

1 May 44		"Ventura aircraft PVI A59-76 arrived on allotment from 2 AP."				13 Sqn A50 76
2 May 44 76		"Received 13 Sqn ex 2 AP."				Status Card
8 Jun 44 76	F/O JC Batho	Canberra? - Cooktown		Travel		Cooktown Watch Log
09-Jun-44	F/O JC Batho	Cook - Cairns - Cook				Cooktown Watch Log 76/Batho
10-Jun-44		Cook - Cairns - Cook				Cooktown Watch Log 76
02-Jul-44		Cook - Cook		Local		Cooktown Watch Log 76
10-Jul-44		Cook-Townsville - Cook				Cooktown Watch Log 76
18-Jul-44		Cook- Cairns - Garbutt				Cooktown Watch Log 76
19-Jul-44		Cairns - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 76
21-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cairns				Cooktown Watch Log 76
27-Jul-44		Cook - Cook		Test		Cooktown Watch Log 76
29-Jul-44		Cook - Cook		Test		Cooktown Watch Log 76
1-Aug-44		Cook - Cook		Gunnery 1424-1609hrs		Cooktown Watch Log 76
4 Aug 44 Watch 76	<b>SF-E</b> F/O JC Batho	Cook - Cook	CMI 28-1	HW Ptl Force B	13 Sqn A51 76 & NEA Comp Ops CMI 28 SF-E & Cook	
9 Aug 44	W/O RF Durbin	Cook-Merauke		Travel		13 Sqn A51 76 & Cooktown Watch Log 76
10 Aug 44	<b>SF-J</b> W/O RF Durbin	Mer - Mer	CMI 30-4	Strike Dobo	13 Sqn A51 76 & RAAF CMD NEA HQ	13 Sqn 3315052 J
11 Aug 44	W/O RF Durbin	Merauke - Cook		Travel & Land 1636hrs		13 Sqn A51 76
16 Aug 44 E/land	<b>SF-E</b> W/O RF Durbin	Cook - Cook	CMI 32-3	HW Ptl Force DB Land Cook 160534Z	13 Sqn A51 76 & NEA Comp Ops	SF-E
18 Aug 44 CMI 33 SF-E/land	<b>SF-E</b> W/O RF Durbin	Cook - Cook	CMI 33-4	HW Ptl Force JE & Land Cook 180851Z	13 Sqn A51 76 & NEA Comp Ops	
18 Aug 44 Ops CMI 33 SF-E/land	<b>SF-E</b> W/O RF Durbin	Cook - Cook	CMI 34-1	HW Ptl Force BA & Land Cook 180151Z	13 Sqn A51 76 & NEA Comp	
24-Aug-44		Cooktown - Gove		off Gove		Cooktown Watch Log 76
25-Aug-44		Gove		off Gove		Cooktown Watch Log 76
7-Sep-44	<b>SF-E</b> W/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 5-2	W Ptl Force UU	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-E/5-2
11-Sep-44 Ops SF-E/15-2	<b>SF-E</b> P/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 15-2	W Ptl Force BA HMAS Barcoo/Katoomba	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air	
12-Sep-44 Ops SF-E/17-1	<b>SF-E</b> P/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-1	W Ptl Force U HMAS Parkes/Kurumba	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air	
16-Sep-44	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl- Gov	Gov 20-1	W Ptl Force T HMAS Barcoo/Katoomba	13 Sqn A51 76	(Missing 79 Wing page)
28-Sep-44	<b>SF-E</b> F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 29-1	W Ptl Force DA Mathew Flinders	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops	SF-E/29-1
29-Sep-44 76 Batho)	A59-67 SF-P P/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 31-5	W Ptl Force D HMAS Freemantle/Edna	(SF-P Bowers replaces SF-E A59-76 Batho)	13 Sqn A51 67 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-P/31-5

