a combined 6" sub-calibre practice shoot. The aircraft from H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" was catapulted at 1740 for spotting duties. At 1910 aircraft was recovered underway and both ships proceeded to sea to meet a convoy at a rendezvous near Cocos Islands.	
At Sea	8/3/41	No flying.	
	9/3/41	No flying.	
	10/3/41	No flying.	
At sea	11/3/41	At 1743 sighted H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" accompanied by "MAURETANIA" and "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" and all five ships proceeded to Fremantle. No flying done.	
At sea	12/3/41	} Ships still escorting convoy. No flying.	
	13/3/41		
	14/3/41		
At sea	15/3/41	When nearing Fremantle The "SYDNEY" and "HOBART" prepared to carry out full calibre 6" concentration firing practice and at 0940 this WALRUS was catapulted with P/O Rowan at the controls, Lieut. Cdr. Bacon (observer) and Petty Officer Patterson, T.A.G. to do spotting. The aircraft was recovered while underway at 1225. All ships proceeded to harbour.	
Fremantle	16/3/41	Ships in harbour. No flying.	
Fremantle	17/3/41	By 0835 ships had left harbour and were on their way to the eastern states. No flying.	
At sea	18/3/41	No flying done.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At sea	19/3/41	At 0425 H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", "MAURETANIA" and "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" parted company. No flying.	
At sea	20/3/41	No flying done.	
At sea	21/3/41	No flying done.	
At sea	22/3/41	"SYDNEY" and "HOBART" entered Port Phillip Bay and proceeded to Williamstown. No flying.	
Williamstown.	23/3/41	At 0915 both ships left for Sydney Harbour and at 1230 H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" (alone) rejoined these two Leander class cruisers. No flying.	
At sea	24/3/41	When within 30 miles of Sydney Heads, steering on 020° at 20 knots. An aircraft arrived from No 9 Squadron Shore Base towing a sleeve drogue for Exercise S.L. II. All three ships participated and during the practice our Walrus aircraft was catapulted at 1340 to fly into Rose Bay. It later rejoined the ship in harbour at 1440.	
Sydney?	25/3/41	At 0905 aircraft was hoisted out and took off from harbour proceeding to Rathmines and arriving there at 0950. At 1055 it departed again from Rathmines and landed alongside ship at 1135.	
Sydney	26/3/41	Ship in harbour. No flying.	
Sydney	27/3/41	Ship left moorings at 0750 to conduct a search along the east coast. It returned to harbour again at 2017. No flying done.	
Sydney	28/3/41	Ship left harbour at 0918 to escort the "MAURETANIA" and "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" across the Tasman Sea. Speed 20 knots. No flying.	
At sea	29/3/41	Ship on convoy duties. No flying done.	
At sea	30/3/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" parted company with convoy at 0930 to return to Port Jackson.	
At sea	31/3/41	Ship proceeding to Sydney and as the sea was comparatively calm it was decided that P/O Rowan should make a solo test flight at catapulting and picking up while underway before taking over as O.C. from F/Lt. Price. On this occasion Sub Lieutenant Davies, Observer, Petty Officer Patterson, T.A.G. comprised the crew. The whole procedure was carried out and the aircraft recovered successfully.	

Attached to this report are the flying returns for Walrus aircraft No. L2177 during the month of March, 1941.

This report is submitted in accordance with A.F.O. 18/F/5

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No. of Sheet 2.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At sea	1/4/41	Ship returning to Sydney Harbour after convoying the "Mauretania" and "Nieuw Amsterdam" across the Tasman Sea. When within 15 miles of the Heads the aircraft was catapulted off at 0830 to fly to Rathmines arriving there at 0930. The pilot was Flight Lieutenant Price and the crew, Pilot Officer Rowan, Flight Sergeant Wishart, and Petty Officer Patterson, Telegraphist Air Gunner. The aircraft left Rathmines at 1100 and returned to Sydney Harbour, being hauled inboard at 1140.	
