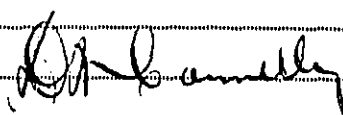


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Place.	Date	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES.	1942 JANUARY.		
	9	A Court of Inquiry consisting of PRESIDENT F/Lt. M.S. WALKER (953) S.A. Headquarters, MEMBERS, F/Lt. C.W.L. SAGE, (255), C.F.S., CAMDEN, and F/O. C.T.J. RYAN, No. 1 A.D. LAVERTON, assembled at RATHMINES to investigate the causes of the fire in Seagull A2-12 and the forced landing of Seagull A2-9 on 27th. November, 1942.	
	12	Flying Officer G.M. MASON (691) flew from H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" at SYDNEY, left Seagull A2-14 at RATHMINES for routine inspection.	
	13	Flight Lieutenant P.J. McMAHON (459) in Seagull A2-9 carried out drogue towing for Anti-aircraft batteries at NEWCASTLE.	
	14	Flight Lieutenant P.J. McMAHON (459) carried out night drogue towin for anti-aircraft batteries at NEWCASTLE.	
	16	No. 14060 Corporal FROST, R.G., fitter 2E embarked H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA".	
	17	The following airmen were embarked H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - No. 15417 L.A.C. SMITH, G.C., Fitter 2A, No. 25370 L.A.C. PARSLOW, A.C. Fitter Armourer, No. 60383, A.C.1. SKIMIN, J. Clerk Stores.	
	20	The following airmen disembarked H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" and proceeded on disembarkation leave - No. 21116 Corporal LOY, K.W., Fitter 2E, No. 14422 Corporal HARRIS, R.P., Fitter 2A, No. 33431 Corporal YOUNG, S., Clerk Stores, No. 33676 L.A.C. KNIGHT, G.H. Fitter Armourer.	
	22	Flying Officer G.M. MASON (691) flew Seagull A2-13 to H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" at SYDNEY. No. 43437 A.C.1. HOLDEN, R.C., Clerk Stores, embarked H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	
	23	Flight Lieutenant P.J. McMAHON (459) in Seagull A2-9 carried out drogue towing for the Navy.	
	23	Flight Lieutenant K.CH. EKINS (241) of Seaplane Training Flight carried out an anti-submarine patrol in Seagull A2-14.	
	28	Seagull A2-6 which had been allotted to QANTAS was flown to ROSE BAY by P/O H.H. ROWDS (407850) and Seagull A2-11 which had been allotted to No. 9 Squadron, was flown back to RATHMINES.	
			
		Wing Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES, N.S.W.	

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1942.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 SQUADRON - SHORE BASED

