

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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(Feb. 33.)

of (Unit or Formation) NO. 35 (TRANSPORT) SQUADRON.

No. of Sheet: 33.

Place.	Date. 1944.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE.W.A.	JAN.	<p>POSTINGS.</p> <p>The following personnel were posted during the month of January 1944.</p> <p>Arrivals. 5 Officer pilots, 4 Airman pilots, 1 Officer Nav/W, 1 Officer Nav/BW, 5 Airman Nav/W's, 1 A.C. Wireless Maintenance Mechanic, 4 A.C.F/Riggers, 2 A.C. Fitters ILE, 1 IAC. Clerk Stores, 2 F/Mechanics, 1 IAC. Cook, 1 Corpl. Mess Steward.</p> <p>Departures.</p> <p>2 Airman pilots and 3 Airman Nav/W's to No. 1 O.T.U. 2 Officer Nav/W's and 3 Airman Nav/W's to No. 5 O.T.U. 1 Fitter ILE to No. 5 E.D. to be discharged. 1 P/O. Nav/W. to No. 7 Communication Unit. 1 Corpl. Medical Orderly to No. 4 E.D.</p>	
PEARCE.W.A.	JAN.	<p>PROMOTIONS.</p> <p>Flying Officer B.G. HARGRAVES (273936) promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.</p> <p>Three Sergeant Nav/W's were promoted to Flight Sergeant and one Flight Sergeant Nav/B. was promoted to Warrant Officer.</p>	
PEARCE.W.A.	JAN.	<p>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</p> <p>Squadron Establishment No. ED/76E was increased during the month and now provides for a total of 207 R.A.A.F. personnel.</p> <p>The Strength of the Squadron on 31st January, 1944, was : -</p> <p>22 Officers and 151 other ranks - A total of 173.</p> <p>Other personnel, mostly aircrew, who are posted to the Squadron but who have not yet arrived total 13.</p>	
PEARCE.W.A.	JAN.	<p>ORGANISATION.</p> <p>The Squadron is now wholly operating with C47-A aircraft, five (5) of which have been received from No. 14 R.S.U. of six allotted.</p> <p>Regular schedule trips are being carried out as set out hereunder : -</p> <p>SATURDAYS - Dep. GUILDFORD 0530 hrs. for ESSENDON. (One aircraft) " - Dep. GUILDFORD 0530 hrs. for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA. (returning via Coast).</p> <p>TUESDAYS - Dep. GUILDFORD 0530 hrs. for BROOME via the Coast and returning via MEEKATHARRA.</p> <p>THURSDAYS - Dep. GUILDFORD 0530 hrs. for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA. (returning via Coast).</p>	

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PEARCE. W. A.	JAN.	<u>ORGANISATION.</u> (Cont'd)	
		Owing to heavy flying commitments, Squadron maintenance was organised to complete aircraft inspections at night, and during the month thirteen (13) minor and two (2) major inspections were carried out, enabling each flight being completed on schedule.	
		Flight Offices were shifted and ground levelled to make room for working on aircraft.	
PEARCE. W. A.	JAN.	<u>FLYING HOURS.</u>	
		Total flying hours for the month were 607.45 flown chiefly on regular schedule trips.	
		Flying was carried out on each day of the month.	
PEARCE. W. A.	JAN.	<u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT.</u>	
		DE86 A31-1 and Fox Moth A41-1 were issued of to No. 2 Air Ambulance Unit on allotment.	
		A further two (2) C47-A aircraft were received from No. 14 R.S.U. bringing the total aircraft strength to five (5) C47-A.	
		One other C47-A allotted to the Squadron has not yet arrived, but is expected early in the first week of February.	
PEARCE. W. A.	JAN.	<u>FLYING OPERATIONS.</u>	
	1/1/44	C47-A VHCTT with F/O. J. W. HALL Captain departed 0530 hours for MEEKATHARRA - CORUNNA	
	2/1/44	DOWNNS - NOONKANBAH - BROOME and return.	
	4/1/44	C47-A VHCTV F/Lt. HARBER departed 0530 hours for ESSENDON via KALGOORLIE, PARAFIELD and return. DH86 A31-1 captained by F/Sgt. FALLS, R.A. departed 0500 hours for MEEKATHARRA - CORUNNA DOWNNS and return.	
		C47-A VHCTT with S/Ldr. P. C. BURDEU, Captain departed 0530 hours for CARNARVON-EXMOUTH-CORUNNA DOWNNS-NOONKANBAH-BROOME-PT HEDLAND-EXMOUTH-CARNARVON-GERALDTON-PEARCE.	
	5/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV F/O. J.W. HALL departed 0530 for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return via BROOME.	
	6/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV F/Lt. M.K. LEE departed 0530 for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return via BROOME.	
	7/1/44.	DH86 A31-1 F/Sgt. FALLS departed 0500 for GERALDTON-CARNARVON-EXMOUTH-PT HEDLAND-DERBY and return.	
	8/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV F/O. J.W. HALL departed 0530 for ESSENDON and return.	
	8/1/44/	C47-A VHCTT F/O. D.A. WINCH departed for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return via Coast.	
	11/1/44.	C47-A VHCTT F/Lt. HARBER departed 0530 for NOONKANBAH via coast and return via MEEKATHARRA. Fox Moth A41-1 F/Sgt. R.H. SASSE departed on ferry flight to KINGAROY. (No. 2 A.A.U.).	
	13/1/44.	C47-A VHCTT F/Lt. M.K. LEE departed 0545 for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via Coast.	
	15/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV S/Ldr. P.C. BURDEU departed 0445 for PARAFIELD via KALGOORLIE & CEDUNA return.	
	15/1/44.	C47-A VHCTT F/O. D.A. WINCH departed for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	18/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV F/Lt. M.K. LEE departed 0530 for NOONKANBAH via the coast and return via MEEKATHARRA.	
	14/1/44.	DH86 A31-1 F/Sgt. FALLS departed 0600 for KINGAROY ferrying A31-1 on allotment to No. 2 A.A.U.	
	20/1/44.	C47-A VHCTV F/O. D.A. WINCH departed 0500 for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via coast.	
	22/1/44.	C47-A VHCUB F/O. MOORE departed 0445 for ESSENDON via PARAFIELD and return.	
	"	C47-A VHCTV F/O. BALL departed 0445 for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via coast.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1944		
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	POSTINGS.	
		The following personnel were posted to and from the Squadron during the month of February, 1944.	
		<u>Arrivals.</u> 7 officer pilots, 7 airman pilots, 1 officer navigator, 5 airman navigators, 1 F/Sgt. fitter 11A., 1 F/Sgt. and 1 Compl. fitter 11B, 1 flight mechanic, 1 LAC. equipment assistant, 2 LAC. instrument makers, 1 LAC electrical fitter, 1 LAC. clerk, 1 SGT and 1 ACl. Radar mechanic, 2 corpl. guards, 2 Sgt. Wireless Op. mechanics, 1 LAC. turner.	
		<u>Departures.</u> 1 LAC and 1 ACl fitter 11A, 1 officer navigator, 1 airman pilot, 2 LAC flight mechanics, 1 Compl. guard, 1 ACl storeshand, 2 LAC AEG's.	
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	PROMOTIONS.	
		Pilot Officer P.D. RITSON, was promoted to Flying Officer on 1-12-43.	
		As a result of recommendations submitted in November, 1943, personnel of the Squadron were promoted as shown in Appendix "A"	2/44.
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.	
		Squadron Establishment remained the same as in the previous month. i.e., 207.	
		The strength of the Squadron as at the 29th February, 1944, was : - 28 Officers and 169 other ranks - A total of 197.	
		Other personnel not on strength, but posted totals seven (7) 6 of whom are pilots.	
		Personnel still on strength, but who have been posted, total 3, one pilot, 1 instrument repairer and one flight rigger.	
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	ORGANISATION.	
		The following Squadron appointments were made during the month:-	
		Officer in charge of Educational Facilities - Flight Lieutenant HARRAVES.	
		Officer in charge of Operations - Pilot Officer G.L. STUBS.	
		Officer in charge of Navigation - Pilot Officer F.W. MEADOWS.	
		Officer in charge of Signals - Flying Officer J. IVESON.	
		Intelligence & Security Officer - Flying Officer W.F.E. THOMPSON.	
		Physical & Recreational Training - Pilot Officer G.L. STUBS.	
		Welfare Officer - Flying Officer R.R. DAVIDSON.	
		Aerodrome Defence Officer - Pilot Officer N.A. CHESTER.	
		Parachute Officer - Pilot Officer A.K. BUCKLAND.	

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PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	ORGANISATION. (Cont'd)	
		In addition to the regular schedule trips detailed in previous return on page 33, the following schedule trip has now been added : -	
		TUESDAY - Depart GUILDFORD 0530 hours for PARAFIELD & ESSENDON.	
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	FLYING HOURS.	
		Total flying hours for the month were 2008.45, an increase of 331.55 hours over the previous month.	
		Flying was carried out on each day during the month.	
PEARCE. W.A.	FEB.	EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT.	
		An additional three C47-A were allotted during the month, making a total of nine of this type now allotted.	
		At 29th February, the total of C47-A aircraft on strength was eight (8).	
PEARCE. W.A.		FLYING OPERATIONS.	
	1/2/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. BALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via Coast and return.	
		C47-A VHCTT F/Lt. LEE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via Coast and return via MEEKATHARRA.	
	2/2/44	C47-A VHCUD F/O. LANGRIDGE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DERBY via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
		C47-A VHCTV F/O. WINCH captain, departed GUILDFORD 0515 hours for DERBY via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	3/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O. BUTLER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	4/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/Lt. WILSON captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
		C47-A VHCTV F/O. COLLINS captain departed GUILDFORD 0505 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	5/2/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. HALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for POTSHOT via coast and return	
		C47-A VHCTZ F/Lt. LEE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA.	
		C47-A VHCUD F/O. MOORE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for ESSENDON via PARAFIELD and return	
		C47-A VHCUB F/O. BALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0515 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	6/2/44	C47-A VHCTV F/O. LANGRIDGE captain departed PEARCE 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	7/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/O. BUTLER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for CORRUNNA and return via coast	
		C47-A VHCUB F/O. WINCH captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
		C47-A VHCTZ F/O. HALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0515 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via NOONKANBAH.	
	8/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/Lt. HARBER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via coast and return	
	9/2/44	C47-A VHCUB F/Lt. WILSON captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DERRY via MEEKATHARRA and return	

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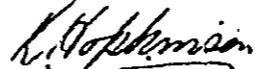
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PEARCE. W.A.	FEB	<u>FLYING OPERATIONS.</u>	
	8/2/44	C47-A VHCTV F/Lt. LEE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for NOONKANBAH via coast and return	
	10/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O COLLINS captain departed GUILDFORD 0515 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return C47-A VHCTT S/Lt. BURDEU captain departed GUILDFORD 0515 hours for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return	
	11/2/44	C47-A VHCTY F/O BUTLER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DERBY via CARNARVON and return C47-A VHCUB F/O HALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for NOONKANBAH via coast and return	
	12/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O LANGRIDGE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for ESSENDON via PARAFIELD and return C47-A VHCUD F/O INGLIS captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DUBBO via PARAFIELD and return C47-A VHCTY F/O WINCH captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return	
	13/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/O BALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for CORUNNA via MEEKATHARRA and return via CENTRE	
	14/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/Lt WILSON captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DERBY via MEEKATHARRA and return C47-A VHCTV F/O COLLINS captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for DERBY via MEEKATHARRA and return	
	15/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O HALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return C47-A VHCTY F/O BUTLER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for ESSENDON via PARAFIELD and return	
	16/2/44	C47-A VHCTV F/O RALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return C47-A VHCTU F/O WINCH Captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return	
	17/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O LANGRIDGE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return	
	18/2/44	C47-A VHCTW F/Lt. WILSON captain departed PEARCE 1430 hours for CARNARVON and return 19/2/44 for GUILDFORD departed GUILDFORD for PARAFIELD via CEDUNNA and return C47-A VHCTT F/O COLLINS captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for POTSHOT via GERALD TON and return same day.	
	19/2/44	C47-A VHCTY F/Lt. HARBER captain departed PEARCE for KALGOORLIE direct, 0900 hours. C47-A VHCTU F/O BALL captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return. C47-A VHCTZ F/O MOORE captain departed GUILDFORD 1200 hours for PORT HEDLAND, POTSHOT and return.	
	20/2/44	C47-A VHCTT F/O BUTLER captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via Coast. C47-A VHCUA F/O WINCH captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	

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PEARCE. W.A.	22/2/44	FLYING OPERATIONS. C47-A VHCUA S/Ldr. P.C. BURDEU captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for PARAFIELD - ESSENDON and return.	
		C47-A VHCTZ F/O. COLLINS captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME - DERBY - NOONKANBAH and return via coast.	
	24/2/44	C47-A VHCTU F/O. LANGRIDGE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for BROOME - DERBY - NOONKANBAH and return via MEEKATHARRA.	
	25/2/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O. MOORE captain departed GUILDFORD 0500 hours for POTSHOT - PORT HEDLAND and return	
		C47-A VHCTY F/O. BALL captain departed 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return by same route.	
	26/2/44	C47-A VHCTW F/Sgt. HARVEY captain departed 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
		C47-A VHCUA F/O. COLLINS captain departed 0500 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.	
	27/2/44	C47-A VHCTU F/Lt. DORWARD captain departed 0500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
		C47-A VHCTT F/O. BUTLER captain departed 0500 hours for BROOME via Coast, complete a shuttle service between BROOME and NOONKANBAH for one day and return.	
	29/2/44	C47-A VHCTV F/Lt. WILSON captain departed 0500 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return. C47-A VHCTW F/O. LANGRIDGE captain departed 0500 hours for BROOME via coast and return.	


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Place.	Date. 1944	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u></p> <p>The following personnel were posted to and from the Squadron during the month of March, 1944.</p> <p><u>Arrivals.</u> 3 Officer Pilots 1 Officer Equipment 9 Airman Pilots 2 LAC Wireless Op. mechanics, 2 ACI Instrument repairer, 1 LAC. turner. 2 ACI Guards 1 ACI General hand</p> <p><u>Departures.</u></p> <p>2 Officer Pilots 1 Officer Equipment, 1 LAC Instrument repairer, 1 LAC Flight Rigger, 1 LAC Fitter IIE, 1 LAC Turner, 1 LAC Cook, 1 LAC General Hand.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u></p> <p>Flight Lieutenant L.G. HARBER, was promoted to Temp Squadron Leader on 1/12/43</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant J.B. WILSON, was promoted to Temp Squadron Leader on 1/12/43</p> <p>Two Sergeant Pilots were promoted to Flight Sergeant and one LAC Wireless Op. Mechanic was promoted to Temp Corporal.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u></p> <p>Squadron Establishment remained the same as in the previous month. i.e., 207.</p> <p>The strength of the Squadron as at the 31st March, 1944, was:- 30 Officers and 71 other ranks - A total of 201.</p> <p>Other personnel not on strength, but who are posted to this Squadron are 1 Flight Lieutenant and 1 Flying Officer (Pilots), also 2 Sergeant Nav "W" W.E.F. 10/4/44</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>ORGANISATION.</u></p> <p>The following Squadron appointments were made during the month:- Squadron Leader K.A. HOPKINSON took over command from Squadron Leader P.C. BURDEU on 8/3/44.</p> <p>Welfare Officer - Flying Officer McROBBIE. Censorship Officer - Flying Officer MITCHELL.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>FLYING HOURS.</u></p> <p>Total flying hours for the month were 1073.50, an increase of 65.5 hours over the previous month.</p> <p>Flying was carried out on each day during the month.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT.</u></p> <p>Nine C47A aircraft are held by this squadron. At 31st month the No. of aircraft allotted to this Squadron was 10; aircraft yet to arrive being A65/40</p>	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.</u> Lack of certain equipment is making it increasingly difficult to carry out the present maintenance programme under which all 240 hourly inspections and engine changes are effected by this Squadron. Items referred to are not on establishment and it is intended that this be amended or that approval be granted to hold items surplus to establishment.	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<u>EQUIPMENT ENGINE AND AIRFRAME SPARES.</u> Serviceability has been adversely effected by the fact that for some time C47A airframe spares have been in very short supply. The supply position is now considerably improved.	
PEARCE. W.A.	MARCH	<u>FLYING OPERATIONS</u>	
	1/3/44	C47-A VHCTY F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA. C47-A VHCTU F/L. DORWARD departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Centre. C47-A VHCUA F/S. HARVEY departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the centre.	
	2/3/44	C47-A VHCTT F/O. WINCH departed PEARCE 0530 on 2/3/44 for BROOME via the centre. C47-A VHCTW F/O. COLLINS departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Coast.	
	4/3/44	C47-A VHCTV F/O. LANGRIDGE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Centre. C47-A VHCUA F/L. HARBER departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Coast. C47-A VHOFY F/O. BUTLER departed PEARCE 0530 hours for ESSENDON via KALG-FORR-CED-PARAFIELD.	
	5/3/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0530 for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA.	
	6/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/L. WILSON departed PEARCE 0530 for BROOME via the Centre. C47-A VHCTT F/L. DORWARD departed PEARCE 0530 for MASCOT via KALG-FORR-CED-PARA-MILDURA-WAGGA. C47-A VHCTZ F/S. HARVEY departed PEARCE 1200 hours for CORUNNA via MEEKATHARRA.	
	7/3/44	C47-A VHCUA S/L. BURDEU departed PEARCE 0530 hours for ESSENDON via KALG-FORR-CED-PARAFIELD. C47-A VHCUB F/D. LANGRIDGE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Coast. C47-A VHCTV F/O. WINCH departed PEARCE 1645 hours for GERALDTON -KALG-FORR-CEDUNA-PT PIRIE-NHILL.	
	8/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/O. HALE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Centre. C47-A VHCTZ F/O. BUTLER departed PEARCE 0900 hours for CARNARVON.	
	9/3/44	C47-A VHCTY F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the Centre.	
	10/3/44	C47-A VHCTY F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0900 hours for GUILDFORD-KALG-POTSHOT.	
	9/3/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O. BUTLER departed PEARCE 0915 hours for POTSHOT. C47-A VHCTU F/O. COLLINS departed PEARCE 1300 hours for POTSHOT.	
	11/3/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. LANGRIDGE departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCUA F/O. BUTLER departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTV F/O. COLLINS departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTW F/O. BALL departed CUNDERDIN 0750 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTZ F/L. WINCH departed CUNDERDIN 1320 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	
	12/3/44	C47-A VHCTT F/L. WILSON departed CUNDERDIN 0600 hours for POTSHOT via GERALDTON. C47-A VHCUA F/S. HARVEY departed CUNDERDIN 0600 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTV F/O. HALE departed CUNDERDIN 0600 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTY F/O. HALL departed CUNDERDIN 0600 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	
	15/3/44	C47-A VHOIV F/O. BUTLER departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	
	18/3/44	C47-A VHCUA F/O. COLLINS departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	
	14/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/O. BALL departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTZ F/S. COX departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing. C47-A VHCTY F/O. MOORE departed CUNDERDIN 0530 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	


