

Significant Aircraft Accidents in Shoalhaven and Operationally Associated Areas.

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I began the research aimed at capturing all local significant aircraft accidents some five years ago when I realised that as a Naval aviator aviation activity in the Nowra/Shoalhaven area other than that conducted by Navy was not well known. The recording of the numerous accidents is only one aspect of the aviation story but it very important because the accidents particularly for military aviation is part of the sacrifice made by our service men and women mostly but not entirely in wartime. The experience of RAAF Nowra before it served as a Royal Navy Base (along with Jervis Bay Airfield-JBRF) and before it was commissioned as HMAS Albatross, in terms of the attrition of aircraft and crews as the new Australian produced DAP Beaufort was introduced to RAAF service in the anti-surface torpedo role is astonishing but they were desperate and dark times in WW2 now for most almost forgotten. The Beaufort's introduction was controversial for the RAAF in other respects and remains sensitive mainly because of the many people who were killed and injured while learning to operate it.

After RAAF Nowra the aircraft of the Royal Navy's British Pacific Fleet used both JBRF and Nowra airfields during the last year of WW2 while their parent aircraft carriers were alongside in Sydney. At times over 100 aircraft were operating in the local area. Many more RN aircraft operated elsewhere in NSW and Queensland After VJ Day the majority of the RN's aircraft fleet (some 300 and maybe more) were unceremoniously dumped from their parent ships into deep water off the Australian Coast because they were Lend Lease aeroplanes procured from the USA for wartime use only. The RN's accident rate while in the Nowra area appears to have been very low. Conversely the embarked accident rate of the RN carriers experienced in operations against Japan were very high indeed but that subject is outside the scope of this record.

The RAN'S aviation chapter in the local area began in 1948 although our Navy and Air Force had been involved with embarked aviation since WW I and many Australians had served with the RN Fleet Air Arm. 1948 was the beginning of our own Fleet Air Arm- at Albatross in the Shoalhaven. It is not my objective to discuss the RAN's accident history. It is well documented and reflects the very demanding activity that aviation at sea continues to be. I will include the record compiled by LCDR Bob Geale MBE RAN during his many years of service as curator and historian with the Naval Aviation Museum.

Civil aviation in the Shoalhaven reflects the wider Australian experience. After WW1 Australian aviation developed at an extraordinary rate. Surplus warplanes were affordable. There was a considerable industrial base with spare capacity. Many had experienced flight and its supporting technologies during the 'Great War' and seen the potential of aviation. It seems that the Nowra Council led by Mayor Dr Frank Ryan was very

keen to develop the opportunity presented along with pioneers like CAPTAIN Frank Follett and N.B Littlejohn who in 1935 helped establish the first airfield alongside Albatross Road adjacent to Flinders estate and the junction to present day CalyMEA street. Visionary pioneers Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and Sir Francis Chichester amongst others flew in the local area. The first Nowra airfield supported the Sydney to Bega service (commenced before the airfield was opened) and other commercial operations before the present Nowra (military) airfield was established. But barn-stormers, joyriders and recreational aviators had been operating locally since the early 1920's. The accident record shows that there was the occasional accident associated with these ad hoc operations and for other more usual cause factors after permanent facilities were established.

My research has relied upon the record of the ADF serials website and the accident record compiled by LCDR John Crawley when he worked as Editor of the ADF Directorate of Flight Safety magazine 1998. The other very important source has been the search engine of Trove which provides almost instant access to most Australia's newspapers as they cover the full period that aviation has been in existence-since the Wright brothers anyway. Occasionally CASA records shed light but these are becoming less and less transparent presumably for legal and privacy reasons. Australian National Archives also proved most useful. Mr Bruce Owen of Nowra contributed to my early research before evidently proceeding independently with his own research project along similar lines.

If I have made errors or omissions please tell me about them so I can correct the record which I will pass to the Nowra Historical Society.

Regards

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Civilian Aircraft

DATE	EVENT	ID	BACKGROUND	SOURCE(S)	CREW
9 February 1921	Aircraft flying at approx 300 feet AGL fired upon by 3 shooters ivo Berry	Ex RAAF DH6 of uncertain registration (possibly unregistered)	Aircraft flown by Mr Bob Potts ex RFC of Sydney who gave 'joyrides' in the local area in the early 1920's.	SMH of 14February 1921	No injuries to crew reported. Aircraft bent axle on landing at Bennett's paddock Nowra. UI by police.

