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RAAF A4 De Havilland DHC-4 Caribou











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Aircraft Serial	Const No.	Aircraft History
A4-134	134	<p>Delivered to RAAF 12/03/64.            One of first 3 Caribou's delivered on a ferry flight from Toronto Canada Australia, flight time of just under 97 hours.            Arrived at RAAF Richmond 22/04/64.            To 2AD. To 86 Wing 30/04/64.            Served with 38 Sqn.            Crashed 01/07/64 (38 Sqn) during landing, Nowra NSW.            Approval granted on 22/12/64 to transfer the fuselage to the Dept of Ar Puckapunyal for use as a training aid at CAT&amp;DC.            Currently on display at Army Museum at Bandiana, Vic.</p> 
A4-140	140	<p>Delivered to RAAF 12/03/64.            Status cards says at a cost of \$803,631.            One of first 3 Caribou's delivered on a ferry flight from Toronto Canada</p>

		<p>Australia, flight time of just under 97 hours.          Arrived at RAAF Richmond 22/04/64.          To 2 AD.          To 86 Wing 30/04/64.          To De Havilland.          To 38 Sqn 03/11/67.          To 35 Sqn 13/11/68.          Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam 11/68 - 06/71.          To 38 Sqn 04/02/71.          Departed Darwin 28/08/75 on a task associated with the unrest in Portug          Timor.          Used by 38 Sqn during Flood relief operations in NSW 24/04/90 to 01/01          Also served in Timor and Bougainville. Special markings were painted on th          this aircraft 04/2002 for 38 years of Caribou operations by 38Sqn. Preser          Australian War Memorial Canberra          Currently stored at AWM Annex Mitchell ACT</p> 
A4-147	147	<p>Delivered to RAAF 12/03/64.          One of first 3 Caribou's delivered on a ferry flight from Toronto Canada          Australia, flight time of just under 97 hours.          Had a long range fuel tank failure during ferry flight.          Arrived at RAAF Richmond 22/04/64.          To 2AD.          To 86 Wing 30/04/64.          At 35 Sqn 12/05/66.          At 38 Sqn 12/06/67.          To De Havilland Bankstown 11/67.          To 38 Sqn 24/01/68.          Crashed 06/10/68 during landing Tapini PNG.          The aircraft was converted to spares.          Was with 38 Sqn as a Field Training Simulator/Training Aid.</p> 
A4-152	152	<p>Delivered to RAAF 29/04/64.          Arrived in Australia 13/06/64.          Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam Oct 67 - Nov 68          Returned to Australia for major repairs.          Served with 38 Sqn 1970.          Several minutes after takeoff from Richmond NSW on the 15/05/70 it h          in the starboard engine. The fire was extinguished and was later found to          cracked cylinder.          In Sumatra in Apr/May 1971 whilst on a Survey Task which included Oper          "Pemataan Gading" and "Elephant Tusk".          Served with 38 Sqn Det "B", painted white and marked in UN markings wh          served with UNMOGIP in Kashmir in the late 70's.          Carried out-an unscheduled UN Flight 30/06/76 to Srinagar and return.          Recent snowfalls in the area have covered the airstrip in 18 inches of sno          delaying some sorties.          Departed Richmond 30/08/80 for Villa to support the Vanuatu Governme</p>










