

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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(Feb. '33)

No. 9 Squadron,
R.A.A.F. Detachment,
of (Unit or Formation).....H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA.

No. of Sheet.....1

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1942. JANUARY		
AT SEA <i>L 2327</i>	2	The aircraft was catapulted at sea with orders to proceed to PORT MORESBY with signals for N.O.I.C. Arrived at 1700 hours and remained overnight.	
PORT MORESBY	3	Took off from PORT MORESBY and contacted the Ship at 0700 hours. An inner Anti-Submarine patrol was carried out.	
AT SEA	7	Carried out an inner Anti-Submarine patrol until Ships had entered NOUMEA Harbour. Oblique photographs were taken of ships in company for camouflage research. Aircraft landed in the Harbour and was hoisted aboard the ship.	
NOUMEA	8	A mosaic of NOUMEA was taken and the results proved very satisfactory.	
"	9	The aircraft was catapulted and carried out an inner Anti-Submarine patrol until ships were at sea.	
AT SEA	14	The aircraft was catapulted at sea and carried out an inner Anti-Submarine patrol for convoy entering SUVA.	
"	15	The aircraft was again catapulted outside SUVA and carried out Anti-Submarine patrol for ships in company.	
"	19	The aircraft was catapulted at sea with orders to carry out an inner Anti-Submarine patrol for three hours and then proceed to SYDNEY with signals for N.O.I.C. Landed at LAKE CONJALON owing to shortage of fuel, refuelled and took off, arriving at SYDNEY at 1950 hours.	
SYDNEY	23	Squadron aircraft disembarked to ROSE BAY for refuelling purposes while co-operating Squadron in exercises off SYDNEY Heads. Carried out marking for Squadron's H.A. firing and on completion of firing continued with an inner Anti-Submarine patrol. Carried out further inner Anti-Submarine patrol for Squadron and spotted for H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA'S full calibre shoot at B.P.T. target. Returned to base at 1945 hours to await the arrival of the ship.	
"	24	Took off from Harbour with orders to carry out an inner Anti-Submarine patrol to seaward of Sydney Heads. No submarines were sighted and aircraft returned to the Harbour and was hoisted aboard the ship.	
AT SEA	31	Aircraft was catapulted at sea with orders to proceed to SYDNEY with signals for N.O.I.C. Landed alongside Garden Island, delivered signals and taxied to Rose Bay to await the arrival of the ship.	

O.C. DETACHMENT FLYING OFFICER E.J. ROWAN (407009)

[Handwritten Signature]

Commanding Officer

Month Ending 28.2.42

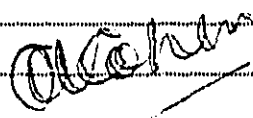
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	3.2.42	Catapulted at sea 0700 hours, with orders to proceed to WELLINGTON N.Z. landed at 0850 hours and made fast to buoy. On arrival of Ship aircraft was hoisted in-board.	
WELLINGTON	6.2.42	Aircraft hoisted out-board and airborne 0815 hours to carry out height finding exercises with Ship, landed at 0945 hours and was hoisted in-board.	
At Sea	12.2.42	Catapulted at sea 0800 hours and proceeded to SUVA, landing at 0940 hours, making fast to buoy to await arrival of Ship, upon arrival of Ship Aircraft was hoisted in-board.	
At Sea	19.2.42	Aircraft was catapulted at sea with orders to carry out outer Submarine Patrol, when coming in to land at 1200 hours the Aircraft struck the stern of the Ship. The Aircraft caught fire and sank in a very short time. The Pilot Flying Officer E.J. ROWAN (407009) was killed and went down with the Aircraft.	
 Wing Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W.			

