

A59-65 A Flight (Det Coff) SF-Z

Last corrected 31 Oct 22 - Phil Herdman

21 Jan 44						13 Sqn A50
22 Jan 44						Status Card
09-Feb-44	F/O AG Goudie	Canberra - Canberra		<i>Homing 0930-1130hrs</i>		Whitlam log
22 Feb 44	F/Lt GL Brown	Cof – Cof	COF 26-1	Anti sub Ptl		13 Sqn A51
22 Feb 44	S/L LA Douglas	Cof – Amberly	COF 26-3	Anti sub Ptl <i>(delayed due elec fault)</i>		13 Sqn A51
25 Feb 44	F/Lt GL Brown	Cof – Cof	COF 35-1	Search area PE		13 Sqn A51
26 Feb 44	F/O PW Clarkson	Cof – Cof	COF 38-1	Search area PD		13 Sqn A51
27 Feb 44	F/O PW Clarkson	Cof – Cof	COF 39-3	Search		13 Sqn A51
27 Feb 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Cof	COF 42-1	Search & <i>Offensive sweep 1855-2400hrs</i>	13 Sqn A51 & Whitlam log	
28 Feb 44	F/Sgt Davies	Cof – Evans Head	COF 43-1	Search - <i>recalled to Evans Head - bad weather</i>		13 Sqn A51
07-Mar-44	F/O AG Goudie	Coff-Williamtown - Evans Head-Coff		Astro - land Williamtown		Whitlam log
10 Mar 44	F/O TJ Brannigan	Cof – Cof	COF 4-2	W Ptl Force ZW		13 Sqn A51
10 Mar 44	F/Lt GL Brown		COF 74-1	<i>Cancelled - bad weather</i>		13 Sqn A51
12 Mar 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Cof	COF 6-2	W Ptl Force XJ 0815-1330hrs	13 Sqn A51 & Whitlam log	
17 Mar 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Archerfield	COF 12-1	W Ptl Force X 1520-1850hrs	13 Sqn A51 & Whitlam log	
18-Mar-44	F/O AG Goudie	Archerfield - Coff		Op travel		Whitlam log
19 Mar 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Cof	COF 16-1	W Ptl Force ZW		13 Sqn A51
31 Mar 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Cof	COF 22-1	Patrol Green route & Reconnaissance 1200-1535hr	13 Sqn A51 & Whitlam log	
1 Apr 44	F/Sgt HD Dargie	Cof – Cof	COF 23-2	W Ptl Force FJ		13 Sqn A51
6 Apr 44	F/O AG Goudie	Cof – Cof	COF 28-1	W Ptl Force XV & Escort 1415-1955hrs	13 Sqn A51 & Whitlam log	
7 Apr 44	F/Sgt HD Dargie	Cof – Cof	COF 32-1	W Ptl Force V		13 Sqn A51
9 Apr 44	F/O AG Goudie		COF 37-1	<i>Cancelled due bad weather</i>		13 Sqn A51
18 Apr 44	F/Sgt HD Dargie	Cof – Cof	COF 41-1	<i>Square Search</i>		13 Sqn A51
28-Apr-44	not in records & 120 Sqn "Vultee Venturas"	C'berra-Archerfield - Townsville		Escort 9 120 Sqn P40's Camden - Merauke	72 Wing A50 & NIR 13 Sqn records	
29-Apr-44	not in records 13 Sqn & 120 Sqn "Vultee Venturas"	Townsville - Horn-Merauke		Escort 9 120 Sqn P40's Camden - Merauke	72 Wing A50 65/arr Merauke 29 th & NIR	
		The other escort was A59-57.				
1 May 44	Not in records	Merauke - Horn		<i>Travel</i>	72 Wing A50 65 dep for Horn & NIR 13 Sqn	
4 May 44	F/Sgt Davies	Cof – Cof	COF 47-2	W Ptl Force HE		13 Sqn A51
8 Jun 44	W/O HD Dargie	Cof? - Cooktown		<i>Travel</i>	<i>"Proposed flight 28 May"</i>	13 Sqn Records & Returns
09-Jun-44		Townsville - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 65
9-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Test</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 65
10-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Test</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 65
16-Aug-44		Cooktown - Gove				Cooktown Watch Log 65