		<p>flying goods and people, following the revolutionary disruption on the island of Espiritu Santo.</p> <p>Painted all one colour, Tea Tree Green in 2002. Served with Interfet in East Timor.</p> <p>Was in Service 38 Sqn.</p> <p>A4-152 was flown to Point Cook on 26/11/09</p> <p>Currently on display RAAF Museum Point Cook.</p> 
A4-159	159	<p>Delivered to RAAF 29/04/64.</p> <p>Arrived in Australia 13/06/64.</p> <p>Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam Jul 68 - Jun 71.</p> <p>Served with 38 Sqn.</p> <p>Retired - No Details. Fire Dump - Brisbane Airport QLD. Scrapped 23/03</p> <p>Forward fuselage acquired by Queensland Air Museum</p> 
A4-164	164	<p>Delivered to RAAF 29/04/64.</p> <p>Arrived in Australia 13/06/64.</p> <p>Served with 38 Sqn - Det "A" in New Guinea from 12/10/65.</p> <p>Richmond Airshow 1988.</p> <p>Was in service 35 Sqn.</p> <p>Crashed 18/10/78 on takeoff at Eliptamin PNG.</p> <p>Was involved in an Airshow at Lilydale 11/02/82.</p> <p>Withdrawn 11/92.</p> <p>Training aid at AMTDU RAAF Richmond.</p> <p>Wings and tail fitted to A4-173 at Queensland Air Museum</p> <p>Noted in outside storage following retirement of the Caribou fleet.</p> 
A4-171	171	<p>Delivered to RAAF 25/06/64.</p> <p>Issued to Butterworth but diverted to Vietnam on delivery flight.</p> <p>To RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam 15/07/64.</p> <p>RTFV renamed 35 Sqn 01/06/66.</p> <p>Served with RTFV/35 Sqn in Vietnam 08/64 - 08/67.</p> <p>To Air Vietnam 06/04/67 for servicing.</p> <p>To 35 Sqn 03/05/67.</p> <p>Crashed 30/08/67, An Thoi Vietnam. Into water 300m short of runway.</p> <p>The pilot was Flg Off Alan Aitken and the co-pilot was the CO Sqn Ldr To Fookes.</p> 
A4-173	173	<p>Delivered to RAAF 25/06/64.</p> <p>Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam Aug 64 - Feb 72.</p> <p>05/65, when landing at Hay Tien mud on windscreen blinded pilots and air</p>

		<p>was badly damaged. Wing, Undercarrage and Prop replaced and aircraft fl Retired - no details. Was stored at RAAF Amberley in QLD. The fuselage has been delivered to the QLD Aviation Museum at Coloundr the rest of the aircraft delivered 04/02. The wings and tail of A4-164 at RAAF Richmond were delivered 10/02 and fitted. Currently on display at QAM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">QAM's history and photos of A4-173.</a></li> </ul> 
A4-179	179	<p>Delivered to RAAF 25/06/64. Diverted to Vietnam on delivery flight. Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam Aug 64 - Feb 72. First Aussie aircraft in Vietnam and last out. Used by 38 Sqn during flood relief operations in NSW 23/04/90 to 08/0 Was battle damage training aid, Oakey QLD. Training aid at AMTDU RAAF Richmond. Currently in outside storage following retirement of the Caribou fleet.</p> 
A4-185	185	<p>Delivered to RAAF 25/06/64. Issued to Butterworth but diverted to Vietnam on delivery flight. To RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam 15/07/64. Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam 08/64 - 11/64. 15/11/64, First RAAF Aircraft damaged by enemy fire in Vietnam. Crashed 18/11/64, A Ro Vietnam. It crashed into a ditch dug across the r Engines and wings recovered, Fuselage left behind were it served as a con post.</p> 
A4-191	191	<p>Delivered to RAAF 07/64. Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam Aug 64 - Jun 71. On the 08/03/82 this aircraft was being directed by the Army and was g instructions to fly through a live mortar range, luckily the range safety of called a "hold fire" in time. 38 SQN entered A4-191 in the RAAF 70th Anniversary Air Show Tactica Navigation Air Rally 09/10/91, and the crew took out first place in the Mi category. Retired. Currently stored at Amberley - Could be on its way to Wodonga?</p> 
A4-193	193	