No. of Sheet 106

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
FEBRUARY			
Rathmines	3 & 4	P/O H.H. ROHDE (407850) and Sub/Lt. BRIAN (RN) proceeded to SYDNEY for a conference with Naval Officers regarding Naval Co-operation exercises to be carried out on 5.2.42.	
"	5	P/O ROHDE (407850) in Seagull A2-19 carried out drogue towing for "LE TRIOMPHANT" and F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in Seagull A2-9 carried out marking for this exercise.	
"	7	P/O ROHDE (407850) in Seagull A2-19 carried out a photographic survey of the WYEE Area. P/O's A.C. FLEMING (406836) and D. SAUNDERS (401836) and No. 411202 SGT. STRATH, G.C. completed a Seagull Conversion Course. P/O SAUNDERS and SGT. STRATH were posted to No. 1 E.D. and No. 2 E.D. respectively w.e.f. 17/2 and P/O FLEMING was posted to S.T.F. w.e.f. 16/2.	
"	8	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) and P/O H.H. ROHDE (407850) were involved in a flying accident at BROKEN BAY in Seagull A2-19. The pilot was instructing the 2nd Pilot in flying procedure. The aircraft was almost airborne when a cross swell struck the port float and the float was severely buckled and burst.	
"	9	P/O's G.G. ROSSITTER (406796), C.C. CHATAWAY (405394), L. CARSON (406469) and E.F.H. FRITH (403653) commenced a Seagull Conversion Course.	
"	11 & 12	P/O H.H. ROHDE (407850) in Seagull A2-19 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA.	
"	13	F/O G.M. MASON (691) flew Seagull A2-13 to SYDNEY to join H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA".	
"	17	F/O L.G. WEBBER (764) and crew of 3 arrived at RATHMINES in Seagull A2-22 having flown from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" at SYDNEY.	
"	26	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) flew A2-19 to SYDNEY and the aircraft was embarked in H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" for passage to H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA". F/Lt. P.O. LAVARACK (103) in Seagull A2-22 carried out drogue towing for Navy H.A. shoot and F/Lt. K.C.H. EKINS of Seaplane Training Flight carried out the marking for this exercise in Seagull A2-11.	
"	27	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) and P/O H.H. ROHDE (407850) were posted to No. 2 E.D. to await embarkation in an H.M.A. Ship. However approval was granted by Air Board for these Officers to be employed in No. 9 Squadron in the interim. Advice was received from Air Board that F/O E.J. ROWAN (407009) was killed when Walrus L2327 struck the side of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	

Wing Commander  
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	APRIL 1942.		
RATHMINES	5	F/Lt. P.O. LAVARACK flew Walrus L2322 to BRISBANE. An exchange of aircraft on H.M.S. "LEANDER" was effected, L2322 being embarked and L2222 was disembarked and flown to RATHMINES by F/Lt. LAVARACK.  Seven pupils completed Seaplane Conversion Courses and were posted as shown:- P/O's F.L. MARSH (408191), J.P. OLIVER (401660), E. LOWBRIDGE (411502), C.R. BULMAN (416145), to Seaplane Training Flight to undergo Catalina Second Pilot Conversion Courses. P/O's E.H. FARMER (405627) and M.K. MCKENZIE (408662) to No.10 Squadron for flying duties. P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) was retained in the Squadron for flying duties.	
	6	P/O H.B. DAVIS flew A2-12 to Rose Bay and delivered it to H.M.S. "ACHILLES".	
	9	P/O H.B. DAVIS carried out a photographic survey of Newcastle in A2-22.	
	13	F/O G.M. MASON flew from H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" at Sydney in A2-13. A2-13 was left at Rathmines for repair and F/O MASON flew A2-14 back to the ship.	
	16	F/Lt. LAVARACK took off in A2-22 for Laverton to carry out drogue towing for the Navy.	
	21	to However the aircraft developed engine trouble at Cootamundra and, as it could not be repaired there, F/Lt. K.C.H. EKINS, of Seaplane Training Flight, flew A2-13 to Cootamundra with spares. When A2-22 was serviceable, F/Lt. LAVARACK proceeded to Laverton, but the ship with which the practices were to be carried out had not arrived in port and F/Lt. LAVARACK returned to RATHMINES.	
	27	E/O F.B. WATSON (4836) arrived on posting from Air Force Headquarters to take over the duties of Adjutant of the Squadron.  The following Wireless Air Gunners were posted to No.11 Squadron :- 407655 SGT. TWIST, C.J., No.407685 SGT. SACH, J.I., No.402701 SGT. BALPTON, C.M., 401836 SGT. BLAIR, W.A.  P/O H.H. ROHDE flew A2-5 to H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" at Sydney. No. 9420 Cpl. BAIN, T.W., Fitter IIA embarked H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	
	28	P/O H.B. DAVIS carried out Drogue Towing for the Army (North Head Battery) in A2-22. P/O P.A.E. EDWARDS (405845) and No. 412302 SGT. SIMMS, W.R. completed Seaplane Conversion Courses and proceeded on pre-embarkation leave prior to posting to No. 2 E.D. for flying duties with No.10 Squadron.	



