

# No 35

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This book provides a historical commentary on the World War Two service of No 35 Transport Squadron. It was formed in March 1942 at Maylands in Western Australia and disbanded in June 1946 at Townsville in Queensland. During that time the Squadron operated throughout Australia and the South West Pacific area. By use of many extracts from archival documents the author has also shown how the RAAF went about its business of managing its operational units and personnel. The book is well illustrated with many images not seen previously.



*"My type of book. A unique historical record of the WWII history of 35 Squadron RAAF. The book is full of source information and no flowery padding. RAAF Operations Record Book entries, and National Archives of Australia records are often referenced and in a lot of cases are partially displayed for the enjoyment of the reader. "*

Peter Dunn OAM, owner of the "Australia @ War" web site [www.ozatwar.com](http://www.ozatwar.com)

*Chas Van Hulsentop's telling of the early years of his old, much-travelled RAAF Transport Squadron — nicknamed Wallaby Airlines — leaves scaffolding for further studies of the rapid bolstering of Australia's air defences in World War II. Chas has meticulously recorded the history of No 35 Transport Squadron between 1942 and '46 with annotated, monthly Operations Record Book extracts, veterans' reminiscences and photographs. His book is truly a historical resource with intriguing perspectives on the squadron's wartime bases — Perth and Townsville.*

Ian Frazer, retired journalist, The Canberra Times and Townsville Bulletin

### About the author

Chas Van Hulstentop is an ex 35SQN member who had the fortune to serve with 35SQN on three occasions. January 1973 to June 1976 at RAAF Base Richmond, May 1978 to May 1984 at RAAF Base Townsville and January 1992 to July 1996 at RAAF Townsville. He also provided direct support to 35SQN while OIC of 27 SQN Maintenance Flight from 1996 to 2005. He was privileged to be the first 35SQN member to see the Squadron Standard when he was dispatched to Melbourne to escort the Standard back to Townsville for the presentation parade and was the Parade Warrant Officer for that parade.



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