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425354

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

The following Biographical details are requested for use at
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Surname..... POSTLE..... Number..... 425354.....
Christain Names..... ROBERT REGINALD.....
Air Force Rank and Mustering..... W/O SGT..... W/O AC.....
Degrees, Decorations, etc.....
Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH.....
Date of Birth..... 19-2-1922..... Place..... Kingaroy, N.S.W......
Educated..... High School Kingaroy.....
Queensland.....
Date of Entering Service..... 24-7-41..... 1-2-42.....
Previous Service Experience.....
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Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 31 T.S. Sandgate..... 34 W.A.C.S.
Traralgon..... 1 B.A.C.S. Evans Head.....
Civilian Career and Activities..... Motor Mechanic.....
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Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Football..... Hockey.....
Boxing etc...... swimming..... Tennis..... Sof.
Light Horse Regt...... motor-cycling..... rowing.....
Fathers name..... Francis H. Postle.....
Wifes Name.....
Children.....
Home address..... Memerambi, via Kingaroy, - N.S.W......
Signature..... R.P. Postle.....
Date..... 20-3-43.....
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Destination..... UNITED KINGDOM......

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SPRINTER'S SON IN LONG-DISTANCE FLIGHT.

Flight Sergeant Jim Postle, R.A.A.F., a son of Arthur Postle, once known as "The Crimson Flash", whose 1903-1913 world record sprints are still unbroken, shared recently in one of the longest Liberator bombing missions yet undertaken.

Flight Sergeant Postle and his cousin, Warrant Officer Reg Postle, both Queenslanders, were wireless operator air gunners in India-based Liberators which attacked Japanese shipping at Khao Huagang, near Victoria Point, Thailand.

The aircraft in which Flight Sergeant Postle flew, sank a ship with a direct hit, and followed it, on the second run, with another on the jetty.

The cousins met in England, and Reg soon afterwards went to India.

Jim followed later, and was posted to the same squadron.

Flight Sergeant Dearlove, R.A.F., of London, Captain of another Liberator on this record flight - the only aircraft hit by flak - flew back to base with damaged controls and without the aid of "George" the automatic pilot.

Warrant Officer B.R. Francis, air gunner, of North Adelaide, who was in the rear turret, said: "We had just dropped our bombs when an Ack-Ack shell put the rear turret out of action. A shellsplinter went through the turret door and lodged in my parachute harness. But it did not scratch me. The pilot had the worst time, however, having to fly back all those miles with damaged controls".

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