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of (Unit or Formation) No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	Seagull V aircraft A2-4 and A2-5 were allotted from No.1 Aircraft Depot, LAVERTON.	
	3	Seagull A2+5, pilot, Flight Lieutenant L.V. LACHAL, passengers, No.1003 Corporal RICHARDSON, W. and No.1576 L.A.C ORME, W.M., and Seagull A2-4, pilot, Flying Officer A.X. RICHARDS, passengers, No.756 Corporal BLAKE, T.H. and No.1033 L.A.C. RUSSELL, J.R. were flown from POINT COOK to RICHMOND.	
		No.1612 L.A.C. FORSYTH, S.G. returned from POINT COOK by train on ceasing attachment.	
	8.	No.1109 Corporal COLE, E.A. disembarked from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and re-embarked on 15.4.36.	
	9	Air experience in new type Seagull aircraft was given to Naval personnel.	
	20	No.101 (Fleet Co-operation) Flight became a squadron and the title was changed to No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron. Flight Lieutenant L.V. LACHAL was appointed Commanding Officer.	
SYDNEY	20	The personnel of H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment (No.756 Corporal BLAKE, T.H., No.1033 L.A.C. RUSSELL, J.R. and No.1612 L.A.C. FORSYTH, S.G.) and stores were embarked in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
	21	Seagull A2-5 was flown from RICHMOND to PORT JACKSON for embarkation in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" - pilot, Flying Officer A.X. RICHARDS.	
	21-23	Catapult trials were successfully carried out in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" in PORT JACKSON and at Sea by Wing Commander DELARUE. Flight Lieutenant LACHAL and Flying Officer RICHARDS, and all airmen embarked in "CANBERRA" gained experience in catapulting.	
	24	A navigation exercise was carried out in Seagull A2+5.	
	27	No.1647 A.C.I. TAMPLIN, B.A.N. was attached to H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
	28	A navigation and shadowing exercise was carried out in Seagull A2-5 from PORT JACKSON to JERVIS BAY.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
JERVIS BAY	29-30	<p>In co-operation with H.M.A. Squadron, Seagull A2-5 was flown for High Angle Control Runs, Height finding Exercises, and also A2-5 followed torpedoes to assist in their recovery.</p> <p><i>Marchal</i> Flight Lieutenant, Commanding No. 5 Squadron R.A.A.F.</p>	

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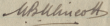
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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
JERVIS BAY	1	Height finding exercises and following and photographing torpedoes were carried out in co-operation with H.M.A. Squadron in Seagull A2-5.	
	4	Spotting for short burst firings was carried out in Seagull A2-5.	
	5	Spotting for full calibre firings at speed targets and marking for sleeve target exercises were carried out in Seagull A2-5.	
RICHMOND.	6	Flying Officer F. HEADLAM and Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON proceeded by rail to R.A.A.F. Station LAVERTON to take over Seagull V's A2-6 and A2-8.	
SYDNEY	8-11	The personnel of R.A.A.F. Detachment in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" were disembarked to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
	11	Seagulls V A2-6 and A2-8 were flown to RICHMOND from LAVERTON by Flying Officer F. HEADLAM and Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON.	
RICHMOND.	11	The annual gunnery and bombing training of Naval Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners was commenced. The course was attended by the following personnel:- Lieutenant Commander C.A. HALL, Lieutenant Commander P. BAILHACHE, Lieutenant G.C. OLDHAM, Leading Telegraphist C. CROSS, Leading Telegraphist K.A. OXLEY. A total of 94 hours 30 minutes was flown in the gunnery and bombing training of the Naval personnel.	
	27	Squadron Leader G.B. WINCOTT, R.A.F., was posted to the Squadron.	
		 Squadron Leader, R.A.F., Commanding No. 5 Squadron, R.A.A.F.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	11	Flying Officer Frank HEADLAM commenced a Flying Instructor's Course.	
	12	The Air Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND, N.S.W. (Group Captain Adrian Trevor GOLE, M.C. D.F.C.) inspected No.5 Squadron.	
	14	Flight Lieutenant Leon Victor LACHAL relinquished command of No.5 Squadron.	
	15	Squadron Leader Cyril Beresford WINGOTT, R.A.F. was appointed to command No.5 Squadron.	
SYDNEY	20	Fourteen members of No.5 Squadron took part in a review at Centennial Park, SYDNEY, in honour of the King's Birthday,	

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JULY, 1936.

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of (Unit or Formation) — No. 5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	<p>An Air Navigation Course for full time air gunners was commenced on this date and concluded on the 30th July. The course was conducted by Flying Officer William Henry GARING, and the following airmen attended - No. 1016 L.A.C. BOLITHO, W.J. (Metal Rigger), No. 1897 A.C.I. TORRENS-WITHEROW, N. (Fitter General), No. 1833 A.C.I. BANKS, E.S. (Fitter Armourer), No. 1818 A.C.I. DANZIEL, K.E. (W/T Operator Mechanic), No. 1745 A.C.I. GOULD, W.H. (W/T Operator Mechanic) No. 1730 A.C.I. HARRIS, C.W. (Turner).</p>	
SYDNEY.	4.	<p>Seagull A2-5, piloted by Flying Officer Athol Xavier RICHARDS and accompanied by No. 1109 Corporal COLE, Thomas Arthur (Photographer), No. 1135 Corporal KERR, Andrew Cowan (Fitter Aero), and No. 942 Corporal TOMKINS, Wilfred Heith (W/T Operator Mechanic) departed from RICHMOND for MALLACOOTA to commence a photographic survey of GIPPSLAND areas (BENDOC-Mt. TENNYSON-BULLDAH-COMBIENBAR-MALLACOOTA). Adverse weather conditions were experienced after passing JERVIS BAY (winds up to 50-55 mp.h.). On returning to JERVIS BAY, the aircraft was secured to the Southern Buoy, where the velocity of the wind increased to 60 m.p.h. The aircraft was then beached and sustained damage by the surf pounding on the rudder. The aircraft returned to RICHMOND on 8.7.36 after repairs had been effected.</p>	
	9.	<p>The Air Member for Personnel, Air Commodore R.H. NICHOLL, CBE, R.A.F. inspected the Unit.</p>	
	10.	<p>The H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment, (Flying Officer Athol Xavier RICHARDS, No. 756 Corporal BLAKE, Thomas Harry. (Metal Rigger), No. 1033 L.A.C. RUSSELL, Joseph, Ronald, (Fitter Aero), No. 1612 L.A.C. FORSYTH, Sidney George, (A.H. General) and No. 1921 A.C.I. DURAND, Phillip John, (Photographer),) complete with aircraft and stores, was embarked for co-operation with H.M.A. Squadron for the duration of the Spring Cruise, 1936.</p>	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND.	15	The Minister of Defence, Sir Archdale FAREHILL, accompanied by	
	16	M.L. SHEPPARD, Esq., the Secretary for Department of Defence, inspected No.5 Squadron. The Captain Superintendent of Sydney, Captain C.H. SCOTT, R.N. inspected the Unit.	
	23	Seagull A2-6, piloted by Flying Officer William Norman GIBSON, and crew, Corporals COLE, KERR and TOMKINS, proceeded to MALLACOOTA for the photographic survey of GIPPSLAND areas and returned on 21.7.36.	
	27	The photographic survey party returned to MALLACOOTA to resume the survey. No.1915 A.C.I. WALDIE, Walter George, (Photographer) was attached to	
		No.1 Squadron and proceeded to CLONCURRY for duty with No.1 Squadron Photographic Survey Party.	