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PEARCE, W. A.	MARCH	FLYING OPERATIONS.	
	16/3/44	C47-A VHCUB F/L. DORWOOD departed PEARCE 1000 hours for CARNARVON-POTSHOT & RETURN. C47-A VHCTV F/S. HARVEY departed CUNDERDIN 0800 hours for PEARCE re-routing. C47-A VHCTU F/O. BUTLER departed CUNDERDIN 0800 hours for PEARCE for re-routing.	
	17/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/S. HARVEY departed PEARCE 1200 hours for MEEKATHARRA-CORUNNA DOWNS.	
	18/3/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. HALL departed PEARCE 0530 hours for CORUNNA DOWNS-via CARNARVON & POTSHOT.	
	18/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/S. COX departed PEARCE 0530 hours for NOONKANBAH via MEEKA-CORUNNA DOWNS.	
	19/3/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/O. HALE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA.	
	20/3/44	C47-A VHCTV F/O. BUTLER departed PEARCE 0530 hours for NOONKANBAH via POTSHOT & CORUNNA DOWNS.	
	21/3/44	C47-A VHCTU F/O. LANGRIDGE departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via the COAST.	
	21/3/44	C47-A VHCTY F/O. BOLLINS departed PEARCE 0530 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA. C47-A VHCUB F/O. BALL departed PEARCE 0530 hours for ESSENDON & return.	
	22/3/44	C47-A VHCTZ F/S. RUTHERFORD departed PEARCE 0600 hours for BROOME & return. C47-A VHCTT F/L. JORWARD departed PEARCE 1030 hours for CORUNNA & return. C47-A VHCTV F/O. WINCH departed PEARCE 1300 hours for BROOME & return.	
	23/3/44	C47-A VHCTY F/S. HARVEY departed PEARCE 0600 hours for BROOME & return.	
	24/3/44	C47-A VHCTW F/O. HALL departed PEARCE 0530 hours for DARWIN & return. C47-A VHCUA S/L. HARBER departed PEARCE 0530 hours for DARWIN & return.	
	25/3/44	C47-A VHCUB F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0545 hours for MEEKATHARRA & return.	
	27/3/44	C47-A VHCTV F/O. HALE departed PEARCE 0600 hours for DARWIN & return. C47-A VHCTZ F/O. LANGRIDGE departed PEARCE 1200 hours for DARWIN & return. C47-A VHCTW F/L. DORWOOD departed PEARCE 1200 hours for DARWIN & return.	
	28/3/44	C47-A VHCTU F/O. BALL departed PEARCE 0545 hours for CARNARVON & return.	
	29/3/44	C47-A VHCUA F/O. WINCH departed PEARCE 0545 hours for CARNARVON & return.	
	31/3/44	C47-A VHCTV F/S. HARVEY departed PEARCE 0545 hours for CARNARVON & return. C47-A VHCTY F/S. RUTHERFORD departed PEARCE 0545 hours for MEEKATHARRA & return. C47-A VHCUB F/O. MOORE departed PEARCE 0545 hours for MEEKATHARRA & return.	
		 Squadron Leader. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.	

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Place.	April 1944.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.				
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4/	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> The following personnel were posted to and away from the Squadron during the month.</p> <p><u>ARRIVALS.</u> 3 Flying Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 2 Flight Sergeant Pilots, 1 Sergeant Navigator W., 1 Flight Sergeant and 1 L.A.C. Fitter. 11E. 2 A.C.I. Aircrafthands and 1 L.A.C. Cook.</p> <p><u>DEPARTURES.</u> 1 L.A.C. Instrument Repairer.</p>					
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u> Pilot Officer F.W. MEADOWS promoted to Flying Officer w.e.f. 25/12/43. (C.of A. Gazette No. 71.)</p>					
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>COMMISSIONS - AIRCREW.</u></p> <p>Flight Sergeants COX, C.I., HARVEY, E.O., READING, S.J.C., and RUTHERFORD, I., were granted Commissions with the rank of Pilot Officer on probation w.e.f. 1/1/1944. (C.of A. Gazette No. 71/44.)</p>					
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u></p> <p>Squadron Establishment HD/76E., remained the same during April. i.e. 207.</p> <p>The Squadron Strength as at 30.4.44 was:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Ranks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">172 a total of 209.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Personnel who have been posted but not yet on strength total two (2).</p>	Officers	37	Other Ranks	172 a total of 209.	
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PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>ORGANISATION.</u></p> <p>The following appointments were made during the month : -</p> <p>Squadron Leader L.G. HARBER and Flying Officer A.I. ELLIS were granted the powers of Subordinate Command, in accordance with K.R. 1138 and 1141.</p> <p>Pilot Officer K.E. CRISPE was appointed Squadron Burials Officer.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS ROOM.</u> This section was reorganised and is functioning efficiently.</p> <p><u>ORDERLY ROOM.</u> A redistribution of duties and longer hours worked has greatly improved the functioning of this section.</p>					
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>FLYING HOURS.</u></p> <p>Flying hours for the month were 1202 an increase of 129 hours.</p>					
PEARCE, W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT.</u></p> <p>Aircraft of the Squadron were flown on each day during the month.</p> <p>Two aircraft were received during the month - C47A - A65-40 arriving on 1/4/44 and Tiger Moth A17-655 on 27/4/44.</p>					

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.						
PEARCE. W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT (Cont'd)</u></p> <p>C47A - VHCTU was issued to No. 4 Aircraft Depot for double engine change and 240 hourly inspection on 26/4/44.</p> <p>Aircraft strength as at 30/4/44, was : -</p> <table> <tr> <td>Dakota C47A</td> <td>Nine (9)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tiger Moth</td> <td>One (1)</td> </tr> </table> <p>A total of Ten (10) Aircraft</p>	Dakota C47A	Nine (9)	Tiger Moth	One (1)			
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PEARCE. W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>The spares position has improved during the month and is now/satisfactory.</p>							
PEARCE. W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND AIRFRAME SPARES.</u></p> <p>Some confusion exists as to the C47A spares holding position for this Squadron. Under A.B.O. E.1/3. 14 days spares are held, and No. 1 Stores Depot as master Depot. U.S.L.O. at Forward Echelon states that there is an instruction which provides for the holding of a 30 days range and replenishments by daily usage signal on U.S.L.O. direct and not No. 1 Stores Depot. The D of E. on a recent visit suggested that holding should be ninety (90) days. The matter has been referred to Headquarters, Western Area Equipment Officer, who is having the policy defined.</p>							
PEARCE. W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>EQUIPMENT - PERSONNEL.</u></p> <p>It is emphasised that shortage of equipment and accounting personnel is making it extremely difficult to carry out more than the barest routine work. Regular 100 per cent checks of stocks, vouchers, tallies, distributions and inventories etc., as required by instructions, are practically impossible under the existing conditions.</p>							
PEARCE. W.A.	30/4.	<p><u>MAINTENANCE - PERSONNEL.</u></p> <p>Strength of maintenance personnel is still under establishment, by two corporals Fitter 11A., one carpenter general, one clerk general, and one instrument maker. These are urgently required.</p> <p>Inspections carried out during the month were : -</p> <table> <tr> <td>Major</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minor</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Engine changes</td> <td>5 (2 by No. 17 Repair & Salvage Unit.)</td> </tr> </table>	Major	4	Minor	26	Engine changes	5 (2 by No. 17 Repair & Salvage Unit.)	
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PEARCE. W.A.	16/4.	<p>Air Vice Marshall G. JONES, Chief of Air Staff, visited the Squadron during an inspection of R.A.A.F. Station, PEARCE. W.A.</p>							
PEARCE. W.A.	1/4.	<p><u>FLYING.</u></p> <p>C47A Aircraft VHCTU. Captain F/O. J. W. HALL departed 0545 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARA and return.</p> <p>C47A Aircraft VICTW. Captain F/O. D. O. BULTEK departed 0545 hours for PARAFIELD-ESSENDON MASCOT- ARCHERFIELD and return.</p>							

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Place.	APRIL 1944	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE, W.A.		<u>FLYING Continued.</u>	
	2/4	VHCUA. Captain F/O. F. J. BALL departed 0545 hours for MEEKATHARRA, CORUNNA Downs, PT HEDLAND MEEKATHARRA, KALGOOLIE and return.	
	2/4	VHCTT. Captain S/Ldr. L. G. HARBER departed 1300 hours for MEEKATHARRA. VHCTT to continue trip scheduled for VHCTU.	
	3/4	VHCTU. Captain S/Ldr. HARBER returned from MEEKATHARRA.	
	3/4	VHCTZ. Captain F/Lt. E. A. DORWARD departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
	3/4	VHCTV. Captain F/O. B. A. HALE departed 0600 hours for PORT HEDLAND via CARNARVON, POT SHOT and return same route.	
	4/4	VHCUM. Captain F/O. D. A. WINCH departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.	
	4/4	VHCTU. Captain S/Ldr. L. G. HARBER departed 0600 hours for BROOME via coast and return.	
	4/4	VHCUA. Captain F/Sgt. E. O. HARVEY departed 1100 hours for KALGOOLIE and return.	
	5/4	VHCUA. Captain F/O. E. B. MOORE departed 0545 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return via coast.	
	5/4	VHCTZ. Captain F/Sgt. RUTHERFORD departed 0545 hours for BROOME via the coast and return via MEEKATHARRA.	
	6/4	VHCTT. Captain F/O. J. W. LANGRIDGE departed 0545 hours for BROOME via coast and return same route.	
	6/4	VHCTW. Captain F/Sgt. HARVEY departed 0545 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
	7/4	VHCTV. Captain F/O. HALE departed 0545 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
	7/4	VHCUE. Captain F/O. J. W. HALL departed 0545 hours for BRISBANE via PARAFIELD-MASCOT and return.	
	8/4	VHCTZ. Captain F/Lt. DORWARD departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD, ESSENDON and return.	
	8/4	VHCTU. Captain F/O. B.M. THOMPSON departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.	
	9/4	VHCUA. Captain F/O. BALL departed 0600 hours for BROOME via coast and return via MEEKATHARRA.	
	9/4	VHCTW. Captain F/O. D.O. BUTLER departed 1330 hours for LAVERTON via PARAFIELD and return.	
	11/4	VHCTU. Captain F/O. E.B. MOORE departed 0600 hours for BROOME via Carnarvon and return.	
	11/4	VHCUB. Captain F/O. WINCH departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD - ESSENDON and return.	
	12/4	VHCTV. Captain F/O. LANGRIDGE departed GUILDFORD 0600 hours for DERBY and BROOME and return.	
	12/4	VHCUA. Captain F/Sgt. HARVEY departed GUILDFORD 0600 hours for DERBY and BROOME and return.	
	12/4	VHCTT. Captain F/O. HALE departed GUILDFORD 0600 hours for DERBY and BROOME and return.	
	13/4	VHCUM. Captain F/Sgt. MURPHY departed 0545 hours for BROOME via Coast and return.	
	13/4	VHCUB. Captain F/Lt. HARGRAVES departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	13/4	VHCTU. Captain F/O. THOMPSON departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	14/4	VHCUA. Captain F/Sgt. RUTHERFORD departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	15/4	VHCTT. Captain F/O. BALL departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.	
	15/4	VHCTW. Captain F/O. HALE departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	15/4	VHCUM. Captain F/Lt. DORWARD departed for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	15/4	VHCUA. Captain F/O. WINCH departed for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	16/4	VHCTV. Captain F/O. BUTLER departed 1300 hours for MEEKATHARRA and return.	
	17/4	VHCUB. Captain F/O. LANGRIDGE departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD ESSENDON and return.	
	18/4	VHCTT. Captain F/O. THOMPSON departed 0600 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return same route.	
	18/4	VHCTU. Captain F/Sgt. RUTHERFORD departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.	
	18/4	VHCTW. Captain F/Sgt. MURPHY departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE. W.A.		<p><u>FLYING (Continued).</u></p> <p>19/4 VHCUM. Captain F/Sgt. HARVEY departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>19/4 VHCUA. Captain S/Ldr. WILSON departed 0600 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return.</p> <p>20/4 VHCTT. Captain F/Lt. HARGRAVES departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>21/4 VHCTW. Captain F/O. BUTLER departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>21/4 VHCTY. Captain F/O. HALE departed 0600 hours for BROOME via the coast and return.</p> <p>21/4 VHCUB. Captain F/O. HALE departed 0600 hours for NOONKANBAH via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>22/4 VHCUA. Captain F/O. WINCH departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.</p> <p>22/4 VHCTU. Captain F/O. THOMPSON B.M. departed 0600 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>22/4 VHCUM. Captain F/O. BALL departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.</p> <p>23/4 VHCTY. Captain P/O. HARVEY departed 0600 hours for CUNDERDIN MEEKATHARRA CORUNNA DOWNS NOONKANBAH and return.</p> <p>23/4 VHCTT. Captain F/Sgt. MURPHY departed 0600 hours for PORT HEDLAND via CARNARVON and return.</p> <p>25/4 VHCTX. Captain P/O. COX, departed 0600 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON and return.</p> <p>25/4 VHCUB. Captain P/O. RUTHERFORD departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.</p> <p>25/4 VHCTT. Captain S/Ldr. WILSON departed 1000 hours for DERBY via CUNDERDIN MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>26/4 VHCUM. Captain F/O. COLLINS departed 0600 hours for BROOME via coast and return.</p> <p>26/4 VHCUA. Captain S/Ldr. HARBER departed 0600 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.</p> <p>26/4 VHCTU. Captain F/O. HALL departed 1400 hours for KALGOORLIE for engine change and inspection.</p> <p>26/4 VHCTY. Captain F/O. HALE departed 1500 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return.</p> <p>27/4 VHCTX. Captain F/O. LANGRIDGE departed 0615 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.</p> <p>28/4 VHCUB. Captain F/Lt. HARGRAVES departed 0615 hours for BROOME via Coast and return.</p> <p>29/4 VHCTY. Captain F/O. THOMPSON departed 0615 hours for PARAFIELD and ESSENDON and return.</p> <p>29/4 VHCTW. Captain F/O. BUTLER departed 0615 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA and return same route.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	30/4	<p><u>CONVERSION COURSES.</u> The following pilots completed conversion courses as under:-</p> <p><u>Day and Night.</u> -- F/O. A. K. KILGARRE, (407324) No. 210043 F/Sgt. MURPHY, T.K.</p> <p><u>Day only.</u> -- F/Lt. B.G. HARGRAVES, (273936) F/O. B.M. THOMPSON, D.F.N. (408060).</p> <p><u>Night</u> -- F/O. J.W. HALL, (415525) P/O. E.O. HARVEY, (415422).</p>	
<p><i>A. H. Hargrave</i> Squadron Leader, Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.</p>			

