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UNIT HISTORY SHEET

(AFO 18/F/5)

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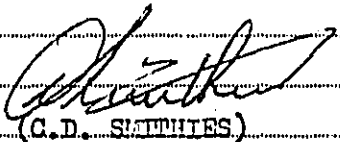
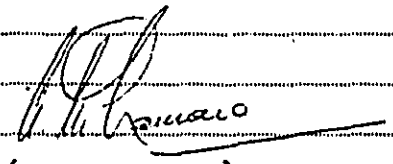
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
VUNG TAU SOUTH VIETNAM	JAN/FEB 72	No 35 Squadron operations four Caribou aircraft under the operational control of the 7th United States Air Force, continued airlift operations in South Vietnam.	
	1JAN72	A4-208 flew only two 003 missions with a crew of FLG OFF D. INNES (045765) GDELT, FLG OFF M.T. SHANLEY (0117906) GDELT and A221984 CPL RAPPO L.J.	
	3JAN72	Squadron aircraft flew both 002 and 003 missions in 18 sorties for a total of 10 hours 55 minutes carrying 14100LB of freight, 700LBS of mail and 132 passengers.	
	5JAN72	The Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader C.D. SMITHIES (033695) GDELT with a crew of FLG OFF R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDELT, A220914 A/SGT LITTLE W.F. ENGFITT, A55632 SGT FULLER T.H. ENGFITT and FLT LT T.M. MILLAR (0218633) SPECINTFL flew A4-209 to BINH PHU to deliver 6050LBS of freight to the Australian Embassy.	
	8JAN72	The 002 and 003 missions flew 17 sorties in 9 hours 40 minutes carrying 11750LBS of freight, 12200LB of mail and 86 passengers crews were: 002, FLT LT P.J. JUDGES (056955) GDELT, AIR CDRE N.P. McNAMARA AFC, A220914 A/SGT LITTLE W.F. ENGFITT and FLT LT G.E. UNICOMB (016946) GDELT; 003 FLG OFF R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDELT, FLG OFF G.L. STORY (0117736) GDELT and A223240 LAC HINDER A.F. ENGFITT.	
	12JAN72	The 002, 003 and 004 missions completed 21 sorties for 12 hours 30 minutes flying time. Freight carried totaled 21665LBS, mail 11660 and 80 passengers were also carried.	
	16JAN72	No 002 mission was flown and the 003 mission carried 99 passengers in 6 sorties which took 3 hours.	
	21JAN72	Squadron aircraft flew 19 missions for 10 hours 35 minutes carrying 15695LBS of freight 3400LB of mail and 94 passengers.	
	26JAN72	FLG OFF R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDELT with a crew of FLG OFF G.L. STORY (0117736) GDELT, A221984 CPL RAPPO L.R. ENGFITT and A55632 SGT FULLER T.H. ENGFITT flew 11 sorties in 6 hours on the 002 mission carrying 10533LBS of freight, 3890LBS of mail and 58 passengers.	
	28JAN72	The Penultimate 002 mission flown by 35 Squadron in Vietnam was captained by FLG OFF D. INNES (045765) GDELT with FLG OFF M.T. SHANLEY (0117906) GDELT, A223240 LAC HINDER A.F. ENGFITT and A215482 SGT DEANE R.H. AFFITT as crew. 27600LBS of freight was carried in 12 sorties.	
	29JAN72	The 003 mission was a standard mission carrying 114 passengers in six sorties. The 002 mission which carried 450LB of freight was used as an opportunity for the Squadron's aircrew to say farewell and thank-you to the US personnel with whom the Squadron has worked with at BIEN HOA,	

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	30JAN72 TO 13FEB72	<p>The Squadron flew standard 003 missions plus a few miscellaneous flights for air tests and formation practice preparing for the Squadron's return to Australia. When the Squadron ceased being tasked by 7th Air Force the following signal was received. "The Commander and personnel of 7th Air Force Directorate of Air Lift express thanks and appreciation for your outstanding support. Your mission conscientiousness and "CAN DO" attitude without regard to crew duty day have contributed significantly to our mission. Our thanks again for a job well done".</p> <p>During February FLG OFF R.J. SEAGER (0223545) CDPLT achieved a total of 1300 hours on Caribou aircraft in VIETNAM. This is one of the highest total hours achieved in one tour of duty in VIETNAM by a 35 Squadron pilot.</p> <p>The Squadron will depart VUNG TAU for RAAF Base RICHMOND on 19FEB72 and is expected to arrive on 26FEB72.</p>																						
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		<p style="text-align: center;"> (C.D. SMITHIES) Squadron Leader Commanding Officer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> (N.P. McNAMARA) Air Commodore Officer Commanding</p>																					

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FROM 0001 HOURS 1 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 1 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM 07A NO OF SHEETS ONE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR TWS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
1 JAN 72	208	11/23 12/24 13/25	2	1.00		SEA		703	19	
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FROM 0001 HOURS 2 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 2 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWO

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LBS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAK	EVAC
2 JAN 72	208	JUDGES INGHAM LITTLE	4	2.00		STB			72	
2 JAN 72	TOTAL		4	2.00					72	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 3 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 3 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS THREE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SERIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	WEIGHT	MAIL	PAX	MOVAC
3 JAN 72	208	THREE HIGHWAY LOAD	6	3.00		SEA	500	700	96	
"	173	SEAGRAM CHATELAIN RAPID PAUSE	11	6.45		RATS HHT - 760 FRP 0 0 - 1200 BOM - 010 BOM - 020	13600		36	
"	179	JUNGLES BLIND	1	1.10		AIR WARE				
3 JAN 72	TOTAL		18	10.55			14100	700	132	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 4JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 4JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM 07A NO OF SHEETS FOUR

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LMS	TIME	BOARDS FLYED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
4JAN72	234	UNDES BERRY LA 10	6	3.00		SEA	360	679	98	
"	179	UNDES BERRY LA 10	7	6.00		TON - CRO CRO - HET CRO - HET TON - YEN HET - HET } PRT MAIL RAPS	3500	1700	34	
"	208	UNDES BERRY LA 10	1	.35		AIR 1002				
4JAN72	TOTAL		14	9.35			3860	2379	132	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 5 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 5 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS FIVE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
5 JAN 72	234	MARK SCHAGER MONTOR	6	3.00		SEA	400	200	74	
"	173	IRMS SIOBY LOD	2	2.50		SEA	500		6	
"	208	SMITHS LINDRAM MIDDLE FUMBER	4	3.10		VTA - HSH - PHNOM PTEI - VEA	6050		15	
5 JAN 72	TOTAL		12	8.60			6950	200	95	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 6 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS

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NO OF SHEETS

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	EVAC
6 JAN 72	208	JUDGES OC LEAD	6	3.00		SID	600	500	76	
"	173	VHIC SLODY HUNGER BUSINESS	10	6.40		PRE SGN - CTO - SGN CTO - CMI CTO - LON SON LON SON - SGN	6200	4200	71	
"	179	HIBBS SHANLEY RATTO IKHAM	1	3.40		VTA - BDT	100		10	
6 JAN 72	TOTAL		17	13.20			6900	4700	105	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 7JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 7JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS SEVEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FIGHTS	WEIGHT	PAX	M/VAC
7JAN72	173	SEAGER JUGAS LITTLE	6	3.00		SEA	2400	200	52	
"	208	SMITHES STORY LORD DAVIS	7	4.35		RAMP REEL - VLG OPS - ATT MAIL OPS - TSN	7500	3500		
7JAN72	TOTAL		13	7.35			9900	3700	52	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 08JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 08JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS EIGHT

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LWS	TIME	HOURS FLYING	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
08JAN72	234	SEAGAR SEVEN HINDON	6	3.00		SEA	400	1200	61	
"	173	JUNOAS ON LITTON WHICOMB	11	6.40		CXC - BIA CAN) CXC - DAC LIEU) RATS CXC - VI THANH) CXC - NEN) FNI - ENH) MAIL BME - TIG) VIG - CXC)	11350	11000	5	
08JAN72	TOTAL		17	9.40			11750	12200	86	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 00JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 09JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS NINE

DATE	NUMBER	CREW	SERIALS	TIME	REMARKS FIELD	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	WEIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
9JAN72	173	LANGON BOMB MISSION	6	3.00		SID			93	
9JAN72	TOTAL		6	3.00					93	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 10JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 10JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS 11

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR TGS	TIME	HOURS FLYING	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
10JAN72	234	STORY VINK LITTLE	6	3.00		SEA	200	200	68	
"	173	SMAGER JURGES MINDER	11	7.15		FRC - INH - VLG - CGH - CTO - CND - COS PAX - VLG - INH	5600	470	65	
"	179	THMS STANLEY INGRAM RAPP	1	3.45		WONS - WVT			13	
10JAN72	TOTAL		18	14.00			5800	670	146	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 11JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 11JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS ELEVEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR ISS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAK	M/VAC
11JAN72	173	BRIDGES INGRAM RAPO	6	3.00		SEA		996	68	
"	179	LEWIS VINK LORD BLAGBY	9	5.10		RAVE - CFC - AMI FRE - CNO - TON - RMI - VTA PAX AMI - CTO CFO - RMI	5900	6300	45	
11JAN72	(TOTAL)		15	8.10			5900	7266	113	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 12JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 12JAN72 BY HQ 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWELVE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR INS	TIME	POUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FRESH	REIL	PAX	M.V.C.
12JAN72	179	INGRAM VINK LOED	6	3.00		SEA	600	600	70	
"	234	STANLEY SEAGER LITTLE	2	2.50		SEA	5400		4	
"	208	THIES STORY RAMPO YOUNG	13	6.40		ESH - CRO } ASH - BSH } BKH - VIG } MAIL VIG - CRO }	15665	5660	6	
						CRO - BSH } 2 GEN PRF CRO - BSH CAN } CRO - VIT } RATS VIT - B C LINE }				
12JAN72	TOTAL		21	12:30 11.90			21665	11660	80	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 13JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 13JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS THIRTEEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SERIES	TIME	ROOMS REAR	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	REMARKS
13JAN72	234	SMITHS HES HENDER	6	3.00		GEN	400	400	67	
	208	VINK SHANGKY LITTLE TERLHAN	11	6.35		CFO - CLH RATS CLH - CFO) CFO - GEN) GEN FRT TCH - CFO)	13950	11450	6	
13JAN72	TOTAL		17	9.35			14350	11850	73	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SUPPLS	FUEL	REMARKS	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
14JAN72	179	GILHELY SADY LITTLE	6	3.00		SEA	1300	1550	99	
"	208	HINES INGRAM LOD MCCRATH	9	5.40		RATE DEEL - VLG PAX CND - AMI FO - TSN MAIL CTO - RSN	14600	2900	24	
14JAN72	TOTAL		15	8.40			15900	4450	123	

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DATE	MESSAGE	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	NO. OF PLANS	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	WGT (LBS)	WGT (LBS)	PAX	NO. VAC
15 JAN 72	208	INGRAM SMAGER HINDER WILSHIRE	10	5.45		MAIL - TSN - CTO - TSN RATS CTO - BLU FRP CTO - TSN - VTA PAX NCB - CTO	17400	5600	50	
"	234	TERES OC HAWO	6	3.00		SEO	520	674	105	
15 JAN 72	TOTAL		16	8.45			14920	6274	155	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 16JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 16JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS SIXTEEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SEAT NOS	TIME	HOURS FILED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	MOV.C
16JAN72	208	STONY STANLEY LORD	6	3.00		ST			89	
16JAN72	TOTAL		6	3.00					89	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 17JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 17JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS SEVENTEEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	HOURLS (BEHND)	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
17JAN72	208	INGES INGRAM RAPPO DEAN	8	3.10		VIA - XLC x 2 PAX TSH - BYY FRT	2600		40	
"	234	SEAGER VINK HINDER	6	3.00		STD		200	100	
"	179	SHANLEY STORY LITTLE	2	2.50		STD	1200		5	
"	179	STORY SHANLEY LITTLE	5	3.00		CFO - TSH FRT TSH - BYY " BYT - CFO " VIA - CFO RB	4350		10	
17JAN72	TOTAL		21	11.60			8150	200	163	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 18JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 18JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS EIGHTEEN

DATE	FLIGHT NO	CREW	SOR NOS	TIME	WORDS FLYED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FUEL WT	MAIL	PAK	M.V.C
18JAN72	208	SMITHIES STORY LITTLE SOMMER	11	6.35		FRT TEN - COS RATS CTO - AMI MAIL & PAK CTO - VIT - KIG - LSN - CTO - TEN	4000	2600	34	
"	179	VINC INGRAM RAFFO	6	3.00		STD		593	84	
"	TOTAL		17	9.35			4600	3193	118	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 19JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 19JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS NINETEEN

DATE	REFERENCE	CASE	SERIES	TIME	ADDRESS	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FUEL	WEIGHT	PAK	REMARKS
19JAN72	234	VIEK OC HINDER BENTY	10	6.30		MAIL & PRT TSN - CTO - NCA CTO - VE - BLM CTO - BSM PAK HCN - CTO	11000	5000	12	
"	208	THHS SAGER LORD	6	3.00		SD)	400	200	81	
"	173	JUNGS SHALEY RA TO	1	1.10		AIRBASE				
"	TOTAL		17	10.40			11400	6000	93	