11-Sep-44	F/O IR Sinclair	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 16-5 W Ptl Force BC HMAS Pirie/Islander	Gov 165 2nd detail	13 Sqn A51 65 (Missing 79 Wing page)
17-Sep-44	A59-63 SF-Z F/O IR Sinclair	Gov - Ptl - Hig	Gov 23-7 W Ptl Force C	13 Sqn A51 63 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/23-7/Hig 65 Replaced 63? *63 does not appear in records again until 5 Oct 44
18-Sep-44	SF-Z F/O IR Sinclair	Hig - Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-3 W Ptl Force S HMAS Freemantle/Dundula	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/25-3
29-Sep-44	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 30-3 W Ptl Force TT Admiral Chase	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/30-3
12-Oct-44	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 48-4 Force AA Shwedagon	13 Sqn A51 65/484 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z
15-Oct-44	SF-Z F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 2-2 Force DD Dilga	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/2-2
16-Oct-44	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 3-2 Force TT Oohoo	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/3-2/Ware
18-Oct-44	SF-Z F/O PW Clarkson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 5-3 Force BD Mangola (Not met-recalled)	4.10hr	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/5-3 & Cathro log 65/4.10hr/recalled.
20-Oct-44	SF-Z P/O L Davies	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 7-2 Force S Shwedagon (punctured tail wheel prior to take off)	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/7-2
23-Oct-44	SF-Z F/O PW Clarkson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 11-2 Force U Murada	8hr	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/11-2 & Cathro log 65/8hr
28-Oct-44	A59-65 SF-V F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 14-2 Force D Johren	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-V/14-2 * V replaced Z?
29-Oct-44	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gould	Gov 17-5 Force AA Montoro	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/17-5/Gould
		Gould - Gov			
3-Nov-44	P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 22-2 Force SS Dilga	13 Sqn A51 65	
8-Nov-44	F/O TJ Branigan	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 24-1 Force S Johren	13 Sqn A51 65	
10 Nov 44	"Received 14 ARD ex 13 Sqn for double engine change."				Status Card
20 Jan 45	"At 1430hrsA59-65 departed.....on completion of repairs, piloted by F/Lt Wadey."				14 ARD A50
21-Jan-45	SF-Z F/Lt SG Wadey	14 ARD Pell - Gov	Returned to 13 Sqn after repairs at 14 ARD 1430hrs	14 ARD A50 65/Wadey	20th. & 13 Sqn Watch 65 21st
21-Jan-45	Beaufort A9-568 NA-U	F/Lt Richards	14 ARD Pell - Gov	Escort new Ventura & ferry crew to 13 Sqn & o'nite -	(Escort A59-65) 14 ARD A50 568/Richards & 56 OBU A50 Beaufort escort/new Ventura.
21 Jan 45	"Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD."				Status Card
23-Jan-45	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/test	
31-Jan-45	SF-Z P/O HD Dargie	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch Z/test	
31-Jan-45	SF-Z F/Lt TJ Branigan	Gov - Gov	Gov 40-5 Take off delayed fuel problem. Detail cancelled	13 Sqn A51 65/fuel/cancelled	& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/40-5/cancelled
3-Feb-45	SF-Z F/O HD Dargie	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/test	
4-Feb-45	SF-Z F/O HD Dargie	Gov - Dwn - Bat	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/Dwn	
5-Feb-45	SF-Z F/O HD Dargie?	Bat - Truscott	Travel	Watch log Truscott SF-Z Bat - Trus	
6-Feb-45	SF-Z F/O HD Dargie	Trus - Ptl - Trus	Gov 49-1 Armed recce Sawoe Island	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-Z/49-1
7-Feb-45	SF-Z F/O HD Dargie	Truscott- Ptl - Truscott	Gov 1-1 Armed recce Flores/Strafe Bima	13 Sqn A51 65	& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 1

