

A59-79 SF-B

Last corrected 19 Apr 22 - Phil Herdman

16 May 44		“Received 13 Sqn ex 2 AD. “				Status Card
18 May 44		“Ventura aircraft PVI A59-79 arrived on allotment from 2 AD.”				13 Sqn A50 79
8 Jun 44	S/L KM Kemp	Canberra? - Cooktown	Travel	“Proposed flight 28 May”		13 Sqn Records & Returns 79
21-Jun-44		Cooktown - Cairns - Cook				Cooktown Watch Log 79
26-Jun-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	Test			Cooktown Watch Log 79
28-Jun-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	Formation towards Cairns			Cooktown Watch Log 79
10-Jul-44		Cook-Townsville - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 79
16-Jul-44	F/Lt CR Moore	Cooktown- Cairns - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 79/Moore
27-Jul-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	Local			Cooktown Watch Log 79
31-Jul-44	SF-B F/Lt CR Moore Higg for repair & Dep Cook 1200hrs	Cook - Higg - Cook	CMI 26 W Ptl Force L landed 310640Z NEA Comp Ops CMI 24-1 SF-B/Moore/landed & NIR	Travel - SF-B delayed due eng trouble-land		13 Sqn & Cooktown Watch Log 79
2-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cairns	Formation			Cooktown Watch Log 79
4-Aug-44		Townsville - Cooktown				Cooktown Watch Log 79
5-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	Test			Cooktown Watch Log 79
9 Aug 44	F/Lt R Moore	Cook-Merauke	Travel			13 Sqn A51 79
10 Aug 44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Mer – Mer	CMI 30-5	Strike Dobo		13 Sqn A51 79
11 Aug 44	F/Lt R Moore	Merauke – Cook	Travel			13 Sqn A51 79 & Cooktown Watch Log 79
19-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cooktown	Local test			Cooktown Watch Log 79
21-Aug-44		Cooktown - Cairns				Cooktown Watch Log 79
23-Aug-44		? Cairns	down Cairns			Cooktown Watch Log 79
24-Aug-44		Gove	off Gove			Cooktown Watch Log 79
2-Sep-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 1-1 W Ptl Force AD	HMAS Parkes		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/ Gov 1-1
7-Sep-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 5-1 W Ptl Force UU			13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/5-1
9-Sep-44	SF-B P/O RF Durbin (Missing 79 Wing page)	Gov-Hig - Gov	Gov 11-4 W Ptl Force B	HMAS Freemantle/Schwedagan (arr Gove 10th)		13 Sqn A51 79
16-Sep-44	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 20-3 W Ptl Force T	HMAS Barcoo/Katoomba		13 Sqn A51 79 (Missing 79 Wing page)
28-Sep-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 29-2 W Ptl Force DA	Mathew Flinders.		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/29-2
29-Sep-44	A59-76 SF-E Bowers)	F/O JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 31-6 W Ptl Force D	HMAS Freemantle/Edna	(SF-E Batho replace SF-B A59-79)
1-Oct-44	SF-B P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 34-2 W Ptl Force UU	San Rafael		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/34-2
3-Oct-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov	Gov 37-1 Cancelled U/S runway	("Obstruction on strip" - 79 Wing HQ Air Ops)		SF-Q belly land 13 Sqn A51 B & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops obstruction
4-Oct-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 38-1 W Ptl Force AC	Mernoo		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B
9-Oct-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 43-3W Ptl Force TU	Mathew Flinders		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/43-3
19-Oct-44	SF-B F/Lt R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 6-1 Force BD	Mangola		13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/6-1
8-Nov-44	S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-5 Force BC	Virginian		13 Sqn A51 79

