

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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R.A.A.F.
WAR HISTORY SECTION

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(Feb. '39)

of (Unit of Formation) No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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| Townsville. | Jan. 46. | <p>3. Flt. Owens O.O. Signals section, on return from Schedule run to Morotal and return, submitted report on laxness of ground signals en route.</p> <p>4. A/F/Lt. A.W. Bonham (1488) arrived on posting from 6 AD. as Squadron Engineering Officer.</p> <p>5. F/o F.S. Hardy (1402) Nav. B arrived on posting from 2PD. for flying duties.</p> <p>6. F/o J.E. Fountain (32156) Engineering Officer posted to 2 PD. for termination of appointment. W/o K.F. Wardle (427109) W.O.A.G. posted to 5 PD. for discharge. The following were appointed for Squadron Duties: Messing Officer F/o J.H. Roberts. (34766.) Welfare Officer F/L. W.D. Hart. (42241) Ass. Welfare Officer P/o M.J. Martin. (444597.) Operations Officer F/L. J.N. Stacy. (417244.) Canteen Officer F/o M.F. Burcher. (424146.)</p> <p>7. W/o Lewis H.A. (Pilot) posted from 3PD. for flying duties.</p> <p>8. F/o Collopy returned from Melbourne with two engines for Maintenance Section.</p> <p>9. F/o J.H. Crawford Nav. B. (427443) posted from 2MPP. for flying duties. F/Lt. Eddy and F/Lt. W. Davidson appointed members of a Court Martial held at RAAF Station Garbutt. F/Lt. McCollough and S/o Moran of RAAF Station Garbutt Accounting Section inspected Richmond Orderly Room, Accounting and Messing Sections. G/Capt. Henry (DRM) W/Comdr. (DRM) visited Squadron for purpose of inspecting Maintenance Section.</p> <p>10. F/o G.E. Duncan (410656) W.O.A.G. posted to 1PD. for termination of appointment.</p> <p>11. F/o S.W. Simmonds (419484) Nav. B. attached to 50.T.U. to undergo Transport Loran Course. W/o Brooks (415301) W.O.A.G. posted to 5PD. for discharge. (429631) W/o McLeod E.M. and (13036) F/Sgt Grieve D. (W.O.A.G's) posted to 1PD. for discharge.</p> <p>12. (427102) W/o Morris G.A. WOAG posted to 5 PD. for discharge.</p> <p>13. (449225) F/sgt. Hamilton R.A. Nav. B. arrived on posting from 200 Flight for flying duties.</p> <p>15. F/Lt. S.R. McKinnon (405232) Nav. B. arrived on posting from 3 PD. for flying duties. 162083 Cpl. A.H. McD. (Cypher Assistant) presented with Good Service Card at Commanding Officers Parade in recognition of services rendered during Chemical Warfare Research at the Inter-Services Australian Field Experimental Station, Proserpine.</p> <p>16. F/Lt. K.R. Ponson (426758) Nav. B. arrived on posting from 6 Squadron for flying duties.</p> <p>18. S/Ldr. Tarleton, Area Inspector of Accounts inspected Squadron. F/Lt. M.B. Jones D.F.C. (406597) Nav. B. attached to 5 O.T.U. to undergo Transport Loran Course.</p> <p>20. F/o G.R. Dumont (12011) Nav. B. arrived on posting from 2 PD. for flying duties.</p> <p>22. S/Ldr. McCarthy, Directorate of Telecommunications RAAFHQ visited Squadron for purpose of giving information of Signal procedure. The first effect of the recent heavy rains has been felt with both roads (running from the Camp area to the strip and from the camp area to town) being partly submerged. The only means of getting through is by Motor Transport.</p> <p>23. F/Lt. L.R. Smith (427565) Pilot. and P/O W.A. Jennings (415992) Pilot. posted to 33 Sqdn. for flying duties.</p> <p>24. F/Lt. R.G. Cracknell (421173) Nav. B. attached to 5 O.T.U. to undergo Transport Loran Course.</p> <p>25. Letter of thanks received by G.O. from G/Capt. Henry (DRM) for co-operation and assistance during recent visit to Squadron on investigation into Maintenance position.</p> <p>26. F/Lt. Muir assumes Command of Squadron Detachment at Morotal in place of F/Lt. McRobbie who has returned to the Squadron. 4x</p> | |

