

# A59-70 SF-Y, SF-X

last corrected 25 Oct 23 - Phil Herdman

24-Jun-44		Higgins - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 70
26-Jun-44		Cooktown- Cairns - Charters Towers				Cooktown Watch Log 70
1 Sep 44		"Received 13 Sqn ex 13 ARD RP."				Status Card
1-Sep-44		?	down			Cooktown Watch Log 70
2-Sep-44		Gove	off Gove			Cooktown Watch Log 70
19-Sep-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gould 35-1 W Ptl Force C	Inverel/Bunbury/SanRafael/Admiral Chase	13 Sqn A51 70
						& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/Gould 35-1
27-Sep-44		F/O PW Clarkson	Gov - Gov	Gunnery	Truant Island	Cathro log 70/gunnery-splash
27-Sep-44		F/O AG Goudie	Gov - Gov	Gunnery	Truant Island	Whitlam log 70/Goudie/gun/Truant
29-Sep-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 30-2 W Ptl Force TT	Admiral Chase	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/30-2
6-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 40-3 W Ptl Force DC	Samuel H Walker	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/40-3/Dwn
8-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 41-3 W Ptl Force TU	Mathew Flinders	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/41-3
11-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 45-3 Force S	Edna	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/45-3
18-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 5-1 Force BD	Mangola	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/5-1
23-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 11-1 Force U	Murada	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/11-1
24-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	W/O GW Anning	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-1 Force U	Murada	6hr 13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/12-1 & Cathro log 70/6hr
26 Oct 44		(F/O NI McCahon?)		"A59-70 arr PM F/O McCarn."		4 RSU A50 70
27 Oct 44		(F/O NI McCahon?)		"A59-70 dep PM F/O McCarn."		4 RSU A50 70
28-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O PW Clarkson	Gov-Hig-Ptl - Hig	Gov 15-4 Force CA	San Simmon	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/5-4
29-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O PW Clarkson	Hig-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-4 Force AA	Montoro (Not loc)	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/17-4
30-Oct-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 18-3 & Gov 19 Force AA & CA		79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/18-3
8-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 24-2 Force S	Johren	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y
9-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O IR Sinclair	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 26-1 Force BC	Virginian	5.40hr 13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/26-1 & Tranter log 70/5.40hr
11-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O AG Goudie	Gov - Ptl - Gov	Gov 28-3 Force U	Montoro	4.20hr & 2hr nite 13 Sqn A51 70 & Whitlam log 70/6.20hr & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y
13-Nov-44	<b>SF-W</b>	F/O TJ Branigan	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 29-3 Force TT	San Simeon	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops <b>SF-W</b>
15-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 33-3 Force TT	San Simeon	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y
16-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O NI McCahon	Hig-Ptl-Merauke - Gov	Gov 36-2 Force BC (Baker Charlie)	Thedens	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/36-2
19-Nov-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O IR Sinclair	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 41-1 Force B	Mathew Flinders (Force not located)	(SF-N delay T/O eng trouble-replace by SF-Y?) 13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-N/41-1 & Tranter log 70/6.45hr
14-Dec-44	<b>SF-Y</b>	F/O IR Sinclair	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 34-1 L Search	7.40hr	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/34-1 & Tranter log 70/7.40hr

20-Dec-44	SF-Y	P/O WM Wilson	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 46-1 Force DA	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/46-1 & Tranter log 70
21-Dec-44	SF-Y	F/O L Davies	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 48-1 Force UU (Uncle Uncle) Montoro	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/48-1
5-Jan-45	SF-Y	Not in records	Gov - Gov	<i>Bombing prac &amp; formation</i>	13 Sqn Watch Y/bomb form
8-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Gov - Gov	<i>Formation flying</i>	13 Sqn Watch Y/K-Dwyer/form
9-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O AG Goudie	Gov - Bat	<i>Op Travel</i>	13 Sqn Watch Y & Whitlam log 70/Goudie/travel/Bat
10-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O AG Goudie	Bat-Trus-Ptl-Truscott	Gov 13-2 Armed recce/Eng. failure, holed. RTB one engine /Bima	13 Sqn A51 70 & Narrative report 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/13-2 & Whitlam log 70/single eng
12 Jan 45		Msg from 58 OBU to 13 Sqn "Request pilot picking up A59/70 bring inlet push rod no GB 336890 longer than exhaust rod. Aircraft with this part will be serviceable 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan. "			Op Sorties From Truscott
13-Jan-45	A59-56 SF-T	W/O GW Anning	Gov-Bat-Trus	<i>With McCahon to fly back A59-70 &amp; A59-56 arrived from Gove (To Trus) &amp; RON</i>	13 Sqn Watch T/McCahon-70/Bat RON
14-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O NI McCahon	Truscott - Bat		Watch log Truscott Y Truscott-Bat
15-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O NI McCahon	Bat - Gov		13 Sqn Watch 70/Y/land Gove
19-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 22-3 Force T Mexico	13 Sqn A51 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/22-3
20-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/O L Davies	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 24-1 Force T Mexico	13 Sqn A51 7079 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/24-1
27-Jan-45	SF-Y	F/Lt RW Kennedy- Dwyer	Gov-Search - Gov	Gov 53-5 Search for A59-56	13 Sqn A51 70 & 13 Sqn Watch 70/Y
3-Feb-45	SF-Y	W/O GW Anning	Gov - Gov	<i>Test</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/Y/test & Cathro log 70/test
5-Feb-45	SF-Y	F/O AG Goudie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 48-2 Armed recce Aru Island	6.30hr 13 Sqn A51 70 & Narrative report 70 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-Y/48-2 & Whitlam log 70/6.30hr
13-Feb-45	SF-Y	F/O AG Goudie	Gov - Pell	<i>Travel</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/Y/Pell & Whitlam log 70/Goudie/Pell
15 Feb 45		"Received 14 ARD ex 13 Sqn for double engine change."			Status Card
26-May-45		W/O CS Dwyer	Gorrie - Gov	<i>Dep 14 ARD 1200hrs</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/Gorrie & 14 ARD A50 70
26 May 45		"Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD."			Status Card
29 Mat 45		"B Flight Status - A59-70 U/S Compass swing (48)" (Presumably 48hr before being serviceable. Ed).			13 Sqn Watch 70
30-May-45		Not in records	Gov - Gov	<i>Local test</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/test
9-Jun-45		F/Lt PW Graham	Gov - Gov	<i>Low circuit &amp; SE landing &amp; low flying</i>	Graham log 70/low
11-Jun-45		F/Lt PW Graham	Gov - Dwn	3 Vent to Dwn ETA 110139Z Force U 13th	NWA Watch 3 Vents & Graham log 70/Dwn
13-Jun-45		F/Lt PW Graham	Dwn - Ptl- Gov	"GOV 46-1 landed "& unk which detail-Graham	NWA Watch 2 Vents Force U/Dwn/Gov & Graham log 70 W Ptl
15-Jun-45		F/O J Osborne	Gov - Gov		
18 Jul 45		"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."			14 ARD A50
21-Jul-45		W/O CS Dwyer	Gorrie - Gov	<i>Dep 0930hrs</i>	14 ARD A50 70/Dwyer
Aug 45		"Following Ventura completed during month - 5 fitted with fireproof bomb bay fuel tanks, 240hr x 3."			14 ARD A50
?		Gov-Moro			
16-Oct-45		Morotai - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 70
19-Oct-45	SF-X	Labuan - Singapore		<i>Return delayed, bad weather</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/X
21-Oct-45		Singapore - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 70
9-Nov-45	SF-X	S/L JB Fitzgerald	Labuan - Morotai		13 Sqn Watch 70/X/Fitz

