

17-Feb-45 Not in records Cloncurry-Gov 13 Sqn Watch 86/Clon

18 Feb 45 "Received 13 Sqn ex 14 ARD RP." Status Card & NIR 14 ARD

21-Feb-45 SF-C F/Lt AS Little Gov-Gov Gunnery 13 Sqn Watch 86/C/Little/gun

26-Feb-45 SF-C F/Lt JC Batho Gov-Ptl-Gov Gov 24-4 Force TS Nicholas J Sinott 13 Sqn A51 86 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-C/24-3

27-Feb-45 SF-C F/Sgt CS Dwyer Gov-Ptl-Gov Gov 25-2 Force TS Nicholas J Sinott RTB bad weather 13 Sqn A51 86/SF-C

28-Feb-45 SF-C F/Lt WW Birdsall Gov-Ptl-Higg-Gov Gov 27-1 Force TS Nicholas J Sinott 13 Sqn A51 86 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-C/27-1 & 13 Sqn Watch C/Higg

1-Mar-45 Ventura A59-99/ 86 will carry K & G- 13 Sqn A50 13 Sqn Watch "A59-99/ 86 will now carry suffix letters of K & G respectively"

2 Mar 45 "Notification received that one Ventura, Pilot & crew required for duty RAAF Command. F/O HD Dargie & crew chosen." 13 Sqn A50.

4 Mar 45 "Notification received further to that of 2<sup>nd</sup> that a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot & a Fitter 2E required to accompany crew of F/O Dargie & one Ventura was to be detached with the crew to 4 Com Unit for 6 weeks for duty to ferry Senior Air Staff Officer, RAAF Command. F/O LJ Davies to be 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot." 13 Sqn A50

6-Mar-45 SF-G F/O LJ Davies Gov Planned 1/4hr test - Taxied back to insert 13 Sqn Watch 86/G/Davies/taxi

6-Mar-45 SF-G F/O HD Dargie Gov-Gov Test 13 Sqn Watch G/Dargie/test

7 Mar 45 "F/O Dargie & crew with F/O Davies as 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot departed in Ventura A59-86 on 6 weeks detachment duty with RAAF Command. Departed 0600hrs." 13 Sqn A50.

7-Mar-45 SF-G F/O HD Dargie Gov- Townsville-Archerfield On attachment to 4 Com- RAAF Command duties-6 weeks. F/O L Davies to be 2nd pilot 13 Sqn A50 86 dep 0600hrs & 4 Com A50 86 arr from Gove & 4 Com A51 T'ville & 13 Sqn Watch 86/G

14-Mar-45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Arch-Eagle Farm To transport G/Capt Grant, Thompson & W/C Glassock to Morotai & Leyte 4 Com A50 86/Eagle Farm

15-Mar-45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Eagle Farm-Gov To transport G/Capt Grant, Thompson & W/C Glassock to Morotai & Leyte 4 Com A50 86 /Gove & 13 Sqn Watch G/Dargie arr

15-Mar-45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Gov-Morotai-Leyte To t'port G/Capt Grant, Thompson & W/C Glassock to Morotai & Leyte 4 Com A50 86/Moro & 13 Sqn Watch 86/Moro

16-Mar-45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Leyte -Morotai Transporting G/Capt Grant, W/C Classock 4 Com A51

18-Mar-45 SF-G F/O HD Dargie & L Davies 4 Com Morotai-Gov Tpt G/Capt Grant & W/C Classock 4 Comm A50 86/Gov & 56 OBU A50 Grant & pty passed thru & 13 Sqn Watch G land.

18-Mar-45 SF-G F/O HD Dargie & L Davies 4 Com Gov-Archerfield Tpt G/Capt Grant & W/C Classock 4 Com A50 86/Arch from NG & 13 Sqn Watch G to Arch.

19 Mar 45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Arch-Archerfield-Amberley- Eagle Farm-Darwin Test & Transport AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, Sgt Price to Dwn arr 20<sup>th</sup>. 4 Com A51 Arch-Amb-Eagle-Dwn-Bostock

21 Mar 45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Dwn-Morotai Transport AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, Sgt Price to Morotai 4 Com A51.

24 Mar 45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Moro-Madang-Lee Transport AVM Bostock, F/Sgt Mitchell, Sgt Clark, Cpl Walsh. 4 Com A51.