		<p>Delivered to RAAF 30/07/64.          Issued to Butterworth 30/07/64.          To RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam 17/07/64.          Served with RTFV/35 Sqn in Vietnam 17/07/64 - 03/70.          On 12/03/65, sniper destroyed port engine with one shot. Aircraft contin          takeoff on one engine and recovered to Da Nang.          To Air Vietnam 10/11/65 for servicing.          To RTFV 14/12/65.          RTFV renamed 35 Sqn 01/06/66.          To Air Vietnam 02/08/67..          To 35 Sqn 27/09/67.          With 35 Sqn 12/10/68.          At 35 Sqn 07/69.          Destroyed 29/03/70, That Son Vietnam. Destroyed by a mortar attack w          the ground. All people ok.          Crew of A4-193: FLGOFF Bert Milne (Pilot), PLTOFF Calvert, CPL Church,          Liang.          Crew of Rescue Vehicle: Alan Runfeldt (driver).</p> 
A4-195	195	<p>Delivered to RAAF 09/64.          Served with Interfet in East Timor.          Served in Operation ANODE, Solomon Islands 2003/2004.          Flying display, with markings on the fuselage showing 45 years of caribou          to the ADF.          Classic Fighters Airshow, Omana, NZ - Easter 2009.          Was in service 38 Sqn.          Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.          Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 
A4-199	199	<p>Delivered to RAAF 09/64.          Served with 38 Sqn - Det "B" and was painted white and in UN markings w          served with UNMOGIP in Kashmir 1975-1978.          Crewed by FLTLT P. Cleary, FLGOFF R. Folvig, FLTLT K. Stone SGT K. O'B          CPL W. Little departed Richmond at 0230Z on 04/03/75. Its path to Alic          Springs, Broome, Bali, Jakarta, Butterworth, Rangoon, Calcutta and Delhi          15/03/75.          Richmond Airshow 1988.          Nowra Airshow, 1998.          Avalon Airshow 1999.          Used as Transport for Survivor Television Program 2000. Avalon Airshow          Was in service 38Sqn.          Airlifted by Chinook A15-102 to Townsville on 18/11/09 from High Range          area following a hard landing on 25/09/09.          Currently with 27Sqn RAAF will now be a Gate Guardian along side the em          Neptune at RAAF Garbutt, Townsville</p>





		
A4-202	202	<p>Delivered to RAAF 19/10/64.          To 2 AD 19/10/64.          To 38 Sqn 27/10/64.          Crashed at Porgera New Guinea 11/06/65.          There were no fatal injuries, but the aircraft was damaged beyond repair</p> 
A4-204	204	<p>Delivered to RAAF 11/64.          Laverton Airshow 18/04/1971.          Used by 38 Sqn during flood relief operations in NSW 21/04/90 to 16/05/90          Mangalore Airshow 1993.          Carried out a handling display in front of a crowd of over 40,000 people at          38Sqn's contribution to RAAF Richmond's open day 10/10/05.          Static Display Avalon 2007.          In Service 38Sqn.          Noted in dismantled state outside Aerospace Australia at Brisbane Airport          November 2009.          Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 
A4-208	208	<p>Delivered to RAAF 11/64.          Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam 06/1965 - 02/1972.          On Friday 30/07/67, Caribou A4-208 was hit by two rounds of .30 calibre          automatic weapon fire at an altitude of 1500 feet during descent for land          Dak Seang Airfield, South Vietnam. One round hit and cut the aircraft's          cable, while the second round struck the fuselage aft roundel, side unknown          section of fuselage was removed from A4-208 as part of damage battle re-          and is now held by the Australian War Memorial.          On the 19/01/69, 3 mortar rounds hit ground 25m from aircraft. With both          injured, aircraft hydraulics, flaps, brakes damaged and flat main tyres the          aircraft got airborne and recovered ok. When on the ground the aircraft          found to have been hit with 100 pieces of shrapnel.          Ran off the landing surface at the Backmede ALG (Authorised Landing Gr          near Kyogle, NSW on 18/11/85 when with 38 Sqn and ended in a paddock          participating in Exercise Casino Royale. During the incident the aircraft re-          wingtip and fuselage damage. After the aircraft stopped it was shut down          eight persons on board exited the aircraft without injury.          Used by 38 Sqn during Flood relief operations in NSW 14/05/90 to 18/05/90          Was a battle damage training aid, Oakey QLD.          Currently at Oakey having been totally stripped out in preparation for dur-          an artificial reef in Moreton Bay.</p> 
A4-210	210	