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE, W.A.	MAY, 1944.		
	1st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB with F/Sgt. T.K. MURPHY as captain departed for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA at 0615 hrs. A65-29 with F/O. D. A. WINCH captain departed at 0615 hours for BROOME via CARNARVON.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. L.M. VAN-PRAAG 1st Pilot from Central Flying School and F/O. R.H. HUNT Nav.W. from No. 1 R.P.P. arrived on posting.</p>	A. 1.
	2nd.	<p>VH-CTY returned from ESSENDON with F/O. B.M. THOMPSON as pilot. VH-CTX departed for BROOME with F/O. J.W. HALL captain. VH-CTT Captain F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for KALGOORLIE, FORREST, CEDUNA, PARAFIELD, ESSENDON. VH-CTW with F/O. F.J. BALL as captain departed for BROOME via the Coast. VH-CUB returned from northern run with F/Sgt. MURPHY as pilot.</p> <p><u>LECTURES.</u> F/O. BIRTWHISTLE conducted a meteorological lecture which was attended by 31 members of Squadron aircrew.</p>	
	3rd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTY with F/O. E.B. MOORE as captain departed at 0615 hours for BROOME via Corunna and returned via DERBY. VH-CTW captained by F/O. BALL returned from BROOME at 1635 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> No. 8800 Sergt. LOGIE, R.S. Fitter 11E., arrived from No. 5 Personnel Depot.</p>	A. 2.
	4th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB captained by Pilot Officer HARVEY departed at 0630 hours for BROOME via MEEKATHARRA VH-CTZ captained by F/O. WINCH returned from BROOME at 1015 hours. VH-CTT returned from ESSENDON at 1610 hours captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT.</u> Engine change and 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV. 80 hourly inspection and plug change completed on VH-CTW.</p>	
	5th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTZ captained by F/O. R.G. COLLINS departed at 0615 hours for BATCHELOR via Coast. VH-CTW captained by P/O. C.I. COX departed at 0615 hours for BATCHELOR via Coast. VH-CTV captained by P/O. I. RUTHERFORD departed at 0630 hours for BATCHELOR via Coast. VH-CTT captained by S/Ldr. L.G. HARBER with Air Officer Commanding Western Area and party departed at 1000 hours for GERALDTON. VHCTY returned from BROOME captained by F/O. E.B. MOORE. VH-CTT returned with A.O.C. and Party from GERALDTON. VH-CUB with P/O. HARVEY captain returned from BROOME. VH-CTX with F/O. HALL as captain returned from DERBY.</p>	
	6th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:</u> VH-CTY with F/O. A.K. KILGARRIP captain departed at 0615 hours for ESSENDON. VH-CUM with S/L. L.G. HARBER captain departed for BRISBANE at 0630 hours. VH-CTT with F/L. B.G. HARGRAVES captain departed at 0815 hours for POTSHOT. VH-CTX captained by S/Ldr. J.B. WILSON departed at 1225 hours for POTSHOT. VH-CUB with F/O. J.W. HANGRIDGE departed at 1115 hours for POTSHOT via Carnarvon and return.</p>	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE... W.A.	MAY 1944. 7th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS:</u> VH-CTT captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES returned from POTSHOT. VH-CTW returned from BATCHELOR captained by P/O. C.I. COX. VH-CTV returned from BATCHELOR captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD.</p>	
		<p><u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.</u> Advice received from Western Area appointing F/O. A.I. ELLIS; (Squadron Engineer Officer) to the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant. Two Flight Sergeant Airman Pilots promoted to Temporary Warrant Officer w.e.f. 1/4/44. One Sergeant Airman Pilot promoted to Temporary Flight Sergeant w.e.f. 21/4/44.</p>	A.2. A.2.
	8th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTV captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD departed at 0615 hours on Northern trip under D.A.T. Instructions. VH-CTW captained by P/O. C.I. COX departed at 0630 hours on Northern trip under D.A.T. Instructions. VH-CUB returned from Northern trip with F/O. LANDBEDGE as captain. VH-CUB departed for KALGOORLIE at 1130 hours with F/O. WINCH as captain. VH-CTY returned from ESSENDON with F/O. KILGARRIE as captain. VH-CUB returned from KALGOORLIE captained by F/O. WINCH.</p>	
	9th.	<p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> Eighty hourly inspection on VH-CTX completed.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTX captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for ESSENDON at 0615 hours. VH-CTT arrived from Northern trip captained by F/O. MOORE. Forty hourly inspection completed on VH-CTY.</p>	
	10th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB captained by F/O. J.W. HALL departed on Northern trip at 0630 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. E.O. HARVEY departed on Northern trip at 0615 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/O. E.B. MOORE departed on Northern trip at 0630 hours. VH-CUM arrived from BRISBANE via OODNADATTA - KALGOORLIE captained by S/Ldr. HARBER. VH-CTY returned from Northern trip captained by P/O. HARVEY. VH-CUB returned from Northern trip captained by F/O. HALL. VH-CTZ returned from North Western Area with F/O. R.G. COLLINS as captain.</p>	
		<p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> Eighty hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ.</p>	
	11th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTT departed for the North at 0615 hours captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. VH-CTZ departed for the North at 0630 hours captained by F/O. J.W. HALL. VH-CTX returned from Eastern Schedule trip to ESSENDON with F/O. VAN-PRAAG captain. VH-CTV returned from North captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES.</p>	
		<p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> Forty hourly inspection completed on VH-CUB. and forty hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUM.</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> S/Ldr. L.G. HARBER departed on posting to No. 7 Communication Unit, to Command. F/O. G.L. STUBS posted to R.A.A.F. Command.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE, W.A.	<u>May</u>		
	11th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> Five Sergeant Nav.W's arrived from No. 2 A.O.S.</p>	A.3.
	12th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB departed for the North at 0615 hours captained by P/O. LANGRIDGE. On return journey this aircraft was landed on a salt lake north of Carnarvon to render assistance to Gannett Ambulance aircraft which had force-landed. After successful take off VH-CUB arrived back at PEARCE at 2010 hours. VH-CTW with P/O. KILGARRIF as captain departed at 0620 hours for the North.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> Forty hourly inspection on VH-CUM completed. Eighty hourly inspection and plug change commenced on VH-CTV.</p> <p><u>LECTURES.</u> Warrant Officer H.G. MARSHALL delivered a lecture on Navigation to Aircrew personnel.</p>	
	13th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One L.A.C. Instrument Maker arrived from No. 4 Service Flying Training School.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUM with P/O. HARVEY as captain departed at 0615 hours for ESSENDON.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> 240 hourly inspection on VH-GUA completed and aircraft test flown at 0700 hours.</p>	A.3.
	14th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One Sergeant Nav.W. arrived from No. 2 A.O.S.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB captained by P/O. VAN-PRAAG departed at 0605 hours for the North. VH-CTW returned from North with P/O. KILGARRIF captain. VH-CTY returned from North captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD at 1615 hours.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTW. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTY.</p>	A.3.
	15th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> Three Sergeant Nav.W's arrived from No. 2 A.O.S.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTV with P/O. HARVEY captain departed at 0630 hours for the North. VH-CUB returned from DERBY captained by P/O. VAN-PRAAG.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> 80 hourly inspection on VH-CTY completed and aircraft test flown.</p>	A.3.
	16th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTY captained by P/Lt. HARGRAVES departed at 0615 hours for the North. VH-CUM returned from ESSENDON at 0900 hours captained by P/O. MOORE. VH-CTZ returned from Northern trip with P/O. B.M. THOMPSON at 1645 hours. VH-CUM departed for ESSENDON at 1300 hours captained by P/O. LANGRIDGE.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT.</u> 120 hourly inspection on VH-CTX completed, and aircraft test flown.</p>	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE. N.A.	17th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTX captained by F/O. KILGARRIE departed at 0615 hours for the North. VH-CUB captained by F/Lt. DORWARD departed at 0620 hours for the North.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. F.I. FLYNN arrived from No. 4 Recruit Centre.	A.4.
	18th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTZ captained by F/O. WINCH departed for KALGOORLIE at 0800 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES returned from the North. VH-CUA captained by S/Ldr. WILSON returned from the North. VH-CUB captained by F/L. DORWARD returned from the North. VH-CUB departed for the North captained by F/Lt. DORWARD at 1300 hours. VH-CTZ returned from KALGOORLIE with F/O. WINCH Captain. VH-CTV returned from Northern trip with F/Sgt. MURPHY captain. VH-CUM returned from Eastern trip to ESSENDON captained by F/O. LANGRIDGE.	
	19th	<u>POSTINGS.</u> One carpenter general arrived from No. 3 A.O.S. and One LAC fitter 118. from No. 1 R.P.P.	A.4.
	19th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTY departed for Northern bases at 0615 hours captained by F/O. RUTHERFORD. VH-CTZ captained by F/O WINCH departed for KALGOORLIE at 0600 hours VH-CTX captained by F/O KILGARRIE returned from the North VH-CUA captained by F/O VAN PRAAG departed at 0600 hours for the North. VH-CUB captained by F/L. DORWARD returned from the North. VH-CTY captained by F/O RUTHERFORD returned from the North at 1500 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/O WINCH returned from KALGOORLIE. VH-CTU captained by F/O MOORE returned from KALGOORLIE after Test Flight.	
	19th	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE</u> VH-CTT test flown by F/O HALL after 240 hourly inspection.	
		<u>POSTINGS</u> Two Aircraft hands arrived from No. 4 R.D.	
	20th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTV departed for Eastern trip to ESSENDON captained by F/O HALL. VH-CTY departed for Northern Bases captained by F/O MOORE. VH-CUR returned from North captained by F/O VAN PRAAG.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE</u> VH-CTT flown on local test flight by F/O THOMPSON. VH-CUM flown on local test flight by S/LDR. HOPKINSON.	
	21st	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTT departed North with F/O THOMPSON captain. VH-CUM departed North with F/O WINCH captain. VH-CTY returned from Northern Bases with F/O MOORE. VH-CTU flown on local test by S/Ldr. HOPKINSON	

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Pearce, W. A.	22nd	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTY departed North with F/O KILGARIF captain. VH-CUA departed North with P/O RUTHERFORD captain. VH-CTV returned from Eastern trip with F/O HALL captain.</p>	
	23rd	<p>VH-CTX departed for East with P/O COX as captain. VH-CTU departed for North with P/Lt. HARGRAVES captain. VH-CUA returned from North with P/O RUTHERFORD.</p>	
		<p><u>CONVERSIONS</u> VH-CTZ flown on conversions by F/O THOMPSON and F/Sgt. RYAN, F/O McROBBIE & F/S. KIRKBY.</p>	
	24th	<p><u>POSTINGS</u> Cpl. Drill Instructor departed for Nole. S., LAC Storehand for No. 4 P.D. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTV departed North with F/Sgt. MURPHY captain. VH-CTY arrived from North with F/O KILGARIFF.</p>	A.4
	25th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CUA departed for Northern Bases with F/O LANGRIDGE captain. VH-CUM arrived from North with F/O WINCH. VH-CTT arrived from North with P/O THOMPSON. VH-CTU arrived from North with P/SGT. MURPHY. VH-CTX arrived from East with P/O COX.</p>	
		<p><u>CONVERSIONS</u> VH-CTZ flown on conversions by S/Ldr. HOPKINSON, F/O VAN PRAAG, F/O McROBBIE, F/SGT KIRKBY.</p>	
		<p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT</u> VH-CTY departed for KALGOORLIE with F/O VAN PRAAG for 240 Hourly & engine change.</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS</u> ONE LAC Instrument Maker departed on posting for No. 1 S.T.T.</p>	A.4
	26th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CUM departed for Northern Bases with F/Lt. DORWARD captain.</p>	
		<p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT</u> VH-CUB test flown by F/O WINCH.</p>	
27th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTT departed for North with F/O MOORE captain. VH-CTX departed for East with F/O COLLINS captain. VH-CUA returned from North with P/O LANGRIDGE. VH-CTU returned from North with P/Lt. HARGRAVES.</p>		
	<p><u>CONVERSIONS</u> VH-CTZ flown on conversions by S/LRD. WILSON and P/O CHESTER.</p>		
	<p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT</u> VH-CTT reported with starboard engine on fire on ground at Carnarvon. Fire extinguished aircraft on ground awaiting further instructions.</p>		

Place. Pearce, W. A.	Date. MAY	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	28th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTV departed for Northern Bases with F/O RUTHERFORD. captain. VH-CUB " " " with F/O VAN PRAAG captain. VH-CUA departed for North (special) with F/O KILGARRIFF captain.</p> <p><u>CONVERSIONS</u> VH-CTZ Flown on conversions by S/Ldr. WILSON and P/O CHESTER.</p>	
	29th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTX returned from Eastern trip to ESSENDON with F/O COLLINS.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE</u> VH-CUA - 40 hourly inspection completed. VH-CTU - 40 hourly inspection completed.</p>	
	30th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CTU departed for East with F/O THOMPSON captain. VE-CTZ departed for North with F/O WINCH captain. VH-CUA departed North with F/SGT. MURPHY captain. VH-CUM returned from North with F/Lt. DORWARD. VH-CTZ returned from North with F/O WINCH. VH-CUB returned from North with F/O VAN PRAAG.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT</u> VH-CTX - 40 hourly inspection completed. VH-CUM - 80 hourly inspection commenced.</p> <p><u>LECTURES</u> Available Air Crew Personnel received a lecture on Navigation from W/O MARSHALL.</p>	
	31st	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</u> VH-CT^X departed for Northern bases with P/O COX captain. VH-CTV returned from North with P/O RUTHERFORD.</p> <p><u>CONVERSIONS</u> VH-CTZ flown for two hours by S/Ldr WILSON and F/Sgt. HUGHES. For one Hour Night Flying by S/Ldr. HARBER (recently posted to No. 7 Comm. Unit) and S/Ldr. WILSON.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT</u> VH-CUM - completed 80 hourly inspection. VH-CUB - completed 40 hourly inspection.</p>	
	31st	<p><u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u> F/O A. I. ELLIS (17363) ENG. TECH. granted Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant. Two F/Sgts. A/Pilots promoted to Temp. W/O's. 1 Sgt. A/Pilot promoted to Temp. F/Sgt.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH</u> Squadron establishment HD/76E remained at 207. 1 Tiger Moth and 1 Gipsy Major Engine were added to the Squadron establishment of airframes and engines making total aircraft 10 and total engines 19. Squadron strength at 31/5/44 was - Officers 37. O/Ranks 178. Total 215.</p> <p><u>ORGANISATION</u> S/Ldr. J. B. WILSON was granted the powers of subordinate command in place of S/Ldr Harber. He was also appointed to temporarily command the Squadron during the absence of S/Ldr. Hopkinson at a Transport Squadron Commanders conference in Melbourne.</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS</u> were 1391 for the month an increase of 189 hours on the previous month. (Of this total 65 hours were flown by night)</p>	A2

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	31st	<p><u>ORGANISATION - OPERATIONS ROOM</u></p> <p>Since the departure on posting of F/Lt. M.K. Lee, the duties of Operations Officer have been carried out mainly by Aircrew Second Pilots, and Navigators.</p> <p><u>EQUIPMENT - AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND AIRFRAME SPARES.</u></p> <p>The arrival of items of spares from U.S.L.O. BRISBANE, has greatly improved the position, and when the 30 day range and daily replenishment system becomes operative, little difficulty is anticipated in this respect.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE</u></p> <p>During the month 4 Major and 33 Minor Inspections were carried out by the Squadron.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>K. Hopkinson</i> SQUADRON LEADER. COMMANDING NO. 35 (TRANSPORT) SQUADRON.</p>	

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Operations Record Book

COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

MAY 1944

The Squadron is operating very satisfactorily, there has been a steady increase of flying hours during the past three months, with an average serviceability of 74%. Total flying hours for May were 1391.

During a period between 5th-16th May exceptionally heavy demands were made on the Squadron for Transport Aircraft, this was met by both aircrew and ground staff working to capacity. A detachment comprising of three aircraft, six complete aircrews, and twelve maintenance personnel was placed at Potshot for the purpose of conducting a shuttle service between there and Darwin.

40 Hourly inspections were carried out at Potshot under difficult conditions and in most cases at night. Aircraft requiring 80 hourly inspection returned to base and were immediately replaced by other machines. During this period serviceability reached 82.3%, and a total of 616 hours were flown during the eleven days.

Many outstanding flights were carried out, one in point being performed by F/O BALL and crew in completing a round trip of 2600 miles in 24 hours with a C47A aircraft.

With reference to the landing carried out by F/O LANGRIDGE, on a salt lake, this Officer was commended by the Air Officer Commanding Western Area for exceptional flying skill and judgement.

F/O MOORE Captain of VH-CIT while attempting to start the starboard engine, it backfired and caught fire. The prompt action of F/O MOORE in using the engine fire extinguisher system saved the aircraft.

Discipline and morale of the Squadron is high. The living conditions as far as food is concerned are satisfactory, but accommodation is overtaxed resulting in considerable discomfort to all personnel. It is understood that an effort is being made to overcome the difficulty.

A conference of all Commanding Officers of Transport Squadrons was called by the D.T.M., being held at Air Board, Victoria Barracks on the 30th and 31st of May. The object was to discuss difficulties and other matters of common interest to Transport Squadrons, such as R.A.A.F. Policy, Equipment, Establishment, and Maintenance. The conference was satisfactory from a viewpoint of this Squadron.

Summing up the Squadron activity for the month it has been more than satisfactory, the figures for the month being a record as the Form A 50 will indicate.

The majority of the maintenance is carried out in the open under adverse conditions, and maintenance personnel and aircrew cannot be too highly praised for their efforts.

K. Hoffmann

Squadron Leader.
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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	1944 JUNE		
PEARCE. W.A.	1st	<p>POSTINGS.</p> <p>One L.A.C. cooks assistant departed on posting for No. 73 O.B.U.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</p> <p>C47A VH-CUM departed at 0630 hours on Northern run with F/O. J.W. LANGRIDGE captain. VH-CUB departed at 0620 hours on Northern run with F/O. F.J. BALL as captain.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</p> <p>80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ.</p>	A.1.
	2nd	<p>PROMOTIONS.</p> <p>26559 L.A.C. SMITH, L.H. (Cook) 38497 L.A.C. FELL, F.M. (Cooks assistant) and 16680 L.A.C. GILBERT, W.L. (Pitter 11E) promoted to temporary corporal.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</p> <p>C47A VH-CTU captained by F/O. B.H. THOMPSON, (DFM) returned from ESSENDON at 0930 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/S. T.K. MURPHY, returned from Northern Bases at 1030 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/O. E.B. MOORE, returned from CARNARVON at 1220 hours.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</p> <p>80 hourly inspection on VH-CTZ completed.</p>	A.1.
	3rd	<p>POSTINGS.</p> <p>Two corporal fitters 11E, 2 L.A.C. aircrafthands and 1 L.A.C. general hand departed on posting to No. 4 Personnel Depot.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</p> <p>C47A VH-CTU captained by F/O. A.K. KILGARRIF departed for ESSENDON at 0630 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. B.G. HARGRAVES departed on Northern run at 0635 hours. VH-CUB returned from BATCHELOR at 1955 hours captained by F/O. LANGRIDGE. VH-CTX returned from BATCHELOR at 1830 hours captained by P/O. C.I. COX.</p>	A.1.
	4th	<p>POSTINGS.</p> <p>One P/O. one W/O. 3 F/Sgts and 2 Sgt. pilots departed for No. 55 O.B.U. on posting.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</p> <p>C47A VH-CTZ captained by S/Ldr. J.B. WILSON departed for BRISBANE at 0630 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES returned from BROOME at 1600 hours.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</p> <p>240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTX. 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTV.</p>	A.1.
	5th	<p>POSTINGS.</p> <p>One L.A.C. fitter 11A departed for No. 2 Personnel Depot.</p>	A.1.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.														
PEARCE. W.A.	JUNE 5th	<p><u>COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.</u></p> <p>L.A.C. POLKINGHORNE, fitter 11E, detached to No. 4 Aircraft Depot, to undergo No. 2 spark plug maintenance course, which is scheduled to take one week.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUB captained by P/O. R.G. COLLINS departed for BROOME at 0740 hours. VH-CUA captained by P/O. D.A. WINCH departed for KALGOORLIE at 0840 hours. VH-CUA returned from KALGOORLIE at 1640 hours captained by P/O. I. RUTHERFORD.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>200 hourly inspection completed and plugs changed on VH-CTV. 240 hourly inspection and engine change completed on VH-CTY at No. 4 Aircraft Depot, KALGOORLIE and the aircraft test flown by P/O. WINCH.</p>	A.1.														
	6th	<p><u>APPOINTMENTS.</u></p> <p>The following appointments were made on the 6th June.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Physical & Recreational Training Officer</td> <td>- P/O. D.D. CAMERON</td> <td>(436265)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parachute Officer</td> <td>- F/O. J. IVESON</td> <td>(420005)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Officer</td> <td>- F/O. A.R. GIRLE</td> <td>(414018)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signals Officer</td> <td>- F/O. R.H. HUNT</td> <td>(415871)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Representative on Officers Mess Committee</td> <td>- F/O. J. MITCHELL</td> <td>(256476)</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTV captained by P/O. MOORE departed for DARWIN at 0645 hours. VH-CTT captained by P/Lt. E.A. DORWARD departed for ESSENDON at 0659 hours. VH-CTU returned from ESSENDON at 0930 hours with P/O. KILGARRIF as captain. VH-CUM returned from DARWIN at 0730 hours with P/O. HALE as captain.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection completed and plugs changed on VH-CUM. VH-CTU became unserviceable for an engine change, owing to broken piston skirt and pieces of piston ring being found during 80 hourly inspection.</p>	Physical & Recreational Training Officer	- P/O. D.D. CAMERON	(436265)	Parachute Officer	- F/O. J. IVESON	(420005)	Fire Officer	- F/O. A.R. GIRLE	(414018)	Signals Officer	- F/O. R.H. HUNT	(415871)	Representative on Officers Mess Committee	- F/O. J. MITCHELL	(256476)
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PEARCE. W.A.	7th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUM captained by P/O. I. RUTHERFORD departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUB returned from BROOME at 1120 hours captained by P/O. R.G. COLLINS. VH-CTY returned from KALGOORLIE at 1200 hours captained by P/O. D.A. WINCH, after completion of 240 hourly inspection and engine change carried out at No. 4 Aircraft Depot.</p>															
PEARCE. W.A.	8th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u></p> <p>Warrant Officer HUNTER (W.C.D) arrived on posting from Headquarters, PEARCE. L.A.C. SMITH (Cook) arrived on posting from No. 326 Radar.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUB captained by P/O. THOMPSON (DFM) departed on Northern run at 1115 hours. VH-CTT captained by P/Lt. DORWARD returned from ESSENDON at 1945 hours.</p>	A.2. A.2.														