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14 March 1929	Aircraft badly damaged when overturned on take-off. Repaired to flight.	DH60 G-AUJV Later VH-UJV then A7-108 in RAAF WW2 service as instructional aircraft.	At McGrath's Paddock Nowra. As G-AUJV aircraft was owned by Sun Newspapers Sydney LTD	www.ab-ix.co.uk/dh60.pdf	No injuries recorded
16 November 1929	Crashed into the sea off 7 mile Beach near Gerringong	DH 60 VH-UHF.	Aircraft was conducting photography of and pacing car races.	SMH 18 November 1929	Crew Mr Jeff O'Connor and Mr Will Berg killed.
11 January 1938	Overtuned on landing at Nowra by present site of Public High School.	DH 37 "Albatross" VH- UAA.	Joy flights, on this occasion with 5 passengers.	http://www.airwaysmuseum.com/DH37%20G-AUAA%20p2.htm and https://www.flickr.com/photos/38049473@N00/304630032/ Daily Advertiser Wagga Wagga 12 January 1932	No injuries. Pilot was Oliver Blyth (Pat) Hall who became well known RAAF pilot in New Guinea WW2 as CO RAAF 8 SQDN with AFC & DFC. Aircraft lost off Crowdy Head after hitting a wave (or Seagull) on 25 March 1932 (Crew Pat Hall, Harry Purvis and John Kingsford Smith) Crew swam ashore.
7 October 1935	Hit tree ivo Greenwell Point road	Eagle Rock VH-UGK		http://www.edcoatescollection.com/ac1/austu/vhugk.html	Mr. Ronald Parker (passenger) killed. Pilot Captain W. L. Pittendrigh seriously injured
14 April 1936	Collided with Gypsy Moth VH-UOZ of Kingsford Smith Flying School flown by Mr Nelson.	ADASTRA Fox Moth DH 83 VH-UQU	At Mascot before there were formed runways. This aircraft was often used on the SYD-NW-BEG 'Fish' Run established by Adastr.	The Mercury (Hobart) 15 April 1936	No serious injuries recorded. Pilot Mr B. Shepherd passengers Mr Dromgold and Mr Short who both suffered bruising

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18 August 1937	Engine failure over (old) Nowra airfield and consequent crash Landing	Moth owned by Airflite Ltd Sydney. Possibly Moth DH 82 VH-UVZ.	Recreational flying (navex from Sydney)	The Sydney Morning Herald 18 August 1937	Crew Mr Gardiner and Mr Burns. Both suffered bruising and lacerations.
21 February 1943	Ground looped in cross wind. Rolled onto side.	Seagull V of RAAF 9 SQDN	During landing at Nowra. HMAS Canberra's aircraft. Ship in dry dock	ADF Serials	Flown by SQDN LDR Stilling of 9 SQDN. No injuries recorded
28 December 1947	Hit power lines over Shoalhaven River. Crashed into river ivo Gray's Beach	Tiger Moth DH 82 of Wollongong & South Coast Aviation Service Pty Ltd	Recreational flying at approximately (a claimed) 600 feet Above Sea Level.	The Mercury (Hobart) 29 December 1947	Pilot Mr E. Reid uninjured. Messrs Worrell and Brown on ground injured by severed HT power lines.
10 February 1951	Engine failure on take off. Consequent forced landing at JBRF. Written off	Avro Anson VH-AJB of South Coast Airways	Cargo aircraft.	http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=28323	2 occupants. No injuries recorded.
1 January 1950	Aircraft stalled after take off from Camden.	Hudson A16-114 (VH-SMK) of John Fairfax & Coy	Possibly due, the accident report stated, to inadequate restraining of the (overweight) load resulting in loss of control, of the aircraft which stalled from approximately 150 feet and burned.	Web search. See The Sydney Morning Herald - 2 Jan 1950 See also http://www.edcoatescollection.com/ac1/austmz/VH-SMK.html	Crew PIC Richard Cruickshank and F.O Robert Purvis both killed.

