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14/1/42 Letter to W/ldr Bungey asking for details re
beginning of No. 452 Squadron.

Encl. 1A

3/6/42 Letter to Station ^{3.} Commander, Andreas, asking
for files relating to 452 Sqn. for historical records.

Encl. 2A

10/6/42. Letter from Station Commander Andreas in reply to Enclosure 2.A.
advising no file held likely to be of any value to Historical
records.

Enclosure 3.A.

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SECRET - IMPORTANT

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Australia.

HISTORICAL RECORDSNo. 452 Squadron, R.A.A.F.

Attached is brief history of No. 452 Squadron, R.A.A.F. from date of formation - April 8th, 1941, until May 29th, 1942, compiled from the Operations Records Books.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

W.B. Tart
(W.B. TART)
Squadron Leader, for
Air Vice Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

HISTORY OF No. 452 SQUADRON.

APRIL 8th, 1941. FORMATION. This squadron, the first Australian Fighter Squadron to be formed in England, was formed on this date at Kirton-Lindsay.

APRIL 13th, 1941. S/Ldr. R.C. Dutton, D.F.C. & Bar took over command of the Squadron and F/Lt. B.E. Finucane took over duties as O.C. "A" Flight.

The officers and sergeant pilots first allocated to the unit were: -

Commanding Officer	S/Ldr. R.C. Dutton, D.F.C. and Bar
A. Flight Commander	F/Lt. B.E. Finucane, D.F.C.
Adjutant	F/O. H.P. White, M.C.
Medical Officer	F/O. S.C. Williams (Mackay, Queensland)
Engineer Officer	F/O. R.W. Gray
Intelligence Officer	F/O. D. Lane Walters

Pilots: - Aus. 402144 F/O. R.E. Thorold Smith, of Young, N.S.W.
 Aus. in RAF Sgt. P. St. J. Makin, of Adelaide, S.A.
 Aus. 407078 Sgt. I.A.L. Milne, of Wirrabarrig
 Aus. 400033 Sgt. E.V. Walliker, Warranbool, Victoria
 Aus. 402115 Sgt. Gazzard, R.G. of Sydney, N.S.W.
 Aus. 402120 Sgt. J.W. Hanigan, of Sydney, N.S.W.
 Aus. 402141 Sgt. A.E. Stuart, of Grafton, N.S.W.
 Aus. 402009 Sgt. E.B. Tainton, of Sydney, N.S.W.
 Aus. 402007 Sgt. A.C. Roberts, of Lismore, N.S.W.
 Aus. 404086 Sgt. R.J. Cowan, of Brisbane, Queensland
 Aus. 404100 Sgt. G.B. Haydon

APRIL 23rd, 1941. A dinner was held in the officers mess to celebrate the first anniversary of Kirton-Lindsay Station.

APRIL 25th, 1941. AWARD. The D.F.C. was awarded to F/O. B.E. Finucane.

MAY, 1941.

MAY 8th, 1941. F/Lt. A.G. Douglas arrived and took over command of "B" Flight.

MAY 24th, 1941. Demonstration flying was given at Crowds, Lincs, for their War Weapons Week.

Ten uneventful patrols were carried out by the Squadron during the month.

JUNE, 1941.

JUNE 12th, 1941. S/Ldr. D.C. Dutton left to take over command of No. 19 Squadron and F/Lt. R.W. Bungey, of Adelaide, took over command of No. 452 Squadron.

JUNE 18th, 1941. VISIT. Australian newspaper representatives paid a visit to the Squadron.

JUNE 28th, 1941. A Sports meeting was held at the Station at which the Squadron distinguished themselves, and in the evening a dance was held in the officers mess.

During the month 131 uneventful sorties were carried out by the squadron.

JULY, 1941.

JULY 5th, 1941. Sgt. A.C. Costello was killed, his plane being attacked when he was preparing to land at North Coates aerodrome.