9-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/O HD Dargie	Truscott- Ptl - Truscott	Gov 3-1 Armed recce Sawoe-Soembawa,Flores	13 Sqn A51 85
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 3					
10-Feb-45		Truscott	U/S Truscott - DB?	generator	13 Sqn Watch 65/u/s
11-Feb-45	SF-R	F/O HD Dargie	Truscott- Ptl - Truscott	Gov 6-1 Armed recce Flores	13 Sqn A51 65 &
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-R Gov 6 (R replaced Z?)					
12-Feb-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Trus-Bat - Dwn-Gov	Travel	Truscott Watch Log SF-Z to Bat & 13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/Bat/Dwn/Gov
17-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/O HD Dargie	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/Dargie/test
18-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/O HD Dargie	Gov-Groote - Gov	Drop mail, no land	13 Sqn Watch Z/Groote mail
20-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Gov-Bat - Truscott	Travel	Damaged port tail plane tip - Replacement part urgently required
13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/K-Dwyer/Trus & Trus Watch Log damage.					
21 Feb 45		A59-61 from Gove	arr with part for A59-65.		Truscott Watch Log
22-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 19-1 Armed recce Sawoe/Flores	13 Sqn A51 65
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 19					
24-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 21-2 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 65
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 21					
25-Feb-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 23-2 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 65
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 23					
2-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Truscott	Gov 29-1 Armed recce Soembawa, cancelled due weather	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing
HQ Air Ops SF-Z/29-1/cancelled					
3-Mar-45		F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Truscott	Gov 30-1 cancelled due weather	13 Sqn A51 65
4-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 31-1 Armed recce Bakit Island. 2 Oscars-no damage	13 Sqn A51 65
& Narrative report 65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 31					
5-Mar-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Trus - Bat-Dwn - Gov	arr Bat 050210Z & arr Gove 050815Z.	Truscott Watch log Z Trus-Bat-Gov
12-Mar-45	SF-Z	S/L RS Dennis	Gov	test - A/C U/S going back to insert	13 Sqn Watch Z/u/s
13-Mar-45	SF-Z	S/L RS Dennis	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/Dennis/test
17-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/O KS Veal	Gov - Truscott	Land Trus 170545Z	Truscott Watch log SF-Z Gov-Trus
21-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 39-2 Armed recce Soembawa. RTB early-failure fuel purging system & Postagram "Duty No2 aircraft SF-Z returned from mission Gov39 - reason - maladjustment of CO2 bottle head preventing purging "	
13 Sqn A51 65 & Narrative report a/c serial not noted/Truscott/fuel & Watch log Truscott SF-Z & Op Sorties from Truscott CO2					
22-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 40-1 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 65 & Narrative report
65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 40					
24-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 41-2 Armed recce Soembawa & RTB CO2 U/S	13 Sqn A51 65 & Narrative report
65/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 41 & NWA Watch RTB					
26-Mar-45	SF-Z	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 42-3 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 65 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/42-3
4-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 45-1 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn Narrative report 65/Truscott
6-Apr-45		Truscott	Msg from Truscott 0240Z - "A59-65 10hrs Major, over possible ops requirements"		13 Sqn Watch 65
7-Apr-45			Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 47-1 & "bombs jettisoned" NWA Watch	79 Wing HQ Air Ops Records illegible & 13
Sqn Watch 65 delayed (rtn Gove) until Gov47 complete					
8-Apr-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Truscott - Bat	Travel	Land Bat 080205Z.
Truscott Watch log SF-Z Trus-Bat					
11-Apr-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Bat? - Gov		13 Sqn Watch Z landed
21-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/O RN Heins	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/test
24-Apr-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Dropped tank on strip (Enroute Gov - Bat - Trus) RTB	13 Sqn Watch Z/tank