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DATE	REMARKS	CREW	SOR HRS	TIME	LOADS FIELD	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	CYCLES	WELL	PAX	M/V.C
20JAN72	234	JUDGES STANLEY LOZO BRINKS	6	3.25		COS - SOC FRF CTO - OIH RAT	4600		9	
20JAN72	173	SHIH STANLEY VINK LITTLE	6	3.00		SED		300	103	
"	TOTAL		12	6.25			4600	300	112	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 21 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 21 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTS	TIME	HOURES FLYED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
21 JAN 72	179	SRAGER SIMPNEY TRAYO BENVILLE	13	7.35		HPH - WLG RATS CPO - NHI RATS SDC - NRY FRT HDG - CPO FRT PLI - NHI FRT CPO - NHI MAIL	15695	2800	14	
"	173	SEORY JUDGES HENDER	6	3.00		SD		600	81	
21 JAN 72	TOTAL		19	10.35			15695	3400	95	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 22JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 22JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	HOURS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
22JAN72	179	PILOT ENGINEER CARGO HELPER	10	7.50		AREA CND - NCM CND - MCV CND - AHI FRT CND - AHI CND - VTA PAS AHI - CND NCM - CND	10050		36	
"	234	ENGINEER CARGO TOW	6	3.00		SEA	200	1200	73	
22JAN72	TOTAL		16	10.50			19050	1200	109	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTS	TIME	HOURS FLYING	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
23JAN72	173	RECON SQUADRON	6	3.00		SEA		168	79	
23JAN72	TOTAL		6	3.00				168	79	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 24JAN72 NO 2359 HOURS 24JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY

DATE	MISSION	CREW	SERIES	TIME	STATUS	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	WEIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C.
24JAN72	234	REGUS ERSON KATU J. M. LIGGE	15	8.35		HEB - VLF RAN DE - VLF RAN VLF - VLF x 3 ABDO GEM - VLF RAN GEM - VLF RAN GEM - VLF RAN	22375		5	
"	173	HANAM VIRK LINS	6	3.00		SD	1000		106	
24JAN72	TOTAL		21	11.35			23375		111	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LBS	TIME	TONNES WEIGHT	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
25JAN72	234	JURGES IRBIS TARD JOHNSON L	11	3.15		VIA - CRO x 2 RAT CRO - TBI x 2 RAT CRO - TBI x 2 RAT ATF - CRO FRO CRO - TBI RAT CRO - TBI PAX TBI - CRO MAIL	17100	4600	24	
"	173	NGHAI VIEK LITAGE	6	3.00		SEA	50	200	87	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 26JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 26JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY SIX

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTS	TIME	ROUTES FLYING	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	MI/C
26JAN72	179	SEAGER STOKY MAYPO FUMER	11	6.00		RAVS BHH - VLG CFO - HCM CFO - BLV RAV BHH - STO CFO - BHH	10533	3880	58	
						MRE BHH - CFO				
"	208	BRITNICK SHAWLEY LENDER	6	3.00		SEA	200		87	
26JAN72	TOTAL		17	9.00			10733	3880	145	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 27JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 27JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM 07A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY SEV

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
27JAN72	179	VINK INGRAM LEWIS DAMBROUGH	13	7.20		MAIL TSN - CTO CTO - AMI FUEL & WATER TSN - CTO - CMI ALSO FUEL - VIC VIC - TSN TSN - TSN PAK CTO - AMI VIC - TSN	18375	3050	48	
27JAN72	173	SEAGHER STORY DAP O	6	3.00		300	16	862	80	
27JAN72	TOTAL		19	10.20			18391	3912	128	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 28JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 20JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY E

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SCR IPS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
28JAN72	179	IMNES STANLEY HENDER DEANE	12	7.15		DEI - VLG AMMO & RAT C/O - KING - AFI x 2 RAT C/O - KING - T/A RAT AFI - C/O PAX	27600		13	
"	208	SMITHIES STORY LORD	6	3.00		STO	2900	1900	111	
28JAN72	TOTAL		18	10.15			30500	1900	124	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 29JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 29JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS TWENTY NIN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SERIES	TIME	THINGS FILED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
29JAN72	173	SEITHUS GC TAPO	4	2.00		VT - RM - TSN - CTO - VIA SPECIAL PARALLEL RUN			114	
"	208	STANLEY BLACHER HILDER	6	3.00		STO			32	
29JAN72	TOTAL		10	5.00					146	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 30JAN72 TO 2359 HOURS 30JAN72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS THIRTY

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SQR IBS	TIME	ROUNDS (FIRED)	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	MOVAC
30JAN72	203	LIBRAM REACTIVITY LIBRAM	6	3.00		SEA		200	82	
30JAN72	TOTAL		6	3.00				200	82	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 31 JAN 72 TO 2359 HOURS 31 JAN 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS 72

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SQR ISS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
31 JAN 72	234	PILOT: [unclear] COPILOT: [unclear] CREW: [unclear]	6	3.00		[unclear]			72	
31 JAN 72	202AS		6	3.00					72	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 1 FEB 72 TO 2359 HOURS 1 FEB 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM G7A NO OF SHEETS ONE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
1 FEB 72	208	JUDGES OC LORD	6	3.00		SEA	1500	700	74	
"	173	VINK SEAGER LITTLE	2	2.50		SEA	1900		10	
1 FEB 72	TOTAL		8	5.50			3400	700	84	

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FROM **0001** HOURS **2 FEB 72** TO **2359** HOURS **2 FEB 72** BY **NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM** **C7A** **TWO** NO OF SHEETS

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR.LWS	TIME	HOURS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M.V.C
2 FEB 72	173	STORY SHANLEY RAPPO	6	3.00		SEA		351	70	
2 FEB 72	TOTAL		6	3.00				351	70	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 3 FEB 72 TO 2359 HOURS 3 FEB 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS THREE

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SCRIPS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAK	M/VAC
3 FEB 72	234	INGRAM VINK LITTLE	6	3.00		SEA		350	100	
3 FEB 72	TOTAL		6	3.00				350	100	

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BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM

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DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LBS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
4FEB72	173	JUDGES STORY HINDER	6	3.00		SEA	200	800	71	
4FEB72	TOTAL		6	3.00			200	800	71	

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FROM **0001** HOURS **5 FEB 72** TO **2359** HOURS **5 FEB 72** BY **NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM** **C7A** NO OF SHEETS **FIVE**

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LBS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
5 FEB 72	203	INDES JUDGES LORD	6	3.00		810	1000	200	111	
5 FEB 72	TOTAL		6	3.00			1000	200	111	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 6 FEB 72 TO 2359 HOURS 6 FEB 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS SIX

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SERIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
6 FEB 72	208	SEAGER STANLEY HINDER	6	3.00		SEA		100	102	
"	179	SEAGER STANLEY HINDER	1	.30		AIR TEST				
6 FEB 72	TOTAL		7	3.30				100	102	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 7FEB72 TO 2359 HOURS 7FEB72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS SEVEN

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
7FEB72	234	IHNES SHANLEY RAPPO	6	3.00		SEA		553	107	
"	FORM	VINK/SILANLEY RAPPO JUDGES/STORY HINDER								
	173 179 234 208	IHNES/SEAGER LORD SMITHIES/INGRAM LITTLE	4	5.45		FORMATION				
7FEB72	TOTAL		10	8.45				553	107	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 8 FEB 72 TO 2359 HOURS 8 FEB 72 BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS EIGHT

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SOR LBS	TIME	ROUNDS FIRED	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAX	M/VAC
8 FEB 72	173	OC- SMITHIES INGRAM LITTLE	6	3.00		STD		300	114	
"	179	IRRES SEAGER HINDER	3	1.55		VIA - BNH - CTO - VIA MUP				
8 FEB 72	TOTAL		9	4.55				300	114	

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FROM 0001 HOURS 110000Z TO 2300 HOURS 100100Z BY NO 35 SQUADRON SOUTH VIETNAM C7A NO OF SHEETS 010

DATE	AIRCRAFT	CREW	SORTIES	TIME	RND MINS	AREA AND TYPE OF OPERATION	FREIGHT	MAIL	PAS	M VACS
100100Z	A4-173	IRONS JONES HARRIS	6	3.00		STANDARD		1939	130	
	TOTAL		6	3.00				1939	130	

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1972

Operational Achievements

1. For detailed weekly statistics see WORS. A summary of totals for the period is at Annex A.

Operations

2. The only regular missions flown during January and February were 002, and 003 daily, with one squadron support mission to CAM RANH BAY each week. The 002 mission ceased on 29JAN and the 003 mission ceased on 13FEB.

Maintenance

5. Aircraft serviceability remained at a high level. However, difficulty was still being experienced in obtaining main wheel hubs and tyres which are in very short supply throughout the USAF. Spare engines are also scarce.

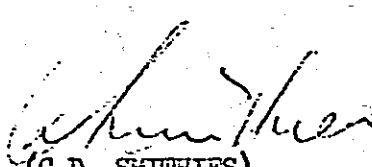
Equipment

6. Apart from the above problems with the US supply system, equipment aspects were satisfactory.

Squadron Withdrawal

7. Planning and preparation for the withdrawal of the Squadron are now complete. The Squadron departs VUNG TAU for RICHMOND on 19FEB72.

VUNG TAU
18FEB72


(C.D. SMITHIES)
Squadron Leader
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX 'A' TO
35 SQUADRON COMMANDING
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1972

OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The following are the statistics of the Squadron's operations for January up to 19th February 1972.

	JAN	FEB
Hours :	257.15	51.50
Sorties :	433	95
Freight :	249894	6500
Passengers :	3128	1273

Hours Summary

2. The following table sums up the flying hours up to cessation of flying in Vietnam.

	JAN-18FEB	1971/1972
PLANNED	490.00	5000.00
ACHIEVED	JAN 257.15	2101.40
	FEB 51.50	2153.30

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No 35 Squadron
RAAF Contingent
Vung Tau
AFPO 3 c/- GPO
SYDNEY NSW 2890

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Operation Order No 2/71

References: A. Department of Air Organization Directive 23/71.
B. Equipment Administrative Instruction 5/71.

Time zone used throughout the order: ZULU

Task Organization: No 35 Squadron (35SQN)

1. Situation. In accordance with the Australian Government's intention to reduce the Force in Vietnam, Department of Air (DEPAIR) has issued Reference A ordering the withdrawal of 35SQN to RAAF Base RICHMOND by 26FEB72.

a. Enemy Forces. Nil

b. Friendly Forces. The following agencies and formations are requested to support the withdrawal of 35SQN as detailed in this order:

- (1) RAAF Element HQAFV (RAAFAFV).
- (2) Headquarters RAAF Contingent VUNG TAU (HQRAAFVT).
- (3) Headquarters RAAF BUTTERWORTH (HQBT).
- (4) Headquarters RAAF Base DARWIN (HQDAR).
- (5) Headquarters RAAF Base RICHMOND (HQRIC).

2. Mission. To redeploy 35SQN from SOUTH VIETNAM to RAAF Base RICHMOND by 26FEB72.

3. Execution.

a. Phase I - Preparation. Phase I has already commenced. It consists of those actions necessary to cease flying operations, dispose of Squadron records and equipment and prepare for departure.

(1) Equipment Officer (EO). In consultation with the Engineer Officer (ENG O), Administrative Officer (Admin O) and Staff Officer Equipment (SOE) RAAFAFV, the EO is to progressively dispose of all Squadron equipment and trophies vide references A, B, by;

- (A) return to No 1 Operational Support Unit (1OSU),
- (B) return to American authorities,
- (C) return to AUSTRALIA, or
- (D) other means as directed by HQRAAFVT.

At all times he is to ensure that sufficient equipment to meet the mission requirements of the Squadron is held.

(2) Engineer Officer. The ENG O is to prepare all technical equipment for disposal in time to meet the despatch dates determined by the EO and ESO. He is to prepare all aircraft for withdrawal on

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19FEB72. He is to ensure that the aircraft and GSE are clean to the standards required by Australian quarantine regulations.

- (3) Administrative Officer. The Admin O is to arrange the disposal of all Squadron records in accordance with reference A. He is to ensure that all personnel administration for the repatriation of all members is completed in time for the various departure dates. He is to arrange with 1OSU the availability of a flight advance as detailed at para 4b.
- (4) Flying Flight Commander (FLT CDR). The FLT CDR is to prepare all maps, charts, publications and documentation required to effect the aircraft ferry as detailed in Annex 'A'.
- (5) RAAFAFV. RAAFAFV is requested to arrange for:
 - (A) operational flying to cease -
002 mission at the end of task on 29JAN72
003 mission at the end of task on 13FEB72;
 - (B) 7th Air Force to assume responsibility for the 003 mission from 14FEB72 until no longer required by the Australian Army; and
 - (C) operational control of 35SQN to revert from Commander, 7th Air Force to Commander, RAAFAFV at 131600 Z FEB72.

b. Phase II - Departure from VIETNAM. CO 35SQN will ensure that the Squadron departs VUNG TAU on the following dates by the methods given:

- (1) 04FEB72 - the majority of technical personnel by service aircraft (C130) in accordance with individual posting authorities;
- (2) 19FEB72 - 35SQN departs by Squadron aircraft (personnel listed at ANNEX 'B');
- (3) 22FEB72 - escort officer (see para 3.e.) with classified records by service aircraft (C130);
- (4) 24FEB72 - rear party departs by Defence Force Charter (personnel listed at ANNEX 'C')

c. Phase III - Ferry Flight. CO 35SQN will ensure that the Squadron proceeds to RICHMOND in accordance with the details given in ANNEX 'A'.

d. Phase IV - Re-location at RICHMOND. Details of the re-location, organization and role of 35SQN at RICHMOND will be promulgated when known.

e. Discipline. During Phases I - IV command of 35SQN and its elements will be exercised as follows:

- (1) The Squadron will remain under the operational control of Commander, 7th Air Force until 131600 Z FEB72.

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Commander RAAFAPV will exercise operational and administrative control from then until the Squadron enters DARWIN FIR, when the Air Officer Commanding Headquarters Operational Command will assume command.

- (2) Squadron Leader C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT will retain command of 35SQN until he relinquishes it on arrival of the Squadron at RICHMOND.
- (3) Flight Lieutenant T.M. MILLAR (0218633) SPEC D INTEL is appointed Officer-In-Charge 35SQN Rear Party from the time of departure of the Squadron from TUNG TAU on 19FEB72, until he departs as Escort Officer with the classified records on 22FEB72. He is granted the powers of a Detachment Commander vide AFO 12/E/2.
- (4) Flight Lieutenant D.T. PHILLIPS (031724) Equip is appointed Officer-In-Charge 35SQN Rear Party from the time of departure of Flight Lieutenant MILLAR until the Party disperses on posting/leave in AUSTRALIA. He is granted the powers of a Detachment Commander vide AFO 12/E/2.

