

A59-78 SF-J

last corrected 25 Oct 23 - Phil Herdman

11 May 44									Status Card
12 May 44									13 Sqn A50 78
14-May-44	F/Lt CR Moore	Canberra - Richmond		<i>Transport</i>					Coward log 78
16-May-44	F/Lt CR Moore	Richmond - Canberra		<i>Transport</i>					Coward log 78
8 Jun 44	F/O FR Ware	Canberra? - Cooktown		Travel		<i>"Proposed flight 28 May"</i>			13 Sqn Records & Returns 78
28-Jun-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Formation towards Cairns</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
23-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Test</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
24-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Ops 3 hrs</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78/Ops/3 hr
31-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Gunnery</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
2-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown		<i>Formation</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
9 Aug 44	F/O JC Batho	Cook-Merauke		<i>Travel (spare mission ac)</i>					13 Sqn A51 78 & Cooktown Watch Log 78
10-Aug-44	F/O JC Batho	Merauke		<i>Spare aircraft</i>					13 Sqn A51 7 a/c 78
11 Aug 44	F/O JC Batho	Merauke - Cook		<i>Travel & Land 1628hrs</i>					13 Sqn A51 78 & Cooktown Watch Log 78
16 Aug 44	SF-J F/Lt CR Moore	Cook - Cook		CMI 32-2	HW Ptl Force DB				13 Sqn A51 78 & NEA Comp Ops SF-J
18 Aug 44	SF-J P/O WH Semple	Cook - Cook		CMI 33-2	HW Ptl Force JE				13 Sqn A51 78 & NEA Comp Ops SF-J
18 Aug 44	SF-J P/O WH Semple	Cook - Cook		CMI 34-3	HW Ptl Force BA				13 Sqn A51 78 & NEA Comp Ops SF-J
24-Aug-44	Not in records	Cooktown - Gove		<i>off Gove</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
25-Aug-44		Gove		<i>off Gove</i>					Cooktown Watch Log 78
3-Sep-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 2-1 W Ptl Force AD						13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/Gov 21
8-Sep-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 7-1 W Ptl Force S	HMAS Bunbury					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/7-1
11-Sep-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 15-3 W Ptl Force BA	HMAS Barcoo/Katoomba					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/15-3
12-Sep-44	SF-J F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-2 W Ptl Force U	HMAS Parkes/Kurumba					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/17-2
29-Sep-44	SF-J F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 31-4 W Ptl Force D	HMAS Freemantle/Edna					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/31-4
30-Sep-44	SF-J F/O KS Veal	Hig	Gov 33-4 W Ptl Force TT	Admiral Chase (Mission cancelled)					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/33-4
2-Oct-44	SF-J F/O KS Veal	Hig - Ptl- Gov	Gov 36-3 W Ptl Force AC	Mernoo					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/36-3
10-Oct-44	F/O FR Ware	Gov - Hig	1H Gov-Hig for Gov44 - Land 0427Z						NWA Watch Log 1H/Hig
10-Oct-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Hig-Ptl - Gov	Gov 44-3 Force TU	Mathew Flinders					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/44-3/Gov
13-Oct-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 49-2 Force S	Edna					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/49-2
16-Oct-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 3-4 Force TT	Oohoo					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/3-4
25-Oct-44	SF-J F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Hig	Gov 13-2 Force U	Murada					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/15-2
?		Hig - Gov							
29-Oct-44	SF-J F/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 16-1 Force CA	San Simmon					13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/16-1