Sydney	2/4/41	Ship in harbour. No flying.	
Sydney	3/4/41	At 0845 aircraft was hoisted out and took off to carry out a navigation exercise, air firing and also bombing somewhere at sea. Pilot Officer Rowan was at the controls with Sub Lieutenant Davies as navigator and Leading Aircraftsman Clarke, Fitter Armourer. The aircraft returned to the ship still in harbour at 1045.	
Sydney	4/4/41	At 1515 aircraft disembarked to Rose Bay where it arrived at 1530.	
Sydney	5/4/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" in dry dock. No flying done.	
"	6/4/41		
"	7/4/41		
Sydney	8/4/41	At 1200 ship moved to anchorage at No. 1 bouy and at 1400 aircraft left Rose Bay to return to the "SYDNEY", arriving at 1415.	
At sea	9/4/41	Ship proceeding to Jervis Bay. At 0845 the aircraft was catapulted off to carry out patrol work and at 1115 landed at Jervis Bay. The aircraft left its moorings at 1330 and took off for the ship where it was hauled inboard at 1345.	
Sydney	10/4/41	Ship returned to harbour and at 1600 Pilot Officer Rowan was transferred to H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	
Sydney	11/4/41	At 0640 Pilot Officer Barrey came aboard H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" and immediately reported to Flight Lieutenant Price. At 0753 we slipped moorings and proceeded to sea.	
At sea	12/4/41	At 0847 ship prepared for entering Port Phillip with speed reduced to 12 knots. At 0945 the First Naval Member Admiral Sir Ragner Colvin, R.N. accompanied by Captain Foley and Commander Nicholls, R.N. embarked from pinnace. The ship then proceeded to Fremantle. Speed 25 knots.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	13/4/41 } 14/4/41 }	Crossing Great Australian Bight. No Flying.	
At sea	15/4/41	At 0730 aircraft was catapulted off to fly into Perth. The machine was <del>flown</del> piloted by Flight Lieutenant Price with myself as co-pilot under instruction. We landed at Freshwater Bay at 0805 and Mr Price went ashore to carry out some official business. The aircraft took off from here at 1020 and returned to the ship now in Fremantle at 1030. At 1535 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" slipped berth and proceeded to sea carrying the First Naval Member and party to Singapore.	
At sea	16/4/41 } 17/4/41 } 18/4/41 }	Ship cruising at 25 knots. No flying done.	
At sea	19/4/41	As the ship was running a little ahead of schedule Flight Lieutenant Price accepted the opportunity of taking me on an instructional flight for catapulting and recovering while under way. At 1030 the aircraft was catapulted and after a short flight of 20 minutes was recovered again at a speed of 8 knots. The ship arrived at Singapore Naval Base at 1552. First Naval Member and party disembarked.	
Singapore	20/4/41	Ship at Naval Base. No flying.	
"	21/4/41	" " " " " "	
"	22/4/41	At 1554 ship slipped berth and proceeded down Johore Straits to return to Fremantle.	
At sea	23/4/41	Today Flight Lieutenant Price decided that I should make a solo attempt at catapulting and picking up while underway. At 1600 I was catapulted and after spending 20 minutes in the air made a "slick" landing, the aircraft being recovered at a speed of 8 knots. I had with me on this flight a new telegraphist, T.A.G. Fibbens who is replacing Petty Officer Patterson.	
At sea	24/4/41 25/4/41 26/4/41	Returning to Fremantle. No flying done.	
At sea	27/4/41	Ship arrived at Fremantle 1132 hours and secured at D Berth. No flying.	
Fremantle	28/4/41	Ship in harbour. No flying.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Fremantle	29/4/41	Flight Lieutenant Price disembarked from H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" for No. 9 Squadron Rathmines at noon today. No flying.	
Fremantle	30/4/41	Still in harbour. No flying done.	
Attached to this report is the Flying Return for Walrus aircraft No. L.2177. during the month of April, 1941.			
