

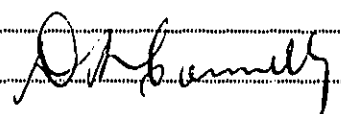
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No. of Sheet.....8.....

| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
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| | FEBRUARY | | |
| SYDNEY Harbour | 9 | From H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" to RATHMINES. | |
| " | 13 | From RATHMINES to ROSE BAY. | |
| " | 16 | Flew from ROSE BAY to MASCOT, swung compass and returned to ROSE BAY. | |
| " | 17 | Bombing and Gunnery practices at sea, thence to ROSE BAY. ROSE BAY to MASCOT for compass swinging and returned to ROSE BAY. | |
| " | 18 | ROSE BAY to ship, carrying out bombing practice during flight. | |
| " | 28 | From H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" at SYDNEY to NOWRA, BOWRAL, and return to ship, during which time Navigational exercises were carried out. | |
| | | O.C. Detachment Flying Officer G.M. MASON. | |
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| | | Wing Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES, N.S.W. | |

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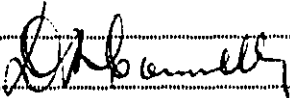
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| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
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| PORT VILA | 18.3.42 | Took off from ship to carry out Anti Submarine patrol whilst ship was landing troops. | |
| SUVA | 21.3.42 | Flew from SUVA to carry out reconnaissance flight to NANDI aerodrome. On the return flight, dropped a R.D.F. Officer on a small island off coast. | |
| NANDI | 22.3.42 | Took off to carry out a controls test off NANDI. | |
| At Sea | 26.3.42 | Carried out a Anti Submarine patrol. | |
| TOWNSVILLE | 28.3.42 | Flew from ship to TOWNSVILLE and returned to ship same day. | |
| O.C. R.A.A.F. Detachment. Flying Officer G.M. MASON | | | |
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| Wing Commander, | | | |
| Commanding No. 9 Squadron, | | | |
| RATHMINES N.S.W. | | | |

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No. of Sheet 10

| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
|--|---------|--|---------------------------|
| At Sea | 10.4.42 | Took off at 0800 hours to carry out Anti Submarine Patrol from Ship to TOWNSVILLE and return to ship. | |
| SYDNEY Harbour | 14.4.42 | Flew from ship to RATHMINES and returned to ship same day | |
| " " | 15.4.42 | Flew aircraft A2-13 to RATHMINES to exchange for Seagull A2-14, and returned to ship. | |
| " " | 16.4.42 | Flew from ship to MASCOT to carry out compass swinging. | |
| " " | 18.4.42 | Flew from ship to ROSE BAY | |
| " " | 20.4.42 | Bombing and gunnery exercise was carried out. | |
| " " | 22.4.42 | Gunnery exercise was carried out. Compass swinging was carried out at ROSE BAY and aircraft returned to ship same day. | |
| " " | 29.4.42 | Flew from ship to ROSE BAY carrying out W/T exercises. | |
| Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Detachment:- Flying Officer G.M. MASON | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><i>G.M. Mason</i> Flying Commander, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W.</p> | | | |

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| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
|---|---------|---|---------------------------|
| SYDNEY Harbour | 5.5.42 | Bombing, Gunnery and spotting exercises were carried out. | |
| " | 6.5.42 | Spotting was carried out for ship's gunnery practice. | |
| " | 11.5.42 | Flew from ship to ROSE BAY and then to RATHMINES | |
| " | 21.5.42 | Walrus P56b4 was given a test flight, and then was flown to RATHMINES | |
| " | 27.5.42 | A test of A.S.V. gear was carried out. | |
| " | 28.5.42 | Returned from RATHMINES to ship. | |
| Officer Commanding Detachment: Flying Officer G.M. WASON (691) | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><i>G. Cohen</i> Flying Commander, Commanding No.9 Squadron, RATHMINES N.S.W.</p> | | | |

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| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
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| SYDNEY Harbour | 1.6.42 | Flew from ship to MASCOT to carry out compass swinging, returning to ship same day. | |
| " | 15.6.42 | Carried out an Anti-submarine Patrol to RATHMINES, returning to ship upon completion | |
| " | 16.6.42 | Flew from ship to RATHMINES, and returned to ROSE BAY, thence to ship. | |
| " | 22.6.42 | Carried out an Anti-submarine Patrol along the South Coast. | |
| " | 26.6.42 | Navigation and gunnery exercises were carried out. | |
| " | 27.6.42 | Flew from ship to ROSE BAY. | |
| Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Detachment: Flying Officer G.M. MASON (691) | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John W. J.</i> Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, <u>RATHMINES N.S.W.</u></p> | | | |

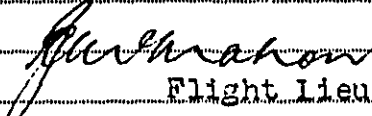
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| Place. | Date. | Summary of Events. | References to Appendices. |
|---|---------|---|---------------------------|
| SYDNEY Harbour | 19.8.42 | Carried out an anti-submarine patrol to PORT STEPHENS. | |
| " | " | 20.8.42 Carried out an aerial survey to PORT STEPHENS and returned to ship. | |
| " | " | 22.8.42 Flew from ship to ROSE BAY thence to RATHMINES, returning to ship same day. | |
| " | " | 24.8.42 Carried out an anti-submarine patrol to PORT STEPHENS. | |
| " | " | 28.8.42 Carried out an anti-submarine patrol to PORT STEPHENS. | |
| " | " | 31.8.42 Carried out an anti-submarine patrol to PORT STEPHENS. | |
| <p>O.C. R.A.A.F. Detachment; Flying Officer G.M. MASON (691)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 9 Squadron, <u>RATHMINES N.S.W.</u> </div> | | | |

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| RATHMINES | Sept. 1. | <p>RAT 11 An Inner Anti-submarine Patrol was ordered by A.C.H. for Force "TS" "Westralia" proceeding from Sydney to Newcastle. A Seagull and a Sikorsky were used and first duty took off at 0915K, but had to return to base early owing to an engine defect. The weather was extremely variable, one duty reporting gusts of 60/70 miles per hour at 1515K. The Station Meteorological Officer forecasted heavy thunder storms and after advising A.C.H. a signal was sent to Aircraft advising it to return to base. The Aircraft however, was able to remain with the Force until 1610K when it was rounding the breakwater at the entrance to port. The last duty alighted at base at 1628K.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Completed and Negative.</p> | |
| | Sept. 3. | <p>RAT 12 An Inner Anti-submarine Patrol was ordered for Force "U" which consisted of the "Westralia" escorting a number of smaller vessels, from Newcastle to Port Stephens. This Patrol was cancelled by A.C.H. at 0402K.</p> | |
| | | <p><i>(Signature)</i></p> | |

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SEPTEMBER, 1942.

From _____ hrs. / ____ / ____ to _____ hrs. / ____ / ____

By RATHMINES. *Westralia*

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| Aircraft Type and No. | Crew | Duty | Time Up | Time Down | Remarks | References |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|---|------------|
| WALRUS W2783 | F/L McMAHON | RAT 111 | 0915K | 1212K | INNER ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL FOR FORCE "TS" 2.57 | 1.9.42. |
| SIKORSKY A48-2 | F/L HAVYATT | RAT 112 | 1145K | 1522K | " " " " " " " 3.37 | 1.9.42. |
| WALRUS W2783 | F/O STACY | RAT 113 | 1446K | 1628K | " " " " " " " 1.32 | 1.9.42. |
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