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5 June 1971	Aircraft crashed into trees and destroyed ivo Nowra	Cessna 172 VH-KWX	Aircraft was on scenic trip from Wollongong to Cooma-Wollongong (to view ski fields	Web search see http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1971/air/aair197101234.aspx	Pilot and passengers received minor injuries.
3 February 1984	Aircraft crashed into fence during take-off at Jaspers Brush airfield destination Albury NSW. Aircraft substantially damaged.	Grumman AA-5 VH-ESC	Aircraft lost power during take-off roll pilot unable to stop after veering off runway. Power lost assessed to be due to fouled spark plugs	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1984/air/aair198401401.aspx	No injuries recorded
15 October 1985	Aircraft experienced wire strike and was seriously damaged	Westpac Bell 206B VH-PHB	Accident occurred 26 km north of Nowra in Kangaroo Valley during rescue of woman from her farm which was flood bound. Crew and passenger were subsequently flown to Shoalhaven hospital by 2 RAN helicopters	See; http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1985/air/aair198502559.aspx Also see Sydney Morning Herald of 16 October 1985 and Canberra Times of 17 October 1985.	Both crew Mr Desmond Ross, Geoff Venning and woman passenger were treated for minor injuries.
10 November 1985	Aircraft was destroyed during hover flight at HMAS Nirimba	Westland Scout VH-NVY	Aircraft was an ex-RAN aircraft of RAN Historic Flight since replaced by an ex British Army	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1985/air/aair198502563.aspx	No injuries recorded.

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9 February 1986	Aircraft crashed after taking off from Jaspers Brush airfield. Substantial damage.	Cohen Condor 3 (unregistered)	No precise cause could be established	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1986/air/aair198602368.aspx	Pilot suffered serious injury.
11 November 1989	Aircraft crashed during take off from from adhoc 'strip' at Sassafras (40km south of Nowra) Substantial damage.	Grumman AA-1 VH-ETR	Accident not formally investigated. Aircraft appeared to have insufficient power. Plug fouling had occurred previous flights	See http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1989/air/aair198900021.aspx	No injury recorded.
15 October 1990	Left main gear collapsed on landing at Nowra. Aircraft substantially damaged.	Piper PA28-R200.	Left main gear gave unsafe condition warning prior to landing. Emergency services were standing by.	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1990/air/aair199002014.aspx	No injuries recorded
10 March 1991	Aircraft crashed after entry into Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC). Aircraft was destroyed.	Piper PA30 VH-MCO.	Pilot allegedly had not filed a flight plan for his trip which was from Dubbo to Goulburn. The crash which occurred ivo Fitzroy Falls was deemed not survivable	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/1991/air/aair199100009.aspx	Pilot was killed.

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13 March 1993	Aircraft crashed at Canberra ACT. Due airframe fire.	MIG 15 VH-LSN	Flight had originated at Nowra	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/24910/aair199300484_001.pdf	Crew of two killed
03 October 1993	Aircraft crashed in the Blue Mountains in bad weather. PIC and passenger although injured survived crash.	Socata TB20 Trinidad VH JTI	Flight to destination Forbes originated at Nowra. Delayed by bad weather at Bankstown flight resumed 3 OCT. Bad weather encountered aircraft crashed. ELB destroyed in fire	See: http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=792 And http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/24241/ASOR199303121.pdf	PIC and passenger later perished in the harsh conditions some distance away from aircraft which was not located until 24 OCT.
30 May 1999	Aircraft crashed during flying display at Nowra.	Wirraway VH-WRX painted as A20-458	On the final leg of a very tight circuit aircraft flicked and impacted ground inverted		Crew of two killed. PIC Owen O'Malley.
3 January 2003	Aircraft crashed west of Nowra in bad weather after taking off from Albion Park.	Cessna 150 VH-WFK	Little is reported about this accident		PIC suffered serious head injuries.
4 February 2012	Helicopter crashed after lifting off	Robinson R44 VH-COK	Helicopter had just lifted into hover from Jaspers Brush Airfield. Pilot attempted to close his door and momentarily let go of cyclic causing tail to strike ground followed	See: http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2012/aair/ao-2012-021.aspx	Andrew Wight and passenger Mike de Gruy both killed

