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MC MURTRIE, BRYCE CAMPBELL

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Surname McMURTRAIE Number Aus. 405872.
 Christain Names BRYCE CAMPBELL
 Air Force Rank and Mustering SERGEANT. W.O.A.G.
 Degrees, Decorations, etc.
 Present Appointment and Location R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURMOUTH.
 Date of Birth 26.9.41 Place ROCKHAMPTON, AUST.
 Educated STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL, STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ROCKHAMPTON, AUSTRALIA.
 Date of Entering Service 21.6.41
 Previous Service Experience NIL
 Places of Training in R.A.A.F. NO. 3. F.T.S. SANDGATE, AUS.
NO. 9 F.T.S. NERRANDERRA, N.S.W. AUS. NO. 1 W.S. MONTREAL, NO. 2. B+G.
MOSS BARK, SASK. CANADA.
 Civilian Career and Activities
 Clubs, Recreations, etc.
 Fathers name BRYCE McMURTRAIE
 Wifes Name
 Children
 Home address 72. JESSIE STREET, ROCKHAMPTON, AUST.
 Signature B.C. McMurtraie
 Date 5th April, 1943.
 Date Embarked Australia 13/11/41.
 Destination UNITED KINGDOM.

2/L Morley, RAF, F/O Batchelor, RCAF,
& W/O Lowe RAF were awarded DFC

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Distinguished Flying Medal

823^A
29/9/43.

Aus. 405872 Flight Sergeant Bryce Campbell McMURTIE, R.A.A.F., No. 224 Squadron

Flight Lieutenant Morley was the gunnery leader whilst Warrant Officer Lowe and Flight Sergeant McMurtie were wireless operators/air gunners in a Liberator aircraft captained by Flying Officer Batchelor during an anti-submarine patrol over the Bay of Biscay in September, 1943. During the flight the aircraft was attacked for over an hour by six Junkers 88. Throughout the engagement the masterly evasive tactics executed by Flying Officer Batchelor enabled the Liberator to emerge having sustained only two hits whilst the accurate return fire of Warrant Officer Lowe and Flight Sergeant McMurtie skilfully controlled by Flight Lieutenant Morley enabled one of the enemy aircraft to be destroyed. The cool determination and co-operation displayed by these members of aircraft crew was worthy of the highest praise.