10-Nov-45		Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 70
11-Nov-45	F/Lt PW Graham	Lab - Balik - Darwin	<i>Courier run</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70 & Graham log 70
12-Nov-45	F/Lt PW Graham	Balikpapan - Darwin	1st Courier service to Darwin via Balikpapan. Discontinued 13th.	13 Sqn A50 70 & Graham log 70/11 <sup>th</sup>
13-Nov-45	F/Lt PW Graham	Dwn - Dwn - Balikpapan-Lab	<i>Returned oil tank overflowing</i>	Graham log 70/Dwn
15-Nov-45			<i>U/S temporarily</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/u/s
15-Nov-45		Labuan - Morotai		13 Sqn Watch 70
?		Morotai - Labuan		
20-Nov-45	<b>SF-X</b>	Labuan - Morotai		13 Sqn Watch 70/X
21-Nov-45		Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 70
24-Nov-45	W/C FA Wittscheibe	Labuan- Morotai	<i>U/S Morotai - generator</i>	13 Sqn A50 70 & 13 Sqn Watch 70/Witt/u/s
26-Nov-45	W/C FA Wittscheibe	Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn A50 70 & 13 Sqn Watch NIR
1-Dec-45			<i>Serviceability report - U/S 60</i>	13 Sqn Watch service
9-Dec-45	S/L JB Fitzgerald	Labuan - Maccasar	With General Milford	13 Sqn A50 Fitzgerald/Maccasar & 13 Sqn Watch 70/Maccasar
11-Dec-45	S/L JB Fitzgerald	Maccasar? - Balikpapan		13 Sqn Watch 70/Fitz/Balik
15-Dec-45	F/O J Osborne	Labuan - Balik - Darwin		13 Sqn Watch 70/Osborne/Dwn
17-Dec-45	F/O J Osborne	Dwn? - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 70/Osborne/Lab
19-Dec-45	<b>SF-X</b> S/L JB Fitzgerald	Lab-Balik - Darwin	<i>"A59-70 FMX S/L Fitzgerald dep for Darwin"</i>	13 Sqn Watch 70/X/Fitz/Dwn
8 Jan 46			<i>"Allotted 2 AD for storage."</i>	Status Card
9 Apr 46			<i>"A/C was flown into Koepang after developing eng trouble by F/Lt Geschke who has had to leave the a/c at Koepang on becoming ill. It has now been decided not to return this a/c to Australia &amp; authority has been granted for its destruction. It would be appreciated if you could arrange for the destruction of this a/c left at Koepang Airfield to be carried out under NEI supervision and RAAF HQ notified when such destruction has been effected with a certificate to this effect."</i>	Status Card
9 Apr 46			<i>"Request inform PASC? HQ that we have to authorise destruction 2 <b>Venturas</b> which became U/S at Koepang and could not be made serviceable for delivery to Australia. Destruction is being arranged ? P.AF S? and ?."</i>	Status Card
3 Jun 46			<i>"Aircraft has been destroyed as instructed by RAAF HQ. Letter received."</i>	Status Card

Ref:

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

CATHRO Gordon Frank 417991 : copied from original log book 1999.

TRANter BRYAN : Service Number - 413690 - NAA: A9300, TRANter B, 5241154.

WHITLAM, Edward Gough 423371: Faxed Log Book copy from Gough Whitlam 1991.

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

79 Wing Operations Room records (1 November - 31 December 1944) - AWM64 6/5D, 695687.

79 Wing Operations Room records, (1 January - 13 May 1945) - AWM64 6/5E, 1968638.

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

4 RSU A50 NAA: A9186, 372, 1359933.

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

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

RAAF Command Headquarters - Aircraft - Ventura 1 - A59, NAA: A11093, 452/A59, 3081567. (10 Jan 45 report - p47-50)