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JORDAN, ROBERT EDWIN

401966

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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The following biographical details are required for use at

R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON.

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Surname..... JORDAN. Number..... 401966.

Christian Names..... ROBERT EDWIN.

Air Force Rank and Mustering..... PT. PROT. F/LT.

Degrees, Decorations, etc..... D.F.C.

Present Appointment and Location..... 3. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH

Date of Birth..... 22.1.17 Place..... MELBOURNE, VICT. AUS.

Educated..... MELB. GRAMMAR. SCHOOL.

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Date of Entering Service..... 26.4.41.

Previous Service Experience..... -

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Places of Training..... AUST CANADA.

Civilian Career and Activities..... BRANCH-MANAGER
Torrens Rd No. 142 St.

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Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Swimming Golf Tennis
Waimanbool Golf Club.

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Father..... LEONARD MELVILLE JORDAN

Wife..... MYRA LILLIAN JORDAN

Children..... -

Home Address..... 9 EMBLING RD. MALVERN MELB. VIC. AUS.

Signature..... R. Jordan 40

Date..... 18.3.42

Date Embarked..... CANADA 2.3.42.

Destination..... U.K.

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NAME (in full) JORDAN ROBERT EDWIN. NUMBER 401966.

RANK AND MUSTERING PILOT. ACP S/KOK. DECORATIONS DFC.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 14. O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 18.8.41.
 CANADA } 15.2.42. DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 7.3.42.
 STH. AFRICA } N/A.

SQUADRONS 105.

AIRCRAFT FLOWN WELLINGTON, LANCASTER, MOSQUITO.

COMMAND & TYPED OF ACTIVITY BOMBER. - P.F.F.

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT NIL.

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

A) 156:15. B) 59

C) YENLO, FLORENNES, STEINWIJK, GELSENKIRCHEN, HOPSTEIN, THE HAGUE, CALAIS, HOMBURG, HANNOVER, SCHOLVEN, GLEVE, ESSEN, COLOGNE, BRUNSWICK, HANNOVER, WANNE, EICKEL, NURENBERG, DUISBURG, KARLSRUHE, GEISSEN, MANNHEIM, ULM, RHEINDT, BONN, TROISDORF, DORTMUND, STUTTGART, ERFURT, KASSEL, WESEL, WUPPERTAL, HAGEN, HANNOVER, RHEINE, DORSTEN, STERADE, MUNSTER, HAMBURG, HELIGOLAND, EGGEBECK, BREMEN, LAUFEN, SPENBURG.

F) 3 G) FORMATION ATTACK. COLOGNE. 23.12.45. IMMEDIATE DFC.

V.C. AWARDED TO OTHER. FORMATION. LEADER.

DATE 4.6.45 SIGNATURE J. Jordan S/K

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Personal.

HIT, 'PLANE STARTED TO CLIMB

*But Pilot Bombed,
Flew Safe Home*

When nearing Homburg, the target, in November, the aircraft piloted by Acting Wing Commander Maurice Edward Pickford was badly hit.

Half the starboard elevator was smashed, the nose rose sharply and the aircraft started to climb steeply.

The pilot regained control, however, and despite extreme difficulty in maintaining level flight, he completed a good bombing run and afterwards flew safely back to base.

It is announced to-day that Wing Commander Pickford has been awarded a bar to his D.F.C.

The D.S.O. goes to Acting Wing Commander James Edward Demant, D.F.C., of the Lees, Cambridge.

The citation says: "This officer's operational record is outstanding. He has completed more than 100 missions, many against heavily-defended targets in Germany."

"Throughout he has set an example of a very high order, undeterred by the heaviest anti-aircraft fire or fighter interference. Wing Commander Demant has always pressed home his attacks with the greatest resolution."

Flight Lieutenant Robert Edwin Jordan, an Australian, gets the D.F.C. "In December, during an attack on Cologne, the nose of his aircraft was damaged, shrapnel smashed through the pilot's windscreen and pierced the port petrol tanks, the rear and mid-upper turrets were badly damaged, wires of the electrical system in the fuselage were severed.

"Nevertheless Flight Lieutenant Jordan went on to release his bombs. The starboard engine had caught fire and the aircraft began to lose height, but this intrepid pilot flew the badly damaged aircraft to England on three engines."

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S. E. A. E. F.
COMMUNIQUE NO. 296

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Force
1100 hours, Monday, January 24, 1945

Allied forces launched an attack in the area northeast of ST. VITH against light to moderate resistance. We have captured HEPSCHIED and HEPPENRATH. Gains also were made east of AMELVE and to high ground 2 miles southeast of ST. VITH. Southwest of ST. VITH, we have cleared the enemy from GRUPLANGE.

Farther southeast, our units have advanced to the vicinity of BRACHT, after encountering enemy mines and road blocks west of the town.

Northeast of WELSWAMPACH, we have made gains to within one mile of the Our river, and our patrols have reached KALEORN, 5 miles northeast of CLERVAUX. Minshausen, southeast of CLERVAUX is in our hands. In the area 4 miles northwest of VIANDEN, our units have occupied WAHLHAUSEN and WELLER, and have reached high ground northeast of WELLER.

In the area southeast of REMICH, we repulsed a small enemy counter-attack in the vicinity of SINZ.

From the SAARBRUCKEN area across the Lower Vosges and Northern Alsace a lull in activity continued. Heavy snowfalls hampered operations.

Northeast of COLMAR our forces have reached the east-west Colmar Canal.

On the southern edge of the COLMAR sector we have made further limited gains.

Mortar positions southwest of MEEUWEN and a strongpoint southeast of NIJMEGEN were attacked by fighter-bombers yesterday. Communications in Holland and Northwest Germany also were targets for fighter-bombers. Rail-lines were cut in the UTRECHT-DEVENTER area and also to the northwest of RHEINE, while locomotives and rolling stock in the north and northeast of the RUHR were attacked.

Escorted heavy bombers in very great strength attacked 2 benzol plants near DORTMUND, Rhine bridges at DUISBURG and COLOGNE, and rail yards near COLOGNE and DUISBURG.

Escorted medium and light bombers attacked rail-bridges at REBACIN, SINZIG, ELLER and KAISERSLAUTERN, and communications centres of MAYEN and WENGEROHR.

Last night heavy bombers were over Germany in great strength with railway communications near STUTTGART as the main objective. Berlin also was bombed.

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Gazetted, 9-3-45

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