This report is submitted in accordance with A.F.O. 18/F/5.			
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Fremantle	1/5/41	At 1000 hours the WALRUS L2177 was lowered over the side of the ship and took off from the harbour to carry out air to ground machine gun practice. The target used, were some old rock- jutting out of the water 5 miles off Rottneest Island. Lieutenant Commander Bacon fired 194 rounds and Fibbens, T.A.G. fired 97. Both Lewis guns proved satisfactory and there were no stoppages. As W/T equipment was not functioning correctly, it was decided that we proceed straight to Pearce for adjustments. The plane returned to ship at 1555 hours still experiencing W/T trouble.	
Fremantle	2/5/41	The aircraft took off at 0830 hours for Pearce to have the whole of the electrical wiring inspected and tested, it was found that the undercarriage warning device had a continual closed circuit at the micro switch. This was then repaired and the plane returned to the ship at 1500 hours.	
Fremantle	3/5/41 ) 4/5/41 ) 5/5/41 )	Ship remained in port. No flying carried out.	
At sea	6/5/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left Fremantle at 0905 hours on patrol duty. At 0954 hours the aircraft was catapulted off to spot for the 6 inch sub-calibre firing. At the conclusion of this winding firing practice was carried out with Lieutenant Commander Bacon/as navigator and Fibbens, T.A.G. Aircraft was recovered underway at 1140 hours.	
At sea	7/5/41	No flying done.	
At sea	8/5/41	The ship held a 4 inch high angle shoot at 0900 hours. The wings of the aircraft were folded to reduce any possible fracture of the air frame.	
At sea	9/5/41	At 0640 hours aircraft was catapulted off to spot for torpedos which were fired. Two aluminium sea markers were dropped to indicate their position and the aircraft remained overhead until they were recovered. We then landed at Pearce at 0755 hours and made preparations for the W/T section there to keep in touch with us on a cross country flight to Dusselton. The object of this flight was to ascertain the exact endurance of the aircraft, as it was reported by the previous pilot to be very much below the specifications. At the same time it enabled us to study the construction and condition of the landing field and the refuelling facilities available there in cases of emergency.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At sea	9/5/41 (contd)	On returning to Pearce a check was made on the amount of petrol used and we find that the engine is consuming 37 G.P.H. giving a safe endurance of $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours and a maximum of 4 hours. These figures however compare very favourably with those laid down by the Bristol manufacturers. The aircraft returned to the ship at 1740 hours which had arrived back at Fremantle.	
Fremantle	10/5/41	Ship in port. No flying done.	
	11/5/41	" " " " " "	
Fremantle	12/5/41	Aircraft due for 40 hourly overhaul, so was lowered onto the wharf and during the inspection the rudder was found to have two broken ribs which appeared to have been fractured for sometime. The fabric on the apron and elevator was also found to be in very bad need of repair, so it was decided that these should be replaced by the spares carried onboard. The hull and tail unit was then re-camouflaged at the conclusion of the overhaul.	
	13/5/41		
	14/5/41		
	15/5/41		
	16/5/41		
At sea	17/5/41	At 0830 aircraft was recovered from wharf. Ship put to sea on patrol. No flying.	
	18/5/41		
	19/5/42		
	20/5/41		
At sea	21/5/41	At 0830 aircraft made ready for catapulting to spot for 4 inch full calibre low angle gunnery practice. After catapult had been trained and prepared for firing, it was noticed that an airlock existed in the fluid chamber. Efforts to remove this proved unsatisfactory so flying temporarily cancelled. The ship then carried out 4 inch shoot before the wings of the aircraft could be folded. An inspection after proved that no damage had been done. By 1126 hours the airlock had been cleared and the aircraft catapulted to carry out dive bombing practice with $4/8\frac{1}{2}$ lb bombs. An aluminium sea marker MK II type was dropped to provide a target. Wind finding was then practised and plane returned to ship at 1155 hours, being recovered underway at a speed of 9 knots.	