		<p>Delivered to RAAF 04/12/64.  Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam 03/1965 - 07/1968  Returned to Australia for major repairs after it ran into a ditch on landing  Flg Off Ian Baldwin and co-Pilot Flg Off Brian Young.  The aircraft was returned to Australia on board HMAS Sydney in Decemr  1968. It was floated on a barge from the naval dockyard, Garden Island, c  coast and along cooks river to the De Havilland factory at Bankstown. Aft  repairs taking six months the aircraft was test flown by a mixed crew of  Havilland and RAAF pilots.  Richmond Airshow 1988.  Used by 38 Sqn during Flood relief operations in NSW 03/05/90 to 08/0  Was in service 38Sqn.  Was in storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.  Acquired along with A4-234 and 6 semi trailer loads of spare parts by HA  09/2011.  Intended to fly for another 20 years as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial  Departed Oakey 29/10/2011 for Albion Park.  Civil registration VH-VBA</p> 
A4-225	225	<p>Delivered to RAAF 06/65.  Served with 38 Sqn - Det "A" in New Guinea from 12/10/65.  Still with Det "A" on 13/11/70 the crew of this aircraft confirmed the po  a wartime aircraft wreck that had been reported. This wreck was later fo  be an RAAF Dakota missing since 1945 (identity unknown at this time).  Served with 38 Sqn 1971.  Sent to Townsville to help out after Cyclone Althea 24/12/71.  Was in service 38 Sqn.  Retired to storage Oakey by November 2009  Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.  Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 
A4-228	228	<p>Delivered to RAAF 06/65.  Served with 38 Sqn Det "A" 1973.  Flew trails 02/07/73 to determine single engine absolute ceiling performc  the PNG area.  Avalon Airshow 1992.  At Six Mile Reservoir near Noosa Qld on 14/04/93 the crew was conducti  STOL trainer when it impacted with a tree damaging the left wing.  Was in service 38 Sqn.  1st Caribou to be placed into long term storage at Oakey QLD 13/05/09.  Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.  Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 
A4-231	231	



		<p>Delivered to RAAF 06/65.          Used by 38 Sqn during flood relief operations in NSW 20/04/90 to 11/05/90.          Avalon Airshow 1997. Served with Interfet in East Timor.          Was in service 38 Sqn.          Flown to Oakey 23/06/09 and placed into storage.          2nd Caribou in Storage there.          Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.          Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 09/09/09.</p> 
A4-233	233	<p>Delivered to RAAF 20/08/65.          To 2 AD.          To 38 Sqn 27/08/65.          With 38 Sqn 12/09/67.          With 38 Sqn 1968.          During a post "D" servicing test flight 11/09/68, the pilots had a undercarriage malfunction in which the main gear would not extend. The aircraft was landed on just the nose wheel and ramp, using a foam path. The pilots were one Aust and a Malaysian on Caribou conversion.          The aircraft was repaired at No 38 Sqn and test flown serviceable on the 23/09/68.          To HDH Bankstown 24/01/69.          To 38 Sqn 14/03/69.          To HDH Bankstown 07/08/70 and then back to 38 Sqn.          To HDH Bankstown 30/09/71.          To 38 Sqn 07/12/71.          Served with 38 Sqn Det "A" 1972.          Crashed 28/08/72, Kudjoro Gap PNG during a flight from Wau and Mt Yu.          This was 38 Sqn's first and only fatal Caribou accident. Crew: FLTLT Graham David Thomas O222081 (Pilot), PL Gregory Lionel Ebsary O58698 (Co-Pilot), CPL Gary Ainsleigh Power A222 (Loadmaster), CAPT Robert Dawson Loftus (ARA GLO). Also on board were RAAF members, 1 Army officer and 25 PNG cadets.          All cadets were from De La Salle College except for SGT Nad who was from Popondetta High.</p>
A4-234	234	<p>Delivered to RAAF 08/65.          Served with 35 Sqn in Vietnam 05/1970 - 02/1972.          Was in service 38 Sqn.          Retired to storage Oakey 7/09/2009          Was in storage at Oakey awaiting disposal.          Acquired along with A4-210 and 6 semi trailer loads of spare parts by HA 09/2011.          Intended to fly for another 20 years as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial"          Departed Oakey 2/11/2011 for Albion Park.          Civil registration VH-VBB.</p> 
A4-235	235	<p>Delivered to RAAF 08/65.          Received a white colour scheme in preparation for UN duties in the Cambodia</p>



