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LODER, GEORGE BRUCE

412160

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

AW. 20/12⁵ DFC.

Missing 20-12-42

P.D. 28.7.44

The following Biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON.

Surname LODER.....Number AUS 412160
 Christian Names GEORGE BRUCE
 Air Force Rank and Mustering SGT. OBSERVER P/O. Comm. 1943.
AIR CREW Nar. "B" *
 Degrees, Decorations, etc. DFC. ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS OF AUST
 Present Appointment and Location NO 3 PRC. BOURNEMOUTH
 Date of Birth 13.10.1918 Place SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA
 Educated DRUMMOYNE INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL Sydney
 Date of Entering Service 22nd JUNE 1941
 Previous Service Experience 5 MONTHS. WIRELESS OPERATOR 2nd DIV.
SIGNALS
 Civilian Career and Activities EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC TRUSTEE SYDNEY
from 1st May 1941 to date of entering service. Clerical duties
 Clubs, Recreations, etc. TENNIS SWIMMING RUGBY UNION IN
NSW PUBLIC SERVICE COMPETITION 1938 and 1939
 Father ARTHUR BRUCE LODER
 Wife BETTY LODER
 Children ELIZABETH ANNE LODER
 Home Address 41 DOUGLAS ST. RYDE NSW AUSTRALIA
 Signature G. Loder
 Date 13.5.42
 Date embarked (Australia) 18.9.41
 Destination CANADA

* P/O 25-5-43
 Act/F/L 25-9-43.

Elisabeth received her father's medal



Three-year-old Elisabeth Anne Loder displays the D.F.C. awarded her father, the late Flying Officer G. B. Loder, R.A.A.F. She received the decoration from the Governor-General of Australia at the first investiture held by the Duke of Gloucester at Sydney.

Personal
(if any)

F/O. G. B. Loder.

Evening Standard.
6-4-45.

4.1.45. No.7.

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AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE

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W.A.A.F. AIDS AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS

Sitting in the control tower on the edge of a Fighter Command airfield somewhere near the coast, with a pair of radio-telephones clamped over her ears and a telephone mouthpiece at her side, Aircraftwoman Priscilla ("Paddy") Barnes, of the W.A.A.F., keeps a listening-watch for aircraft in distress.

She is one of the many W.A.A.F. radio-telephone operators who, night after night, are on duty at R.A.F. airfields waiting to assist Fighter Command night fighter and intruder pilots who may have lost their way, have been shot up over enemy territory or who must make emergency landings for other reasons.

She listens also for returning bombers which may need assistance.

"Paddy" Barnes is 24 years of age, and lives at St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, Kent. She joined the W.A.A.F. in 1942, and after a short period of training in the operations room at a fighter sector, was selected for duty in the control tower.

The airfield at which she is stationed is one of the busiest in Fighter Command: day and night fighters operate from it and, being near the coast, it is frequently used by bombers returning from raids over Germany if they have no bases.

It is on the alertness and efficiency

Personal (Gang)

DUKE PRESENTS AWARDS

SYDNEY INVESTITURE

SYDNEY, Monday.

The Duke of Gloucester, Governor-General of Australia, at an investiture in Admiralty House to-day presented the D.F.C. to Elizabeth Loder, aged 3½, whose father, Fly. Off. LODER, of a R.A.A.F. Pathfinder squadron, was killed over Germany.

The 10-year-old son of Flt.-Sgt. FERGUSON, killed in England a year ago, received his father's B.E.M.

At the British Centre, which the Duke and Duchess visited last night, the Duke unveiled a bust of Mr. Churchill. Before leaving for Canberra by air to-morrow afternoon, the royal party will be entertained by the Empire Parliamentary Association.—Reuter and Exchange.

London-Canberra, 44 Hours

The Avro York plane to be used by the Duke and Duchess in Australia arrived at Canberra yesterday evening, 43 hours and 50 minutes after leaving London, says A.P. Wing Cmdr. D. R. Donaldson, R.A.A.F., the pilot, said that the trip was uneventful.

A.T.W.

Daily Telegraph.

13-3-45

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SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMUNIQUE NO. 389

Headquarters, S.E.A.C.
January 26.1945

LAND: Fifteenth Indian Corps: On Ramree our leading troops have occupied Kyaukale north of Thames Point, and are in the neighbourhood of Mayin, S.E. of Thames Point.

All the features dominating Myohaung and Eastwards to the Lemro area are now in our hands.

The enemy continued his heavy shelling of our positions in the Kangaw bridgehead and renewed his infantry attacks but without success.

Fourteenth Army: In the Gangaw valley progress has been made in the Tilin area.

On the Lower Chindwin the enemy is resisting stubbornly in the villages South of Monywa.

Our troops have captured the high ground East of Ondaw, fifteen miles N.W. of Sagaing.

There is no change in the position in our bridgehead in the Singu sector. (S.E. of Kyaukmyaung) East of the Irrawaddy.

Northern Combat Area Command: Units of 36th British Division yesterday occupied Twinngé, on the East bank of the Irrawaddy.

They also captured Bahe, eleven miles South of Mabein.

50th Chinese Division troops captured

CITATION OF D.E.C. - Dated 10/11/43

Non-Immediate Award

The following officer has completed, in various expeditions, many successful operations against the enemy, in which he has displayed high skill, fortitude and devotion to duty :-

Pilot Officer George Bruce LODER, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 156 Squadron.