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LYNCH, KEVIN JOHN O'NEILL
420968

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

Missing 1.2.44.
Safe 5. U.K. 29.8.46

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.
OFFICERS AND AIRMEN.

The following Biographical details are requested for use at
R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, MALDEN.

Surname... LYNCH Number 420968

Christian Names... Kevin John O'Neill

Air Force Rank and Numbering... Sgt. A.P.

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOLENERUPTH

Date of Birth... 25-7-17 Place... Narrandera, NSW

Educated... University of Sydney

Date of Entering Service... 6-12-41

Previous Service Experience... I.A.C. Brigade, Sydney

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. ... Bradfield

Civilian Career and Activities... School Teacher

Clubs, Recreations, etc... Handball, Swimming, Cricket, Football, Radio

Fathers name... A.S. Lynch

Wifes Name.....

Children.....

Home address... 16 Perry St, Narrandella, Sydney

Signature K.J. Lynch

Date 6-4-43

Date Embarked Australia 22-5-42

Destination UNITED KINGDOM

PRO. FORM,
F/3. 5.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Owens Headquarter,
Kodak House,
KINGSWAY, U.C.2.

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The following biographical details are required for R.A.A.F.

Historical Records, Owens Headquarter. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No.11 (R.A.A.F.) F.D.R.O.

NAME (in full)..... LYNCH, KEVIN JOHN..... 420969

RANK AND NUMBERING..... P/O A/B..... DECORATIONS..... 39-43

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... 23..... O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc..... 73

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 22/5/42
CANADA } 6/4/43..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.S. 18-4/43
S.W. AFRICA }

SQUADRONS..... 218, 623

AIRCRAFT PLANS..... S.T. IRLING

GRADE & TYPE OF ACTIVITY..... BOMBER, STRATEGICAL

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH FOREIGN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT.....
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DETAILS OF OPERATIONS - with dates: to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

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

(a)..... 70:10

(b)..... 15 Night

(c)..... 5 Moring, Finians, Heligoland, Texel

..... Kiel, Gironde

..... Indragolles, Luxembourg, V. sites (2)

..... Supply dropping (4), Paris (2)

(e)..... 1/6/44 shot down by enemy fighters (2)

(h)..... Pilot. 4th Sq. 5th E. Sq., N.S.

DATE..... 11/4/45..... SIGNATURE..... K.J. Lynch

(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

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M.I.9/S/P.G.(-) 2216.

EVASION CAPTURE IN FRANCE.

The information contained in this report is to be treated as

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STATEMENT BY

Aus.420968 P/Sgt. LYNCH, Kevin John, R.A.A.F., 218 Sqn., Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Left: FRANCE, 15 Aug 44.

Arrived: U.K., 15 Aug 44.

Date of Birth : 25 Jul 12.

Peacetime Profession: Schoolteacher.

R.A.F. Service : R.A.A.F. since 6 Dec 41.

O.T.U. : No. 11 (WESTOOTE).

Private Address: 16 Perry Street,

Conversion Unit : No. 1655 (WOOLFPOX LODGE).

MARRICKVILLE,
SYDNEY, Australia.

Post in Crew : Bomb aimer.

Other members of the crew:

P/Lt. KLIOT	(pilot)	}	(S/P.G.(-)2119).
P/Sgt. HASSETT	(navigator)		
P/O HAWKIN	(engineer)	}	
Sgt. CLAYTON	(wireless operator)		
Sgt. GRANTHAM	(rear gunner)		
Sgt. WIER	(mid-upper gunner)	}	(S/P.G.(-)2114).
Sgt. WILSON	(front gunner)		

(Baled out, no information).

I took off from WOOLFPOX LODGE about 2230 hrs. on 1 May 44 in a Stirling aircraft to bomb BEAUMENT. We reached our target and about five minutes after we had turned for base we were attacked by two fighters. The rear of the aircraft was set on fire and the pilot gave the order to bale out.

2 May 44.
Baled out near
CREVECŒUR.

I came down near CREVECŒUR (N.W. EUROPE, 1:250,000, Sheet 5, M 92). I hid my parachute and flying kit in a hedge, and, using my compass, I started walking South.

About 0400 hrs. (2 May) I slept in a hedge for two hours and then started off again. I continued walking all that day using only secondary roads.

At night I hid in a wood near BEAUVAIS.(M 90). I reached BEZEMPOURAINS (Sheet 4, M 80) on 3 May. There I went into a shop to ask for food. The boy who served me spoke English and took me to another house where I met some more English-speaking people. They took me to see a school-master who put me in touch with an organisation and from this point my journey was arranged for me.

INTERVIEWED BY: I.S.9(W),)
O.S.S., Bomber Command, R.A.F.) 29 Aug 44.