Fremantle	22/5/41	Ship in harbour. No flying done.	
	23/5/41		
At sea	24/5/51	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left Fremantle at 0700 hours to meet and escort convoy across the Australian Bight.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At sea	25/5/41	No flying done.	
At sea	26/5/41	Ship sighted convoy at 0952 hours, took over from H.M.A.S. "HOBART" and proceeded back to Fremantle, speed now 12 knots.	
At sea	27/5/41	At 1000 hours today the catapult and aircraft crews were called to action stations to prepare for taking off. In the short time of 13 minutes which did not include bombing up, the machine had been prepared, trained, and ready for catapulting. This however proved to be only an exercise to ascertain the efficiency of the comparatively new Air Force personnel posted to this ship.	
At sea	28/5/41 29/5/41	Ship still escorting convoy. No flying done.	
Fremantle	30/5/41	Ship arrived in harbour at 0740 hours. At 0910 aircraft was lowered over into the harbour and took off for Pearce Aerodrome to have the Port and Starboard petrol Gauges tested as they were showing incorrect readings, also the generator refused to show any reading on half charge. Sgt. Marlow, Fitter JJ E, L.A.C. Clarke, Fitter Armourer and Fibbens, T.A.G. comprised the crew on this flight. Aircraft landed at Pearce 35 minutes later and work on the abovementioned faults commenced. At 1505 hours the machine was serviceable again and took off to return to the ship. We arrived back at 1540 hours.	
Fremantle	31/5/41	Ship put to sea at 1620 hours to carry on as escort for convoy. No flying done.	
		Attached to this report are the flying returns for WALRUS aircraft N <sup>o</sup> . L2177, during the month of May, 1941.	
		This report is submitted in accordance with A.F.O. 18/F/5.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At sea	1/6/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" escorting convoy to a position south of Sunda Straits. No flying done.	
"	2/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	3/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	4/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	5/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	6/6/41	At 1220 H.M.S. "DANAE" was sighted bearing $318^{\circ}$ and at 1300 took over to escort the "ZEALANDIA" to Singapore. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" then altered course to $150^{\circ}$ and commenced the return run to Fremantle. Speed 19 knots. No flying.	
"	7/6/41	Returning to Fremantle. No flying done.	
"	8/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	9/6/41	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	10/6/41	At 0630 when nearing Rottnest Island the Walrus was catapulted to spot for bombardment exercises. At the conclusion of this, the aircraft carried out a practice dive bombing attack on <del>rocks</del> rocks in the vicinity using 8lb. bombs. We then flew to Pearce Aerodrome to "Swing the compass" arriving there 0750. At 1055 departed from Pearce and landed alongside ship at 1125 in Fremantle Harbour.	
Fremantle	11/6/41	Ship in harbour. No flying.	
"	12/6/41	At 1000 the aircraft was lowered over the side of the ship and took off from harbour for Pearce to have the parachutes inspected and refolded, also adjustments made to the Servo Control on the rudder and starboard Oelo Leg. L.A.C's Foster, Parton and T.A.C. Fibbens comprised the crew, the machine landed there at 1025. At 1515 departed from Pearce and returned to ship at 1600.	
"	13/6/41	With the "SYDNEY" still in harbour the aircraft took off at 0930 to carry out an anti-aircraft range finding exercise for the ship, at a height of 6000 feet. At the conclusion of this, Lieut. Cdr. Bacon (Observer) using a Mk VII bombsight, practiced high level bombing on rocks off Rottnest Island. The aircraft landed and was hoisted inboard at 1130.	
"	14/6/41	Ship preparing to put to sea and at 1130 left the harbour to carry out a 6inch full calibre reduced charge shoot. Owing to the low cloud base and drizzling rain it was decided not to use the aircraft for spotting. The wings were then folded. At the conclusion of the	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Fremantle	14/6/41	Firing the "SYDNEY" continued on a course of 330° to contact the "ZEALANDIA" at a position	
	(contd)	12° 50' S. 107° 20' E. Speed 20 knots.	