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1.4.42	Aircraft catapulted at sea at 0635 hours and proceeded to VILA landing at 0725 hours. Departed VILA at 1040 hours and returned to ship, making a "slick landing", and picked up under way at 1140 hours.	
"	2.4.42	Aircraft catapulted at sea 0620 hours to carry out photographic runs of UEA ATOLL and then proceeded to NOUMEA, landing at 0920 hours. Departed NOUMEA 1225 hours and returned to ship and was picked up under way.	
"	3.4.42	Catapulted at sea to photograph UEA ATOLL and make soundings with lead line. Aircraft landed at 1620 hours and on completion of soundings, returned to ship and was picked up under way at 1700 hours.	
"	4.4.42	Aircraft carried out Anti-Submarine Patrol and landed at UEA ATOLL at 0930 hours, then returned to ship to be picked up under way.	
UEA ATOLL	5.4.42	Aircraft hoisted outboard at 0610 hours at UEA ATOLL, and proceeded ashore to deliver messages, returning to ship at 0900 hours.	
At Sea	13.4.42	Aircraft catapulted at sea at 0545 hours to carry out Anti-Submarine Patrol of approaches to NOUMEA Harbour and landed at 0715 hours to await the arrival of ship and was hoisted in-board.	
"	21.4.42	Aircraft catapulted at sea at 1330 hours with instructions to deliver messages to GARDEN Island SYDNEY, landing at ROSE BAY at 1650 hours where aircraft was moored overnight.	
SYDNEY	22.4.42	Aircraft carried out Anti-Submarine Patrol for ship entering SYDNEY Harbour from 0800 hours to 0915 hours. Aircraft departed ROSE BAY at 1420 hours and proceeded to RATHMINES landing at 1505 hours.	
RATHMINES	27.4.42	Aircraft departed RATHMINES at 0850 hours to proceed to ROSE BAY but owing to faulty air speed indicator, was forced to return to RATHMINES at 0910 hours where repairs were carried out. Took off at 1110 hours but was again forced to return arriving back at 1155 hours. Further repairs were carried out and on being airborne at 1400 hours the indicator was still faulty, so another landing was made at 1435 hours. The aircraft finally departed RATHMINES at 1620 hours arriving at ROSE BAY at 1710 hours.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
ROSE BAY	29.4.42	Aircraft proceeded to MASCOT to swing compasses at 0945 hours, arriving MASCOT at 1005 hours. After compasses were adjusted the aircraft returned to ROSE BAY arriving at 1155 hours.	
		O.C. R.A.A.F. Detachment: Flying Officer L.G. WEBBER.	
		<p style="text-align: right;">  <i>B. W. Smith</i> Flying Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W. </p>	

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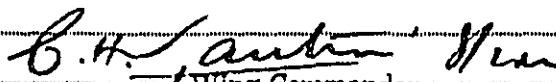
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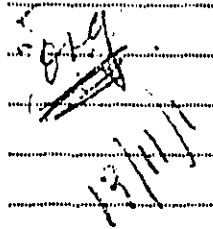
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No. of Sheet..... 5

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1.5.42	Catapulted off SYDNEY Heads at 1040 hours to carry out high angle spotting for H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA'S shoot, landed at 1245 hours and picked up under way.	
At Sea	2.5.42	Catapulted at 0830 hours with instructions to proceed to BRISBANE with messages for D.N.O. landing at ARCHERFIELD at 0945 hours. Refuelled and departed at 1400 hours and returned to ship at HERVEY BAY, and carried out Anti- Submarine Patrol, landing at 1630 hours and hoisted inboard.	
At Sea	3.5.42	Catapulted at 0830 hours to carry out photographic reconnaissance of SAUMAREZ and FREDERICK HENRY REEFS. Landed at 1050 hours and picked up under way.	
At Sea	10.5.42	Catapulted at 1540 hours to carry mails and signals to TOWNSVILLE, landing at 1930 hours.	
CID HARBOUR	11.5.42	Departed TOWNSVILLE at 0630 hours and delivered messages to ship in CID HARBOUR, landing at 0915 hours and waited arrival of ship, hoisted outboard at 1745 hours to take L/t. Commander HALL to BOWEN, returning to ship at 1855 hours and hoisted inboard.	
At Sea	13.5.42	Catapulted at 0800 hours to carry out Anti Submarine Patrol until 1100 hours, and then proceeded to D.N.O. QUEENSLAND with messages, landing at 1135 hours.	
BRISBANE Harbour	20.5.42	Hoisted outboard at 0835 hours to carry out height finding exercise with ship, landing at 0950 hours and hoisted inboard.	
"	"	21.5.42 Hoisted outboard at 0840 hours to carry out height finding exercise, landing at 1115 hours.	
"	"	22.5.42 Hoisted outboard at 0835 hours to carry out height finding and torpedo attack exercise with ship.	
"	"	23.5.42 Hoisted outboard at 0835 hours carrying out height finding and torpedo exercise with ship.	
"	"	26.5.42 Hoisted outboard at 0900 hours to carry out height finding exercise with ship.	
Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Detachment: Flying Officer L.G. WEBBER			
 Wing Commander Commanding No 9 Squadron R.A.A.F.			


