

A59-77 B Flight SF-D SF-M Mar45

Last corrected 24 Jul 22 - Phil Herdman

16 May 44		"Ventura aircraft A59-77 arrived on allotment from 2 AP."			13 Sqn A50 77
16 May 44		"Received 13 Sqn ex 2 AP."			Status Card
8 Jun 44	W/O RF Durbin	Canberra? - Cooktown	<i>Travel</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
07-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cairns			Cooktown Watch Log 77
09-Jul-44		Cairns - Cooktown			Cooktown Watch Log 77
13-Jul-44	P/O P Bowers	Cooktown - Cooktown	<i>Local</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77/Bowers
26-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	<i>Test</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
13-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	<i>Local</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
16 Aug 44	SF-D P/O P Bowers	Cook - Cook	CMI 32-1	HW Ptl Force DB	13 Sqn A51 77 & NEA Comp Ops SF-D
18 Aug 44	SF-D F/O WW Birdsall	Cook - Cook	CMI 33-1	HW Ptl Force JE	13 Sqn A51 77 & NEA Comp Ops SF-D
18 Aug 44	SF-D P/O P Bowers or Birdsall Ops SF-D/ Birdsall	Cook - Cook	CMI 34-2	HW Ptl Force BA	13 Sqn A51 77/ Bowers & NEA Comp
24-Aug-44		Cooktown - Gove	off Gove		Cooktown Watch Log 77
25-Aug-44		Gove	<i>off Gove</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
31-Aug-44		Gove	<i>down Gove</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
1-Sep-44		Gove? - Cairns	<i>off Cairns</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
4-Sep-44		Garbutt	<i>down Garbutt</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
8-Sep-44		Gove - Gove	<i>test</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
9-Sep-44		Gove	<i>off Gove</i>		Cooktown Watch Log 77
10-Sep-44	SF-D F/O KS Veal Ops SF-D/13-4	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 13-4 W Ptl Force S	HMAS Bunbury/Suva/Alagna	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air
16-Sep-44	P/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 20-2 W Ptl Force T	HMAS Barcoo/Katoomba	13 Sqn A51 77 (Missing 79 Wing page)
17-Sep-44	SF-D P/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 22-4 W Ptl Force SS		13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/22-4
1-Oct-44	SF-D P/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 34-1 W Ptl Force UU	San Rafael	13 Sqn A51 71 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/34-1
		Gov - Hig			
8-Oct-44	SF-D P/O P Bowers	Hig - Ptl - Hig	Gov 42-5 W Ptl Force A	Thedens	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/42-5
10-Oct-44	SF-D F/O KS Veal	Hig-Ptl - Hig	Gov 44-2 Force TU	Mathew Flinders	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/44-2/Hig
		Hig - Gov			
21-Oct-44	SF-D F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 9-1 Force S	Shwedagon	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/9-1
21-Oct-44	SF-D F/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 9-3 Force S	Shwedagon	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/9-3
6-Nov-44	SF-D P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 23-1 Force TS (Tare Sugar)	Mangola	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/23-1
8-Nov-44	F/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-4 Force BC (Baker Charlie)	Virginian	13 Sqn A51 77
10-Nov-44	SF-D F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 27-2 Force U	Montoro	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/27-2
14-Nov-44	SF-D S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 30-1 Force TT	San Simeon	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/30-1
21-Nov-44	SF-D F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 45-4 Force DB	Jane Addams	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/45-4

25-Nov-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers	Gov - Pell - Gov	Probably with P/O Boyd & crew to ferry A59-67	4 RSU A50 77/Bowers/Arr & dep AM
28-Nov-44	SF-D	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 9-5 Force CD Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D
29-Nov-44	SF-D	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-6 Force DA San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/12-6
30-Nov-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers		Gov 13-1 cancelled	13 Sqn A51 77
30-Nov-44	SF-D	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 15-5 Force DC Colac	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/15-5
2-Dec-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-2 Force U Alagna	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/17-2
5-Dec-44	SF-D	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 20-2 Force UU San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/20-2
6-Dec-44	SF-D	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 21-1 Force UU San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/21-1
7-Dec-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 23-4 L search - bombed & strafed Elat Village area	13 Sqn A51 77 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/23-4/Elat
14-Dec-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers	Gov? - Pell		4 RSU A50 77/Bowers/arr Pell
14 Dec 44		"Received 4 RSU ex 13 Sqn for 240hr."			Status Card
Dec 44		A59-77 240hr in progress			4 RSU A50 77
Jan 45		A59-77 240hr in progress			4 RSU A50 77
Feb 45		A59-77 240hr in progress			4 RSU A50 77
Mar 45		A59-77 240hr completed			4 RSU A50 77
10 Mar 45		F/Lt Wadey dep Pell am.			4 RSU A50 77
11 Mar 45		F/Lt Wadey arr Pell am.			4 RSU A50 77
14 Mar 45		F/Lt JC Batho	Pell - Dwn	dep Pell am.	4 RSU A50 77
16-Mar-45	SF-D	F/Lt JC Batho	Dwn - Gov		13 Sqn Watch 77/D/Pell Dwn
16 Mar 45		"Received 13 Sqn ex 4 RSU."			Status Card
23-Mar-45	SF-M	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	Test	NIR & Wilson log 77/test
26-Mar-45	SF-M	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	Test See 23rd entry	13 Sqn Watch M/Wilson & NIR Wilson log
3-Apr-45	SF-M	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	Bomb & Gunnery	13 Sqn Watch 77/M & Wilson log 77
4-Apr-45	SF-M	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Search for C 47	13 Sqn Watch M/search
17-Apr-45	SF-M	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 8-2 Force T	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-M/8-2
18-Apr-45	SF-M	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Gov - Gov	Test with W/C Keenan 0110-0152Z	13 Sqn Watch 77M/test/CO
18-Apr-45	SF-M	W/C R Holmes	Gov - Gov	Local 0658-0720Z	13 Sqn Watch M/local flight
21-Apr-45	SF-M	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov - Dwn - Ptl - Gov	Travel & Gov 10-1 Force TS	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-M/10-1
23-Apr-45	SF-M	F/O KM Twiddy	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-5 Armed recce Kai Is	13 Sqn Narrative reports 77/Gov & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-M/12-5
26-Apr-45	SF-M	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Gunnery & bombing	13 Sqn Watch M/guns-bombs
3-May-45	SF-M	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	Local	13 Sqn Watch M/local
5-May-45	SF-M	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 35-3 Force TT	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-M/35-3
12-May-45	SF-M	F/Lt WM Wilson	Gov - Ptl - Gov	Gov 43-3 Force TU & TS	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-M/43-3/Wilson & Wilson log (not dated) 77
11-Jun-45		F/Lt WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	Test	Wilson log 77/test/NIR 13 Sqn