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of (Unit or Formation) No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES.N.S.W.

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Place.	Date	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	MAY 1	Pilot Officer H.B. DAVIS (401920) in Seagull A2-6 carried out Target Towing for Naval exercises at SYDNEY.	
	6	Pilot Officer H.H. RONDE (407850) ex H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" flew to WILLIAMTOWN in Seagull A2-5, swung compasses, returned to RATHMINES and then flew to H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" at SYDNEY.	
	9	The following pilots arrived on posting to undergo Seaplane Conversion Courses :- Flying Officer K.G. FRY (407057), Pilot Officers M.H. JONES (411711), R.C. HUMBLE (41644), B. WILLIAMS (416164), No. 401833 SGT. READ, G.M., No. 411679 SGT. CLARK, C.C., 416206 SGT. CARR, I.V., No. 416137 SGT. AISTROPE, S.T.	
	13	Pilot Officer H.B. DAVIS (401920) in Seagull A2-22 departed for LAVERTON to carry out drogue towing. On arrival at COOTANUNDRA he was recalled and returned to RATHMINES, arriving on 15.5.42.  No. 9140 CPL. ECKFORD, D.M., Fitter IIE, and No. 15456 LAC. FARMILO, R.N., Fitter IIA, embarked H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" to replace No. 14060 CPL. FROST, R.G., Fitter IIE, and No. 15417 LAC. SWAN, H.G. Fitter IIA, who disembarked to RATHMINES on 15.5.42.	
	15	Pilot Officer H.B. DAVIS (401920) in Seagull A2-22 proceeded to SYDNEY and carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA and NORTH HEAD. The exercises were completed on 19.5.42 and Pilot Officer DAVIS returned to RATHMINES.	
	20	Pilot Officer H.B. DAVIS (401920) proceeded to LAVERTON in Walrus W2783 and carried out drogue towing for the Army, returning to RATHMINES on 30.5.42.	
	22	Pilot Officer E.M. ALLISON (411847), pilot, and No. 18500 SGT. GROUT, D.B., observer, in Seagull A2-16 were involved in an aircraft accident, as a result of which SGT. GROUT was killed and Pilot Officer ALLISON was injured. The accident occurred at approximately 0245 A.M.T., when the pilot attempted to make a landing. This was this Officer's first night solo flight, and on landing, the aircraft appeared to swing violently and then turn over. SGT. GROUT'S body was recovered when the aircraft was brought ashore. The funeral service was conducted at SANDGATE on 25.5.42.	File 32/17/54 Serlon Hall Court of Inquiry but no preliminary report

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	MAY 25	No. 9 Squadron came under the administrative and operational control of Headquarters, Eastern Area vice Headquarters, Southern Area.	
	26	Flight Lieutenant P.J. McMAHON (459) disembarked H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" and returned to RATHMINES.	
	30	Pilot Officers W.A. DOWSLEY (408997) and G.H. PRIEST (412180) completed Seaplane Conversion Courses and were posted to Seaplane Training Flight w.e.f. 31.5.42, to undergo Catalina second pilot Conversion Courses.	
	31	Pilot Officer H.B. DAVIS (401920) in Walrus W2783 proceeded to SYDNEY to carry out target towing for Naval exercises on 1.6.42.	
		<i>B. J. ...</i> Wing Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES. N.S.W.	



