

WOODS, Jimmy

Captain James Woods was born in Udney, near Aberdeen, Scotland in 1893 and was educated at Gordons College Aberdeen. He went to New Zealand in 1912 and joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1917. He served with the RAF in Egypt in 1918. After the war he returned to New Zealand, where he worked as a commercial pilot. In 1922 he returned to Scotland where he joined an airline conducting flights around Aberdeen and the north of Scotland.

In 1924 he joined Sir Norman Brearley in West Australian Airways, where he flew on the north-west routes and on the east-west route from Forrest of Perth. In 1929 he joined in the search for Kingsford-Smith who crashed in the Kimberleys. In 1933 he flew a Gypsy Moth aircraft from Broome to London in an attempt to break the record set by J Mollison in 1931.

In 1934 he competed in the England-Australia centenary air race and in the same year he joined Mac Robertson Miller Airlines.

In 1947 he formed his own company Woods Airways with three ex RAAF Avro Anson aircraft, with which he operated the worlds shortest scheduled airline service to Rottneest. His last flight to the island was in 1962, the year that he was awarded the MBE for services to flying.

He had also received a decoration from the Queen of The Netherlands for his rescue of Dutch citizens after the bombing of Broome in 1942.

Captain Woods died in May 1975, being survived by his wife Molly. His life and flying career are recorded in some detail in his biography "Jimmy Woods - Flying Pioneer" by Julie Lewis. (Battye reference B/WOO).

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		AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORTS
ACC 4638A/1	1929	Pilot Kingsford - Smith Kimberley
ACC 4638A/2	22 December 1932	Pilots Baker, Stuckey, Whelan South Australia
ACC 4638A/3	9 April 1935	Pilot Affleck Wyndham
ACC 4638A/4	January 1942	Pilot Branch Kimberley
ACC 4638A/5	17 June 1946	Pilot Woods Broome
		AIRCRAFT ADVERTISING MANUALS
ACC 4638A/6	1921	A. V. Roe and De Havilland
		AIRCRAFT LOG BOOKS
ACC 4638A/7	2 July 1933 - 19 August 1933	Australia to England Includes diary of events related to atomic bomb at Monte Bellos
ACC 4638A/8	20 September 1934 - 21 September 1934	England to Australia Air Race
ACC 4638A/9	1 August 1938 - 7 March 1939	M.M.A. De Havilland VHUSD
ACC 4638A/10	24 November 1952 - 9 April 1953	Woods Airways, Engine, Anson VH WAB
ACC 4638A/11	30 March 1954	Flight briefing folder VH WAB, Royal Visit
		AIRLINE COMPANIES
ACC 4638A/12	May 1973	Airlines (WA) Ltd. - history
ACC 4638A/13	1934 - 1961	Mc Robertson Miller Airline
ACC 4638A/14	25 May 1928 - 28 May 1934	West Australian Airways
		CABLES AND TELEGRAMS
ACC 4638A/15	1923 - 1967	Miscellaneous
ACC 4638A/16	1933	Australia to England flight
ACC 4638A/17	1934	England to Australia flight
		CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 4639A/1	4 July 1933 - 8 August 1933	Correspondence
ACC 4638A/18	1920 - 1939	Personal - J Woods
ACC 4638A/19	1941 - 1972	Personal - J Woods
ACC 4638A/20	1933 - 1987	Personal - M Woods
ACC 4638A/21	1931 - 1970	Aircraft - General
ACC 4638A/22	1952 - 1988	Aircraft - Mosquito
ACC 4638A/23	18 June 1933 - 24 October 1933	Australia to England flight
ACC 4638A/24	29 March 1933 - 21 November 1934	England to Australia air race
ACC 4638A/25	28 July 1947 - 3 January 1962	Woods Airways

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		DECORATIONS
ACC 4638A/26	18 February 1943	Order of the Orange Nassau from the Queen of Netherlands
ACC 4638A/27	2 June 1962	Member of the British Empire
		DIARIES
ACC 4638A/28	1919	
ACC 4638A/29	1922	
ACC 4638A/30	1923	
ACC 4638A/31	1924	
ACC 4638A/32	1925	
ACC 4638A/33	1926	
ACC 4638A/34	1927	
ACC 4638A/35	1930	
ACC 4638A/36	1931	
ACC 4638A/37	1932	
ACC 4638A/38	1933	
ACC 4638A/39	1934	
ACC 4638A/40	1935	
ACC 4638A/41	1936	
ACC 4638A/42	1937	
ACC 4638A/43	1939	
ACC 4638A/44	1945 January - February	
ACC 4638A/45	1945 October - November	
ACC 4638A/46	1952 September - October	
ACC 4638A/47	1953	
ACC 4638A/48	1955	No Entries
ACC 4638A/49	1956	
ACC 4638A/50	1959	
ACC 4638A/51	1960	
ACC 4638A/52	1962	
ACC 4638A/53	1963	
ACC 4638A/54	1963 August - November	
ACC 4638A/55	1964	
ACC 4638A/56	1965	
ACC 4638A/57	1966	
ACC 4638A/58	1967	
ACC 4638A/59	1968	
ACC 4638A/60	1970	
ACC 4638A/61	1971	
ACC 4638A/62	1973	
ACC 4638A/63	1974	
		FLIGHTS – AUSTRALIA
ACC 4638A/64	1929	Sydney to Perth air race
		FLIGHTS – OVERSEAS
ACC 4638A/65	1933	Australia to England - route information
ACC 4638A/66	1934	England to Australia air-race. Official papers