18-Nov-44	SF-B	S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 38-1 L Anti-shipping search	13 Sqn A51 79 & Narrative report & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/38-1
28-Nov-44	SF-B	S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 9-3 Force CD Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/9-3
30-Nov-44	SF-B	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-7 Force DA San Adolpho	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/12-7
2-Dec-44	SF-B	S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 17-3 Force U Alagna	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/17-3
7-Dec-44	SF-B	F/O WH Semple	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 22-1 Force ST Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/22-1
8-Dec-44	SF-B	P/O MT Boyd	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 24-1 Force ST Empire Silver	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/24-1
9-Dec-44	SF-B	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 26-3 Force AD Thedens	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/26-3
10-Dec-44		S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl Gov	Gov 27-1 Force T Colac	13 Sqn A51 79
11-Dec-44	SF-B	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 29-1 Force DC (Dog Charlie) Montoro	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/29-1
18-Dec-44	SF-B	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 42-1 Force BD Cyrus W Field	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/42-1
13-Jan-45	SF-B	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch B/test
15-Jan-45	SF-B	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 18-4 Force AD Mangola	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/18-4
16-Jan-45	SF-B	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Gov - Bat - Dwn		13 Sqn Watch B/RON Dwn
19-Jan-45	SF-B	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Dwn - Gov	Travel	13 Sqn Watch 79/B/Dwn
20-Jan-45	SF-B	S/L R Moore	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 25-2 Force S Peter Cooper Hewitt.	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/25-2
20-Jan-45	SF-B	P/O RF Durbin	Gov-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 25-5 Force S Peter Cooper Hewitt.	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/25-5
?			Dwn - Gov		
21-Jan-45	SF-B	F/Lt WW Birdsall	Gov-Ptl-Mer - Gov	Gov 29-5 Force A Thedens	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/29-5
23-Jan-45	SF-B	F/O P Bowers	Gov-Ptl-Gov	Gov 31-1 Armed recce Kai Islands	13 Sqn A51 79 & Narrative report 79 & 13 Sqn Watch B/Bowers
27-Jan-45	SF-B	F/O KS Veal	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 36-2 Force CC Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/36-2
28-Jan-45	SF-B	W/C WJ Keenan	Gov - Dwn - Bat	To funeral	13 Sqn Watch 79/B/Dwn
28-Jan-45		W/C WJ Keenan	Bat - Gov		13 Sqn Watch C.O. Gove
10-Feb-45	SF-B	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 4-2 Force AA James Cook	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/4-2
11-Feb-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 7-5 Force SS Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/7-5
12-Feb-45	SF-B	W/O GW Anning	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 8-2 Force SS Andrew D White	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/8-2
13-Feb-45	SF-B	F/Lt AS Little	Gov-Ptl-Hig -Gov	Gov 11-2 Force SS Andrew D White (refuel Hig)	13 Sqn A51 79/SF-B & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/11-2/Hig
15-Feb-45	SF-B	F/Lt JH Elliott	Gov - Gov	Test	13 Sqn Watch B/Elliott/test
16-Feb-45	SF-B	W/C WJ Keenan	Gov - Gov	C&B Test with F/Lt Elliott	13 Sqn Watch B/C&B
24-Feb-45	SF-B	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Training	13 Sqn Watch B
24-Feb-45	SF-B	Not in records	Gov - Gov	Training	13 Sqn Watch B
26-Feb-45	SF-B	F/Sgt CS Dwyer	Gov	Gov 24-3 79 U/S replaced by 78 Cancelled owing to adverse weather	13 Sqn A51 79
4-Mar-45	SF-B	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	Travel to Truscott - A/C U/S one motor cutting	13 Sqn Watch 79/B/u/s
9-Mar-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 33-3 Force US RTB weather	13 Sqn A51 79 & 79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/33-3
11-Mar-45	SF-B	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 34-2 Force TT HMAS Parkes/Edna	13 Sqn A51 79 & Watch log Truscott SF-B W Ptl
12-Mar-45	SF-B	W/O GW Anning	Trus-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 35-1 Force TT HMAS Parkes/Edna	13 Sqn A51 79 & Watch log Truscott SF-B Gov 35