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PEARCE. W. A.	8th	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspections completed on VH-CUB and VH-CUA.	
	9th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47A VH-CUA captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BRISBANE at 0445 hours. VH-CUM returned from BROOME at 0935 hours with P/O. RUTHERFORD as captain. VH-CTZ returned from BRISBANE at 1140 hours with S/Ldr. J.B. WILSON as captain. VH-CTV returned from DARWIN at 1725 hours with F/O. MOORE as captain. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection on VH-CTT completed. 200 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ.	
	10th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47A VH-CTT captained by P/O. C.I. COX departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/S. MURPHY departed for PARAFIELD at 0655 hours. VH-CUB returned from BROOME at 1130 hours with F/O. THOMPSON captain.	
	11th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CUB captained by F/O. J.W. LANGRIDGE departed for BATCHELOR at 0635 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTV. 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTX.	
	12th	<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. A.H. BROWN (Nav.W) arrived from No. 2 R.A.A.F. Hospital on posting. L.A.C. WALKER (Flight Mechanic) departed for No. 85 Squadron. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47A VH-CTX captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES departed at 1230 hours for BRISBANE. VH-CTZ returned from PARAFIELD at 1015 hours captained by F/S. MURPHY. VH-CTT returned from Northern run at 1340 hours with P/O. COX captain. VH-CUA returned from BRISBANE at 1535 hours captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG.	A.2. A.2.
	13th	<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. W.F.E. THOMPSON and F/Sgt. HODGSON (pilots) departed for No. 1 Operational Training Unit. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47A VH-CTT captained by F/O. D.O. BUTLER departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/O. B.A. HALE departed for PARAFIELD at 0635 hours. VH-CUB returned from BATCHELOR at 1815 hours with F/O. LANGRIDGE as captain.	A.2.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE. W.A.	13th JUNE	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA. 80 hourly inspection and engine change completed on VH-CTU.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	14th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u></p> <p>F/O. J.W. HILL pilot, departed for No. 1 Operational Training Unit; F/Sgt. BUTCHART, Nav.W., arrived from Headquarters, WESTERN AREA.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUA captained by F/O. R.G. COLLINS departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTT returned from BROOME at 1640 hours with F/O. BUTLER captain. VH-CTU captained by F/O. BALL departed at 1300 hours for POT SHOT.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection on VH-CUB completed. 240 hourly inspection and engine change on VH-CTW completed.</p>	A.2. A.2.
PEARCE. W.A.	15th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUB captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/O. HALE returned from PARAFIELD at 0940 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection on VH-CTT carried out. 240 hourly inspection and engine change completed on VH-CTW.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	16th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTT captained by W/O. MURPHY departed for MASCOT at 0630 hours. VH-CTU returned from BROOME at 0920 hours captained by F/O. BALL VH-CUA returned from POTSHOT at 1040 hours captained by F/O. COLLINS.</p>	
PEARCE. W.A.	17th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u></p> <p>One fitter 11A departed for No. 2 Personnel Depot. One A.C.I. Driver Motor Transport arrived from No. 17 Repair & Salvage Unit.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTY captained by F/O. THOMPSON departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. KILGARRIF departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTX returned from BRISBANE at 0930 hours captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. VH-CTW captained by P/O. HARVEY departed for BRISBANE at 1340 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection on VH-CTX completed.</p>	A.2. A.2.
PEARCE. W.A.	18th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTX captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BRISBANE at 0630 hours. VH-CTY returned from PARAFIELD at 1545 captained by F/O. THOMPSON.</p>	

Place.	Date. JUNE	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE, W.A.	22nd	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u>	
		240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUM.	
	23rd	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u>	
		C47A VH-CTY captained by F/L. HARGRAVES departed for PARAFIELD at 0640 hours.	
		VH-CTW captained by P/O. HARVEY returned from BRISBANE at 1000 hours.	
		VH-CUA captained by W/O. MURPHY departed for KALGOORLIE at 1300 hours ferrying the aircraft to No. 4 Aircraft Depot for engine change.	
		VH-CUB returned from BROOME at 1800 hours with F/O. LANGRIDGE captain.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u>	
		40 hourly inspection on VH-CTU completed.	
	24th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u>	
		C47A VH-CTU captained by F/O. THOMPSON departed for BRISBANE at 0630 hours.	
		VH-CTT captained by F/O. COLLINS departed for BROOME at 0635 hours.	
		VH-CTV returned from DARWIN at 1425 hours captained by F/O. BALL.	
		VH-CTY returned from PARAFIELD at 1505 hours captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u>	
		80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUB.	
		40 hourly inspection on VH-CTW completed.	
	25th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u>	
		C47A VH-CUB captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD departed for BROOME at 0640 hours.	
		VH-CTT returned from BROOME at 1525 captained by F/O. COLLINS.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u>	
		80 hourly inspection on VH-CTY commenced.	
		40 hourly inspection on VH-CTW completed.	
	26th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u>	
		C47A VH-CTV captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BROOME at 0630 hours.	
		VH-CTT	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u>	
		80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTT, and 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTY.	
		40 hourly inspection carried out on VH-CID, a 38 Squadron aircraft passing through.	
		240 hourly inspection on VH-CTZ completed.	
	27th	<u>ADMINISTRATION.</u>	
		The Staff Officer Administrative and the Staff Officer Personnel inspected the Squadron.	
		<u>PROMOTIONS.</u>	
		F/O. F.J. BALL (406911) and F/O. D.A. WINCH (406226) General Duties officers were promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.	A.3.
		<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u>	
		C47A VH-CTW captained by W/O. MURPHY departed for PARAFIELD at 0640 hours.	
		VH-CTY captained by F/O. MCROBBIE departed for BROOME at 1030 hours.	

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	1944 JUNE		
PEARCE. W.A.	27th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CUB returned from BROOME at 1040 with P/O. RUTHERFORD as captain. VH-CTV returned from BROOME at 1830 hours with P/O. VAN-PRAAG captain.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>80 hourly inspection on VH-CTT completed. The changing of the Port engine on VH-CTX commended.</p>	
	28th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTT captained by P/O. COX departed for DARWIN at 0645 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt. DORWARD departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CUB captained by P/O. LANGRIDGE flown on A.M.C. manouvres for 1 hour 55 minutes.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>40 hourly inspection on VH-CTV completed.</p>	
	29th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTV captained by P/O. HARVEY departed for PARAFIELD at 0600 hours. VH-CTW captained by W/O. MURPHY returned from PARAFIELD at 0930 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. MCROBBIE returned from BROOME at 1020 hours. VH-CTW captained by P/O. HALE departed for BROOME at 1245 hours. VH-CTZ returned from BROOME at 1615 hours captained by P/Lt. DORWARD.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>240 hourly inspection on VH-CUM completed.</p>	
	30th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u></p> <p>C47A VH-CTZ captained by P/O. LANGRIDGE departed for PARAFIELD at 0600 hours. VH-CUB captained by S/Ldr. WILSON departed for KALGOORLIE at 0845 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. BALL departed for POTSHOT at 1130 hours. VH-CUB captained by S/Ldr. WILSON returned from KALGOORLIE at 1615 hours. VH-CTV captained by P/O. HARVEY returned from PARAFIELD at 1710 hours. VH-CTU captained by P/O. THOMPSON returned from BRISBANE at 1840 hours. VH-CTT captained by P/O. COX returned from DARWIN at 2000 hours.</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS.</u></p> <p>Hours flown during the month totalled 1071.50 hours, a decrease of 319.50.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE .</u></p> <p>During the month 5 major inspections, 21 minor inspections and 4 engine changes were carried out by the Squadron.</p> <p><u>SERVICEABILITY.</u></p> <p>Serviceability of aircraft for the month was 73.7%.</p>	
		<p><i>[Signature]</i> Squadron Leader, Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.</p>	

No. 35 Squadron
June 1944COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS.


The Squadron activities for the month were very satisfactory. Total flying hours were 1071.50 a decrease on the previous month. Serviceability was 73.7%, inspection's carried out were 5 majors, 21 minor, and 4 engine changes. Considerable difficulty was experienced with maintenance due to the failure of engine components necessitating the changing of 3 engines. Further disruptions were occasioned by the weather, particularly in view of the fact that the tarmac area in the immediate vicinity of the squadron workshops has been under construction.

The Tiger Moth allotted to the squadron has provided good flying training and relaxation for all pilots

The discipline and morale is maintaining a high standard, living condition as far as accommodation for officers has improved. With regard to airman conditions are still rather cramped, ablution huts are in a state of disrepair but it is understood action is being taken.

The squadron personnel are availing themselves of educational film facilities on this station. It is proposed to apply for a 16mm sound projector for use by the squadron, when the move to Guilford takes place. This contemplated move should be realised in approximately 6 weeks time and it should provide a complete solution to all domestic problems, including weekly stand-down.

On the 27th June the Staff Officer Administration and the Staff Officer Personnel, made a thorough inspection of the squadron. Several improvements were suggested and immediately put into effect otherwise the squadron in general appeared to meet with their approval.


Squadron Leader,
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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PEARCE, W.A.	JULY, 1944. 1st	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUM captained by F/O. R.G. COLLINS departed at 0630 hours for BROOME. VH-CTT captained by F/Lt. BALL returned from POTSHOT at 1030 hours. VH-CTW captained by F/O.B.A. HALE returned from BROOME at 1115 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTU.</p>	
	2nd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTT captained by P/O, I. RUTHERFORD departed for PARAFIELD at 0655 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt. J.W. LANGRIDGE returned from PARAFIELD at 1125 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection on VH-CTU completed and test flown by S/Ldr. HOPKINSON. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTW. 40 hourly inspection on VH-CTZ completed.</p>	
	3rd.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> P/O. N.A. CHESTER & party of seven detached to Headquarters Western Area as advance party for dismantling buildings at Maylands and re-erection at Guildford.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt. DORWARD departed at 0630 hours for LAVERTON.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ.</p>	
	4th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One Corporal Fitter Armourer, one LAC Welder, & one ACI Electrician, arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTV captained by W/O. MURPHY departed for PARAFIELD at 0640 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BROOME at 0645 hours. VH-CUB flown on circuits for 1 hour 30 mins. by W/O. A.L. HUGHES.</p>	
	5th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One F/Sgt Medical Orderly & one Cpl Electrical Fitter arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>APPOINTMENTS.</u> Signals Officer. F/O. P.J. SWEENEY. Radar Officer. F/O. J. IVESON. Messing Officer. F/O. A.H. BROWN.</p>	

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PEARCE. W.A.	5th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUM captained by P/O. HARVEY departed at 0630 hours on schedule rpn NORTH. VH-CTZ captained by F/O. MCROBBIE departed for NORTH on shuttle run. VH-CTT captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD returned from PARAFIELD at 0920 hours. VH-CTY returned from NORTH at 1545 hours captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG. VH-CTV captained by W/O. MURPHY returned from Eastern run at 1645 hours.</p>	
	6th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One Flying Officer Nav"V" arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTT captained by F/O. B.M. THOMPSON departed North at 0630 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt. DORWARD returned from LAVERTON at 0920 hours. VH-CTU captained by W/O. KIRKBY departed for North at 1245 hours. VH-CUM captained by P/O. HARVEY returned from North at 1830 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection on VH-CTV commenced and was completed at 1700 hours. 40 hourly inspection on VH-CTY commenced. 40 hourly inspection on VH-CTY completed at 1600 hours.</p>	
	7th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One Sgt Electrical Fitter posted to No. 4. C.R.D. W/O. H.G. Marshall returned from No. 5 I.T.S having successfully completed No. 3 Lecture Technique Course.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTY captained by P/O. COX departed North at 0630 hours. VH-CTW captained by F/Lt. BALL departed for the East at 0630 hours. VH-CTU captained by W/O. KIRKBY returned from North at 1420 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/O. THOMPSON returned from North at 1605 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUM. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUB.</p>	
	8th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTV captained by S/Ldr WILSON departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUM captained by F/O. HALE. departed for PORT HEDLAND.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 inspection and port engine change commenced on VH-CTT Completed port engine change and compass swing on VH-CTX.</p>	
	9th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTY returned from Darwin at 0930 captained by P/O. COX VH-CTW captained by F/Lt BALL returned from PARAFIELD at 1035 hours. VH-CUM captained by F/O. HALE returned from PORT HEDLAND at 1620 hours.</p>	

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PEARCE. W.A.	JULY, 1944. 10th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One LAC Armourer, One F/Sgt Nav^W arrived on posting and Two F/O. Nav^W departed.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u> Flying Officer's A.R. GIRLE. & J.W. LANGRIDGE. (Pilots) promoted to Flight Lieutenant. P/O. K.E. CRISOE Equipment Officer & Pilot Officer's H.J. COLLOPY N.A. CHESTER & A.A. MOIR promoted to Flying Officer & P/O. R.H. HUNT. Nav^W promoted to Flying Officer.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTX captained by F/O. KILGARRIF. departed for PARAFIELD at 0645 hours. VH-CTV captained by S/Ldr WILSON. returned from BROOME at 1635 hours.</p>	
	11th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> One Cpl Fitter IIA & Two LAC Fitters IIA arrived posting, & one Cpl Fitter IIE.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUM captained by F/O. COLLINS departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/Lt. WINCH departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/O. McROBBIE returned from DARWIN, PARAFIELD, ESSENDON, at 0915 hours. VH-CTX captained by F/O. KILGARRIF. returned from PARAFIELD at 1650 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ.</p>	
	12th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1. Sgt Nav^W 1 LAC Fitter IIE, 1 Cpl & 1 LAC Fitter IIA arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. WINCH. departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUM captained by F/O. COLLINS. returned from PARAFIELD at 1630 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD returned from BROOME at 1605 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ. 80 commenced on VH-CTX.</p>	
13th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Sgt Nav^W 1 ACI Radar Mech. 1 LAC F/Rigger arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTZ captained by W/O. MURPHY departed for BROOME at 0645 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. WINCH. returned from PT HEDLAND at 1750 hours. VH-CTX captained by F/O. THOMPSON. departed for ESSENDON. at 0830 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection on VH-CTX completed at 0730 hours. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTY. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUM.</p>		

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	14th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 2 LAC F/Rigger, 1 LAC Fitt IIE & 2 W/O. Nav"5" Arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTW captained by P/O. HARVEY departed for PARAFIELD at 0640 hours. VH-CTV captained by W/O. KIRKBY departed for GORRIE. at 1500 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUM. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV.</p>	
	15th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 ACI F/Rigger, 1 LAC Fitter IIA & 1 LAC Fitter IIE arrived on posting & 1 LAC Insp Rep., 1 LAC Guard Departed.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUB captained by F/Lt BALL departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by W/O. MURPHY returned from BROOME at 100 hours. VH-CTW captained by P/O. HARVEY returned from PARAFIELD at 1600 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspections commenced on VH-CTU & VH-CTW.</p>	
	16th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Fitt IIE arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt LANGRIDGE departed for PARAFIELD at 0645 hours. VH-CTX captained by F/O. THOMPSON returned from ESSENDON at 0925 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/Lt DORWARD. returned from KALGOORLIE at 1545 hours. after completion of 240 hourly inspection and Eng Change carried out at No. 4 A.D. VH-CUB captained by F/Lt BALL. returned from BROOME at 1540 hour.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> Starboard eng change commenced on VH-CTW. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU. 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTY.</p>	
	17th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 ACI Guard, 1 LAC F/Rigger, 2 LAC Fitt IIE, 2 ACI F/Mech & 1 LAC D.M.T. arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTU captained by P/O. COX departed for BROOME at 0630 hour.</p>	
	18th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Aircraft Hand & 1 Sgt Fitt IIE arrived on posting & 1 LAC Fitt IIA, 1 Sgt W.O.M. 1 LAC F/Rigger Departed.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUA captained by F/O. HALE departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/Lt DORWARD departed for ESSENDON at 0640 hours. VH-CTX captained by S/Ldr WILSON departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTV captained by W/O. KIRKBY returned from GORRIE at 1530 hours VH-CTU captained by P/O. COX returned from BROOME at 1635 hours.</p>	

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PEARCE. W.A.	JULY, 1944.		
	18th	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTV.	
	19th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTU captained by F/O. McROBBIE. departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt. LANGRIDGE. returned from LAVERTON at 1600 hours. VH-CTX captained by S/Ldr WILSON. returned from BROOME at 1620 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. HALE. returned from PARAFIELD at 1735 hours.	
	20th	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> A17-655 80 hourly inspection commenced. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC F/Mech & 1 Sgt Medical orderly arrived on posting. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTV captained by F/O. KILFARIEFF. departed for POTSHOT at 0645 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. COLLINS. departed for POTSHOT at 1300 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/O. McROBBIE. returned from BROOME at 1555 hours.	
	21st	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV. 120 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTX. 120 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ. 80 hourly inspection completed on A17-655. Engine change & 240 hourly completed on VH-CTT. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Steward arrived on posting. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTX captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD. departed for PARAFIELD at 0645 hours VH-CUB captained by F/Lt BALL departed for KALGOORLIE for double engine change & 240 hourly inspection.	
	22nd	<u>POSTINGS.</u> 2 Sgt's & 1 Cpl WCM. departed on posting. <u>PROMOTIONS.</u> F/Sgt HALL H.R. & F/ Sgt CAESAR. J.F. Nav"V" promoted to Warrant Officer's. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by S/Ldr HOPKINSON. departed for BROOME. at 0645 hours. VH-CUM captained by F/Lt. WINCH. departed for POTSHOT at 0645 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. COLLINS returned from POTSHOT at 1010 hours VH-CTY captained by F/Lt DORWARD returned from FSSSENDON at 1040 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/O. KILGARIEFF returned from BROOME at 1050 hours. VH-CUM captained by F/L. WINCH. returned from POTSHOT at 1645 hours.	
	23rd	<u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Radar Mech arrived on posting. <u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTY captained by F/O. MURPHY departed for POTSHOT at 0630 hours.	

