

References for *Flying the Southern Cross: Aviators Charles Ulm and Charles Kingsford Smith* by Michael Molkentin

Abbreviations

NLA: National Library of Australia

NAA: National Archives of Australia

SLNSW: State Library of New South Wales

'Notes written above the clouds'

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There and then, amid the din of cheering ...

Controller of Civil Aviation, Harold Brinsmead to the Head Librarian, Commonwealth Parliamentary Library, Kenneth Binns, 9 November 1928, NLA Trim file 202/04/00111.

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The Sun declared the log ...

The Sun, 11 June 1928.

When the Parliamentary library ...

The Speaker, Federal Parliament to Charles Kingsford Smith, 19 November 1928, NLA Trim file 202/04/00111.

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They are rough and incisive ...

The Sun, 7 June 1928.

Indeed when *The Sun* reproduced Ulm's accounts ...

The Sun, 3 June 1928.

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As he declared on radio station 2BL ...

Radio interview with Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, 1928, NLA TRC 39/2.

Ulm attended local public schools ...

Charles Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

Accounts of Kingsford Smith's childhood ...

Ian Mackersey, *Smithy: The Life of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith*, Warner Books, London, 1999, pp. 16–20.

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While recovering in Egypt ...

Ulm, Charles Thomas Phillippe, AIF service dossier, NAA B2455.

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Ulm considered the experience ...

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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As he told his mother ...

Ellen Rogers, *Faith in Australia: Charles Ulm and Australian Aviation*, Book Production Services, Crow's Nest, 1987, p. 12.

'A care-free, cigarette-smoking ...'

Charles Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life: an authentic biography prepared under the personal supervision of and from the diaries and papers of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith*, Andrew Melrose, London, 1937, p. 17.

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In the slack months following the war ...

Mackersey, *Smithy*, pp. 43-46.

Following a short-lived marriage ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 20.

'I very soon realised that *My Flying Life* ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 19.

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Ulm would later sum him up ...

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'Make no mistake' ...

Rogers, *Faith in Australia*, p. 12.

It marked the beginning of a string of failures ...:

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 96.

'I began to realise' ...:

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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'Ulm had similar ideas to mine' ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 21.

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What followed, in Kingsford Smith's words ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 22.

'The conditions 'would have made ...:

C.E. Kingsford Smith, C.T.P. Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross' Trans-Pacific Flight 1928*, Penlington & Sommerville, Sydney, 1928, p. 18.

'Australia began to talk about us' ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 22.

A fortnight of frenzied planning followed ...
The Sun, 10 June 1928; Rogers, *Faith in Australia*, p. 18.

On 14 July the trio signed a contract
Contract with *Sun* Newspapers, 14 July 1927, NLA MS9923, Series 5, Folder 1.

Describing Ulm and Kingsford Smith's preparations complete ...
The Mercury (Hobart), 20 July 1927.

'Over Golden Gate 1100 feet'

pp. 23-25

This description of the take-off is based on: Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 66-71; *The Sun*, 1 June 1928; *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2 June 1928; *The Advocate* (Burnie, Tasmania), 14 June 1928; *Cairns Post*, 2 June 1928; *The Canberra Times*, 2 June 1928.

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As *Southern Cross* headed out towards the open ocean ...
Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 46.

Kingsford Smith, Ulm and Keith Anderson left Sydney ...
The Mercury (Hobart), 20 July 1927; Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 21.

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Ulm inspected the Fokker in Seattle ...:
Ulm to 'Chilla', Locke and Pat 10 September 1927, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/2 Item 17.

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With the extra finances ...
Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 38.

'The plane rode a heavy gale' ...
The Herald, 12 October 1927.

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By this stage, Ulm claimed they had spent ...
Ulm to Harper, 5 April 1928, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/2 Item 13.

Kingsford Smith described their fifth and final effort ...
Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, pp. 36-38.

'We were so poor' ...
Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 38.

pp. 29-30

Ulm recalled how they took to sneaking ...
Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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'Bitter arguments and petty squabbles ...'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

To the Atlantic Union oil Company ...