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (F.C.) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	5	The photographic survey party returned to RICHMOND having completed the air survey of EAST GIPPSLAND areas.	
	13	Seagull A2-7, pilot Squadron Leader Cyril Beresford WINGOTT, R.A.F. and crew, No.1731 A.C.I. BARNES, Gerwin Henry, W/T. Operator Mechanic, Group I, No.1833 A.C.I. GERRARD, George William, Fitter General, Group I, and No.1900 A.C.I. LAUGHTON, Enderby, Fitter General, Group I, proceeded to BRISBANE via the coast route for participation in the Royal Queensland Aero Club Pageant at ARCHERFIELD aerodrome on 15.8.36. A demonstration flight of Seagull V aircraft was given at the Pageant.	
BRISBANE	17	Seagull A2-7 and crew returned to RICHMOND via the coast route.	
SYDNEY	18	No.1109 Corporal COLE, Thomas Arthur, Photographer, Group II, embarked in s.s. "ORMISTON" to proceed to CAIRNS for photographic duty at PORTLAND ROADS.	
SYDNEY	20	Seagull A.2-6 proceeded to H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" for hoisting in and fitting on the catapult trolley.	
RICHMOND	24	Seagull A2-7, pilot Squadron Leader Leon Victor LACHAL, passengers No.1803 Corporal RICHARDSON, William, Carpenter Boat Builders, Group I, No.1731 A.C.I. BARNES, Gerwin Henry, W/T Operator Mechanic, Group I, and Seagull A2-8 pilot, Flying Officer William Norman GIBSON, passengers, No.942 Corporal TOMKINS, Wilfred Keith, W/T Operator Mechanic, Group I, No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, George Charles, Fitter General, Group I, and No.2068 A.C.I. WILLCOX, Thomas Edmond, Photographer, Group II, left RICHMOND to proceed to ORCHID POINT, NORTH QUEENSLAND, to carry out a photographic air survey of PORTLAND ROADS.	
		Captain H.A. FORSTER, M.V.O. R.N., commanding H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" and FORWARDED TO R.A.A.F. - H.Q. ON 10 SEP 1936	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	24	<p>Captain J.U.P. FITZGERALD, R.N. commanding H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" during an official visit to the Station inspected No.5 (F.C.) Squadron.</p> <p>The first launch, with no cross wind, of Seagull V aircraft from the catapult of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" was successfully carried out.</p>	
SYDNEY	27	<p>The second and third launches from H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" were successfully carried out in calm weather. Further trials were postponed on account of fog.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	1	Catapult trials of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" were continued. Four launches were carried out, making a total of seven satisfactory launches under maximum wind conditions available. This completed catapult trials of H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" in Harbour.	
ORCHID POINT QUEENSLAND	5 to 31	Seagulls A2-7 and A2-8 arrived at ORCHID POINT, the advanced point from which the photographic party were to operate for the photographic survey of PORTLAND ROADS area. Due to unsuitable weather for photography, no progress up to 31st September, was made.	

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 5 (F.C.) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	12	The Commandant of the Royal Military College (Brigadier G.J.N. MILES, CMG, DSO, Staff Corps) visited RICHMOND Station on 12/10/36 and inspected No. 5 Squadron.	
SYDNEY	13	H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment was disembarked to RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND	14	The PORTLAND ROADS air Photographic Survey returned to RICHMOND.	
SYDNEY	16	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2-42), stores and personnel (Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER, No. 1091 Corporal BRADLEY, W.A. Fitter Aero, No. 1229 Corporal (P) BRINSLEY, G.S. Photographer, No. 1437 L.A.C. HAIGH, J.E. Metal Rigger, No. 1833 A.C.I. GERRARD, G.W. Flight Fitter and No. 1900 A.C.I. LAUGHTON, E. Metal Rigger), was embarked.	
RICHMOND	16 - 20	Search patrols for the missing launch "MYSTERY STAR" which left LORDHOWE ISLAND for AUSTRALIA on 6th October, 1936, were carried out with no success.	
	19	Seagull A2-11 and crew (Flying Officer A.X. RICHARDS, No. 1135 Sergeant KERR, A.C. Fitter Aero, and No. 1731 A.C.I. BARNES, G.H. W/T Operator Mechanic) were made available to assist the Council of Scientific Research in the observation of Pelagic fish movements in waters in the vicinity of the South East coast of AUSTRALIA and coast of NEW SOUTH WALES.	
SYDNEY.	23.	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2-2), stores and personnel (Flight Lieutenant C.W. PEARCE, No. 598 Flight Sergeant SANDERSON, R. Fitter Aero, No. 1018 Corporal MATSON, W.I. Metal Rigger, No. 1890 A.C.I. LARGE, H.P. Flight Fitter, No. 1925 A.C.I. LEE, G.H. Flight Fitter and No. 2090 A.C.I. MILLNER, A.E.D. Flight Rigger), was embarked. Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" for instruction.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
ADELAIDE	1st.	Seagull A2 - 5 was disembarked from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and flown via the coastal route to RICHMOND.	
SYDNEY	5th	The remaining personnel of H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment and stores were disembarked to RICHMOND.	
"	21st.	No. 1229 Corpl. BRINSLEY, G.S. Photographer embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA"	
"	22nd.	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment, complete with aircraft (Seagull A2 - 12) stores and personnel (Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON, No. 1797 A.C.I. MORRIS, A.J.G Flight Fitter, No. 1833 A.C.I. GERRARD, G.W. Flight Fitter, No 1900 A.C.I. LAUGHTON, E. Flight Rigger and No. 1925, A.C.I. LEE, C.H. Flight Fitter.) were embarked.	
"	28th	H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" Detachment complete with aircraft (Seagull A2 - 6) stores and personnel (Flying Officer A.X. RICHARDS, No. 1033, Corpl. RUSSELL, J.R., Ftr Aero. No. 1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G. Metal Rigger, No. 1921 A.C.I. DURAND P.J., Photographer and No. 1811 A.C.I. MASON, D.S., Fitter Aero.) were embarked also H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" Detachment complete with aircraft (Seagull A2 - 7), stores and personnel ((Flight Lieutenant C.W. PEARCE, No. 598 F/Sgt. SANDERSON, R. Fitter Aero, No. 646 L.A.C. CHERRY, B.C.L., Metal Rigger, No. 2098; A.C.I. MILNER, A.E.D. Flight Rigger, No. 1890. A.C.I. LARGE, H.P. Flight Fitter and No. 1915 A.C.I. WALDIE, W.G. Photographer).	

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FEBRUARY, 1937

of (Unit or Formation) — No. 5. (FLEET CO-OPERATION) SQUADRON.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
JERVIS BAY	1 -17	Exercises were carried out with aircraft attached to H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA", "AUSTRALIA" and "SYDNEY" while H.M.A. Squadron was operating at JERVIS BAY.	
	13th.	No. 756, Corpl. BLAKE, T.H. Metal Rigger and No 1065 L.A.C. FOLEY, E, Storekeeper, were attached to R.A.A.F. Headquarters for duty with the R.A.A.F. Coronation Contingent.	
SYDNEY.	17th.	H.M.A. Squadron returned to SYDNEY and departed for HOBART on 20th February, 1937.	
RICHMOND.	23rd.	Seagull A2 - 7 (Pilot - Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER and crew - No. 1135, Sergt. KERR, A.C., Fitter Aero and No 1731 A.C.I. BARNES, G.H. W/T OperaterMechanic) was made available to assist the Council of Scientific Research in further observations of Pelagic Fish Movements in southern waters.	
SYDNEY	27th.	A party of ten airmen from the Squadron was provided to form a Station Detachment to participate in the New South Wales Police Carnival at the SYDNEY Show ground.	