JULY 11th, 1941. FIRST SWEEP - ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. Fourteen aircraft took part in a sweep over France and F/Lt. Finucane, D.F.C. destroyed an Me.109. Sgt. A.C. Roberts failed to return from this operation.

JULY 17th, 1941. VISIT. The A.O.C. of 12 Group visited the Squadron.

JULY 21st, 1941. The Squadron was moved to Kenley, Surrey.

JULY 22nd, 1941. SWEEPS. Two sweeps by twelve and thirteen Spitfires were made over the Channel. Both were uneventful.

JULY 23rd, 1941. SWEEPS. Two sweeps by twelve aircraft were made over the Channel. Enemy fighters were engaged but none destroyed.

JULY 24th, 1941. SWEEP - ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. The squadron took part in a sunrise operation over Cherbourg. F/O. A.H. Humphrey shot down an Me.109.

JULY 25th, 1941. A dance was held in the officers mess.

JULY 27th, 1941. VISIT. The Air Officer Commanding 11 Group visited the Squadron and gave a short talk to the pilots.

JULY 29th, 1941. RHUBARB. Six aircraft took part in an uneventful Rhubarb patrol.

JULY 31st, 1941. ROADSTEAD. The Squadron took part in a roadstead operation over the Channel.

News was received that Sgt. A.C. Roberts, shot down 11.7.41, is safe in France.

AUGUST, 1941.

AUGUST 3rd, 1941. RHUBARB. While operating with F/Lt. Finucane in an engagement over the Channel, Sgt. Gassard fired on and helped to silence A.A. guns on an enemy motor vessel.

SWEEP - 2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED, 1 PROBABLY DESTROYED. Twelve aircraft took part in a sweep, during which F/Lt. Finucane destroyed 1 Me.109 and probably destroyed another. F/O. Eccleston destroyed 1 Me.109.

AUGUST 5th, 1941. ESCORT. Twelve aircraft acted as close escort to Blenheims in a sweep to St. Omer. All returned safely.

AUGUST 6th, 1941. SWEEP. Six aircraft carried out an uneventful sweep and all returned safely.

AUGUST 7th, 1941. ESCORT. - for bombers (Blenheims) Uneventful.
HIGH COVER for bombers. Uneventful.

AUGUST 9th, 1941. SWEEP. Twelve aircraft took part in a sweep during which 5 Me.109s were destroyed by P/O. Truscott - 1, P/O. Smith, - 1/2, F/Lt. Finucane - 1 and two halves, Sgt. Chisholm - two halves and F/O. Lewis - 1/2 P/O. O'Byrne, Sgt. Chapman and Sgt. Haydon failed to return.

AUGUST 10th, 1941. SWEEP. Twelve aircraft took part in a sweep to St. Omer. Squadron was attacked by enemy fighters but no damage or casualties were sustained.

AUGUST 12th, 1941. SWEEP. Squadron took part in a sweep to Calais and Gravelines. No incident.

ESCORT. Squadron provided escort for bombers. No incident.

AUGUST 14th, 1941. CIRCUS. Squadron took part in Circus to Boulogne Harbour. No incident.

AUGUST 16th, 1941. CIRCUS. Squadron took part in Circus to St. Omer. No incident.

SWEEP. Squadron carried out a sweep to St. Omer. No incident.

CIRCUS. Twelve aircraft took part in a Circus operation to St. Omer. Seven Me.109s were destroyed. F/Lt. Finucane (2) P/O. Truscott (1) Sgt. Chishola (2) Sgt. Stuart (1) Sgt. Tainton (1). All our aircraft returned safely.

AUGUST 18th, 1941. SWEEP. Squadron carried out an uneventful sweep to Gris Nez.

ESCORT. Squadron acted as escort to bombers. Target Marquise. Attacked by enemy aircraft but there were no casualties on either side.