4. Administration and Logistics. The administrative and logistic effort required to dispose of Squadron equipment and to repatriate all members, other than those listed at ANNEX 'B', has been detailed by HQRAAFVT. In support of the ferry of the Squadron, the following formations and agencies are requested to provide the services detailed:

- a. RAAFAPV. RAAFAPV is requested to arrange diplomatic clearance in accordance with the itinerary at ANNEX 'C' (Reference A para 15). (RAAFAPV 0760 15JAN72 refers).
- b. HQRAAFVT. HQRAAFVT is requested to provide a flight advance of US \$11000 (\$10000 in travellers cheques and \$1000 cash). Flying Officer R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT is appointed advance holder.
- c. HQBUT. HQBUT is requested to;
 - (1) Forward 23 copies of application for Indonesian visa as soon as possible, and to assist in obtaining the visas after the applications and passports are returned to BUTTERWORTH by 35SQN aircraft. 35SQN message 0757 of 22DEC71 refers.
 - (2) Arrange availability of 3000 US gallons AVGAS 100/130 or 115/145 and 150 US gallons of MILTO spec 0128 (OEM 370) or 0125 (OEM 250) oil at TENGGAH on 19FEB72;
 - (3) Arrange accommodation at TENGGAH/SINGAPORE for the personnel listed at ANNEX B for the nights of 19/20 and 20/21 FEB72;
 - (4) Arrange availability at TENGGAH of four sets each of the latest UK and AUSTRALIAN FLIP documents and charts covering the route to RICHMOND.
 - (5) Arrange availability of 3000 US gallons AVGAS 100/130

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or 115/145 and 150 US gallons NATO spec 0128 (OMD 370) or 0125 (OMD 250) oil on arrival at DJAKARTA on 21FEB72 and at BALI on 22FEB72, and 3000 US gallons AVGAS only at KUPANG on arrival on 23FEB72;

- (6) Arrange accommodation for the personnel listed at ANNEX B at DJAKARTA for the night of 21/22FEB72 and at BALI for the night of 22/23FEB72; and
- (7) Arrange provision of customs and Health facilities at KUPANG airfield on arrival on 23FEB72, as distinct from their availability in the town.

d. HQDAR. HQDAR is requested to arrange:

- (1) Customs, health, immigration and quarantine facilities for the arrival of 35SQN;
- (2) Accommodation for the personnel listed at ANNEX B for the nights of 23/24 and 24/25FEB72 at DARWIN and for the night of 25/26FEB72 at LONGREACH; and
- (3) Availability of 3000 US gallons of AVGAS 100/130 or 115/145 and 150 US gallons of NATO spec 0128 (OMD 370) or 0125 (OMD 250) oil at DARWIN, MT ISA and LONGREACH.

e. HQRIC. HQRIC is requested to:

- (1) Forward to 35SQN by mid JAN72 a spares mobility kit (four aircraft for 7 days) from 38SQN;
- (2) Position at DARWIN by 23FEB72; four sets of aircraft floor boards and four current sets of AIP's;
- (3) Provide AOG backing, if required, throughout the period of the ferry;
- (4) Ensure that an ACFT O of 38SQN RIC and the NCO CLKSPM of 35SQN meet the aircraft on arrival for the purpose of acquitting the flight advance and taking custody of two books of forms ES4 respectively.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. Squadron Callsign. The four aircraft international callsigns are VII-LLA 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, regardless of whether they are proceeding in company or separately.
- b. Form Brown and Deviations. The CO will ensure that Form Brown covering the whole ferry is despatched on 15FEB72. Thereafter he will ensure that:
 - (1) Outside Australia. Deviations of two or more hours will be notified to the appropriate reception and flight watch agencies for the day concerned; and deviations resulting in a leg being flown on a day other than that planned will, in addition, be notified to DEPAIR, HQOC and RAFAFV.
 - (2) Within Australia. The provisions of HQOC Air

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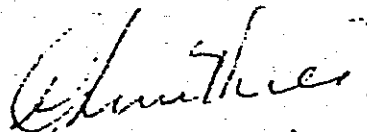
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Staff Instructions will be adhered to.

- c. Inter-aircraft Communications. Each Captain is to ensure that a listening watch is maintained on a VHF/UHF frequency as briefed by the CO each day.
 - d. Flight Watch. Throughout as much of the route as possible ANZUK AOC will provide flight watch facilities. The CO will ensure that communications are maintained with that agency for as long as possible.
 - e. Reports. The CO will ensure that a message is sent, at the end of each day's operations, to DEPAIR, RAAFAPV and HQOC, HQBJT, HQDAR and HQRIC. The message will include:
 - (1) ATD of first aircraft (and last aircraft where the route is not flown in company) and place of departure;
 - (2) ATA of first aircraft (and last aircraft where the route is not flown in company) and place of arrival; and
 - (3) Remarks where applicable, reporting any unserviceabilities, difficulties and delays.
6. Acknowledgement Instructions. Acknowledge.


(C.D.F. SMITHIES)
Squadron Leader
Commanding Officer

- Annexes:
- A. Details and Conduct of Ferry Flight
 - B. Nominal Roll - Ferry Party
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AIRREX 'A' TO
35SQN OPERATION
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DETAILS AND CONDUCT OF FERRY FLIGHT

Personnel and Aircraft

1. The crews of the four aircraft will be as follows:

a. A4-234

Sqn Ldr C.D. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT captain/CO
Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT Co-pilot
A220917 Sgt LITTLE W.F.C. ENGTFT loadmaster
A32297 W Off BEEBY A.J. WOENG NCO i/c maintenance
A111985 Cpl LEE T.W. RADTECHA

b. A4-173

Flt Lt H.B. VINK (0315903) GDPLT captain
Flg Off H.T. SHANLEY (0117906) GDPLT Co-pilot
A221984 Cpl RAPPO L.J. ENGTFT loadmaster
A17438 Sgt BRACKIN R.J. ELECTFT
A313233 Sgt FISK E.K. AFFFT
A55632 Sgt FULLER T.H. ENGTFT

c. A4-179

Flt Lt P.J. JUDGES (056955) GDPLT Captain
Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT Co-pilot
A223240 LAC HINDER A.F. ENGTFT loadmaster
A217350 Sgt MELVILLE R.E. ENGTFT
A43313 Cpl PATRICK B.D. AFFFT
A31759 LAC O'BRYAN A.J. ELECTFT

d. AA-208

Flg Off D. INNES (045765) GDPLT Captain
Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT Co-pilot
A318073 LAC LORD R.G. ENGTFT loadmaster
A315934 Sgt DONOHUE J.R. INSEFTT
A315895 Cpl BAILEY I.L. ENGTFT
A317555 LAC THELEMAN W.P. AFFFT

Itinerary

2. All aircraft will travel in company, adhering to the following itinerary. If the weather is unsuitable the aircraft will proceed at 15 minute intervals; the first aircraft will then follow the times given:

a. 19FEB72

VUNG TAU - TENGAN

ETD VTA 182300Z(0700 local) ETA TNG 190340Z(191110 local)

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	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>	<u>SH</u>
VTA - DELTA	258	36	18	2850
SCALLOP	199	65	30	2100
PEA	199	79	37	1050
SHARK	199	64	30	1050
SALMON	199	127	59	1050
MERSING	199	163	75	4650
JAYBEE	189	56	27	4650
TNG	180	7	3	4650
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b. 20FEB72

TENGAH

c. 21FEB72

TENGAH - DJAKARTA

ETD TNG

210200Z(0930 local) ETA DKT 210540Z(1240 local)

	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>	<u>SH</u>
TNG - SINJON	140	13	7	2250
- ARITI	157	33	15	2250
- SINKOP DADO	157	78	35	5200
- TOLAK	157	131	58	5200
- 100 NM DKT	157	126	56	3550
- DKT	157	100	45	11900
			<u>216</u>	

d. 22FEB72

DJAKARTA - BALI

ETD DKT

220200Z(0900 local) ETA BALI 220605Z(221305 local)

	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>	<u>SH</u>
DKT - OLENG	360/091	110	46	11900
- MAJUNG	091	91	41	2150
- SURABAJA	113	183	82	13050
- BALI	117	167	75	13050
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e. 23FEB72

BALI - DARWIN (Refuel KUPANG)

ETD BALI
ETD KUPANG

222300Z(0600 local) ETA KUPANG 230255Z (1055)
230415Z(1215 local) ETA DARWIN 230740Z (1710)

	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>	<u>SH</u>
BALI - AEM SUMBATA	097	129	60	14200
- WAINGAFU	097	181	83	7950
- KUPANG	096	203	90	6900
- FIR BLY	104	84	40	6900
- 127E	104	125	56	1050
-70 DHE DN	104	171	76	1050
- DN	104	70	31	1700
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DARWIN - LONGREACH
(Refuel Mt ISA)

ETD DN 242130Z(0700 local) ETA LR 250655Z (1755 ST)

	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>
DN - TDL	141	154	69
- NVV	128	116	52
- PAI	127	123	55
- SSN	127	162	72
- MA	127	154	69
Refuel 45 mins			
- MHE	115	107	49
- WTS	115	117	52
- LR	115	90	<u>40</u>
			<u>459</u>

g. 26FEB72

LONGREACH - RICHMOND

ETD LR 252200Z (0900 ST) ETA RIC 260315Z (1415 ST)

	<u>TR(M)</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>EET</u>
LR - TKT	142	87	39
- CV	142	122	54
- YHN	147	103	46
- WLG	147	136	60
- MDG	142	171	76
- RIC	126	85	<u>38</u>
			<u>313</u>

Navigation and Flight Planning

3. Meteorology. Flg Off Story is to arrange for a meteorological forecast for the next segment of the route on arrival at each respective RON.

4. Flight Planning. All crews are to complete preliminary flight planning by 18FEB72. Final flight planning will be completed one hour before the first take off each day. Only one flight plan will be submitted. Flg Off Shanley is to ensure that the necessary charts and publications are available.

5. Publications. Each captain is to ensure that the following publications are carried in his aircraft:

- a. Tactical Aerodrome Directory of South Vietnam.
- b. USAF DOD low altitude approach charts.
- c. USAF DOD en route charts for Pacific & SE Asia.
- d. RAAF Flight Planning.
- e. RAAF Flip supplement.
- f. RAAF En route charts.
- g. RAAF TAP let down charts.
- h. Complete set of topographical maps.

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- i. Complete set of plotting charts.
 - j. 38SQN SOP's.
6. Navigation. The standards for navigation are set out in 38SQN SOP Sect two ch 5. One crew will be nominated as lead aircraft each day and will be responsible for the communications. Other crews are to check the accuracy of the navigation.
7. Communications and SAR. Normal position reports will be given by the lead aircraft. All aircraft are to listen out on guard and monitor the inter-aircraft frequency given in the final briefing. The crews responsible for communication are:

19FEB72	Flt Lt VINK	/	Flg Off SHANLEY
21FEB72	Sqn Ldr SMITHIES	/	Flg Off INGRAM
22FEB72	Flt Lt JUDGES	/	Flg Off STORY
23FEB72	Flg Off INNES	/	Flg Off SEAGER
25FEB72	Flt Lt VINK	/	Flg Off SHANLEY
26FEB72	Flt Lt JUDGES	/	Flg Off STORY

Miscellaneous

8. Survival Equipment. Flg Off INNES is to ensure that each aircraft carries the following:

- a. three Mae Wests with radio for crew,
- b. three Pax yokes for pax,
- c. one ten man dinghy, and
- d. one survival pack.

On 18FEB72 Flg Off INNES is to present a briefing on ditching drills and conduct a suitable demonstration. All personnel are to attend.

9. Flight Advance. Flg Off INGRAM is appointed inprest holder 35SQN. Landing fees in INDONESIA are US\$25 per day or US\$30 per night per aircraft. Duty fee AVGAS will cost approx US 28 cents per US gallon. He is to acquit the advance with Acct 0 BSQRIC on the day of arrival or as soon thereafter as possible.

10. Refuelling. Flg Off SEAGER and Flg Off SHANLEY are to obtain one book of EMs each and are to issue these as required. They are to deliver the books to the NCO CLKSPLY of 35SQN A on the day of arrival or as soon as possible thereafter.

11. NCO i/c Maintenance. W Off BEEBY is appointed NCO i/c maintenance.

12. Documents. The Co-pilot of each aircraft is to collect all passports and international health certificates for all the crew and passengers of his aircraft. The loadmaster is to obtain the necessary

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customs and quarantine documents for his aircraft.

