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BARREY, CLEMENT JOHN
580476 - R.A.F.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

RAF
11/11/38

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

SURNAME..... BARREY NUMBER 580476

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... CLEMENT JOHN

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING..... F./SGT. F/O Sgt ^{11/3}

DEGREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... 1919 PLACE WEST CROYDON, Austral.

EDUCATED.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE..... 1938

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE.....

PLACES OF TRAINING.....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES..... Shop assistant

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC.....

FATHER.....

WIFE.....

HOME ADDRESS..... WEST CROYDON, AUSTRALIA

SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....

DATE OF EMBARKATION.....

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AWARDS..... 164/3..... D.F.M. ²¹⁻¹⁻¹⁹³⁸ D.F.C. ²⁻¹⁻⁴³ A.F.C.

CATEGORY.....

INTERVIEWS.....

RADIO.....

OTHER REFERENCES.....

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COPY OF CITATION OF AWARD -DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.
GAZETTED. 21.8.45.

FLYING OFFICER CLEMENT JOHN BARREY.450(SQUADRON)RAAF. serving with RAF.

"Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Medal Flying Officer Barrey has completed a large number of operational sorties. From 1939 to 1941, he has served in Greece, Crete and Malta and more recently he has taken part in the Italian campaign and the Battle for the Gothic Line. On two occasions in April, 1945. this officer was detailed to attack enemy gun sites. On both occasions, despite severe enemy opposition, he located the guns and destroyed them. These two incidents are typical of the determination and skill which Flying Officer Barrey has displayed on all his missions. Throughout his long operational career he has shown ability courage and devotion to duty worthy of the highest praise"

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W/O CLEMENT JOHN BARREY, 70 O.T.U. serving with the R.A.F.

" As observer, Warrant Officer Barrey was detailed for a flight on 14th April, 1942. Whilst the aircraft was being flown through thick cloud at 15,000 feet, it went out of control and the pilot gave orders to leave by parachute, himself abandoning the aircraft shortly afterwards. Warrant Officer Barrey was unable to reach the forward escape hatch owing to the position of the aeroplane, which was then in a deep spiral dive. He therefore moved to the pilot's seat and eventually succeeded in regaining control of the aircraft which he subsequently flew back to base and landed safely".

Personal file - P/O. C. J. Barrey

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19.4.45

R.A.A.F. STRIKES AT ENEMY RAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Australian "Desert Harassers" Kittyhawks are assisting in the big new Allied advance in Northern Italy by striking ahead at the enemy's rail communications.

Two missions, both against the railway line running from Grado on the Gulf of Vivice to Udine, 25 miles to the North, were flown a few days ago. The line was cut in several places with direct hits from the dive-bombing Kittyhawks, and damage caused by very near misses.

Three Kittyhawks of a formation led by Flight Lieutenant C.F.C. Forstrom, of Jerilderie (N.S.W.) bombed the important railway junction of Palmonova, half way between Udine and Grado. Eight rail trucks in a yard were destroyed, and one was blown off the line by a direct hit, which also caused an explosion and a fire in a nearby building.

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Flying Officer C.J. Barrey, D.F.C., A.F.C., of West Croydon, S.A. who is serving in the R.A.F., led the other mission.

Authorised by D.F.R.

Personal file - F/O. J. Barry

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FROM MIDDLE EAST: 21/4/45

RAF.

Kittybombers led by an Australian pilot, F/O John Barry, A.F.C., D.F.C. and of West Croydon, South Australia, destroyed 2 self propelled guns northwest of Portomaggiore yesterday. Barry, who had 2 tours as an observer before becoming a pilot, said "I don't think we could have spotted those guns if they had not been firing, for they were beautifully hidden among the trees, but we happened to see smoke rings from their muzzels as they fired on our troops, got direct hits and wiped them both out. There were explosions which sent smoke up to 1,500'. A forward convoy later sent us a message which read Excellent show. Those guns had been worrying our lads "

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In another sortie, the plane of S/L Jack Joyce, C.O. of an Australian Kittyhawk Squadron, who lives at Toowoomba, Queensland, was hit in the tail by flak and had part of its elevator blown off. The gasoline tank also was hit, but he brought the aircraft back safely.

Excluded Headquarters 6-11-38 Commissioned

1 Rebat.		10-7-43	and number changed to 52303
1 AACB			
ME Cndr	20-5-39		
113 Sqdn.	31-5-39		
45 Sqdn.	12-7-40		
113	21-8-40	20 SFTS, Rhodesia	10-7-43
Faydal	14-8-41	7 PRC	24-7-43
Lugoc.	24-9-41		
113	29-8-41	14 (P) BFCU	28-12-43
220TC	3-9-44	5 POC	24-4-44
3 BPD	8-9-44	HQ MFP.	4-5-44
5 RSU	18-9-44	5 ME. ARC.	24-5-44
450	5-10-44	HQ MAAF (F/O)	7-7-44
		250 MAAF	26-5-45
		HQ BFIaden, M. EDIPE	4-1-46
700TU	11-1-42	213	2-11-46
LT.W. Br...	05-10-42	EL Hammel (HAMRA)	1-5-47
25 EFTS.	3-12-42	5 POC.	20-5-47
20 SFTS.	20-2-43	245 S. (F/LT.)	28-7-47

Personal file - F/O. G.V. Barrey

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FROM MIDDLE EAST: 13/8/45

The Australian Desert Harassers Kittyhawks continue to hack at the enemy's rail communications in Northern Italy. Two missions - both of them against a line running from Grado on the Gulf of Venice to Udine 25 miles to the north - were flown. The line was out in several places with direct hits and damaged/^{was} caused by very near misses. 3 aircraft of a formation led by Aus.411692 P/L C.F.C. Forstrom of Jerilderie, N.S.W. bombed the important railway junction of Palmonova halfway between Udine and Grado. 8 rail trucks in the yard and one blown off the line with a direct hit which also caused an explosion followed by a fire in a nearby shed. F/O C.J. Barrey, A.F.C., A.E.M., of West Croyden, South Australia who is serving in the R.A.F. led the other mission.

The Australian Mustang Squadron carried out a successful train busting job in Yugoslavia. The target was a train consisting of a locomotive, 15 closed vans and a passenger coach. Two direct hits destroyed 8 trucks and a direct hit and a near miss on the engine blew it off the line. Flying north of Fiume, the Mustangs found 20 trucks and damaged 9. Aus.415742 W/O J.A. Woods of Kalgoorlie, W.A. led the formation.

The Australian Baltimore night intruder squadron has sighted more enemy movement than usual on recent trips to Northern Italy and Yugoslavia. One night about 40% motor vehicles caught five miles east of Belje in Yugoslavia. A stick of bombs fell beside the road and bluish white flash was seen among the bomb bursts. The previous night about 12 vehicles attacked 10 miles south west of Ljubljana and one aircraft strafed a strange light about 10 miles south east of Pedua. Many explosions occurred and the Baltimore had to take evasive action against intense light flak.

CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL. 26.9.41

F/Sgt. BARREY. C.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the above award in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.