AUGUST 19th, 1941. CIRCUS. Twenty-one aircraft from this Squadron took part in a Circus operation. There was a very heavy engagement with the enemy who were about 100 strong. F/Lt. Finucane destroyed one Me.109 and probably destroyed another. P/O. Truscott destroyed one Me.109. P/O. Reclleton and Sgt. R.G. Cassard failed to return. P/O. W.D. Willis was wounded and F/Lt. A.G. Douglas had his aircraft badly shot up.

AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL. Squadron carried out an uneventful air-sea rescue patrol.

AUGUST 21st, 1941. VISIT. The Squadron was visited by Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas C.B., M.C., D.F.C., Air Officer Commanding in Chief Fighter Command, Air Commodore, P.H. Matemara, V.C., C.D.E., Australian Liaison Officer, and the Right Honourable Stanley Melvin Bruce, P.C. and representatives of the Australian and British Press.

AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL. Squadron carried out an uneventful air-sea rescue patrol.

AUGUST 22nd, 1941. AWARD. F/Lt. Finucane received a Bar to his D.F.C.

AUGUST 24th, 1941. SWEEP. Squadron carried out an uneventful sweep to St. Omer.

AUGUST 26th, 1941. CIRCUS. Twelve aircraft took part in a Circus operation to St. Omer. Enemy aircraft attacked continuously and F/Lt. Douglas destroyed one Me.109 and Sgt. A.R. Stuart destroyed another. All our aircraft returned safely.

AUGUST 27th, 1941. CIRCUS. 11 aircraft took part in another Circus operation to St. Omer. F/Lt. Finucane and P/O. Thorold-Smith each destroyed two Me.109s without loss to the squadron.

AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL. Squadron carried out an uneventful air-sea rescue patrol.

AUGUST 29th, 1941. Squadron acted as escort to 6 Blenheims. No incident.

AUGUST 31st, 1941. SWEEP, ESCORT & CIRCUS. Squadron carried out a sweep, escorted bombers to St. Omer and took part in an Circus operation to Le Trait. No incident.

During August the Squadron destroyed 22 enemy aircraft, of which P/Lt. Finucane himself brought down nine.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1941. ESCORT. Twelve aircraft escorted bombers over Ostend. As the Squadron was leaving the target it was attacked by 2 Me.109s, both of which were destroyed by P/O. Willis, Aus, and Sgt. Stuart, Aus.

SWEEP. An uneventful sweep was carried out by the Squadron.

SEPTEMBER 4th, 1941. The Squadron acted as cover to 12 Blenheims, Target Masingarbe. No incident.

SEPTEMBER 7th, 1941. Aus. 402120 Sgt. J.W. Hanigan and Aus. 400264 Sgt. K.V. Williams were both killed when they collided in mid air while doing dummy attacks.

SEPTEMBER 11th, 1941. VISIT. W/Cdr. T.C. Carnow, R.A.A.F. visited the Squadron.

RHUBARB. An uneventful rhubarb patrol was carried out by the Squadron.

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1941. AWARD. A second bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to P/Lt. Finucane.

SEPTEMBER 16th, 1941. SWEEP. The Squadron carried out an uneventful sweep to St. Omer.

SEPTEMBER 17th, 1941. CIRCUS. The Squadron took part in two Circus operations to Marguise and Masingarbe. No casualties were claimed or sustained.

SEPTEMBER 18th, 1941. SWEEP. Twelve aircraft accompanied Blenheims to Rouen. Four Australians P/O. Willis, Sgt. Stuart, Sgt. Try and Sgt. Manning failed to return. Four Me.109s were destroyed, one probably, and two damaged. These are claimed by P/O. Smith (1), Sgt. Chisholm (1) P/Lt. Douglas (1) P/O. Truscott (1) and 1 probable and 2 damaged by Sgt. Wain.

SEPTEMBER 20th, 1941. CIRCUS. Twelve aircraft took part in a Circus operation to Abbeville. P/Lt. Finucane destroyed 3 Me.109s, P/O. Truscott destroyed 2 Me.109s and damaged a third, while Sgt. Chisholm and Sgt. Dunstan both destroyed one each. Sgt. Milne failed to return, but was later reported a prisoner of war.