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PEARCE. W.A.	JULY, 1944	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTX captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD returned from PARAFIELD at 0900 hours. VH-CTT captained by S/Ldr HOPKINSON returned from BROOME at 1630 hours. VH-CTY captained by W/O. MURPHY returned from POTCHOT at 1700 hours</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly completed on VH-CTZ.</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Cpl Cooks Ass. arrived on posting & 1 W/O. Pilot departed on posting (Non-Effective)</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTY. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA.</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTY captained by F/Lt HARGRAVES departed for BATCHELOR at 0630 hours. VH-CTX captained by P/O. HARVEY. departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/Lt WINCH. departed for PARAFIELD at 0650 hours.</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC F/Rigger & 1 F/Sgt Pilot (non-effective) departed on posting.</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by P/O. COX departed for BROOME at 1645 hours. VH-CTW captained by W/O. KIRKBY departed for BROOME at 0650 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/O. HALE departed for PARAFIELD at 0655 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/Lt WINCH returned from PARAFIELD at 1730 hours.</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUA captained by F/O. McROBBIE departed for BROOME at 0650 hours. VH-CTX captained by P/O. HARVEY returned from BROOME at 1315 hours VH-CTT captained by P/O. COX returned from BROOME at 1600 hours VH-CTY captained by F/Lt HARGRAVES returned from BROOME at 1540 hours.</p>	
		<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> C47/A. 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTX</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Steward, 1 Cpl Fitt IIE arrived on posting & 1 F/Sgt Pilot, 1 F/Sgt Nav"wr" 1 LAC Fitt IIA Departed.</p>	
<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTV captained by F/O. KILGARRIFF. departed for PARAFIELD at 0650 hours. VH-CTY captained by W/O. RYAN. departed for BROOME at 0900 hours. VH-CTZ captained by P/O. HALE returned from PARAFIELD at 0945 hours. VH-CUM captained by S/Ldr HOPKINSON departed for KALGOORLIE at 1020 hours. returned 1730 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt BALL departed for BATCHELOR at 1030 hours. VH-CTW captained by W/O. KIRKBY returned from BROOME at 1420 hours.</p>			

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
	JULY, 1944.		
PEARCE..W.A.	28th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT.</p>	
	29th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by F/Lt DORWARD departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/O. KILGARRIFF returned from PARAFIELD at 0705 hours.</p>	
	30th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTW captained by S/Ldr WILSON. departed for TOCUMWAL at 0710 hours. VH-CTX captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD departed for DARWIN at 0645 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt WINCH departed for BROOME at 0655 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. McROBBIE returned from BROOME at 1000 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/Lt DORWARD returned from BROOME at 1515 hours. VH-CTY captained by W/O. RYAN. returned from BROOME at 1620 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUA. 40 hourly inspection made on VH-CTV. 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTY.</p>	
	31st.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 3 AGI F/Mech. & 1 Sgt Cook arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTV captained by P/O. HARVEY departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt WINCH returned from BROOME at 1620 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA.</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS.</u> Hours flown during the month totalled 1073 hours</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 2 major inspections, 24 minor inspections and 2 engine changes were carried out by the Squadron</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u> New establishment HD/76F provides for a total strength of 266 RAAF Personnel made up of 33 Officers & 233 other ranks. Strength of Squadron at date 32 Officers & 207 other ranks.</p> <p><u>ESTABLISHMENT AIRCRAFT.</u> 12 Douglas C/4A & 1 Tiger Moth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>STRENGTH OF AIRCRAFT.</u> 10 Douglas C47^A & 1 Tiger Moth.</p>	
			<p><i>L. Hopkinson</i> Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron. Squadron Leader.</p>

No. 35 Squadron
July 1944COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

The Squadron activities for the month were satisfactory, a total of 1058 hours were flown, including a limited amount of night flying. Inspection carried out were 2 majors, 24 minor inspection, two engine changes. Considerable difficulty was experienced in carrying out maintenance due to bad weather and lack of hangar accommodation.

During the month W/O. Kirkby and W/O. Ryan were converted to captains on C47a aircraft.

A detachment of 2 aircraft and 14 personnel were sent to Batchelor to carry out a shuttle service between Batchelor and surrounding O.B.U's. F/Lt Ball is Officer Commanding the detachment.

The contemplated move to Guildford is expected to take place on the 11th August. A detachment under command of F/O. Chester was placed at Guildford to erect buildings and prefabricated huts. The Squadron should move with out interfering with activities in any way

The new system of stand-down has been brought into effect, it allows for six seventh of the unit strength to be on duty all the time, thus facilitating serviceability. The morale and discipline of this Squadron are of a very high standard.

A new establishment for the Squadron has been received. It allows for 266 personnel and 12 aircraft. The arrival of extra personnel has caused a congestion in airman's quarters. This situation will be relieved as soon as the Squadron moves to Guildford.

K. H. Johnson
Squadron Leader
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron

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PEARCE.	AUGUST 1944		
	1st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by F/O. McROBBIE departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. departed for PARAFIELD at 0635 hours. VH-CTV captained by P/O. HARVEY. returned from BROOME at 1620 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Fitt IIE, & 1 Sgt Clerk General arrived on posting & 1 W/O. Nav"w" departed.</p>	
	2nd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTZ captained by F/O. HALE departed for ESSENDON. at 0640 hours. VH-CUM captained by P/O. COX departed for BROOME at 0645 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. WINCH departed for MEEKATHARRA at 1340 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/O. McROBBIE returned from BROOME at 1640 hours. VH-CTW captained by S/Ldr. WILSON returned from TOCUMMAL at 1850 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 2 ACI cooks & 1 F/Sgt pilot arrived on posting.</p>	P.O.R. 31/44
	3rd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUM captained by F/Lt. WINCH returned from MEEKATHARRA. VH-CTU captained by P/O. COX returned from BROOME at 1815 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE:</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTW.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Cpl Clerk Stores, 3 ACI F/Mech arrived on posting & 1 F/O. Nav"w", 1 F/Sgt Nav"w" departed on posting.</p>	P.O.R. 31/44
	4th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUA captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. returned from PARAFIELD at 0915 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/O. COLLINS. returned from DARWIN at 0950 hours. VH-CTT captained by F/O. KILGARRIFF. departed for PARAFIELD. VH-CTZ captained by F/O. HALE returned from ESSENDON at 1805 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly commenced also cylinder change No. 13 on VH-CUM. 240 hourly commenced on VH-CTV. 80 hourly & port engine change continued on VH-CTW.</p>	P.O.R. 31/44
5th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTZ captained by W/O. RYAN. departed for FORREST. VH-CUA captained by W/O. KIRKBY. departed for BROOME. VH-CTZ captained by F/O. KILGARRIFF. returned from FORREST. at 1825 hours.</p>		

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
	5th	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly completed on VH-CTY.	
		<u>GENERAL INSPECTIONS.</u> Inspection of the Squadron Orderly Room files was carried out by Mr. Finchett from the Board of Survey MELBOURNE.	
	6th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTY captained by F/Lt. WINCH departed for ESSENDON. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt DORWARD departed for BROOME. VH-CTT captained by W/O. RYAN returned from PARAFIELD. VH-CTX captained by F/Lt BALL returned from DARWIN. VH-CUA captained by W/O. KIRKBY returned from BROOME.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE:</u> C 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ 40-hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ. 40-hourly inspection completed on VH-CUM.	
	7th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by W/O. RYAN departed for BROOME. VH-CUM captained by S/Ldr. WILSON departed for BATCHELOR. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt. DORWARD. returned from BROOME.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40-hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/Sgt pilot arrived on posting.	
		<u>AWARDS</u> No. 980673 Sgt. BARCLAY A.D. of the R.A.F. who is with this Squadron was awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge.	POR 31/44 R.A.F. POR 4/44
	8th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTZ captained by P/O. HARVEY. departed for PARAFIELD. VH-CUA captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BROOME. VH-CTT captained by W/O. RYAN returned from BROOME at 1605 hours. VH-CTY captained by F/Lt. WINCH. returned from ESSENDON at 1645 hours.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU.	
	9th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTU captained by F/Lt HARGRAVES. departed for BATCHELOR at 0630 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. COX departed for BROOME at 0850 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG returned from BROOME at 1645 hours. VH-CUM captained by S/Ldr WILSON returned from BATCHELOR at 1750 hours.	
		<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/Sgt Fitter IIE departed on posting.	POR 31/44

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PEARCE.	1944		
	10th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C477A VH-CTT captained by P/O. COLLINS departed for BROOME at 0635 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. COX returned from BROOME at 1630 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV.</p>	
GUILDFORD.	11th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C477A VH-CUA captained by P/O. KILGARRIFF. departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-CUM captained by P/O. HALE. departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTU captained by P/Lt HARGRAVES. returned from BATCHLOR at 1630 hours. VH-CTZ captained by P/O. HARVEY. returned from PARAFIELD AT 0945 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> <u>Movement of Squadron.</u> Movement of Squadron from Pearce to Guildford took place employing the use of 40 T.M.O. tenders and aircraft VH-CTV -CTW-CTX-CTZ.</p>	
	12th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C477A VH-CTV captained by P/Lt. LANGRIDGE departed for PARAFIELD at 0920 hours. VH-CTW captained by W/O. KIRKBY. departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUJ captained by P/O. KILGARRIFF. returned from PARAFIELD at 0510 hours. VH-CUM captained by P/O. HALE. returned from BROOME at 0515 hours. VH-CTT captained by P/O. COLLINS returned from BROOME at 1140 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> Single engine change completed & compass swing on VH-CTW.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Lab. Wkr, 2 LAC Tel. Op. arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u> P/Sgt STONESTREET. W.N., P/Sgt GARRETT. F.N. Nav^W's & P/Sgt BARROW. M.C. Pilot promoted to Warrant Officer's.</p>	<p>POR. 31/44 POR. 31/44</p>
13th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C477A VH-CTW captained by P/Lt WINCH. departed for BROOME at 0630 hours. VH-CUB captained by P/O. VAN-PRAAG returned from A.D.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection & plug change completed on VH-CUM. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUA. 240 & Engine change completed by No. 4 A.D. on VH-CUB.</p>		
14th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C477A VH-CTY captained by P/O. McROBBIE. departed for PARAFIELD at 0715 hours. VH-CTU captained by W/O. RYAN departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTV captained by P/Lt. LANGRIDGE returned from PARAFIELD at 0915 hours. VH-CTZ captained by W/O. KIRKBY. returned from BROOME at 0920 hours. VH-CTW captained by P/Lt. WINCH returned from BROOME at 1430 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA. 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ.</p>		

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AUGUST GUILDFORD.	1944		
	14th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Sgt W.O.A.G. & 1 Cpl Clk pay arrived on posting.</p>	
	15th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUA captained by P/O. COX departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-LUB captained by P/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CIM captained by F/Lt. THOMPSON. departed for BROOME at 0730 hours. VH-CTU captained by W/O. RYAN returned from BROOME at 1455 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. McROBBIE returned from PARAFIELD at 1515 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Sgt. W.O.A.G. arrived on posting.</p>	POR 34/44
	16th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTT captained by P/O. HARVEY. departed for DERBY at 0645 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. departed for PARAFIELD at 0645 hours. VH-CIM captained by F/Lt. THOMPSON. returned from BROOME at 1345 hours. VH-CUB captained by P/O. VAN-PRAAG returned from BROOME at 1415 hours. VH-CVA captained by P/O. COX returned from PARAFIELD at 1715 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection carried out on VH-CTU.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 W/O. Nav "W", 2 P/Sgt's Nav "W" & 2 Sgt's Nav "W" departed on posting.</p>	POR 33/44
	17th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTY captained by P/O. COLLINS. departed for BROOME at 0635 hours. VH-CTU captained by P/O. HALE departed at 0645 hours for PARAFIELD VH-CTT captained by P/O. HARVEY. returned from DERBY at 1620 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC Inst. Mkr, 1 ACI Fitt IIA & 1 LAC Cook arrived on posting.</p>	POR 33/44
	18th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUA captained by W/O. KIRKBY. departed for BATCHELOR at 0615 hours. VH-CUB captained by P/O. KILGARRIFF. departed for PARAFIELD at 0625 hours. VH-CTW captained by F/Lt. LANGRIDGE. departed for BROOME at 0635 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. returned from PARAFIELD at 0930 hours. VH-CTY captained by P/O. COLLINS. returned from BROOME at 1625 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTT 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/O. Pilot, 1 P/O W.O.A.G. & 1 P/Sgt Pilot arrived on postings</p>	POR 33/44
	19th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTX captained by F/Lt. WINCH. departed for ESSENDON at 0645 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. SANDS. departed for BROOME at 0650 hours. VH-CUB captained by P/O. KILGARRIFF. returned from PARAFIELD at 1510 hours. VH-CTW captained by F/Lt. LANGRIDGE returned from BROOME at 1800 hours (Load included 16 Aliens under R.A.A.F. escort.) VH-CTU captained by P/O. HALE. returned from ESSENDON at 1815 hours.</p>	POR 31/44

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AUGUST.	1944		
GUILDFORD.	19th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTY. 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 LAC & ACI Guards arrived on posting.</p>	<i>POR 33/44</i>
	20th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTT captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD departed for PARAFIELD at 0630 hours. VH-CTY captained by W/O. RYAN. departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTX captained by F/Lt. WINCH returned from PARAFIELD at 1500 hours VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. SANDS returned from BROOME at 1620 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTW. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUB. 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTX. 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTZ.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Cpl Guard & 1 LAC arrived on posting.</p>	<i>POR 33/44</i>
	21st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CUB captained by F/O. VAN-PRAAG departed for BRISBANE at 0430 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/O. THOMPSON departed for BROOME at 0615 hours. VH-GUA captained by W/O. KIRKBY. returned from BACHELOR at 1250 hours. VH-CTY captained by W/O. RYAN returned from BROOME at 1625 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTZ Test flown by F/Lt LANGRIDGE for 0045 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 ACI Fitter IIA, 1 LAC Fitter IIA, 2 Sgt's W.O.A.G. arrived on posting & 1 Cpl & LAC Steward, 1 Cpl Guard, 1 LAC Pitt. IIE, & 1 Clerk General departed.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> S/Ldr. HOPKINSON departed for Brisbane on VHCUB to collect newly allotted aircraft (VH-CUT). The allotment of which was later cancelled. S/Ldr. WILSON assumed temporary command of the Squadron.</p>	<i>POR. 33/44</i>
	22nd	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt LANGRIDGE departed for PARAFIELD at 1630 hours. VH-CTV captained by F/Lt. BALL. departed for BROOME at 0635 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/O. THOMPSON. returned from BROOME at 1515 hours.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-GUA</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Sgt Nav"W", 1 Cpl Clerk. Pay & 1 LAC Guard departed on posting.</p>	<i>POR 33/44</i>
	23rd	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> VH-CTY captained by F/O. COLLINS departed for BRISBANE with working detachment at 0630 hours. VH-CTT captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD returned from ESSENDON at 1130 hours VH-CTV captained by S/Lt. BALL returned from BROOME at 1630 hours.</p>	

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
GUILDFORD.	1944		
	23rd	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/O. Pilot arrived on posting.	POR 33/44
	24th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUA captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. departed for BROOME at 0640 hours. VH-CTU captained by F/Lt. THOMPSON. departed for BRISBANE at 0645 hours on Detachment. VH-CTT captained by F/O. KILGARRIFF. departed for BRISBANE at 0650 hours on Detachment. VH-CTZ captained by F/Lt. LANGRIDGE. returned from PARAFIELD at 0925 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTV. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Sgt Cook & 1 ACI F/Mech. arrived on posting.	POR 32/44
	25th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTZ captained by W/O. RYAN departed for BRISBANE at 0620 hours on Detachment. VH-CUB captained by S/Ldr. HOPKINSON returned from BRISBANE at 1410 hours. VH-CUA captained by F/Lt. HARGRAVES. returned from BROOME at 1615 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 2 P/Sgt W.O.A.G., 1 F/Sgt Med. Ord., 1 ACI D.M.T. arrived on posting.	POR 33/44
	26th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTV captained by S/Ldr. WILSON departed for BRISBANE at 0600 hours. VH-CUA captained by S/Ldr. HARBER (C.O. 7 Comm. Unit) departed for BROOME at 0605 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUB. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/Sgt W.O.A.G., 1 Sgt. W.O.A.G., arrived on posting & 1 F/Sgt Fitter IIE, 1 LAC Fitt IIE, 1 Sgt. Med Ord. Departed.	POR 33/44
	27th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTW captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD. departed for BROOME at 0600 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTX. 40 hourly inspection completed at BRISBANE on VH-CTZ. 40 hourly inspection completed at BRISBANE on VH-CTY. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/Sgt W.O.A.G. & 7 Sgt's W.O.A.G.	POR 33/44
	28th	<u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CUA captained by S/Ldr. HARBER. (7 Comm Unit). returned from BROOME at 1350 hours. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 200 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUM.	POR 33/44

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AUGUST GUILDFORD.	1944 28th	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/O. Pilot, 1 P/O W.O.A.G., 1 F/Sgt Pilot arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS.</u> Flying Officer B.M. THOMPSON (DFM) No. 408060 promoted to the rank of Temporary Flight Lieutenant.</p>	<p>POR 33/44</p> <p>POR 33/44</p>
	29th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTX captained by P/O. COX departed for BRISBANE at 0630 hours. VH-CUB captained by F/Lt. SANDS departed for BROOME at 0640 hours VH-CTW captained by P/O. RUTHERFORD. returned from BROOME at 1545 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 Cpl Fitt. IIA, 1 LAC Pitt IIA, 1 ACI Cooks Asst. 2 LAC D.M.T. arrived on posting.</p>	<p>POR 33/44</p>
	30th	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> C47/A VH-CTW captained by F/Lt HARGRAVES. departed for BROOME at 1330 hours. VH-CUB captained by F/Lt. SANDS returned from BROOME at 1700 hours.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 1 F/Lt W.O.A.G., 1 Sgt D.I., 1 Cpl Fitt. IIE, 1 LAC Pitt IIA, 1 ACI Cooks Asst. arrived on posting & 2 W/O. Nav"W", 1 LAC Pitt IIE Departed.</p>	<p>POR 33/44</p>
	31st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS.</u> (Nil)</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> <u>BRISBANE DETACHMENT.</u> A detachment from this squadron has been formed at Brisbane with the object of performing special operational duties. The detachment at present consists of five aircraft namely VH-CTY-CTU-CTT-CTZ-& CTV. All minor inspections are being carried out by the detachment and the aircraft are returning to Guildford only for major overhauls.</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS.</u> Hours flown during the month totalled <i>1318 hours 25 minutes</i></p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 4 major inspections, 25 minor inspections & 1 single engine change were carried out by the Squadron. Serviceability for the month was 78%.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u> Strength of the Squadron as at the 31st August, 1944, was 263 which coincides with the Squadron Establishment.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT-STRENGTH.</u> The squadron's aircraft strength is at present thn Douglas C47/A's and one Tiger Moth, against an establishment of twelve C47A's and one Moth.</p>	
		<p><i>[Signature]</i> Squadron Leader. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron</p>	

No. 35 Squadron
August 1944COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

During the month the Squadron made the move from R.A.A.F. Station Pearce, and took up quarters at Guildford, the move was completed in one day without interfering with the Squadron's activities in any way.