2-Nov-44	SF-D	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 21-1 Force SS Dilga	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-D/21-1
10-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 27-1 Force U Montoro	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/27-1
15-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 34-6 Force D	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/34-6
21-Nov-44	SF-J	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 45-2 Force DB Jane Addams	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/45-2
22-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 47-4 Force SS (Sugar Sugar) Evangeline	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/47-4
22-Nov-44	SF-J	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 47-6 Force SS Evangeline	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/47-6
23-Nov-44	SF-J	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 2-4 Force BD Alagna	13 Sqn A51 84 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/2-4
26-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 5-1 L Search	13 Sqn A51 78
28-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O WW Birdsall	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 9-2 Force CD (Charlie Dog) Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/9-2
29-Nov-44	SF-J	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-5 Force DA San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/12-5
4-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O WH Semple	Gov - Gov	Gunnery & flying formation Eng prob. jettison depth charges-12 09' 136 53'	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/gun fly/eng/jettison
7-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch J/Ware/test
8-Jan-45	SF-J	F/Lt AS Little	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 10-3 Force BB Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/10-3
9-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 11-2 Armed recce Aru Islands	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/11-2
12-Jan-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov-Groote - Gov		13 Sqn Watch J/Groote
13-Jan-45	SF-J	P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 15-6 Armed recce Aru Island/RTB/Bad weather	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/15-6
14-Jan-45	A59-76 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
15-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 18-1 Force AD Mangola & photo HF/DF station from 8000ft	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/18-1
16-Jan-45	SF-J	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov - Bat - Dwn		13 Sqn Watch J/RON Dwn
18-Jan-45	SF-J	F/Lt JC Batho	Dwn-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 21-1 Force T Mexico	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/21-1
19-Jan-45	SF-J	F/Lt JC Batho	Dwn - Gov	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/Dwn
23-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov - Gov	Bomb & Gunnery	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/B&G
27-Jan-45	SF-J	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Search - Gov	Gov 53-4 Search for A59-56 (SF-T)	13 Sqn A51 78 & 13 Sqn Watch 78/J
28-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 37-6 Force CC Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/37-6
30-Jan-45	SF-J	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 38-1 Force CC Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/38-1
31-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O P Bowers / KS Veal	Gov - Dwn		13 Sqn Watch J/Bow Veal to Dwn
31-Jan-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	?-Ptl - Bat	Gov 39-2 Force CC Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/39-2/Bat
1-Feb-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Bat - Dwn	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 78/Dwn
2-Feb-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Dwn - Gov		13 Sqn Watch 78/J
5-Feb-45	SF-J	W/C WJ Keenan	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 48-1 Armed recce Aru Island	13 Sqn A51 78 & Narrative report 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/48-1

