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# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

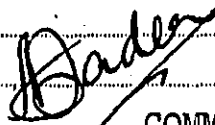
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(Feb., '33)

MONTH ENDING 31.1.44.

of (Unit or Formation) NO. 9 SQUADRON DETACHMENT.  
H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".

No. of Sheet 26-135

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
MILNE BAY	1.1.44	Airborne at 09.40 to proceed to BUNA with mail for Task Force. Landed at Dobodura at 11.55.	
DOBODURA	2.1.44	Airborne at 10.05. Landed at Cape SUDEST and secured to line aft of U.S.S. "PHOENIX" at 10.25.	
CAPE SUDEST	2.1.44	Airborne at 11.45 to return to MILNE BAY. Landed at 13.45.	
MILNE BAY	2.1.44	Airborne at 15.45 to return to ship in MILNE BAY. Landed and hoisted inboard at 15.55.	
MILNE BAY	4.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 13.05 to proceed to BUNA with mail. Landed 15.55 at DOBODURA at 15.15.	
DOBODURA	4.1.44	Airborne at 15.50 to return to ship at MILNE BAY. Landed at strip at 18.00.	
MILNE BAY	4.1.44	Airborne at 18.35 to return to ship. Landed and hoisted inboard at 19.00.	
MILNE BAY	6.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 08.15 to proceed to BUNA with mail. Landed in BUNA BAY at 10.30.	
BUNA BAY	6.1.44	Airborne at 14.35. Landed at DOBODURA at 14.50.	
DOBODURA	6.1.44	Airborne at 15.25 to return to ship at MILNE BAY. Landed at GURNEY strip at 17.35.	
MILNE BAY	6.1.44	Airborne at 18.05 to return to ship in MILNE BAY. Landed and hoisted inboard at 18.15.	
MILNE BAY	7.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 08.55 to proceed to GURNEY strip. Landed at 09.05 F/O WOOLCOCK under instruction for hoisting outboard.	
GURNEY STRIP	7.1.44	Airborne at 10.25. Landed in MILNE BAY at 10.45 to pick up passengers.	
MILNE BAY	7.1.44	Airborne at 11.05 to proceed to GOODENOUGH Island with Wing Commander CONAGHAN and Commander CATACRE, R.A.N.. Landed at 12.05.	
GOODENOUGH IS.	7.1.44	Airborne at 16.15 to return to MILNE BAY, with Commander CATACRE R.A.N.. Landed at GURNEY strip at 17.25.	
MILNE BAY	7.1.44	Airborne at 17.55 to return to ship. Landed and hoisted inboard at 18.05.	
MILNE BAY	9.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 10.30 to proceed to BUNA with mail. Landed in BUNA BAY at 12.40. F/O WOOLCOCK as pilot.	
BUNA BAY	9.1.44	Airborne at 13.35. Landed at DOBODURA at 14.05.	
DOBODURA	9.1.44	Airborne at 15.50 to return to ship. Landed and hoisted inboard at 18.00.	
MILNE BAY	10.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 10.00 to proceed to GURNEY strip to swing compasses. Landed at 10.10.	
MILNE BAY	10.1.44	Airborne at 12.55 to return to ship. Landed and hoisted inboard at 13.05.	

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
SYDNEY HARBOUR	5.1.44	Hoisted outboard and airborne at 06.50 to proceed to ROSE BAY. Landed at 07.10	
ROSE BAY	26.1.44	Airborne at 09.45 to carry out survey of HAWKESBURY RIVER. Commander HARRINGTON R.A.N. as passenger. Landed at ROSE BAY 11.30 hours.	
		 Squadron Leader, <u>COMMANDING NO. 9 SQUADRON.</u>	

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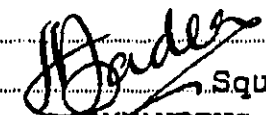
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R.A.A.F. Form A.50  
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MONTH ENDING 29.2.44.

of (Unit or Formation) NO. 9 SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".

No. of Sheet 27

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
ROSE BAY	12.2.44	Airborne at 14.45 to proceed to Port Stephens, with Commander HARRINGTON, (R.A.N.) Landed at 15.50.	
PORT STEPHENS	12.2.44	Airborne at 16.00 to return to ROSE BAY. Landed at 17.00 hours.	
ROSE BAY	13.2.44	Airborne at 16.15 to proceed to Port Stephens. Landed at 17.20.	
PORT STEPHENS	13.2.44	Airborne at 17.30 to return to ROSE BAY with Commander HARRINGTON, (R.A.N.) Landed at 18.35.	
		 Squadron Leader, COMMANDING NO. 9 SQUADRON.	



