

A59-85 SF-R Reluctant Dragon

last corrected 7 Nov 24 - Phil Herdman

24-Oct-44	P/O L Davies	Gorrie - Gov	Test & travel		Whitlam log 85/Davies/test/travel
25 Oct 44	"Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD RP"				Status Card
29-Oct-44	SF-R W/O GW Anning	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 17-6 Force AA Montoro	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/17-6	
30-Oct-44	SF-R S/L RS Dennis	Gov-Ptl-Hig	Gov 20-4 Search for 2 Missing P 47's - Found near Aurukun Mission.	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/20-4	
9-Nov-44	SF-R S/L RS Dennis	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 26-2 Force BC Virginian	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/26-2	
11-Nov-44	SF-R F/O PW Clarkson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 28-2 Force U Montoro 8.10hr	13 Sqn A51 85 & Cathro log 85/8.10hr	& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R
13-Nov-44	SF-R F/O IR Sinclair	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 29-2 Force TT San Simeon 7.05hr	13 Sqn A51 85 & Tranter log 85/7.05hr	& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R
16-Nov-44	SF-R S/L RS Dennis	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 35-1 L Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report SF-R	
18-Nov-44	SF-R P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 39-1 L Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report SF-R	& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/39-1
20-Nov-44	SF-R P/O WM Wilson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 43-1 L Anti-shipping search. Late dep. 200028Z eng trouble after first take off.	13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report eng. & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/43-1/eng	
22-Nov-44	S/L RS Dennis	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 46-2 Force DB Jane Addams	13 Sqn A51 85	
23-Nov-44	SF-R P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 1-3 Force B Mathew Flinders	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/1-3	
25-Nov-44	F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 4-1 L Search	13 Sqn A51 85	
27-Nov-44	SF-R F/O AG Goudie	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 6-1 Bomb & Straffe Tafermaar (Tafemaar) 7.20hr	13 Sqn A51 85	& 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/6-1 & Whitlam log 7.20hr
29-Nov-44	SF-R F/O L Davies	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 10-1 L Search & Bomb/Strafe Taberfane	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/10-1	
3-Dec-44	SF-R F/O L Davies	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 18-2 Force CA Joshua Tendy	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/18-2	
5-Dec-44	SF-R F/O AG Goudie	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 20-3 Force UU San Adolpho 5hr & 1.30nite	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/20-3 & Whitlam log 83/Goudie/6.30hr	
6-Dec-44	SF-R F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 21-2 Force UU San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/21-2	
7-Dec-44	SF-R P/O WM Wilson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 22-2 Force ST Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/22-2	
8-Dec-44	SF-R F/O NI McCahon	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 24-2 Force ST Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/24-2	
12-Dec-44	SF-R F/O PW Clarkson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 31-1 L Search (Aroe-Kai-Tanibar & bomb & straff Kaitanimbar Is)	8hr	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/31-1 & Cathro log 85/8hr
19-Dec-44	F/Lt TJ Branigan		Gov 45-1 cancelled	13 Sqn A51 85 cancelled	
20-Dec-44	SF-R S/L RS Dennis	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 47-5 Force AC Swartenhondt	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/47-5	
21-Dec-44	SF-R P/O HD Dargie	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 48-2 Force UU Montoro	13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/48-2	
23-Dec-44	SF-R F/Lt TJ Branigan	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 1 L- Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report a/c serial not noted. & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/1-1	
25-Dec-44	F/O GA Anderson	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 4-2 Force TS Swartenhondt	13 Sqn A51 85	

28-Dec-44 **SF-R** F/O AG Goudie Gov-Ptl-Gov Gov 6-2 Armed recce Aroe Is Dobo-C.Derehi 6.20hr 13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/6-2 & Whitlam log 85/Goudie/6.20hr

30-Jan-45 **SF-R** S/L RS Dennis Gov-Gov Test 13 Sqn Watch 85/R/test

31-Jan-45 **SF-R** S/L RS Dennis Gov-Bat 13 Sqn Watch R/Bat

1-Feb-45 **SF-R** S/L RS Dennis Bat-Ptl-Bat Gov 42-1 Armed recce Tanimbar Islands, 13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/42-1

2-Feb-45 **SF-R** S/L RS Dennis Bat-Ptl-Bat Gov 43-1 Armed recce Solor & Alor Islands 13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/43-1