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of (Unit or Formation) No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	5	His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of NEW SOUTH WALES (Sir Phillip STREET) visited R.A.A.F. Station RICHMOND, and inspected No. 5 Squadron.	
RICHMOND	25	Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER assumed temporary command of the Squadron, vice Squadron Leader C.B. WINCOTT, R.A.F. who proceeded by air to HOBART for embarkation in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA"	
HOBART	27	Flight Lieutenant A.X. RICHARDS disembarked from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" at HOBART and proceeded to RICHMOND by air.	
RICHMOND.	28	The observation of pelagic fish movements was completed and Seagull A2-7 and crew returned to RICHMOND.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>M A Y 1937.</u>			
NORTH AUSTRALIA	1st to 31st.	Seagull A2-4 and crew (Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER, No.1135 Sergt. KERR, A.C. Fitter Aero, No.1731 A.C.I. BARNES, G.H. W/T Op. Mech) continued with the reconnaissance and photographic work in co-operation with H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" and Civil Aviation Officials and operated between DARWIN - GROOTE ISLAND - ROPER RIVER and VANDERLIN ISLAND.	
RICHMOND	10th	The Air Member for Personnel (Air Vice Marshall R.H. NICHOLL, C.B.E. q.s., RAF.) visited R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND and inspected No.5 Squadron.	
SYDNEY	13th	R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND provided aircraft and personnel for a "fly past" as part of the Combined Coronation Review of Navy, Army and Air Force in the Centennial Park, SYDNEY, in which three Seagull V aircraft participated. Three Officers and thirty four airmen of the Unit also took part in the march past the Governor General at the Review.	
SYDNEY	13th	R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND provided a detachment for the Coronation March through SYDNEY in which five Officers and thirty four airmen of the Unit participated.	
<i>BAA</i> Squadron Leader, R.A.A.F.			

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JUNE, 1937.