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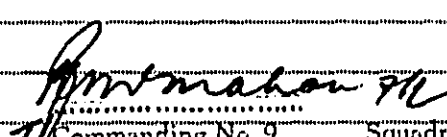
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
BRISBANE	1.6.42	Hoisted out board at 0930 hours to carry out air to air gunnery, landing at 1020 hours.	
MORETON BAY	1.6.42	Hoisted out board 1225 hours and carried out anti-submarine patrol off MORETON BAY.	
" "	1.6.42	Hoisted out board at 1605 hours and carried out anti-submarine patrol MORETON BAY.	
" "	2.6.42	Hoisted outboard at 0615 hours to carry out anti-submarine patrol until 0935 hours, later at 1400 hours anti-submarine patrol was carried out until 1725 hours off MORETON BAY.	
At Sea	3.6.42	Catapulted at sea at 1300 hours off MORETON BAY to photograph Task Force 44, returning to ARCHERFIELD at 1530 hours and remained there overnight.	
ARCHERFIELD	4.6.42	Departed ARCHERFIELD at 0820 hours and returned to ship in MORETON BAY.	
At Sea	5.6.42	Catapulted at sea at 0620 hours to carry out outer anti-submarine patrol, proceeded to RATHMINES and refuelled. Departed RATHMINES at 1235 hours to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol off FORT JACKSON whilst ship entered SYDNEY Harbour, landing ROSE BAY at 1600 hours. Flew from ROSE BAY to RATHMINES landing at 1715 hours.	
RATHMINES	8.6.42	Departed RATHMINES at 1400 hours with new aircraft, W2783, for ROSE BAY landing at 1450 hours.	
ROSE BAY	10.6.42	Departed ROSE BAY for RATHMINES at 1345 hours, landing at RATHMINES at 1430 hours.	
RATHMINES	12.6.42	Flew from RATHMINES to ROSE BAY.	
ROSE BAY	17.6.42	Proceeded to MASCOT to swing compasses, and returned to ROSE BAY same day.	
" "	21.6.42	Carried out spotting for "AUSTRALIA'S" shoot and photographed "ARUNTA'S" shoot, then carried out an anti-submarine patrol, picked up under way at 1345 hours.	
At Sea	22.6.42	Catapulted at sea to deliver messages for D.N.O., landing at ARCHERFIELD at 1030 hours. Departed ARCHERFIELD at 1610 hours and returned to ship in MORETON BAY.	
At Sea	27.6.42	Catapulted to carry out height finding exercises with Task Force, and outer anti-submarine patrol. Landed and picked up under way at 1105 hours.	
At Sea	28.6.42	Catapulted to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol for Task Force entering NOUMEA Harbour, landing at NOUMEA to await arrival of ship.	
Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Detachment H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA Flight Lieutenant D.J. MURCHISON			
 Commanding No. 9 Squadron R.A.A.F.			

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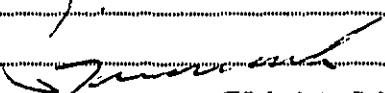
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	1.7.42	Catapulted at sea 0630 hours to carry out shadowing exercises of Task Force, then proceeded to ARCHERFIELD with mail and messages for D.N.O. QUEENSLAND. Collected Walrus W 2768 and returned to ship in Brisbane River.	
Brisbane River	2.7.42	Flew from ship to AMBERLEY to exchange equipment. Departed AMBERLEY and proceeded to ARCHERFIELD to swing compasses. Departed ARCHERFIELD and returned to ship in Brisbane River. Proceeded to MORETON BAY at 1210 hours to search for survivor of crash, returning to ship, at 1340 hours.	
"	3.7.42	Carried out height finding tests for Task Force 44.	
"	4.7.42	Carried out height finding tests for Task Force 44.	
MORETON BAY	9.7.42	Carried out engine test at 0820 hours. Carried out spotting exercises for ship.	
Brisbane River	10.7.42	Carried out further test flight.	
At Sea	15.7.42	Catapulted to carry out height finding exercises for Task Force, picked up under way.	
"	23.7.42	Catapulted to carry out outer Anti-submarine Patrol for Task Force.	
"	28.7.42	Catapulted to carry out inner Anti-submarine Patrol for Task Force.	
		O.C. R.A.A.F. Detachment. F/Lt. L.G. WEBBER (764)	
		 Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, <u>RATHMINES N.S.W.</u>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
At Sea	7.8.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine and anti torpedo boat patrol for force entering TULAGI Harbour. Picked up under way, when aircraft was damaged whilst hoisting inboard.	
TULAGI Harbour	9.8.42	Hoisted outboard to carry out anti-submarine patrol of approaches to TULAGI Harbour, landed and picked up under way at 1030 hours. Hoisted outboard to carry out anti-submarine patrol of approaches to TULAGI Harbour, and reconnaissance for enemy surface craft.	
At Sea	10.8.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force.	
" "	11.8.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force, picked up under way at 0930 hours. Carried out anti-submarine patrol at 1425 hours for Task Force.	
" "	12.8.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force.	
" "	13.8.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force, landed in NOUMEA Harbour to await arrival of ship.	
NOUMEA Harbour	17.8.42	Carried out height finding exercises for ship.	
" "	18.8.42	Carried out height finding exercises for ship.	
O.C. R.A.A.F. Detachment Flight Lieutenant I.G. WEBBER (764)			
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>I.G. Webber</i> Flight Lieutenant, for Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W.</p>			

