

# 90 OPERATIONAL BASE UNIT

## CHRONOLOGY

23 July 1945	—formed at Kingaroy, Qld
28 November 1945	—Unit disbanded

## NARRATIVE

Flying Officer C.A. Broadbent was the Commanding Officer of 90 Operational Base Unit when it was formed at Kingaroy, Queensland, on 23 July 1945. At the end of the month the strength of the Unit was one officer and 27 other ranks.

The rear party of 93 Squadron departed from Kingaroy on 31 July, and the strength of the Unit increased to two officers and 83 airmen. The additional officer was Flight Lieutenant W.M. Cavanagh, the signals officer.

Notification was received on 3 September 1945 that the Unit would cease to function as an operational base unit. The Unit strength was 77 personnel at the end of September.

The Unit was in the process of disbandment when Flight Sergeant R. Horton was killed at Wooroolin, in a motor vehicle accident, on 20 October 1945. Sergeant H.H. Chamberlain and Leading Aircraftmen J.L. Hughes and H.J. Simmons were admitted to Kingaroy General Hospital as a result of the same accident. Horton was buried in the Kingaroy War Cemetery.

On 21 November 1945, the Equipment and Transport Section was closed, and the disbandment of 90 Operational Base Unit was completed on 28 November 1945.

## COMMANDING OFFICER

23 July 1945	—Flying Officer C.A. Broadbent
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