At sea	15/6/41	No flying done.	
"	16/6/41	" "	
"	17/6/41	At 0730 today H.M.S. "DANAÉ" accompanied by the "ZEALANDIA" southward bound. By 0800 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" had taken over as escort and commenced the return trip to Fremantle speed now 9 Knots. No flying.	
"	18/6/41	No flying done.	
"	19/6/41	" "	
"	20/6/41	" "	
"	21/6/41	With the "SYDNEY" still acting as escort to the "ZEALANDIA" the aircraft was catapulted off at 1355 to carry out a patrol flight for 2½ hours. Soon after leaving the ship it was noticed that the engine driven generator was not producing sufficient current to keep the accumulator charged. This eventually put the W/T out of action and communication could not be continued. The ship was sighted again at 1630 and as it was only 45 minutes flying from Pearce Aerodrome it was decided to put in there for repairs. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" berthed at 2045.	
<del>Warrnambool</del> Pearce	22/6/41	When the generator was removed and tested, it was found to be unserviceable, so a spare unit was installed. The accumulator also had to be charged so the machine remained at Pearce overnight.	
Pearce	23/6/41	After the battery had been re-installed a test flight was made and everything proved satisfactory. The machine then departed at 1035 and landed alongside the ship in harbour at 1110	
Fremantle	24/6/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" slipped and proceeded to sea to escort the "ZEALANDIA" and "CALIFORNIA STAR" to the Eastern States. No flying done.	
At sea	25/6/41, 26/6/41, 27/6/41 and 28/6/41.	No flying.	
"	29/6/41	At 1015 "CALIFORNIA STAR" left convoy to enter Port Phillip Bay. No flying.	
"	30/6/41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" and the "ZEALANDIA" proceeding to Sydney Harbour. No flying done.	
		Attached to this report are the flying returns for WALRUS Aircraft N. L. 277 during the month of June, 1941.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
AT SEA.	1.7.41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" escorting the "ZEALANDIA" to Sydney Harbour. No flying done.	
AT SEA.	2.7.41	At 0956 aircraft was catapulted off to carry out a patrol and when this was completed the machine flew into Rose Bay to await the arrival of the cruiser.	
Sydney Harbour.	3.7.41	Aircraft hoisted out at 0910 to disembark for Rathmines to undergo minor repairs.	
Rathmines	4.7.41	WALRUS being overhauled. No flying. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" still in harbour.	
Rathmines	5.7.41		
Rathmines	6.7.41	At 1400 the aircraft was flight tested and passed ready for service again.	
Sydney Harbour	7.7.41	At 0915 machine returned to H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" and at 1020 F/Os MASON and McMAHON also P/O HAYDEN came aboard to receive catapult instruction. Seven catapult shots were made this day and all three pilots seemed quite competent.	
Off Sydney Heads	8.7.41	At 1100 ship slipped from No. 1 Buoy and proceeded to sea to carry out 4" A.A. Shoot also .5 close range firing at sleeve target. The WALRUS was catapulted at 1228 to spot for the A.A. Shoot and later flew into Rose Bay. Aircraft recovered in harbour at 1815.	
AT SEA.	9.7.41	Ship left harbour at 0530 to convoy S.S. "GLENIFFER" and "BERWICKSHIRE" to the Pacific, speed 12 knots. No flying.	
AT SEA.	10.7.41	Ship still acting as escort. No flying done.	
" "	11.7.41		
" "	12.7.41		
" "	13.7.41		
AT SEA.	14.7.41	At 0937 aircraft was launched to carry out, for exercise, high and low level bombing attacks on ship. The machine was then recovered under way at 1040.	
AT SEA	15.7.41	At 1020 aircraft was catapulted for exercises with the ship in dive-bombing and torpedo dropping attacks. When this was completed the aircraft carried out a patrol and then returned to the ship at 1330 . At 1600 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left S.S. "GLENIFFER" & "BERWICKSHIRE".	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
AT SEA.	16.7.41	Ship returning to Sydney Harbour. No flying done.	