29-Sep-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 31-6 W Ptl Force D HMAS Freemantle/Edna ( <b>SF-E Batho replace SF-B Bowers</b> )	13 Sqn
		A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/31-6			
?			Gov - Hig		
8-Oct-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O KS Veal	Hig - Ptl - Hig	Gov 42-4 W Ptl Force A Thedens	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/42-4
10-Oct-44	<b>SF-E</b>	P/O P Bowers	Hig-Ptl - Gov	Gov 44-1 Force TU Mathew Flinders	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/44-1/Gov
11-Oct-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 46-4 Force CC Oohoo	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/46-4
13-Oct-44	<b>SF-E</b>	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 49-1 Force S Edna	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/49-1
19-Oct-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 6-3 Force BD Mangola	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/6-3
6-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 23-2 Force TS Mangola	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/23-2
8-Nov-44		F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-6 Force BC Virginian	13 Sqn A51 76
14-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 30-3 Force TT San Simeon	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/30-3
15-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 34-4 Force D	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/34-4
16-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O WW Birdsall	Gov 36-3 SF-E replaced by W/C Keenan SF-A then cancelled	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E & A/cancel	
19-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O WW Birdsall	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 42-4 L Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 79 & Narrative report appears to be 76? & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/42-4
21-Nov-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 44-1 L Search (Kai & Aru)	(79 Wing HQ Air Ops corrected from SF-R to SF-E)
		13 Sqn A51 76 & Narrative report a/c serial not noted. & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/44-1			
9-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-1 Force T Colac	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/25-1
10-Dec-44		F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 27-2 Force T Colac	13 Sqn A51 76
11-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 29-2 Force DC Montoro	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/29-2
?			Gov - Merauke		
12-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Merauke - Ptl-Gov	Gov 32-3 Force AD Thedens	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/32-3
13-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O KS Veal	Gov - Ptl - Gov	Gov 33-1 Anti ship search LOVE, Bomb/Straff Dobo, S'board eng holed by MG, U/S	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/33-1/1 engine u/s
17-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 40-2 L Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 76 & Narrative report. a/c serial not noted.
		& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/40-2			
21-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 49-3 Force DA (Dog Able)	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/49-3
23-Dec-44		P/O MT Boyd	? ?	Gov 2-3 Force UU Montoro 230852-231640 Local	13 Sqn A51 Recorded as 76
23-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	P/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 2-2 Force UU Montoro (radar U/S)	79 Wing HQ Air Ops Recorded as SF-E/2-2/radar
23-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 2-4 Force UU Montoro RON Higgins ASV U/S	79 Wing HQ Air Ops Recorded as SF-E/2-4/Hig/RON/ASV
24-Dec-44	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O WH Semple	? - Ptl - Gov	Gov 3-1 L- Anti-shipping search Dobo	13 Sqn A51 76 & Narrative report a/c serial not noted.
		& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/3-1			
3-Jan-45	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho	Gov - Gov	Bomb & flying formation	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/bomb form
9-Jan-45	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 11-1 Armed recce Aru Islands	13 Sqn A51 76 & Narrative report a/c serial not noted & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/11-1
11-Jan-45	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O Boyd / Bowers	Gov - Gov	Instrument flying test	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/Boy Bow/training
11-Jan-45	<b>SF-E</b>	F/O JC Batho / FR Ware	Gov - Gov	Training	13 Sqn Watch 76/E /training (not noted if this flight happened)
13-Jan-45	<b>SF-E</b>	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 14-1 Force ST HMAS Hawkesbury/E S	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/14-1

