

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICERS AND AIR CREW

The following biographical details are required for use at  
R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON.

Surname... CROUCH ..... Number... 403912 .....

Christian Name... Henry Stuart Lindsay .....

Air Force Rank and Mustering... P/O Sergeant ~~Private~~ .....

Degrees, Decorations etc... ~~None~~ D.F.C. .....

Present Appointment and Location... Burnsmonth .....

Date of Birth... 29<sup>th</sup> June 1917 ..... Place... Sydney, Australia .....

Educated... North Sydney Boys High School .....

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Date of Entering Service... ~~29<sup>th</sup> June 1917~~ 31<sup>st</sup> March 1941 .....

Previous Service Experience... nil .....

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Places of Training... RAF FTS, Bradfield Park - also FTS - Temora - NSW -  
and FTS - Macleod - Alta - Canada .....

Civilian Career and Activities...  
Law .....

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Clubs, recreations etc... Tennis - Golf - Cricket .....

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Father... Lindsay Thomas CROUCH .....

Wife... Mary Lorraine CROUCH .....

Children... nil .....

Home Address... 40 Hepa Street Pyrmont - Sydney - Australia .....

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Signature... Lindsay Crouch .....

Date... 17<sup>th</sup> January 1942 .....

Date Embarked... 5<sup>th</sup> August 1941 .....

Destination... Canada .....

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FORM 1001  
P/A 3.

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Overseas Headquarters,  
Kodak House,  
KINGSWAY, N.C.2.

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The following biographical details are required for R.A.A.F.

Historical Records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Hospital Section, No. 11 (R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.C.

NAME (in full) CHOUCH Henry Stuart Lindsay NUMBER Aus. 403912

RANK AND MUSTERING... A.F/Lt. - PILOT DECORATIONS... D.F.C.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE... 13 O.T.S. - A.P.U. etc. ....

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA ) 9.8.1941  
CANADA ) 16.12.1941 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 25.12.1941  
S. AFRICA )

SQUADRONS... 407 (R.A.A.F.) SQUADRON

AIRCRAFT FLOW... LANCASTER

ORLAND & TYPES OF ACTIVITY... NIGHT BOMBING

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT

..... Nil .....

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS - with dates; to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

- (a) Number Operational Hours
- (c) Targets attacked
- (e) Attacks on enemy submarines
- (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
- (h) Other Australians in crews
- (b) Number Operational Sorties, Day-night
- (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc.
- (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents
- (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.

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10: BERLIN (9) LUXEMBURG (13) COLOGNE (2) MUMENBERG (2) - MILAN  
FRANKFURT - GELSENKIRCHEN - HAMBURG - MANNHEIM - LEVERKUSEN  
GLADBACH - STUTTGART - HANNOVER - KASSEL - MADRID - BRUNSWICK

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(i) Nil

DATE 20/1/42 SIGNATURE Henry Stuart Lindsay  
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

Copy of Citation of Award of D.F.C.

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Flying Officer Henry Stuart Lindsay CROUCH (Aus. 403912) No. 467 (R. A. A. F.)  
Squadron.

This officer has participated in attacks on all the more heavily defended targets in Germany including Berlin. In December, 1943, during a sortie against Frankfurt, one engine of his aircraft failed during the run up to the target. Despite this difficulty, Flying Officer Crouch completed a steady and effective attack. On the return flight a second engine failed but, displaying fine airmanship and a high standard of flying skill, this officer flew his aircraft safely to base. Throughout his tour of duty he has shown the greatest determination, gallantry and devotion.

R.A.A.F.H.Q.

FOLLOWING AWARD DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS WILL BE GAZETTED  
30 JUNE(.)

FLYING OFFICER HENRY STUART LINDSAY CROUCH (403912) NO. 467 (R.A.A.F)  
SQUADRON(.) THIS OFFICER HAS PARTICIPATED IN ATTACKS ON ALL MORE HEAVILY  
DEFENDED TARGETS IN GERMANY INCLUDING BERLIN(.) IN DECEMBER 1943 DURING  
SORTIE AGAINST FRANKFURT ONE ENGINE OF AIRCRAFT FAILED DURING RUN UP TO TARGET(.)  
DESPITE THIS DIFFICULTY CROUCH COMPLETED STEADY AND EFFECTIVE ATTACK(.) ON  
RETURN FLIGHT SECOND ENGINE FAILED BUT DISPLAYING FINE AIRMANSHIP AND HIGH  
STANDARD OF FLYING SKILL THIS OFFICER FLEW AIRCRAFT SAFELY TO BASE(.)  
THROUGHOUT HIS TOUR OF DUTY HAS SHOWN GREATEST DETERMINATION GALLANTRY AND  
DEVOTION(.)