" "	17.7.41		
" "	18.7.41		
Sydney Harbour	19.7.41	At 0738 ship was secured in No. 2 Berth Woolloomooloo & L.A.C. DODDS & A.C.1 HOMARD embarked. At 0800 aircraft was hoisted out & flown to Rose Bay to allow sufficient room for cranes to operate in loading army equipment and stores. L.A.C.s BAIN & PARTON were then discharged to RATHMINES & at 1245 aircraft returned to ship. At 1430 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left harbour.	
AT SEA.	20.7.41	Ship proceeding to New Caledonia. No flying.	
Noumea.	21.7.41	At 0833 aircraft was catapulted to fly into Noumea to arrange for the discharging of the army equipment. At 1740 aircraft returned to the ship, which was lying at anchor in the harbour.	
AT SEA.	22.7.41	At 0548 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left Noumea. No flying.	
" "	23.7.41	Returning to Sydney Harbour. No flying done.	
" "	24.7.41	Ship reached harbour and shackled on to No. 1 Buoy at 2149. No flying.	
	(25.7.41)		
Sydney.	(26.7.41)	Ship still in harbour. No flying.	
	(27.7.41)		
Sydney.	28.7.41	At 1040 aircraft was lowered over the side and took off from harbour to carry out a height finding exercises for the range finders on H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE". When the exercise was completed at 1155 the aircraft returned to H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".	
Off Sydney Heads	29.7.41	At 1300 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" slipped from No. 1 Buoy & proceeded to sea to carry out 4" A.A. Shoot also .5 close range firing at sleeve target. At 1347 aircraft was catapulted to take up 1st position as spotting machine. At the conclusion of the A.A. Shoot WALRUS L2177 landed at Rose Bay, and at 1557 rejoined ship, being recovered by 'slick' method. At 1715 H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" took station 1 mile ahead of convoy & proceeded to escort same to Bass Strait.	
AT SEA.	30.7.41	No flying.	
AT SEA.	31.7.41	At 1600 H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" took over convoy & H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" then altered course to return to Sydney Harbour. No flying done.	

This report is submitted in accordance with A.F.O. 18/F/5.

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 of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 (F.C.) Squadron H.M.A.S. "Sydney" Detachment.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1-8-41	H.M.A.S. "Sydney" returning to Sydney Harbour. No flying.	
At Sea	2-8-41	No flying.	
In harbour	3-8-41	P.O. McGrane, R.N.Z.A.F. joined ship for instruction in catapulting and recovery while at sea. No flying.	
In harbour	4-8-41	Ship proceeded to Cockatoo Dock Yard. Aircraft flown to Rathmines.	
In harbour	5-8-41	} Aircraft at Rathmines. No flying done.	
In harbour	6-8-41		
In harbour	7-8-41		
In harbour	8-8-41	Ship returned from dock to No. 1 Buoy. Aircraft returned from Rathmines.	
		Ship put to sea to escort "Awatea" to N.Z.	
At sea	9-8-41	} No flying.	
At sea	10-8-41		
In harbour	11-8-41	At 0840 Aircraft was catapulted and flown into Auckland with P.O. McGrane at the controls under instruction. Owing to the rough weather this pilot was unable to gain any practical experience in recovery of aircraft while at sea.	
In harbour	12-8-41	} No flying	
In harbour	13-8-41		
At sea	14-8-41	H.M.A.S. "Sydney" escorting "Awatea" to Suva. No flying.	
At sea	15-8-41	} No flying done.	
At sea	16-8-41		
In harbour	17-8-41		
At sea	18-8-41	Ship continuing escort duties for "Awatea". No flying.	
At sea	19-8-41	} No flying	
At sea	20-8-41		

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At sea	21-8-41	H.M.A.S. "Sydney" returning to Suva. No flying.	
