

Lockheed PV-1

The Lockheed PV-1 Ventura was a patrol bomber used in a variety of maritime roles by many Allied air forces during World War II. The Royal Australian Air Force flew them in operations against the Japanese from 1944.

The Lockheed PV-1 was developed to replace the earlier Lockheed Hudson aircraft using the Lockheed 18 civil airliner as a basis. It was initially built for Royal Air Force service where it began flying in Europe in late 1942. Although not successful in the bombing role it was successful in several maritime roles. Eventually 1,600 were produced and served in many air forces including the US Navy, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Air Forces, mainly as patrol bombers. The RAAF received 75 PV-1s which were flown by 13 Squadron in the South West Pacific Area.

This model represent A59-75 in service with 13 Squadron, RAAF, in late 1944

Data: *Patrol bomber. Engines* two Pratt & Whitney R-2800 radial engines of 1,500kW each. *Wing span* 20m. *Length* 14.7m. *Maximum take-off weight* 15,422kg. *Maximum speed* 518km/h. *Range* 2670km. *Armament* four .50 inch and two .30 cal machine guns and 1,499kg of general ordnance .

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