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			rest of airframe. A Fuel fire ensued.		
16 March 2014	Gyrocopter crashed during recreational flight.	Advanced Kinetics Groz Rego G511	Crash occurred at Brundee SE of Nowra	See: http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=164716	Owner pilot Mr Ken Wilkinson was killed.
16 October 2014	Aircraft conducted forced landing or impacted terrain.	Cessna 206 VH-KRR	At Touga ivo Nerriga, 33 km west of Nowra. Navex route Cootamundra to Bankstown.	CASA record of investigation.	Aircraft declared a distress with incorrect position as ivo Wombeyan Caves. 22 year old Pilot (sole occupant) rescued injured by Albion Park Ambulance Rescue Helicopter

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23 November 1939	Aircraft struck ground near Jamberoo NSW during low flying. Aircraft destroyed.	Hawker Demon A1-62 of RAAF 3 SQDN		ADF Flying Accident Summary (ADFAS) of 31 March 1998.	Pilot PLTOFF R. Ohlmeyer killed.
9 March 1942	Aircraft struck horse and its two riders during	Curtiss P40 Kitty Hawk 41-24819 of	Reports vary as to the number of P40 which landed. (Between 2	South Coast Register and Nowra Historical Society (Allan Clarke and Robyn Florence). ADF Serials	18 YOA Miss Daphne Wood killed. Fellow passenger on horse John Hogan (6 YOA) seriously injured but

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	attempted take off after forced landing previous day at Terrara.	US 49 th Pursuit Group. Aircraft subsequently trucked to Bankstown.	and 7). Landing was due to imminent fuel exhaustion or being lost.	Newsletter.	recovered. Attended by Dr F. Ryan. Horse named 'Companion' also was killed.
1 June 1942	Crashed on landing at RAAF Nowra and burned.	B- 26 Marauder 40-1507	Aircraft undergoing torpedo trials and training. Trials were postponed due to the crash investigation findings. (runway too short for B26) Obstructing trees removed. Trials concluded 25 July 1942.	Naval Aviation Museum (NAM) files Book: RAAF No. 6 OTU – Base Torpedo Unit and Beaufort Torpedo Operations by John Leve.r	SQDNLDR G. ELL RAAF & SGT J. Laza USAAF hospitalised with burns.
25 September 1942	Ditched in JB near Bowen Island	Beaufort A9-109 of RAAF 7 SQDN	Low Flying training	ADF Flying Accident Summary. ADF Serials	PIC FLTLT Paul and crew rescued uninjured.
28 October 1942	Crash landed at JBRF and caught fire	Beaufort A9-105 of RAAF 7 SQDN	Lost Stbd prop after attack drill on HMAS Tamworth	ADF Flying Accident Summary	PLTOFF Swanson and crew uninjured
4 November	Aircraft flew in high ground of	Hudson A16-173 of RAAF	Aircraft had conducted Anti –	http://www.ozatwar.com/ozcrashes/nsw47.htm	Four crew members killed. SGT. Norman Baxter Clark (406112)

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1942	Bong Bong mountain 3nm west of Dapto	32 SQDN.	Submarine patrol 300nm east of Sydney and was returning at night in bad weather.		Captain FSGT. Bernard James Hubbard (401037) Observer Geoffrey Alfred Rich (412187) Wireless Operator Air Gunner SGT. Joseph Hall Iredell (408580) Wireless Operator Air Gunner
26 January 1942	Aircraft crashed SW of Camden during navigation exercise	Hudson A16-152 of RAAF 32 SQDN	Outside Shoalhaven but 32 SQDN operated in Shoalhaven area from Camden.	http://www.camdenremembers.com.au/crcemetery.html ADF Serials.	Five crew members killed. Pilot FSGT. SK Scott (402996), Navigator FSGT. HBL Johns (407122), W/T Operator SGT. BCJ Pearson (402978), SGT. GD Voyzey (402930), SGT. GT Lawson (412545),
21 February 1943	Ground looped in cross wind. Rolled onto side.	Seagull V of RAAF 9 SQDN	During landing at Nowra. HMAS Canberra's aircraft. Ship in dry dock	ADF Serials	Flown by SQDN LDR Stilling of 9 SQDN. No injuries recorded
11 February 1943	Aircraft crashed on landing at JBRF.	Beaufort A9-215 of Base Torpedo Unit (BTU) Nowra		ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF serials	No injuries recorded
18 March 1943	Aircraft crashed during take-off from Nowra. Write Off	Beaufort A9-230 of RAAF 32 SQDN		ADF Flying Accident Summary.	No injuries recorded

