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~~DAER~~, ERNEST LYALL MINCHIN  
~~BEAR~~,

427583

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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NAME (in full) BEAR ERNEST LYALL MINCHIN NUMBER 427589

RANK AND MUSTERING P/O. W/OP AIR. DECORATIONS D.F.M.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 35 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc 4401. 12 Course  
89 etc. 16 COURSE.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 30/9/42  
CANADA } ..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 19/11/42  
S.W. AFRICA } .....

SQUADRONS 625 SQUADRON

AIRCRAFT FLOWN LANCASTER

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBER COMMAND

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT N/A

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

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

(a) DAY-53:00. NIGHT-14:20 - TOTAL - 194:20

(b) DAY-11. NIGHT-21. TOTAL - 52

(c) FRANKFURT RHEINE-SALZBERGEN WASSENA NEUSS CALAR (3)

(1) SAARBRÜCKEN (2) EMMERICH (3) STUTTGART (4) ESSEN (5) COLOGNE (6) DUISBURG

16 BOCHUM, 17 GELSEN KIRCHEN 18 WÄNNE-EICKEL 19 DÜREN 20 WÄNNE EICKEL

21 DORTMUND 22 MANNHEIM 23 WIELEBADEN 24 CLEVE 25 POLITZ 26 DRESDEN

27 CHEMNITZ 28 DORTMUND 29 COLOGNE 30 CHEMNITZ 31 DESSAU 32 KASSEL

(d) N/A (e) N/A (f) N.E. 810. F.W. 190 (g) DUSSELDORF - 2/11/44

DORTMUND - 29/11/44 (h) N/A

DATE 9/6/45 SIGNATURE [Signature]  
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CHRISTIAN NAMES ERNEST LYALL MINCHIN .....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING F/SGT. W.A.G. .....

DEGREES ETC. DEM .....

DATE OF BIRTH. 12/6/24 ..... PLACE. PERTH. W.A.

EDUCATED... WESLEY COLLEGE. PERTH .....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE. 4/8/42 .....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE. 6 MONTHS TEMPORARY G.I.S. DUTY .....

PLACES OF TRAINING H.R.D. 4-I.T.S. No. 1. W.A.G.S. No. 3. BAGS .....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES. A.H.D. IT. CLERK .....

SPORTS (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC. Tennis. Football  
Swimming. Life Saving (R.I.S.S.) .....

FATHER. BEAR. HENRY. ERNEST .....

WIFE .....

HOME ADDRESS. Box 12, MINNIVAH. WEST. AUSTR. .....

SIGNATURE. [Signature] .....

DATE. 11/11/43 .....

DATE OF EMBARKATION. 27/9/43 .....

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AWARDS... D.F.M. .....

CATEGORY .....

RADIO .....

INTERVIEWS .....

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NUMBER	RANK	NAME	GRADE	BED NO	EFF DATE	FROM	AUTHORITY
COMMAND POSTINGS - AIRWOMEN (CON.)							
W302821	LAW	SINCLAIR A J	G D			Gander	EAC S329-4 (APB) D/26/Aug/43.
W302097	CPL	SMITH E M	HOSP CHEF			"	EAC S329-4 (APB) D/27/Aug/43.
W300645	"	SOPCHYSHYN C T	CLK POSTAL			"	EAC S329-4 (APB) D/31/Aug/43.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A.O.S. FOR REPOSTING TO RCAF STATION GANDER

R195300	AC2	ARNOLD W L	G D	14B9	9-9-43	Mt.View	DAPS 202-10-3/2 (Sec6) d/2/9/43.
R207291	AC1/	CASEY W K	"	14C8	"	9 R.D.	"
R259084	AC1	DILLON D B	"	14C10	"	13 SFIS	"
R259214	AC1	DUBOIS F B	"	14B29	"	"	"
R266244	AC2	HOLOBECK L D	"	14B8	"	Mt.View	"
R257118	AC1	WALDMAN I J	"	14C7	"	9 R.D.	"

THE FOLLOWING ARE A.O.S. FOR REPOSTING TO RCAF STATION TORBAY

R220845	AC2	BALL J W	GD	14C2	9-9-43	13SFIS-	DAPS 202-10-3/2 (Sec6) d/2/9/43.
R51692	CPL	FARRANT E C	MEAT OBS	14A5	"	1 FIS	"
R252393	AC2	WHITE J R	GD	14B30	"	13 SFIS	"

THE FOLLOWING ARE A.O.S. FOR REPOSTING TO 19 SUB REPAIR DEPOT GANDER

R190264	LAC	TOWER C Mc	G.D.	14C6	9-9-43	4 B&G	DAPS 202-10-3/2 (Sec6) d/2/9/43.
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THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED EFF 10/SEPT/43 ENROUTE TO #10 SQUADRON GANDER

R170243	LAC	DUNNISON D E	A.E.M.	14C5		5 MD	DAPS M2315 d/ 21/aug/43.
R94676	CPL	GREEN W B	A.F.M.	14C20		"	"

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED EFF 10/SEPT/43 ENROUTE TO #1 HQU DET. ST. JOHN'S

R145845	CPL	BOUND R H	EQUIP ASST 15.10			1 PTU	
R167110	LAC	POOLE E C	MAINTAINER 15.9			EAC HQ	
R198473	LAC	RICCIO J B	" 15.8			"	

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY EFF 10/SEPT/43 ENROUTE TO DARTMOUTH

R202365	LAC	BAILY G R	EQUIP ASSIST 14C12			1 KTS	
R256002	AC2	BROWN A C	" 14B1			"	

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY EFF 10/SEPT/43 ENROUTE EAC

AIRMEN							
R176779	AC2	BOYANINSKY W M	CLK OP	15.10		1 MD	
R103744	"	DUNBAR N E	"	14.14		"	
R251299	"	HARE G G	"	14.29		"	
R193486	"	JOHNSTON G R	"	15.1		"	
R224711	"	KEITH C W	"	15.2		"	
R186386	"	LANGLEY E L	"	15.8		"	
R188455	"	SHEELDS A E	"	14.16		"	
R180295	"	TAYLOR L W	"	15.17		"	
R182297	"	THOMPSON H A	"	14.12		"	
R203059	"	TARRINER J	"	14.23		"	
R263449	"	WATKINS F A	"	15.23		"	
R198499	"	WEIR W A	"	14.13		"	

AIRWOMEN							
W314144	A2	ANDERSON M M	CLK OP			7 MD	
W313375	A2	COLLIN F E	"			"	
W313846	A2	GERO M J	"			"	
W309570	A2	HAZLEWOOD M M	A.O.C.			1 WS	

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Copy of Citation of non-immediate award D.F.M.

Gazetted, 23-3-45

Aus. 427583 Flight Sergeant Ernest Lyall Minchin DEAR (R.A.A.F.) No. 625 Squadron.

Throughout his tour of operations Flight Sergeant Dear has proved himself to be a skilful and resourceful <sup>wireless</sup> operator. He has participated in many attacks against major targets in Germany. In November, 1944, during a sortie against Dortmund, his aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. His captain was injured and Flight Sergeant Dear was wounded in the arm. Despite this, he coolly dismantled his damaged wireless set and promptly effected repairs, which rendered it again serviceable. His gallant courage and devotion to duty have set an excellent example to all.

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