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| Townsville. | Jan. 46. | <p>26. (431812) W/o. Ebbott R.L. (Nav.B.) arrived on posting from LPD. for flying duties. (441357) F/sgt. Jorles D.T. (NAV.B.) arrived on posting from 5PD. for flying duties. F/Lt. R.W. Drake-Brockman (427616) Pilot. returned from C.F.S. on completion of Instrument Flying Course.</p> <p>27. F/o. R.G. Gibson (419089) appointed Education Officer in place of F/Lt. Muir (406727)</p> <p>28. F/O.R.T. Clarke (416412) appointed Claims Officer in place of F/Lt. A.P. Taylor (12912)</p> <p>28. Petty thieving reported in Officers Camp area. Service Police from Garbutt Station conducted inquiries and evidence shows that Civilian youths are suspected.</p> <p>30. Morotai schedule temporarily cancelled and replaced by run to Perth via Darwin and Broome.</p> <p>31. Sqn Ldr. Brown (AFC) departed for Richmond. Sqn/Ldr Page assumed Command during his absence. F/Lt. L.B. Hroper (406852) returned from C.F.S. on completion of Instrument Flying Course. (142566) F/sgt. R.W. Campbell Nav.B. arrived on posting from 4 PD. for flying duties. Crew of VH-RFQ comprising F/Lt. Townsend (Capt) W/O Knapp (Co-Pilot) F/Lt. Mortlock (Nav) and P/O Bennewik (W/OP) returned from Singapore. This was a special trip to take up members of the War Graves Commission and crew reported a very interesting trip flown by way of Darwin, Koepang, Sourabaya, Batavia and Penang. Although sporadic fighting was still going on in Java, particularly at Sourabaya, there was no outstanding incident to report and all personnel completed the trip without being involved in any local "incident". Return route was via Balikpapan, Darwin and Cloncurry. P/O Bennewith (W/OP) submitted a comprehensive report on the laxity of ground to air signals watch throughout the trip and this should be of considerable value in formulating a much needed reorganising in this section.</p> <p>GENERAL. Maintenance is still suffering by reason of the changeover in personnel due to demobilisation. In addition to short supply of equipment as mentioned on previous months report, (Platform Working and Jacks Hydraulic Six Ton) other items that are urgently needed are accumulators 12V, Circuit Breakers 5AMP and Control Unit. Bank and Climb for Automatic Pilot.</p> <p>Despite the humidity and high temperatures that are now general, physical fitness of all aircrew are at a very high standard. Physical training is carried out on a voluntary basis and attendance is very pleasing. Volley ball and Deck tennis are played daily and (weather permitting) a cricket match is played once each week between aircrew Officers and N.S.O's.</p> <p>Owing to considerable amount of water lying around the camp area there has been a decided influx of tropical insects, mosquitoes, flies, frogs and many other botanical specimens are in evidence and it is hoped that the swamps will soon be sprayed again to alleviate the situation.</p> <p>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR THE MONTH. DAKOTA: 1086 TIGER MOTH: Nil.</p> <p>PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH. Establishment HD76G is for a total of 299, made up of 64 Officers and 235 other ranks. - Strength: total of 328 made up of 90 Officers and 238 other ranks. Maintenance. During the month 2 major inspections 15 minor inspections were carried out, also one double engine change.</p> <p>Serviceability. Dakota aircraft 69.5% Tiger Moth Nil. <u>Aircraft Strength Dakota 13.</u> Tiger Moth 1.</p> <p>Motor Transport. Establishment. Ambulance 1. Tanker Refuel (2A) 2(A) Trucks Heavy Gen. Serv. 1. Gen.Serv. 2. W/T (G2) Tractors Crawler 2. 30HP 1. 4 Wheeler Serv. 1. 4 Wheeler Towing 1. M/Cycle & S/Car. 1. Strength. Ambulance 1. 5 tn. Chev Truck 2. 4 tn. Chev Truck 1. 30wt ditto 2. 3ton Ford Stakeside 1. Jeep 1. 15 cwt Fargo Utility. 1. 15 cwt Ford Ut. 1. W/T tender. 1. Motor Cycle and Side Car. 1.</p> | |

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[Signature]
..... Sqn. Ldr.
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

JANUARY - 1946 25 MAR 1946

1. OPERATIONAL.

The total hours of 1086 for the month is considered low, but there has been a rise of 5% in serviceability above the last month.