5-Jul-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	test		Wilson log 77/test
7-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	test		Wilson log 77/test
12-Aug-45 & Returns dep 12th & Wilson log 77	F/Lt WM Wilson	Gov - Biak	Travel arr Lab 14th.	13 Sqn A50 6 Ventura arr Labuan & pilot name & 13 Sqn Records	
13-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Biak - Morotai			Wilson log 77/Biak Moro
14-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Morotai - Labuan			Wilson log 77/Moro Lab
19-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan - Labuan	Vic 22 Search sector George	13 Sqn A51 77 & 13 Sqn Watch 77 & Wilson log 77/ Lab / ptl	
21-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan - Labuan	Vic 51 Search sector Fox	13 Sqn A51 77 & 13 Sqn Watch 77 & Wilson log 77/ Lab / ptl	
23-Aug-45	F/Lt RP Farris	Labuan - Labuan	Vic 102 Search sector George		13 Sqn A51 77
24-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan - Labuan	Vic 122 Search sector George	13 Sqn A51 77 & 13 Sqn Watch 77 & Wilson log 77/ Lab / ptl	
27-Aug-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan - Labuan	Vic 171 Search sector Fox		13 Sqn A51 77 & Wilson log 77/ Lab / ptl
6-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Labuan - Balikpapan	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 77/Balik/travel 6th & Wilson log 7 th	
9-Sep-45			Msg from Balik - 77 servicable		13 Sqn Watch 77/msg
12-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Balikpapan - Morotai			Wilson log 77/Balik Mor
13-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Morotai - Balikpapan	Mail		Wilson log 77/Mor Balik/mail
16-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Balikpapan - Morotai			Wilson log 77/Balik Mor
17-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Morotai - Balikpapan	Mail		Wilson log 77/Mor Balik/mail
20-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Balikpapan - Morotai	9 pax		Wilson log 77/Balik Mor/9 pax
21-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Morotai - Balikpapan	Mail		Wilson log 77/Mor Balik/mail
25-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Balikpapan - Morotai	RTB ? in a/c & 10 POW to Moro		Wilson log 77/Mor POW
26-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Morotai - Balikpapan	Mail		Wilson log 77/Mor Balik/mail
28-Sep-45	F/Lt WM Wilson	Balikpapan - Labuan	6 pax		Wilson log 77/Balik Lab/6 pax
8-Oct-45			Landed		13 Sqn Watch 77 landed NFI
13-Oct-45	SF-M F/O RJ McLean	Labuan - Singapore			13 Sqn Watch 77/M
14-Oct-45	F/O RJ McLean	Singapore - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 77
16-Oct-45	SF-M P/O DB Buckland	Labuan - Singapore	Programmed for 16th or 17th		13 Sqn Watch 77/M
23-Oct-45		Singapore	Distributor head & lead required		13 Sqn Watch 77/Singapore/Dist
26-Oct-45		Singapore - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 77
29-Oct-45	P/O DB Buckland	Labuan - Morotai			13 Sqn Watch 77/Buckland
30-Oct-45		Morotai - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 77
1-Nov-45		Labuan - Morotai			13 Sqn Watch 77
3-Nov-45			Returned due weather NFI		13 Sqn Watch 77 rtn
8-Nov-45	SF-M W/C FA Wittscheibe	Morotai - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 77/M/Witt
24-Nov-45		Labuan - Morotai			13 Sqn Watch 77
25-Nov-45		Morotai - Labuan			13 Sqn Watch 77
28-Nov-45	F/O DB Buckland	Labuan - Tokyo		13 Sqn A50 77 & 13 Sqn Watch 77/Tokyo	

1-Dec-45		Serviceability report - S	13 Sqn Watch service
18-Dec-45	A59-77? F/O DB Buckland	Msg sent to Buckland in Tokyo.	13 Sqn Watch Buckland/Tokyo/msg
4-Jan-46	SF-M	Laog - Labuan	13 Sqn Watch 77/M
14-Jan-46	? - Higg - Amberley	<i>Escorting Mustang A68-551 to Amberley?</i>	Cooktown Watch Log 77/Mustang
18 Jan 46	<i>"Received 2 AD ex 13 Sqn for storage."</i>		Status Card

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

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

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

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

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

4 RSU A50 NAA: A9186, 372, 1359933.

WILSON WM : https://archives.org.au/W.M._Wilson%27s_RAAF_log_book