Hi Sambo,

I've sort of returned to a normal routine after open heart surgery on 29 August. Still a few issues to sort out, but all is good.

Some pilots course friends and I went to Caboolture last week for a guided tour of museum aircraft, and they opened up A4-228 for us. It was in this aircraft that I flew my first New Guinea trainer back in November 1978 - exactly 40 years ago.

The Australian Aviation Heritage Centre has done a good job of restoring it at Caboolture airfield, where it now sits in its own protected enclosure.

It was a pleasure sitting in the driver's seat again after all this time and getting a few photos to mark the occasion.

Here are 3 photos from Lae that I took on 24 November 1978. If memory serves, the crew having hors d'oeuvres at the ramp are Steve(?) Spencer, QFI; Ken Howard, LM and Graham Mengersen, PLT.

Looking forward to catching up at future events.

Terry

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A group of people standing in front of a building

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A large air plane on a runway

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