This drop in hours has been due to a deliberate curtailment of some schedules which was found necessary owing to the extra time taken to complete inspections brought about by the shortage of staff and delay in obtaining spare parts.

Following the Signals Report submitted last month S/Ldr. McCARTHY from R.A.A.F. H.Q. is carrying out an investigation into the signal position on this Squadron's Routes and it is hoped that some improvement will be effected as a result.

There has been one engine failure during the month, the aircraft being landed safely at DARWIN. North Western Area are carrying out the engine change which resulted and negotiations are now being made for North Western Area to submit a defect report.

2. SERVICEABILITY.

The percentage of 69.5% is considered satisfactory and has been explained fully in the Engineering Officer's Report.

3. EQUIPMENT.

Although some improvement has been shown, inabilities still exist in some important items.

There seems to be some relief showing at Air Depots in respect to ancilliary equipment for 1830 90 C Engines as this Squadron has acquired 2 engines recently with all necessary equipment for a quick change.

4. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

All vehicles performed satisfactorily throughout the month, maintenance is dealt with by one Fitter D.M.T. assisted by Fitters 11E from the hangar.

This misemployment again slows aircraft serviceability up, and it would be appreciated if one more Fitter D.M.T. could be posted to the Squadron.

5. HYGIENE.

This is becoming increasingly difficult with the wet season at hand.

Large numbers of personnel are again being misemployed in spraying swamps etc.

There appears to be a plague of flies at present and they are particularly bad around the camp and kitchen areas. All precautions are being taken but with the open nature of the buildings, ordinary spray is not considered adequate and application is being made for D.D.T. to treat the kitchen areas.

6. MESSING.

Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining sufficient quantities of fresh vegetables and fruit, and it is hoped that the position will be relieved during February.

This has been explained fully in the Messing Officer's Report.

[Signature]
..... Squadron Leader,
(K.S. BROWN)
Commanding No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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| TOWNSVILLE | Feb 46. | <p>1. S/LDR A.W. Page (292610) and F/Lt J.P. Graney (407944) attached C.F.S. POINT COOK with effect from 4th February to undergo No. 4 Instrument Course. 415054 W/O Barrow M.C., 406805 W/O Harvey, D.L. 415382 W/O Middleton W.H. granted commission with rank of P/O on probation. VH-CIY flown by F/O P. Clarke (417457) returning to Townsville from Morotai was approximately half way between Ambon and Darwin when excessive vibration commenced in the starboard engine necessitating it to be throttled back.. A few minutes later the port engine almost completely out and the starboard had to be opened up again to maintain height. All available cargo was jettisoned and the aircraft succeeded in reaching Darwin. The port engine with a broken crank shaft was changed and the starboard with a cracked pot was repaired.</p> <p>4. F/O G.J. Mitchell (410686) after 3 years as Adjutant of Squadron was posted for discharge. Duties as Adjutant taken over by F/L A.L. Ripper (406189).</p> <p>5. VH-RFH a No. 38 Squadron aircraft landed at Garbutt U/S and was repaired by this Unit. Successful guest night held at Officers' Mess.</p> <p>6. The Directorate of Flying Safety visited Garbutt and a conference was held with them by the Commanding Officer, S/Ldr K.S. Brown(A.F.C.) (260680). Information received of intended increase of Morotai Detachment for the purpose of conveying No 81 Wing to Japan.</p> <p>8. VH-RFA, VH-RGC departed with 4 crews, ground personnel and Equipment for Morotai to take part in move of Occupation Forces to Japan. VH-RFF, flown by F/O S.J.C. Reading(415444) and F/L. D.P. Sheridan (415689), returned from trip around Australia.</p> <p>9. Continuous heavy rains.</p> <p>10. Weather conditions prevent aircraft taking off. Area S.O. Works inspected camp site.</p> <p>11. Continued heavy rains prevented operations.</p> <p>12. Two more aircraft proceeded for 81 Wing move. RFN (37238, W/O BENNIS, F.V.) landed Mackay. carburetor faults. RFQ forced landed at Rockhampton - No damage.</p> <p>16. F/Lt, L. Hooper (406852) in VH-RFP arrived from Morotai detachment en route to Melbourne with A/Com. Bladen and other Officers.</p> <p>18. F/O McKeown of No. 5 Com. Unit reported on attachment for Adjutant Duties.</p> <p>20. F/Lt. Vaughan from Directorate of Eng. & Main. visited Unit.</p> <p>21. O.A.S. A/Com. Jones paid flying visit to Unit.</p> <p>25. VH-RFM (flown by F/Lt W.N. Muir, (406727) returned from special Japanese detachment.</p> <p>27. Arrangements made to supply six aircraft to assist in evacuating R.A.A.F. personnel from Macang.</p> <p>28. Final number of applicants for Interim Air Force to date, Aircrew 25. Ground Staff 30.</p> <p>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR MONTH: DAKOTA 986.20 TIGER MOTH: 10.05 hours.</p> <p>ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH as at 28th February.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="585 1747 2200 1836"> <tr> <td>ESTABLISHMENT</td> <td>Officers</td> <td>47</td> <td>STRENGTH</td> <td>Officers</td> <td>76</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>O.R.'s</td> <td>252</td> <td></td> <td>O.R.'s</td> <td>255</td> </tr> </table> <p>MAINTENANCE. During the month 1 major inspection, 10 minor inspections were carried out. Also 3 engine changes.</p> <p>SERVICEABILITY DAKOTA 68% TIGER MOTH 67%</p> <p>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH DAKOTA'S 13. TIGER MOTH. 1.</p> <p>POSTINGS. During the month 90 personnel were posted to their respective Personnel Depots for discharge. The number was comprised of 33 Officers 18 N.O.O.'s and 39 Other Ranks.</p> | ESTABLISHMENT | Officers | 47 | STRENGTH | Officers | 76 | | O.R.'s | 252 | | O.R.'s | 255 | |
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APPENDIX "A"

