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BROPHY, JAMES THOMAS

418734

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.
OFFICERS & AIRCREW

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

Surname..... BROPHY Number..... 418734

Christian Names..... James Thomas

Air Force Rank & Mustering..... p/o Pilot. act. Sd/L

Degrees, Decorations, etc..... A.R.A.I.A. D.F.C.

Present Appointment & Location..... R.A.A.F. 11 P.D.R.C. Brighton

Date of Birth..... 20/1/1914 Place..... Tinamba Victoria Aust.

Educated..... Melbourne University

Date of Entering Service..... 19/6/1942

Previous Service Experience..... Nil

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 4115 Victor Harbor SA / 1 E.T.S. Parafield SA / 6 S.F.T.S. Malakata S.A.

Civilian Career & Activities..... Architect

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Stk Yarra Club

Father's Name..... Thomas Patrick Brophy 2 Station St. Coburg Vic.

Wife's Name..... _____

Children..... _____

Home Address..... 2 Station St. Coburg Victoria Aust.

Signature..... JTB Brophy

Date..... 8/7/43

Date Embarked Australia..... 5/5/43

Destination..... United Kingdom

FORM. FORA.
E/R. 5.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

R.A.F.

Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
Kingsway, W.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-Disposal Section, No.11 (R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.O.

NAME (in full) BROPHY James Thomas NUMBER Aus 48734

RANK AND HUSBANDRY FL Pilot DECORATIONS DFC

READER I.T.S. COURSE 29 O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc. 4/15 2700L. 3(P) AFU

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 5/6/43 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 7/7/43

CAIRDA

STR. AFRICA

SQUADRONS 466 and 462

AIRCRAFT FLO. NO. HALIFAX II

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBER COMMAND - Bombing

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) Combats with enemy aircraft.
- (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents.
- (h) Other Australians in crews.
- (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.

(a) OPS. HOURS. (HALIFAX II) Day 83.20 / Night 76.55 / total 166.50 / 2nd op. 6.35

(b) OP SORTIES. DAY-21 NIGHT-16 TOTAL 37

(c) 24/4/44 Karlsruhe, 24/4/44 STUTTGART, 18/5/44 STERCKRADE 27/5/44 HOMBURG
12/3/44 MUNSTER, 15/3/44 KEIL, 14/6/44 DUISBURG, 15/10/44 WILHELMSHAVEN, 2/11/44 DUISBURG

1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 6/44 6 French targets supporting INVASION.

22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 6/44 } Attacks, day and night on French
4, 12, 17, 18, 20, 28, 29, 7/44 } targets - flying bomb sites, and
3, 4, 6, 9, 25, 31, 8/44 } railways.

30/6/44, 7/7/44, 7/8/44 Direct army co-op targets in Caen Area.

same crew - all ops. F/O Lauman (NAW) F/S FONTAINE Bk

F/S RYAN 400 F/S LEWIS R/C F/S DAVID W/W

Date 23/6/45 SIGNATURE [Signature]

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Deputy F/Commander 30/6/44 - 20/8/44
466 sqn.

Flight Commander (A/S/L)
462 sqn. 20/8/44 to 7/2/45.

JUNIOR COMMANDER'S COURSE - No 1 O.A.T.S. CRANWELL.
"B" assessment.

Copy of Citation of Award of Distinguished Flying Cross

Non-Immediate Award - Gazetted 8.12.44

Aus. 418734 Acting Squadron Leader JAMES THOMAS BROPHY, No. 462
(R. A. A. F.) Squadron.

The above-mentioned officer has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.