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3 April 1943	Aircraft crashed into sea. Write off.	Beaufort A9-219 of BTU.	During Torpedo aiming practice in Jervis Bay	ADF Flying Accident Summary.	No injuries to PIC FLGOFF Walsh and crew
3 April 1943	Aircraft crashed into northern end of JB. Evidently salvaged to service. (See entry for 11 Jan 1944)	Beaufort A9-96 of BTU.	During low flying over JB. Port prop struck water.	ADF Serials.	No injuries recorded to PIC FSGT McKenzie and crew.
5 April 1943	Aircraft hit trees, badly damaged and crashed. Repaired to service	Beaufort A9-117 of RAAF 7 SQDN, BTU & 6 OTU		ADF Serials.	PIC SGT Parker and crew uninjured
11 April 1943	Aircraft crashed into sea after stbd engine failure	Anson DJ141 Of RAAF 73 SQDN	Ditched 18 miles east of Nowra while conducting convoy duty, Rescued by HMAS Stuart.	ADF Flying Accident Summary. ADF Serials. See: http://ladydenmanmuseum.blogspot.com.au/2014/04/sailors-grave.html (could be DJ 138 see entry for 4 Feb 1944.)	PIC PLTOFF E.G. Baldwin, Navigator PLTOFF I. Eldershaw uninjured. SGT L.H. Daines W/OP Injured.
12 April 1943	Aircraft crashed and destroyed one mile up Cabbage Tree Creek NE side of Jervis Bay.	Beaufort A9-266 of BTU	Conducting low flying.	ADF Flying Accident Summary. ADF Serials	PIC FLTSGT Walsh and SGT Cyril Wattie Jackson (WAG) killed.

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14 April 1943	Aircraft collided with Beaufort A9-27. Aircraft destroyed.	Beaufort A9-268 of BTU.	Conducting filmed PR formation flight over Jervis Bay.	ADF Flying Accident Summary. ADF Serials. Also still available as a video on Youtube. See http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfuUvfxWrWM And http://ozatwar.com/nsw29.htm	Four Crew killed FLTLT D. Dey, PLTOFF S. Norman, PLTOFF. Solomon, SGT H. Richardson
14 April 1943	Aircraft collided with Beaufort A9-268. Aircraft destroyed.	Beaufort A9-27 of 6 OTU	Conducting filmed for PR formation flight over Jervis Bay.	ADF Flying Accident Summary. ADF Serials. Film also still available as a video on Youtube. See http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfuUvfxWrWM	Four crew killed FLGOFF R. Green, PLTOFF M. Hoban, PLTOFF E. Sweetman, SGT A. Bailey
4 May 1943	Crashed in sea off Beecroft Head. Write off.	Beaufort A9-260 of RAAF 8 SQDN		ADF Serials.	No injuries recorded.
24 May 1943	Aircraft crashed into sea 10 nm south east of Beecroft Head. Write off	Beaufort A9-115 of RAAF 7 SQDN, BTU and 6 OTU		ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials.	PIC SGT Geoffrey Walter Parker (pilot), SGT Irwin Bruce Watson (observer) and SGT James Evans (WAG) 406833 killed in accident. SGT J. Perrin (WAG) injured.
29 May 1943	Aircraft crashed into sea off Jervis Bay	Beaufort A9-20 of RAAF 100 SQDN and BTU		ADF Serials	No injuries recorded.
2 July 1943	Crashed between	Beaufort A9-		ADF Serials	Crew; FLTSGT Milton Kenneth

