

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199203465**

**McDonnell Douglas Corporation
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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199203465 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Enroute Mudgee - Cowra
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 28 July 1992
Time: 1100 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: McDonnell Douglas Corporation
Aircraft Model: F/A-18A
Aircraft Registration: PIRATE **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Other
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Williamtown
Departure Time:
Destination: Williamtown

Aircraft Manufacturer: McDonnell Douglas Corporation
Aircraft Model: F/A-18A
Aircraft Registration: SHOGUN **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Other
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Williamtown
Departure Time:
Destination: Williamtown

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Shogun and Pirate sections [2 X FA 18] were operating at Flight Level 310 in the Mudgee/Cowra area when VHF communications became poor and, at times, impossible. As a result Sydney air traffic control were unable to pass traffic alerting information for the descent phase of the operation.

Subsequent communications were established during the descent and there was no breakdown in separation.