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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	1.6.42	P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in Seagull A2-13 carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
"	5.6.42	P/O H.G. MERTEN (408914) Wireless Air Gunner, arrived on posting from Seaplane Training Squadron. P/O L.G. WEBBER (764) in Walrus W2707 carried out anti-submarine patrol at SYDNEY.	
	9.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in Seagull A2-3 carried out an anti-submarine patrol at sea.	
	10.6.42	P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in Walrus I 2222 accompanied by Army officers carried out an aerial survey of army positions at NEWCASTLE and PORT STEPHENS.	
	11.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) flew Walrus P 5715 to AMBERLEY. This aircraft was embarked in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" to replace Walrus W 2768, which was flown back to RATHMINES, arriving on 15th June. F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in Walrus W 2707 carried out an anti-submarine patrol out of NEWCASTLE.	
	12.6.42	Walrus aircraft W 2707 and I 2222 were flown to SYDNEY for passage to NEW ZEALAND, in exchange for Seagull A2-3 and A2-12, which had been embarked in H.M.S. "ACHILLES" and H.M.S. "LEANDER". P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in A2-6 carried out an anti-submarine patrol from NEWCASTLE to seaward.	
	13.6.42	P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in A2-6 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to seaward.	
	14.6.42	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in A2-6 carried out an anti-submarine patrol in NEWCASTLE Harbour.	
	15.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in A2-6 and P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in W 2768 carried out anti-submarine patrols from SYDNEY to NOWRA.	
X	17.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in A2-6 and P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in W 2768 carried out anti-submarine patrol for a convoy. F/Lt. P.O. LAVARACK (103) was appointed Commanding Officer to 9 Squadron.	
	18.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in W 2768 flew to LAVERTON for drogue towing duty, but was not required, and returned to RATHMINES on 24th June.	
	22.6.42	F/Lt. E. BARKLEY (281) arrived on posting from No. 1 O.T.U. to undergo a Seaplane Conversion Course.	
	23.6.42	F/Lt. P.O. LAVARACK (103) and P/O B.P. STACY (406446) carried out anti-submarine patrols for a convoy.	



Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	24.6.42	P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in A2- <sup>6</sup> N <sub>6</sub> carried out reconnaissance exercises from RATHMINES to PORT STEPHENS and return.	
	24.6.42	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
	25.6.42	P/O K.G. FRY (407057) and P/O B.A. WILLIAMS (416164) were posted to No. 2 E.D. for passage to No. 10 Squadron. F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in A2-14 and P/O B.P. STACY (406446) in A2-6 carried out anti-submarine patrols.	
	27.6.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in W 2768 carried out a reconnaissance flight to NABIAC & return.	
	28.6.42	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in A2-22 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for a convoy.	
	29.6.42	P/O R.C. HUBLE (416441) completed a Seaplane Conversion Course and proceeded on pre-embarkation leave prior to posting to No. 2 E.D. for passage to No. 10 Squadron. P/O R. BAKER (5803) arrived on posting from S.H. BRADFELD PARK for duty as assistant Adjutant of the Squadron. P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in W 2768 carried out an anti-submarine patrol at NEWCASTLE.	
	30.6.42	P/O E.H. ALLISON (411847) was posted to Seaplane Training Squadron to undergo a Catalina Second Pilot Conversion Course. P/O M.H. JONES (411711) and No. 411879 Sgt. CLARK C.C. completed a Seaplane Conversion Course and proceeded on pre-embarkation leave prior to posting to No. 2 E.D. for passage to No. 10 Squadron. F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) flew W 2768 to ALBERTLEY to replace W 2768 aboard H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA". P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) flew A2-14 to BRISBANE for target towing exercises with the Navy.	
	3.7.42	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>P. McMahon</i> Flight Lieutenant, T/Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W.</p>	

