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THIS IS A TALE ABOUT LIFE IN THE WARTIME R.A.A.F. AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A MAN IN THE RANKS. THE AUTHOR HAS SET DOWN HIS EXPERIENCES AS HE PROGRESSED FROM THE RECRUIT DEPOT THROUGH THE VARIOUS TRAINING BASES AROUND AUSTRALIA.

HE JOINED NO 79 SQUADRON WHEN IT WAS FORMED AT "WOOLAMANATA" AND TELLS OF ITS ADVENTURES AT GOODENOUGH, KIRIWINA AND LOS NEGROS ISLANDS. THE HISTORY OF THE SQUADRON RIGHT UP TO 1988 IS INCLUDED.

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