No. 35 Squadron
February

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY - 1946.

1. OPERATIONAL

The comparatively low total of 986 hours flying for the month is attributable principally to Maintenance as explained in the Engineer Officer's report attached.

During the first week of the month six aircraft were despatched on Detached service at Morotai and have since been employed in moving Occupational Forces to Japan.

A partial engine failure occurred in aircraft VH-RFQ en route from Mackay to Archerfield. A successful landing was accomplished at Rockhampton and the defective engine was subsequently replaced.

2. SERVICEABILITY & MAINTENANCE

Serviceability for the month was 68% as compared with 69.5% for the preceding month and is considered satisfactory.

The detachment of six aircraft at Morotai complete with full maintenance crews to participate in the movement of Occupation Forces to Japan has entailed curtailment of work on Major Overhauls. This has resulted in five aircraft now being due for 350 hourly inspections. As explained in the Engineer Officer's report further restriction to Maintenance has been caused by the necessity to misemploy 30 airmen in Barracks and Messing duties.

3. EQUIPMENT

Inabilities of demands placed for some important items of equipment have occurred but as stated in the Equipment Officer's report, this position should improve during the current month through overseas requisitioning.

4. MOTOR TRANSPORT

Servicing of Motor Transport has been aggravated by the movement of personnel under Demobilisation and it has been necessary to misemploy two Fitters 11E to assist with the maintenance.

5. HYGIENE

In order to maintain a satisfactory state of Hygiene, it has been necessary to misemploy a number of Maintenance personnel for Barracks duties which in turn hampers aircraft servicing.

During the month a small quantity of D. D. T. was procured and has been used to spray the Kitchens and Messes.

6. MESSING.

Monthly Messing report for FEBRUARY is attached hereto.

