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The following Biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F.

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Surname..... HOYD..... Number..... AUS 401520

Christian Names..... KENNETH PERCIVAL GARRICK

Air Force Rank and Mustering..... SGT / PILOT

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. "A" SQUADRON 3 PRC BOURNEMOUTH

Date of Birth..... 13/8/17..... Place..... LEONGATHA

Educated..... LEONGATHA HIGH SCHOOL, HAILEY BURY COLLEGE
MELBOURNE

Date of Entering Service..... 28/2/41

Previous Service Experience..... CORPORAL 29/22 BAT (APPROX 15 MONTHS)

GUNNER; 3 LIGHT A.A. REGT. A.I.F. APPROX 9 MONTHS

Places of Training..... I.T.S. SOMERS (VICTORIA)

E.F.T.S. RHODESIA B.F.T.S. RHODESIA

Civilian Career and Activities..... RADIO ANNOUNCER

BROADCASTING ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... "TOWER HOUSE"

ATHLETICS, FOOTBALL, SWIMMING

Father..... DECEASED

Wife.....

Children.....

Home Address..... "SUNNYSIDE" LEONGATHA

VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

Signature..... Kenneth P. Hoyd

Date..... 5/5/42

Date Embarked..... 27-6-41

Destination..... U.K.

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AIR WATCH ON SEA GOES ON AS INVASION NEARS

While the spearhead forces assemble in Britain for Invasion Day, the squadrons of Coastal Command are carrying on their particular tasks of hunting U-boats, watching for blockade runners, searching for shipwrecked crews, and scouring the seas in daily patrols hundreds of miles from the English coast.

Apart from the Australians in the R.A.A.F. Sunderland and Beaufighter squadrons, scores of Australians are serving in other Coastal Command aircraft on these essential operations.

For instance.....

Flight Sergeant A.C. de Reya, a former advertising copy writer, of Stanmore, New South Wales, was mid-upper-gunner in a Halifax which one night found a U-boat moving along on the surface. The Halifax's crew saw the submarine silhouetted against the moonlight, and the aircraft turned to attack.

The captain manoeuvred his aircraft for a moonbeam attack, and swept lower and lower, flying straight into the path of the moon, with the submarine still silhouetted.

They dropped their depth charges and saw them straddle the submarine across the conning tower. Columns of water rose, and then, as the Halifax swept by, the gunners sprayed it. The submarine submerged, surfaced again, then disappeared.

And.....

Flying Officer J.M. Wheeler, of Gordon, New South Wales, was navigator of a Coastal Command Halifax given the job of finding German destroyers believed to be escorting a blockade runner.

Although it was night, the Halifax found the convoy, dropped flares on it, identified it, and then shadowed it for five hours.

Flying-Officer C. Tandy, of Mullumbimby, New South Wales, was wireless operator of one of a force of Halifaxes sent out to bomb the convoy. The escorting German destroyers put up strong anti-aircraft fire when the striking force found them, but the Halifaxes went in and bombed the blockade runner. Later it was found beached.

The Halifaxes of Coastal Command, particularly, have varied tasks to perform.....

The Navy wanted information about a tanker in a port some hundreds of miles away. Flying-Officer K.P.G. Lloyd, of Leongatha, Victoria, was on patrol when he received a signal ordering him to photograph the tanker and bring back all the information he could.

He found the tanker, went down through flak to photograph it from only 800 feet, and brought back the information required.

These are highlights of the daily and nightly work of Coastal Command. For the most part the job is one of long, arduous patrols far out to sea -- monotonous but vital work, this watch on the lifelines of Britain, as Invasion Day draws near.