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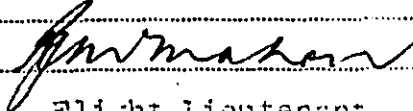
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
AT SEA	1/3/42	Catapulted at sea 0730 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force 44. Landed and picked up under way 0835	
AT SEA	4/3/42	Catapulted at sea 1300 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force 44. Landed and picked up under way 1405	
AT SEA	8/3/42	Catapulted at sea 0700 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force 44. Landed and picked up under way 1305	
AT SEA	21/3/42	Catapulted at sea 1305 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force 44. Landed and picked up under way 1805	
AT SEA	3/4/42	Catapulted at sea 0700 to proceed to HOBART with mail and messages for R.N.C.(C) landed at 0840 and await arrival of ship.	
RELSBANE RIVER	7/4/42	Hoisted outboard at 0520 to carry out test flight. Landed and hoisted inboard at 0840	
AT SEA	15/4/42	Catapulted at sea 0640 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force. Landed and picked up under way 0830	
AT SEA	14/4/42	Catapulted at sea 1330 to carry out A/s patrol for task force. Landed and picked up under way 1700	
AT SEA	15/4/42	Catapulted at sea 0640 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force. Landed and picked up under way 0840	
AT SEA	16/4/42	Catapulted at sea 0320 to proceed to TONSVILLE with mail and messages for R.C.I.C. landed on TONSVILLE aerodrome 0840	
TONSVILLE	16/4/42	Airborne TONSVILLE landrome at 1535 to proceed to ship with mail and signals. Landed and hoisted inboard at 1610	
CHALLENGER BAY	17/4/42	Hoisted outboard at 1325 to proceed to TONSVILLE with mail and signals. Landed at TONSVILLE 1405	
TONSVILLE	17/4/42	Airborne at 1550 to proceed to ship with mail and signals. Landed at 1715 and hoisted inboard.	
AT SEA	18/4/42	Catapulted at sea 0805 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force. Landed and picked up under way 0810.	
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
AT SEA	24/3/42	Catapulted at sea 0930 to carry out A/s Patrol for task force. Landed 1205 and picked up under way.	
AT SEA	27/3/42	Catapulted at sea 1220 to proceed to TOBISVILLE aerodrome with mail and messages. Landed 1445	
TOBISVILLE	27/3/42	Airborne TOBISVILLE aerodrome 1345 to proceed to ship. Landed and picked up under way 1800	
AT SEA	28/3/42	Catapulted at sea 0615 to carry out A/s Patrol and contact IV "MELKUR" with messages in CID HARBOUR. Landed at 0835.	
CID HARBOUR	28/3/42	Airborne at 0845 to carry out further A/s Patrol for task force entering CID HARBOUR. Landed at 0730 and hoisted inboard.	
AT SEA	30/3/42	Catapulted at sea to proceed to TOBISVILLE with mail and messages. Landed 1015.	
TOBISVILLE	30/3/42	Airborne at 1510 to return to ship. Landed and picked up under way 1910.	
		O.C. Detachment F/Lt. I.E. WEBER (764)	
		 Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 3 Squadron, R.A.F. CATALINES R.S.A.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
At Sea	2.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force.	
"	4.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force, and instruction to F/O DAVIS.	
"	5.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force, F/O DAVIS first pilot.	
TOWNSVILLE	11.10.42	Airborne 1120 hours to proceed to ship with new aircraft (W2705) landed CHALLENGER BAY.	
CHALLENGER BAY	12.10.42	Hoisted outboard to proceed to TOWNSVILLE with mail and messages for N.O.I.C.	
TOWNSVILLE	12.10.42	Airborne at TOWNSVILLE and returned to ship.	
At Sea	14.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol for Task Force.	
"	16.10.42	Catapulted at Sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol and height finding exercises for ship.	
"	18.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol and height finding exercises for ship.	
"	20.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol and height finding exercises for ship.	
"	22.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol and high level bombing attacks on Task Force 44	
"	24.10.42	Catapulted at sea to proceed to BRISBANE with mail and messages for D.N.O., returning to ship in MORETON BAY.	
"	26.10.42	Catapulted at sea to carry out anti-submarine patrol, proceeding to RATHMINES to refuel on return to ship carried out anti-submarine patrol for ship entering PORT JACKSON.	
ROSE BAY	27.10.42	Proceeded to RATHMINES departing 1115 hours and landing 1155 hours.	

