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DAVIE, REGINALD CHARLES

425133

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## OFFICERS AND AIRCREW

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

Surname... D. DAVIE..... Number... 425133.....  
Christian Names... REGINALD..... CHARLES.....  
Air Force Rank and Mustering... P/O..... Pilot.....  
Degrees, Decorations, etc... D.F.C. + Bar.....  
Present Appointment and Location... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH.....  
Date of Birth... 29/11/19..... Place... TOOWOOMBA... QLD... AUST  
Educated... GOOMBUNGER... STATE SCHOOL.....  
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Date of Entering Service... 31/1/42.....  
Previous Service Experience... 11<sup>th</sup> Light Horse.....  
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Places of Training in R.A.A.F. N°3. I.T.S. SANDGATE AUST......  
N°5. E.F.T.S. NARROMINE AUST.... N°15. S.F.T.S. CLARESHOLM, ALTA, CANADA.  
Civilian Career and Activities... ENGINEER.....  
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Clubs, Recreations, etc... 1st GRADE FOOTBALL + CRICKET.....  
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Fathers name... Alexander Mc Kiddy Davie.....  
Wifes name... Dora Josephine Davie.....  
Children... Richard Alexander Davie.....  
Home Address... Goombunger via Toowoomba Qld. Australia

Signature

R. C. Davie

Date

13/2/43

Date Embarked Australia

7/9/42

Destination

UNITED KINGDOM.



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NAME (in full) DAVIE REGINALD CHARLES.....NUMBER 425133.....

RANK AND MUSTERING. 7/LT.....G.D.(D).....DECORATIONS. DFC + BAR.....

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE N<sup>o</sup> 3.....I.T.S......O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.,.....  
Course 24

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) 26-10-42.....

CANADA ) 1-26-43.....DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 11-8-43.....

S. AFRICA).....

SQUADRONS.....207.....Sq D.N......S.P.H.S.B.Y......

AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....LANCASTERS.....

COMMAND AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY.....BOMBER.....MAIN FORCE.....5. GROUP.....

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT.....NIL.....

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS:- with dates; to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

- |                                  |                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Number of Operational Hours. | (b) Number Operational Sorties, Day-night.                                                                            |
| (c) Targets attacked.            | (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc.,                                                              |
| (e) Attacks on enemy submarines. | (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents.                                                                                 |
| (f) Combats with enemy aircraft. | (h) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work. |
| (h) Other Australians in crew.   |                                                                                                                       |

(A).....178:40 hrs.....Operational.....

(B).....9.....Day light Sorties.....20.....NIGHT.....

(C).....Over Page.....

(D).....Nil.....

(E).....Nil.....

(F).....None.....

(G).....Konigsberg Canal.....- Details over page.....

(H).....Nil.....

(I).....Nil.....

DATE 14-7-45.....SIGNATURE R. C. DAVIE.....

Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary.



# Targets Attached

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| 20-7-44  | Courtrai.          |
| 24-7-44  | Donges             |
| 25-7-44  | Stuttgart          |
| 28-7-44  | Stuttgart          |
| 30-7-44  | Locqueville        |
| 2-8-44   | Trossy St Maximum. |
| 3-8-44   | Trossy St Maximum  |
| 5-8-44   | St Leu D'Esperant  |
| 7-8-44   | Cam.               |
| 9-8-44   | Chattelrault.      |
| 10-8-44  | Bordeaux           |
| 25-8-44  | Darmstadt          |
| 26-8-44  | Koenigsberg Canal. |
| 3-9-44   | Deelan.            |
| 10-9-44  | Munichen Gladback. |
| 11-9-44  | Darmstadt          |
| 12-9-44  | Stuttgart          |
| 17-9-44  | Boulogne.          |
| 19-9-44  | Munichen Gladback. |
| 23-9-44  | Munster            |
| 27-9-44  | Kaiserlautern      |
| 15-10-44 | Brunswick          |
| 19-10-44 | Nürnberg           |
| 30-10-44 | Walcheren.         |
| 11-11-44 | Harburg.           |
| 8-12-44  | Heimback           |
| 11-12-44 | Heimback           |
| 14-12-44 | Kaltegat           |
| 18-12-44 | Gdynia.            |

## Koenigsberg Canal.

Four crews were briefed to lay mines in the canal from 300' <sup>5 Group</sup> while "Bombed" the town. (This trip had been cancelled twice before). The briefing said there would be no flack or search lights to bother us unless some flak ships were in the harbor. We took off from East Kirby with 5-2000 lb. mines crossed Denmark & Sweden over the Baltic. About 10 min before the target we spotted quite a number of search light in our path. so decided to ignore our briefed height of 700' & go down to deck level, the canal was lined by search lights & L. Flak guns. Our comrades were not quite so fortunate as ourselves & we saw them shot down in quick succession. My gunners kept a good stream of lead pouring into searchlights & flak batteries etc. We climbed to 300' dropped our mines in the specified spot dropped down to deck level & came out @ 260 mph shooting up everything in sight. An ME.109 shot us up over Denmark on the way home. We shot him down. & managed to make him lose on three engines & approximately half a wing. The full details can be obtained from 20789 dm. Intelligence. Spilsby

R. W. Currie



*D.F.C.*

*Immediate Award. Gazetted 20-10-44.*

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Copy of Non-Immediate Award Citation of Bar to D.F.C.

*Delayed 13-4-45*

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Charles DAVIE, D.F.C., (425133) NO. 207 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Davie has completed a successful tour which has included many sorties against major targets in Germany. He has always pressed home his attacks with the utmost determination and skill and has completed all his missions. Since the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Flight Lieutenant Davie has continued to display excellent leadership, courage and devotion to duty.