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JOYCE, JOHN DESMOND
26096

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

SURNAME JOYCE NUMBER 26096
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOHN DESMOND
AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING SGT. - PILOT
DEGREES ETC. INTER. CERT. - FITTING-MACHINING CERTIFICATE
DATE OF BIRTH 23-1-'21 PLACE ADELAIDE - STH AUS.
EDUCATED MARIST BROTHERS COLLEGE - BROKEN HILL -
DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE 18-3-40
PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE APPROX. 3 YEARS. INSTRUMENT MAKER.
PLACES OF TRAINING NO 1 STT. MELB., - 5 ITS. - 9 EFTS. - 4 SFTS.
CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES JUNIOR DRAUGHTSMAN
APPRENTICED. FITTER-MACHINIST - TECHNICAL COLLEGE NIGHT
SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC. CAPTAIN - BROKEN HILL AMATEUR
SWIMMING CLUB, STATE CARNIVALS. - B. HILL. FOOTBALL TEAM.
FATHER JOYCE - JOHN LORIMER
WIFE
HOME ADDRESS 112 BERYL ST. BROKEN HILL N.S. WALES.
SIGNATURE John D Joyce
DATE 10-1-44
DATE OF EMBARKATION 17-11-43

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NAME (in full) JOHN DESMOND JOYCE NUMBER 26096

RANK AND MUSTERING PP PILOT. DECORATIONS

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 5 O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc. 2DP(AFU) - 108 OTU.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) 17-11-43.
CANADA)
Sth. AFRICA) DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 11-1-44

SQUADRON 512

AIRCRAFT FLOWN ANSON OXFORD, DAKOTA II, IV.

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY TRANSPORT, CLOSE SUPPORT.

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRON, OR AIRCRAFT

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) 11:25 hrs. ARNHEM
GLIDER TOW.

17-18 SEPT-44

CLOSE SUPPORT DUTIES - FREIGHT, GLIDER TOWING, PANNIER DROPS.
REMOVAL OF WOUNDED FROM CONTINENT. TRANSPORT FOR V.I.P.'s.

Date 13/7/45 SIGNATURE J.D. Joyce

(use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

WAR AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.

30/9/44.

R.A.A.F. REFERENCE NO. 786.

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BRUSSELS REMINDS AUSTRALIANS

The Belgians have not forgotten the Australians of the last war and in Brussels memories are being refreshed by visiting R. A. A. F. airmen.

The people of Brussels have seen perhaps a dozen Australians in the past week among the thousands of allied servicemen who have come in to sing "Tipperary" with the Belgians in the cafes (which have issued the words, printed in English), and to see the sights of an historic city.

It has proved a difficult task for the Australians to explain their difficulty in accepting so many invitations to visit Belgian homes but the cooperative comfort of Brussels has been an almost unbelievable, although fleeting, change for the R. A. A. F. men from the rigors of life on airfields in France.

Several English-speaking Brussels people with whom R. A. A. F. men have spoken have spent years in Australia. Many Belgians have an expert knowledge of the Commonwealth.

The R. A. A. F. blue uniform has puzzled some in Brussels, but Australians wearing khaki with the Australian shoulder-flash find themselves quickly recognised and the exclamation, "Les Australiens" is heard as they pass through the still-celebrating crowds. There are many Australians, too, among the men of the R. A. F. visiting Brussels - for example, L. A. C. Bill Sweeney, of St. Kilda, Victoria, encountered in the Cafe Royale.

Apart from members of the Australian Spitfire squadron who have managed to make "ground sorties" from their airfield to the Belgian capital in the past day or so, other R. A. A. F. visitors have included Flight Lieutenant Tim Moran, of Melbourne, Flight Lieutenant Peter Glenville, of Sydney, a Mustang pilot in an R. A. F. unit, and Flight Sergeant J. D. Joyce, of Broken Hill, New South Wales, who is flying one of the big Dakotas which are working wonders in air transportation in the great preparations now under way.