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3	41-38059, (FD607)	4715	18.5.43	14.2.45	Cr 12.12.44 Mallacoota, Vic ^{Ground loop}
4	41-38060, (FD608)	4716	18.5.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
5	41-38067, (FD615)	4723	18.5.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal
6	41-38079, (FD627)	4735	18.5.43	17.2.53	DAP disposal Tocumwal ^{Crash at F. 11/5/51 (See 11)}
7	41-38085, (FD633)	4741	18.5.43	2.11.48	DAP disposal
8	41-38086, (FD634)	4742	18.5.43	8.8.49	DAP disposal Laverton ^{Brick out}
9	41-38108, (FD656)	4764	18.5.43	19.3.45	Cr 24.2.45 10TU East Sale, Vic
10	41-38121, (FD669)	4777	18.5.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal
11	41-38057, (FD605)	4713	21.6.43	10.3.50	DAP disposal Amberley
12	41-38062, (FD610)	4718	21.6.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
13	41-38064, (FD612)	4720	21.6.43	8.4.52	DAP disposal Tocumwal
14	41-38065, (FD613)	4721	21.6.43	8.8.49	DAP disposal Laverton
15	41-38066, (FD614)	4722	21.6.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
16	41-38069, (FD617)	4725	21.6.43	8.4.53	DAP disposal Tocumwal
17	41-38091, (FD639)	4747	21.6.43	17.2.53	DAP disposal Tocumwal ^(Component made at F. 11/5/51. Sold at Tocumwal 17.2.53 to F.E. Hendy, Alameda, VC)
18	41-38125, (FD673)	4781	21.6.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
19	41-38130, (FD678)	4786	19.8.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
20	* 41-38172, (FD720)	4828	19.8.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond

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50	33321	5330	23.6.43	8.8.49	DAP disposal Laverton. In LV dump. ^{"30"} _{WV star on nose}
51	33316	5325	27.6.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
52	33444	5453	19.7.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
53	33446	5455	19.7.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
54	34652	5542	25.8.43	28.12.43	Cr 22.11.43 Archerfield, 13 Sqn. _{Crash at 13 Sqn. Crashed by 3AD.}
55	34651	5641	25.8.43	23.12.43	Cr 7.12.43 Gundaroo, 13 Sqn. _{Crashed by 3AD. Training flight on 7.12.43. Some killed. ✓ NSW}
56	34754	5644	21.9.43	18.2.45	Cr 27.1.45 into ^{off Gove} sea, 13 Sqn "SF-T"
57	34755	5645	6.10.43	8.4.52	DAP disposal Tocumwal
58	34858	5748	25.10.43	12.9.44	Cr 1.1.44 on landing, 13 Sqn _{at night, in rain}
59	34860	5750	25.10.43	8.8.49	DAP disposal Laverton "SF-P" _{in LV dump}
60	34859	5749	31.10.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
61	34992	5882	22.12.43	24.9.45	Conv to components at 1AD 7.45
62	34994	5884	22.12.43	6.9.49	DAP disposal Richmond
63	34995	5885	22.12.43	10.11.48	Free issue DCA ex 1AD 14.7.48 for training use. Left Laverton by road transport 15.10.48. (with A59-90)

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64	48749		14.1.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
65	48748		16.1.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
66	48750		16.1.44	8 .11.44	Cr 21.8.44 Camden, 2AD
67	48854		7 .2.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
68	48855	++	10.2.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
69	48899		18.2.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
70	48901		22.2.44	3 .6 .46	Fed ldg Koepang 9.4.46. Dest there 6.46
71	48898		28.2.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
72	48900		29.2.44	18.12.45	Cr on takeoff Balik, 13 Sqn
73	48906	++	13.3.44	12.10.45	Conv to components 10.45, 13 Sqn
74	49382		14.3.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Evans Head
75	49383		26.3.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
76	49384		9 .3.44	18.12.45	Cr 8.11.45 Labuan, groundloop, 13 Sqn
77	49385		13.3.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
78	49428		1 .4.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
79	49429		7 .4.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
80	49430	++	1 .5.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
81	49431		7 .4.44	3 .12.45	Sold off fence during inspection. Structural damage. Conv to mntnce Dam during mntnce 8.10.45, 13 Sqn
82	49432		14.4.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
83	49433		14.4.44	28.10.44	Cr 23.10.44 in sea 18NE West Island
84	49434		11.5.44	23.3 .45	Cr 27.1.45 Gould, ^{NT} destroyed
85	49435	++	1 .5.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
86	49436		11.5.44	1 .4 .46	Cr 1.2.46 Maryborough, 4CU
87	49437		1 .4.44	9 .8 .45	Conv components 7.45, 1APU. ^{2CRD} Contrary
88	49438	++	1 .5.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal, 2AD Ferry Flight
89	49439		12.5.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
90	49440		12.5.44	10.11.48	Free issue DCA. Left Laverton ^(Case A59-63) 15.10.48
91	49441		15.5.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
92	49442		16.5.44	25.3 .49	DAP disposal Evans Head
93	49545	++	31.5.44	25.3 .49	DAP disposal Evans Head
94	49546	++	2 .6.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
95	49552	++	2 .6.44	16.4 .46	Destroyed by RAF at Singapore 4.46.
96	49555	++	1 .6.44	25.2 .49	DAP disposal Evans Head
97	49554	++	4 .6.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
98	49556	++	4 .6.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
99	49548		20.6.44	7 .11.45	Cr 6.9.45 on takeoff, 13 Sqn. Bunt out
100	49550		21.6.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
101	49547		21.6.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
102	49553		21.6.44	5 .6 .47	Sold by DAP from Essendon 6.47 <small>ICU, EN, Handover to DCA, EN 31.7.46. Then sold by DAF</small>
103	49549		2 .7.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond
104	49551		2 .7.44	6 .9 .49	DAP disposal Richmond

Notes: ++ Assumed only: Status Card records no identity.

USAAF records show 6 other RB-34s to Australia: 41-38157/ /162/164/165/166, but in fact these went to Royal Canadian Air Force.

RAAF PV-1s came from blocks allocated to RNZAF & RCAF.

RAAF VENTURA MISC....

A59-1 to -20: B-34s: From USAAF Cards, shows that all were ferried to Dallas for mods after completion by Vega at Burbank.

<u>A59-</u>	<u>Acquired by USAAF</u>	<u>Diverted to Australia</u>	<u>BoC RAAF</u>
1	30. 9.42	30. 9.42	18.5.43
2	30. 9.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
3	30. 9.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
4	30. 9.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
5	30. 9.42	27. 5.43	18.5.43
6	11.10.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
7	13.10.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
8	13.10.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
9	16.10.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
10	22.10.42	1 . 5.43	18.5.43
11	29. 9.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
12	30. 9.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
13	30. 9.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
14	30. 9.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
15	4 .10.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
16	7 .10.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
17	14.10.42	27. 5.43	21.6.43
18	23.10.42	-	21.6.43
19	31.10.42	-	19.8.43
20	10.11.42	-	19.8.43

A59-70 & 95 abandoned and destroyed overseas by RAAF order.

A59-70 flew into Koepang 9.4.46 by Flt.Lt.C.N.Geschke, where he was forced to leave the aircraft due illness. Left there. Not economical to return to Australia. Destroyed there 6.46 by RAAF order.

A59-95 Went u/s at Kallang Airport, Singapore early 46. Considered not practical to repair and return to Australia. Destroyed by RAF 4.46 on RAAF order.

A59-80 & -88 fitted seats for personnel transport in 3/48. Seats ex Lockheed A67-9.

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