of (Unit or Formation) No. 6 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND.	2	The annual gunnery and bombing practices for Naval observers and telegraphist air gunners was commenced. Five Naval officers and six telegraphist ratings attended the course.	
RICHMOND.	5	Seagull A2-4 and crew returned to RICHMOND having completed the reconnaissance and photographic work in co-operation with H.M.A.S. "MORSEY" and Civil Aviation officials in NORTH AUSTRALIA.	
RICHMOND	30	Five airmen of the Squadron were detailed as part of the Station detachment for the funeral of the late Gunner SULLIVAN, V.C. at SYDNEY.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	2nd	The Annual Air Firing and Bombing practices for Naval Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners was completed.	
RICHMOND HOBART TOWNSVILLE	5 - 31	Fisheries Survey Flights were resumed, Pilot Officer J.N. BELL, No. 1091 Cpl. BRADLEY, W., Fitter Aero and No.1724 ACI. THORLEY, A.F. W/T Op Mech., forming the crew of the aircraft A2-4. Reconnaissance flights were made over coastal waters from HOBART to TOWNSVILLE.	
SYDNEY	7th	The following personnel embarked in H.M.A Cruisers. H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" No.598 E/Sgt.SANDERSON, R. Fitter Aero, No.2309 ACI. SMITH, H.T., Fitter Armourer; H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" No.1890 ACI. LARGE, H.P., Flight Fitter, No.2295 ACI. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer; H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" No.1229 Cpl. BRINSLEY, G.S. Photographer, No.2283 ACI. LEE, A.W. Fitter Armourer.	
RICHMOND	9th	The Annual Inspection by the Commanding Officer, R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND (Group Cptain A.T.GOLE, C.B.E., M.C., D.F.C.) was carried out.	
SYDNEY	12th - 16th.	High precision bombing was carried out on a target towed by one of H.M.A. Ships.	
SYDNEY	14th	The following personnel embarked in H.M.A. Cruisers: H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" No.646 L.A.C. CHERY, E.G.L. Metal Rigger, No.1800 ACI. MC.LEAN, G.C., Flight Fitter. No.2659 ACI. CAMERON, A.J., Photographer; H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" No.474 Sgt. HAGGARTY, S.W. Metal Rigger, No.2424 ACI. MC.LEAY, L. Flight Rigger. H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" No. 1925 ACI.LEE, C.H., Fitter Aero, No.1612 ACI. FORSYTH, S.G. Metal Rigger. Seagull A2-5 and Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON embarked in H.M.A.S "AUSTRALIA".	
JERVIS BAY	17th	Seagull A2-11, pilot-Flight Lieutenant C.W. FEARCE and Seagull A2-7, pilot - Pilot Officer A.N. HICK proceeded from RICHMOND to JERVIS BAY for embarkation in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" respectively.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - JERVIS BAY	22nd.	One Seagull aircraft from No 5 Squadron (shore-based) and two Seagull aircraft attached to H.M.A. Cruisers took part in a training exercise between H.M.A.S. Squadron and R.A.A.F., RICHMON for the exercise of the Cruiser Squadron aircraft in the maintenance of sector patrols for the defence of a Fleet in harbour.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA	22nd.	Seagull A2-13, pilot, Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER proceeded to NOWRA for sleeve towed target exercises with H.M.A. Squadron.	
PORT MORESBY	29th.		
	31st	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" detachment, less No.1229 Cpl. BRINSLEY, G.S. Photographer disembarked and embarked in s.s. "MONTORO" with unserviceable Seagull A2-5 for return to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
NOWRA - (JERVIS BAY)	3 - 4	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER and crew No.460 Cpl. COOK, W. Metal Rigger carried out sleeve target towing exercises with H.M.A.Squadron at JERVIS BAY.	
RICHMOND SYDNEY	8	The Fisheries Survey Flights were completed and aircraft and crew returned to RICHMOND. H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment disembarked from s.s."MONTORO" and delivered unserviceable Seagull A2-5 to RICHMOND.	
SYDNEY	9 - 12	Seagull A2-14, pilot Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER, No.32. S.M.I.BARTLETT, W. and No.1003 Cpl. RICHARDSON, W. were embarked in H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" for investigation of hangar stowage spaces for Seagull V aircraft.	
BRISBANE	18	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" Detachment, Flying Officer W.N. GIBSON, No.1925 ACI. LEE, C.H., Fitter Aero, No.1612 ACI. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger, No.2283 ACI. LEE, A.W., Fitter Armourer with Seagull A2-12 re-embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	
BRISBANE	22	Flying Officer J.N. BELL, No.1003 Cpl. RICHARDSON, W., Metal Rigger, No.2088, ACI. McKINNON, J.H., Flight Rigger, No.2374 ACI. MATTHEWS, S.R., Flight Fitter and No.1900 ACI. LAUGHTON, E. Metal Rigger proceeded to BRISBANE for salvage of unserviceable Seagull A2-7 and delivery of Seagull A2-4 to H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" in replacement.	
RICHMOND	26 - 30	Inspections of the Unit preliminary to the Annual Inspection, 1937 by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshall R. WILLIAMS, CB., CBE., DSO., were carried out by the Director of Signals, D.P.S., D.S.D. and D.O.I.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1 - 3	Inspection of R.A.A.F., Station, RICHMOND, by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshall R.WILLIAMS, CB., CBE., DSO. No.5 Squadron was inspected on 3rd September, 1937.	
SYDNEY	2	Flying Officer J.N.BELL and detachment disembarked from M.V."DUNTROON" with unserviceable Seagull A2-7, and returned to RICHMOND.	
MELBOURNE	13 - 17	Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT attended conferences at R.A.A.F., Headquarters, MELBOURNE.	
RICHMOND	12 - 18	Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER was appointed to Temporary Command of the Squadron during the absence of Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT.	
NARRABEEN	28	Seagull aircraft A2-13 was provided for towing of drogue target for Anti-aircraft	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
NOWRA (JERVIS BAY)	6 - 8	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER and crew No. 460 Cpl. COOK, W. Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target towing exercises with H.M.A. Squadron at JERVIS BAY.	
SYDNEY	8	HMAS "SYDNEY" detachment complete with aircraft (Seagull A2-4) stores and personnel, Flying Officer A.N.HICK, No 474 A/Sgt. HAGGARTY, S.W. Metal Rigger, No.1890 ACI. LARGE, H.P. Fitter Aero, No.2295 ACI. BOTHWELL, J.K. Fitter Armourer, No.2424 ACI. MC LEAY, L. Metal Rigger, was disembarked to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
NOWRA - (JERVIS BAY)	11-14	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER and crew No 460 Cpl. COOK, W. Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target towing exercises with H.M.A. Squadron at JERVIS BAY.	
SYDNEY	15	HMAS "CANBERRA" Detachment, aircraft and personnel were disembarked to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
	18	HMAS "AUSTRALIA" Detachment, aircraft and personnel were disembarked to R.A.A.F. Station RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND	26	HMAS "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" Detachments, aircraft and personnel were re-embarked in their respective cruisers.	
RICHMOND	26	Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER was appointed to temporary Command of the Squadron during the absence on leave of Squadron Leader C.B. WINCOTT, RAF.	
RICHMOND	26	Pilot Officer K.C.H.EKINS and Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY reported to No.5 Squadron for Duty.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	5.	Seagull A2-14, pilot F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER and crew P/O E.B. COURTNEY, No. 1135, Sgt. KERR, A.C., Fitter Aero, No. 1731 ACI. BARNES, G.H. W/T Op Mech. to HMAS "ALBATROSS" for trial fitment of special handling chassis for stowing Seagulls in the hangar.	
SYDNEY	9.	Seagull A2-14, pilot F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER and crew, P/O E.KINS, No. 1003 Cpl. RICHARDSON, W Metal Rigger, No. 2806 ACI. DUDDING, B.F., Flight Rigger to HMAS "ALBATROSS" for inspection of hangar accommodation, storage spacesets and special handling chassis for stowage of Seagull aircraft.	
NOWRA	12.	Seagull A2-13 pilot F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER crew P/O E.B. COURTNEY, P/O T.A.G., CROSS carried out Sleeve Target Towing Exercise with R.M.A. Squadron.	
RICHMOND	15.	Squadron Leader C.B. WINCOTT, RAF. took over command of No. 5 Squadron from F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER.	
NOWRA.	19.	Seagull A2-15, pilot F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER and crew P/O EKINS, TAG. CROSS, No. 1902 ACI. WISHART, C.G., Flight Fitter carried out Sleeve Target Towing exercises with HMA. Squadron.	
NOWRA.	23.	Seagull A2-13, pilot F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER and crew, P/O E.B. COURTNEY, TAG. CORSS, No. 1802 ACI. WISHART, C.G. Flight Fitter carried out Sleeve Target Exercises with HMA Squadron.	
NOWRA	24	ditto.	
JERVIS BAY.	25.	Three Seagull Aircraft, 12-15, A2-16 and A2-18, pilots F/O J.N. BELL, S/Ldr C.B. WINCOTT, RAF, F/Lt. J. ALEXANDER, Observers P/O EKINS, P/O COURTNEY, L/Cdr KENNEDY, crews No. 1724 ACI. THORLEY, A.F. W/T Op Mech; - No. 1915 ACI. WALDIE, W.G. Photographer, No. 2720 ACI. BROWN, B; - TAG CROSS, Sgt. TOMKINS, W/T Op Mech respectively. Observing and Photographing fall of Shot - Naval Exercise J.39.	
SYDNEY	29	HMAS "CANBERRA" detachment complete with aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, Pilot F/Lt. PEARCE, Crew, No. 598 F/Sgt SANDERSON, R, Fitter Aero No. 646 LAC. CHE RV, E.G.L. Metal Rigger, No. 1800 ACI. McLEAN, G.C. Fitter Aero, No. 2659 ACI. CAMERON, A.J. Photographer, No. 2309 ACI. SMITH, H.T. Fitter Armourer was disembarked to RICHMOND 29.11.37.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	9	His Excellency the Governor General visited R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND, and inspected No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron. Five Seagulls took part in the fly past.	
		His Excellency and Aide-de-Camp were flown to FARM COVE by Squadron Leader C.B. WINCOTT, R.A.F., and Flight Lieutenant C.W.PEARCE.	
RICHMOND	17	No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron stood down for the Christmas Leave period.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	17	No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron re-opened after the Annual Leave period.	
SYDNEY	25	Visit of No.204 Squadron to SYDNEY. A formation of 3 Seagulls accompanied these flying boats from BROKEN BAY to SYDNEY HARBOUR.	
NARRABEEN	26	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flying Officer J.N.BELL and crew, No.460 Corporal COOK, W. Metal Rigger and No.2202 A.C.I. SWABY, H.J., W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out Drogue Target practices for 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries at NARRABEEN.	
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, ^{crew} Flying Officer W.N.GIBSON; No.1229 Corpl. BRINSLEY, G.S., Photographer; No.1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger; No.1900 L.A.C. LEE, C.H., Fitter Aero; No.2283 A.C.I. LEE, A.W., Fitter Armourer, embarked in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".	pilot
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, Flight Lieutenant C.W.PEARCE pilot; crew, No.598 F/Sergt. SANDERSON, Fitter Aero; No.1900 L.A.C. LAUGHTON, Metal Rigger; No.2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.2296 A.C.I. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
SYDNEY	27	H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-4, stores and personnel, Flying Officer A.N.HICK, pilot; crew, No.474 A/Sergt. HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger; No.2424 A.C.I. McLEAY, L., Metal Rigger; No.2295 A.C.I. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer; No.1890 A.C.I. LARGE, H.P., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".	
NARRABEEN	28	Seagull A2-13, pilot Flying Officer J.N.BELL and crew, No.460 Corporal COOK, W. Metal Rigger and No.2202 A.C.I. SWABY, H.J., W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out Drogue Target practices with 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries at NARRABEEN.	
SYDNEY	29	Sesqui-Centenary Review at Centennial Park. Five officers and 53 airmen from No.5 (Fleet Co-operation) Squadron were included in the R.A.A.F. Wing.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
NARRABEEN	3.2.38	Further drogue target towing was carried out at NARRABEEN for 1st and 2nd A.A. Batteries.	
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SYDNEY	4.2.38	A number of airmen from this squadron were included in the R.A.A.F. detachment which marched through SYDNEY in connection with the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations.	
RICHMOND -	7.2.38	Seagulls A2-13 and A2-17, pilots, Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER and Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY, with crews, left at 1520 hours for NOWRA.	
JERVIS BAY	7.2.38	Target towing, height finding, and other exercises were carried out at JERVIS BAY during the period 7.2.38 till 11.2.38.	
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JERVIS BAY	8.2.38	Seagull A2-14, Pilot, Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT, R.A.F., with Wing Commander J.P.J.McCAULEY and Lieutenant-Commander V.E.KENNEDY as passengers, and No.1731 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, as W/T Operator, visited H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" at JERVIS BAY for a conference, and returned at 1630 hours.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	11.2.38	Seagull A2-18, Pilot, Pilot Officer K.C.H.SKINS, proceeded to NOWRA, and embarked EARL DE LA WARR and Secretary for MASCOT. Returned at 1700.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	14.2.38	Seagulls A2-13, A2-17, Pilots, Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER and Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY proceeded to NOWRA and carried out further exercises at JERVIS BAY, and returned at 1500 hours. Flight Lieutenant C.W.PEARCE was embarked in A2-17 at JERVIS BAY for RICHMOND, on his disembarkation from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
RICHMOND - MALLACOOTA.	14.2.38	Seagulls A2-16 and A2-15, Pilots, Squadron Leader C.B.WINCOTT, R.A.F., and Pilot Officer K.C.H.SKINS, proceeded to MALLACOOTA at 0900 hours, to take part in Exercise N.Z.2.	
MALLACOOTA	15.2.38	During these two days, 32 hours' flying was carried out in connection with with Exercise N.Z.2, and spotting and "bombing" attacks were made against "enemy" ships at sea.	
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MALLACOOTA	- 18.2.38.	Seagulls A2-15 and A2-16, with pilots and crews, returned from MALLACOOTA.	
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RICHMOND.	18.2.38.	The Minister for External Affairs, The Hon. W.M.HUGHES, visited the Station and inspected No.5 (F.C.) Squadron hangar and aircraft.	
RICHMOND -	26.2.38.	Seagulls A2-15, A2-17, A2-18 - Pilots, Flight Lieutenant C.W.FEARCE, Pilot Officer E.B.COURTNEY and Pilot Officer K.C.H.EKINS, proceeded to MASCOT at 1100 hours for the Aero Club pageant, and returned at 1700 hours.	
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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	2nd.	HMAS "AUSTRALIA" detachment complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, Flight Lieutenant W.N. GIBSON, No. 1239 Corpl. BRINSLEY, G.S. Photographer, No. 1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger, No. 1900 L.A.C. LEE, C.H. Fitter Aero, No. 2283 A.C.I. LEE, A.W., Fitter Armourer was disembarked to RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND.	4th.	Flight Lieutenant C.W. PEARCE posted to No. 23 Squadron, PERTH, W.A.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	15th.	Seagull A2-13 with Pilot Officer E.B. COURTNEY, No. 460 Cpl. COOK, W., Metal Rigger No. 2796 A.C.I. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger and T.A.G. CROSS (RAN) proceeded to NOWRA to carry out Target Towing exercises at JERVIS BAY for the period 15th. MARCH to 17th. MARCH, 1938.	
BATHURST	20th.	A detachment of six airmen under Flying Officer K.E. CAMPBELL left for BATHURST to take part in the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations. Returned 22nd. March.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	21st.	Seagull A2-13 with Pilot Officer E.B. COURTNEY, No. 460 Cpl. COOK, W., Metal Rigger No. 2796 A.C.I. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger and T.A.G. CROSS (RAN) proceeded to NOWRA to carry out Target Towing exercises at JERVIS BAY on 21st. MARCH.	
GOULBURN - TAMWORTH.	23rd.	A detachment of six airmen under Flying Officer K.E. CAMPBELL left for TAMWORTH and GOULBURN to attend the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations. Returned 28th. MARCH.	
RICHMOND.	24th.	Lieutenant MALLESON (RN) reported for duty while attached to R.A.A.F. Station, RICHMOND.	
SYDNEY.	25th.	HMAS "CANBERRA" detachment complete with aircraft, A2-9, stores and personnel, Flying Officer J.N. BELL, No. 698 F/Sgt. SANDERSON, R., Fitter Aero, No. 1900 L.A.C. LAUGHTON, E., Metal Rigger, No. 2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer, No. 1800 A.C.I. MC LEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero and No. 2296 A.C.I. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer, was disembarked to RICHMOND.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SYDNEY	25th	<p>HMAS "SYDNEY" detachment complete with aircraft A2-4, stores and personnel, Flying Officer A.N. HICK, No. 474 A/Sgt. HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger, No. 2424 A.C.I. MC LEAY, L., Metal Rigger, No. 2295 A.C.I. BOTHWELL, J.K., Fitter Armourer, No. 1890 A.C.I. LARGE, H.P., Fitter Aero, was disembarked to RICHMOND, 25th. March.</p>	
RICHMOND.	29th.	<p>Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY reported for duty.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - LAVERTON	2	Eight (8) Seagull V Aircraft, with pilots and crews, proceeded to LAVERTON for the Air Display, and returned on 11.4.38.	
RICHMOND	11	Pilot Officer H.M.BIRCH reported for duty.	
RICHMOND	23	Nine (9) Seagull V Aircraft, with pilots and crews, partook in the Air Display.	
SYDNEY	25	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.756 Sergt. BLAKE, T.H., Metal Rigger; No.2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero; No.2369 A.C.I. JOHNSTON, A.J., Flight Rigger; No.2296 A.C.I. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer, embarked in H.M.A.S."CANBERRA".	
SYDNEY	25	H.M.A.S."SYDNEY" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-9, stores and personnel, pilot: Flying Officer J.N.BELL; crew: No.474 A/Sergeant HAGGARTY, S.W., Metal Rigger; No.2278 A.C.I. ABBOTT, C.J.N., Fitter Armourer; No.1612 A.C.I. FORSYTH, S.G., Metal Rigger; No.1311 L.A.C. MASON, D.S., Fitter Aero, embarked in H.M.A.S."SYDNEY".	
RICHMOND	26	Pilot Officers A.E.CROSS, A.E.K.BOLLEMAN, T.M.PRICE, M.M.McINNIS, M.J.WIBER, and D.L.G.DOUGLAS, reported for duty.	
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	28	Seagull V Aircraft A2-13, pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY; crew: No.1576 L.A.C. ORME, W.M., Fitter Aero; No.2796 A.C.I. MUIR, L.J., Flight Rigger; No.1731 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to NOWRA to carry out drogue target exercises with H.M.A.Squadron, and returned.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND - NOWRA.	5	Seagull V Aircraft A2-13, pilot: Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY; crew: No.1797 LAC. MORRIS, A.J.G., Fitter Aero; No.2796 AC1. MUIR, L.J., Flight Rigger; L/Tel.OXLEY, R.A.N., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to NOWRA to carry out drogue target exercises with H.M.A.Squadron, and returned.	
SYDNEY	6	H.M.A.S."CANBERRA" detachment, complete with aircraft A2-11, stores and personnel, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.756 Sergt. BLAKE, T.H., Metal Rigger; No.2651 LAC. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer; No.1800 A.C.I. McLEAN, G.C., Fitter Aero; No.2369 AC1. JOHNSTON, A.J., Flight Rigger; No.2296 AC1. BURGE, J.S., Fitter Armourer; was disembarked to RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND.	6	Three Seagull V Aircraft took part in a fly past at HAWKESBURY Agricultural Show.	
RICHMOND	10	The Annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and T.A.Gs. commenced with the following personnel:- Lieutenant Commander C.H.BROOKS, R.A.N. Lieutenant P.C.PATTEN-THOMAS, R.N. Lieutenant Commander J.C.BACON, R.N. Lieutenant E.H.C.CHAPMAN, R.N. Lieutenant F.K.FOGARTY, R.A.N. Lieutenant C.V.S.MALLESON, R.N. Petty Officer Telegraphist C.CROSS. Leading Telegraphist OXLEY, K.W.E. Telegraphist BUNNETT, C.K. Telegraphist UPTON, R. Telegraphist HENZELL, H.G. Telegraphist HUTCHISON, E.M. Telegraphist MOODIE, D. Telegraphist PATTERSON, A.K.	
SYDNEY	7	No. 1915 LAC. WALDIE, W.G., Photographer, embarked in S/S "MARELLA" with photographic stores and equipment, to establish base at THURSDAY ISLAND, in connection with photographic survey of NORTH AUSTRALIA.	
RICHMOND	10	Seagull V Aircraft A2-22, pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON; crew: No.1229 Photographer Corporal BRINSLEY, G.S. / No.546 Corporal CHERRY, E.G.L., Metal Rigger, No.2374	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND (Contd.)	10	L.A.C. MATTHEWS, S.R., Fitter Aero, No.1724 L.A.C. THORLEY, A.F., W/T Operator Mechanic, proceeded to THURSDAY ISLAND in connection with the photographic survey of NORTH AUSTRALIA.	
RICHMOND	23	Flight Lieutenant J.ALEXANDER was posted to Station Headquarters, RICHMOND (for administrative duties).	
RICHMOND	23	Flight Lieutenant A.X.RICHARDS reported for duty on posting from Station Headquarters to No.5 Squadron (for flying duties).	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	2	The annual Bombing and Gunnery Course for Naval Observers and T.A.Gs completed.	
RICHMOND	3 - 4	Inspection of RICHMOND Station by the Chief of the Air Staff - Air Vice-Marshal R. WILLIAMS, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	
SYDNEY	14 - 16	Catapult training was carried out from H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" in Harbour, and all officers of No.5 Squadron have now been catapulted.	
RICHMOND	20	Pilot Officer D.L.SWIFTE reported for duty on posting from No.2 Aircraft Depot (for equipment duties).	
RICHMOND	27	Flying Officer K.E.CAMPBELL posted to No.2 Aircraft Depot (for equipment duties).	
RICHMOND	29	Inspection of RICHMOND Station by Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Edward L. ELLINGTON, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. (Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force).	
RICHMOND	30	Flight Lieutenant A.X.RICHARDS posted to No.3 Squadron (for flying duties).	
RICHMOND	30	Flying Officer A.N.HICK posted to No.1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK (for flying duties).	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1	Completion of inspection of R.A.A.F. Station by Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Sir Edward L. Ellington, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. (Inspector General of the Royal Air Force)	
RICHMOND - Pt. STEPHENS.	2 - 3	Flight to PORT STEPHENS and SALAMANDER BAY for inspection of landing grounds and Seaplane anchorages. Seagull A2-14 was taken with Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT as Pilot and Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES as Co-pilot.	
SYDNEY	4	High Speed Towed Target Bombing commenced and three Seagull aircraft from this Squadron took part. Aircraft and Crews - 1st day. A2-14 Pilot Officer M.J. WIBER, Pilot, No. 2637 Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H., Bombaimer., A2-15 Pilot Officer K.E.A. BOLLEMAN, Pilot Pilot Officer A.E. CROSS, Bomb aimer., A2-19 Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH, Pilot, No 2651 L.A.C. NEWTON, J.T., Photographer (Photographic Aircraft)	
SYDNEY	5	Aircraft and Crews - Bombing, 2nd. day. A2-21 Pilot Officer A.E. CROSS, Pilot Pilot Officer M.J. WIBER, Photographer, (Photographic aircraft) A2-19 Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES, Pilot, Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH, Bomb aimer, A2-15 Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Pilot, Pilot Officer T.M. PRICE, Bomb aimer.	
RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE	6	A further flight was undertaken to inspect suitable alighting areas at LAKE MACQUARIE ; Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT staying at TORONTO to inspect possible landing grounds. A2-19 Pilot, Wing Commander HEWITT, Co-pilot Pilot Officer M.M. McINNES. Flying Officer E.B. COURTNEY embarked in H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS". Pilot Officer H.M. BIRCH took over duties as Adjutant, No. 5 Squadron	
SYDNEY	6	Flight in Seagull aircraft A2-19, Pilot Officer McINNES Pilot bringing Wing Commander HEWITT back from LAKE MACQUARIE.	
RICHMOND- LAKE MACQUARIE	7	Further bombing of the Target towed by HMAS. "VOYAGER" took place, but was abandoned later owing to low cloud. Aircraft A2-21, Flying Officer K.C. EKINS, Pilot,	
SYDNEY	8		/.....2

