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KEATING, BRIAN

429115

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SURNAME KEATING.....NUMBER A.U.S. 429115.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES.....BRIAN.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND BRANCHING.....P/O, <sup>60</sup>AIR BOMBER.....

DEGREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....26-1-24.....PLACE BARMERMAN, N.S.W. Austr

EDUCATED.....Our Lady's High, Mudgee.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.....27-10-42.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE.....8 mths. A.P. S.C......

PLACES OF TRAINING.....2 I.T.S. (Broadfield Park N.S.W.) Lithbridge & Edmonton, <sup>Canada</sup>Alta

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES.....12 mths. clerical work, 6 mths with International Harvester Co.

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC.....Rugby League - Mudgee

Reserves, Handball (Mudgee High), Swimming, Gymnastics

FATHER.....Michael JOSEPH KEATING.....

WIFE.....

HOME ADDRESS.....31 PERRY ST, MURDOCH N.S.W. Australia

SIGNATURE.....B. Keating.....

DATE.....25-2-44.....

DATE OF DEPARTURE.....15-2-44.....

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AWARDS.....DFC.....

CATEGORY.....INTERVIEWS.....

RADIO.....OTHER EXPERIENCES.....

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*Gazetted, 16-3-45,*

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