13. Final Briefing. All personnel are to attend final briefing at 170200Z FEB72 at a place to be nominated.

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NOMINAL ROLL - FERRY PARTY

Sqn Ldr	C.D. SMITHIES	(033695)	GDPLT	CO
Flt Lt	M.B. VINK	(0315903)	GDPLT	
Flt Lt	P.J. JUDGES	(056955)	GDPLT	
Flg Off	R.I. INGRAM	(058067)	GDPLT	
Flg Off	M.T. SHANLEY	(0117906)	GDPLT	
Flg Off	G.L. STORY	(0117736)	GDPLT	
Flg Off	D. INNES	(045765)	GDPLT	
Flg Off	R.J. SEAGER	(0223545)	GDPLT	
A220917	Sgt	LITTLE W.F.C.	ENGFITF	Loadmaster
A221984	Cpl	RAPPO L.J.	ENGFITF	Loadmaster
A223240	LAC	HINDER A.F.	ENGFITF	Loadmaster
A318073	LAC	LORD R.C.	ENGFITF	Loadmaster
A32297	W Off	BESBY A.T.	WOENG	NCO i/c Maintenance
A55632	Sgt	FULLER T.H.	ENGFITF	
A217350	Sgt	MELVILLE R.J.	ENGFITF	
A315885	Cpl	BAILEY I.L.	ENGFITF	
A313233	Sgt	FISK E.K.	AFFITF	
A31759	Cpl	PATRICK B.D.	AFFITF	
A317555	LAC	THELEMAN W.P.	AFFITF	
A17438	Sgt	BRACKIN R.J.	ELECFITF	
A31759	LAC	O'BRYAN A.J.	ELECFITF	
A315934	Sgt	DONOHUE J.R.	INSTFITF	
A111985	Cpl	LEE P.W.	RADTECHA	

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NOMINATED ROLL - REAR PARTY

Flt Lt	T.M. MILLAR	(0218633)	Spec D Intel OIC 19-22FEB72
Flt Lt	D.T. PHILLIPS	(031724)	Equip OIC 22FEB72 until dispersal in Australia
A315486	Sgt	DAWSON J.K.	CLKA
A58151	LAC	ROXBURGH G.C.	CLKA
A116976	Cpl	McGRATH M.J.	CLKSPLY
A218355	Sgt	RAMSAY R.H.	SUPSPLY1
A317000	LAC	WILTSHIRE W.H.	SPLY

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NOMINAL ROLL
NO 35 SQUADRON
AS AT 1st JANUARY 72
AND AT 1ST FEB 72

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	BRANCH CATEGORY	DATE VIETNAM	PRIMARY APPOINTMENT	SECONDARY APPOINTMENT
<u>PART A - OFFICERS - GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH</u>						
033695	SQN LDR	SMITHIES, Charles David	GDPLT	04NOV71	Commanding Officer	
0315903	FLT LT	VINK, Martin Bernard	GDPLT	11MAR71	SQN PLT	Flight Commander Flying Flight, Subordinate Commander Flying Flight
056955	FLT LT	JUDGES, Peter James	GDPLT	07OCT71	SQN PLT	Deputy Commander Flying Flight OIC Flight Safety
0223545	FLG OFF	SEAGER, Richard John	GDPLT	18FEB71	SQN PLT	HQ Inventory Holder, Aircraft Schedules
045765	FLG OFF	INNES, David	GDPLT	15APR71	SQN PLT	Sqn Test Pilot, Anst Times Off
0117736	FLG OFF	STORY, Gregory Laird	GDPLT	09DEC71	SQN PLT	Times Officer OIC Armoury
0117906	FLG OFF	SHANLEY, Michael Terence	GDPLT	09DEC71	SQN PLT	OIC Publications, Nav Officer
058067	FLG OFF	INGRAM, Rex	GDPLT	09DEC71	SQN PLT	OIC SOIs, Survival Officer
<u>PART B - OFFICERS - OTHER THAN GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH</u>						
0218633	FLT LT	MILLAR, Trevor Michael	INTEL	27APR71	Admin O	
0317240	FLT LT	PHILLIPS, Denis Thomas	EQUIP	07APR71	EQUIP O	Member Unit BOS, Examining, Sentencing, Classifying Officer for Non-Technical Equip, Squadron EDP Co-Ordination Officer,
0218879	FLT LT	WATTS, Leslie Charles	ENGABRO	02JUN71	ENG O	Technical Inventory Holder, Member of Trade Test Board, Unit Safety Equipment Officer, Subordinate Commander Technical Flight, Member Unit BOS, Examining, Sentencing, Classifying Officer, Trade Proficiency Officer, etc.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>VIETNAM</u>
<u>PART C - AIRMEN</u>			
<u>AIRCREW</u>			
A220914	CPL	LITTLE, Walter Francis	ENGFIPT 14OCT71
A223240	LAC	HINDER, Anthony Francis	ENGFIPT 18FEB71
A318073	LAC	LORD, Robert George	ENGFIPT 25MAR71
A221984	CPL	RAPPO, Laurence John	ENGFIPT 18NOV71
<u>GROUNDCREW</u>			
<u>WOE</u>			
A32297	WOFF	BEEBY, Alan John	04NOV71
<u>RADTECHA</u>			
A55847	SGT	THOMPSON, Ronald Carl	17MAR71
A111985	CPL	LEE, Trevor William	02JUN71
A318034	LAC	JOHNSON, Lynden Neil	07JAN71
<u>INSTFIPT</u>			
A315934	SGT	DONOHUE, John Robert	16SEP71
A110482	CPL	STRUGNELL, Edward Andrew	17MAR71
A113108	LAC	JOHNSON, Garry Trevor	11MAR71
A45796	LAC	FERNELL, William Jethro	05DEC71
<u>ELECFIPT</u>			
A17438	SGT	BRACKIN, Robert John	12AUG70
A316150	CPL	JOLLEY, Robert Wallace	16SEP71
A117132	LAC	SOEMER, Anthony Clive	11FEB71
A317583	LAC	PAPPEN, Brian	02JUN71
A317589	LAC	O'BRYAN, Arthur John	18NOV71
<u>AFFIPT</u>			
A215482	SGT	DEAN, Robert Henry	11NOV71
A313233	SGT	FISK, Erol Keith	30SEP71
A13313	CPL	PATRICK, Barry Douglas	28JAN71
A119504	LAC	FAUX, Jeffrey Cecil	04AUG71
A224161	LAC	FORDYCE, William Dixon	21APR71
A222749	LAC	DALY, Terence Kevin	19MAY71
A223847	LAC	DAVIS, Brian Cyril	22JUL71
A45194	LAC	McALPINE, William	24NOV71
A317555	LAC	THEILEMANN, Warner Peter	04NOV71
<u>AMTKR</u>			
A41525	SGT	ABLETT, Reginald Jack	21APR71
A222198	CPL	BARNARD, Edward	22JUL71
A47256	LAC	WHITTAKER, John James	05MAY71

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	DATE VIETNAM
<u>GENFITP</u>			
A46541	LAC	PIKE, Campbell Evan	10DEC71
<u>ENGFITP</u>			
A31643	F SGT	MADDOCK, Thomas Samuel	21 JAN71
A55632	SGT	FULLER, Trevor Harold	02DEC71
A217350	SGT	MELVILLE, Ronald Edward	08JUL71
A315885	CPL	BAILEY, Ian Lloyd	17MAR71
A110968	CPL	HARTLEY, Geoffrey John	11MAR71
A57854	LAC	CABRAL, Godfrey Cage Joseph	14OCT71
A223491	LAC	FIELD, David Ronald	18MAR71
A45833	LAC	JARVIS, William Henry	28JAN71
A61534	LAC	TRINKS, Albert	04JAN72
A46059	LAC	VAN DEVENTER, Johannes Christoffel	07JAN71
<u>SEY</u>			
A15796	CPL	BURGESS, Clifford James	14JAN71
A110356	CPL	McGRATH, Daniel James	20APR71
<u>SURFIN</u>			
A118349	LAC	KAISER, Hans Egon	09SEP71
<u>CLKA</u>			
A315486	SGT	DAWSON, James Kent	22JUL71
A58151	LAC	ROXBURGH, Geoffrey Charles	11MAR71
<u>CLKSBLR</u>			
A116976	CPL	McGRATH, Michael John	05MAY71
<u>SPLRSUP 1</u>			
A218355	SGT	RAMSAY, Raymond Howard	08JUL71
<u>SPLR</u>			
A317000	LAC	WILTSHIRE, William Hugh	07APR71

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
VUNG TAU	19-26 FEB 72	<p>In accordance with DAOD No 23/71 and 35 Squadron Operations Order No 2/71 (forwarded with A50 18 FEB 72) the four aircraft of the Squadron departed VUNG TAU (see Annex A) for RICHMOND at 0700 hours local. The crews were:-</p> <p>a. A4-234 - Sqn Ldr C.D. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT captain/CO, Flg Off R.J. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT Co-pilot, A220917 Sgt LITTLE W.F.G. ENGFITT loadmaster, A32297 W Off BEEBY A.J. WOENG NCOIC maintenance, A111985 Cpl LEE T.W. RADTECHA.</p> <p>b. A4-173 - Flt Lt M.B. VINK (0315903) GDPLT captain, Flg Off M.T. SHANLEY (0117906) GDPLT Co-pilot, A221984 Cpl RAPPO L.J. ENGFITT loadmaster, A17438 Sgt BRACKIN R.J. ELECFITT, A43313 Sgt FISK E.K. AFFITT, A55632 Sgt FULLER T.H. ENGFITT.</p> <p>c. A4-179 - Flt Lt P.J. JUDGES (056955) GDPLT Captain, Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT Co-pilot, A223240 LAC HINDER A.F. ENGFITT loadmaster, A217350 Sgt MELVILLE R.E. ENGFITT, A43313 Cpl PATRICK B.D. AFFITT, A31759 LAC O'BRYAN A.J. ELECFITT.</p> <p>d. A4-208 - Flg Off D. INNES (045765) GDPLT Captain, Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT Co-pilot, A318073 LAC LORD R.G. ENGFITT loadmaster, A315934 Sgt DONOHUE J.R. INSTFITT, A315885 Cpl BAILEY I.L. ENGFITT, A317555 LAC THIELEMAN W.P. AFFITT.</p> <p>COMRAAF V (Air Cdre N.P. McNAMARA AFC) and most remaining members of RAAF Contingent VUNG TAU were present to farewell the Squadron. The remainder of the Squadron personnel returned to Australia as detailed in the Operation Order. The ferry flight was uneventful, proceeding basically in accordance with the planned itinerary. The largest deviation from itinerary occurred on the last day when a small hitch in fueling delayed departures from LONGREACH. Together with stronger headwinds, than anticipated this caused the arrival at RICHMOND to be 30 minutes late.</p>	
RICHMOND	28 FEB 72	<p>Wg Cdr G.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT assumed command from Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT who took up his new post as Squadron Operations Officer.</p> <p>The aircraft passed over RAAF Base RICHMOND in a diamond formation and flew on for a fly over of SYDNEY before returning to RAAF Base RICHMOND to be greeted by Air Cdre H.D. MARSH DFC (see Annex C) and were welcomed by relatives and friends (see Annex D & E)</p>	
RICHMOND	28 FEB 72	<p>The Squadron was relocated at RAAF Base RICHMOND and occupied Hangar No 2 with the Headquarters situated in the western portion of building No 8. The posted officers were Wg Cdr G.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT Commanding Officer, Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT Squadron Operations</p>	

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RICHMOND	28FEB72	Officer, Flt Lt L.C. WATTS (0218879) ENGAERO Squadron Engineering Officer and Flg Off R.R. STOTT (0319454) SPECADMIN Administrative Officer. At this stage 35 Sqn was in existence in name only as all tools, equipment and spares were in transit from VIETNAM. Nine aircraft were allocated and were Caribous A4-164, A4-179, A4-173, A4-199, A4-204, A4-208, A4-234, A4-236 and A4-285.	
	8MAR72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT, Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT, Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223230) GDPLT, Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT, Flg Off J. MILLSON (045403) GDPLT, Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT, Flg Off R.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT, Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT, Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT, Flg Off K.J. CONNORS (0117503) GDPLT, Plt Off S.M. MACGREGOR (061817) GDPLT, Plt Off M.J. HAYLER (0225482) GDPLT, Plt Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT, and Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT arrived on posting from 38 Squadron. These officers, together with loadmasters, comprised 35 Sqn Flying Flight. At this stage we had sufficient aircraft and crews but were entirely dependent on the maintenance facilities of 38 Sqn for all types of servicing.	
	14MAR72	Plt Off R. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT, Plt Off J. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT, and A15552 Sgt STRINGFELLOW B.J. loadmaster, together with six members of AMTDU, departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 at 071300 for airdrops of Airey's Inlet on 35 Squadrons first operational task on its return to Australia. The aircraft remained overnight at LAVERTON then departed for GROVEDALE at 0900 to load compacts. The drops at Airey's Inlet to the 1RVR (CMF) were carried out successfully despite the small DZ and narrow valley which necessitated a crosswind drop. The aircraft returned to GROVEDALE and was met by several members of the local press. The task received considerable publicity in the local newspapers. The aircraft returned to LAVERTON to refuel and then departed for RICHMOND.	
	16MAR72	Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT, transported the RAAF Regional Band from RICHMOND to CANBERRA in Caribou A4-234 and returned the following day.	
	20MAR72	Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT, and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 with 27 members of the Regional Band, and their equipment, for Amberley. The aircraft landed at Coffs Harbour in extremely bad weather to refuel. On the return trip the following afternoon the aircraft was diverted to TAMWORTH to refuel due to	

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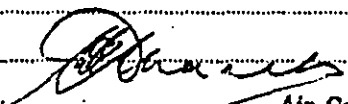
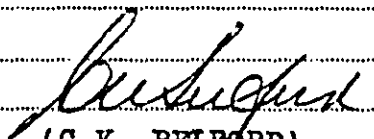
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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices																																	
RICHMOND	20MAR72	continuing bad weather at Coff's Harbour.																																		
	24MAR72	Visit by Gp Capt K.R. JANSEN (032378) GDPLT DAFI for discussions on Squadron Intelligence requirements.																																		
	25MAR72	Caribou A4-234 was ferried to EDINBURGH by Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT to be used by Flt Lt A.P. TREMAIN (0219179) for the air display. Due to an unserviceable shock strut at WEST BEACH Caribou A4-199 completed the task and Caribou A4-234 became the static display. The aircraft left EDINBURGH at 1700 and flew several members of the press to ADELAIDE and then departed for RICHMOND.																																		
	28MAR72	Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in A4-164 for GOSPERS to shuttle Army personnel to HOLSWORTHY. 27 troops were carried in two shuttles. The task was flown to the itinerary with no complications.																																		
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		 Air Commodore OFFICER COMMANDING R.A.A.F. RICHMOND	 (C.K. BELFORD) Wing Commander Commanding Officer																																	

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY/MARCH 1972

Flying Effort

1. Total flying for the period was 382:15 hours. 196:50 hours of this total were used during the ferry of the four (4) remaining VIETNAM aircraft which arrived back on 26th February. The remaining 185:25 hours were flown during March on allotted tasks and training.

Technical

2. With the arrivals of the Squadron back in AUSTRALIA allotted aircraft strength was increased to 9. However, of these one aircraft was in factory maintenance and another allotted to No 38 Squadron which left an effective strength of 7.

3. Serviceability rate for the month was 51:5%, this figure is misleading and is primarily the result of eight engine removals required on the ex-VIETNAM aircraft, for return to USAF. The effective serviceability rate was approximately 70%.