3-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/O L Davies Bat-Ptl-Bat Gov 45-2 Force S HMAS Parkes /Edna 13 Sqn A51 85 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/45-2

4-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Dwn-Ptl-Bat Gov 47-3 Armed recce Barbar/Moa/Leti Islands 040001-040648 13 Sqn A51 85/Dwn/Bat/time & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/47-3

4-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/O L Davies Bat-Ptl-Trus Gov 46-2 Force S HMAS Parkes /Edna 041105-041551 13 Sqn A51 85 & Watch log Truscott SF-R

5-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Trus-Bat-Dwn-Gov Watch log Truscott SF-R Trus-Bat & 13 Sqn Watch 85 Bat-Dwn - Gov

7-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Gov-Bat -Truscott 13 Sqn Watch R/Bat & Watch log Truscott SF-R Bat-Trus

8-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Trus-Ptl Trus Gov 2-1 Armed recce Bima & Cartier 13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report 85/Truscott & Watch log Truscott SF-R Gov 2

10-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Trus-Ptl-Trus Gov 5-5 Armed recce Sawoe, Soemba, Soembawa, Flores. RTB elec failure generator regulator. 13 Sqn A51 85 & Watch log Truscott SF-R U/S RTB & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/5-5

13-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Trus-Ptl Trus Gov 10-1 Armed recce Sawoe/Flores 13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report 85 & Watch log Truscott SF-R Gov 10

15-Feb-45 **SF-R** F/Lt TJ Branigan Trus-Ptl-Trus Gov 13-1 Armed recce Soemba/Flores. Holed in several places by MG fire 13 Sqn A51 85 & Narrative report 85/Truscott & Trus Watch Log R

15 Feb 1945 F/O JA Wegner, navigator on A59-85 piloted by F/Lt TJ BRANIGAN 13Sqn, was struck by a fragment of a white tracer that exploded on impact on the storm window whilst over Safe Bay, Soembawa Island on an armed recce mission requiring 5 stitches on return to Truscott base.

16-Feb-45 **SF-R** Not in records Truscott-Bat-Gov 13 Sqn Watch R from Trus

3-Mar-45 **SF-R** S/L RS Dennis Gov-Groote-Gov Gunnery 13 Sqn Watch 85/R/Dennis/Groote

5-Mar-45 **SF-R** Not in records Gov-Bat Land Bat 050056Z Watch log Truscott R Gov-Bat

9 Mar 45 All Ventura's at Truscott u/s - no CO2.

? Bat-Gov

10-Mar-45 **SF-R** F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer Gov-Brisbane Dep with 2 other crew to fill CO2 bottles 13 Sqn A50 F/Lt Kennedy-Dwyer & 13 Sqn Watch R/Bris/CO2

16-Mar-45 **SF-R** F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer Brisbane-Charleville un scheduled stop - wireless u/s 13 Sqn A50 F/Lt KD/wireless/Charleville & 13 Sqn Watch 85/Charl/delay/eng trouble

18-Mar-45 **SF-R** F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer Charleville-Gov 13 Sqn A50 F/Lt KD /Charleville & 13 Sqn Watch R land Gove

25-Mar-45 **SF-R** F/O KM Twiddy Gov-Gov Fuel consumption Test 13 Sqn Watch R/Twiddy/test

4-Apr-45 **SF-R** W/O GW Anning-F/O RN Heins Gov-Pell Anning flew A59-95 back to Gove 13 Sqn Watch Anning/Heins briefed & SF-R to Pell/to Gove

4-Apr-45 F/O RN Heins Dwn-Gov J Goode (42 Sqn) passenger J Goode (42 Sqn) log book - 85/F/O Hynes

