

EMPLOYMENT RESUME

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PLACE OF BIRTH: Victoria, Australia

DATE OF BIRTH: December 25, 1919 AGE: 63

MARITAL STATUS: Widower DEPENDANTS: Nil

CITIZEN OF: Australia U.S. REG. ALIEN: A-18 868 558

AIRCREW LICENSES HELD: Australian A.T.P.L. #779
British Territorial A.T.P.L. #7
U.S. A.T.P.L. #580144163

APPROX TOTAL FLIGHT TIME: 16,200 Hours

U.S. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE: First Class

EMPLOYMENT: vice President/General Manager Coral Air Inc. - April 1981 to present.
Mainly responsible for direction of aircraft maintenance and production
of operating budgets.

Southern Cross Flying Boat - This aircraft is the only surviving
Short Bros. S25 Sandringham and had been flown by me over a period
of 25 years. Following the take-over of Antilles Air Boats, Inc.
the owners of the aircraft, by Resorts International, the aircraft
was not maintained and began to deteriorate rapidly. While nego-
tiating with the British Science Museum for its purchase I pro-
ceeded to return it to a serviceable condition. This work occupied
the period from May 1980 to October 1980, when the ferry flight to
Ireland, via the North Atlantic route, began. The aircraft re-
mained in Ireland until February 1981, when it was cleared to
enter the United Kingdom. It was then ferried to Calshot, Hampshire,
following which I departed to join Coral Air, Inc.

In January 1970 I joined Antilles Air Boats, Inc. in St. Thomas,
USVI as maintenance advisor to Captain C. F. Blair, the President.
In August 1970, I was appointed Director of Maintenance, which
position I held until 1972, when I became Director of Operations.
In 1974, I was appointed Vice President Engineering, responsible for
the Sandringham Flying Boat Operations.

During the period March to June 1976 I prepared, and had approved, at American Airlines request, all documentation necessary to obtain Part 121 certification of American Inter Island, which was to be operated by Antilles Air Boats, Inc.. American Inter-Island began operations on schedule in June 1976. I also served as a CV440 Captain until Captain Blair's death on September 2, 1978.

*returned to
NAE management
of 45 boats*

From March 1953 until October 1969, I served as a line captain with Ansett Airlines of Australia and held several supervisory positions including training captain and check captain. During this period I operated large four engine flying boats throughout the South Pacific, mainly on the Sydney to Lord Howe Island sector, but occasionally extending to Tahiti. Most flying boat operations carried considerable quantities of cargo in addition to passengers.

Following demobilization from the Air Force I set up a fixed base operation at Melbourne Airport. This company specialized in the conversion of a number of military types to general aviation standards. The company was sold after my partner joined a major airline. During this period I was accepted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as a full member.

In January 1940 I enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force as an Air Cadet. On completion of the standard flight training, followed by a seaplane conversion course, I was accepted for a navigation course, which I completed successfully. On arrival in the United Kingdom in January 1941, I commenced operational duties with #10 Squadron RAAF, and remained with that unit until November 1944.

During this period I successfully completed a Lorenz standard beam approach course. This involved making approximately eighteen completely I.F.R. take-offs and landings, in a medium twin engine aircraft, without any crew assistance. Also completed training of initial six crews forming #461 Squadron RAAF.

Appointed Commanding Officer #10 Squadron RAAF in August 1943 with rank of Wing Commander.

Posted to #19 Group H.Q. RAF as Senior Operations Controller, having direct control over fourteen multi-national squadrons.

Returned to South West Pacific Area in Command of #40 Squadron RAAF, Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Successfully completed mine warfare specialist course.

Applied for discharge September 1946 .

Character references will be supplied on request.