4. During the month 16 AOGs were raised.

General

5. Following the return of the Squadron from VIETNAM on 26th February there was a lull in activity until 8th March when most of the aircrew members were posted in. Technical strength was negligible with first line servicing being carried out mainly by No 38 Squadron personnel. As the month progressed there was a gradual build up in personnel strength, sufficient to enable the Squadron to support first line servicing.

6. Although action was taken as far back as November 1971 to provide the necessary facilities for suitable accommodation in time for the return of the Squadron from VIETNAM the end of the month still finds the Squadron existing with equipment borrowed, as available, from other units on the Base.

Morale and Discipline

7. Morale is high and discipline good. However, there is general dissatisfaction with the delay in providing adequate facilities.


(G.K. BELFORS)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	1APR72	Flt Lt M.B. VINK (0315903) GDPLT departed on posting to HQSC.	
	3APR72	Flg Off R.I. GRAHAM (0224942) GDPLT arrived on posting from TSFBUT.	
	4APR72	Flg Off I. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Flt Off S RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 for a hurried trip to WILLIAMTOWN to MEDEVAC Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT back to 3HOSP RAAF Base RICHMOND.	
	5APR72	Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT arrived on posting from SAN.	
	6APR72	Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT airlanded 27,800 lbs of passengers and cargo, in Caribou A4-173, at DOCHRA in support of "Exercise Millstone".	
	7APR72	Caribou A4-234 crewed by Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Flt Off J.W. FOLLEY (056537) GDPLT, Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Caribou A4-236 with Flt Lt G.D. THOMAS (0222081) GDPLT, Flg Off C.E. RICHARDS (0113132) GDPLT, both of 38 Sqn departed RICHMOND for TOWNSVILLE for Army support with No's 3 and 11 Task Forces in NORTH QUEENSLAND. Both aircraft returned to RICHMOND on the 23APR72.	
		Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT, Flt Off S RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT, departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-199 for FAIRBAIRN and LAVERTON to provide a static display aircraft for the relative airshows.	
		Flt Lt A.P.E. TREMAIN (0219179) GDPLT, Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-299 to provide the flying display at both FAIRBAIRN and LAVERTON. The aircraft was substituted by Caribou A4-199 at CANBERRA due to a suspected propeller reverse malfunction. The aircrafts low and high speed runs were very spectacular due to 20 to 30kts of wind both FAIRBAIRN and LAVERTON.	
		Flg Off G.R. MENGERSEN (0225069) GDPLT, Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT ferried the aircraft back to RICHMOND on the 10APR72 in Caribou A4-199.	
		Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224383) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-173 for familiarization flights YARRAM. The aircraft became unserviceable at EAST SALE due to a faulty IOU unit. Spares were flown in by Caribou A4-228 the following day and after repairs the aircraft	

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RICHMOND	7APR72	<p>returned to RICHMOND.</p> <p>Caribou A4-208 with Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT, Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT conveyed 22 CMF soldiers to PUCKAPUNYAL for an air dispatch course. The aircraft was then positioned at LAVERTON to ferry 13 CMF air dispatches to RICHMOND the following day.</p>	
	8APR72	<p>Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.K. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-228 to convey spares and those ground crew to EAST SALE for the repair of Caribou A4-173.</p>	
	9APR72	<p>Caribou A4-164 with Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT, Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT conveyed No 1 Regional Band to WILLIAMTOWN for the "RATS OF TOBRUK" march and the return to RICHMOND.</p>	
	10APR72	<p>Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT, Flg Off R.K. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT completed four sorties of passengers and cargo to DOCHRA in Caribous A4-173 and A4-208.</p> <p>Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317217) GDPLT and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT co-captained Caribou A4-164 on one shuttle of passengers in support of Exercise Millstone.</p> <p>Plt Off M.J. HAYLER (0225482) GDPLT departed on posting to 200U.</p>	
	12APR72	<p>Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT, Plt Off S HUSHON (0222071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for airdrops of PUCKAPUNYAL in Caribou A4-173. Twelve sorties of airdrops were carried out with a total of 96 compacts and twelve A22's being dropped. The crew remained two nights in PUCKAPUNYAL mess and commented that the rations were the best they had ever received.</p> <p>Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for a four week exercise at LEARMONTH in Caribou A4-208. (See remarks in May history).</p>	
	13APR72	<p>Caribou A4-164 with Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flg Off K.J. CONNORS (0117503) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for airdrops at ULLA DULLA. The recce of the DZ carried out on the 13APR72 showed that the DZ was unsuitable for lapses. On the 15APR72 compacts were dropped before about 2000 spectators with excellent results.</p>	

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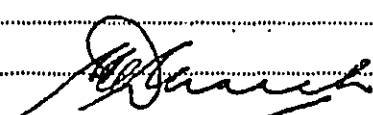
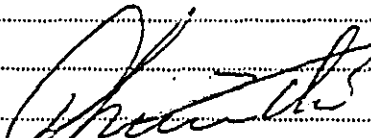
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RICHMOND	13APR72	The Army were impressed and forwarded a letter of appreciation.	
	14APR72	Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT ferried troops for exercise "Millstone" in Caribou A4-199 from RICHMOND to DOCHRA.	
	15APR72	Caribou A4-164 flown by Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) and Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT conducted accuracy and alignment checks on the TOWNSVILLE Quad Radar. The radar was situated at RICHMOND and the checks were carried out under the direction of the TOWNSVILLE radar operator.	
		Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Plt Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT flew Caribou A4-204 to the ARMIDALE Aeroclub Air Pageant. This aircraft provided a focal point for a RAAF recruiting display with considerable success. The crew found that a lot of eager little boys could cram into the cockpit at one time.	
	19APR72	Five shuttles to DOCHRA for exercise "Millstone" were carried out in Caribou A4-199 by Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT. These shuttles completed the squadron's tasking for this exercise.	
	21APR72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Plt Off S RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-199 for TOWNSVILLE. The crew shuttled troops from Nos 3 and 11 task force from INGHAM to MACKAY on the 22APR72. The crew were then involved in an unexpected task during the following two days involving the shuttling of 16,000 lbs of freight from TOWNSVILLE to NORMANTON on the Gulf of Carpentaria. The crew remained overnight in NORMANTON and LONGREACH enroute back to RICHMOND.	
	23APR72	Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-164 for a basic paratrooping task at WILLIAMTOWN. Caribou A4-164 was replaced by Caribou A4-236 on the 26APR72 and the task was completed on the 27APR72. A lengthy delay was caused by a static retrieval cable snapping whilst winding parachute bags back into the aircraft.	
	25APR72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT ferried fresh 36 Sqn crews to WILLIAMTOWN in Caribou A4-234. 36 Sqn were short of crews and aircraft and to maintain their schedules in Exercise Top Limit 35 Sqn	

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RICHMOND	25APR72	<p>assistance was required. The original Hercules crew were then ferried back to RICHMOND.</p>	
		<p>Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT departed on attachment to RTSFPAL to cease 30JUN72.</p>	
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Flying Effort

1. The flying effort for the period was 387.25 hours in 220 day sorties and 7 night sorties.

Technical and Equipment

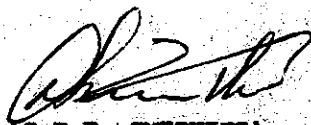
2. The serviceability rate for the month was 81%.
3. During the month 9 AOG's were raised and there was 1 AOG outstanding at the end of the month.

Morale and Discipline

4. Morale and discipline continue to remain at a satisfactory level.

Detachments

5. During the month Detachment 'A' operated out of Townsville, Detachment 'B' operated out of Learmonth and Flg Off K.F. CLARE (0113338) GDPIF was attached to TSYPAL from 13APR72 to 30JUN72.



(C.D.F. SMITHIES)
Squadron Leader
T/Commanding Officer

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RICHMOND	1MAY72	Flg Off G.I. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 for para-drops at WILLIAMTOWN. One night drop, nine static line and one free fall sorties were carried out successfully. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on the 3MAY72. Plt Off D.J. STAGG (0314141) ENGAERO arrived on posting from DCSQN.	
	2MAY72	Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Plt Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-173 for DOCHRA to investigate possible flight hazards caused by newly installed power lines on the approach to the strip.	
	4MAY72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT left RICHMOND, with eleven members of a MOSU course, for FAIRBAIRN in Caribou A4-173. The MOSU members were familiarized on helicopter operations and the aircraft returned to RICHMOND at 1500 hrs. Plt Off D.J. STAGG (0314141) ENGAERO departed on posting to 2AD.	
	5MAY72	Caribou A4-164 crewed by Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for a maritime support task at NOWRA. Eighteen passengers were ferried from NOWRA to SYDNEY and after offloading the aircraft returned to RICHMOND. Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 to ferry 3000lbs of the new uniforms from the factory at ORANGE to LAVERTON. Two aircraft engines were carried back on the return trip from LAVERTON to RICHMOND.	
	6MAY72	Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT returned from a three week Army support task in the EXMOUTH GULF area in Caribou A4-208. The aircraft operated from RAAF LEARMONTH air landing and air dropping troops, water and rations to Army units. A full report is contained in file 18/2/Air(19). Caribou A4-236 crewed by Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT ferried PTF members from WILLIAMTOWN to LAVERTON and YARRAM to take part in paradropping with CMF troops. A supply drop to CMF troops was carried at YARRAM on the 9MAY72. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on 10MAY72.	

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RICHMOND	7MAY72	Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-164 to transport 14 members of a Helicopter service crew and 600lbs of equipment from FAIRBAIRN back to RICHMOND. Four helicopters were at RICHMOND for pilot instrument training.	
	8MAY72	Flg Off G.J. CARROLL (055310) GDPLT arrived on posting from 38 SQN.	
	9MAY72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT carried out compact drops at LONDONDERRY drop zone in Caribou A4-164. Despite the adverse conditions created by a fog of 300ft base and 2NM visibility excellent results were recorded. A second sortie was carried out to act as a photo chase aircraft for a Hercules drop.	
		Caribou A4-285 flown by Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT carried out A22 and compact drops at LONDONDERRY for number 31/72 course from AMTDU.	
	12MAY72	Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-164 for an army support task at YARRAM. Sixteen troops were ferried from YARRAM to LAVERTON with no complications. The crew remained overnight at LAVERTON and returned to RICHMOND the following day.	
	15MAY72	Flt Lt L.C. WATTS (0218879) ENGAERO departed on posting to 37SQN.	
	16MAY72	Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT carried out a demonstration LAPES drop in Caribou A4-234 at RICHMOND. The drop was completed successfully.	
	16MAY72	Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT in Caribou A4-199 carried out two familiarization flights for OTU cadets from RICHMOND to BARANJOEY, SYDNEY and back to RICHMOND. Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT and Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-204 for a Navigation trainer to MT ISA and return. The aircraft was grounded at MT ISA for a day due to a faulty fuel quantity guage. A serviceable guage was flown in by commercial aircraft and the crew departed for RICHMOND on the 18MAY72. Caribous A4-236 and A4-159 crewed by Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT, Flg Off	

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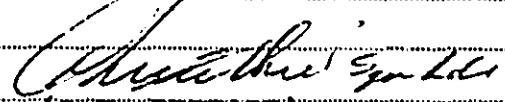
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RICHMOND	16MAY72	G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT carried out four shuttles transporting Apprentices from WAGGA to WILLIAMTOWN and return on the 16, 17 and 18MAY72. The apprentices were at WILLIAMTOWN for ground familiarization on equipment.	
	17MAY72	Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to WILLIAMTOWN and return in Caribou A4-173.	
	18MAY72	Caribou A4-199 crewed by Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT carried out four precision airdrops in the MELLORG VALLEY. Three drops on the 19MAY72 had to be cancelled due to severe turbulence in the drop zone area.	
		Flg Off D. INNES (045764) GDPLT arrived on posting from 35SQN ex post VIETNAM leave.	
	19MAY72	Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-204 to transport the No 1 Regional Band to GYMPIE for a display. The crew remained overnight at AMBERLEY and returned to RICHMOND with the band on the 20MAY72.	
	20MAY72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 for an army support task in TPNG. The crew flew personnel from the Army Staff College to numerous strips in PAPUA and NEW GUINEA. The crew also extracted troops from TUFU after they had completed cyclone relief work. The crew remained overnight at THURSDAY ISLAND, PORT MORSEBY, KIAMANTU and WEWAK. The task was completed successfully with no complications and returned to RICHMOND on 29MAY72.	
	24MAY72	Caribou A4-199 crewed by Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT conducted ten compact drops on the north south grass strip at RICHMOND. The compacts were dropped from 230ft AGL. Despite the strong crosswind little drift was experienced in the chutes due to the very short interval between deployment and contact with the gourd.	
		Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT carried out a route trainer in Caribou	

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RICHMOND	24MAY72	A4-234 from RICHMOND to CANBERRA, MORUYA, GOULBURN . SYDNEY and back to RICHMOND.	
	25MAY72	Three Caribous A4-199, A4-164 and A4-204 crewed by Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT, Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT, Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to carry out an army support task at DERWICK and YARRAM the following day. The crews remained overnight in the mess at LAVERTON and conducted eight shuttles of CMF troops from BERWICK to YARRAM. The tasks were conducted successfully despite very bad weather at BERWICK.	
	29MAY72	Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT in Caribous A4-173, A4-204 and A4-199 carried 480 troops during familiarization flights in the DOCHRA-WILLIAMTOWN area on the 29-30MAY72.	
	30MAY72	Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT transported 23 passengers and 1550lbs of freight from WILLIAMTOWN to EAST SALE via CANBERRA. Refueling at CANBERRA was necessary due to the range with the heavy load. The crew remained overnight at EAST SALE and returned to RICHMOND on the 31MAY72.	
	31MAY72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off D. INNES (045765) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT carried out a trainer in Caribou A4-236 from RICHMOND to COWRA, EDINBURGH, ALICE SPRINGS and back to RICHMOND. After practice feathering on engine 40NM from MILDURA the crew discovered the engine would not unfeather. An emergency was declared and the aircraft landed at MILDURA. The fault was caused by a wire to the auxillary pump fracturing. The wire was replaced and the aircraft continued with the trainer.	
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

MAY 1972

Flying Effort

1. 343.45 hours were flown by the Squadron for the month. This total consisted of 219 day sorties and 19 night sorties.