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A4-236	236	<p>Delivered to RAAF 08/65. Received a white colour scheme in preparation for UN duties in the Camb elections in the early 90s however the Blackhawks ended up going instead Used by 38 Sqn during Flood relief operations in NSW 22/04/90 to 04/0 Served with Interfet &amp; UNTAET in East Timor. Served in Operation ANODE, Solomon Islands 2003/2004. Flying Display Avalon 2007. In Service 38 Sqn. Noted at Townsville on 27/09/2009 Noted at Amberley November 2010. Currently on display at RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre</p> 
A4-264	264	<p>Delivered to RAAF 05/68. Served with 38 Sqn Det "A" in PNG 1971. On the 20/07/71 Over ran the end of the strip a Tufi. Served with 38Sqn Det "B", painted white and marked in UN markings wh served with UNMOGIP in Kashmir in the 70's. Returned 30/12/78. Crashed 04/07/86, Camden NSW while landing. Now training aid at Richmond for Fire Fighting. Currently in outside storage following retirement of the Caribou fleet.</p> 
A4-275	275	<p>Delivered to RAAF 07/69. Served with 38 Sqn Det "A" in PNG 1973. Out on SAR for HMAS Tarouk 19/05/73. The wreckage was found on a reef about 50 miles off Port Moresby. Used by 38 Sqn during flood relief operations in NSW 17/04/90 to 22/04/90 30/04/90 to 06/05/90. East Sale Airshow 1996. Tail painted in special 35 year orange scheme for 35Sqn. Served with Interfet &amp; UNTAET in East Timor.</p>

		<p>Used in relief ops 11/2007 in Papua New Guinea, effected by floods from Guba. Retired to storage Oakey 1/09/2009 Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal. Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 
A4-285	285	<p>Delivered to RAAF 12/69. Arrived in Australia 25/12/69. Served with 38Sqn Det "A" PNG in 1971. On 20/07/71 left Port Moresby to escort a Neptune making for there aft engine fire. Oakey Airshow 1986. Served with Interfet in East Timor. Avalon Airshow 2003. Damaged at Efogi, Papua New Guinea on the 5/09/2008. It was thought at the time to be a heavy landing, however it appears now was due to fatigue. Dismantled on site, components retrieved and fuselage believed scrapped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Article on recovery of A4-285.</a></li> </ul> 
A4-299	299	<p>Delivered to RAAF 04/05/71. To 2 AD 23/04/71. The last Caribou delivered arrived in Richmond 12/06/71. To 38Sqn 12/07/71. On return from a service 26/05/89 suffered an undercarriage malfunction resulting in the left main gear collapsing after shutdown. Used by 38Sqn during flood relief operations in NSW 23/04/90 to 04/05/90 Avalon Airshow 2001. Avalon Airshow 2005. Was in service 38Sqn. Long term storage at Oakey awaiting disposal. Believed to be one of 7 Caribou acquired by Amrock Aviation Pty Ltd in 05</p> 



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