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		LEGAL DOCUMENTS
ACC 4638A/67	1 January 1947 - 16 May 1968	Woods Airways
ACC 4638A/68	1950, 1956	J Woods, Charges laid by Department of Civil Aviation
		LICENCES
		J Woods
ACC 4638A/69	29 September 1917	Aviators Certificate British Empire
ACC 4638A/70	20 October 1920	Competency in Air Navigation UK
ACC 4638A/71	24 June 1924	Air Ministry UK Licence No. 584
ACC 4638A/72	24 November 1924	Competency in Air Navigation Australia No. 91
ACC 4638A/73	21 June 1928	Commercial Pilot Licence Australia No. 91
ACC 4638A/74	16 September 1933	Private Pilot Licence Australia No. 6975
ACC 4638A/75	3 July 1934	Ground Engineer Australia No. 568
ACC 4638A/76	December 1934	England - Australia Air Race UK No. 107
ACC 4638A/77	6 July 1936	Certificate of Competency Australia No. 91
ACC 4638A/78	4 February 1937	Commercial Pilot Licence Australia No. 91
ACC 4638A/79	1 July 1952	Commercial Pilot Licence Australia No. 91
ACC 4638A/80	4 November 1964	Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Australia No. 568
ACC 4638A/81	31 October 1971	Pilot and Radio Operator Licence Renewal Notice
ACC 4638A/82	13 July 1928	Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence Aberdeen No. 12789
ACC 4638A/83	20 July 1929	Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence Port Hedland WA No. 29255
ACC 4638A/84	22 August 1933	Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence Aberdeen No. 20800
		M Woods
ACC 4638A/85	15 July 1930	Private Pilots Licence Australia No. 565
ACC 4638A/86	27 March 1933	Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence Aberdeen No. 7450
		NAVIGATIONAL AIDS
ACC 4638A/87		Navigating Instruments
		NAVIGATIONAL MAPS
		Ordnance Survey Maps
ACC 4638A/88	1905	Scotland Sheet 9
ACC 4638A/89	1905	Scotland - Sheet 12
ACC 4638A/90	1912	England and Wales – Sheet 138
ACC 4638A/91	1914	England and Wales – Sheet 2
ACC 4638A/92	1914	North - West Europe – Sheet 9
ACC 4638A/93-98		Unassigned
		Flight Maps – transferred to the Battye Library Map Collection

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	1924	Cootamundra - Sydney
	1929	Cook – Adelaide
	1937	Derby – Wyndham
	Undated	Kalgoorlie - Adelaide
	1929	Perth – Kalgoorlie
	1934	Katherine - Ord River
ACC 4638A/99	1931	Aerodromes in Southern England
ACC 4638A/100	1934	Route of England - Australia Air Race
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 4638A/101	1920	New Zealand
ACC 4638A/102	1921 – 1922	Scotland
ACC 4638A/103	1933	Flight to England
ACC 4638A/104	1929	Search for Kingsford Smith in 'Southern Cross'
ACC 4638A/105	1932, 1936, 1942	Search for German and Dutch Pilots
ACC 4638A/106	1934	England to Australia air race Vol. 1 Australia, English, Scottish, French Newspapers
ACC 4638A/107	1934	England to Australia Air Race Vol. 2 English Newspapers
ACC 4638A/108	1947 – 1976	Woods Airways
ACC 4638A/109	1953	London – Christchurch air race
Note:		Cuttings listed above are from Eastern States and overseas newspapers. Researchers should also examine microfilms for the relevant period in the West Australian, Sunday Times, Mirror and Daily News records. Refer also to some country newspapers such as the Northam Advertiser and the Northern Times.
		PERSONAL HISTORY
ACC 4638A/110	1905 – 1938	J Woods
ACC 4638A/111	1920 – 1983	J Woods New Zealand
ACC 4638A/112	1921 – 1924	J Woods Scotland
ACC 4638A/113	22 July 1927	Appointment to RAF Reserve
ACC 4638A/114	1 September 1944	Appointment to Citizen Air Force, Australia
ACC 4638A/115	1903 – 1963	Invitations to functions
ACC 4638A/116	November 1967	Member Classic Car Club
		PHOTOGRAPHS
		Relevant photographs are with the pictorial collection ref BA891
		POCKET BOOKS
ACC 4638A/117	1919 – 1924	Autographs
ACC 4638A/118	1936	Pilots Handbook
ACC 4638A/119	Nd	Address Book
ACC 4638A/120	Nd	Address Book
ACC 4638A/121	Nd	Address Book
		PUBLICATIONS
ACC 4638A/122	11 October 1934	Flight Magazine (with notation by J Woods)

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		SCRAP BOOK
ACC 4638A/123	Nd	Scrap book of newspaper cuttings on a variety of subjects

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