13-Jan-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 14-4 Force ST HMAS H/Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/14-4
14-Jan-45	SF-E	F/Lt AS Little	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-6 Force CC Mexico	76 replaced A59-78 SF-J (U/S) for this detail
				13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/17-6 & 13 Watch 76 replace 78 U/S	
As of 1 Feb 45 - Outstanding A.O.G. items - T27A/11260 Tyres Cover Outer 1600x16 x 2 for A59-76.					WSR 76
5-Feb-45	SF-E	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/test
7-Feb-45	SF-E	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov-Groote - Gov	Supply drop to A59-64 (included spare parts)	13 Sqn Watch E/Groote/supplies/parts
10-Feb-45	SF-E	F/O FR Ware	Gov	Gove 4-2 A/C U/S fuel pressure	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/u/s/fuel
10-Feb-45	SF-E	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Gov-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 4-4 Force AA James Cook	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/4-4
11-Feb-45	SF-E	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Dwn - Ptl - Gov	Gov 7-3 Force SS Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/7-3
15-Feb-45	SF-E	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch E/Elliott/test
27-Feb-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Gov - Bat	Travel	Watch log Truscott SF-E landed Bat
28-Feb-45	SF-E	Not in records	Bat - Bat	Enroute Trus - Rtn to Bat	Trus Watch Log E/Rtn to Bat
1-Mar-45	SF-E	Not in records	Bat - Truscott	Travel - arr Trus 010716Z	Trus Watch Log E/ Bat - Trus
2-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Truscott	Gov 29-2 Armed recce Soembawa,cancelled due weather	13 Sqn A51 76 & 79 Wing HQ
				Air Ops SF-E/29-2/cancelled	
3-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Truscott	Gov 30-2 cancelled due weather	13 Sqn A51 76 & Trus Watch log E
4-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 31-2 Armed recce Bakit Island 2 Oscars-no damage	13 Sqn A51 76
				& Narrative report 76/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-E Gov 31	
7-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O P Bowers	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 32-1 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 76 & Narrative report
				76/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-E Gov 32	
?			Trus - Bat		
11-Mar-45	SF-E	Not in records	Bat - Truscott		Watch log Truscott SF-E Bat-Trus
21-Mar-45	SF-E	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 39-1 Armed recce Soembawa	13 Sqn A51 76 &
				Narrative report a/c serial not noted/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-E	
26-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O KS Veal	Trus - Truscott	Gov 42-2 Returned to Trus with engine prob	13 Sqn A51 76/RTB & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops
				SF-E/42-2/RTB	
27-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Bat - Dwn - Gov	Travel - Arr Gove 271000Z	Watch log Truscott SF-E Trus-Bat-Gov
28-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Dwn		13 Sqn Watch 76/E/Wilson/Dwn & Wilson log 76/Gov/Dwn
31-Mar-45	SF-E	F/O WM Wilson	Dwn	Delayed dep due engine	13 Sqn Watch E/Dwn
1-Apr-45	SF-E	F/O WM Wilson	Dwn - Gov		13 Sqn Watch SF-E/Dwn & Wilson log 76/Dwn-Gov
9-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/test
11-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Gov - Gov	Test 0123-0144Z	13 Sqn Watch SF-E/test/Branigan
13-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Gov - Dwn	Flat tail wheel on strip. Dep 0213Z	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/flat/Dwn
14-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Dwn - Wama	Dep Dwn 2100Z	13 Sqn Watch E
18-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Wama - Dwn	With Capt Kendall as pass.	13 Sqn Watch 76/Wama-Dwn/Kendall
19-Apr-45	SF-E	F/Lt TJ Branigan?	Dwn - Gov	Travel - Land Gov 190215Z	13 Sqn Watch E & NWA Watch E land Gov 0215Z
26-Apr-45	SF-E	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch E/test
27-Apr-45	SF-E	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-1 Force S	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/17-1

