

GAAR 2017
LEG ONE

HERVEY BAY YHBA to ARCHERFIELD YBAF 140 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YHBA

DATE / TIME-----FEBRUARY 16 @ 0630 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----11---6561 FT---PAVED---ELV 55FT
WEATHER-----FAIR WEATHER
WIND-----135 DEGREES @ 4 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----NDB---200.0

After departure track to MARYBOROUGH NDB 248.0---206 DEGREES--15 NM
Then track to GYMPIE AIRPORT---VISUAL SIGHTING---170 DEGREES--46 NM
Then track to MALENY VOR---115.90-----162 DEGREES--28 NM
Then track to ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT----- 154 degrees__51 nm

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YBAF

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----10R---4826 FT---PAVED---ELV 45FT
 10L---3608 FT---PAVED---ELV 45FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---419.0

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LEG TWO

ARCHERFIELD YBAF to LISMORE YLIS 77 NM

REMEMBRANCE FLIGHT

Eighty years past on 19 February 1937 an Airlines of Australia Trimotor Stinson "Model A", VH-UHH departed Archerfield Airport, Brisbane, for the daily mail/passenger flight to Lismore then onto Sydney.

There was no ground to air radio communication in Australia at that time.

Unbeknown to the pilots, they were heading directly into a fast-developing severe storm front with cyclonic winds and down draughts that the Stinson could not out climb.

The Stinson struck a mountain side in the McPherson Ranges, Lamington National Park, south of Brisbane, then plummeted into the dense forest below, bursting into flames.

A five-day search was carried out to no avail closer to Sydney, unfortunately proving to be the wrong area due to false reports from people claiming to have heard or sighted the plane.

When the official search was called off, a bushman and owner of O'Rieleys Guest House (then in its infancy) situated in Lamington National Park near the McPherson Ranges, a Mr Bernard O'Rieley believed the Stinson may have come down in the local area as on the day of the crash he had not heard or seen the Stinson fly over as it did every day.

Bernard O'Rieley set out on horseback then on foot to the high advantage points of the ranges to look for any signs that may depict a crashed aircraft. On one observation, he noticed in the distance a single burnt tree amongst all of the greenery. His thoughts were that the tree had been struck by lightning but decided to investigate. After trekking across the valley for most of the day and finally arriving at the tree, there he found the wreckage and two very weak survivors.

After leaving a few supplies with the two men, O'Rieley then headed in darkness to the nearest civilisation to organise the rescue, which in itself was a mammoth task cutting tracks through the dense bushland. O'Rieley went 48 hours without sleep leading the rescue party back to the survivors and their return to civilisation and medical care.

This event became part of Australian Folklore and today O'Rieleys Guest House is a popular tourist venue hosting a full-scale replica of VH-UHH at the front entry.

Captain Rex Boyden-----Killed in crash

Co-pilot Beverley Sheperd-----Killed in crash

Passenger R. Graham-----Killed in crash

Passenger W. Fountain-----Killed in crash

Passenger J.K. Westray-----Survived crash but fell from a cliff and died while attempting to go for help.

Passenger J. Binstead-----Survived and rescued

Passenger J. Proud-----Survived and rescued

For those interested there is a full length movie that can be watched on "You-TUBE" named "Riddle of the Stinson.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YBAF

DATE / TIME-----FEBRUARY 19 @ 1300 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----10L---4826 FT---PAVED---ELV 40FT
WEATHER-----GRAY AND RAINY
WIND-----180 DEGREES @ 30 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 1 ARRIVAL

After departure track direct to LISMORE AIRPORT---159 DEGREES---77 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YLIS

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----15---5403 FT---PAVED---ELV 35FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---239.0

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LEG THREE

LISMORE YLIS to PORT MACQUARIE YPMQ 174 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YLIS

DATE / TIME-----FEBRUARY 22 @ 1100 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----15---5403 FT---PAVED---ELV 35FT
WEATHER-----FAIR WEATHER
WIND-----210 DEGREES @ 6 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 2 ARRIVAL

After departure track to GRAFTON NDB 389.0---180 DEGREES---57 NM
Then track to POINT LOOKOUT NDB 296.0-----205 DEGREES---54 NM
Then track to PORT MACQUARIE AIRPORT-----144 DEGREES---62 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YPMQ

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----21---5905 FT---PAVED---ELV 15FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---395.0

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LEG FOUR SECTOR ONE

PORT MACQUARIE YPMQ to CESSNOCK YCNK 121 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YPMQ