SEPTEMBER 21st, 1941. CIRCUS. Led by S/Ldr. Bungey, commanding the whole Kenley Wing, the Squadron took part in a bombing operation over Le Touquet. P/Lt. Finucane destroyed two Me.109s, P/O. Truscott one and Sgt. Chisholm and Sgt. Wain, one each. The Squadron had no casualties.

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1941. AWARD. S/Ldr. R.W. Bungey, was awarded the D.F.C.

SEPTEMBER 26th, 1941. RHUBARB. The Squadron took part in a Rhubarb operation. No incident.

SEPTEMBER 27th, 1941. ESCORT. The squadron escorted 11 Blenheims. No incident.

SEPTEMBER 29th, 1941. P/O. K.W. Truscott was made 'B' Flight Commander with Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant.

SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941. The Squadron has received much attention from both the Australian and British Press. P/Lt. Finucane being acclaimed as the successor to the laurels of W/Cdr. Bader. Many excellent photos of the

squadron pilots appeared in the British Press of the 22.9.41. It is believed that the Squadron score of 18 enemy aircraft destroyed during the month will prove to be the winning score for the month of September amongst Squadrons operating in the British Isles.

OCTOBER, 1941.

OCTOBER 2nd, 1941. SWEEP. Eight aircraft took part in a sweep to Mardick. F/Lt. Finucane kept up a running fight of 8 miles - 12 miles out to sea before catching up and destroying a Me.109 and damaging a second. Sgt. Cowan also destroyed one Me.109. All our aircraft returned safely.

OCTOBER 4th, 1941. S/Ldr. Bungey, O.C. of the Squadron, was married.

AWARDS. F/Lt. Truscott was awarded the D.F.C. and Sgt. Chilholm was awarded the D.F.M.

OCTOBER 6th, 1941. Group Captain Bouchier became Kenley Station Commander.

OCTOBER 8th, 1941. Sir Charles McCann, Agent General of South Australia and Mr. Pike, Agent General of Queensland visited the Squadron.

Members of the Squadron met Sgt. Roberts who had returned to London after escaping from enemy-occupied territory by way of unoccupied France and Spain.

OCTOBER 11th, 1941. AWARD. F/Lt. Finucane was awarded the D.S.O.

OCTOBER 12th, 1941. CIRCUS. Twelve aircraft took part in a Circus operation to Boulogne Docks. F/Lt. Finucane and F/Lt. Truscott each destroyed an Me.109. Sgt. Chisholm failed to return. He has since been reported a prisoner of war.

OCTOBER 13th, 1941. CIRCUS. Thirteen aircraft escorted bombers to Gravelines. F/Lt. Finucane destroyed two and damaged one Me.109. F/O. Smith destroyed one and damaged one. F/Lt. Truscott destroyed two. Sgt. Emery destroyed one and damaged one and Sgt. Schrader probably destroyed one. Sgt. Jackson failed to return, and Sgt. Elphick baled out over the channel and was rescued.

OCTOBER 21st, 1941. MOVE. The Squadron moved to R.A.F. Station, Redhill, Surrey.

RODEO. The Squadrons took part in a rodeo operation to St. Omer. Enemy aircraft were engaged but no casualties were claimed or sustained.

OCTOBER 24th, 1941. RODEO. The Squadron took part in another Rodeo operation. No incident.

OCTOBER 27th, 1941. The Squadrons total up to date is 52 enemy aircraft destroyed, five probably destroyed and twelve damaged. Again the Squadron came out top score for the month with two other Squadrons.

NOVEMBER, 1941.