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	6th.	<p>Five Seagull V aircraft were flown to MARYBOROUGH under the Command of Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Commanding Officer, No. 5 (F.C) Squadron to carry out manoeuvres and navigational exercises with H.M.A. Squadron at HERVEY BAY, Queensland. Intermediate stops were made at OLD BAR and ARCHERFIELD for the purpose of re-fuelling the aircraft.</p> <p>Aircraft and crews were as follows:-</p> <p>A2-15 - Pilot, Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Lieutenant F.K. FOGARTY, ACIs. No. 2042, RICHARDSON, C.W. W/T Operator Mechanic (No. 3 Squadron), No.2533, CERINI, C.V. Metal Rigger, and No. 2255 CRAIG, A., Fitter Aero.</p> <p>A2-18 - Pilot, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, LACe No.1731 BARNES, G.H., W/T.Operator, Mechanic, No.2105 FORD, H.E., Metal Rigger, No.2659 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. Air Observer, No. 1091 Sgt. BRADLEY, W. Fitter Aero.</p> <p>A2-13 - Pilot, Flying Officer A.E. CROSS and ACIs. No.2202 SWABY, E.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, No.2796 MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger and No. 1902 WISHART, C.G. Flight Fitter.</p> <p>A2-16 Pilot, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH, No. 474 A/Sgt. HAGGARTY, S.W. Metal Rigger ,No.2637 T/Cpl ROBERTS, V.H. Air Observer, No.1065 L.A.C. FOLEY, E. Storekeeper, No.2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. Metal Rigger.</p> <p>A2-19 - Pilot, Flying Officer M.J. WIBER, No.1869 T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. Air Observer, No.2915 ACI. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.1889 ACI. LESTER, G. Metal Rigger (No. 22 Squadron)</p>	
HERVEY BAY	8th.	<p>Four aircraft took part in a Naval Search and Interception Exercise with H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY". Later in the day the same aircraft were sent out on navigational exercises. One aircraft, A2-13 was engaged in Sleaze Target Towing for HMAS "CANBERRA".</p>	