R. Yates
.....Flight Lieutenant
(R. YATES)
T/COMMANDING,
No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.

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| TOWNSVILLE. | MARCH, 1946. | <p>1 Commanding Officer, S/Ldr. K.S. BROWN (260680) A.F.C. proceeded to MELBOIRNE on special duty. Flight Lieutenant R. YATES (406606) appointed to temporary command.</p> <p>3 Heavy rains. Campsite flooded.</p> <p>4 Flight Lieutenant R.W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Aircraft VH-RFP, recco. of flooded area between BOWEN and HOME HILL.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant R.W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN (427616) Aircraft VH-RFP dropped supplies to stranded rail motor near CAPE CLEVELAND.</p> <p>Received instructions to move to campsite recently vacated by No. 1 R.P.P.</p> <p>6 Flight Lieutenant M.M. TAYLOR (406583) Aircraft VH-RFP, recco. of LINGHAM and HOME HILL Area's with official press photographers. Supply drop penicillin at both places.</p> <p>S/Ldr. K.S. BROWN (260680) A.F.C. returned from duty in MELBOURNE.</p> <p>11 Tiger Moth A17-628, 37238, Warrant Officer BENNIS F.V. Pilot made emergency landing AYR with supply penicillin.</p> <p>14 Received notification of proposed disbandment of Unit wef 30th March, 1946.</p> <p>15 Commenced move to new campsite.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant S.G. TOWNSEND (413452) D.F.C. in Aircraft VH-RFB, supply drop vital rations CORN.</p> <p>16 Instructions to disband unit wef. 31st March, 1946.</p> <p>18 Flying Officer T.S. JUDD (6647) completed dual instructions and sent solo.</p> <p>19 Completed move to new campsite.</p> <p>22 Aircraft VH-RFN, Flying Officer S.J.C. READING (415444) Pilot departed for GUILDFORD on detachment.</p> <p>23 Successful mess function - Opening Officers Mess new camp.</p> <p>26 Squadron Leader K.S. BROWN (260680) A.F.C. attended Unit Commander's farewell to A.O.C. Departed 0900 hours.</p> <p>27 Squadron Leader A.W. PAGE (292610) returned from successful completion No. 4 Instrument Flying Course.</p> <p>31 VH-RFP, Flight Lieutenant S.G. TOWNSEND (413452) D.F.C. (Pilot) departed BRISBANE on last scheduled flight.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant J.P. GRANEY (407944) returned from successful completion Instrument Flying Course.</p> <p><u>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR MONTH:</u> DAKOTA 569.45: TIGER-MOTH 11 hours.</p> <p><u>ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH</u> as at 31st March, 1946.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>ESTABLISHMENT.</u></td> <td>Officers</td> <td>33</td> <td><u>STRENGTH.</u></td> <td>Officers</td> <td>61</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>O.R.</td> <td>202</td> <td></td> <td>O.R.</td> <td>188</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>MAINTENANCE.</u> During the month 2 major inspections and 7 minor inspections were carried out, also 1 double engine change.</p> <p><u>SERVICEABILITY.</u> Dakota 63%. Tiger Moth 70%.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u> Dakota's 13. Tiger Moth. 1.</p> <p><u>POSTINGS.</u> During the month 72 personnel were posted to their respective Personnel Depots for discharge. The number was comprised of 10 Officers, 15 N.C.O's and 47 Other Ranks.</p> | <u>ESTABLISHMENT.</u> | Officers | 33 | <u>STRENGTH.</u> | Officers | 61 | | O.R. | 202 | | O.R. | 188 | |
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APPENDIX 'A'

No. 35
March 1946

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

MARCH, 1946

The serviceability and general maintenance of all aircraft is considered satisfactory giving consideration to the rate of postings for discharge and the inexperience of personnel.

All Squadron schedules have now ceased and disbandment has commenced. However there are still three aircraft away on detachment. One aircraft is operating with 81 Wing, escorting Mustangs to Japan. It is not known when this will return as it is understood that it is now at BOFU waiting for Mustangs to become serviceable.

It is anticipated that this will not jeopardise disbandment to any great extent.

The MOROTAI Detachment is being closed as soon as possible. This should be completed during the next two weeks.

Some unserviceability has caused delay there, together with the aircraft being delayed at BOFU.

EQUIPMENT.

This appears satisfactory. Issues and demands have been curtailed due to the disbandment of the Squadron. Allotments are expected for all aircraft during the coming month.

MESSING.

The standard of rationing has been satisfactory with the inclusion of supplementation. Added to that, conditions at the new camp are much better which leads to the improvement of the preparation of meals.



..... Squadron Leader,
(K. S. BROWN)
Commanding,
No. 35 (Transport) Squadron.