

Chapter 1 References

Australia's 'Advanced striking force'

p.1-29

p.2 Sloan's accident - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 906/34/P1.

p.3 White's description of Catalina crews - Johnston, *Whispering death*, p.146.

p.3 Flying fatigue - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 1801/98/MED.

p.3ff RAAF pre-war build-up in the islands – No.11, 20, 24 Squadron & NEA HQ unit diaries, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 30, 41, 51, & 169; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force 1939-1942*, p.190-191.

p.5 EATS – McCarthy, *A last call of empire*; Stephens, *Royal Australian Air Force*, Ch.3; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force*, Ch.4.

p.5 RAAF requirement for 10 Squadrons in New Guinea - Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force 1939-1942*, p.237.

p.5 Two flights of Hudsons - Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force 1939-1942*, p.238.

p.6ff Australia's pre-war neglect of national defence – Palazzo, 'The overlooked mission', in Dean, *Australia 1942*, p.53-69.

p.6 RAAF Catalina performance - National Archives of Australia: A705, 9/30/28.

p.6 Numbers of RAAF crews - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.158-9; Ewer, *Wounded eagle*, p.198.

p.7 No.11/20 Squadron strength – 11 & 20 Squadron unit diaries, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 30 & 41; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.159.

p.8 No.23 & 24 Squadrons on war readiness - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.158.

p.8f Japanese strategy re Rabaul - Bullard, *Japanese army operations*, p.7, 12; Williams, *Kokoda campaign*, p.24; Shindo Hiroyuki, 'Japanese air operations over New Guinea'.

p.9f No.24 Squadron's move to Rabaul - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 7/91/AIR & A705, 9/19/549; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.38-39; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.158.

p.10 7-Mile airfield's limited facilities - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.158-9; Ewer, *Wounded eagle*, p.198.

p.10 Vunakanau & Lakunai airfields - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.157; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.41-42, 46-47, 49-52, 56-57.

p.10 Refuelling Hudsons - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.158.

p.10 No.24 Squadron's vehicles – No.24 Squadron unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 51.

p.11 Murphy's background - McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.30.

p.11 Hudsons seen as interceptors - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.159-160, 155.

p.11 Wirraways ordered to Rabaul - McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.45.

p.11 Dornier Do.24/Wirraway comparison - National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169.

p.12 Pre-war RAAF fighter aviation - Stephens, *Power plus attitude*, p.32, 38; Coulthard-Clark, *Third brother*, p.188-190.

p.12 Wirraways as 'Emergency fighters' - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.159.

p.13 Kapingamarangi - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book Two*, p.161.

p.13f Erwin's 15 December recco & the 15 December strike on Kap - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 7/75/AIR & A9186, 169; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.54-55; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force*, p.269; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story*, Book 2, p.160.

p.15 HQ criticisms of 24 Squadron - National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169 & A11083, 7/75/AIR; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson story*, Book 2, p.160; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p. 50-52; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force 1939-42*, p.269-270.

p.15 No.24 Squadron's pre-war anti-ship training – No.6 & 24 Squadron unit diaries, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 17 & 51; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story*, Book 1, Chapter 3.

p.16 Hudson anti-ship strikes in Malaya - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson story*, Book 1, p.63-70.

p.17 Failure of RAF low level bombing tactic - Bowyer, *2 Group RAF*, p.143-145, 162; Coulter, *Forgotten offensive*, p.81-86, 92-93, 140, 146-147.

p.17 Cohen's lectures - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 7/75/AIR.

p.17 Non-availability of delayed action bomb fuses - Gamble, *Fortress Rabaul*, p.16, 18-19; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson story*, Book 1, p.62; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.91.

p.18 Tindal's conclusions about Hudson shipping attacks - McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.91.

p.19 Lerew's 19 December strike on Kap - NEA HQ unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169; & A11083, 7/75/AIR; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story*, Book 2, p.167; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force 1939-42*, p.270; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.65.

p.20 Reinforcement of 24 Squadron's Hudson Flight - McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.73, 77; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force*, p.270; No.24 Squadron unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 51.

p.20 The 25 December strike on Kap - Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force*, p.270; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story*, Book 2, p.160.

p.20 The 1 January strike on Kap - NEA HQ unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.77-78; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story*, p.161.

p.20f The 17 January strike on Kap - NEA HQ unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.104.

p.21 RAAF aspirations to acquire B-17s - National Archives of Australia: A11083, 7/80/AIR; Ewer, *Wounded eagle*, p.175-177, shows that the RAAF had previously rejected the acquisition of B-17s.

p.21ff Yeoward's 6 January reconnaissance of Truk - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book 2*, p.161-162; Gillison, *Royal Australian Air Force*, p.315-317; Eather, *Blue Lightning*, p.23; McAulay, *We who are about to die*, p.94; NEA HQ unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169; & A11083, 7/91/AIR.

p.24f RAAF Catalina fuel capacity: the fitment of self-sealing tanks would reduce fuel capacity from 1460 imperial gallons to 1080 - National Archives of Australia: A11093, 452/A24 PART 1.

p.25f Gibbs' meteorology - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson story, Book 2*, p.166.

p.26 The abortive 12 January Catalina strike on Truk - Riddell, *Catalina squadrons*, p.8; No.11 Squadron unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 30.

p.26 Davies' fatal accident – No.11 Squadron unit diary, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 30; & A705, 163/123/194; Riddell, *Catalina squadrons*, p.8, 56.

p.27 The severity of Catalina bounces on take-off & Catalina handling upon alighting - National Archives of Australia: A9845, 145.

p.27 Catalina weight limits and take-off performance - National Archives of Australia: A705, 9/30/28; Kingsland, *Into the midst of things*, p.95.

p.27f The 15 January strike on Truk - Vincent, *RAAF Hudson story, Book 2*, p.166; NEA HQ & 11 Squadron unit diaries, National Archives of Australia: A9186, 169 & 30; Riddell, *Catalina squadrons*, p.8.

p.29 Japanese response to Truk raids and their designs on Rabaul - Bullard, *Japanese army operations*, p.3; Vincent, *RAAF Hudson Story, Book 2*, p.159.