The Squadron is now complete and compact. All maintenance sections are grouped under the one roof in a workshop hangar, and all other section within 100 yards

Personnel are accommodated at present in quarters which will eventually be occupied by R.A.A.F. Within approximately two weeks all of the squadron will be either under canvas or in prefabricated huts. The messing is good and the only failing is the lack of ablution facilities.

The discipline and morale of the squadron is maintaining a high standard. Leave and stand down is easier to arrange than it was at Pearce. The squadron has been divided into sections for night stand down, and the same system now operating at Pearce is being used for weekly stand down.

A detachment is at present operating at Archerfield at the request of D.A.T. and will be away for approximately another week.

During the month the squadron was paid a surprise visit by Group Captain Ross the D.T.M.

The squadron flying commitments for the month were heavier than the previous, hours flown to the 31st of the month were 1318-25 and serviceability 78.9%.

The squadron intends to ask for an amendment to A.F.C.O. A36/44 to include Transport Squadrons, as the duties of these squadron call for operations in all areas including New Guinea. As previously stated in these comments, a detachment of 35 Squadron is now operating from Archerfield to New Guinea and according to the A.F.C.O. A36/44 they are not intitled to any reduction in tax.

Summing up the Squadron's activities for the month have been very satisfactory



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Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
GUILDFORD.	Sept. 44.		
	1st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>VH-CTT commenced 240 hourly inspection. VH-CUA completed 240 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. J.H. PHILLIPS arrived on posting for general flying duties. 45814 W/O. MIEKLEJOHN E.G. NAV. "W" Departed to No. 2 A.O.S.</p>	
	2nd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u></p> <p>VH-CTZ 80 hourly and single engine change commenced. VH-CUB 40 hourly completed at Brisbane.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 119773 AC1 EDGAR.W.A. Wireless mechanic arrived from 1 S.T.T. The undermentioned General Hands arrived from 72 O.B. 84768 AC1 DOYLE F.A. 83936 AC1 JOHNSON M.G. 84769 AC1 WILLMOTT R.G.</p>	
	3rd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTU 240 hourly and single engine change commenced.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 46627 LAC WATSON R.H. Cooks Assistant arrived from 72 O.B.</p>	
	4th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 406888 W/O. SUMMERS K.W. arrived from G.R.S. for General Duties. 85138 AC1 HARVEY R.R. arrived for Driver Motor Transport Duties.</p>	
	5th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTW Commenced 240 hourly inspection.</p>	
	6th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTZ 80 hourly and single engine change completed. VH-CTV 180 hourly inspection completed at Brisbane.</p>	
	7th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTY 40 hourly inspection completed. VH-CTT 240 hourly inspection completed.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 83258 LAC. BEAVIS R.W. Departed on posting as Driver Motor Transport.</p>	
	8th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUB 80 hourly inspection commenced.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/Lt. B.G. HARGRAVES (273936) departed to No. 1 R.P.P. on Gen. Duties. 11291 Sgt TEMPLETON A. departed to No.1 P.D. as Medical Orderly.</p>	
	9th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTV Completed 40 hourly inspection. VH-CUB Completed 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 5968 F/8gt. MOSS F.A. (W.O.M) Departed to School of Administration to undergo Officer's Course. 82154 LAC WHEELER V.J. arrived for Guard duties.</p>	
10th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> NIL. <u>POSTINGS.</u> NIL.</p>		

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GUILDFORD.	Sept. 44.		
	11th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O. P.D. RITSON (406956) general duties departed on posting to No. 5 P.D. 406958 W/O. Pilot KNAPP H.C. AND W/O. Pilot CALLAHAN W. arrived from No. 7 Com. Unit for flying duties.</p>	
	12th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTW Completed 240 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 427188 LAC DAWSON R.E. Electrician departed on posting. 140681 LAC HAY C.D. Instrument Repairer departed to 1S.T.T.</p>	
	13th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTT 40 hourly inspection completed VH-CUA 80 hourly inspection completed.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 146218 LAC RITCHIE I.T. Departed to No 1 P.D. for guard duties.</p>	
	14th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTZ. 40 hourly inspection completed. VH-CUA Completed 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/Lt. C.F. GLADWIN-GROVE 291969 General Duties arrived. 16128 Cpl. CROSS A. Fitter 11E arrived from 17 R.S.U.</p>	
	15th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> NIL.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> F/Lt. A.R. GIRLE 414018 Gen. Duties posted to No. 3 P.D. for discharge.</p>	
	16th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> NIL. <u>POSTINGS.</u> NIL.</p>	
	17th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUB Completed 40 hourly inspection.</p>	
	18th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> NIL.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> P/O. R.A. HICKS 427325 arrived on posting for flying duties.</p>	
	19th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 7183 Sgt. LANIGAN R. Steward arrived Duties in the Officer's Mess. 83084 LAC STIRK E.J. F/Mechanic departed on posting. 83237 LAC CARTER R.L. F/Rigger departed on posting. 16180 LAC GAY R.F. Cook and LAC CAMPBELL A. Cook departed to No 5 P.D.</p>	
	20th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTX Completed 80 hourly inspection. VH-CUA 80 hourly inspection commenced.</p>	
	21st.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUA Completed 80 inspection. VH-CTW 40 hourly inspection completed. VH-CTT Completed 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 45842 LAC WHITE I.S. Fitter 11E arrived from No. 1 E.S. Melbourne. 117943 LAC REARDON L. arrived for guard duties.</p>	

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GUILDFORD.	Sept. 22nd.	<p>44. <u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTZ commenced 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 11509 Sgt BUCKLE P.R. Fitter 11E departed for course at Air Gunnery School.</p>		
	23rd.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTZ 80 hourly inspection completed.</p>		
	24th.	<p>NIL Maintenance and postings.</p>		
	25th.	<p>Aircraft Maintenance NIL. <u>POSTINGS.</u> 406805 W/O. HARVEY D.L. arrived Flying Duties. 4221 F/Sgt TAYLOR L. arrived from Geraldton for fitters duties.</p>		
	26th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTX 40 hourly inspection carried out. VH-CUA commenced 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 16877 Cpl. COLLETT L.M. Fitter 11E departed to No. 5 P.D. Two Flight Mechanics were posted to No. 2 P.D. 81860 LAC. FUNNEL A.K. 46394 LAC. COLLARD S.A.</p>		
	27th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUA 80 hourly inspection completed.</p>		
	28th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTU completed 40 hourly inspection. VH-CTT 40 hourly inspection completed.</p>		
	29th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTW completed 80 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATION.</u> Unit was visited by Air Commodore KNOX of the works and buildings on a tour of inspection.</p>		
	30th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE</u> NIL. <u>POSTINGS.</u> NIL.</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS</u> Hours flown for the month of September totalled 1207.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 6 Major inspections, 25 minor inspections and 2 engine changes were carried out by the Squadron.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u> Establishment HD/76F provides a total strength of 265 R.A.A.F. Personnel made up of 33 Officers and 230 other ranks. Strength of the Squadron. at date 42 Officers and 224 other ranks.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u> The Squadrons aircraft strength is at present ten Douglas C47A's and one Tiger Moth, against an establishment of twelve C47A's and one Tiger Moth.</p>		
			 Squadron Leader. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.	

NO. 35 (TRANSPORT) SQUADRON.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

No. 35 Squadron
September 1945

The Squadron activities this month have been of a more interesting nature. A detachment of five aircraft under the command of Squadron Leader Wilson was formed at Archerfield to assist in the movement of Allied General Headquarters from Brisbane to Hollandia. Ten crews made the trip and the list of flights carried out are detailed in Appendix "B".

For some of the members engaged new ground was traversed and the difficulties of New Guinea and Tropical flying conditions were experienced. Highlight of the trip was the mountain crossing in Dutch New Guinea, by aircraft carrying general freight.

Aircraft carrying personnel were routed via Moresby, and thence along the North East New Guinea coast, Mountains en-route Merauke, Dutch New Guinea to Hollandia tower to 18000 ft., on some flights the mountains were cloud covered and it was necessary to attain heights of 2100 ft.

After the initial flights it was apparent that the normal Oxygen bottles fitted to our Squadron aircraft were insufficient for the duration of the return flight, consequently on several occasions and at critical times the supply ran out. This matter was soon rectified and spare bottles were carried and attached prior to the commencement of each hop.

On one particular flight when the supply failed the fitter had been actuating the hand fuel pump for some time, and just slumbered off, when jokingly accosted by the Skipper as to why he had not carried orders, could not even remember having actuated the pump at all. An example of the vagaries of lack of Oxygen.

The detachment of Maintenance personnel at Archerfield carried out all major inspections under the guidance of Sgt. Buckle who is to be congratulated on his efforts to maintain maximum serviceability under adverse conditions. All major inspections were returned to Squadron Base and replaced by other aircraft. This necessitated extra liabilities being placed on the Maintenance personnel remaining at the Base, as 1207 hours were flown by the Squadron for the month of September.

On the return of the detachment to Base a letter was received from Col. Elesmore U.S.A. Director of Air Transport commending the sterling effort of and efficient manner in which the Squadron carried out its duties.

Particular mention was made regarding the excellent services of F/Lt. Girdle as Squadron Operations Officer.

The Squadron in general has greatly benefited by the experiences gained during this detachment and is thus better equipped to carry out its duties when the occasion arises for another mission of this type.

With the advent of 106 Fighter Control Units arrival Aircrew during the early part of the month have been engaged on the erection of Pre-fabricated Huts for our living quarters. Eight huts were erected for the officers and fourteen for the N.C.O.'s.

The change over was effected smoothly and to date the huts have proved adequate, the chief disadvantage being the absence of electric light, which up to date has not been installed.

Similarly the ground staff have moved into tents, these being erected by members of this unit assisted by personnel from No. 5 P.D.

Aircrew have also been engaged in establishing an effective fire break around the camp area, as the fire hazard around Guildford will be a big factor to contend with during the summer months.

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GUILDFORD. W.A.	Oct. 1944.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUM = returned from Kalgoorlie on completion of 240 hourly inspection and double engine change. Two airscrews on stand were damaged when knocked over by tractor.	
	1st.		
	2nd.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUA.	
	3rd.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CUA.	
		<u>APPOINTMENTS</u> Flying Officer L.M. VAN-PRAAG (G.M.) (60431) was appointed Air Sea Rescue Officer.	
	4th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection and single engine change commenced on VH-CTX. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTU.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> Pilot officer C.H. SIMMONS (406311) arrived on posting from 5 P.D. for general duties.	
	5th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU. 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTTT. 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTW.	
	6th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTW. 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTT.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 83594 LAC. BRIAN F.K. Clerk ceased attachment on posting to 4 T. & M.O. 427010 W/O. MORRISON A.B. Nav.W. arrived on posting from 4 M.R.U.	
	7th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection carried out on VH-CUA.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 83738 LAC. STUBBS S.M. ceased attachment on posting from 14 Squadron.	
	8th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CUM.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/Lt. H.R. TWIGG (412470) General Duties arrived on posting from No. 7 Cox. Unit.	
	9th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> Starboard Elevator on VH-CUB was damaged by tractor on tarmac, Disciplinary action was taken against airman responsible.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 415004 F/Sgt. BENNEWITH G.R. (W.O.A.G.) arrived from No. 5 P.D. 415008 W/O. EDWARDS E. (W.O.A.G.) arrived on posting from Pearce.	

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GUILDFORD	Oct 44	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-OTU. Installation of an Air Compressor unit was completed by civilian contractor. This provides air throughout the hangar from convenient points to all sections.</p>	
	10th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 84209 ACI. WOODLAND G.B. Flight Mechanic arrived on posting from No. 1 E.S. 415868 W/O. GRONOW E.S. and W/O. 415751 ARMSTRONG J.W. both W.O.A.G.'s arrived on posting from No. 5 P.D. for flying duties with this Squadron.</p>	
	11th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CIT. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-OTU.</p>	
	12th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CWV. 40 hourly inspection completed on VH-CIT.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 415234 W/O. BROOKS A.K. W.O.A.G. arrived on posting from No. 5 P.D. 415083 W/O. HETHERINGTON J. Airman Pilot arrived on posting from 5 P.D. 81615 ACI. BELL S.G. departed on posting to No. 5 I.T.S. for cooking duties.</p>	
		<p><u>APPOINTMENTS.</u> P/O. A. FLETCHER(5970) appointed Squadron Radar officer.</p>	
	13th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection carried out on VH-OUB.</p>	
	14th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection carried out on VH-CIT. 80 hourly inspection carried out on VH-OUB.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 83178 LAC. HUMPHREY A.D. Flight Mechanic arrived on posting from No. 1 E.S.</p>	
		<p>Whilst taxiing in strong wind conditions Tiger Moth A17-655 ground looped, causing damage to lower starboard mainplane. Damage was repaired on unit.</p>	
	15th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 29225 Cpl. CONNOR P.B. DEPARTED ON POSTING TO NO. 7 O.T.U.</p>	
	16th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> Tiger Moth A17-655 commenced 120 hourly inspection.</p> <p><u>TRANSPORT CONTROL.</u> R.A.A.F. H.Q. took over control of Air Transport from D.A.F. and introduced new schedule trips on a much reduced scale from those formerly flown.</p>	
		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> The following personnel arrived from various units to take up duties as shown:- 46727 ACI. RYAN P.J. Fitter 11E. 81842 ACI. BUE D.R. Fitter 11E. 84319 ACI. WARD R.H. Flight Mechanic. 84316 ACI. TUCKER E.J. " " 85089 ACI. WEST S.R. GUARD. 84498 LAC. FRASER W.E. Copper Smith.</p>	
	17th.	<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 84769 ACI. WILMOTT R.G. departed on posting to No. 2 F.B.R.D. The undermentioned airmen arrived and allotted duties in the Squadron in accordance with their musters. 50035 Cpl. LYNCH G.J. W/H Mech. 7012 Sgt. CHAPPELL A.R. Fitter 11E. 4220 P/Sgt. SUTHERLAND J. Fitter 11E. 38151 LAC. EAST N.J. Fitter 11E. 29641 LAC. HILL D. Motor Cyclist.</p>	

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GUILDFORD. W.A.	Oct. 44.		
	17th.	<p><u>INSTRUCTIONS.</u> A signal was received from R.A.A.F. H.Q. Air Transport to despatch three aircraft as a detachment to Higgins Field for a special ferry job to AITAPE.</p>	
	18th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE,</u> 240 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTT. 240 hourly completed on VH-CUA.</p> <p>Preparations were made for the despatch of VH-CUA, VH-CUB, and VH-CUM with six complete crews and sufficient maintenance personnel to carry out all inspections other than 240 hourly.</p> <p>Late in the afternoon there was some doubt as to whether the detachment could leave the following day owing to a D.G.M.S. instruction that all crews proceeding out of Australia in the New Guinea area would require re-vaccination.</p> <p>As there was insufficient time to vaccinate all members a quantity of serum was despatched by VH-CUM for the vaccination to be carried out at Higgins Field.</p> <p>Squadron Leader HOPKINSON and Squadron Leader WILSON attended an Aerodrome Control Conference with Mr. COLLINS of the Department of Civil Aviation. It was decided that 35 Squadron should supply two duty pilots for two weeks and 85 Squadron two duty pilots for one week. The conference cleared up many doubts on aerodrome control and several improvements suggested.</p>	
	19th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 40 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTZ.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> 82079 AC1. COY E.T. Fitter 11E arrived on posting.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS OFFICERS.</u> It was noted in the C. of A. Gazette that S/Ldr. K.A. HOPKINSON was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander W.E.F. 1/7/44.</p> <p>The detachment with Wing Commander K.A. HOPKINSON in command departed for Higgins Field.</p> <p>Squadron Leader J.B. WILSON took over temporary command of No. 35 (Transport) Squadron during W/C. HOPKINSON'S absence.</p>	
	20th.	<p><u>PROMOTIONS OFFICERS.</u> The following officers of this Squadron were promoted in the C. of A. Gazette Serial No. 195 dated 28th Sept 1944 and P.O.R. action was taken accordingly. PROMOTED to the rank of FLYING OFFICER W.E.F. 1st. July 1944 were:- P/O's. E.O. HARVEY, I. RUTHERFORD, C.I. COX, and S.J.C. READING.</p> <p>To the rank of Flying Officer W.E.F. 1st August 1944 P/O's. R.L. CUTTEN and A. FLETCHER. P/O. D.D. CAMERON W.E.F. 13th. August 1944 and P/O. B.PACIUS W.E.F. 24th July 1944</p> <p>All the above officers were of General Duties Branch.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS AIRMEN.</u> F/Sgt's A/Pilots 410727 PIELLY and JENNINGS were promoted to T/Warrant Officers W.E.F. 11/9/44</p> <p>429631 Sgt. McLEOD E.M. and SGT. SMITH W.Q. received the rank of T/F/Sgts. W.E.F. 16/9/44/</p>	