NOVEMBER 6th, 1941. ESCORT. Ten aircraft acted as Tomhawk cover. F/Lt. Smith and F/Lt. Truscott each destroyed one Me.109 and S/Ldr. Bungey, P/O. Lewis and P/O. Sly and F/Lt. Smith damaged 4 Me.109s. Sgt. Geismann and Sgt. Schrader are missing.

NOVEMBER 7th, 1941. VISIT. Representatives of the "New Yorker" and the "Daily Mirror" visited the Squadron.

NOVEMBER 7th, 1941. RAMROD. The Squadron took part in a ramrod operation to Beauchamps. No claims made, no damage sustained.

NOVEMBER 8th, 1941. VISIT. W/Cdr. White visited the Squadron.

CIRCUS. Twelve aircraft took part in a circus operation to Lille. F/Lt. Truscott and Sgt. Dunstan baled out and were rescued from the sea. Before baling out F/Lt. Truscott destroyed two Me.109s.

NOVEMBER 10th, 1941. F/Lt. Finnoane visited the Squadron on one crutch after his recent flying accident.

NOVEMBER 16th, 1941. VISIT. W/Cdr. Peel visited the Squadron.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1941. RAMROD. Thirteen aircraft acted as high cover to Hurricane Bombers. Objective - Hesdin. Enemy aircraft were sighted but there was no engagement.

NOVEMBER 22nd, 1941. AWARD. F/Lt. R.E. Thorold Smith was awarded the D.F.C.

NOVEMBER 25th, 1941. VISIT. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore visited the Squadron.

NOVEMBER 27th, 1941. ROADSTEAD. The Squadron took part in a roadstead operation acting as cover to Hurricane bombers. No incident.

VISIT. Sir Earle Page, Air Marshal Williams, Air Commodore Macfarlane and Group Captain Bouchier visited the Squadron.

NOVEMBER 29th, 1941. VISIT. Sir Keith Murdoch visited the Squadron.

DECEMBER, 1941.

Owing to bad weather conditions there were no operations during the early part of this month.

DECEMBER 8th, 1941. ESCORT. While escorting two rescue boats, thirteen aircraft of the Squadron were attacked by F.W.190s. Sgt. Emery failed to return, having last been seen chasing an F.W. with two other F.Ws behind and above him. Very useful information about F.W.190s was brought back from this operation.

DECEMBER 10th, 1941. Sir Keith Murdoch entertained the pilots and officers at the London Hippodrome, followed by dinner at the Cafe Royal.

DECEMBER 14th, 1941. VISIT. Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Trenchard, visited the Squadron and talked to the pilots.

DECEMBER 28th, 1941. SWEEP. The Squadron carried out a Channel sweep. No incident.

JANUARY, 1942.

JANUARY 3rd, 1942. RHUBARB. F/Lt. Thorold-Smith and Sgt. Williams went on a Rhubarb operation, firing at an alcohol distillery at Colleville.

JANUARY 4th, 1942. RHUBARB. F/Lt. Truscott and P/O. Sly carried out a Rhubarb operation to St. Valery-sur-Somme, strafing German soldiers, and firing at two lock gates.

CASUALTY. P/O. Baker was killed when his aircraft spun into the sea during a cannon test.

JANUARY 5th, 1942. VISIT. Air Commodore, H.R.H. Duke of Kent visited the Squadron.

SHIPPING RECONNAISSANCE. P/Lt. Smith and P/O. Lloyd went on a shipping recco off Le Havre. No shipping was seen.

JANUARY 6th, 1942. RODEO. An uneventful Rodeo was carried out by the Squadron.

JANUARY 14th, 1942. MOVE. The Squadron moved from Redhill to Kenley.

VISIT. Professor P. Cotton and the Senior Medical Officer - W/Cdr. Anderson, visited the Squadron.

JANUARY 22nd, 1942. PROTECTION OF MINESWEEPERS. Eight aircraft took part in the operation. Sgt. Lewis called up on the R.T. saying he was going into the sea and giving position. He was last seen lying on his back in the sea.