DATE / TIME-----FEBRUARY 25 @ 0600 hrs Local

DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----

WEATHER-----COLD FRONTS

WIND-----110 DEGREES @ 8 KNTS

NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 3 ARRIVAL

After departure track to SINGLETON NDB 290.0---218 DEGREES---106 NM

Then track to CESSNOCK AIRPORT-----151 DEGREES---15 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YCNK

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----17---3599 FT---PAVED---ELV 211FT

NAVAIDS-----NIL---VISUAL APPROACH ONLY

LEG FOUR SECTOR TWO

CESSNOCK YCNK to CAMDEN YSCN 105 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YCNK

DATE / TIME-----FEBRUARY 25 @ 1615 hrs Local

DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----17---3599 FT---PAVED---ELV 211FT

WEATHER-----BUILDING STORMS

WIND-----170 DEGREES @ 15 KNTS

NAVAIDS-----NIL

After departure track to MCQUOID NDB 404.0 or VOR 117.30 >

< 196 DEGREES---22 NM

Then track to KATOOMBA NDB 233.0-----217 DEGREES---55 NM

Then track to CAMDEN AIRPORT-----125 DEGREES---27 NM

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LEG SIX

COOMA YCOM to PHILIP ISLAND YPID 247 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YCOM

DATE / TIME-----03 MARCH @ 1500hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----18---6955 FT---PAVED---ELV 3088FT
WEATHER-----COLD FRONTS
WIND-----195 DEGREES @ 8 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 5 ARRIVAL

After departure track to MANSFIELD NDB 284.0---238 DEGREES---143 NM
Then track to COWES NDB OR VOR--- NDB 275.0---195 DEGREES---98 NM
VOR 117.60-- AS ABOVE

OPERATIONAL NOTAM

Due to the short runway at YPID pilots may land and take-off on
any grassed area of the airfield relevant to the wind direction

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YPID

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----22---2985 FT---GRAVEL---ELV 40FT
NAVAIDS-----NIL

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LEG SEVEN

PHILLIP ISLAND YPID to DEVONPORT YDPO 167 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YPID

DATE / TIME-----MARCH 06 @ 0500 Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----04---2985 FT---GRAVEL---ELV 40FT
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WEATHER-----GREY AND RAINY
WIND-----060 DEGREES @ 4 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 6 ARRIVAL

After departure track direct DEVONPORT AIRPORT---151 DEGREES---167 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YDPO

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----06---6030 FT---GROOVED---ELV 17FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---281.0
VOR---116.30

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LEG EIGHT

DEVONPORT YPDO to SAINT HELENS YSTH 84 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DATE / TIME-----MARCH 09 @ 0930 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----PILOTS CHOICE
WEATHER-----CLEAR SKIES
WIND-----LIGHT AND VARIABLE
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 7 ARRIVAL

After departure track direct to ST. HELENS AIRPORT---084 DEGREES--84 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YSTH

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----08 RECOMMENDED---3510 FT---DIRT---ELV 158FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---392.0

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LEG NINE

ST. HELENS YSTH to STRAHAN YSRN VIA LAUNCESTON YMLT 143 NM

NOTE---TOUCH AND GO AT LAUNCESTON YMLT

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YSTH

DATE / TIME-----MARCH 12 @ 1400 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----26---3510 FT---DIRT---ELV 158FT
WEATHER-----COLD FRONTS
WIND-----045 DEGREES @ 5 KNTS
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 8 ARRIVAL

After departure track to LAUNCESTON AIRPORT---240 DEGREES---50 NM

TOUCH AND GO INFORMATION YMLT

RUNWAY-----32L---6499 FT---PAVED---ELV548 FT
NAVAIDS-----NDB---230.0
VOR---112.60
ILS AVAILABLE 32L, SEE ATTACHED APPROACH/ILS CHARTS

After touch and go track to STRAHAN AIRPORT---232 DEGREES---93 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YSRN

RUNWAY-----30---4002 FT---GRAVEL---ELV 61FT
NAVAIDS-----NIL

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LEG TEN

STRAHAN YSRN to CAMBRIDGE YCBG 106 NM

DEPARTURE INFORMATION YSRN

TIME / DATE-----MARCH 15 @ 1800 hrs Local
DEPARTURE RUNWAY-----PILOTS CHOICE
WEATHER-----CLEAR SKIES
WIND-----LIGHT AND VARIABLE
NAVAIDS-----AS PER LEG 9 ARRIVAL

After departure track to TEA TREE NDB 374.0---097 DEGREES--95 NM
Then track to CAMBRIDGE AIRPORT-----125 DEGREES--11 NM

ARRIVAL INFORMATION YCBG

ARRIVAL RUNWAY-----12---3937 FT---PAVED---ELV 67FT
NAVAIDS-----NIL

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