Ulm to the directors, Atlantic Union Oil Company, 8 March 1928, SLNSW, MLMSS 3359/2 Item 13.

Kingsford Smith contributed in his own way ...

The Herald, 20 October 1927.

He introduced them to George Allan Hancock ...:

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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Hancock showed 'a sincere and almost intense interest' ...

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 46.

Kingsford Smith and Ulm cabled the good news to Anderson ...

Mackersey, *Smithy*, pp. 121-125.

He hoped to secure an 'Aussie' ...

Ulm to 'Chilla', Locke and Pat 10 September 1927, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/2 Item 17.

Finding his 'adventurous nature and clear thinking' ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 44.

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On the night before leaving ...

James W. Warner and John Robert Johnson, 'The Trans-Pacific Flight', *Liberty*, 19 April 1930, p. 18.

'Our last sight of land for 24 hours'

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'It seemed to stand, baseless and serene ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 70.

'utter loneliness'

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 36.

Kingsford Smith estimated that with an average speed of 145 kilometres per hour ...

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 42.

If the unthinkable should happen ...

The Canberra Times, 2 June 1928

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Before the flight, he had practised by taking shots from a car ...

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 31.

Warner and Lyon used part of a fishing rod ...

Interview with Henry Lyon and James Warner, 1958, for 2GB radio, NLA ORAL TRC 22/4.

'It was a strange experience'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 73.

'The flying conditions were perfect'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 48.

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'We burst out of this grey wilderness ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 77.

Consulting the gauges and their notes on fuel consumption ...

Ulm's log, NLA MS 209 Item 1.

'It was patent to us ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 79.

'Perfectly glorious sunset'

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'Away on the starboard bow ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 48.

'black pessimism and a wild exhilaration'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 86.

'Here was a definite milestone ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 86.

'managed to kill quite a bit of time ... The fireworks were pretty'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

A description of the phenomenon in one of Warner's radio transmissions ...

Charles M. Hodge, log of radio messages received from *Southern Cross*, Ian Mackersey's private collection; *New York Times*, 1 June 1928; Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 81.

... over twice as far as anyone had before ...

The Sun, 3 June 1928

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In the evening, Warner received sharp messages from the owners of both newspapers ...

Campbell Jones to Ulm, wireless transmission received by *Southern Cross*, 31 May 1928, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

'Personal to Eric Cullenward ...'

Ulm to Warner, handwritten note of a message to be broadcast to Cullenward, 31 May 1928, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

Intending to control the story reported in the press ...

Ulm or Kingsford Smith, handwritten note, NLA MS1925.

'Thirty eight hundred feet above endless miles of clouds ...'

Charles M. Hodge, log of radio messages received from *Southern Cross*, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

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... 'to open the door to an angle of forty-five degrees'

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 33.

'They struck the water and burst into a white blaze ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 49.

'Harry, how would a high ball go now?'

Note passed between Warner and Lyon, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

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'some pinpoints of light'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 49.

'One would have been the summit of earthly felicity'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 90.

'fitful dozing'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 89.

'It had not occurred to me ... It was all too interesting.'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'the gun'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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For National Geographic's readers ...

Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, 'Our Conquest of the Pacific: The Narrative of the 7.400 Mile Flight from San Francisco to Brisbane in Three Ocean Hops', *National Geographic Magazine*, volume LIV, number 4, October 1928, pp. 371-402, p. 383.

'Mauna Kea sighted!'

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'a vote of thanks ...'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', Ian Mackersey's private collection.

Peering out the port window, Lyon spotted what appeared ...

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 36.

Warner, already nervous about Ulm's latest fuel calculations ...

Warner and Johnson, 'The Trans-Pacific Flight', *Liberty*, 19 April 1930, p. 23.

Panic gripped Warner ...

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 152.

Land-based operators relayed the message ...

The Sun, 2 June 1928.

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As they did so, Warner began to consider the dole fliers ...

Warner and Johnson, 'The Trans-Pacific Flight', *Liberty*, 19 April 1930, p. 23.

To reassure himself, Lyon asked Warner ... 'It was gratifying ...'

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 37.

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'we nudged each other at least a dozen times ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 97.

