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BROUGH, JAMES FREDERICK POWELL

39454

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R.A.A.F. PILOTS JOIN CIVIL AIRLINE.

Some R.A.A.F. pilots who have become famous for their exploits overseas are to join the flying staff of Australian National Airways.

They are being released by the R.A.A.F., and will be the vanguard of men who have performed outstanding work in the war for whom vacancies will be found in Australia's civil airline operations.

The men appointed to A.N.A.'s flying staff are: -

Squadron Leader E.H. O'Neill, D.S.O, D.F.C., and Pathfinder;
Squadron Leader Frank Fischer, D.F.C., D.F.M.; Squadron Leader J.F.P. Brough, D.F.C.; S/Ldr. K.W. Kaufmann, D.F.C. and Bar; S/Ldr. A.H. Green; F/Lt. F.M. Griggs, D.F.C., D.F.M. and Pathfinder; F/Lt. M.C. Shipard, D.F.C. and Bar; F/Lt. A.W. Wales, D.F.C., D.F.M.; F/Lt. S.A. Lindsay; F/Lt. R.M.D. Thomson; F/O. C.W. Watt, D.F.M., F/O. P.E. Elliott, D.F.M. F/O. G.A. Coombes; F/O. J.H. Smithson, D.F.C., and F/O. B.R. Southwell.

The appointment of these pilots from the R.A.A.F. represents the first major move in the postwar development plans of the company.

Most of the men have had considerable experience in flying heavy bombers, and are now undergoing an intensive course of training to get them ready for the change over to civil airline flying.

Most of these men are veterans of the air war over Europe and have many operational sorties behind them.

Squadron Leader Brough took part in a raid on Wilhelmshaven the day after war was declared, when Blenheims and Wellingtons attacked enemy warships entering the harbour. A quarter of the force did not come back.

Squadron Leader Kaufman once commanded Australia's most famous bomber squadron - No. 460, still operating from a base in Britain - and won his

second decoration while in command of this unit.

Squadron Leader O'Neill was on the first Australian course of Joint Air Training Plan trainees to reach Britain. He arrived in December, 1940 and afterwards flew Wellingtons, Lancasters and Mosquitos over Europe. Throughout his last tour he was closely associated with Flight Lieutenant Griggs, another outstanding bomber pilot. Griggs won the D.F.M. as a sergeant when the Stirling he captained was attacked by five fighters returning from a raid on Bremen. His crew shot down three of them. O'Neill and Griggs have each completed about 70 operational sorties over Europe.

Flying Officer Watt was a Bomber Command pilot who in the first raid on Italy flew his Lancaster over the Alps, and bombed on three engines - an exploit which won him the D.F.C.

BROUGH L.G.

S.T.W., 8/7/43.

on 9/7/40
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~~the~~ believed to have been based at that time at Basingbourne
(Eng.)

Citation:-

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(39454). This officer, as a section leader, has participated in
the majority of operations carried out by his unit since the outbreak
of war. He has rendered most valuable service and displayed the
greatest calm and presence of mind under most adverse conditions,
and has set a superb example to all operational crews of his unit.

Believed now to be in Australia. This, however, has not
been checked. Said to have been repatriated about the middle of
this year (1943).

S.T.W. 25/6/43.

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F/Lt ~~James~~ James Frederick Powell Brough was born in 1916 and was educated at Elizabeth Street State School, Hobart; Friends' School, Newtown, Hobart; and the Hobart Junior Technical School. He became an air cadet in the R.A.A.F. in 1936 and took a short service commission with the R.A.F. in 1937. He became Flying Officer in 1938 and Acting Flight Lieutenant in 1939. His home is in Hobart, Tasmania.

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& 14 Wellingtons attacked
enemy warships off
Bransbützel & entering
Wilhelmshaven x Five Blenheims
& ~~two~~ two Wellingtons did not
come back. (Note: -
F/O Doran
was awarded the first DFC
of the war in this operation)

URGENT NEWS.

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R.A.F. AWARDS NO. 73.

CITATION ON BACK

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:-

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

L.G. 9.7.40. Acting Flight Lieutenant James Frederick Powell BROUGH (39454). This officer, as a section leader, has participated in the majority of operations carried out by his unit since the outbreak of war. He has rendered most valuable service and displayed the greatest calm and presence of mind under most adverse conditions and has set a superb example to all operational crews of his unit.

Wing Commander Charles Henry APPLETON
Acting Wing Commander John Charles MACDONALD
Acting Wing Commander John Jonas Arthur SUTTON
Squadron Leader Terence Howard CARR
Squadron Leader George Archibald Marshal PRYDE (deceased)
Squadron Leader John Sydenham SABINE
Acting Squadron Leader Philip Robert [unclear]

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**"STAR"
NEWS REEL: D.F.C.'s Wedding**



Mrs. Aimee E. Marsh, widow of Pilot Officer K. G. A. Marsh, of South Shields, photographed with Squadron Leader J. F. P. Brough, D.F.C., B.A.A.F., of Hobart, Tasmania, after their wedding at South Shields.