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IN REPLY QUOTE.....

Commander
39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron.

1. On behalf of the officers and men of No 2 Squadron may I express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for the part your squadron played in the successful search and rescue of Wg Cdr F.J.L. Downing and Flt Lt A.J. Pinches. The success of the rescue operation and the survival of the two officers was largely attributable to the timely location of the survivors position by one of your aircraft, King 26.

2. Would you please convey my appreciation to the crew of King 26 for the professional and efficient manner in which they located the survivors and initiated recovery action. The success and efficiency of the rescue operation has greatly impressed the aircrew of No 2 Squadron and enhanced their confidence in the rescue and recovery system of which your unit plays such a vital part.

3. I have enclosed a squadron plaque for presentation to your unit as a gesture of our appreciation for your efforts, and to serve as a reminder of the association that exists between 39th ARRS and No 2 Squadron RAAF.

Yours sincerely
Arthur Baines