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	Moruya NSW/Mallacoota VIC.	126 of RAAF 7 SQDN and 5 OTU			Simpson 406880 (pilot), PLTOFF Stanley Edward Carey, FLTSGT William Beauchamp Cameron, FLTSGT Laurence Harry Hellewell, SGT Donald James Davie, LAC Charles William John Young killed
8 August 1943	Aircraft had a heavy landing at Moruya NSW. Write off.	Beaufort A9-69 of 1 OTU	This aircraft had been involved in a crash at Bairnsdale on 5 July 1942 in which entire crew reported to have been injured	ADF Serials	No injuries recorded in the Moruya accident.
14 August 1943	Aircraft lost a propeller after dipping it into sea.	Beaufort A9-101 of 6 OUT.	Incident occurred during torpedo attack training 35nm east of Cape St George. Aircraft returned to base on single engine.		Propeller later recovered from 500 fathoms in 1985 by a fishing boat. Identified by Mr Ron Whitwell who served as the navigator of A9-101. Now displayed as Beaufort Crew Memorial at Lady Denman Museum Huskisson, NSW
8 September 1943	Aircraft crashed into sea	Beaufort A9-113 of 6 OTU	Aircraft experienced port engine failure. ADF Serials records this ditching occurred 6 September 1943 and crew uninjured but NAM notes record	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials NAM notes	According to entry at p20 of ADF Flying Accident Summary following crew and passengers all injured FLTLT J Mercer PLTOFF A Buchanan, FSGT P Clisdell, FLGOFF E. Suter, WOFF R. Dunn, SGT A. Mainwaring, FLGOFF S. Hassell, LAC K. Owen, LAC

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			Ted Suter died of his injuries post-war		L. Limon FLGOFF D. Shetliffe
9 September 1943	Aircraft Crashed in bad weather on south-east side of Pigeon House Mountain 10 miles west of Ulladulla NSW.	Anson AW-799 of RAAF 73 SQDN.		ADF Serials	Crew FSGT C.D Robertson (pilot) FSGT K.A. Richards and FSGT B.V. Higgins killed.
18 November 1943	Aircraft crashed into Saddleback mountain	Beaufort A9-350 of RAAF 32 SDN	Impact point was just above No 18 RAAF WW2 Radar station located on Saddleback mountain south of Kiama. Aircraft was conducting navigation training in bad weather. Wreck remains in place.	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials For story about N18 Radar Station see: http://www.ozatwar.com/raaf/18radar.htm Also crew is commemorated at Camden Cemetery see http://www.camdenremembers.com.au/crcemetery.html	Crew: FLTSGT Ronald Cecil Christie (pilot), SGT Douglas Reginald James (observer), SGT Francis Nelson Fanning (WAG), SGT Reginald Alfred Sharples (WAG) and PLTOFF Harry Sydney James Terrill (passenger from 73 Sqn). All killed.
13 November 1943	Aircraft crashed at Moruya. Write off.	Beaufort A9-142 of RAAF 7 SQDN and 5 OTU.	No further details	ADF Serials	No injuries recorded.
21 December	Aircraft ground-looped on take-off	Beaufort A9-75 of RAAF	Aircraft struck obstacles during	ADF Flying Accident Summary	Crew FLTLT H Bonython, FLGOFF R Reed FGOFF? J. Scholefield, SGT K

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1943	from RAAF Nowra. Write off	100 SQDN BTU and 6 OTU	ground loop		MacReady, Cadet Boyd. All uninjured.
31 December 1943	Aircraft ditched 3 nm east of Moruya. Write off	Anson AX-510 of RAAF 73 SQDN	Aircraft had experienced engine trouble.	ADF Serials. ADF Flying Accident Summary	Crew rescued by fishermen uninjured. PIC FLGOFF K Rolfe, Nav PLTOFF H Verring, WAG PLTOFF R Kerr.
5 January 1944	Aircraft hit trees after take-off at JBRF. Write off	Beaufort A9-95 of RAAF 7 SQDN, BTU and 6 OTU.	On take-off, undercarriage slow to retract No further details	ADF Serials	PIC FLTSGT Brennan and crew uninjured.
11 January 1944	Aircraft crashed northern Jervis Bay. Write off	Beaufort A9-96 of BTU.	During formation flight training, pilot overshot leader, reduced power to rejoin, lost speed and hit the sea. ADF Flying Accident Summary records that this was torpedo attack training.	ADF Serials NAM notes ADF Flying Accident Summary	Crew; FLGOFF Frank Kingsley Hughes (pilot), FLGOFF James Taylor (observer), FLTSGT Eric James Lovell (WAG) killed. SGT P Bone (WAG) survived the crash.
17 Jan 1944	Aircraft presumed destroyed by fire after landing JBRF airfield	Beaufort A9-107 of RAAF 7SQDN BTU and 6 OTU.	Engine caught fire after landing from a camera torpedo attack sortie. This is recorded as a crash in	NAM notes ADF serials	PIC FSGT Turnbridge and Crew uninjured.