25 Mar 45 F/O HD Dargie 4 Com Lee-Higgins-Arch Transport AVM Bostock, F/Sgt Mitchell, Sgt Clark, Cpl Walsh. 4 Com A51.

26 Mar 45 A59-86 arr from Higgins with AVM Bostock. 4 Com A50

2 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie	Arch-Arch	Test flight after inspection	4 Com A51
5 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie	"A59-86 dep (Arch) for Morotai conveying AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, G/C Thompson"		4 Com A50
5 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie	Arch-Eagle	Test flight & ferry to Eagle Farm	4 Com A51
6-Apr-45	<b>SF-G</b> F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	4 Com	Eagle Farm-Gov Tpt AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, G/C Thompson	arr 0640hrs
4 COM A50 86 & 13 Sqn Watch 86/0640hrs & NWA Watch SF-G Gov to Wama				
6-Apr-45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	4 Com	Gov -Morotai Tpt AVM Bostock, G/C Candy G/C Thompson	4 Com A50 86 & 56 OBU A50 Bostock/Candy/pass thru/Morotai & 13 Sqn Watch 86 dep 2229hrs
7 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Moro-Leyte	Transporting G/C Thompson, W/C Blomfield, Lt Col Hill, S/L Hope	4 Com A51
8 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Leyte-Moro-Leyte	Transporting G/C Thompson, W/C Blomfield, Lt Col Hill, S/L Hope.	4 Com A51
13-Apr-45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	4 Com	Morotai-Coomalie-Dwn Land Coo 0501Z ex Wama & A59-86 AOC RAAF Cmd	
Vent now in Dwn Tpt AVM Bostock, G/C Candy G/C Thompson NWA A59-86 Wama/Coo/Dwn & 4 Com A51 Bostock/Coo				
14-Apr-45	<b>SF-G</b> F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	4 Com	Dwn-Charleville-Arch	With AOC RAAF Cmd & pty Dep 1330Z
13 Sqn Watch G/Dwn-Bris & 4 Com Charl.				
16 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Arch-Eagle	Test & ferry to Eagle Farm	4 Com A51
17-Apr-45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	4 Com	Eagle Farm-Gov-Morotai Tpt AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, Thompson & S/L Sheppard. Dep with SASO	56 OBU A50 Bostock stage thru/took SASO with him & 4 Com 86/Bostock
18 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Moro-Leyte-Moro	Tpt AVM Bostock, G/C Candy, S/L Dowling,	4 Com A51
20 Apr 45	"A/C at present attached 4 CU for use RAAF Command. Allotted for inspection & double eng change."			Status Card
23 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Moro-Leyte	Tpt G/C Munroe, W/C Packer, Lt Carpenter, Cpt Kenny, Capt Couch.	
23 Apr 45	F/O HD Dargie/L Davies	Leyte-Moro	Tpt G/C Munroe, W/C Packer, F/L Peechie.	4 Com A51
27-Apr-45	<b>SF-G</b> F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Gov-Archerfield Tpt G/C Grant, G/C Gibson,S/L Burr, Sgt Peechie. Arr Gove	1300hrs. Dep Gove 1400hrs.
4 Com A50 86/Mor-Gov/1300 & 56 OBU A50 Grant/Gibson to sth & 13 Sqn Watch 86/G				
1 May 45	"Received 13 ARD ex 13 Sqn."			Status Card & NIR 13 ARD
30-May-45	F/Lt TJ Brannigan	4 Com	Arch-Eagle Farm-Gov	On attach to 4 Com on RAAF Comd duties (With A/C Candy) 13 Sqn Watch 86
31-May-45	F/Lt TJ Brannigan	4 Com	Gov-Morotai	On attach to 4 Com on RAAF Comd duties & Candy, W/C Thompson, S/L Vroland, F/Lt Brown 4 Comm A50 86/Brannigan & 56 OBU A50 AC Candy pass thru to Morotai
1 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Leyte-Morotai-Manilla	Tpt G/C's Munro , Grant, W/C Nicholls, F/Lt Saul, Sgt Wilson 4 Com A51
2 Jun 45	"Received 13 Sqn ex 13 ARD."			Status Card
2 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Manilla -Morotai	Tpt G/C's Munro , Grant, W/C Nicholls, F/Lt Saul, Sgt Wilson 4 Com A51
3 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Morotai-Manilla	Tpt G/C's Munro , Grant, W/C Nicholls, F/Lt Saul, Sgt Wilson
5 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Manilla -Leyte-Moro	Tpt G/C's Munro , Grant, W/C Nicholls, F/Lt Saul, Sgt Wilson
8 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Moro-Leyte-Manilla	Tpt S/L Kennedy, Lt Armstrong, F/Lt Cook, Sgt Goodyear.
10 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Manilla -Morotai	Tpt S/L Kennedy, Lt Armstrong, F/Lt Cook, Sgt Goodyear.

