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MAC KENZIE, NEIL DELLIT

409929

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

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

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Surname.....MACKENZIE..... Number.....AUS. 709929.

Christian Names.....NEIL DELLIT.....

Air Force Rank and Posting.....PLG - AIRCREW.....

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

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

Date of Birth.....23-10-22..... Place.....MELBOURNE, AUST.

Educated.....UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL.....
.....MELB. AUST.....

Date of Entering Service.....7 NOVEMBER 1941.....

Previous Service Experience.....

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. NO 11 TFS Somers Vic Aust
NO 7 E F T S. Western Junction Tas Aust.
NO 1 SFTS, Camp Borden, Can. NO 1 BRS Summerside Can.

Civilian Career and Activities.....
.....Filing Clerk.....
.....Civil Engineering Training - ~~Spent~~.....

Clubs, Recreations, etc.....Sports: Tennis, Football
.....Swimming, Hockey.....
.....Dancing, Reading.....

Fathers name.....Daniel Mackenzie.....

Wifes Name.....Elizabeth Grace Mackenzie.....

Children.....

Home address.....18 LINLEY GROVE, PKLOT. VALE W.V.
.....MELB, VIC., AUST.....

Signature.....Neil Dell Mackenzie P/O

Date.....12-1-43.....

Date Embarked Australia.....23-1-42.....

Destination.....UNITED KINGDOM.....

SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Historical Records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No.11 (R.A.A.F.) P.D.S.C.

NAME (in full) MACKENZIE, Neil Dewar. NUMBER Am 400929.

RANK AND BRANCHES... F/Lt. PILOT (C.O.)... DECORATIONS... -

MEMBER I.T.S. COURSE... 22... O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc. 23 @ 475, 62 @ 505, 1944, 19 @ 474.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 23/6/42
CANADA }
Sth. AFRICA } 22/3/43 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 10/4/42
and 2/12/42

SQUADRON... 451

AIRCRAFT FLOWS... SPITFIRES

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY... COE MACAF, F Command (UK) ~ Fighter

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRON, OR AIRCRAFT...
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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) 73.25 (B) 43 (20X) (C) M.T., TRAPS, VI + 1/2 Cites

(D) - (E) - (F) -

(G) -

(H) -

(I) -

..... Armed Recon.

..... Task Force

..... Convoy Patrol

..... Bomber escort

..... Disembarking & chaffing.

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Dates: 7/2/45 SIGNATURE: Neil Dewar Mackenzie
(use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

FROM MIDDLE EAST: 14/8/44

SEARCH FOR LOST PILOTS.

Australian fighter pilots flying from a Ceraican base recently carried out an air/sea search which resulted in the location of two pilots who had crashed into the sea during a practice flight. One of the missing pilots was dead but the other alive. Two oil patches had been sighted, and searchers were ordered to the spot. They searched this area without result, and a relief search flight was then sent out and saw a high speed rescue launch picking up the body of the dead pilot. Then F/O N.D. Mackenzie, Aus. 409929 ⁴¹⁵³³ of Ascot Vale, Melbourne, found the second pilot who was safe in a dinghy and which had departed while his No. 2 orbited the dinghy and directed it back to make the rescue. Mackenzie and his companion watched the rescue launch pick up the missing pilot and flew back to base. Although dull work, these air/sea rescue searches are always done cheerfully by fighter boys. They themselves fly on operations over vast areas of water in single engine aircraft and there is always the risk that they may be one day forced to go down to the "drink". There is close co-operation between air/sea rescue squadrons operating in the area and high speed launches which patrol areas and pick up derelict pilots.