12-Apr-45	SF-R	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 2-1 Armed recce Aroe	13 Sqn
Narrative reports 85/Gov & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/2-1					
16-Apr-45	SF-R	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 6-3 Force CB	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/6-3
23-Apr-45	SF-R	F/Lt AS Little	Gov-Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch R/test/Little
24-Apr-45	SF-R	W/O CS Dwyer	Gov-Ptl-Hig-Gov	Gov 14-2 Force TS	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/14-2/Hig
28-Apr-45	SF-R	P/O GW Anning	Gov-Ptl-Hig	Gov 22-1 Force S	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/22-1/Hig
28-Apr-45	SF-R	P/O GW Anning?	Hig-Gov	ETD Hig 280413Z	NWA Watch ETD
4-May-45	SF-R	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Gov-Dwn	Travel for Gov 35-1	13 Sqn Watch R/to Dwn
4-May-45	SF-R	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Dwn-Ptl-Gov	Gov 35-1 Force TT delayed take off- due petrol blockage	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/35-1
6-May-45	SF-R	F/O RN Heins	Gov-Ptl-Hig-Gov	Gov 36-1	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-R/36-1
16-May-45	SF-R	F/O KB James	Gov-Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch R
31-May-45	SF-R	F/O KB James	Gov-Gov	Gunnery	13 Sqn Watch 86/R/gunnery
17-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gov	W/T & gunnery 1030hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
17-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gov	W/T & gunnery 1300hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
18-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gov	Nav exercise	Laves log 85/Clegg
19-Jul-45		F/Lt AS Little	Gov-Gov	Bombing & gunnery -Veronica Is 0900hrs	Laves log 85/Little
19-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gov	Bombing & gunnery -Veronica Is 0945hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
19-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gov	Local flying 1400hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
20-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Gorrie	0915hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
20-Jul-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gorrie-Gov	1500hrs	Laves log 85/Clegg
24-Jul-45			Gov-Gorrie-Gov?	Arr 1115hrs. Dep 1400hrs	14 ARD 85
1-Aug-45		F/Lt GA Clegg	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Armed recce Aroe Is 0900hrs - for 6hr 45mins, 1st Op	Laves log 85/Clegg/Aroe & 13 Sqn Records & Returns 1st Op
29-Sep-45		F/Lt RN Heins	Morotai - Labuan		Furness log book 85/Heins
3-Oct-45	SF-R		Labuan	Planned to Morotai but U/S	13 Sqn Watch 85/R u/s
4-Oct-45			Labuan?		13 Sqn Watch 85 landed
5-Oct-45	SF-R	F/Lt KU Furness	Labuan-Morotai	3 pax	13 Sqn Watch 85/R airborne NFI & Furness log 85/Moro
7-Oct-45		F/Lt KU Furness	Morotai-Labuan		13 Sqn Watch 85 & Furness log 85/Lab
Oct-45		A59-85	Labuan	Double eng change - 60hr inspec	1 RSU A50 85
16 Oct 45				<i>"Received 1 RSU ex 13 Sqn for 360hr & double eng change."</i>	Status Card
21-Nov-45		S/L GF Barton	Labuan-Labuan	Test	13 Sqn Newsletter 26 (note - date is unclear)
27 Nov 45				<i>"Tail wheel collapsed while taxiing when an unseen rough patch was encountered."</i>	Ventura Accidents
28 Nov 45				<i>"Landing gear tail wheel broken when taxiing Labuan strip. T/W u/c 25% R, rear fuselage 2% R, remainder a/c U. Repairable at 1 RSU."</i>	Status Card

27-Nov-45	S/L JB Fitzgerald 13 Sqn	Tail wheel collapsed while taxiing.	13 Sqn A50 & 13 Sqn Watch 85
29 Nov 45	<i>"Received 13 Sqn ex 1 RSU."</i>		Status Card
1-Dec-45	Serviceability report - U/S 1 RSU		13 Sqn Watch service
4 Dec 45	<i>"Received 1 RSU ex 13 Sqn for repairs."</i>		Status Card
10 Jan 46	<i>"Issued & received 84 OBU ex 1 RSU."</i>		Status Card
30 Jan 46	<i>"Received 2 AD ex 84 OBU for storage."</i>		Status Card

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

(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.

Narrative reports - 11, 12 and 15 Squadrons - NAA A9652, BOX 13, 12050103 (Includes 13 Sqn)

[No 13 Squadron] - Operations. Operational performance PVI [Ventura] aircraft NAA A11283, 8/7/AIR 637113

Ventura A59 [Accidents Part 2] NAA: A9845, 115, 6950499 61 - 99

1 RSU A50, NAA A9186, 372, 1359933

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

LAVES, John Albert 413083, NAA A9301, 413083, 5528536

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

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