'Just can stay up for 4 hours more ...'

Warner wireless transmissions, 1 June 1928, Ian Mackersey's private collection, Charles M. Hodge, log of radio messages received from *Southern Cross*.

Warner's son Tom believed that his father ...

Tom Warner to Ian Mackersey, 24 May 1993, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'keen headwork'

Charles M. Hodge, log of radio messages received from *Southern Cross*, Ian Mackersey's private collection,

Nonetheless, it appears the other crew members remained much more sanguine ...

The Sun, 2 June 1928, quoted Lyon denying that they were ever lost. See also Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 96.

'a brown bulge ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, 'Our Conquest of the Pacific', *National Geographic Magazine*, volume LIV, number 4, October 1928, p. 383.

'purple and gleaming in the sunlight'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, 'Our Conquest of the Pacific', *National Geographic Magazine*, volume LIV, number 4, October 1928, pp. 371-402, p. 383.

'most beautiful ... so green and fresh.'

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 38.

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'a race whether we make it to landing or not before fuel is exhausted ... minutes seem like hours to me now'.

Charles M. Hodge, log of radio messages received from *Southern Cross*, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'whistles and bells ...'

The Sun, 2 June 1928.

'blank and wondering what had happened'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 52.

'As I stepped out of the machine ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 52.

Kingsford Smith caught one from a young lady ...

The Sun, 2 June 1928.

'most formidable battery of cameras ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 98.

'battery of movie cameras'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

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... air force mechanics collected almost 500 litres ...

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 98.

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... *The Sun* presented a narrative of the Oakland–Honolulu leg in Ulm's words.

The Sun, 3 June 1928.

'On the way and happy'

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'... the busiest day of my life'

The Sun, 3 June 1928.

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They suggested that the most suitable landing places might be ...

Sketch maps of Enderbury and Canton Islands, SLNSW MLMSS 3359; *The Sun*, 4 June 1928.

'... agreeably surprised at the condition of the runway'

The Sun, 4 June 1928.

... from Warner's description of him attempting to rehydrate himself ...

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

As Kingsford Smith's biographer, Ian Mackersey, points out ...

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 145.

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'warm and rather muggy morning; ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 54.

Southern Cross carried close to its maximum lifting power.

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 39.

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'Is he purposely flying at 100 ft or is she too heavy?'

Warner, handwritten note, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

'I felt that we were following in the footsteps of these great predecessors ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 46.

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'A long shot at a dot on the map ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 54.

He spent the rest of the morning with the radio set in pieces ...

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'We missed the chats with the world'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 122–123.

'the possibilities were too dreadful to contemplate ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 55.

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Lyon, in fact, had demonstrated this tendency earlier in the morning ...

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

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'dim, opaque world of nothingness'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 126.

'a tremendous cough ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 57.

He attempted to make light of it by passing a cartoon ...

Hodge radio log, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'A rotten night ahead'

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'a contest between your senses and your instruments.'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 126.

'Where the hell are you going ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 145.

'tropical violence'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *The Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 132.

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It is a race between us and the clouds ...

The Sun, 5 June 1928; Hodge radio log, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

In Sydney, radio station 2BL's chief engineer ray Alsop ...

The Sun, 5 June 1928.

'There's our friend the moon ...'

Hodge radio log, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'After a tense discussion on note paper ...'

Mackersey, *Smithy*, pp. 149-150.

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'Smithy looked worried and worn out'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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'Harry can't you get a star position at all?'

Kingsford Smith, handwritten note, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

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'We have five hours gas ...'

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 151.

It was not encouraging arithmetic ... 'grim game'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

... Warner had to relieve himself in the cabin

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 152.

'the excitement and relief was immense'

Lyon, manuscript memoir, Ian Mackersey's private collection, p. 36.

'nudged each other in delight ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 148.

'We were soon flying low over some of the sweetest looking islands ...'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

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'great fuzzy hair ... dressed in all colours of the rainbow'

The Sun, 5 June 1928.

'about as large as a handkerchief'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

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'The plane ... had nothing whatever to spare'

The Sun, 5 June 1928

... Warner's brush with death.