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			ADF Serials		
17 January 1944	Aircraft crashed into St Georges Basin (south of Nowra)	Beaufort A9-194 of BTU/ 6 OTU.	Crew was under instruction during this sortie	ADF Serials NAM notes	FLTSGT John Frederick Francis Doepel (pilot), FLTSGT John Francis Cokeyne Frith (observer), FLGOFF Douglas William Thomas (observer instructor), FLTSGT George Freeman 408647 and FLTSGT Frank Harold Appeldore (WAG) killed.
25 January 1944	Aircraft experienced 'landing accident' at Nowra and scrapped	Beaufort A9-48 of RAAF 100 SQDN and BTU.	No further details	ADF Flying Accident Summary	No injuries recorded.
26 January 1944	Aircraft crashed into sea at night 18nm east of Point Perpendicular Jervis Bay.	Beaufort A9-469 of 6 OTU	Aircraft was conducting night attack exercise with HMAS Buna Bray. ADF Serials records this was the first run conducted 'without instruments'	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials NAM notes	Crew; FLGOFF Ronald Bruce McKay (pilot), FLTSGT Maurice Isaac Green (observer), FLTSGT Kenneth Halliday Warhurst and FLTSGT William Bungay (WAG) killed.
27 January 1944	Aircraft ditched 2nm east of Point Perpendicular, Jervis Bay. Write off	Beaufort A9-30 of RAAF 100 SQDN BTU/ 6OTU.	Cause of ditching was loss of power due to stbd engine seizing. Aircraft was conducting a 'runner	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials NAM notes	Crew; FLTSGT Maxwell Graham Brown(pilot), PLTOFF Keith Edward Balzer (observer), FSgt Esplan, SGT Peter Burrowes & FLTSGT R S Merrotsky (WAGS) survived crash.

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			drop' from 300 feet ASL		No injuries recorded
27 January 1944	Aircraft conducted wheels up landing at Nowra. Write off.	Beaufort A9-42 of RAAF 100 SQDN and BTU.	ADF Serials indicates the landing was off runway and therefore possibly intended wheels up.	ADF Serials	No injuries recorded.
11 February 1944	Aircraft crashed on landing at JBRF. Write off.	Beaufort A9-215 of BTU and 6 OTU	No further details.	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials	No injuries recorded.
11 February 1944	Aircraft collided with A9-93 upon landing JBRF. Write off some time later (1946).	Beaufort A9-117 of RAAF 7 SQDN and BTU	No further details. It is unclear if eventual write off was due to this accident.	ADF serials	No injuries recorded.
14 February 1944	Aircraft crashed into sea off Nowra.	Anson DJ 138 of RAAF 73 SQDN.	No further details	ADF Serials	Crew rescued uninjured with P/O Blake (navigator) slightly injured
4 October 1944	Aircraft ditched east of Jervis Bay	Kingfisher A48-10 of RAAF 107 SQDN	No further details	ADF Serials NAM notes	Pilot Officer Larsen rescued safe no other injuries recorded
24 February 1945	Aircraft ditched in St Georges Basin after taking off from JBRF	RN Vought Corsair (number not known)	Salvaged by RAN in 1962	Web search. See http://www.adf-messageboard.com.au/invboard/index.php?showtopic=1293 NAM notes	Pilot SBLT Leonard rescued by RAAF 107 SQDN Kingfisher A48-14 flown by SQDNLDR Edgerton.