11 Jun 45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Moro-Leyte	Tpt S/L Kennedy, Lt Armstrong, F/Lt Cook, Sgt Goodyear.	
12-Jun-45	F/Lt T J Brannigan	4 Com	Leyte-Gov-Clon-Arch	Tpt W/C Black, S/L Kennedy/Collie & Maj Davidson & LAC Singer (ex Gove) from Gov - Arch.	
13-Jun-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Mascot	Tpt W/C Black, S/L Kennedy/Collie, F/Lt Branigan, LAC Singer	4 Com A51
13-Jun-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Mascot-Benalla-Arch	S/L Kennedy	4 Com A51
16 Jun 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Arch	Local test	4 Com A51
18 Jun 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Maryborough	Radar test	4 Com A50
19 Jun 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Maryborough-Arch -Cloncurry		4 Com A51
20-Jun-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Gov-Morotai	AVM Bostock, MajGen Simpson, G/C Grant, F/L Stephens, P/O Cockran	56 OBU A50 A59-86/Morotai & NIR 4 Com
5-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Morotai	Test	4 Com A51
5-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Gov	Tpt A/C Candy, W/C Felton, F/L Brown, Lt/Com George	NIR 56 OBU & 4 Com A50 86/Dargie/Candy
7-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gov-Archerfield	Tpt A/C Candy, W/C Felton, F/L Brown, Lt/Com George	NIR 56 OBU & 4 Com A50 86/Dargie/Candy/Felton
8 Jul 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Arch	Pre-flight test	4 Com A51
8 Jul 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch- Eagle Farm	Ferry	4 Com A51
9-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Eagle Farm-Gov	Tpt A/C Candy, G/C Cohen, G/C Hartnell	4 Com A50 86 Candy/Cohen
10-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gov-Morotai	Tpt A/C Candy, G/C Cohen, G/C Hartnell	56 OBU A50 A59-86/Candy/Morotai & 4 Com A50 86/Dargie/Candy/Gov-Moro
17 Jul 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Moro	Test	4 Com A51
22-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Gov	Tpt G/C Candy/Cohen/Hartnell	56 OBU A50 A59-86 passed thru & 4 Com 86/Moro-Gov/Candy
23-Jul-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gov-Archerfield	Tpt A/Com Candy, G/Capt's Cohen/Hartnell & S/L Tooble	56 OBU A50 A59-86 passed thru 23rd & 4 Com 86/Gov/Arch/Candy
26-Jul-45	F/O H D Dargie	4 Com	Bris-Gov-Mor	56 OBU A50 A59-86 passed thru A/Com Kandy, G/Capt Cohen & 4 Com A50 "A/C Candy & party conveyed to Morotai in A59-86. Dep 25 <sup>th</sup> ."	
3 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Samar-Moro	Tpt G/C Armstrong, F/O Anderson, Sgt Price.	4 Com A51
6 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Samar-Moro	To pick up RAAF Command pers - returned with no pax.	4 Com A51
7 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Darwin	Tpt RAAF Command pers.	4 Com A51
8 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Dwn-Cloncurry-Arch	Tpt G/C Munro, A/C Candy, G/C Cohen, W/O Slight	4 Com A51
?			Arch-Eagle		
10/11Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Eagle Farm-Gov	Tpt Lt Col Findlay, Capt O'Keefe, S/L Milbourne & Tootle. Sgt Wilson	4 Com A50 86/Finlay
12-Aug-45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gov-Morotai	Tpt Lt Col Finlay, Capt O'Keefe, S/L Milbourne & Tootle	4 Com A50 86/Finlay
13 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Gov	Tpt G/C Grant, Col Vernon, S/L McDonald, W/O Ermington.	4 Com A51
14 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gov-Arch	Tpt G/C Grant, Col Vernon, S/L McDonald, W/O Ermington.	4 Com A51