'Two Yanks retrace Smithy's Flight', *Sunday Telegraph*, 22 June 1958.

'Looks clear ahead'

pp. 115–116

'Give us a chance. We do not know yet... Phew! That's better ...'

The Sun, 5 June 1928

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'stammered with an emotion shared by all ... We would willingly do the trip again for stuff like that'

The Sun, 5 June 1928

'a matter of grave concern'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 158.

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After a breakfast ... some quick photographs ...

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 159; *The Sun*, 6 June 1928.

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... the estranged wives of Warner and Lyon ...

The LA Examiner, 6 June 1928.

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'Mrs Ulm absolutely radiates confidence ...'

The Mercury (Hobart), 4 June 1928.

Ulm and the Americans spent the rest of the day being whisked from one reception to another ...

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 160–161.

... American flag made of flowers.

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, 'Our Conquest of the Pacific', *National Geographic Magazine*, LIV, 4, October 1928, pp. 371–402, p. 388.

'an affair worth remembering'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

The following day, *The Sun* published a cable ...

The Sun, 6 June 1928.

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Kingsford Smith's father allegedly cabled a warning to his son ...
Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 156.

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The issue came up back in the hotel suite following the ball.
Mackersey, *Smithy*, pp. 156–157.

Warner's contract

Warner, 'The Trans-Pacific Flight', *Liberty*, 19 April 1930, pp. 24–25.

'... after breakfast a hurried conference ...'

The Sun, 7 June 1928.

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'gleaming bronze bodies'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 183–184.

'Ulm was already busy supervising every detail ...'

The Sun, 8 June 1928.

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Warner's stay on the beach at Naselai

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection; *The Sun*, 8 June 1928.

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'one of the most charming little ceremonies I have ever witnessed'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 66.

'Worst 2 1/2 hours on whole flight'

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'Well here we are on the way again with everything running OK ...'

Ulm, handwritten note, 8 June 1928, John Ulm private collection. (John has retained a copy of this document; he donated the original to the NLA to join his family's collection, NLA MS9923).

'We could never have made this flight without the generosity ...'

The Sun, 8 June 1928.

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'I was getting used to doing with only one generator ...'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

Earth Inductor Compass

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 67.

'quite short to us now hardened veterans'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 67 (note: this is incorrectly attributed to Ulm in the text)

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'increasing cloud and some showers'

The Sun, 8 June 1928.

'what a simple matter it had been to fly across the Pacific'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'the visibility, which a short time before ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 68.

'Cheerio everybody! It wont be long now...'

Hodge radio log, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'bumped and rocked us ... dark fingers of black clouds ... deafening force'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

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'a supreme test in instrument flying'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'To look though the wind-shield ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 196.

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'It ripped a hole in the clouds ...'

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, pp. 68–69.

'sit tight, hang grimly to the controls ...'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 198.

Ulm described how he regularly felt that they were diving ...

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 198.

'Lyon and I held on and wondered whether we were flying or falling'

Warner, 'The Trans-Pacific Flight', *Liberty*, 19 April 1930, p. 26.

'The cold grew more and more intense ...'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'vital signs'

Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 200–201.

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Once *Southern Cross* hit the storm, Ulm instructed Warner not to report it.

Ulm handwritten note, SLNSW MLMSS 3359/6.

To an experienced wireless operator ...
Hodge radio log, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

'On our way home'

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'a comforting warmth penetrating our soaking bodies'
Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'long grey shadow'
Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, pp. 210–211.

... the greatest moment in his life.
Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'the airman's landmark for Brisbane'
Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 70.

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'winking like heliographs'
Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 212.

'It was a wonderful and never-to-be forgotten sight ... The crowd went wild'
The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 June 1928.

'into a surging press of people'
Kingsford Smith and Ulm, *Story of 'Southern Cross'*, p. 215.

'Hello Aussies—my kingdom for a smoke'
There are conflicting reports about Kingsford Smith's first words to the crowd in Brisbane. *The Sun*, 10 June 1928 reported 'my kingdom for a smoke' while *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11 June 1928, reported 'Hello Aussies'.