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27 March 1945	Aircraft ditched in sea east of Jervis Bay	Martinet of RN 723 SQDN (number not known)	No further details		Crew LEUT R. Pemberton-Bartlett and AM(E) D. Ruddy missing presumed killed.
27 April 1945	Aircraft crashed into sea	Beaufort A9-268 of RAAF 32 SDN	Crashed East Coast of NSW while on an anti-submarine patrol.		Crew; SGT James Bradle, SGT Gordon Verdon Keane , FLGOFF John Joseph Brennan and SGT Arthur Alexander Barbour killed.
12 May 1945	Aircraft crashed while landing JBRF	Firefly of RN 1771 SQDN (HMS Implacable) Number not known.	No further details		Crew PO Stuart Walker, SBLT John Jones killed.
21 June 1945	Aircraft forced landed Kangaroo Valley. Salvaged.	Ventura A59-87	Aircraft was landed wheels up en route Laverton-Nowra-Williamtown following double engine failure.	ADF Serials.	No injuries recorded.
29 July 1945	Aircraft crashed into ground. Write off	RN Corsair Number and SDN not known.	15 NM south of Goulburn. Trentham Station. Aircraft believed to have originated from Nowra	Trove newspaper search. See The Sydney Morning Herald Monday 30 July 1945	Pilot SBLT Ronald Kennett RN killed.

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1 November 1945	Aircraft crashed 2 miles north of Moruya	Anson ex RAAF EG446. Owned and operated by Butler Air Transport.	Newspaper reports consistently maintained that this was a RAAF aircraft. Witnesses observed wing detach in flight.	See SMH of 2 November 1945.	6 unnamed RAAF airman reported killed
31 January 1946	RN aircraft crashed into Sydney Lewisham Hospital	Firefly from Schofields Park. Side number not known.	Pilot reportedly experienced control difficulties before aircraft rolled inverted and descended vertically into hospital.	SMH 31 January 1946.	Pilot SBLT Ratcliffe RN parachuted safely becoming entangled in railway overhead power lines but rescued uninjured. Observer PO Butterworth died in the crash with two hospital staff. 5 others injured.
8 February 1946	Aircraft crashed into sea. Off Narooma	Corsair of HMS Glory. Side number not known.	Although pilot reported to be in dinghy he was not rescued.	See Canberra Times of 8 February 1946.	
6 February 1948	Aircraft force landed in field near beach at Batemans Bay.	Mustang A68-94 of RAAF 4 SQDN SQDN. Write off.	Forced landing caused by fuel exhaustion	ADF Serials ADF Flying Accident Summary	Crew FLTLT Bird. No injuries recorded.
7 November 1950	Mid-air collision, Crashed into sea east of Illawarra.	Mustang A68-174 and Mustang A68-134 of	Aircraft were part of 8 aircraft flight in exercise with RAN units. Collided at	Web search see Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate of 9 November 1950. ADF Serials.	After an extended search pilots Angus McKenzie and William Gravell not found. Presumed killed. Reportedly neither wearing Mae

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		RAAF 78 SQDN.	approx. 5000ASL		West
1 July 1964	Aircraft crashed on landing at Nowra. Write off	Caribou A4-134 of RAAF 38SQDN	Aircraft may have encountered severe downdraft over the threshold during STOL	ADF Flying Accident Summary ADF Serials.	No injuries recorded
2 August 1983	Aircraft crashed into sea	Mirage A3-82 of RAAF 77 SQDN.	70 nm southeast of Nowra, Engine failure during fleet support mission. Pilot ejected at 1,000 feet and 200 knots over water.	ADF Serials	Crew Sqn Leader John. W. Kindler received minor injuries; rescued by RAN Sea King helicopter.
28 January 1986	Aircraft flew into sea at night	F111 A19-059 of RAAF 1 SQDN	Approximately 45 nm east of Moruya. No wreckage found.		Crew of FLTLT Stephen M. Erskine and CAPT Gregory S. Angell USAF on exchange with RAAF killed
12 November 1991	Aircraft crashed during take off	Army Aviation Pilatus Porter A14-683	The accident occurred at Jaspers Brush Airfield during parachute training reportedly due to excessive nose up trim	See Canberra Times report 13 November 1991.	2 parachutists killed 8 others seriously injured.
16 February	Aircraft crashed into bush adjacent	A4G NZ-6211 of RNZAF 2	While rehearsing a low level display	See: http://www.adf-	Pilot SQDNLDR M. Neilson CO of RNZAF 2 SQDN was killed.

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2001	Nowra airfield	SQDN	routine with another A4G	serials.com.au/n13.htm	

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