Technical and Equipment

2. Serviceability rate for the month was a satisfactory 72.1%. With the present low tasking the Squadron can meet all commitments.

3. 32 AOGs were raised during the month, 5 of which are still outstanding at the end of the month.

Morale and Discipline

4. Morale and discipline are at a high level. This is generally reflected in the standard of servicing and increasing proficiency. The continuing delay in providing suitable facilities is still causing a degree of dissatisfaction.

C. K. Belford
For (C.K. BELFORD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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RICHMOND	01JUN72	Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT departed RICHMOND with STSO and the SESO for WILLIAMTOWN in foggy condition in Caribou A4-164 and returned to RICHMOND without incident.	
	02JUN72	Three Caribou aircraft, A4-173, A4-204 and A4-199, crewed by Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT; Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) and Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT; and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to ferry troops from HOLSWORTHY to GOSPERS. The aircraft departed shortly before the airfield was closed and were subsequently delayed at GOSPERS until the airfield cleared. The task was completed without incident and the three aircraft returned RICHMOND. Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT and Flg Off D. INNES (045765) GDPLT returned from an eventful navigation and route trainer in Caribou A4-236. En route to EDINBURGH 30 DME east of MILDURA an engine was feathered after a simulated engine fire. The feather procedure was SOP and the propeller feathered normally, however the propeller failed to unfeather during the reverse procedure. All possible checks were carried out but no abnormalities were found. The engine was secured, an emergency declared and the aircraft landed at MILDURA without further incident. The crew praised the co-operation received from the local fire service and the Army. The fault was caused by the power lead to the auxiliary pump fracturing. The wire was repaired and the trainer continued to EDINBURGH, ALICE SPRINGS and back to RICHMOND.	
	04JUN72	Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT, and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT conducted two A22 cargo drops onto the LONDONDERRY DZ in Caribou A4-199. Very good accuracy was achieved in both drops.	
	05JUN72	Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT and Plt Off S.W. FOLEY (056587) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-173 for EAST SALE to ferry 76SQN ground crew to WILLIAMTOWN. Due to the load the aircraft landed at CANBERRA en route to refuel. Caribou A4-199, flown by Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, carried out trials in the RICHMOND area for AMTDU. Ten single compacts were dropped on the airfield with good accuracy.	

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RICHMOND	06JUN72	<p>Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-234 to conduct a display at an open day at LAVERACK Army Barracks, TOWNSVILLE. The display coincided with the Pacific Festival and the Caribou demonstration consisted of aircraft handling capabilities, compact and A22 drops and para trooping. The aircraft and crew also ferried the army band from ROCKHAMPTON back to TOWNSVILLE. The aircraft and crew returned to RICHMOND on 12JUN72.</p>	
	08JUN72	<p>Flg Off D. INNES (045765) GDPLT departed on posting to RECADI.</p> <p>Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT transported 13 members of 5SQN to FAIRBAIRN on their return from PALEMBANG, INDONESIA in Caribou A4-159. However, three members returned with the aircraft to RICHMOND to attend an inquiry into the loss of a helicopter engine into the jungle in INDONESIA.</p>	
	09JUN72	<p>Caribou A4-159 flown by Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) departed RICHMOND for TOOWOOMBA to ferry four RAAF Police Dogs to BANKSTOWN. The dogs took part in the Queen's Birthday celebrations display at the Show Grounds and were returned to TOOWOOMBA on the 11JUN72 with the aircraft returning to RICHMOND the same day.</p> <p>Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-173 to convey members of an AJASS course from NOWRA to SYDNEY and RICHMOND.</p>	
	13JUN72	<p>Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT carried out A22 drops at LONDONDERRY in Caribou A4-199. Two drops were carried out before the sortie was cancelled due to the surface wind being above the limits.</p> <p>Caribou A4-204 with Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT, Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT departed RICHMOND on a navigation trainer to TOWNSVILLE, PORT MORESBY, THURSDAY ISLAND, MT ISA and RICHMOND. However at THURSDAY ISLAND the starter motor on one engine jammed burning wiring and blowing the starter fuse. A rescue aircraft, Caribou A4-164, flown by Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT departed</p>	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND		<p>RICHMOND on 16JUN72 arriving THURSDAY ISLAND on the 17JUN72. Caribou A4-204 was repaired and both aircraft flew back to RICHMOND in company via TOWNSVILLE arriving on 20JUN72.</p> <p>Flt Lt A.D. A'KEN (0111880) GDPLT arrived on posting from 2FYS.</p> <p>14JUN72 Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT carried out six A22 drops at LONDONDERRY in Caribou A4-159. Caribous A4-236 and A4-199 crewed by Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT with Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT; and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT with Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for an army support task in the GYMPIE area. The aircraft ferried troops from BRAR from EAGLEFARM to GYMPIE and brought other troops back to EAGLEFARM. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on 15JUN72.</p> <p>15JUN72 Flg Off J. HILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT flew 6 Caribous A4-159 and A4-208 on drops in the MELLONG VALLEY during 15-16JUN72. One drop on the 15JUN72 was cancelled due to wind. Both compacts and A22 were dropped on the 16JUN72. Excellent results were achieved with the compacts, however, due to the small DZ and varying wind condition only two of six A22s landed on the DZ.</p> <p>17JUN72 Caribou A4-234, flown by Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT transported the RAAF Regional Band from RICHMOND to GLENN INNES to take part in Centenary Celebrations. Heavy fog delayed the aircraft at RICHMOND for several hours, however, the band was delivered on time.</p> <p>18JUN72 Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 to transport 76SQN maintenance personnel from WILLIAMTOWN to EAST SALE. The aircraft remained at EAST SALE overnight and returned to RICHMOND on 19JUN72.</p> <p>Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-173 to transport 4000 lbs of Mirage equipment from WILLIAMTOWN to EAST SALE. Due to the cargo weight a refueling stop was necessary at FAIRBAIRN.</p>	


Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	19JUN72	Sqn Ldr. D. MELVIN (031558) GDPLT arrived on posting from RAAF WASH.	
	20JUN72	Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT flew Caribou A4-234 on three AMTDU sorties at the LONDONDERRY DZ. The first sortie consisted of nine 500 lb compacts, three with deliberate defects. The remaining sorties were providing a photo chase for a Hercules dropping platform loads.	
	21JUN72	Caribou A4-164 and A4-159 with eight pilots - Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT, Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT, Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT, Plt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT, Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT - departed RICHMOND for a trainer to MT ISA, DARWIN, ALICE SPRINGS and RICHMOND. The trainer involved route procedures, off airways and tactical navigation. Local IF training at DARWIN and local airfield surveys in the DARWIN area.	
	22JUN72	Caribou A4-204 flown by Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT carried out two sorties of air drops on DZ "GRACE" in the MELLONG VALLEY. Four A22's and 16 compacts were dropped in difficult weather conditions.	
	23JUN72	Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-208 from GRIFFITH to transport crew members of a U/S 11SQN Dakota aircraft to EDINBURGH. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND with nine maintenance and crew personnel for the disabled Dakota.	
	26JUN72	A free fall paratrooping sortie was carried out at the SALT ASH DZ by Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT in Caribou A4-234. Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for FAIRBAIRN for a VIP flight in Caribou A4-204 on 27JUN72. The aircraft departed FAIRBAIRN for RICHMOND with AVM R.A. EATON, CB, CBE, DSO, DFC Air member for Personnel.	
	28JUN72	Flg Off G.W. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAN (0315878) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-204 for an Army task operating from AMBERLEY. The crew flew 1200 lbs of compacts from AMBERLEY and resupplied an army task force south of MITCHELL on 29JUN72 and returned to RICHMOND the same day.	

NO. 35 SQUADRON

COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

JUNE 1972

1. During the month the Squadron flew a total of 391.40 hours comprising 132 day sorties and 13 night sorties. Of this total 235.20 hours was utilized in Squadron training and support.
2. The low tasking rate for the month enabled most of the aircrew to participate in on and off airways training exercises, many of which extended over several days.
3. Serviceability rate for the month was on par with that in MAY at an average of 72.6. AOG's raised fell to 10 with nil outstanding.
4. Morale and discipline are good, however, dissatisfaction with the lack of suitable facilities remains.


(G.K. BEDFORD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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RICHMOND	02JUL72	Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to convey troops from HOLSWORTHY to GOSPERS in Caribou A4-164 on Exercise 'MILLSTONE'.	
	03JUL72	Troop shuttles for Exercise 'MILLSTONE' were continued in Caribou A4-234 with Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT and in Caribou A4-159 with Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT. Flt Lt M. COTTBELL DFC (0316174) GDPLT arrived on posting ex HQWIM, Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317343) GDPLT arrived on posting ex 38SQN, Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT arrived on posting ex 34SQN, Flg Off K.E. STORE (0315886) GDPLT arrived on posting ex 34SQN and Flg Off R.I. GRAHAM (0224942) GDPLT departed on posting to 38SQN.	
	05JUL72	Caribou A4-164 was involved in a search for a motor launch in distress off BROKEN BAY and was crewed by Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT, Flg Off J. MILLSOM (45403) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT. The launch was not sighted.	
	08JUL72	Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT and Plt Off S. RUSHTON (022071) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for TOWNSVILLE with 10SQN freight and returned RICHMOND the following day.	
	09JUL72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-169 for paratrooping at WILLIAMTOWN until 15JUL72.	
	13JUL72	Four Caribous, A4-159, A4-234, A4-204 and A4-236 crewed by Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT, Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT, Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT, and Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT, flew in formation from RICHMOND to WILLIAMTOWN with members of Joint Services Staff College. Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT flew a LAPES demonstration in Caribou A4-199 at RICHMOND for JSSC members.	
	17JUL72	Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for HOLSWORTHY to collect army personnel for an airfield survey, then to GOSPERS in Caribou A4-199.	
	18JUL72	RAAF RICHMOND was visited by His Excellency The Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia, Sir Robin DELACOMBE KCMG, KBE, CB, DSO, K St J, LL.D(Hon), and Wg Cdr G.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT. Commanding Officer attended the Vice Regal luncheon in the Officer's Mess.	
	20JUL72	Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT and Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT conveyed members	

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RICHMOND	20JUL72	of the Australian Army Staff College from AMBERLEY to CANBERRA in Caribou A4-159. Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 with Sqn Ldr E. KONASHENKO (0217343) MOVCORDC for ORANGE, LAVERTON, SALE and CANBERRA to arrange regular freight specials for Caribou aircraft.	
	21JUL72	Caribou A4-164 flown by Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT and Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to convey 9SQN Detachment from AMBERLEY to WEWAK and returned on 26JUL72. Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT departed RICHMOND to ROCKHAMPTON in Caribou A4-199 and carried out an airfield survey of 'The Plains'.	
	22JUL72	Caribou A4-199 continued on to TOWNSVILLE where it was joined by Caribous A4-239 flown by Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT and Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT, A4-236 flown by Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT. The two latter crews carried out fisheries surveillance enroute RICHMOND - TOWNSVILLE and located three foreign fishing vessels.	
	23JUL72	Caribous A4-199, A4-234, and A4-236 conveyed CMF troops from TOWNSVILLE to 'The Plains' and remained overnight in TOWNSVILLE. Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for WILLIAMTOWN in A4-179 for paratroop dropping until 26JUL72.	
	24JUL72	Caribous A4-234 and A4-236 returned to RICHMOND from TOWNSVILLE while Caribou A4-199 was diverted TOWNSVILLE - ROMA with a servicing crew for a U/S 10SQN Dakota at ROMA.	
	25JUL72	Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT carried out airdrops at LONDONDERRY in Caribou A4-179.	
	28JUL72	Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT flew a freight special from RICHMOND to WILLIAMTOWN and return in Caribou A4-159.	
	30JUL72	Three Caribous, A4-234 with Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT and Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT, A4-179 with Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, and A4-199 with Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT departed for TOWNSVILLE for tasking on Exercise 'High Range'.	

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RICHMOND		WG	CDB	SEN	LDR	FLT	LT	FLG	OFF/PLT	OFF	W	OFF	F	SGT	SGT	CPL	LAC/AC	TOTAL	
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(C.D.F. SMITHIES)
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T/Commanding Officer

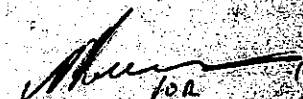
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RICHMOND

NO. 25 SQUADRON

COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

JULY 1972

1. During the month the Squadron flew a total of 289.30 hours comprising of 151 day sorties and 13 night sorties. Of this total 49.70 hours was utilized in Squadron training and support.
2. The low tasking for the month was partially due to overall reduced activity caused by the oil industrial dispute.
3. Serviceability rate was slightly lower than JUNE at an average of 70.72%. There were 45 AOG's raised during the month and at the 31JUL72 there were still 10 outstanding.
4. Morale and discipline remains at an acceptable level.