20 Aug 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Arch	Test		4 Com A51
?			Arch-Moro			
2 Sep 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Lab		Tpt G/C Grant, Cpt McLoughlin.	4 Com A51
4 Sep 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Labuan-Tawi Tawi- Moro		Tpt G/C Grant, S/L Pseiffer, W/O Errington, Cpl Rose.	4 Com
6 Sep 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Moro-Gove		Tpt G/C Grant, S/L Tootle, F/Lt's Dougan & Scott.	4 Com A51
7 Sep 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Gove-Arch		Tpt G/C Grant, S/L Tootle, F/Lt's Dougan & Scott.	4 Com A51
10 Sep 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Eagle-Townsville		Tpt S/L Bingham, F/O Durbin.	4 Com A51
11 Sep 45 Pressley.	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	T'ville-Merauke-Morotai		Tpt S/L Bingham, F/O Durbin, F/Sgt Jelly, F/Sgt Lausana, W/O	
13 Sep 45 Pressley.	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Samar-Moro		Tpt S/L Bingham, F/O Durbin, F/Sgt Jelly, F/Sgt Lausana, W/O	
14 Sep 45 Aci Munro.	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Morotai-Iron Range- Townsville		Tpt W/O Errington, Cpl's Sear, Nevin, Blundell, LAC Asher,	4 Com A51
16 Sep 45 Chick.	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	T'ville-Arch		Tpt W/O Errington, Cpl's Sear, Nevin, Blundell, LAC Asher, Aci Munro, F/O	
3 Oct 45					<i>"A59-86 to Amberley for 360hr inspection."</i>	4 Com A50
3 Oct 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Amberley			4 Com A51
3 Oct 45					<i>"Received 3 AD ex 4 Com Unit for 360hr &amp; eng change."</i>	Status Card
Oct 45					<i>"Received 1 Ventura."</i>	3 AD A50
22 Nov 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Amberley-Arch			4 Com A51
23 Nov 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Amberley-Mascot-Laverton	10 pax		4 Com A51
24 Nov 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Laverton-Essendon-Arch			4 Com A51
26 Nov 45					<i>"Received 4 CU ex 3 AD."</i>	Status Card
27 Nov 45	F/O HD Dargie	4 Com	Arch-Arch	Local- conversion	S/L Newstead	4 Com A51
29 Nov 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Amberley-Arch			4 Com A51
30 Nov 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Amberley-Arch			4 Com A51
2 Dec 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Essendon			4 Com A51
6 Dec 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Essendon -Richmond			4 Com A51
10 Dec 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Richmond -Arch			4 Com A51
12 Dec 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Kingaroy-Arch			4 Com A51
19 Dec 45	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Amberley-Arch			4 Com A51
3 Jan 46	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Bundaberg-Arch	Ferry medical patient to Arch.		4 Com A51
10 Jan 46	S/L Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Oakey-Arch	Navigate A29-369 to Oakey & return with pilot		4 Com A51
10 Jan 46	F/O Paterson	4 Com	Arch-Arch	General Flying		4 Com A51
15 Jan 46					<i>"A59-86 allotted to 7 AIRDEP for storage."</i>	4 Com A50

25 Jan 46	S/L GR or GT Newstead	4 Com	Arch-Arch	Test	4 Com A51
30 Jan 46	F/Lt RD Albrecht	4 Com	Arch-Bundaberg-Arch	<i>"Forced landing Maryborough"</i>	4 Com A51
30 Jan 46	<i>"Crashed RAAF drome Maryborough after engines failed in air. Fuze front 60%, fuze rear 5% R, port M/P 80% S, st/bd M/P 100% S, centre section 10% R, inst 100% U, u/c &amp; ? 50% S, emp 100% U, engines p &amp; s 5% M, airscrew p &amp; s 100% R. Recommend conversion to component."</i>				Status Card
30 Jan 46	<i>"Casualty. Repairable but beyond capacity of unit. Airframe 80%, port wing 80%, St/bd wing 100%, u/c 100%, st/bde ng 50%, port eng 25%."</i>				Status Card
1 Apr 46	<i>"Issued 3 AD ex 4 CU for conversion."</i>				Status Card & NIR 3 AD

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