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PERFEMENT, JOHN DUDLEY

421504

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Overseas Headquarters,  
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NAME (in full) PEREYMENT, J. D...... NUMBER R. 421504.....

RANK AND MUSTERING F/O..... PILOT..... DECORATIONS D.F.C......

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 2:ITS, 15 (P/AFU) SHQ.70.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA ) 6.9.42.....  
CANADA ) 22.12/42..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 4/4/43.....  
Sth. AMERICA).....

SQUADRONS 75. NEW ZEALAND..... SQUAD. MERAL.....

AIRCRAFT FLOWN WELLINGTON STERLING LANCASTER.....

COMMAND & TYPED OF ACTIVITY BOMBER COMMAND.....

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

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

- (a) Number 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.
- (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
- (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents
- (h) Other Australians in crews
- (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.

6: hrs. 128 - 100 hrs. 100 hrs

(A) 128..... (B) 31..... 9 day..... 31 night..... (C) ARCHEN, BUNGERS,  
BOULAGNE, TRAPPES, C. GER. NEZ., CALAIS, FUSWINS (MINING)  
LISIEUX, PARIS, FOUGERES, DBREVILLE, ST OMER, REMAUX,  
VILLERS BOCAGE, BEUVOIR, PAS-DE-CALAIS, CHALONS-SUR-MARNE  
LEYDL, HOMBURG, KIEL, STUGGART, STUGGART, BÄSSEN,  
MARNE-DE-MARNY, LUCHEUX, LENS, BRUNSWICK, HAMEL,  
ST TROND, STETTIN..... (F) Two Combats..... (H) ONE..... (R.B)

DATE 25/1/45..... SIGNATURE J. D. Pereyment  
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

## OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

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

Surname PERFREMENT..... Number 421504.....  
 Christian Names JOHN DUDLEY.....  
 Air Force Rank and Mustering PILOT..... F/O.  
 Degrees, Decorations, etc..... D. F. C.  
 Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.E.C. (BOURKEVILLE).....  
 Date of Birth 30/11/1917..... Place TOOWOOMBA QLD. AUST  
 Educated ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HUNTERS HILL.....  
SYDNEY AUST.  
 Date of Entering Service 31/1/42.....  
 Previous Service Experience.....  
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 Places of Training in R.A.A.F. BRADFELD PARK SYD......  
NO. 10 F.F.T.S. TEMORA N.S.W. AU  
 Civilian Career and Activities GRAZIER.....  
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 Clubs, Recreations, etc. FOOTBALL CRICKET SWIMMING.....  
TENNIS GOLF.....  
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 Fathers name ROY B. PERFREMENT.....  
 Wifes Name.....  
 Children.....  
 Home address "BACK BAY" CURRABUBULA N.S.W. AUST......

Signature J. D. Perfrement.....  
 Date 5th April 1943.....  
 Date Embarked Australia 6/10/42.....  
 Destination UNITED KINGDOM.....

CITATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Non-Immediate Award

Gazetted 14.11.44

Flying Officer John Dudley PERFREMENT (Aus. 421504), No. 75  
(N.Z.) Squadron.

The above-mentioned officer has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty.

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R.A.A.F. Release No. 570

June 14, 1944.

TEN LANCASTER TRIPS IN 13 NIGHTS

Ten trips in 13 nights, and a "probable" Me. 210 destroyed, is the first-fortnight record of two Australians, pilot and rear-gunner, of a Royal Air Force Lancaster squadron. The Australians are Flight Sergeant John Dudley Perfrement, of Currabubula, New South Wales, and Flight Sergeant Douglas Hugh Trigg, of Morwell, Victoria.

Perfrement is the only Australian pilot on the squadron. Apart from the rear-gunner, Trigg, his crew is English.

From 4,000 feet, they bombed a target south of Paris the night after D day. Leaving the target they were attacked from dead astern by an Me. 210. Trigg opened fire at 400 yards, and fired 600 rounds. Warning Perfrement to take evasive action, the mid-upper gunner. Sergeant Les King, of Bath, also opened fire. He fired 100 rounds. The Me. did not reply, and, before they took cover in cloud, the wireless operator saw him begin to glow. At interrogation other crews said they saw a twin-engined fighter crashing in that area. Although at present it is only a "probable", Trigg and King hope to share it soon as a confirmed "kill".

Perfrement was born at Toowoomba, Queensland, in November, 1917. He was educated at Hunter's Hill, New South Wales, and, before joining the R.A.A.F. in January, 1942, was a graeter at Currabubula (N.S.W.). He was trained in Australia and Canada.

Before he joined the R.A.A.F. in September, 1942, Trigg was an engineering student. He was born at Morwell in November, 1923, and was educated in Melbourne. He was trained in Australia.

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