28-Apr-45	SF-E	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 22-2 Force S	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/22-2/Hig
?			Hig - Gov		
7-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Local	13 Sqn Watch E/local
11-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Gov - Gov		13 Sqn Watch E
11-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Gov - Trus	76 or 103 flown by F/Lt Farris (recorded as Harris) - ETD 111145Z - Land Trus 111534Z	Watch log Truscott SF-E Gov-Trus & 13 Sqn Watch Branigan/Farris
12-May-45	SF-E	W/O CS Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 41-4 Armed recce Soembawa (SF-A A59-103 replaced by SF-E)	Watch log Truscott SF-E Armed recce & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-E/41-4
13-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Trus - Bat/Dwn	Travel - landed 130310Z	Watch log Truscott SF-E Trus-Dwn
21-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Bat - Dwn?	Heard msg E take off Bat	13 Sqn Watch heard msg
24-May-45		Not in records	Dwn - Gov		13 Sqn Watch 76/Gov
25-May-45	SF-E	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	I.F.	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/IF/Elliott
29-May-45	SF-E	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Gunnery	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/gunnery
31-May-45	SF-E	P/O DB Buckland	Gov-Dwn - Gov	Conveyed 47572 LAC G.A.C. Cole to hospital - Arr back at Gove 1801hrs	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/Buckland
7-Jun-45		Not in records	Gov - Gorrie	With ferry crew for A59-73	14 ARD A50 76/ferry crew
?			Gorrie - Gov		
23-Jun-45		F/O TH Lancey	Gov - Gorrie	Arr 14 ARD 1100hrs	14 ARD A50 76
25 Jun 45		"Received 14 ARD ex 13 Sqn for 240hr."			Status Card
9-Aug-45		S/L GF Barton	Gorrie - Gov	Dep 14 ARD 1700hrs	14 ARD A50 76/Benton
10 Aug 45		"Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD."			Status Card
?			Gov - Labuan		
21-Aug-45		F/Lt RP Farris	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 62 Search sector George	13 Sqn A51 76 & 13 Sqn Watch 76
22-Aug-45		A59-72 S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 71 Search sector George	A59-72 replaced A59-76 13 Sqn A51 72 & 13 Sqn Watch 72/Barton
25-Aug-45		S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 131 Search sector Fox	13 Sqn A51 76
29-Aug-45		S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	TAF 33 Message dropping	13 Sqn A51 76 & 13 Sqn Watch 76 msg drop Barton
29-Aug-45		A8-121 SK-Q	F/Lt Kemp	93 Sqn Cape Sirik - Kuching-Cape Sirik	TAF 9 Escort A59-76 Cape Sirik - Kuching-93 Sqn A50 A59-76/Cape Sirik
		(Also as escort A8-122 & 123)			
7-Sep-45		F/Lt RP Farris	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 402 Search How 2	13 Sqn A51 76 & 13 Sqn Watch 76/Farris
8-Sep-45		S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 422 Search How 2	13 Sqn A51 76
10-Sep-45		F/O TH Lancey	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 462 Search How 2	13 Sqn A51 76
12-Sep-45		S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 11 Search How 1	13 Sqn A51 76 & 13 Sqn Watch 76/Barton
13-Sep-45	SF-E	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Labuan-Labuan	Vic 41 Search How 1	13 Sqn A51 76 & 13 Sqn Watch SF-E RTB
2-Oct-45	SF-E	P/O DB Buckland	Labuan-Morotai	Replaced 64	13 Sqn Watch 76/E/Buckland/Moro
5-Oct-45		P/O DB Buckland	Morotai-Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 76/Buckland
6-Oct-45		F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan-Laong (Luzon)	Under orders HQ 1 TAF (Tpt S/L Dowling/Hargreaves/G/Cap Duncan/F/Lt Woodhouse & 4 OR's)	13 Sqn A50 & 13 Sqn Watch 76/Wilson & Wilson log 76/Luzon/Dowling & pax
7-Oct-45		F/Lt WM Wilson	Laong (Luzon)-Okinawa		Wilson log 76/Okinawa & NIR 13 Sqn

11-Oct-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Okinawa-Konoya (Japan)		Wilson log 76/Konoya & NIR 13 Sqn
12-Oct-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Konoya (Japan)-Tokyo		Wilson log 76/Tokyo & NIR 13 Sqn
28-Oct-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Konoya (Japan)-Laoag	Starboard eng u/s	Wilson log 76/Laoag/eng u/s & NIR 13 Sqn
30-Oct-45		Laoag	Magneto U/S	13 Sqn Watch 76/mag/Laoag
1 Nov 45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Laoag-Labuan		13 Sqn A50 76 & Wilson log 76
8-Nov-45	W/O T Dean	Labuan	Ground looped on take-off with 12 passengers.	Ventura Accidents
8 Nov 45	W/O T Dean	<i>“Ground looped on take-off - u/c collapsed - A/C came to rest in mud &amp; water.”</i>		Ventura Accidents
8 Nov 45		<i>“Ground looped Labuan strip - Request allot 1 RSU for survey report.”</i>		Status Card
16 Nov 45		<i>“Received 1 RSU ex 13 Sqn.”</i>		Status Card
21 Nov 45		<i>“Further inspections reveal front spare (sic) bent in centre section &amp; behind u/c. Fuselage &amp; mainplanes severely damaged. Recommend conversion.”</i>		Status Card
18 Dec 45		<i>“Conversion Approved.”</i>		Status Card

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

Control Officer's Watch Log Cooktown AWM66 22/1/5

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Control Officer's Watch Log Truscott - AWM66 22/1/22,

RAAF Command Headquarters - North Eastern Area Headquarters - Operational record NAA: A11093, G, 3315052 (10Aug44)

North Eastern Area - AOR Log Book (Completed Operations) (1944-5) AWM66, 14/2/2 515410

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Ventura A59 Accidents NAA: A9845, 115 6950499.

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

13 Sqn A50/51 NAA A9186, 35, 1358732.

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[No 13 Squadron] - Operations. Operational performance PVI [Ventura] aircraft A11283, 8/7/AIR, 637113. \*\* Note that this file states the a/c was A59-85 but is A59-76 13 Dec 44.