(C.D.F. SMITHIES)
Squadron Leader
T/Commanding Officer

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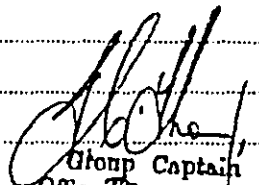
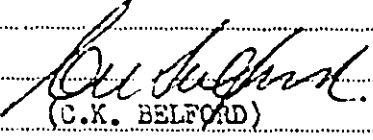
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RICHMOND	02AUG72	Sqn Ldr C.D.F. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT and Flg Off G.R. Mengersen (0225069) GDPLT of 38SQN departed RICHMOND for DUBBO - ORANGE - LAVERTON RON EDINBURGH - LAUNCESTON and returned to RICHMOND on RAAF Support cargo special in Caribou A4-164.	
	03AUG72	Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT in Caribou A4-236 departed RICHMOND for WAGGA WAGGA and return on RAAF Support.	
	06AUG72	Flg Off P.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-164 for paratroop task at WILLIAMTOWN, returning on 11AUG72.	
	07AUG72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-204 for RAAF Support task at AMBERLEY and return same day.	
	08AUG72	Caribou A4-234 with Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT and Caribou A4-199 with Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT returned to RICHMOND after tasks in TOWNSVILLE on Exercise 'Sky Call' and proceeded to TENG via NORMANTON, THURSDAY ISLAND - GOROKA - DARU for 38SQNA tasks - PORT MORESBY - TOWNSVILLE - AMBERLEY and WILLIAMTOWN.	
	09AUG72	Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT in Caribou A4-204 departed RICHMOND for TOWNSVILLE on RAAF Support returning RICHMOND 10AUG72.	
	10AUG72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT returned to RICHMOND in Caribou A4-179 after tasks at TOWNSVILLE on Exercise 'Sky Call' via CHARTERS TOWERS - ROCKHAMPTON - AMBERLEY and WILLIAMTOWN.	
	11AUG72	Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT, Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for DARWIN on Northern Territory Liaison to various mission and station airstrips in Caribou A4-199. A mascot Wallaby was obtained from MILLINGIMBI, but died two days after return to RICHMOND on 26AUG72.	
	12AUG72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for DOCHRA - CASINO - DOCHRA in Caribou A4-236 on army support and returned to RICHMOND on 13AUG72.	
	13AUG72	Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for WILLIAMTOWN on Army Support in Caribou A4-234 and returned to RICHMOND on 16AUG72.	
	15AUG72	Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT departed in Caribou A4-179 with dangerous cargo for EDINBURGH and return on RAAF Support. Caribou A4-204 with	

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RICHMOND	15AUG72	Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222221) GDPLT and Flt Lt J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for AMBERLEY and return on RAAF Support and carried out fisheries surveillance en route. No illegal trawlers were sighted.																																		
	18AUG72	Due to the need to replace undercarriage legs on all Caribou aircraft, Caribou A4-159 with Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for CUNNAMULLA - MT ISA - DARWIN as a replacement aircraft for Caribou A4-199 on the Northern Territory Liaison. Flg Off CHIPMAN and Flg Off INGRAM then departed DARWIN in Caribou A4-199 for RICHMOND via TENNANT CREEK, ALICE SPRINGS and BROKEN HILL, with a diversion to TINDAL to check oil leaks, arriving 22AUG72.																																		
	28AUG72	Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 for BANKSTOWN - CAMDEN - WOLLONGONG - NOWRA - CANBERRA - and WAGGA WAGGA where familiarization flights were carried out for ATC cadets and returned RICHMOND 30AUG72 via CANBERRA.																																		
	31AUG72	Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-159 for DOCHRA - RICHMOND - WILLIAMTOWN - RICHMOND - DOCHRA - RICHMOND for the movement of ATTU stores for Exercise 'Sky Call'. Two loads of stores were moved to DOCHRA and one to WILLIAMTOWN for ATTU. Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-236 for HOLSWORTHY - DOCHRA - HOLSWORTHY - DOCHRA moving 36 soldiers of 7RAR in Army Support and returned to RICHMOND.																																		
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NO 35 SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS
AUGUST 1972

1. During the month the Squadron flew a total of 522.20 hours comprising 388 day sorties and 9 night sorties. Of this total 106.55 hours for 76 sorties were flown by non-unit crews due to 385QN conversion training having priority on 358QN aircraft during a period of low Caribou serviceability.
2. The serviceability rate (61.1%) suffered during the month when cracks were found in the undercarriage yolk. An inspection of Squadron aircraft revealed that only two were serviceable, the remainder requiring undercarriage changes. Unavailability of spare legs considerably reduced Squadron activity. The serviceability rate was further aggravated by manpower shortage and lack of spares.
3. Twenty nine AOGs were raised during the month, all except 2 being satisfied.
4. Morale and discipline are both satisfactory.
5. While there was partial satisfaction of A9s for Squadron equipment, there are still many outstanding.


(C.K. BELFORD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer



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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	01SEP72	Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT in Caribou A4-199 departed for LAVERTON to carry out airdrops for despatcher training for CME. On 04SEP72 departed LAVERTON for PUCKAPUNYAL for despatcher training with the army and returned to RICHMOND on 07SEP72.	
	03SEP72	Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A4-236 departed RICHMOND and ferried troops from HOLSWORTHY to DOCHRA and returned to RICHMOND.	
	04SEP72	Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A4-159 and later in Caribou A4-236 departed RICHMOND to DOCHRA and WILLIAMTOWN on support task for Exercise 'Sky Call'.	
	07SEP72	Caribous A4-173, A4-236 and A4-159 with Flt Lt J.W. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT, Plt Off S. RUSHON (0222071) GDPLT and Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT, Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for LAE to take part in exercise 'Treble Change'. This exercise involved the carriage of Army troops from LAE to FINSCHAFEN. Two aircraft, Caribous A4-236 and A4-173 returned to RICHMOND on 11SEP72, whilst Flt Lt McALISTER and Plt Off RUSHON remained until the 25SEP72.	
	09SEP72	Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285 conducted a STOL trainer to SINGLETON - DOCHRA - MAITLAND and WILLIAMTOWN to demonstrate the operating capabilities of the Caribou to twenty (20) ATC cadets.	
	11SEP72	Twenty six (26) members of the 103NDM BTY were transported from HOLSWORTHY to PARKES as they were the funeral party for a funeral at FORBES. Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285 transported these members from HOLSWORTHY - PARKES - HOLSWORTHY and returned to RICHMOND.	
	13SEP72	Flg Off V.E.E. BOHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NERESHAM (0315878) GDPLT in Caribou A4-199 carried out supply drops at PUTTY. Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT flew to SYDNEY to collect Gp Capt D.W. HITCHINS (05836) GDPLT from flight facilities and transported him back to RICHMOND in Caribou A4-204.	
	13SEP72	Air Officer Commanding Operational Command Air Vice Marshal W.E. TOWNSEND, CB, CBE, visited HQRIC on his annual inspection of all operational units of RAAF Base RICHMOND. No 35 Squadron combined with 37SQN on the AOC's parade. During the parade LAC A. KERSHAW (A317627) ENGFITT LOADMASTER(C) was presented with his Loadmaster Brevet. Later AVM TOWNSEND, escorted by OC RICHMOND and CO	

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RICHMOND	13SEP72	35SQN inspected the squadron working area. Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT and Flg Off D.G. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT in Caribou A4-236 and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off S.M. MACGREGOR (061817) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285 ferried the No 1 Regional Band to AMBERLEY for an evening concert. Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT in Caribou A4-234 positioned at WILLIAMTOWN for paratrooping including day and night jumps and returned to RICHMOND on the 15SEP72.	
	15SEP72	Flg Off S.M. MACGREGOR (061817) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT in Caribou A4-199 departed RICHMOND for FAIRBAIRN to transport fifteen (15) INDONESIAN servicemen to CANBERRA, remained overnight and returned to RICHMOND with passengers on 16SEP72.	
	17SEP72	Two Caribous A4-285 and A4-199 departed RICHMOND for TOWNSVILLE to carry 95 2RAR troops into SAMUEL HILL and returned to RICHMOND on 19SEP72. Crews for this trip were Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT, Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT, Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT.	
	20SEP72	Five (5) Shuttles were flown into HOLSWORTHY from DOCHRA to complete the pullout of troops from exercise 'Sky Call'. This was carried out by Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285.	
	21SEP72	Two aircraft, Caribou A4-285 and A4-234 flown by Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT, Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT, Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for GLADSTONE. Enroute Caribou A4-285 struck powerlines and was landed at GLADSTONE with superficial damage. The task to lift troops from SAMUEL HILL to TOWNSVILLE by two Caribous was changed to one aircraft carrying troops from SAMUEL HILL to ROCKHAMPTON and then by C-130. Caribou A4-234 was then used to transport the court of inquiry around and the damaged Caribou A4-285 returned to RICHMOND flown by Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT.	
	22SEP72	Three sorties of airdrops were flown for 176 AD COY on a DZ in the O'HARES CREEK area just south of HOLSWORTHY by Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT in Caribou A4-204.	
	24SEP72	Two aircraft positioned at PUCKAPUNYAL for the transporting of troops from PUCKAPUNYAL to BALLARAT the following day. The aircraft, Caribou A4-204 and A4-199, crewed by Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT, Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT,	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices																																														
RICHMOND	24SEP72	Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT returned on 26SEP72 after remaining overnight in BALLARAT.																																															
	27SEP72	Two Caribous, A4-234 and A4-179 flown by Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT, and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT, Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT, Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT proceeded to AMBERLEY for familiarization flights and loading practice by No 1 Field Reg. and returned to RICHMOND 28SEP72. Plt Off K.R. BEACH (061822) GDPLT arrived on posting from 2FTS.																																															
	28SEP72	Flt Lt J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208 impressed his vast knowledge of navigation on Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT by quite efficiently navigating him from RICHMOND to COOMA to HILLSTONE and return to RICHMOND.																																															
	29SEP72	Three Caribous departed RICHMOND to position at WILLIAMTOWN for tasking the following day. The task was for each of the three aircraft to carry 20 passengers from WILLIAMTOWN to COFFS HARBOUR and return to RICHMOND. However this did not eventuate. Caribou A4-208 crewed by Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT managed to get airborne on the 30SEP72 but 30 minutes out of WILLIAMTOWN they suffered a hydraulic pump failure and returned to WILLIAMTOWN. Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT on line up found that their compasses were unserviceable so returned to the lines in Caribou A4-179. This left Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT in Caribou A4-204 to complete the task. A call went out for a rescue aircraft and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT after having an aircraft go U/S on them arrived at WILLIAMTOWN in Caribou A4-234 to help to complete the task and deliver spares. Caribou A4-179 was left at WILLIAMTOWN and the crew returned to RICHMOND in Caribou A4-208 after the hydraulic pump had been fixed. Caribou A4-204 and Caribou A4-234 completed the task satisfactorily and Caribou A4-179 was recovered to RICHMOND on 03OCT72.																																															
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NO 35 SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS
SEPTEMBER 1972

1. During the month the Squadron flew a total of 560.55 hours comprised of 515 day sorties and 10 night sorties. These figures do not include 41.25 hours flown for contractors test flights at Hawker De Havilland. Of this total 69.10 hours in 42 sorties were flown by non-unit crews in conversion training for 38SQN and RAAF and Army support in Australia.

2. The serviceability rate (63.3%) again suffered this month. One Caribou was U/S until 15SEP72 with undercarriage yolk problems, while another servicing on another was plagued with trouble and was U/S for over a month, and three Caribous were at Hawker De Havilland during the month and overlaid by six days.

3. Thirty two AOGs were raised during the month and 11 remained outstanding.

4. Morale and discipline remain at a satisfactory level.


(G.K. BELLEARD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	02OCT72	Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for WILLIAMTOWN to position for para drops the following. Two 1000' static drops were carried out in Caribou A4-204 on the 03OCT72 and the aircraft returned to RICHMOND the same day.	
		Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT departed RICHMOND in Caribou A4-159 for PEARCE in support of the Royal Tour. Though the aircraft was positioned on the 05OCT72 was on a standby basis until the 11OCT72 when tasking was begun. From the 14OCT72 until the 17OCT72 it was flown as a backup aircraft to MT NEWMAN and FITZROY CROSSING returning to PEARCE with the service police. The aircraft was released on the 18OCT72 for return to RICHMOND.	
		Flt Lt J.G.D. CORNISH (0317410) GDPLT arrived on posting ex 2FIS.	
	03OCT72	Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT in Caribou A4-203 transported Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT to WILLIAMTOWN and returned. Flt Lt KRUSE and Flg Off BURSTALL then flew Caribou A4-179 from WILLIAMTOWN to RICHMOND as the aircraft had been left at WILLIAMTOWN the previous weekend with U/S compasses.	
	08OCT72	Two Caribous A4-208 and A4-204 positioned at TOWNSVILLE for exercise 'TEE-UP'. A4-208 flown by Flg Off K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT and Flt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and A4-204 flown by Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT. An extra crew was transported up by C-130. The exercise was to deploy 2RAR from TOWNSVILLE to HIGH RANGE (WOOLSHED) airfield. The task was completed by the 10OCT72. Caribou A4-208 returned to RICHMOND on the 11OCT72 flown by the extra crew, Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT. Caribou A4-204 remained at TOWNSVILLE with its original crew until the 15OCT72 as further airdrops were required. During this period the aircraft went U/S causing the cancellation of one airdrop.	
	13OCT72	After numerous unserviceabilities Caribou A4-285 with Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for WILLIAMTOWN and LAVERTON two hours late. On the 14OCT72 airdrops were carried out at LAVERTON airfield for 2GPO Company. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND via WILLIAMTOWN. Caribou A4-228 with Sen Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT departed also for LAVERTON to carry out paratrooping for a CME Commando unit on the 14OCT72. The aircraft returned via WILLIAMTOWN on the 15OCT72 and a	

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RICHMOND	13OCT72	route check was carried out by Sqn Ldr MELVIN on Flg Off NEESHAM on the return journey.	
	16OCT72	Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOYHA (0223810) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285	
		transported an army funeral party from RICHMOND to KEMPSEY and return.	
	17OCT72	1600lb of PHEL gear was transported from RICHMOND to WILLIAMTOWN and return by Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE	
		(0315721) GDPLT and Flt Lt M. COFFRELL (0316174) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285.	
	21OCT72	Caribou A4-208 with Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT	
		departed RICHMOND to collect one serviceable mystere engine from QANTAS at MASCOT for FAIRBAIRN	
		and returned to MASCOT with two U/S mystere engines thence to RICHMOND.	
	23OCT72	Sqn Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT departed RICHMOND for	
		WILLIAMTOWN where nineteen (19) members of the ASCC working party boarded and were conveyed to	
		CANBERRA in Caribou A4-285. Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flt Lt M. COFFRELL (0316174)	
		GDPLT in Caribou A4-208 carried out airdrops to the south east of CAMDEN at O'HARES CREEK and	
		returned to RICHMOND.	
	24OCT72	Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A4-179 carried	
		out a Medevac flight from WEST WYALONG for nine (9) army personnel injured in a truck accident.	
	25OCT72	Caribou A4-179 flown by Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886)	
		GDPLT transported from MASCOT two serviceable mystere engines to FAIRBAIRN and then returned to	
		RICHMOND with freight. Compact drops, CEP drops and a laps were carried out successfully by	
		Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017866) GDPLT, Sqn Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY	
		(056537) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285.	
	27OCT72	Flg Off P.O. NEESHAM (0315878) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886) GDPLT in Caribou A4-164	
		departed on a freight special to EDINBURGH and remained overnight. The aircraft proceeded to	
		LAVERTON on 28OCT72 and carried two familiarization flights for 21SQN CAF, then remained on	
		static display until 1130 hours the 29OCT72. Then returned to RICHMOND FM hours on the 29OCT72.	
	29OCT72	Flg Off S.M. MACGREGOR (061817) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208	
		co-contained the task of transporting a portable refueling unit from RICHMOND to CAIRNS. The	
		unit was then transported to MENDI by C-130 for famine relief operations while Caribou A4-208	
		and crew returned to RICHMOND.	
	30OCT72	Sqn Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886) GDPLT in Caribou A4-164 flew	
		to FAIRBAIRN and return on a RAAF support task.	