JANUARY 25th, 1942. SWEEP. An uneventful Channel sweep was carried out by the Squadron.

SHIPPING RECONNAISSANCE. Two aircraft carried out a shipping recco to Le Touquet and Gris Nez. A ship of 15,000 tons escorted by 4 flak ships was sighted.

POSTING. S/Ldr. Bungey, C.O. of the Squadron, was posted to Shoreham, and P/Lt. Pinaucne was posted to 602 Squadron as Squadron Leader. P/Lt. Truscott became Squadron Leader of 452 Squadron and P/O. Coker became Flight Commander of 'B' Flight.

JANUARY 27th, 1942. SWEEP. The Squadron joined in a Wing Channel sweep to Boulogne Harbour. No incident.

FEBRUARY, 1942.

FEBRUARY 12th, 1942. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPPING. Eleven Spitfires attacked a German Destroyer with the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prince Eugen. Black smoke was seen issuing from the rear of the bridge. There were no casualties.

FEBRUARY 13th, 1942. SWEEP. Eleven aircraft took part in a Channel sweep. An enemy float plane at 50 feet was seen just off Boulogne and led by Group Captain Beamish the Squadron went in to attack. The enemy aircraft burst into flames and dropped into the sea. There were no casualties.

This was the Squadrons 58th certain destruction and the first this year.

FEBRUARY 15th, 1942. PATROL SCRABBLE. Four Spitfires took part. P/Sgt. Makin and Sgt. Harper attacked two enemy aircraft, and P/Sgt. Makin claims one damaged. Sgt. Harper did not return.

FEBRUARY 26th, 1942. Air Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding visited the Squadron.

FEBRUARY 28th, 1942. RAMROD. Eleven aircraft took part in Kenley wing diversion to Ramrod.

MARCH, 1942.

MARCH 2nd, 1942. VISIT. Air Vice Marshal Leigh Mallory, A.O.C. 11 Group visited Kenley.

MARCH 8th, 1942. RODEO The Squadron took part in Rodeo over French coast. No incident.

CIRCUS. Squadron took part with Kenley wing as escort cover to six Bostons. Target Abbeville. No incident.

MARCH 9th, 1942. CIRCUS. Fourteen aircraft acted as close escort to 6 Bostons. Target - power house at Mazingarbe. S/Ldr. Truscott destroyed one Me.109 and damaged another and F/Lt. Wain destroyed one Me.109 Sgt. Hamilton failed to return.

MARCH 10th, 1942. INVESTITURE. S/Ldr. Truscott went to Buckingham Palace to receive the D.F.C. The former C.O. W/Odr. Bungy was also there.

MARCH 13th, 1942. CIRCUS. Thirteen aircraft acted as cover to 12 Bostons. F/O. Sly destroyed one F.W.190.

MARCH 14th, 1942. AWARD. S/Ldr. Truscott was awarded a Bar to his D.F.C.

CIRCUS. Thirteen aircraft of the Squadron escorted 12 Bostons to Le Havre. S/Ldr. Truscott destroyed one F.W.190 and Sgt. Morrison probably destroyed one. Sgt. Morrison landed his Spitfire safely although 2/3rds of the rudder was shot away.

MARCH 17th, 1942. POSTING. S/Ldr. Truscott, F/Lt. Wain, F/O. Tainton and F/O. Elphick posted to Australia. Group Captain Beamish came over from Kenley and expressed regret at their departure and said F/Lt. R.E. Thorold-Smith would be C.O.

News received that the Squadron was to move to Andreas, Isle of Man.

MARCH 18th, 1942. S/Ldr. Thorold-Smith assumed command of the Squadron.

MARCH 20th, 1942. MOVE. Rail and boat party left for Andreas.

MARCH 23rd, 1942. Air party left for Andreas.

MARCH 24th, 1942. Andreas Station Commander - W/Odr. Knowles, D.F.C. addressed the pilots.