J. Mahon
 1st Lieutenant,
 A/Commanding No. 9 Squadron,
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RATHMINES	16.11.42	Walrus W. 2705 was flight tested and returned to ship at ROSE BAY to carry out arranged flying programme.	
ROSE BAY	17.11.42	Carried out R.D.F. exercises and wind finding, dummy depth charge attacks were also carried out.	
ROSE BAY	18.11.42	Carried out dummy depth charge attacks and wind finding exercises.	
"	19.11.42	Carried out wind finding and R.D.F. exercises.	
"	23.11.42	Proceeded to RATHMINES to exchange aircraft.	
RATHMINES	24.11.42	Proceed to ship in ROSE BAY with aircraft X 9516.	
ROSE BAY	25.11.42	Carried out R.D.F. exercises.	
"	26.11.42	Proceeded to MASCOT to swing compasses, returning to ship same day.	
"	27.11.42	Carried out fighter direction W/T and R/T exercises.	
"	28.11.42	Carried out anti-submarine patrol for ship leaving SYDNEY Harbour, carried out anti-submarine patrol for ship entering PORT JACKSON.	
At Sea	30.11.42	Catapulted to carry out anti-submarine patrol, and proceeded to BRISBANE with mail and messages for D.N.O. landing at ARCHERFIELD, returning to ship in MORETON BAY.	
MORETON BAY	30.11.42	Carried out spotting for gunnery practice and tow sleeve target for A/A shoot.	

J. Mahan
Flight Lieutenant,
4/Commanding No. 9 Squadron,
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
AT SEA	2-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out practice bombing and depth charge attacks, air to air ground gunnery practice. Solo catapult of F/O DAVIS.	
AT SEA	3-12-42	Catapulted at sea to proceed to PALM ISLAND with messages and signals for "HOBART". Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE with messages for N.O.I.C.. Returned to ship with messages and mail.	
PALM ISLANDS	4-12-42	Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE with messages for N.O.I.C.. Returned to ship with mail and messages.	
PALM ISLANDS	5-12-42	Proceeded to CAIRNS with messages and signals for N.O.I.C.. Returned to ship at PALM ISLANDS.	
PALM ISLANDS	6-12-42	Proceeded to CAIRNS with messages for N.O.I.C.. Returned back to ship.	
PALM ISLANDS	7-12-42	Carried out height finding exercises for ship.	
PALM ISLANDS	8-12-42	Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE with mail and messages for N.O.I.C.. Returned to ship. Carried out height finding exercises for ship. Towed sleeve target for A/A practice H.M.A.S. "STUART"	
PALM ISLANDS	9-12-42	Carried out height finding exercises for ship.	
AT SEA	10-12-42	Carried out Drogue Towing for A/A practice for USS "VICTORIA" and H.M.A.S. "SWAN"	
AT SEA	10-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol for Task Force 44 leaving Grafton Passage.	
AT SEA	11-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol for Task Force.	
AT SEA	12-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol for Task Force.	
AT SEA	13-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	14-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol. Towed sleeve target for A/A practice.	
AT SEA	16-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	17-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	18-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol. Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE with mail and messages for N.O.I.C.. Returned to ship at DUNK ISLANDS.	
DUNK ISLANDS	19-12-42	Towed sleeve target for USS "VICTORIA".	
AT SEA	22-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	23-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol. Carried out height finding exercises then towed sleeve target for A/A Practice H.M.A.S. "HOBART" and destroyers.	
AT SEA	24-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol and tow sleeve target for close range weapons.	

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
AT-SEA	25-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	26-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	27-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	28-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol.	
AT SEA	29-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol. Carried out height finding exercises.	
AT SEA	30-12-42	Catapulted at sea to carry out A/S Patrol for Task Force entering Grafton Passage.	
TOWNSVILLE	31-12-42	Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE with U/S Aircraft and mail and messages for N.O.I.C.	
		Proceeded to ship with mail and messages in borrowed A/C. Returned to TOWNSVILLE with mail and messages for N.O.I.C.	

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