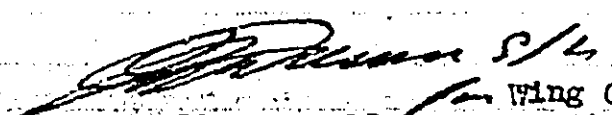
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GUILDFORD, W.A.	Oct 44.		
	20th.	<u>VISITS.</u> P/Lt. REDMAN and P/Lt. HALLETT from Headquarters Western Area visited the Squadron with reference to airmens practices.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> S4800 Cpl. DENNISON B.E. Radar Mechanic arrived on posting from 4 A.D.	
	21st.	<u>POSTINGS.</u> Flying Officer A. FLETCHER (5970) W.O.A.G. departed on posting.	
	22nd.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection and engine change completed on VH-CTV.	
	23rd.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 80 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTV. 40 hourly inspection completed on A17-655 Tiger Moth. Starboard wing tip and aileron of VH-CTZ was damaged by an Army truck. Replacements and personnel to effect repairs were despatched from Guildford. VH-CUA received damage to port wing at Higgins Field while pilot was taxiing in bad visibility and dust prior to nightfall, a replacement was obtained from No 36 Squadron of Townsville.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> 71626 LAC. DRANSFIELD L.R. arrived on posting for duties as Wireless Maintenance Mechanic.	
		<u>WELFARE DANCE.</u> A dance organized by the combined Welfare Committees of 35 Squadron 77 C.B.U. and 106 Fighter Sector was held in the Airmens Mess and proved very successful evening a good time being had by all.	
		<u>FERRY CREW.</u> A ferry crew arrived to take delivery of VH-CTX WHICH HAD BEEN RE-ALLOTTED to No. 34 Squadron.	
		<u>SERVICE TRAINING COURSE.</u> A service training course was commenced at 770.C.U. and was attended by 26 Officers and N.C.O.'s.	
	24th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 180 hourly inspection commenced on VH-CTU.	
		<u>POSTINGS.</u> Nil.	
	25th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CTX issued to No. 34 Squadron Parafield. 80 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV. 180 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTU.	
	26th.	R.A.A.F. H.Q. required return for all passengers carried and weight of all freight and passengers for period January-July inclusive, return was completed and forwarded.	
		The Area Navigation Officer P/Lt. MCINTOSH visited the Squadron and was shown the C47A Equipment and standard of navigation carried out. He reported all satisfactory.	
	27th.	<u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTV.	
		<u>APPOINTMENTS.</u> Pilot Officer C.H. SIMONS (405311) was appointed Squadron Radar Officer on cessation of P/O FLETCHER who was posted.	

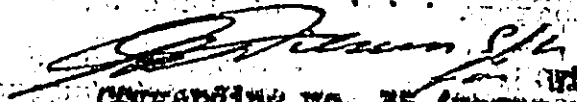
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GUILDFORD. W.A.	Oct. 44.		
	27th.	<p><u>GENERAL.</u> Final connection of water main was made to Hangar, obviating necessary water carting for personnel.</p> <p>Wing Commander K.A. HOPKINSON and F/Lt. ELLIS returned from detachment at Higgins Field leaving the command of the detachment to F/Lt. LANGRIDGE.</p>	
	28th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly commenced on VH-CTW. 240 hourly commenced on VH-CTZ.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> Squadron Leader I.G. HARBER = has been posted to command the Squadron as from 20/11/44. Concrete Paving slabs were laid out in paths in Hangar area to try and minimise the dust nuisance. This is not entirely successful and further paving will have to be carried out.</p>	
	29th.	<p><u>AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.</u> 200 hourly inspection completed on VH-CTW.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> Signal received posting W/C. K.A. HOPKINSON to command No. 36 Squadron. Complete Inventory check commenced on all Maintenance -A.I.U.</p>	
	30th.	<p><u>GENERAL.</u> Wing Commander CONDELL Western Area S.O.P. visited the Squadron.</p> <p>Wing Commander RUSHBROOK rang the Squadron to compliment personnel responsible for extraction of data in connection with statistics of passengers and freight carried for six months January - June, 1944.</p>	
	31st.	<p><u>GENERAL.</u> Air Officer Commanding visited the Squadron, carried out inspection and found everything in general satisfactory.</p> <p>Total flying hours for the month were 1133-20.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 5 Major inspections and 15 Minor inspections, three engine changes were carried out. Serviceability 68.2%.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u> Establishment HD/76F for a total strength of 265 made up of 35 Officers and 230 other ranks.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> of the Squadron at date 41 Officers and 231 other ranks.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u> The Squadrons aircraft strength is at present 8 Douglas C47A's and 1 Tiger Moth, against an establishment of 12 C47A's and 1 Tiger Moth. During the month 2 C47A'S were re-allotted to No. 34 Squadron.</p>	
		 Wing Commander. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.	

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
GUILDFORD, V.A.	Oct. 24.	<u>GENERAL.</u> <p>A fully equipped mobile w/r tender has been added to the Squadron, six trips were made giving 24 operations. Experience was gained in D/F and general traffic, also in the tuning of the set. Equipment used is the same as in the Squadron's C-7A's. Puerto, Hucolton, Albany and Gwalton were used for obtaining bearings.</p> <p>A store has now been made to make the crew room a place of more interest so Aircrew, it consists of a cunning Dac Hut and is consequently a very tough structure, but about one third has not been lined and general attention maps of the Pacific Area and Indian Ocean was access put up along with other posters of interest.</p> <p>More practice sets have been made available and all operators are carrying out daily practice.</p>	
		 Wing Commander Commanding No. 35 (transport) Squadron.	

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APPENDIX TO UNIT HISTORY SHEET.

Operations for the month were satisfactory, considering the much difficulty was experienced in obtaining new brake drums, this resulted in four aircraft being A.O.G., but with a serviceability of 64% the Squadron flew 1133 hours 20 minutes, a good performance.

Flying Officer L.M. VAN-PRAAG was allowed to go to Sydney to be invested with the George Medal, awarded to him for rescuing two of his companions after they were shot down by Japs in the Indian Ocean.

Surplus aircrew are still being posted to the Squadron and it is becoming more top heavy, it has been suggested that some be posted to No. 7 Com. Unit, as they are short of pilots, it seems that every pilot who has finished an operational tour wants to fly in a transport Squadron, some with a view of staying in aviation after the war.

With regard to the detachment which went to Higgins Field, the aircraft made good time in arriving, and immediately carried out operations. The job was to move No. 7 Squadron from Higgins Field to Ladge, the lifts were made in one hop, a distance of approximately 557 miles. Everything imaginable was carried, including Command cars, these were dismantled the wheels and axels were taken off, engine taken out, body detached and chassis cut in half with an oxy torch. The lot made one load for a C17A, and it was a wise move on the part of 7 Squadron as transport at Ladge is at a premium.


Further details in regard to the activities of the detachment are not to hand, but will be included in the next months report.

During the month control of R.A.A.F. transport Squadrons was changed from American Air Transport Command to R.A.A.F. Directorate of Transport and Movements, and as a result of the new control, schedule runs were cut down to six a week, three going north and three east, which will average 460 hours flying per month, if special detachments are maintained, such as the one at Higgins Field these hours will be considerably increased.

On the 31st October, 1944 the A.O.C. Air Commodore BROWNELL inspected the unit, and was very pleased with the set up. A few things remain to make everything comfortable, such as a decent telephone system, electric light in the prefabricated huts and tents occupied by the Squadron. They have been promised, but so far nothing has eventuated. It has also been found necessary to pave and seal the whole area around the hangar, as the dust and sand is causing damage to equipment.

With regard to messing it is just average, aircrew going on a trip were given sandwiches of stale bread and meat, it is not hard to imagine what they are like when the aircraft reaches such places as Corunna Downs and Noonkanbah, where the temperatures reach 120 degrees in summer, to off set this, aircrew pay a weekly subscription of 2/- each to provide decent meals for themselves, this money buys such things as eggs and poultry.

Despite a few discomforts, morale and discipline is maintaining a very high standard, the entertainments have been improved slightly by an occasional visit of the Mobile Picture show, and our old friend Tommy Thompson of the Y.M.C.A.


Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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of (Unit of Formation) NO. 35 (TRANSPORT) SQUADRON.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DUNREATH VIA GUILDFORD. W.A.	Nov. 1 st .	Three Aircraft are still at Townsville Detachment.	
	2 nd .	Squadron Tiger Moth A17-655 W/O. GEAR ⁴¹⁵⁵⁷⁷ and W/O. RIELLY ⁴¹⁰¹²⁷ crashed at Scarborough and burnt out. Both pilots were killed. Their loss is deeply felt as they were popular members of the Squadron and the Service has lost two valuable pilots.	POR. 43/44. 14/1/33
	3 rd .	F/O. READING ^{S.J.C. (415444)} on VH-CTT took over five German P.O.W. (Four Officers and one rating) for interrogation at Brisbane. On the return trip he brought back 3 members of the 2nd 4th. Machine Gun Battalion who had been taken prisoner in Singapore. Whilst being transported from Malaya to Japan a United States submarine torpedoed the vessel and these men were the survivors.	
	4 th .	A65-24 VH-CTW allotted to 34 Squadron departed with ferry crew at 0530 hours. The funeral of W/O. GEAR ⁴¹⁵⁵⁷⁷ took place this day at Karakatta Cemetery. Fellow W/O's of this Squadron acted as Pall Bearers and there were approximately 60 other members present at the ceremony. Wreaths were sent by the Squadron and Officers and Sgts. Mess.	
	5 th .	<u>MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly completed on VH-CTZ. <u>MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly and starboard engine change commenced on VH-CTU.	
	6 th .	The funeral of W/O. RIELLY ⁴¹⁰¹²⁷ took place today, arrangements had been delayed in order that members of his family from the Eastern states could be present. The Ceremony was attended by approximately 80 members of the Squadron. The second Service Training Course commenced this day, 26 members of the Squadron attending.	
	7 th .	VH-CUM returned from detachment at Townsville.	
	8 th .	A party of 14 Aircrew visited H.M.S. SUFFOLK and submarines at Fremantle.	
	9 th .	It is generally known that W/Cdr. HOPKINSON ^{K.A. (260121)} has been posted to command No. 36 Squadron and S/Ldr. HARBER ⁴¹⁰¹²⁷ is posted to this unit to assume command on the 20th.	
	10 th .	Today a party of sailors from H.M.S. SUFFOLK were shown over the station and taken for a 45 minutes flight.	
	11 th .	News was received today of one of the Townsville Detachment aircraft on the trip from Hollandia direct to Higgins VH-CUA, F/O. R. Drake-Brockman ⁴¹⁰¹²⁷ the starboard motor suddenly lost oil pressure and the oil temperatures soared off the clock. The air screw was immediately feathered and the motor switched. The flight, fortunately was being made at 10000 ft. and it was decided to alter course for Merauke a distance of 130 miles. Merauke tower was notified to clear the field for an emergency landing, towering curulus up to 15000 ft. was dodged and when nearing Merauke aircraft was brought below the cloud base to 4000 ft.	

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DUNREATH via GUILDFORD. W.A.	NOV, '44.	11th. (Contd.) Eye-witnesses stories state (pilot's versions being unreliable) that a perfect landing was made. On inspection it was found that an oil filter had been clogged by metal particles from the main bearing. The new engine had to be installed and this work is being carried out by the R.S.U.	
	13th.	S/Ldr. ^{L.6} ⁽²³⁰³⁷⁾ Harber arrived to prepare for the hand over take over of the Squadron on the 20th.	POR 45/44-29/11/44.
	14th.	Full group photographs were taken of the Squadron and is attached for records. Two Groups are identical except for a change over of Commanding Officers. <u>MAINTENANCE.</u> 240 hourly and starboard engine change completed on VII-CTU.	
	16th.	VH-CTU blew a landing tyre at Derby.	
	17th.	Spare wheel despatched on VH-CTZ with Fitter to effect repairs on CTU. The efficiency of the maintenance section was frowned upon by the crew of CTU who were enjoying, and had plans for further fishing and shooting parties. <u>MAINTENANCE.</u> VH-CUA at Merauke was made serviceable and continued on to Townsville and thence to Unit. VH-CUB returned from Townsville after the Detachment duties having been completed.	
CO X	20th.	Wing Commander Kieth Kopkinson ⁽²⁶⁰⁴²¹⁾ relinquished command of the Squadron and was suitably fare-welled this night. Squadron Leader Len Harber ⁽²³⁰³⁷⁾ assumed command of the Squadron. In the early days he did an operational tour with 13 Sqd. on Hudsons based at Hughes. He completed 2 years as a service flying instructor and for a time a member of 34 Sqd. He comes back to us after relinquishing the command of 7 Communication Unit as he was a member of this Squadron as a flight commander previously. The commanding officer is no new comer to transport work and is pleased to be back on Douglas aircraft after flying the lighter aircraft of Communication Unit. The latter duties took him to many emergency and small fields in the country areas in conjunction with the V.A.O.C. activities. Whilst enjoying the numerous afternoon teas etc. he felt that he was rapidly qualifying for the position of a country parson, which recalls to him the one exception, when on arrival at Narragin there was no water and he had to drink beer. "He hasn't drank water since."	
	21st.	Wing Commander ^{RA} ⁽²⁶⁰⁴²¹⁾ Hopkinson departed on CTY this morning to take over his new appointment.	POR 45/44-29/11/44.
	22nd.	A signal from RAAF. Headquarters for 3 aircraft to proceed to Darwin on detachment to do two trips each to Noerfoor, aircraft to be at Darwin on evening of 25th.	
	23rd.	F/Lt. ^{AS} ⁽⁴⁰⁶⁵⁸¹⁾ Bayly was posted to the Unit and has just returned from a tour of duty during which he completed 450 hours on Baltimores in England and Middle East. Tour consisted of G.R. and low level reconnaissance in the Aegean area. All preparations to despatch detachment of aircraft crews and maintenance personnel were completed.	POR 45/44-29/11/44.
	/622	W/O. Hunter, ^{RA} Station W.O.D. after making enquiries from the men approached the Commanding Officer to obtain permission to make a voluntary contribution to the Orphans' Xmas Fund. permission was granted and at pay parade the sum of £16 was collected, this sum was forwarded by cheque to the "Daily News" Office who are handling the appeal.	

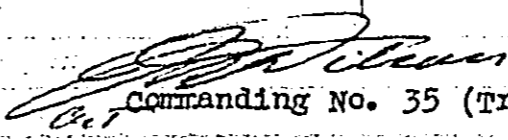
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DUNREATH via GUILDFORD..W.A.	NOV. '44.		
	24th.	VH-CPT, CUA, and CUB departed at 0500 hours for Darwin detachment. The Officers' Mess of No.77 O.B.U. on which we are based was officially opened this evening by the Air Officer Commanding (Air Commodore Brownell). Despite the limited facilities the messing staff did a wonderful job upon which the A.O.C. commented and even though the quarters were cramped and the night oppressive a good time was held by all.	
	25th.	F/O. B.A. Hale ⁽⁴⁰⁰⁹⁵⁾ and F/O. L.M. Van-Praag ⁽⁶⁰⁴³¹⁾ were posted to their home states, 37 and 38 Sqds. respectively to take up further transport duties. Prior to coming to this Unit F/O. B.A. Hale was a member of 13 Sgd. whose operational tour terminated when he received a severe leg injury due to enemy action. F/O. Van-Praag recently went to Sydney to receive his award of the George Medal gained by him for assistance given to his crew when their DC.2 was shot down into the water by Zeros. He was an experienced Senior Douglas Captain.	POR-45/44 29/11/44.
	27th.	F/Lt's ^{P.A. (40021)} Winch ⁽⁴¹⁵¹⁵⁶⁾ , Langridge ⁽⁴⁰⁰²¹¹⁾ and Ball together with F/O Cox ^{C.J. (415403)} received postings to do Captains Courses on Liberators. They are to report at 1 P.D. on the 18th. of December. F/Lt. Jim Langridge ⁽⁴¹⁵¹⁵⁶⁾ was the oldest flying member of 35 Sgd. having completed 1001 hrs. with the Sgd. After such a long association with transport work it is pleasing to him to receive a long awaited posting to Liberators. F/Lts. Don Winch ⁽⁴⁰⁰²¹⁾ , Frank Ball ⁽⁴⁰⁰²¹¹⁾ and F/O Charlie Cox ⁽⁴¹⁵⁴⁰³⁾ were all experienced Captains of long association with transport duties all over Australia and New Guinea. Being no strangers to the Islands they will be pleased to be back with a ship with a sting in it instead of the old "biscuit bomber".	
	28th.	As the month closes steps are being taken to clear the Sgd. of some surplus air crew members.	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMARY OF DETACHMENT AT TOWNSVILLE.</u></p> <p>To follow the flight of one of these aircraft, will serve to give an idea of the general routine carried out by the crews on operations of this type. VH-CUM departed Townsville at 1000 hours on the 1st. with a freight load of 5100 lbs., and arrived at Iron Range at 1520 hours. The crew proceeded to the O.B. for lunch and at 1415 hours aircraft was airborne for Merauke. Here the flight terminated for the day as the hop over the ranges to Hollandia with a full load is rarely successfully carried out after mid-day.</p> <p>At 0600 hours on the 2nd. aircraft was airborne and climbed northwards through the overcast to 15000 ft. The ranges on this occasion were only partially obscured. To the port the snow capped peak of the highest range could be seen towering up to the vicinity of 18000 ft, once over the "Hump" a gradual descent was made to Hollandia and aircraft touched down at 0840 hours.</p> <p>Within 45 minutes the aircraft was airborne again and headed West along the North New Guinea coast over Wakde and Biak Islands into Kamiri strip at Noemfoor.</p>	

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DUNREATH via GUILDFORD. W.A.	Nov. 44.	<p align="center"><u>SUMMARY OF DETACHMENT AT TOWNSVILLE. (Contd.)</u></p> <p>The Hollandia - Noemfoor flights covered new territory for the crews engaged. Items of particular interest being the concentration of Allied Sea and Air Power in Hollandia, Wakde and Biak areas.</p> <p>At Noemfoor lack of co-operation between T.M.O. and R.S.U. units caused a delay of over two hours and eventually aircraft was despatched for Tadji with three passengers only instead of the anticipated loading of three engines.</p> <p>Aircraft arrived at Tadji at 1740 hours and remained over night.</p> <p>Due to inadequate refuelling facilities and abnormal traffic in Northern areas delays are constantly occurring :- Particularly at Tadji and Higgins Field.</p> <p>At 2000 hours T.M.O. Tadji, assured crews that they would attend to the servicing of the machines, but on arrival at the strip the following morning at 0530 hours three transport aircraft had not been refuelled and departures were consequently delayed. T.M. departed at 0635 and three hours 15 minutes later arrived at Higgins. Here 18 personnel were unloaded and the final hop for Townsville was commenced at 1135 hours.</p> <p>Immediately on landing freight was offloaded, maintenance crews carried out the necessary inspections and corrected minor faults, northbound freight was unloaded and at daylight the following morning the aircraft with a new crew commenced the return flight to Noemfoor.</p> <p><u>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR THE MONTH</u> were:- 1029 hours.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u> Establishment HD/76F for a total strength of 257 made up of 33 Officers and 224 other ranks.</p> <p>Strength of the Squadron at date 44 Officers and 230 other ranks.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 5 Major inspections and 12 Minor inspections, 6 Engine changes were carried out. Serviceability. 80.1%.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u> THE Squadron's Establishment is at present 8 Douglas C47A. aircraft, against an establishment of 12 Douglas C47A and 1 Tiger Moth.</p> <p align="right">  Squadron Leader. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron. </p>	

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 November 1943

COMMANDING OFFICERS REPORT.