MARCH 26th, 1942. Signal from A.O.C. 9 Group conveying congratulations for award of D.F.C. to F/Lt. Wain.

MARCH 28th, 1942. VISIT. A.O.C. 9 Group, Air Vice Marshal McLoughrey, D.S.O., R.C., D.F.C. and Air Commodore Toomer, S.A.S.O. visited the Squadron. The Air Vice Marshal welcomed the Squadron and said they had highest reputation of any fighter squadron on the western front.

MARCH 31st, 1942. There are eighteen operational pilots on strength and eleven pilots under training.

APRIL, 1942.

APRIL 8th, 1942. First anniversary of formation of the Squadron.

APRIL 10th, 1942. Squadron formation practice. Ans. 408165
Sgt. R.E. Waters did not return.

MAY, 1942.

MAY 3rd, 1942. PATROL. While on a defensive patrol F/O. Lemerton sighted, attacked and damaged a Ju.88 F/O. Lemerton baled out owing to engine strikes on his engine and was picked up six hours later by a naval launch.

MAY 8th, 1942. CASUALTY. When practising camera gun quarter attacks P/O. Ford and Sgt. Goodnow collided. P/O. Ford baled out safely but Sgt. Goodnow was killed.

MAY 24th, 1942. News was received that the Squadron was to move to Atcham.

MAY 29th, 1942. Preparing to leave. Last flying done.

ACTION COPY TO
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S.O.P.R.
184/44/102

No. 93 Squadron,
R.A.F. Station,
ANDREAS, I.O.M.

Encl. 3A

Ref:- 93/407/P.1.

10th June, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to your letter of the 3rd June, 1942, addressed to the Station Commander.

Files were divided up before No. 452 Squadron left into two groups :-

(a) Those relating to the Squadron itself which were all removed.

(b) Those relating to Station and Group procedure and records which would be of value to any Squadron operating at Andreas.

Beyond those in category (b) no files appear to be held here; certainly none of those retained would be of any historical value.

Careful enquiries have been made in regard to the spectacles left by S/Ldr. Tart, but it is regretted that they are nowhere to be found. It is possible that they were found and handed to one of the officers of No. 452 Squadron.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

REGISTERED

W.B. Tart

Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No. 93 Squadron, ANDREAS..

The Air Officer Commanding,
Royal Australian Air Force,
Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House, Kingsway, LONDON, W.C.2.
(For the attention of S/Ldr. W.B. Tart)

Encl. 2A.

184/44/Air

SECRET

3/6/42

Dear Wing Commander Knowles,

It would be greatly appreciated if you could do anything to assist this Headquarters in getting custodianship of all files dealing with No. 452 Squadron which they have not taken with them and which will not be needed by their successors. These files are of great historical value and we are most anxious to get possession of them.

2. I would be glad if you would also make some inquiries about my spectacles which I left in the "rectory".

3. I am sorry to trouble you about a small matter like ~~this~~. *the letter*

Thanking you most sincerely for your generous hospitality during my visit to the station.

Yours sincerely,

(W.B.TART),
Squadron Leader, for
Air Vice Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Wing Commander E.V.Knowles, D.F.C.,
Station Commander,
R.A.F. Station,
Andreas. Isle of Man.

Encl. 1A

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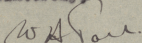
14/4/42

Dear Sir,

I would greatly appreciate a talk with you on the beginnings of No. 452 Squadron, R.A.A.F., and various phases of its development. Much of the history of the Squadron, of course, is included in the Operations Records Books but there is the personal angle which can only be given by a Commanding Officer, and which should be filled in before details are forgotten.

If you could call in and see me at this Headquarters some time when you are in London or arrange for a meeting somewhere else I should be able to get the data required. Alternatively, you may prefer to write an account to be placed with the other historical documents concerning the Squadron.

Yours sincerely,



(W.B. TART),
Squadron Leader, for
Air Vice Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Wing Commander R.W. Bungey, D.F.C.,
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