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DAWSON, ROBERT JOSEPH
415237

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW

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

Surname..... DAWSON No. 415237

Christian Names..... ROBERT JOSEPH

Air Force Rank and Mustering..... Sgt. AIR GUNNER

Degrees, Decorations, etc..... D.F.C.

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH

Date of Birth..... 23.12.1916 Place..... South Perth West Australia

Educated..... Christian Bros' College, Western Australia

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Date of Entering Service..... 4.11.1941

Previous Service Experience.....

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Places of Training in R.A.A.F..... 5.1.T.S Pearce, No 3 Bgds.

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Civilian Career and Activities..... Telephone Mechanic

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Clubs, Recreations, etc.....

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Fathers name..... Wily Dodd Dawson

Wifes name.....

Children.....

Home Address..... 26 Leavys St Mt Lawley Dist

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Signature..... R. J. Dawson

Date..... 14.1.43

Date Embarked Australia..... 2.12.42

Destination..... UNITED KINGDOM.

SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL.

The following biographical details are required for R.A.A.F.

Historical Records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No II (R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.C.

NAME (in full) DAWSON, ROBERT JOSEPH NUMBER A 415237
RANK AND MUSTERING P/O AIR GUNNER (REAR) DECORATIONS D.F.C.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 19 PERAWA ABINGDON, OXON, O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.
DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 2 Dec 1942 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 12 Jan 1943
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Sth AFRICA
SQUADRONS T 8 SQDN, BREIGHTON.
AIRCRAFT FLOWN HAWKER DEMON, BATTLE, WHITLEY, HALIFAX II, LANCASTER.
COMMAND AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY (OPERATIONAL) Bomber Command MAIN FORCE.
OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH ALLIED PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT

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

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| (a) Number of Operations; 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) 200 Hours
(b) 28 SORTIES (NIGHT) (c) HANOVER, DUSSELDORF, CANNES, MANNHEIM, LEVERKUSON, FRANKFURT, FRANKFURT, BERLIN (4), LEIPZIG, STUTTGART (2), TRAPPES, LE MANS, KIEL BAY, ESSEN, LILLE, TERNER, ITIENES, KARLSRUHE, VILLENEUVES ST GEORGE, MONTEZ, MALINER.
(f) 6 Combats, (g) LEIPZIG, (h) MID UPPER P/O JOMER ORBOST VIC.
(b Contin) FRANKFURT 20.12.43 + 18.3.44 Berlin 20.1.44, 15.2.44, 24.3.44.
STUTTGART 15.3.44, TERNER 18.4.44

DATE 14.7.45.

SIGNATURE Rob Dawson

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

Copy of Citation of Award of D.F.C. NON-IMMEDIATE. GAZETTED 19.9.44

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