



*A five-man crew from No. 70 (R) Squadron boards an Anson for a sortie from Mallala in March 1942. Whether such five-man crews were commonplace is unknown; an Anson crew of four being more usually quoted. The pilot, Sergeant Maurice Lanyon, had joined the RAAF barely a year beforehand on 28 February 1941. He was posted to 6SFTS in October 1941 after graduating from No. 3 EFTS at Essendon and No. 3 SFTS at Amberley. Lanyon subsequently served as a flying instructor and accumulated more than 1,500 Tiger Moth flying hours. (George Robertson via Mallala Museum)*



*Anson R3529 of 2AOS at Mount Gambier, circa early 1942. This aircraft was likely available for service with No. 72 (R) Squadron. (ADF Serials)*