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KELLY, WALTER PATRICK

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The following Biographical details are requested for use at
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Surname... KELLY, W.P...... Number... AUST. 420208.....
 Christian Names... WALTER PATRICK.....
 Air Force Rank and Mustering... ~~PLT~~ PILOT V/O.....
 Degrees, Decorations, etc... D.F.M......
 Present Appointment and Location... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH.....
 Date of Birth... 4-1-23..... Place... SYDNEY N.S.W......
 Educated... NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOL.....
 Date of Entering Service... 11-10-41.....
 Previous Service Experience... MILITIA CAPTAIN.....
 Places of Training in R.A.A.F. Nº 21 TS BRADFELD BK......
Nº 4 EETS MAREOT..... Nº 5 EETS HARMONVILLE.....
 Civilian Career and Activities... PROCESS WORKER (RADIO).....
 Clubs, Recreations, etc.....
 Fathers name... DECEASED MOTHER MR KELLY.....
 Wifes name.....
 Children.....
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Signature W KellyDate 30-12-42Date Embarked Australia 13-11-42Destination UNITED KINGDOM.

Personal File - F/S. W.P. Kelly.

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Air Ministry News Service

Air Ministry Bulletin No.14009.

MUSTANGS DESTROY SEVEN GERMAN AIRCRAFT

Eight long-range Mustangs of the 2nd Tactical Air Force today carried out a sweep over northern Denmark and shot down seven German aircraft.

The enemy aircraft destroyed were:- Two Junkers 88s, one Junkers 188, Two Ju.34s, one Me.109 and one He.111. Another enemy aircraft was probably destroyed and several others were damaged. Two of the Mustangs are missing from the operation.

The Mustangs arrived over Aalborg at an opportune moment when about 15 German bombers of various types were circling the airfield prior to landing.

Wing Commander G.R.A.McG. Johnston, D.F.C., of High Wycombe, who led the intruder formation, said "We cut them up into small parties and attacked them one after the other. For the time we had them right where we wanted them".

One member of the party was a Norwegian pilot who caught a Ju.34 circling the airfield and shot it down in flames.

Flying Officer Pinches, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, shot down two - an He.111, and a Ju.188.

Flight Lieutenant B.G. Collyns, of Marlborough, New Zealand, and Flight Sgt. ⁴²⁰²⁰⁷ W.P. Kelly, of ^{65 Sq.} Stoney, N.S. Wales, destroyed one each. F/Sgt. Kelly first attacked a Ju.34 and saw strikes all over the main plane. He then mixed it with three Me.109s, riddled the fuselage of one, and saw it dive vertically to the ground, where it burst into flames.

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