24-Feb-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Training		13 Sqn Watch J
24-Feb-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Training		13 Sqn Watch J
26-Feb-45	SF-J	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 24-1 Force TS	Nicholas J Sinott	13 Sqn A51 78 & 13 Sqn Watch J
26-Feb-45	A59-79 SF-B	F/Sgt CS Dwyer		Gov 24-3 79 U/S replaced by A59-78	Cancelled owing to adverse weather	13 Sqn A51 79/78
28-Feb-45	SF-J	Little/Batho/Farris?	Gov-Groote - Gov	Training		13 Sqn Watch J/Groote/Little Batho Farris or next flight SF-X
3-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov	To Gorrie - cancelled		13 Sqn Watch J cancelled
3-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov - Gorrie	Ferry 2 crews to Gorrie		13 Sqn Watch J/Ware/2 crews/Gorrie
4-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware?	Gorrie - Gov	Travel		13 Sqn Watch 78 land from Gorrie
6-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov - Gov	Gunnery		13 Sqn Watch 78/J/Ware/gun
9-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 33-1 Force US	RTB bad weather	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/33-1
9-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O FR Ware	Gov	Gov 33-4 Force US	cancelled due weather	13 Sqn A51 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/33-4/cancelled
12-Mar-45	SF-J	F/Sgt CS Dwyer	Gov - Bat - Truscott			Watch log Truscott SF-J/78 Gov-Bat-Trus
13-Mar-45	SF-J	F/Sgt CS Dwyer	Truscott - Gov	Landed Gove 130410Z		Watch log Truscott SF-J landed from Trus
14-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Gov - Gov	Local		13 Sqn Watch J/local & WM Wilson log 78/J/Veal
19-Mar-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 38-1 Armed recce Kai & Aru Islands		13 Sqn A51 78 & Narrative report 78 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/38-1
26-Mar-45	SF-J	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	B & G		13 Sqn Watch J/Wilson/B&G & Wilson log 78
27-Mar-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov			13 Sqn Watch J/Farris
2-Apr-45	SF-J	F/O JA Dumaresq	Gov - Gov	Bombing 1330hrs		13 Sqn Watch 78/J Bombing
3-Apr-45	SF-J	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Bomb & Gunnery		13 Sqn Watch 78/J & Wilson log 78/Elliott
3-Apr-45	SF-J	F/O WM Wilson	Gov - Gov	Nite fly		13 Sqn Watch 78/J & Wilson log 78
5-Apr-45	SF-J	F/O JA Dumaresq	Gov - Gov	Nite fly - land 1029Z		13 Sqn Watch J/nite
15-Apr-45	SF-J	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 4-2 Force CB		79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/4-2
16-Apr-45	SF-J	P/O GW Anning	Gov - Truscott	Travel - Dep Gove 152108Z - land Truscott 160046Z		NWA Watch SF-J Dep 2108 - land Trus 0046 & 13 Sqn Watch J land Trus
16-Apr-45	SF-J	P/O GW Anning	Trus-Ptl -Truscott	Gov 5-4 Force S - Land 160111Z	Watch log Truscott SF-J & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/5-4	
17-Apr-45	SF-J	F/O RN Heins	Trus-Ptl-Trus	Gov 7-1 Force S - Land 170302Z	Watch log Truscott SF-J Gov 7 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/7-1	
18-Apr-45	SF-J	P/O GW Anning	Trus-Ptl - Darwin	Delayed T.O. & Gov 9-1 Force S - land Dwn 180525Z		NWA Watch SF-J delay & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-J/9-1/Anning & Trus Watch Log 9-1 land Dwn
18-Apr-45	SF-J	P/O GW Anning?	Dwn - Gov	Travel		13 Sqn Watch J/Dwn-Gov
21-Apr-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	Local		13 Sqn Watch J/test
21-Apr-45	SF-J	F/Lt JA Dumaresq	Gov - Gov	Instrument flying & bombing with F/O Sadd	Wilson log 78/Sadd/QGH & IF	13 Sqn Watch J & Austin log 78/Inst/bomb &
27-Apr-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	Test		13 Sqn Watch 78/J/Farris
29-Apr-45		W/C R Holmes	Gov - Gov	Nite fly		13 Sqn Watch 78/Holmes/nite
30-Apr-45	SF-J	????	Gov - Gov	Test		13 Sqn Watch J/test
8-May-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov ?			13 Sqn Watch J airborne
10-May-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	C& B		13 Sqn Watch 78/J/local