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HERVEY BAY	9th.	Sleeve Target Towing and short navigational exercises in the morning. In the afternoon a tactical bombing exercise was carried out on H.M.A. Ships in which the two ships' aircraft took part. Pilots - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Flying Officer J.N. BELL, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH, and Flying Officer T.W. PRICE. Wind was found near BUNDABERG and the ships were attacked "down sun" by the aircraft in two flights of three aircraft each. The ships were anchored in PLATYPUS BAY.	
HERVEY BAY	10th.	Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS in Seagull V, A2-13 took part in the Sleeve Target Towing exercise. Flying Officers A.E. CROSS and M.J. WIEBER were engaged in Naval Height finding exercises. Flying Officer H.W. BIRCH carried out dummy torpedo attacks on H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"	
HERVEY BAY	11th	Four aircraft proceeded on navigation exercises, all of which terminated at BUNDABERG where the aircraft landed. Aircraft took off later in the afternoon and proceeded direct to MARYBOROUGH. The pilots engaged in this exercise were Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS, Flying Officer H. M. BIRCH and Flying Officer M.J. WIEBER. Flying Officer A.E. CROSS was piloting the Drogue Target aircraft in Sleeve Target exercises with the Fleet.	
MARYBOROUGH	12th.	All aircraft left MARYBOROUGH at 0745 hours, landing to re-fuel at ANCHERFIELD and KEMPSEY arriving at RICHMOND at 1610 hours the same day.	
RICHMOND.	19th.	Flying Officer K.C.H. EKINS posted to No. 1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK.	
RICHMOND.	29th-31st	Annual Training exercises. Windfinding, air-to-air and ground-to-air camera gun for pilots and observers. Dummy bombing, using Camera Obscura as target.	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND- COOTAMUNDRA- RICHMOND.	1st.	Annual Training Navigation Exercise carried out by Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull V, A2-19. Crew - No. 2637 T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. Navigator, No. 1811 LAC. MASON, D.S., Fitter Aero and No. 2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. W/T Operator Mechanic.	
RICHMOND	3rd.	All shore based pilots of No. 5 Squadron carried out wind finding exercises as part of Annual Training.	
RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE RICHMOND.	5th	Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT in Seagull V, aircraft A2-9 with Director of Works and Buildings - Flight Lieutenant J.M. LEREW proceeded to LAKE MACQUARIE for inspection of suitable Seaplane base. Crew - No. 1731 LAC. BARNES, G.H. W/T Operator Mechanic and No. 1833 LAC. GERRARD, G.W. Fitter Aero.	
RICHMOND	11th.	Flying Officers A.E. CROSS, H.M. BIRCH and M.J. WIBER carried out formation practice in preparation for display to be held by No. 22 Squadron on 18th. September, 1938.	
RICHMOND	12th.	Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull V aircraft A2-14 with crew - No. 1869 T/Cpl HANCOCK, Air Observer and No. 2659 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. Air Observer, carried out an altitude test, reaching a true height of 20,000 feet.	
RICHMOND	18th.	Flying Officers H.M. BIRCH, D.L.G. DOUGLAS and M.M. MC INNES, piloting three Seagull V aircraft, Nos. A2-16, A2-16 and A2-14 respectively flew past and dropped dummy parachutes for the C.A.F. Cadets graduation Day Display. The Fly Past was witnessed by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Wakehurst, KC.M.G.	
JERVIS BAY	20th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS in Seagull V aircraft A2-13 with crew - No. 2706 ACI MUIR, L.J. Flight Rigger, No. 1902 ACI. WISHART, C.G. Flight Fitter and No. 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, carried out towed target exercises at JERVIS BAY.	
TORONTO	22nd.	A reconnaissance exercise was made to TORONTO for the purpose of inspecting	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
TORONTO	22nd	moorings, beaching sites and accommodation for the combined operations at PORT STEPHENS, 6th to 8th. OCTOBER, 1938. Aircraft, Seagull V, A2-18. Pilot - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, crew - Lt. F.K. FOGARTY (RAN), Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH No. 773 Sergeant Major SLIGHT, A.A.B., W/T Operator and No. 1091 Sgt. BRADLEY, W.A., Fitter Aero.	
JERVIS BAY	23rd	Target Towing was carried out at JERVIS BAY by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS in Seagull V aircraft, A2-13, crew - No. 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J. W/T Operator Mechanic, No. 2786 ACI. MUIR, L.J. Flight Rigger.	
RICHMOND	27th	Tests of a new C.Q. parachute manufactured in Australia were made from a Seagull V aircraft piloted by Flying Officer M.M. MC INNES. Tests were satisfactory and the workmanship of the parachute appeared good.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF, SYDNEY	30th	Throughout the month, safety aircraft patrols were carried out over the Air to Air Firing Range, ECLIPSE BLUFF. No 3 Squadron practising Air to Air Firing over the sea now require a Seagull V aircraft to act as a safety aircraft in the event of a Demon being forced down on the water.	20

