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 Date of Entering Service 21-6-41
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 Date embarked (Australia) 16-8-42
 Destination 14-8-42

A leading Beaufighter pilot in India, Flying Officer Robert Keats Cameron RAAF, of Perth, Western Australia, was recently appointed temporary A.D.C. to the Governor of the province of Bihar. Cameron has an outstanding flying record. He was first Beaufighter pilot to attack targets in Thailand.

PACIFIC "DAM-BUSTERS"

Before Australian-manned Liberators made a 2000-mile flight to bomb an important hydro-electric system in Java, scale models were studied at RAAF Headquarters in Melbourne as part of the most intensive preparations yet made for a heavy bomber attack in the south-west Pacific by the RAAF.

Described as the Pacific equivalent of the RAF's famous dam-busting operations in the Ruhr in May, 1943, the attack on the Mendalin-Sinan station, which supplied power to the whole of east Java, was a complete success. The attack was made in daylight, and the Liberators flew unescorted through Japanese fighter-infested country when near the target.

The transformer section, the turbo-generating plant and the power station buildings were shattered, though the plant lay on the floor of a deep valley with extinct volcanoes towering 10000 feet above, making it a difficult target.

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