11-May-45	SF-J	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	C & B	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/test
12-May-45	SF-J	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	C & B dep 0010Z	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/C&B
12-May-45	SF-J	W/C R Holmes	Gov - Bat	Travel	13 Sqn Watch J/Bat/Holmes
13-May-45	SF-J	W/C R Holmes?	Bat - Gov	Travel	13 Sqn Watch J/Bat
14-May-45	SF-J	F/O BE Chandler	Gov - Gov	Familiarization - Rtn due to engine trouble	13 Sqn Watch J/eng
15-May-45		Not in records	Gov - Gov	Local	13 Sqn Watch 78
17-May-45	SF-J	F/O BE Chandler	Gov - Truscott	Land 179351Z & Msg from AORNWA - <i>Why did 78 go to Truscott?</i>	13 Sqn Watch J/Trus/msg
18-May-45		F/O BE Chandler?	Trus - Dwn - Gov	Travel - Dep Trus 172308Z, Arr Gove 180701Z	Trus Watch Log 78 & 13 Sqn Watch 78/ Dwn
21-May-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov - Gov	C & B	13 Sqn Watch J/C&B
22-May-45		Not in records	Gov - Gov	C & B	13 Sqn Watch 78/C&B
23-May-45	SF-J	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Local flying	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/local
23-May-45	SF-J	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Nite fly	13 Sqn Watch 78/nite
2 Jun 45		"Anticipate allotment for 480hr & double engine change prior to departure of air party. This a/c required for conversion course Ventura of 4 crews prior to departure to 1 st TAF."			Status Card
4-Jun-45	A59-78	?	Gov?	?	????
24-Jun-45		F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - ? Gov	With same crew from A59-79 accident	????
27-Jun-45		F/O RJ McLean	Gov - Gorrie	Arr 14 ARD 1200hrs for 480hr & engine change	14 ARD A50 78
28 Jun 45		"Received 14 ARD ex 13 Sqn for 480hr & double engine change."			Status Card
11-Aug-45		Working on bomb bay tank.			14 ARD A50 78/tank
15-Sep-45		F/O J Osborne	Gorrie - Gov	Dep 14 ARD 1000hrs after maintenance	14 ARD A50 78 & NIR 56 OBU
19 Sep 45		"Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD."			Status Card
?			Gov - Labuan		
6-Oct-45		F/Lt J Osborne	Labuan - Morotai		13 Sqn Watch 78/Osborne/Moro
7-Oct-45			Labuan - Morotai	Had hydraulic problem - 5 circuits before landing	13 Sqn Watch 78/hydraulic
?			Moro - Lab		
20-Oct-45		F/Lt PW Graham	Labuan - Morotai	Freight & F/Lt Cameron & W/O Perkins	13 Sqn Watch 78 & Graham log 78/freight
21-Oct-45		F/Lt PW Graham	Morotai - Labuan	Freight & F/Lt Cameron & W/O Perkins	13 Sqn Watch 78 & Graham log 78/freight
27-Oct-45			Labuan - Labuan	C&B	13 Sqn Watch 78/c&b
4-Nov-45		F/Lt GS Strickland	Labuan - Morotai	Courier	13 Sqn Watch 78/Strickland/Moro
9-Nov-45	SF-J	S/L GF Barton	Labuan - Singapore	Courier	13 Sqn Watch 78/J/Barton & 13 Sqn Newsletter 26 Courier
11-Nov-45		S/L GF Barton	Singapore - Labuan		13 Sqn A50 78 & 13 Sqn Watch 78/Barton
16-Nov-45		W/C FA Wittscheibe	Labuan-Balikpapan	On flying duties	13 Sqn A50 78 & 13 Sqn Watch 78/ A flight advice only
18-Nov-45		W/C FA Wittscheibe	Balikpapan - Labuan		13 Sqn A50 78
20-Nov-45	SF-J		Labuan - Morotai		13 Sqn Watch 78/J
21-Nov-45			Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 78
?			Lab - Moro		

23-Nov-45		Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 78
1-Dec-45			Serviceability report - U/S 120	13 Sqn Watch - service
9-Dec-45		Morotai - Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 78
13-Dec-45	W/O T Dean	Labuan - Darwin		13 Sqn Watch 78/Dean
14-Dec-45		Darwin	Port start motor U/S	13 Sqn Watch 78 u/s
21-Dec-45		Labuan - Balik	(Darwin) Signal 78 U/S Balik	13 Sqn Watch 78/u/s
27-Dec-45	SF-J F/Lt KB James	Labuan - Balik - Darwin		13 Sqn Watch 78/J/James
28-Dec-45	SF-J	Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 78/J/land Lab
30-Dec-45		Labuan - Darwin	Scheduled - Actual flight not noted	13 Sqn Watch 78
2 Jan 46			<i>"A59-78 Hydraulic check awaiting test."</i>	12 ARD A50 78
13 Jan 46			<i>"Received 12 ARD ex 13 Sqn for repair."</i>	Status Card
25 Feb 46			<i>"Received 2 AD ex 12 ARD for storage."</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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(79 Wing HQ) Operation Room Summary, (1 Sep - 31 Oct 1944) - AWM64 6/5C, 1968635.

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

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