NO. 35 SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS
OCTOBER 1972

1. During the month the squadron flew a total of 387.05 hours comprising of 252 day sorties and 12 night sorties. Of this total only 12.05 hours in 2 sorties were flown by non unit crews on RAAF Support tasks within Australia which is a considerable drop from last month.
2. The serviceability rate (65.2%) was only a slight improvement on last month. The percentage was effected by one Caribou sustaining Cat 2 damage and being U/S for 12 days, two Caribous at Hawker De Havilland for the complete month and two Caribous internally transferred to 38SQN while being held on 35SQN U/S.
3. Thirty four AOG's were raised during the month and only four remained outstanding.
4. Morale and discipline remain at a satisfactory level.


(C.K. BELGERD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

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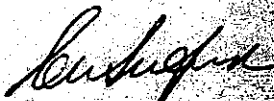
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RICHMOND	01NOV72	<p>Wg. Cdr. G.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT in Caribou A4-234 transported twenty army personnel from HOLSWORTHY to BROKEN HILL where the army held a parade. The following day they were transported to BALRANALD where they once again paraded. On the third after stopping at HAY the troops were returned to HOLSWORTHY and the aircraft to RICHMOND.</p>	
	02NOV72	<p>Caribou A4-159 crewed by Sqn Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT carrying 35SQN ENGO and C servicing team departed RICHMOND for TOWNSVILLE. On 03NOV72 the aircraft proceeded to PORT MORESBY. On 04 and 05NOV72 Sqn Ldr MELVIN and Flt Lt McALISTER carried out refresher training for Sqn Ldr MELVIN. On 06 and 07NOV72 the aircraft crew and passengers returned from PORT MORESBY to RICHMOND.</p>	
	05NOV72	<p>Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT positioned Caribou A4-208 at WILLIAMTOWN for paratrooping the following day. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on the 07NOV72 carrying freight.</p>	
	06NOV72	<p>Airdrops were carried out at PUCKAPUNYAL over a period of four (4) days. Caribou A4-164 crewed by Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off S.M. MAGGREGOR (061817) GDPLT returned to RICHMOND on the 09NOV72.</p>	
	08NOV72	<p>Troops were transported from GOSPERS to RICHMOND in five shuttles by Flt Lt F.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208.</p>	
	09NOV72	<p>Trials to calculate the performance such as exit times and forward throw of hi-velocity A-22's were carried out LONDONDERRY in Caribou A4-208 crewed by Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT and Flg Off R.W.G. JOHNSTONE (046613) GDPLT. These drops were recorded from a photo-chase aircraft A4-234 flown by Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT. Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886) GDPLT operated out of ROCKHAMPTON in Caribou A4-299.</p>	
	10NOV72	<p>Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886) GDPLT in Caribou A4-235 carried out supply drops at ROCKHAMPTON. Flt Lt M. COTTRELL (0316174) GDPLT and Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT also operated out of ROCKHAMPTON in Caribou A4-235.</p>	
	11NOV72	<p>Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off K.E. STONE (0315886) GDPLT in Caribou A4-299 carried out shuttles from ROCKHAMPTON to SAMUEL HILL.</p>	
	12NOV72	<p>Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT and Plt Off K.S. FRENCH (0227202) GDPLT (of 38SQN) operated</p>	

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RICHMOND	14NOV72	from ROCKHAMPTON to 'The Plains' in Caribou A4-264 and later changing to Caribou A4-299.	
	15NOV72	SAMUEL HILL - ROCKHAMPTON shuttles were carried out by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A4-235.	
	16NOV72	Caribou A4-299 was flown from ROCKHAMPTON to RICHMOND by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flt Lt N. GONRELL (0316174) GDPLT. Sen Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT carried engine parts for a C-130 from RICHMOND to WAGGA in Caribou A4-159.	
	20NOV72	Mg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT transported nineteen (19) cadets from OTU SCHEYVILLE from RICHMOND to WAGGA in Caribou A4-159. A further nineteen cadets were also taken to WAGGA from RICHMOND by Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flg Off R.I. INGRAM (058067) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285.	
	21NOV72	Fifteen Indonesians were transported from AMBERLEY to WILLIAMTOWN by Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Flg Off G.E. HAYWOOD (0118254) GDPLT in Caribou A4-285.	
	23NOV72	Eight (8) HQOC staff officers were transported from RICHMOND to NOWRA to watch the firing of the RED EYE missile. Caribou A4-234 was flown by Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flt Lt N.R. KRUSE (0315721) GDPLT. Twenty five (25) passengers were taken from FAIRBAIRN to NOWRA also for the firing by Sen Ldr D. MELVIN (013558) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT.	
	27NOV72	Six compacta were dropped in the 'Potty' area by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208.	
	29NOV72	Night paratrooping was carried out at WILLIAMTOWN by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208.	
	30NOV72	Seventeen MOSU nursing sisters were taken on a round trip to WILLIAMTOWN by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A4-208. Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT and Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT transported the majority of 35 and 38 Sen pilots to MASCOT. The pilots were then shown the DCA facilities at MASCOT during the morning and proceeded to St Georges League club for a counter lunch. During the afternoon the pilots were shown over a Qantas Jumbo Jet. The aircraft was flown back to RICHMOND by Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Flt Lt W.S. McALISTER (017860) GDPLT.	

NO 34 SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS
NOVEMBER 1972

1. During the month the squadron flew a total of 274.35 hours comprising of 232 day sorties and 10 night sorties. Of this total 6.35 hours in 3 sorties were flown by non-unit crews on squadron-support.
2. The serviceability rate (73.4%) was a great improvement on last month and is a direct reflection on the increase of available manpower due to the reduction of personnel required for Base Rostered duties.
3. Twenty eight AOG's were raised during the month and only two remained outstanding.
4. Morale and discipline remain at a satisfactory level.



(C.K. BELFORD)
Wing Commander
Commanding Officer

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

UNIT HISTORY SHEET

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of (Unit or Formation) No 35 SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	01DEC72	Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNE (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A/-236 transported 16 officers and airmen to MASCOT and returned with them later that morning. Flt Lt J.S. CAMPBELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H.G. JOHNSTON'S (016613) GDPLT carried out familiarisation flights at SINGLETON for Army cadets in Caribou A/-150.	
	01DEC72	A 75lb box of detonators was carried from RICHMOND to EDENBURGH by Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061/27) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A/-236.	
	05DEC72	A Mirage support team and equipment was carried from WILLIAMTOWN to AVALON by Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT in Caribou A/-235.	
	06DEC72	After spending approximately two months at GOROKA on survey Flt Lt J. MITCHELL (015103) GDPLT and Flg Off F.W. ROBINSON (0117511) GDPLT returned to RICHMOND in Caribou A/-199. Flg Off R.G. ANDERSON (0317841) GDPLT departed on posting to 11SQU.	
	07DEC72	Test trials on high velocity A22's were carried out at LONGLOBBERRY by Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT in Caribou A/-285.	
	08DEC72	Twenty four (24) army personnel were transported from WAGGA WAGGA to RICHMOND by Flg Off D.C. CHIPMAN (061/27) GDPLT and Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT in Caribou A/-164. Flt Lt A.D. MITCHELL (0111880) GDPLT and Flg Off R.H. HAYWOOD (0317843) GDPLT also carried 24 passengers from WAGGA WAGGA to RICHMOND in Caribou A/-236. Flt Lt J.S. CAMPBELL (0223032) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNE (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A/-203 transported 21 personnel from LAVERTON to WILLIAMTOWN. Enroute to WILLIAMTOWN an urgent blood sample was picked up at FAIRBAIRN and delivered to RICHMOND.	
	10DEC72	17 RAAF cadets were transported from LAVERTON to COCKOOMBA by Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT in Caribou A/-179.	
	13DEC72	Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Plt Off S. RUSHION (0222071) GDPLT in Caribou A/-159 carried out a Sen Trainer to EDENBURGH and return.	
	14DEC72	An army funeral party was transported from HOLSORTHY to COONABARABRAN by Flg Off V.E.E. BOTHA (0223810) GDPLT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT in Caribou A/-173.	
	19DEC72	Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT, Plt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Plt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT in Caribou A/-164, initially carried out a practice search off the coast of MALLACOOTA and remained overnight at EAST SALE. On the 20DEC72 the aircraft departed EAST SALE and returned to RICHMOND via LAVERTON and WAGGA WAGGA.	

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May, 51

of (Unit or Formation)..... NO. 35 SQUADRON


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Place	Date	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RICHMOND	08JAN73	Eighty (80) ATC cadets were given 30 mins familiarisation flights at WAGGA WAGGA by Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT and Flt Lt D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT in Caribou A/-285.	
	09JAN73	Flt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT and Flg Off V.E.E. BOYHA (0223810) GDPLT in Caribou A/-285 flew a photo-chase on a Hercules doing para-dropping over LONGDERRY DZ. Flg Off S.M. MACGREGOR (061817) GDPLT departed on posting to HCCF.	
	10JAN73	Two Caribous A/-16A and A/-17? crewed by Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPLT, Flg Off I.E. WATSON (0118326) GDPLT, Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT, Flt Lt J.S. CALDWELL (0223032) GDPLT, Flt Off R. HARRISON (0225831) GDPLT and Flt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT departed for DARWIN on a squadron trainer and returned to RICHMOND on the 16JAN73. Flt Lt J. MILLSOM (045403) GDPLT departed on posting to BSRIC.	
	15JAN73	Two crews dropped eight (8) compacts and two (2) A-22's at O'HARES CREEK in Caribou A/-236. The crews were Wg Cdr C.K. BELFORD (0216201) GDPLT, Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT, Flt Lt D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flt Lt K.F. CLARKE (0113338) GDPLT.	
	16JAN73	A further drop of eight (8) compacts and two (2) A22's were dropped in the O'HARES CREEK area by Sqn Ldr G.D.P. SMITHIES (033695) GDPLT, Flt Lt A.D. AIKEN (0111380) GDPLT, Flt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT and Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT in Caribou A/-179.	
	17JAN73	Flt Lt W.S. McMASTER (017860) GDPLT departed on posting to ARDU.	
	18JAN73	Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPLT and Flt Off K.R. BEACH (061822) GDPLT carried out a nav trainer to LAVERTON and return in Caribou A/-199.	
	23JAN73	A nav trainer conducted over a period of four days to HOBART and return was flown by Flt Lt P.A. WHITE (0222321) GDPLT, Flt Lt J.G.D. CORNISH (0317410) GDPLT and Flt Off K.R. BEACH (061822) GDPLT in Caribou A/-285.	
	24JAN73	Paratroop training for PTF at WILLIAMSON was carried out by Flt Lt D.C. CHIPMAN (061427) GDPLT and Flg Off D.R. PYNT (0224951) GDPLT in Caribou A/-16A. Flt Lt A.D. AIKEN (0111380) GDPLT, Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPLT and Flg Off R.E. BURSTALL (0224381) GDPLT departed on a nav trainer to HOBART for three days and returned to RICHMOND 27JAN73 in Caribou A/-236.	
	26JAN73	Eleven (11) pilots from WILLIAMSON were transported to SYDNEY for a visit to the SYDNEY ACC and then returned by Flt Off S. RUSHTON (0222071) GDPLT and Flt Off J.W. FOLEY (056537) GDPLT in Caribou A/-173.	

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	29JAN73	Fifteen (15) cadets were carried from TOONOCHEBA to LAVERTON by Flt Lt J.S. McLAUGHLIN (0219588) GDPIIT and Plt Off S. RUSHION (0222071) GDPIIT in Caribou A/-199.																																														
	31JAN73	Flg Off R.J. SEAGER (0223545) GDPIIT and Flg Off G.L. STORY (0117736) GDPIIT successfully dropped 3 "Dizzy Lizzy" comcasts over LONDONDERRY DE in Caribou A/-173.																																														
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NO 38 SQUADRON
COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS
DECEMBER 1972/JANUARY 1973

1. During the month of December 1972 the squadron flew a total of 227.30 hours comprising 95 day sorties and 2 night sorties. Of this total 5.15 hours in 4 sorties were flown by non-unit crews of No 38 Squadron Training Flight in Caribou Conversion. During the month of January 1973 the squadron flew a total of 245.20 hours comprising of 122 day sorties and 4 night sorties. There was no other flying recorded by the squadron.
2. The serviceability rate for December 1972 was 61.4% with major serviceability reducing factors being 1 Caribou at Hawker De Havilland for whole month, and a second Caribou away for 6 days. Two Caribous were available on manpower for a total of 16 days. The serviceability rate for January 1973 was 75.8% with one Caribou at Hawker De Havilland for the whole month and one Caribou for a period of 12 days. The increase of serviceability of January and December 1972 is due to the deletion from the 359QN calculations of D Servicing, which are the responsibility of 383QN. The new system reflects a true serviceability rate for 359QN maintenance flight.
3. There were 22 AOGs raised during December 1972 and only one remained outstanding. For the month of January 1973 11AOGs were raised with 4 outstanding.
4. Morale and discipline remain at a satisfactory level.


(G.K. BELFORD)
Wing Commander
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