13-Mar-45	SF-B	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Dwn-Ptl-Truscott	Gov 35-3 Force TT	HMAS Parkes/Edna	13 Sqn A51 79 & Watch log	Truscott SF-B arr Trus
13-Mar-45	SF-B	F/Lt TJ Branigan	Truscott-Darwin	Pell not Dwn? (Branigan flew 54 Pell-Dwn 14 th).		13 Sqn Watch 79/B land ex	Truscott
?			Dwn - Gov				
17-Mar-45	SF-B	W/C WJ Keenan	Gov - Charleville	With spares & Tech pers to repair 85		13 Sqn A50 Keenan /Charleville &	13 Sqn Watch 79/B
18-Mar-45	SF-B	W/C WJ Keenan	Charleville - Gov	Arr Gove 1700hrs		13 Sqn A50 Keenan/Charleville &	13 Sqn Watch B land Gove
27-Mar-45	SF-B	F/Lt RW Kennedy-Dwyer	Gov - Gov	Gunnery			13 Sqn Watch B/K-Dwyer
2-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt J H Elliott	Gov - Gov	Bombing 1330hrs			13 Sqn Watch 79/B Bombing
15-Apr-45	SF-B	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 4-4 Force CB			79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/4-4
16-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov-Ptl - Dwn	Gov 6-4 Force CB	dep 0437Z		79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/6-4/Dwn
17-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho?	Dwn - Bat? - Gov	Not required at Truscott - land Gove 0151Z		Watch log Truscott SF-B Dwn-Trus-Gov	16th & 13 Sqn Watch Dwn-Bat/B
18-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Gov-Dwn-Ptl-Dwn	Travel & Gov 9-3 Force S.		79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/9-3/Batho & NWA	Watch B/travel Gov-Dwn
19-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Dwn - Gov	Delayed T.O. B U/S & Travel - Late lunches ordered for Batho & crew & Land Gov 190304Z			Delayed T.O. B U/S NWA Watch/Land Gov & 13 Sqn Watch B/Batho/lunch
22-Apr-45	SF-B	F/O FR Ware	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 10-3 Force TS			79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/10-3
23-Apr-45	SF-B	F/Lt RP Farris	Gov-Ptl - Gov	Gov 12-4 Armed recce Kai Is		13 Sqn Narrative reports 79/Gov &	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/12-4
24-Apr-45	SF-B	W/C R Holmes	Gov - Gov	Test & Gunnery			13 Sqn Watch B/test/Holmes
2-May-45	S F-B	????	Gov - Gov	Test			13 Sqn Watch B/test
4-May-45	SF-B	????	Gov - Gov	Local			13 Sqn Watch 79/B/local flying
5-May-45	SF-B	F/O KS Veal	Gov - Bat - Trus	Travel - Dep Gov 050006Z - arr Trus 050605Z		Watch log Truscott SF-B Gov-Bat &	13 Sqn Watch B/Bat
8-May-45	SF-B	F/O KS Veal	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 38-3 Force TS		Watch log Truscott SF-B Gov 38 &	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/38-3/Veal
9-May-45	SF-B	F/Lt JC Batho	Trus-Ptl - Trus	Gov 39-3 Force TU		Watch log Truscott SF-B Gov 393 &	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/39-3/Batho
10-May-45	SF-B	W/O CS Dwyer	Trus-Ptl - Truscott	Gov 40-3 Force ST		Watch log Truscott SF-B Gov 40 &	79 Wing HQ Air Ops SF-B/40-3
14-May-45	A59-68 SF-L	P/O DB Buckland	Gov - Dwn	To Dwn to replace B A59-79 (68 using wrong letter (F) in call sign)			13 Sqn Watch 68/L/Dwn
14-May-45	SF-B	Not in records	Dwn - Gov	Delayed Dwn eng trouble			13 Sqn Watch B delay
15-May-45		Not in records	Gov - Gov	Local			13 Sqn Watch 79
16-May-45	SF-B	F/O BE Chandler	Gov - Gov	Local C&B's			13 Sqn Watch 79/B
22-May-45		Not in records	Gov - Gov	Test			13 Sqn Watch 79/test
23-Jun-45		W/O T Dean	Gov - Higgins?	Floating dock ptl			
24-Jun-45		F/Lt RP Farris	Gov - Gov	T/O Acc. [15 min flight]			NAA: A705, 163/110/56 1056845
24 Jun 45				<i>"at 0945hrs Ventura A59-79 after retracting the undercarriage on the take-off run, sank back to strip level, but successfully completed the take-off on the bomb-bays. After one circuit of the field, the aircraft landed safely. The 33 airscrew cuts in the strip have been repaired."</i>			
				Flying Control 56 OBU.			
24 Jun 45				<i>"Force landed Gove. A/C on take-off w/c contracted up & port airscrew struck strip. Port engine (U), Port airscrew 80%(s), slight damage rear & bomb bay doors. Recommended repair in situ this unit. A/C due major inspection in 30hrs. Req allot to 14 ARD on completion of repairs."</i>			
				Status Card			
29 Jun 45				<i>"Sqn? to make a/c serv. for ferrying."</i>			Status Card
10 Jul 45				<i>"Ventura A59-79 arrived from 13 Sqn at 1130hrs for 480hr inspection. Pilot F/Lt Harris."</i>			14 ARD A50 79

11 Jul 45	"Received 14 ARD ex 13 Sqn."		Status Card
7-Sep-45	F/Lt JR Richards 14 ARD Gorrie - Gov	Dep 0945hrs from 14 ARD F/O Richards & pty arr. to collect Ventura parts for A59-75	14 ARD A50 79/parts
8-Sep-45	F/Lt JR Richards 14 ARD Gov - Gorrie	Arr Gorrie 1700hrs	14 ARD A50 79
9 Oct 45	"Received 2 AD ex 14 ARD for storage."		Status Card

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

(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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Flying Control - Orders and Instructions NAA: A12244, 153/1/AIR PART 1, 5485549

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

(14 ARD) - Aircraft Repair Depots (12-15) May 44 - May 46, NAA: A9186, 299, 1359952

FARRIS Ronald Pritchard - (Pilot Officer); Service Number - 406524; File type - Casualty - Repatriation; Aircraft - Ventura PV1 A59-79; NAA A705 163/110/56 1056845