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
LIVERPOOL	3rd & 4th	Tests of the modified course setting bombsight bracket were made on these dates over the LIVERPOOL BOMBING RANGE from a height of 6000 feet. Thirty two bombs were dropped during the two days and the new mounting appears satisfactory. Seagull aircraft A2-17 was used for the tests with Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH as Pilot and No.1869 T/CPL HANCOCK, Air Observer, as Bomb-aimer. Photographs of fall of bombs were taken by No.2600 LAC. GRAINGER, G. M., Photographer.	
JERVIS BAY.	7th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS as pilot of Seagull V aircraft, A2-13 with crew, No.1902 ACI. WISHART, ^{C.G.} /Fitter Aero, 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing at JERVIS BAY for H.M.A. Cruisers, "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" during 4" H.A. firing.	
JERVIS BAY	10th	Sleeve Target Towing carried out at JERVIS BAY for H.M.A.Cruisers by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, in Seagull A2-13 with crew, No. 1902, ACI. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, No.2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Op. Mech and No.2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger for close range firing. Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS in Seagull aircraft A2-9 with crew No.2659 T/CPL. CAMERON, A.J., Air Observer and No.2090 ACI. MILNER, A.E.D. W/T Op. Mech. carried out a height finding exercise at JERVIS BAY.	
NOWRA.	11th	Flying Officer M.J. WIBER in Seagull A2-9 with No.2659 T/CPL. CAMERON A.J. Air Observer, No.2915 ACI. BONDINI, J.S., W/T Op. Mech carried out a height finding exercise, for H.M.A.Cruisers.	
RICHMOND	11th	Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER in Seagull A2-17 with Major General DOWNES, director of Medical Services, and crew, No. 1833 LAC. GERRARD, G.W., Fitter Aero made a short hygienic survey of the local water supply, sewerage and drainage systems.	
JERVIS BAY	12th	Flying Officer D.L.G DOUGLAS in Seagull A2-17 participated in height finding exercises	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
JERVIS BAY	12th.	with H.M.A. Cruisers at JERVIS BAY. Flying Officer A.E. CROSS in Seagull A2-13 with crew, No. 2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger and No. 2202 ACI. SWABY, M.J., W/T Op. Mech carried out flag target towing for Observers and Telegraphist Air Gunners, firing from aircraft attached to H.M.A. Ships, "SYDNEY" and "CANBERRA".	
JERVIS BAY NOWRA.	13th	Flying Officer E.M. BIRCH in Seagull A2-13 with crew No. 1902 ACI. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero, No. 2796 ACI. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger., and LAC. BARNES, G.H., W/T Op Mech proceeded to NOWRA and JERVIS BAY for Sleeve Towing with H.M.A. Cruisers. H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and "SYDNEY" carried out full calibre battle practice firing, using all their armament at the same time. While the Seagull attacked each ship in turn from the rear, the cruisers were firing at a target towed by a tug, eight miles distant.	
RICHMOND	17th	Full load W/T tests were carried out in Seagull V aircraft, A2-17 and A2-14 by Flying Officers D.L.G. DOUGLAS and A.E. CROSS respectively.	
LIVERPOOL.	20th.	Medium and Low Level bombing carried out at LIVERPOOL by Flying Officers A.E. CROSS, K.E.A. BOLLEMAN and H.M. BIRCH in Seagull V aircraft, A2-17 and A2-14 with No. 2637 T/Cpl ROBERTS, V.H., No. 2669 T/Cpl. CAMERON, A.J. and No. 1896 T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. as Bomb-aimers.	
LIVERPOOL	21st	Further bombing at LIVERPOOL by Flying Officers, BIRCH, CROSS and T.M. PRICE with the same aircraft and crews as on the 20th. October.	
RICHMOND.	26th. 27th	Annual training in camera obscura bombing carried out by all pilots and air observers.	
RICHMOND	27th	Annual Training Navigation and interception exercises were carried out by Flying Officers A.E. CROSS and M.J. WIBER with T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. and T/Cpl. HANCOCK, L.J. as check navigators. Aircraft A2-18 and A2-15 respectively.	
RICHMOND	28th	Annual training navigation and interception exercises were carried out by Flying Officers T.M. PRICE and M.J. WIBER in Seagulls A2-18 and A2-15 with T/Cpl. ROBERTS, V.H. and T/Cpl. CAMERON A.J. as check navigators.	3

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
RICHMOND	1st.	Photographic Reconnaissance was carried out by all shore-based pilots , overlapping runs for mosaic work and pin points being photographed. Seagull A2-15, Pilot Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT with Group Captain H.F. De La Rue as passenger, and crew Flying Officer A.E. CROSS and No.2475 L.A.C. STANFIELD, T., W/T Op.Mech. proceeded to PORT STEPHENS and returned.	
RICHMOND	2nd.	Navigation and Interception Exercises were carried out by Flying Officers K.E.A. BOLLEMAN and D.L.G. DOUGLAS and cloud flying by Flying Officers T.M. PRICE and E.E. CROSS.	
RICHMOND	3rd.	Further Navigation and Interception Exercises were carried out by Flying Officers A.E.CROSS, K.E.A. BOLLEMAN, H.M. BIRCH and T.M. PRICE.	
LAKE MACQUARIE	4th.	Seagull V, A2-20, Pilot - Flight Lieutenant J. ALEXANDER and crew proceeded to LAKE MACQUARIE on a reconnaissance flight.	
RICHMOND	6th	Seagull V, A2-15, Pilot - Flying Officer M. J. WIBER, Crew- No.2751 A.C.I. EVERETT, E.A., Fitter Aero, No. 2090 A.C.I. MILNER, A.E.D., W/T Operator Mechanic and No.2600 Corporal GRAINGER, G.M., Photographer proceeded to MOUNT WALKER, Queensland for photographic survey.	
RICHMOND	7th.	Seagull V, A2-21 was water tested by Flying Officer A.E. CROSS, Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH practised rough water alightings in Seagull V, A2-20.	
RICHMOND	8th.	Seagull V, A2-18, Pilot - Flight Lieutenant E.A. CONNELLY carried out a photographic Reconnaissance.	
MASCOT.	9th.	Seagull V, A2-17, Pilot - Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH proceeded to MASCOT.	
NOWRA.	10th.	Seagull V, A2-14 - Pilot - Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT and Group Captain H.F. De La Rue, D.F.C. as passenger proceeded to NOWRA, EDEN and return.	
ECLIPSE ELUFF	13th.	Flying Officer BIRCH and Flying Officer T.M. PRICE carried out a safety patrol over air to air Sea Firing Range for A.A. practice by No.22 Squadron.	