At sea	22-8-41	} No flying done	
At sea	23-8-41		
In harbour	24-8-41		Arrived in Suva. No flying.
At sea	25-8-41	Ship returning to Sydney.	
At sea	26-8-41	} No flying.	
At sea	27-8-41		
In harbour	28-8-41		
In harbour	29-8-41	Aircraft flown to Rathmines to have the parachutes changed, and then returned to Mascot.	
In harbour	30-8-41	Mascot to ship.	
In harbour	31-8-41	No flying done.	

This report is submitted in accordance  
with A.F.O. 18/F/5.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
Off Sydney Heads.	1.9.41	Walrus L2177 catapulted to carry out spotting for 4" A.A. Shoot. Landed Rose Bay to await return of ship in harbour.	
"	2.9.41	Aircraft catapulted to spot for 6" sub calibre shoot. Received signal from ship to land at Mascot aerodrome.	
In harbour	3.9.41	Aircraft departed Mascot to return to ship at No. 1 buoy. H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" left harbour accompanied by the "Queen Mary".	
At Sea	4.9.41	"QUEEN ELIZABETH" joined convoy.	
"	6.9.41	Convoy taken over by H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA". H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" returning to Melbourne.	
Melbourne	8.9.41	Ship berthed Princes Pier.	
"	10.9.41	Aircraft flown to Laverton to obtain permission to carry out high level bombing off Pt. Cook. Exercise completed, aircraft returned to Ship.	
"	12.9.41	Walrus catapulted to spot for torpedo exercises held in Port Phillip Bay. Aircraft landed at Port Arlington where the ship anchored over night.	
"	13.9.41	Ship returned to Princes Pier.	
"	17.9.41	Ship proceeded to Westernport.	
At Sea	19.9.41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" put to sea to take over convoy from H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" and to act as escort as far as Sundra Straits.	
"	25.9.41	Aircraft catapulted and flown to Freemantle. Landed in harbour and secured to buoy to await arrival of ship.	
"	28.9.41	Ship continuing as escort for convoy.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1.10.41	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" escorting convoy to Sunda Straits. No flying.	
"	2.10.41	Aircraft catapulted to carry out for exercises. Dive bombing, torpedo and machine gun attacks on ship, also high level bombing on towed target. Aircraft then recovered by "Slick" method.	
	3.10.41	Convoy handed over to H.M.S. "Glasgow" and H.M.S. "Danae". H.M.A.S. "Sydney" returning to Fremantle.	
	7.10.41	Aircraft catapulted to communicate by Aldis lamp with minesweepers off Rottnest Island. Aircraft then passed message back to H.M.A.S. "Sydney" and then landed in harbour and secured to bouy to await arrival of ship.	
Off Rottnest	13.10.41	Ship carrying out exercises. Aircraft catapulted to spot for 6" sub calibre firing. Landed at Pearce aerodrome.	
	14.10.41	Aircraft departed from Pearce at 0325 aided by flare path to spot for night bombardment and landing exercises on Rottnest. At the conclusion machine returned to Pearce. At 1035 the Walrus took off to carry out dive bombing and machine gun firing using an aluminium sea marker as target, the aircraft was then recovered under way.	
In harbour	15.10.41	30 hourly inspection due, so machine was hoisted on to wharf.	
	16.10.41	Inspection completed.	
	17.10.41	Aircraft hoisted out with Captain on board and took off for Rottnest Island. On returning, shipput to sea.	
At sea	18.10.41	Anchored off Geraldton.	
"	20.10.41	Ship departed from Geraldton for Fremantle.	
"	27.10.41	Ship put to sea and later berthed at Bunbury.	
"	29.10.41	H.M.A.S. "Sydney" slipped and proceeded to Fremantle. No flying.	
"	31.10.41	Aircraft catapulted to spot for 6" firing and torpedo run and then proceeded to Pearce. At 1545 the machine departed from Pearce and returned to ship, being recovered by "Slick" method. Ship remained at sea overnight.	

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