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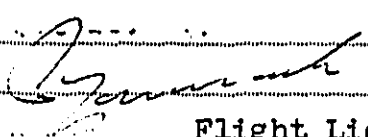
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	2.7.42	F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) in W/2783 returned from AMBERLEY	
	6.7.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS (401920) in W/2783 carried out an anti-submarine patrol at NEWCASTLE.	
		The following pilots were posted from G.R. School to undergo a Seaplane Conversion Course. P/Os. D.A. HOWARD (412143), E.T. HEMPENSTALL (23103), E. RANSOM (415180), V.J. PATSTON (412831). No. 6897 Sgt. ALLSOFF F.T., 415110 Sgt. BEATON D.J.	
	9.7.42	F/Lt P.J. McMAHON in W/2783 carried out an anti-submarine patrol off SYDNEY.	
	10.7.42	P/O B.P. STACY in A2-22 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD. Exercises were continued until 14.7.42.	
	11.7.42	The following pilots were posted from No. 7 Squadron to undergo a Seaplane Conversion Course. No. 407240 W.O. HURSTHOUSE H.R., 403541 Sgts. SMITH M.D., 407921 WATSON P.M.	
	13.7.42	F/O F.B. WATSON (4836) Adjutant of the Squadron was posted to Headquarters, RATHMINES for Station Adjutant duties.	
	15.7.42	A2-22 was standing on the tarmac when a motor truck driven by an employee of the Dept. of Interior struck the wingtip. A full report was prepared and submitted to Headquarters Eastern Area A.A.F.	
	20.7.42	Having completed a Seaplane Conversion Course, No. 416206 Sgt. CARR I. was posted to Seaplane Training Squadron to undergo a Catalina Second Pilot Conversion Course.	
	21.7.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS in W 2783 and P/O B.P. STACY in A2-22 carried out anti-submarine patrols.	
	22.7.42	P/O DAVIS in W 2783 and F/Lt McMAHON in A2-1 carried out anti-submarine patrols.	
	23.7.42	P/O STACY in A2-22 and P/O DAVIS in W 2783 carried out anti-submarine patrols for convoys.	
	24.7.42	P/O K.D. SMITH (405664) was posted to No. 2 E.D. for passage to No. 10 Squadron.	
	25.7.42	P/O STACY in W 2783 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for a convoy.	
	27.7.42	P/O STACY in A35-2 carried out exercises with Fighter Sector NEW LAMBTON. During these exercises both engines of the aircraft cut out, and a forced landing was carried out in FULLERTON COVE, Hunter River. No injuries were sustained by the crew, and the aircraft was not damaged.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	29.7.42	P/O Stacy in W 2783 carried out bombing practice at BIRD ISLAND.	
	30.7.42	P/O STACY in W 2783 and P/O DAVIS in A2-22 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for a convoy.	
		 Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, <u>RATHMINES</u> <u>N.S.W.</u>	



Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RATHMINES	27.8.42	F/Lt. McMAHON in A2-1 and P/O DAVIS in W 2783 carried out anti-submarine patrols.	
		F/O B.P. STACY'S probationary appointment was confirmed, and he was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer w.e.f. 29th January 1942.	