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
BROKEN BAY.	14th.	High Speed Bombing was carried out as part of Annual Training by all Pilots and Squadron	
	15th	Air Observers with H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER". Photographic aircraft flown by Flying Officer	
	16th.	M.M. MC.INNESS.	
RICHMOND.	16th	Flying Officer H.M. BIRCH - Pilot, Crew - No.1797 CORPL. MORRIS, A.J.G., Fitter Aero No.2202 L.A.C. SWABY, M.J., W/T Operator Mechanic and Mr. S. FOWLER, Fisheries Officer (C.S.I.R.) proceeded on Pelagic Fisheries Survey Flight to North East waters of TASMANIA, FURNEAUX GROUP, EASTERN BASS STRAIT, EASTERN COST OF NEW SOUTH WALES and SOUTH QUEENSLAND COAST.	
BROKEN BAY			
BROKEN BAY.	17th.	Seagull A2-18, Pilot - Flying Officer D.L.G. DOUGLAS forced landed at SARATOGA due to engine failure. Assistance was sent in Seagull V A2-14, Pilot - Squadron Leader A.L. WALTERS, and after effecting repairs Seagull V A2-18 flew back to RICHMOND.	
" "	17th.	High Speed Bombing was carried out as part of Annual Training by all Pilots and Squadron	
" "	18th.	Air Observers with H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER". Photographic aircraft flown by Flying Officer M.M. MC.INNES.	
	18th.	Photography of Bombing results was carried out by Flying Officer T.M. PRICE, Seagull A2-20.	
LIVERPOOL.	21st.	Bombing over the LIVERPOOL BOMBING RANGE was carried out as part of annual training of No 5 Squadron Air Observers .	
RICHMOND	22nd.	Flying Officer T.M. PRICE and K.E.A. BOLLEMAN as pilots carried out air to air camera gun practice as part of preliminary training of Squadron Air Observers.	
RICHMOND	23rd.	Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun course commenced. Practices carried out on air to	
	24th.	ground range.	
NOWRA.	24th.	Seagull A2-20, Pilot Wing Commander J.E. HEWITT, crew- No. 1931 L.A.C. BARNES, G.H., W/T Operator Mechanic, No. 1902 A.C.I. WISHART, C.G., Fitter Aero proceeded to NOWRA and returned.	
RICHMOND.	25th.	Squadron Air Observers Lew is Gunn Course continued using air to ground range.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF.	28th.	Flying Officer A.E. CROSS as pilot of Seagull A2-13 with crew - No.2796 L.A.C. MUIR, L.J. Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing over air to air sea firing range for	

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
ECLIPSE BLUFF (contd)	28th.	Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun Course.	
BEENLEIGH Queensland.	28th.	Seagull A2-15 - Pilot, Flying Officer M.J. WIBER, crew - No.2751 A.C.I. EVERETT, E.A. Fitter Aero, No. 2090 A.C.I. MILNER, A.E.D., W/T Operator Mechanic, and a Police Officer crashed into high tension wires. Pilot and crew were incinerated.	
NEWCASTLE.	29th.	Seagull A2-14, pilot - Flight Lieutenant D.A. CONNELLY, crew Flying Officer T.M. PRICE, No.2255 L.A.C. CRAIG, A, Fitter Aero and No.2475 A.C.I. STANFIELD, T., W/T Operator Mechanic proceeded to NEWCASTLE and returned.	
ECLIPSE BLUFF	30th.	Flying Officer T.M. PRICE as pilot of Seagull A2-13 with crew, No. 2796 L.A.C. MUIR, L.J., Metal Rigger carried out Sleeve Target Towing over air to air sea firing range for Squadron Air Observers Lewis Gun Course.	80

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	29 NOV.	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew of three, proceeded to BRISBANE in connection with the salvage of Seagull V. Aircraft A2-15.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	1 DEC	Air to Air Gunnery and Target Towing carried out by Air Observers of No.5 (F.C.) Squadron.	
	2 "		
<u>SYDNEY.</u>	1 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-16, Stores and R.A.A.F. Detachment personnel disembarked from H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA".	
<u>BRISBANE. - ROCKHAMPTON.</u>	2 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew proceeded to ROCKHAMPTON to assist in repairs to Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22 which was damaged on North Australia Flight.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	5 "	Flying Officer K.C.H.EKINS was posted from No.1 Flying Training School, POINT COOK to Carrier Flight, No.5 (F.C.) Squadron, for flying duties.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	5-6-8- 9 DEC.	Air to Air Gunnery was carried by Air Observers of No.5 (F.C.) Squadron.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	6 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH and crew of two returned from Pelagic Fisheries Survey Flight in co-operation with M.S. "WARREEN", the C.S.I.R. Fisheries Research Vessel.	
<u>RICHMOND - PORT STEPHENS.</u>	13 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, with Flight Lieutenant T.C.CURNOW as passenger, proceeded to PORT STEPHENS to survey a possible site for Armament Training Camp.	
<u>ROCKHAMPTON - RICHMOND.</u>	16 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-19, Pilot: Flying Officer A.E.CROSS and crew returned to RICHMOND from ROCKHAMPTON.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	16 "	A formation of four Seagull V. Aircraft led by Flight Lieutenant D.A.CONNELLY with Flying Officers K.C.H.EKINS, H.M.BIRCH and M.M.McINNES, was made to scatter the ashes of the late Flying Officer M.J.WIBER.	
<u>RICHMOND. - PORT STEPHENS.</u>	19 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH, in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-18, with Flight Lieutenants	

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<u>RICHMOND- PORT STEPHENS.</u> (Contd.)	19 DEC	J.M.LEREW and J.R.BALMER as passengers, and crew, proceeded to PORT STEPHENS for further examination of a possible site for Armament Training Camp.	
<u>RICHMOND - LAKE MACQUARIE.</u>	21 "	Flying Officer H.M.BIRCH in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-14, with passenger Flight Lieutenant J.M.LEREW, and crew, proceeded and alighted at MYALL RIVER, TANILBA, and LAKE MACQUARIE, for general inspection of certain proposed Air Force sites.	
<u>RICHMOND.</u>	21 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-22, Pilot: Flight Lieutenant W.N.GIBSON, and crew, returned from North Australia Survey Flight.	
<u>SYDNEY.</u>	21 "	Seagull V. Aircraft A2-1, Stores, and R.A.A.F. Detachment personnel disembarked from H.M.A.S."HOBART".	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	26 "	Flying Officer K.C.H.KINS in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-18, with crew, acted as Safety Aircraft for No.22 (City of Sydney) Squadron Air to Air Gunnery exercises.	
<u>ECLIPSE BLUFF.</u>	28 "	Flying Officer E.B.COURTNEY in Seagull V. Aircraft A2-16, with crew, carried out Safety patrol duties for No.22 (City of Sydney) Squadron.	

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