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From 0001 hrs. 1 / 3 / 44 to 2359 hrs. 31 / 3 / 44

By NO. 9 SQUADRON DETACHMENT H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" No. of Sheet 1

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks	References
2.3.44 WALRUS HD 860	F/C WOOLCOCK	TRAVEL	0955	1035	Proceeded to RATHMINES for stores.	
2.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1540	1620	Returned to ROSE BAY with stores.	
6.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK F/O DAVIS	Recco.	1110	1150	Carried out local flying.	
6.3.44	F/O DAVIS	"	1330	1430	" " " "	
7.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1125	1200	" " " "	
7.3.44	F/O DAVIS	Practice	1315	1450	Carried out practice approaches to Ship.	
8.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Recco	1000	1020	Carried out local flying.	
8.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Recco	1100	1130	" " " "	
8.3.44	F/O DAVIS	"	1335	1435	" " " "	
10.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	TRAVEL	1605	1635	Returned to ship in Harbour. Hoisted inboard.	
20.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Practice	0850	1200	Carried out high level Drogue Towing, for U.S.S. "PHOENIX" and then proceeded to GOODENOUGH IS.	
20.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	TRAVEL	1525	1630	Returned to ship in MILNE BAY.	
21.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Practice	1230	1505	Carried out high level Drogue Towing for ship.	
22.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1230	1500	" " " " " " " " Task Force. Landed at GURNEY strip.	
22.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	1635	1735	Returned to ship in MILNE BAY.	
24.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Practice	0840	1140	High Level Drogue Towing for U.S.S. "HUTCHINS" and "DALY" then proceeded to GURNEY strip.	
24.3.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	1205	1220	Returned to ship in MILNE BAY.	





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From 0001 hrs. 1 / 4 / 44 to 2359 hrs. 30 / 4 / 44 By No. 9 SQUADRON DETACHMENT HEAS "AUSTRALIA" No. of Sheet 1

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks	References
WALRUS HD860 1.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	0810	1040	Proceeded from ship, with Rear Admiral CRUTCHLEY as passenger, to BUNA BAY.	
1.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1050	1105	Proceeded to DOBODURA.	
1.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1200	1315	Returned to BUNA BAY.	
1.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1330	1535	Returned, with Rear Admiral CRUTCHLEY, to ship.	
2.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Local	0840	0850	Proceeded from ship to GURNEY strip.	
2.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Gunnery Pr.	0930	1055	Carried out Air to Sea Gunnery exercise.	
2.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Local	1125	1135	From GURNEY strip to ship.	
5.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	1050	1115	Proceeded to SAMARI with mails.	
5.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1145	1210	Returned to ship.	
6.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Search	1225	1335	Search for practice torpedo. On to SAMARI with mail.	
6.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Photography	1350	1550	Photographed splashes of 8" gunnery exercise.	
6.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Local	1700	1720	Proceeded to GURNEY strip. From Strip to Marine Section, MILNE BAY.	
6.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1800	1810	Returned to ship.	
7.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Photography	1100	1400	Photographed splashes 8" gunnery exercise.	
7.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Local	1650	1750	Proceeded to GURNEY strip. Returned to ship.	
11.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	0830	1040	Proceeded, with Major VICKERY (Naval Bombardment C.O.) to BUNA.	
11.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1045	1055	Proceeded to DOBODURA.	
11.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1245	1255	Returned to BUNA BAY.	
11.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1345	1610	Returned to MILNE BAY, carrying Major VICKERY.	
11.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1640	1650	Returned to ship.	



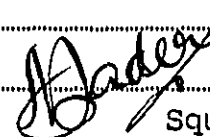
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By No. 9 SQUADRON DETACHMENT HMAS "AUSTRALIA"

No. of Sheet 2

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks	References
WALRUS HD812 12.4.44	F/O ADA (Pilot) F/SGT CLASSON F/SGT NOLAN	Ferry			Aircraft HD812 arrived from BOWEN to replace HD860 (Due for 180 hourly inspection).	
WALRUS HD812 17.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	0910	1125	Proceeded to BUNA BAY.	
17.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1320	1355	" to ship.	
17.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1435	1710	Proceeded to GURNEY strip.	
19.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Test	0935	1100	Carried out A.S.V. test at MILNE BAY.	
25.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Travel	0815	1025	Proceeded to BUNA BAY.	
25.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1140	1335	From BUNA BAY to LAE.	
26.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	0820	1005	LAE to CAPE GLOUCESTER.	
26.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1130	1410	CAPE GLOUCESTER to MOMOTE.	
28.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	Local	1135	1150	Proceeded to ship in SEADLER HARBOUR.	
28.4.44	F/O WOOLCOCK	"	1700	1715	From ship to MOMOTE strip.	
NOTE: Crew, other than pilot, supplied by Navy.						
					 Squadron Leader, Commanding No. 9 SQUADRON	