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BIRCH, RAYMOND LISLE

419630

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
OFFICERS & AIRCREW

The following biographical details are requested for use as R.A.A.F.
Overseas Headquarters, London.

Surname... BIRCH Number... AUS 419630

Christian Names... RAYMOND Lisle

Air Force Rank & Mustering... SGT AIRCREW - WAG.

Degrees, Decorations, etc... —

Present Appointment & Location... R.A.A.F. 11 P.D.R.C. Brighton

Date of Birth... 25.10.43 Place... WERRIBEE VICTORIA AUST

Educated... WERRIBEE STATE + H.E.SCHOOL; UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
MELBOURNE]

Date of Entering Service... 11.9.1942

Previous Service Experience... —

Places of Training in R.A.A.F... SOMERS, BALLARAT, SALE - VICTORIA

Civilian Career & Activities... STUDENT
Clubs, Recreations, etc... SHOOTING HUNTING PHOTOGRAPHY WIRELESS } MUSIC

Father's Name... SIDNEY JOHN BIRCH

Wife's Name... —

Children... —

Home Address... "GREEN MOUNTAINS" MONTROSE VIC. AUST.

Signature... Birch

Date... 13.8.1943

Date Embarked Australia... 2.7.43

Destination... United Kingdom

Personal file — w/o R.L. Birch

R.A.A.F. MODEL OF SORPE DAM USED BY BOMBER COMMAND FOR

RAID ON OCTOBER 15, 1944.

Following the raid on the Ruhr Dams in May, 1943, on Mohne, Eder and Sorpe, a further raid was made on Sorpe on October 15, 1944.

2. Copies of models of the dams have been obtained as part of the R.A.A.F. War Collection.

3. In September, 1944, Bomber Command borrowed the R.A.A.F. model of Sorpe for intelligence work and briefing in connection

with a further raid on Sorpe by Lancasters and Mosquitoes on October 15. R.A.A.F. personnel in 5 Group took part in Lancasters.

4. Names of R.A.A.F. aircrew as follows:- (9 Squadron)

421703	W/O F. Black
414983	F/O K. C. Arndell
404850	F/Lt. C. N. Campbell
418905	F/O A. F. Williams
422148	F/Lt. J. Dunne
421281	F/O A. E. Jones
419630	W/O R. L. Birch
428640	F/Sgt. J. Acheson
432293	F/Sgt. D. Williams

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