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'Jim and I had the intention as soon as we got there ...'
Interview with Lyon and Warner, 1958, NLA TRC 22/4.

... the completely inadequate police force—just 90 officers ...
The Brisbane Courier, 9 June 1928.

'swept away like straws in the wind'
The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 June 1928.

By one estimate, 30,000 people ... 'Kinky you darling!'
The Sun, 10 June 1928.

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Speeches at Brisbane Town Hall
The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 June 1928.

... midnight conference ...

The Sun, 10 June 1928.

Ellison was surprised to learn ...

Norman Ellison, *Flying Matilda: Early Days in Australian Aviation*, Angus & Robertson, Sydney, 1957, pp. 132–134.

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‘The entire population had either assembled at Mascot Aerodrome’ ... a quiet little crowd’

Kingsford Smith, *My Flying Life*, p. 71.

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200,000 people

There were various estimates of the crowd size at Mascot but the police, as reported by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 11 June 1928, settled on 200,000. The description of the arrival at Mascot comes mainly from this edition of the *SMH*.

‘about one in six of all the city’s residents’

Brisbane Courier, 6 July 1929.

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‘ordinary wage earner’

The Sun, 10 June 1928.

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Discerning the weight of public opinion ...

The Sun, 12 June 1928.

Public opinion ... ‘paltry’ contribution ...

The Sun, 12 June 1928. For evidence of the Australian public’s opinion of the Americans see especially a letter to the newspaper’s editor by Mr H.J. Carter who argued that they had faced the same risks and that American support had been crucial to Kingsford Smith and Ulm’s support.

The issue even came up in parliament ...

Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), 12 June 1928.

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‘the best of good sports’

The *LA Examiner*, 11 June 1928.

... Ulm attempted to end the speculation with a statement to the press.

The *Sydney Morning Herald*, 14 June 1928.

Warner later denied this ...

Warner, ‘The trans-Pacific flight’, manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey’s private collection.

... US\$12,000 by Hearst Newspapers.

The LA Examiner, 12 July 1928.

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Arrival at Essendon aerodrome

The Sun, 13 June 1928.

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'digger spirit'

The Canberra Times, 16 June 1928.

True to form, the battery generators ...

The Argus, 16 June 1928.

Warner's 'awful feeling'

Warner, 'The trans-Pacific flight', manuscript memoir, c. 1929, Ian Mackersey's private collection.

Arrival and reception in Canberra

The Canberra Times, 16 June 1928.

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Mr W. Johnston of Lithgow ...

The Sydney Morning Herald, 14 June 1928.

For further evidence of the effect the flight had on Australian perceptions of Americans see *The Canberra Times*, 16 June 1928.

'one mad exciting whirl'

Rogers, *Faith in Australia*, pp. 28–29.

'The rest is easy'

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'What next?'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

As Ellen Rogers later recalled ...

Rogers, *Faith in Australia*, p. 29.

'I think that night I touched the extreme of human fear'

Mackersey, *Smithy*, p. 182.

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'For the return journey ... 1,244 passengers'

Rogers, *Faith in Australia*, pp. 56–57.

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British International Airlines Limited

The Sydney Morning Herald, 2 March 1933.

'One was an extraordinary individual effort ...'

The Sydney Morning Herald, 31 October 1933.

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'I have no doubt in my own mind ...'

Ulm, 'My yesterdays, todays and tomorrows', NLA MS 3736 11/2.

'Ulm's old partner greeted him cordially ...'

The Courier-Mail, 1 December 1934.

'Suddenly and immensely I was devastated'

John Ulm, 'Personal notes', p. 8, John Ulm private collection.

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'probably the greatest living exponent of the future of aviation'

Wing Commander L.J. Wackett, 'Air Minded: Charles Ulm Had Faith in Aviation' (undated newspaper clipping), NLA MS9923, Series 1, Folder 1.

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Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial opening

The Courier-Mail, 18 August 1958; see also assorted newspaper clippings in SLNSW MLMSS 3359 ADD ON 2071/1.

Dorothy Drain ...

The Australian Woman's Weekly, 2 October 1957.