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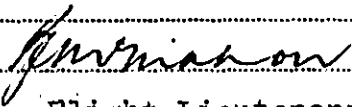
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RATHMINES	1.9.42	F/Lt. McMAHON in W 2783 carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
	2.9.42	F/O STACY in A2-1 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD until 9.9.42	
	3.9.42	F/O STACY in A2-1 carried out drogue towing for the Army at LONG BAY.	
X	11.9.42	The Commanding Officer F/Lt. F.O. LAVARACK (103) was posted to General Reconnaissance School and F/Lt. P.J. McMAHON (459) assumed command of the Squadron.	
	12.9.42	F/O STACY in A2-1 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NE CASTLE until 13.9.42	
	14.9.42	P/O HEMPENSTALL and P/O RANSOM in W 2705 carried out bombing practice at BIRD Island.	
	15.9.42	F/O STACY in A2-1 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA, until 17.9.42	
	16.9.42	The following pilots arrived on posting to undergo Seaplane Conversion Courses:- F/O D.E. BOND (416143), P/Os I.A. ELKINGTON (411576), I.W. BOYEN (412372), R.S. STRANGE (207724), R.J.A. FOSKETT (411136), No. 411346 Sgt. McGIFFORD R.	
	21.9.42	F/Lt. G.L. MASON (691) and the entire Detachment of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" disembarked and are at present shore based at RATHMINES. P/O RANSOM in A2-1 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD until 22.9.42	
	20.9.42	P/O H.B. DAVIS departed by air for TONGSVILLE to embark in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" as relief for F/Lt. I.G. WEBBER (764)	
	28.9.42	P/O E. RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD. Three Wireless Air Gunners, namely No. 407685 F/Sgt. SACH I.I. 401826 Sgts. BLAIR J... 402701 Sgt. HAMPTON C.M. were posted to the Squadron.	
	29.9.42	Two Wireless Air Observers namely, No. 32738 F/Sgt. LAJLER J.E. and No. 34185 F/Sgt. WALSH F.W. were posted to No. 24 Squadron.	
		During the month the following 10 pupils completed Seaplane Conversion Courses. Of these 7 were posted to Seaplane Training Squadron to undergo Catalina Second Pilot Conversion Courses, on dates shown, and P/Os B.F. HEMPENSTALL (23103) and E. RANSOM (415180) were retained in the Squadron for flying duties, and P/O V.J. PATSON (412381) to No. 3 E.D.	
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
		Flight Lieutenant E.H. BARKLEY (281) 28.9.42	
		Pilot Officer D.A. HOWARD (412143) 7.9.42	
		Warrant Officer HURSTHOUSE H.R. (407240) 7.9.42	
		No. 403541 Sgt. SMITH M.D. 7.9.42	
		No. 407921 " WATSON P.H. 7.9.42	
		No. 415110 " BEATON S.J. 4.9.42	
		No. 6897 " ALLSOPP F.T. 28.9.42	
		F/O G.M. MASON (691) A/F/Lts. D.J. MURCHISON (818), I.G. WEBBER (764) were promoted to Temporary Flight Lieutenant with effect from 1st April 1942.	
		 Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.I.	



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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
R. AIRLINES	2.10.42	P/O RAMSON in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for U.S.S. "BONNERS" to sea.	
	3.10.42	No. 45247 L.O. BRITZA H.I. Fitter Armorer embarked H.M.A.S. "MANOCRA" as replacement for 18531 Cpl. HOPKINS E.	
	5.10.42	No. 18531 Cpl. HOPKINS E. disembarked H.M.A.S. "MANOCRA". P/O RAMSON in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at GART BEACH.	
	10.10.42	P/O H.J. MONTY ceased attachment to A.C.F.R. HAMILTON I.D.	
	8.10.42	F/Lt. MASON flew W 2761 to TOMBEVILLE for replacement of W 2732 aboard H.M.A.S. "LUBER II", which was lost at sea.	
	14.10.42	F/O STACY in A2-1 flew to BELMONT to pick up special radio gear for R. AIRLINES. During the return flight the aircraft made a forced landing at HARRINGTON on the MANNING River on 15th October. No injuries were sustained by the crew, and the aircraft was not damaged.	
	15.10.42	F/O ROHDE and the entire detachment disembarked H.M.A.S. "MANOCRA" to R. AIRLINES. The aircraft and stores were also disembarked and the stores were returned by road to R. AIRLINES.	
	16.10.42	P/O HELPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD. The exercises were continued until the 18th. October. F/Lt. MASON in W 2755 carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
	17.10.42	F/O ROHDE in W 2755 carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
	18.10.42	F/Lt. MASON in W 2755 carried out an anti-submarine patrol.	
	20.10.42	P/O RAMSON in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for No. 18 and No. 7 Squadrons at NOWRA. The exercises were continued until 25th October. F/Lt. G.M. MASON (621) and F/O H.H. ROHDE (407850) were posted to S.T.S. to undergo Conversion for Dornier captains. F/O B.P. STACY (403446) was appointed Officer Commanding "B" Flight. Dolphin aircraft A25-2 and Seagull A2-12 were allotted to Headquarters R. AIRLINES for overhaul.	
	28.10.42	P/O HELPENSTALL carried out drogue towing for air to air gunnery for Wireless Air Gunners of No. 9 Squadron.	