25-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Gov - Bat-Trus	Land Bat 250045Z- Land Trus 250257Z NWA Watch Log	Watch log Truscott SF-Z/Bat & Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov-Bat-Trus
27-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Trus-Soemb - Truscott	Gov 21-1 Search for Lib SJ-B	Found 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/21-1
28-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Trus-Ptl Truscott	Gov 18-2 Force T Convoy not found	ASV inefficient 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/18-2
29-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 19-1 Force U (Uncle)	Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov 19 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/19-1
29-Apr-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 19-3 Force U	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/19-3
1-May-45	SF-Z	F/Lt AS Little	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 30-1 Search for survivors ditched Mike.	Truscott Watch log SF-Z Gov 30 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Z/30/search
3-May-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Truscott - Dwn	Travel cancelled	Truscott Watch Log SF-Z Trus-Dwn
4 May 45				Msg from Truscott to 13 Sqn " <i>Re relief for A59-65 or 99</i> "	Truscott Watch Log msg
6-May-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Trus - Dwn	Arr Dwn 051540Z	Truscott Watch Log SF-Z/Dwn
6-May-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Dwn - Gov	ETD 060030Z	NWA Watch Log ETD SF-Z
8-May-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Gov - Trus	<i>Travel</i>	Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov-Trus-Gov 8th & 13 Sqn Watch Z to Truscott
9-May-45	SF-Z	P/O KB James	Trus - Gov	<i>Travel</i>	Watch log Truscott SF-Z Gov-Trus-Gov 8th& 13 Sqn Watch Z dep Trus 9 th
17-May-45	SF-Z	F/O RN Heins	Gov - Dwn	<i>To relieve 103</i>	13 Sqn Watch Z/Dwn
20-May-45	SF-Z	F/O RN Heins	Dwn - Fenton - Trus - Fenton	To convey pers for court enquiry from Dwn/Fent to Trus	Truscott Watch log A59-65 Fenton & 13 Sqn Watch 65/Dwn Fent/court & NWA Watch Log SF-Z Fenton - Trus.
30-May-45	SF-Z	Not in records	Dwn - Gov	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z ex Dwn
10-Jul-45	SF-Z	F/O CN Geschke	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 161 Armed recce Jamdena Is	13 Sqn Narrative report Gov & 65/SF-Z
18 Jul 45				<i>"At 1130hrs Ventura aircraft A59-65, 67, 70 & 101 arrived from 13 Sqn to be fitted with Fire Proof Bomb Bay Tanks. Pilots S/L Barton, F/Lt Haig, F/O Fox & W/O Dwyer."</i>	14 ARD A50
21-Jul-45		F/Lt RN Heins	Gorrie - Gov	Dep 0930hrs	14 ARD A50 65/Heins
30-Sep-45				Labuan - Morotai	13 Sqn Watch 65/Moro
9-Oct-45				Labuan?	13 Sqn Watch 65 airborne
10-Oct-45	SF-Z	F/Lt KU Furness		Morotai - Labuan	13 Sqn Watch 65/Z
19-Oct-45	SF-Z	F/O RN Heins	Labuan - Oakey	To 6 AD for escort duty with 457 Sqn	13 Sqn A50 65 & 13 Sqn Watch 65/Z/Sth
22-Oct-45				Morotai	13 Sqn Watch 65 land Moro
29-Oct-45	SF-Z	F/Lt RN Heins	Labuan - Oakey	Arr Oakey 29th	13 Sqn Watch 65 arr Oakey 29 th
3-Nov-45				Msg from Amberly 65 U/S until 10th	13 Sqn Watch 65 u/s
1-Dec-45		F/Lt RN Heins	Amberly	Msg - <i>ETD & reason for delay</i>	13 Sqn Watch 65/ETD/Amberly
1-Dec-45				<i>Serviceability report - U/S</i>	13 Sqn Watch - service
9-Dec-45				Amberly - Labuan	13 Sqn Watch 65
10-Dec-45				Labuan	13 Sqn Watch 65
15-Dec-45		F/O KB James	Labuan - Balik - Darwin		13 Sqn Watch 65/James/Dwn
17-Dec-45		F/Lt KB James	Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 65/James/Lab
29-Dec-45		F/Lt RN Heins	Labuan - Darwin		13 Sqn A50 65/Heins & 13 Sqn Watch 65 Dwn direct
6 Jan 46				<i>"Received 2 AD ex 13 Sqn for storage."</i>	Status Card

NAA: Aircraft Status cards - Ventura A59-1 to A59-20, A59-50 to A59-104 A10297, BLOCK 376, 3046016

72 Wing HQ A50 - NAA: A9186, 664, 1360009.

(79 Wing HQ) Operation Room Summary, (1 Sep - 31 Oct 1944) - AWM64 6/5C, 1968635.

13 Sqn Records & Returns NAA: A11283, 13/1/AIR, 637114.

Control Officer's Watch Log (13 Squadron) - AWM66, 22/1/26, 515693.

Op Sorties from Truscott A12245, 1/17/AIR PART 1 5485542.

(14 ARD) - Aircraft Repair Depots (12-15) May 44 - May 46, NAA: A9186, 299, 1359952

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