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

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Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

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Date of Entering Service...10.10.41.....

Previous Service Experience.....

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AUSTRALIANS' PART IN RAHREE LANDING

Australia was represented in the crew of almost every RAF Liberator of Eastern Air Command which took part in the concentrated bombardment which preceded the landing on Rahree Island.

"It was one of the most impressive sights I have seen," said W/O D.J. ("Streak") Campbell, of Forster, NSW, who was making his first trip as captain of a Liberator, under the guidance of W/O A. Laurie Mazey, of Woollahra, NSW. "When we arrived over the target area warships lying offshore were belching flame and smoke as broadside after broadside blasted Japanese positions. Then the ships stopped firing, and the Liberators swept in, smothering the Japanese gun positions which were our targets, and as soon as we had finished the ships started again".

"We made a 'beaut' bomb pattern over our target, which was only about 300 yards square," said F/O. Leo Kenny, of South Yarra, Vic., airbomber in a Liberator captained by Flying Officer J.E. Haycock, of Nelson, N.Z. "Our attack was over in a minute, and by the time we had made a wide circle to turn for base, landing craft were under way for the shore, and everything looked under control".

Crews bombed from such a low altitude that they could hear and feel their own bombs bursting. "The bomb pattern was so concentrated that flying over it was like riding over a cobbled road," said F/Sgt. W.J. Ferguson, of Brewarrina, NSW.

One crew included four Australian flight sergeants--the second pilot, John Roscholler, of Preston, Vic; the navigator, R. Hill, of Booval, Qld; and the wireless operators, Doug Vickers, of Wooloowin, Qld; and Maurice Symons, of Leichhardt, NSW.

In another crew were two friends from Shepparton, Vic., F/Sgts. Errol Wallace and Rex B. George. Another Australian in the same crew was F/Sgt. Ron Foreman, of Bunbury, W.A.

On the last operational flight of his tour was F/Sgt. George E. Tucker, of Footscray, Vic. (RAF).