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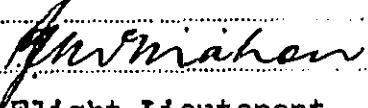
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RATHMINES	1.11.42	P/O RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at GARIE BEACH.	
	2.11.42	F/Lt. McMAHON, F/Lt. MASON and P/O RANSOM proceeded by rail to POINT COOK to ferry 3 Walrus aircraft to RATHMINES, returning on 6.11.42. F/O STACY in W 2755 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND. P/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2755 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	5.11.42	The following pilots arrived on posting to undergo Seaplane Conversion Courses. F/Lt. G.W. COVENTRY (457) P/Os. K. GARDNER (416562) H. DOWSLEY (408982) L.G. WOOLCOCK (409193) E.R. WITHELL (415063) No. 401320 F/Sgt. SELLER E.C.S.	
	6.11.42	P/O HEMPENSTALL in L2293 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for H.M.A.S. PING WO sailing from TOOMFREE Heads to NEWCASTLE. Bad weather prevented the aircraft from continuing the patrol after 20 minutes flying, and the aircraft returned to RATHMINES. F/O ROHDE carried out a test of G.O. guns installed in Seagull and Walrus aircraft.	
	9.11.42	P/O RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for H.M.A.S. SWAN to sea. The following pilots arrived on posting to undergo Seaplane Conversion Courses P/O W.R. CLARK (407570)	
	10.11.42	F/O ROHDE in P5664 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	11.11.42	F/O ROHDE in P 5664 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for H.M.A.S. PING WO from NEWCASTLE to PORT STEPHENS. P/O RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA. P/Os R.S. STRANGE (207794) and I.W. BOWEN (412372) completed Seaplane Conversion Courses and were posted to Seaplane Training Squadron to undergo Second Pilot Catalina Course.	
	12.11.42	P/O RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA.	
	13.11.42	The following pilots completed Seaplane Conversion Courses and were posted to Seaplane Training Squadron to undergo Catalina Second Pilot Course:- F/O D.E. BOND (416143) P/Os L.A. ELKINGTON (411576) R.J.A. FOSKETT (411136)	
	14.11.42	F/O STACY in L 2293 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for H.M.A.S. PING WO from TOOMFREE HEADS to NEWCASTLE.	
	15.11.42	P/O HEMPENSTALL in A2-3 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	16.11.42	P/O RANSOM in X 9513 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND. F/Lt. MASON in X 9514 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to sea.	