1. The month of November was a good month for the Squadron marked only by an accident to our Tiger Moth A17-655 early in the month in which two of our pilots were killed 415577 W/O. GRAY G. and 410727 W/O. RIKILLY H.G.
 2. Maintenance was good, over 80% for the month for over 1000 hours flown.
 3. There was a change over in command of the 18th. of the month when W/Odr. K.A. HOPKINSON (260421) handed over to the writer, Squadron Leader L.G. HARBUR (290533). The writer is pleased to be back in a Transport Squadron having previously spent 12 months in Transport flying six and a half of which were as flight commander of this Squadron.
 4. The Squadron has now settled down in its new home (77 O.B.U) and morale is high. Unfortunately the men are still in tents but it is hoped that in the near future huts may be made available.
 5. Aircrew and ground staff alike are much happier and more interested now that the Squadron is operating detachments in operational areas. They don't feel so far removed from the war and the happy looks on their faces, when the men know they have been picked for detachment, tell their own story.
- Discipline has been good, only a few charges were heard by subordinate commanders, and only two by the Commanding Officer. Considering the lack of amusements on the O.B.U. and the absence of a surrounding fence and consequent lack of gates of entry, this speaks well for discipline as a whole.
7. In regard to welfare nothing has been done for the unit separately, but combined dances have been held at the O.B.U. for all units located thereon. Two have been held this month. The writer is pleased to report that a donation of £16 was presented by this Squadron to the Daily News Orphans' Christmas Fund.
 8. In conclusion the new Commanding Officer views the month as very satisfactory and hopes that the morale, discipline and high operational efficiency that were evident will continue.

L. G. Harbur
 Squadron Leader.
 Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

REPORT ON DARWIN DETACHMENT.

From 24th. November to 1st. December.

This detachment was under the command of Squadron Leader J.B. WILSON (251568) and F/Lt. C. GLADWIN-GROVE (291969) acting as Operations Officer. The operation order attached hereto gives a full list of crews and maintenance personnel of the detachment.

On arrival at Darwin the detachment was ordered to Coomalie strip and operations in conjunction with 34 Squadron were carried out from that field. The operation entailed the transportation of No. 31 Squadron to Nocomoor and the move commenced at first light on Sunday 26th. November.

The route was via Gove to Merakethence along the South West coast of New Guinea up through Galvinka Bay to Nocomoor. Weather at times was extremely poor requiring good Captaincy and accurate navigation. Return route with lightly loaded aircraft was made direct to Coomalie, a distance of approximately 950 miles, care being taken to skirt to the Eastward of Arce Islands.

On the 28th. November VH-GUA Captained by F/Lt. P. BALL (406911) whilst proceeding from Coomalie to Merakethence excessive vibration set up in the port engine, motor was throttled back and the vibration was considerably reduced, temps and pressures remained normal so the engine was not stopped nor feathering action taken. A safe landing was made and on inspection it was found that all the studs holding No.1 cylinder had broken during the flight and both oil lines to Rocker Assembly broken. Aircraft was handed to R.S.U Merakethence.

It was found that considerable delays were experienced in procuring immediate transport for use of crews and maintenance personnel, clothing difficulties were also experienced in as much as long trousers and long sleeved shirts are compulsory dress in Northern and Island areas. Normal Squadron issue was found to be inadequate.

The operation was completed on the 30th. November and aircraft with the exception of GUA returned to base, a crew being left with GUA at Merakethence with orders to proceed to unit immediately aircraft became serviceable. Despite the unfortunate serviceability of GUA the detachment carried out a sterling effort in flying 185 hours 15 minutes during the 7 days that they were away from their base.

Squadron Leader.
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DUNREATH via GUILDFORD..W.A.	DEC. 1944. 1st.	Tiger Moth AL7-136 arrived from CUNBERDIN to replace Squadron Moth crashed at Scarborough on November 2nd. Darwin Detachment returned to base with the exception of VH-CUA which is undergoing an engine change at MERAUKE. Signal QN.485 received giving authority for GUILDFORD to DARWIN schedule to be operated in 3 days instead of the normal 4 day trip.	APP. "D" B. File
	3rd.	Information to hand regarding a semi permanent detachment of two aircraft, crews and maintenance personnel to operate from PARAFIELD at a later date this month. This detachment will be used as a utility unit to fulfil any special duties and detachments which may arise and to operate in conjunction with 34 Squadron on the DARWIN run.	
	4th.	9th. General Service Training course commenced.	
	7th.	A signal from R.A.A.F. Headquarters received requesting 3 aircraft to assist 34 and 36 Squadrons in the movement of 452 Squadron from DARWIN to MORATAI. Aircraft to be in DARWIN by the evening of December 8th. All preparations completed this evening to despatch VH-CTY, CUB with crews and maintenance personnel. Signal sent to F/O. J. McROBBIE (406860) in charge of CUA at MERAUKE undergoing engine change to proceed immediately serviceable to join detachment at DARWIN. Detachment to be in charge of F/O. R. YATES (406606).	
	8th.	VH-CTY and CUB departed for DARWIN detachment at 0500 hours. For aircrews and maintenance personnel see Operation Order. R.A.F. Lancaster arrived on special navigational training mission and parked in our tarmac area. Wing Commander Purvis arrived in 34 Squadron's DC.2 on a general tour of inspection with regard to air transport policy and training. He was met by numerous Squadron pilots who had been associated with him during his command of 36 Squadron at TOWNSVILLE.	APP. E. B. File
	9th.	The visiting Lancaster captain, Wing Commander MCKINLEY, R.A.F., and crew members gave lectures on the navigational and Radar installations carried in their machine. These lectures proved of intense interest and value to the Squadron navigators and operators attending as most of the equipment explained is not at present in general use in AUSTRALIA.	
	11th.	Final General Service Training course was completed today. Squadron personnel attendance on this course was somewhat depleted due to detachments and postings. Squadron results for the courses were very satisfactory.	
	13th.	F/O. R. EWING (406211) arrived at this Squadron for flying duties whilst awaiting posting to do a course at Central Gunnery School. News was received today from the DARWIN Detachment indicates that this operation is the first in which R.A.A.F. Transport aircraft have landed at MORATAI. During one flight F/O. B.J.C. READING (415444) whilst doing a circuit of the MORATAI strip observed a Beaufighter strafing enemy positions in close proximity to the field. A detailed report of operations is not yet to hand.	PR. 47/44

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GUILDFORD, W.A.

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Summary of Events

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- 13th. Signal QN.551 received to despatch aircraft on the 14th. to MELBOURNE - aircraft to be (Contd.) available for loading in MELBOURNE on the 15th, then to depart with special army equipment to MAREEBRA on the 16th. Aircraft to return to RUSSELLTON for anticipated back loading of stretcher cases for PERTH. VH-CUM grounded at CARNARVON with U/S brakes. Following officers presented to Flight Lieutenants. P/O. R. YATES (406606), P/O. W.M. HUIR (406727) P/O. A.L. RIPPER (406189), P/O. J.M. McROBBIE (406860) P/O. E.A. WHITCOMBE (406746) P/O. R.G. COLLINS (406547). 406974 W/O. DOWRIE J.W. was granted a commission in the General Duties Branch. 29909
At approximately 2015 hours this day a motor cycle ridden by L.A.C. SINCLAIR R.D. and 29678 L.A.C. HUNTER C. collided with a 4 T.M.O. truck. The two cyclists were taken to hospital, Sinclair being severely injured.
- 14th. P/Lt. F.J. BALL (406911) P/Lt. J.W. LANGRISH (415156) P/Lt. D.A. WINCH (406226) and P/O. C.I. OUN (415405) departed East to commence their captains conversion on Liberators. See Form A.50, Page 45 for the month of November, 1944. VH-CIT departed for LEARNMOUTH with complete new wheel assembly for CUM grounded at CARNARVON. VH-OTU departed for MELBOURNE for duties as mentioned in Signal QN.551 dated 13th. December. Today was remarkable in as much as it was the first on record when all Squadron aircraft were away from base.
- 15th. VH-CTZ, S/Ldr. L.G. HARBUR (290533) grounded at TRUSCOTT with unserviceable landing tyre. VH-CUM and CIT proceeding from North were delayed several hours at GERALDTON due to adverse weather conditions.
- 16th. Today photographs were taken of Squadron buildings, the services of 85 Sqd. photographer being obtained.
- 18th. Twelve months ago today the Squadron commenced operation solely as a Douglas transport Squadron with an establishment of ten C47A aircraft. The Squadron was originally commanded by Squadron Leader P.C. BURDEN (A.452), then by Wing Commander K.A. HOPKINSON (260421) until its present commanding officer, Squadron Leader L.G. HARBUR (290533) assumed command on the 20th. November, 1944. The lighter aircraft with which the Squadron previously operated were re-allotted to No.7 Cam. Flight. During the year the necessity for the Squadron has been justified by the work carried out both on schedule trips in this state and to the East. Also the numerous detachments in which it has played a prominent part. Total hours flown for the twelve months was 13012 representing approximately 2,100,000 miles. Total freight carried amounts to 4640 tons including 18000 personnel. These figures reflect credit on the air crews, ground personnel and Squadron administration in general in as much as they have been flown without accident.
- 19th. MAINTENANCE: VH-CTZ port engine change and 120 hourly inspections commenced. Last night a combined welfare dinner and dance was held at 77 O.B.U. In view of the fact that during Christmas week many personnel are absent on leave the evening took the form of an airman's Xmas dinner. Over 400 hundred members were present and officers and N.C.O.'s waited on the tables. The dance held afterwards was a great success.
- 20th. MAINTENANCE: VH-CTV 360 hourly inspection commenced.

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DUNREATH via GUILDFORD. W.A.	DEC. 1944. 20th. (Cont.)	In order to relieve Officers of the V.A.O.C. over the holiday period F/O. F. FLYNN (415077) and F/O. B. FACIUS (406296) departed today to BUNBURY and YORK respectively. Their duties are to terminate on 2nd. January, 1945.	
	22nd.	As an Xmas Day gesture the Commanding Officer donated a ten gallon keg of beer to the maintenance personnel. This was set up in the hangar just prior to stand down. In a brief talk the C.O. wished the men Seasons greetings and expressed his gratitude for their co-operation and congratulated them on a successful years operations. <u>MAINTENANCE:</u> VH-CTV 360 hourly inspection commenced. At 1745 hours a utility driven by S/Ldr. L.G. HARBER(290533) sustained a blow out resulting in the vehicle overturning, fortunately for the driver just after he had crossed a 20 ft. bridge. The Commanding Officer received severe bruises to shoulder and ankle and other places not to be mentioned and thus marred his Xmas as he was confined to bed. Detachment at DARWIN today completed its duties and VH-CUA, CUB proceeded to PARAFIELD to operate on a semi permanent detachment basis with 34 Sqd. VH-CTV remained at DARWIN for special duties as mother ship for 452 Squadron.	
	23rd.	<u>MAINTENANCE:</u> VH-CTV 360 hourly inspection completed.	
	25th.	All personnel other than duty crews and skeleton staff in administrative sections were on leave and a quiet day was observed. A combined dinner was had by Officers and men in the airmen's mess.	
	27th.	<u>MAINTENANCE:</u> VH-CTT engine change commenced. Photographs taken on the 17th. were received today. These show Squadron Headquarters, Operations Room, Hangar and a general view of the buildings behind the hangar including Engineers Office, Carpenters' Shop, Stores and some subsidiary buildings. Photographs of the Tiger Moth A17-655 which crashed at SCARBOROUGH last month are to hand and are included in this month's report.	
	30th.	Today 6 officers and 2 W/O's arrived on posting for flying duties as follows. F/Lt. R.D. SHAW(415555), F/Lt. H. SIMPSON(210010) and F/O. C.J. OWENS(406790) who have just completed a tour of operations with No.1 Sqd. stationed at GOULD. Their duties have been strikes North of DARWIN in the Timor and Island areas. F/O. E.M. COPLEY, D.F.M. (406434) has seen service with R.A.F. 460 Sqd and R.A.F. P.F.F. 156. Bill as commonly called was an original member of the Lancaster crew under the command of F/Lt. P.S. ISAACSON, D.F.C., A.F.C., D.F.M. Since bringing the Lancaster to AUSTRALIA in June, 1943 Bill has participated in all but one of the Lancaster's tours of Australia. Between tours he was assistant chief instructor at No.3 W.A.G.S. MARYBOROUGH. He comes to us to carry on in his original mustering whilst waiting for the re-opening of the S.F.T.S.'s having already completed his E.F.T.S. at TEMORA. F/O. A. PEDLER(406262) has seen service overseas during the last three years firstly on Blenheims and then with 84 Sqd. R.A.F. on Vultee vengeance. During the two years in this Squadron he participated in many operations in the Middle East and INDIA being based at CEYLON, CHITTAGONG, ASSAM and QUETTA. F/O. M.B. JOHNSON(406854) has just completed a tour of general transport duties all over NEW GUINEA and Island areas with 33 Sqd., MILNE BAY.	IA. UNITS. JAN. P.O.R.

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DUNREATH via GUILDFORD. W.A.	DEC. 1944. 31st.	<p>VH-CTU Captained by W/O. McGUIRE A. (415172) while travelling BROOME-GUILDFORD was authorised at CARNARVON to search for the S.S. CHUNGKING which was 9 hours overdue. The vessel was successfully located off CAPE CUVIER. The aircraft returned to CARNARVON, reported the position and continued the normal schedule run to GUILDFORD.</p> <p><u>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR MONTH.</u> were:- 1025 hours. Douglas C47A. Tiger Moth. 2hrs, 20 Min.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.</u> Establishment HD/76R for a total strength of 257 made up of 33 Officers and 224 other ranks.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> The strength of the Squadron at date 47 Officers and 189 other ranks.</p> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 1 Major inspection and 15 Minor inspections and 3 Engine changes were carried out. Serviceability Dakota C47A 76.6%. Tiger Moth. 84%.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u> ^{Strength} The Squadrons Establishment is at present 8 Douglas C47A aircraft and 1 Tiger Moth, against an Establishment of 12 Douglas C47A and 1 Tiger Moth.</p> <p><u>MOTOR TRANSPORT.</u> The Motor Transport held on strength of this Squadron is controlled by 77 O.B.U. in the transport Pool.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>L. Barker</i> Squadron Leader. Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.</p>	

No. 35 Squadron
December 1944

Another good month. Hours were approximately the same as last month. Serviceability only dropped slightly, this being due mainly to inspections and engine changes.

December has found the Squadron settled in and functioning smoothly, all schedule runs and detachments having been successfully carried out.

On the 18th. of the month the Squadron was 12 months old, during which period a total of 13012 hours were flown representing approximately 2,100,000 miles, freight amounted to 4640 tons and carried 18000 passengers. This in view of the fact that no accidents have occurred is a tribute to Aircrews and Maintenance personnel and reflects credit on the Squadron's administration in general.

Apart from the natural Xmas exuberance existing during the holiday season the morale of the Squadron is high, this is due to the numerous detachments of late resulting in personnel covering new ground, seeing operational areas and in general getting away from normal unit routine. A high standard of discipline has been maintained.

Living conditions are not yet improved but are expected to do so in the near future as huts and lighting facilities have been approved and some huts have already arrived.

Combined Welfare activities have taken the form of fortnightly dances and on Monday 18th. December a special dinner followed by a dance was held.

Particulars of the last Darwin detachment are not yet to hand but it is of note to record that this is the first occasion when R.A.A.F. transport aircraft have landed at Morotai.

This detachment has now completed the original operation and is now based at 34 Squadron, Parafield to be utilised for any special duties and to assist 34 Squadron on the Parafield, Darwin run.

Conversion courses have been in progress, one new skipper F/O. A. COLLOPY (4198) being checked out and several co-pilots are ready for solo final checks.

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