

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

Of (Unit or Formation) No. 4. S.F.T.S. GERALDTON

R.A.A.F. Form A.50

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Light rain at night - 5 points measured.

14 100ft. lengths of fire hose delivered and installed.

One 600 gallon Vacuum Oil Tanker delivered for hire use.

F/Lt. S.E. DALE departed on posting to No. 2 Embarkation Depot for embarkation to United Kingdom via Canada to No. 10 Squadron, R.A.A.F. for Equipment Duties.

19/11/41 S/Ldr. N.A. ADLER, Anson W2048, flew to PEARCE, CUNDERDIN and MAYLANDS on duty.

W/Cdr. McLEAN, WESTERN AREA H.Q., Fox Moth A41-1 passengers, Lt./Col WOLFINDON, Lt./commander BAILLAICHE arrived on visit ex Maylands and Pearce.

21/11/41 F/O. T.C. MILNE departed on posting to No. 5 Wing A.T.C. WESTERN AREA.

S/Ldr. N.A. ADLER, Anson W2048, returned ex PEARCE, CUNDERDIN duties.

F/O. GILES, Fox Moth A41-1, S/Ldr. NICKLIN, F/Lt. BRONDER passengers on inspection visit ex H.Q. WEST AREA.

23/11/41 F/O. D.N. DALY, Battle aircraft L5779, crew 2, departed to PEARCE on target towing duty.

24/11/41 G/Cpt. P.G. HEFFERNAN, A.F.C. Anson W1965, S/Ldr. COOPER, S/Ldr. WITTSCHIEBE, S/Ldr. PENINGTON as passengers to PEARCE en route and A.O.C. Training Conference Western Area H.Q. S/Ldr. COOPER did not return until next day.

F/Lt. ANDERSON, Anson W2273, crew 2 and F/Lt. HOEY flew to PEARCE. F/Lt. HOEY did not return until next day.

25/11/41 Sgt. BURROW, Anson W2099, crew 2, to PEARCE, S/Ldr. E.W. COOPER pilot on return journey.

Sgt. CORNISH, Anson W2098, crew 2, to PEARCE, F/Lt. HOEY returned.

406895, LAC. WOOLCOTT E.S. Anson W2132 landed at GEORGINA Relief Landing Ground with undercarriage retracted. Charged and awarded 14 days C.B. and fined Six Pounds for damage incurred to aircraft. Damage not extensive, pilot tube and airscrews.

F/Lt. HASLAM arrived on posting ex H.Q. WESTERN AREA for duties as Adjutant, Maintenance Wing.

F/O. A.H. O'TOOLE appointed Adjutant A.T.S. F/O. G. BOGUE appointed Assistant S.A.O. and Intelligence Officer.

27/11/41 S/Ldr. N.A. ADLER, Anson W2078 to PEARCE en route AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS on duty. F/O. CRISP pilot on return journey.

F/O. GILES, Fox Moth A41-1 ex PEARCE and MAYLANDS arrived with F/SGT. PETHER T. for trade testing applicants for Trainee Group V courses. Returned via CUNDERDIN.

F/O. D.N. DALEY, Battle aircraft L5779 returned from duty at PEARCE.

28/11/41 Sgt. BOEHM, Staff Pilot arrived on posting ex 1 S.F.T.S. PT. COOK.

Posting overseas 19 airmen to No. 5 EMBARKATION DEPOT, PERTH departed.

30/11/41 Station Fire Practice carried out.

Aircraft on strength FAIREY BATTLES 2; MOTHS 2; ANSONS 98 (one to be written off) TOTAL 102 aircraft.

Strength of Personnel - Officers 66; Nurses 5; Airman Pilots 16; Trainees 197; Airmen 1191;

TOTAL on strength 1475.

Total rainfall for month - 64 points.

Flying time lost through bad weather 1½ days, 2 nights.

Flying statistics for month - Total flights by day -	3572	:	Total hours by day -	5158.55	:
Total flights by night -	443	:	Total hours by night -	470	:
Total flights for month -	4015	:	Total hours for month -	5628.55	:

Accidents: Non-Fatal - 3 : Forced Landings - 1 : Casualties - NIL.

30/11/41 Postings :- (a) Officers. (b) Airmen.

The perimeter taxi way under construction by the Main Road Board Contractors, also conversion of tennis courts; no work on recreation ovals to date. Aerodrome becoming gradually rougher, owing to drifting sand collected around allplant tufts. Wireless installation proceeding satisfactorily. The Station Fire Fighting equipment still not up to establishment although the position was bettered by the issue of 14 more 100 ft. lengths of hose, all fitted. Brackets for mounting Defence Vickers Machine Guns not yet delivered although advised for the near future. The Armament Section and both W.O.D's have assisted the Home Guard at WALKAWAY, GERALDTON and NORTHAMPTON by loan of machine guns and equipment and training of personnel on Sundays during the month.

No evidence of commencement of new buildings; hastening action has been taken relative the provision of extra buildings for Equipment Storage; these have not been authorised yet.

Defence equipment unaltered except for the addition of 2 Lewis Guns for Instructional purposes.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS 24 - 30/12 - OPERATIONS SEARCH & PATROLS.

24/11/41 Lockheed Hudsons A16-22, A16-36, A16-30, A16-62 landed ex PEARCE, at 1715 hours.

Lockheed Hudson A16-60 landed ex PEARCE; Lockheed Hudsons A16-45, A16-7 landed ex PEARCE at 1745, 1825, 1855 hours respectively.

25/11/41 Three Lockheed Hudsons departed at 5 min. intervals at 0415 hours. Two Lockheed Hudsons departed at 5 min. intervals at 0435 hours.

Lockheed Hudson	A16-7 departed at 0450 hours.	Lockheed Hudson	A16-45 departed 0520 hours.
" "	A16-95 landed at 0515 hours	" "	A16-95 departed 0530 hours.