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RATHMINES	18.11.42	P/O RANSOM in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for No. 18 Squadron at NOWRA. The exercises were continued until 26.11.42. F/Lt McMAHON and P/O HEMPENSTALL proceeded by rail to POINT COOK to ferry Dolphin A 35-3 and Walrus X 9520 to RATHMINES, returning on 20.11.42.	
	21.11.42	F/Lt. MASON in X 9514 carried out an -anti -submarine patrol for H.M.A.S. PING WO from TOOMFREE HEADS to NEWCASTLE.	
	22.11.42	P/O HEMPENSTALL in X 9514 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	33.11.42	F/O ROHDE in X 9514 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to sea.	
	24.11.42	F/O STACY in X 9514 carried out an anti-submarine patrol for H.M.A.S. PING WO from NEWCASTLE to PORT STEPHENS.	
	25.11.42	F/O ROHDE in X 9513 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to sea.	
	27.11.42	P/O HEMPENSTALL in X 9517 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	28.11.42	P/O RANSOM in X 9513 carried out high level bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND	
	30.11.41	F/Lt MASON in X 9520 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to PORT STEPHENS. P/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT HACKING.	
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RATHMINES	1.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT HACKING.	
	2.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in X 9517 and F/O ROHDE in X 9520 carried out air to ground gunnery practices.	
	3.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT HACKING. F/O ROHDE in X 9517 carried out air to air gunnery practice.	
	4.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD.	
	5.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2783 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD. F/Lt MASON in X 9517 and F/O ROHDE in A 2-1 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	7.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2755 carried out drogue towing for the Army at NORTH HEAD. F/O ROHDE in X 9514 and F/O RANSOM in X 9513 carried out anti-submarine patrols to sea.	
	8.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in W 2755 proceeded to ARCHERFIELD to carry out drogue towing for the Army. The exercises were carried out until 19th. F/O ROHDE in X 9514 carried out an anti-submarine patrol to sea.	
	13.12.42	F/Lt EKINS in P 5664 and F/O RANSOM in X 9513 carried out anti-submarine patrols for H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA.	
	14.12.42	F/O RANSOM in P 5664 and F/Lt EKINS in X 9514 carried out anti-submarine patrols to sea.	
	16.12.42	F/O H.G. HERPEN (408914) was detached to A.O.F.B. HAMILTON.	
	17.12.42	F/O ROHDE in X 9517 and F/Lt MASON in X 9513 carried out anti-submarine patrols for H.M.A.S. PING WU sailing from NEWCASTLE to PORT STEPHENS.	
	19.12.42	F/Lt MASON in X 9514 and F/O ROHDE in X 9520 carried out anti-submarine patrols to sea.	
	21.12.42	F/O RANSOM in X 9514 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND. The following pilots arrived on posting to undergo Seaplane Conversion Courses. F/Os R.N. MILLER (2359) G.H. RUMBLE (753) D.J. HOOKINGS (407173) T.J. ANSGROVE (409490) P/O D.R. HOWARD (408796)	
	22.12.42	F/O RANSOM in X 9517 and F/O GARDNER in X 9513 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	23.12.42	F/O WOODCOCK in X 9520 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	25.12.42	F/Lt MASON in W 2705 carried out dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	26.12.42	F/O RANSOM in X 9517 carried out low dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	27.12.42	F/Lt MASON in X 9514 and F/O RANSOM in X 9513 carried out dive bombing practices over BIRD ISLAND.	

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RATHMINES	28.12.42	F/O R.T. CLARK (407113) arrived on posting to undergo a Seaplane Conversion Course. F/O HEMPENSTALL in X 9517 carried out low dive bombing practice over BIRD ISLAND.	
	29.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in P 5664 carried out drogue towing for the Army at PORT KEMBLA.	
	30.12.42	F/Lt MASON in W 2733 and F/Lt WEBBER in X 9517 and F/O ROHDE in X 9513 carried out anti-submarine patrols to sea.	
	31.12.42	F/O HEMPENSTALL in X 9520 proceeded to TONSVILLE to replace X 9516 aboard H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA, which was damaged.	
		During the month the following pilots completed Seaplane Conversion Courses on dates shown:-	
		F/Lt G.J. COVENTRY (457), F/O W.R. CLARK (407570), P/Os. H. DOMSLEY (408982) 10.12.42	
		E.R. WITHELL (415063) L.G. WOOLCOCK (409193) K. GARDNER (416562) E.C.S. SELLER (401320)	15.12.42
		The following officers probationary appointments were confirmed and were promoted to Flying Officer from dates shown:- 12.10.42 P/Os. E RANSOM (415180) B.F. HEMPENSTALL (23103)	
		H. DOMSLEY (408982). 30.10.42 P/Os. K. GARDNER (416562) H.G. NERTEN (408914)	
		The following N.C.Os. were appointed to a commission with the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 1.10.42	
		No. 407685 E/Sgt. SACH J.I. Wireless Air Gunner	
		402701 " Bampton C.M. " "	
		401896 Sgt. BLAIR W.A. " "	
		401320 E/Sgt. SELLER E.C.S. Airman Pilot.	
		<i>W. Mahon</i> Flight Lieutenant,	
		A/Commanding No. 9 Squadron,	
		RATHMINES N.S.W.	