

PETNEY, LEITH

416609

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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..... PETNEY..... 416609.....
 Christian Names..... Leitch.....
 Air Force Rank and Mustering..... Sgt. Pilot. Ho......
 Degrees, Decorations, etc..... D.F.C......
 Present Appointment and Location..... R. N. H. F. P. R. S......
 Date of Birth..... 23/1/21..... Place..... Swan Beach S.A......
 Educated..... Mrs. King's college.....
 Date of Entering Service..... 23rd July 1921.....
 Previous Service Experience..... 6 months A.M.F......
 Places of Training..... 4 I.T.S. Victor Harbor 9 E.F.T.S. Burnside
4 P.F.T.S. Geraldton.....
 Civilian Career and Activities..... Motor Salesman.....
 Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Golf, Lawnmng, Car racing
Football, Tennis.....
 Father..... James Robert Petney.....
 Wife.....
 Children.....
 Home Address..... 8 South Terrace Kensington Gardens S.P......
 Signature..... Leitch Petney.....
 Date..... 19/10/22.....
 Date Embarked..... 24/8/22.....
 Destination..... N. K......

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The following are the details required for historical records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No 11 (R.A.F. P.D.R.C.)

NAME (in full)... Leitch Robert NUMBER... 416609
RANK AND NUMBER... 7/10 GRADES... D.F.C.
NUMBER Y.T.S. COURSE... No 4 I.T.S. Coy. U. 27 ...P.U. etc... 20. F.F.V. 1656 C.V.
WAS HEFT AUSTRALIA... 24/8/42 ...DAYS OF ARRIVAL U.K... 26.5.1942
CANADA...
S. AFRICA...

OPERATIONS... 460 S.A.D.
SECRET FROM... High Med. Amn. Indian Health Stn. Halifax Lancaster
CALLED AND TYPE OF SERVICE... Bomber

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, A.C. GROUPS, OR REGIMENTS

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-Nights
- (c) Aircraft attached
- (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc.
- (e) Attacks on enemy submarines
- (f) Attacks with enemy aircraft
- (g) Outstanding actions or incidents
- (h) Other Australians in crew
- (i) Personnel in attachment, Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.

(a) 192.55	(b) 30 sorties night		
(c) <u>Leipzig</u> Aug 18 th 1943	<u>Leipzig</u> Feb 19	<u>Hamburg</u> May 21	
<u>Berlin</u> Jan 1 st 1944	<u>Berlin</u> Feb 20	<u>Berlin</u> " 22	
<u>Stettin</u> " 5	<u>Leipzig</u> " 25	(d) Nil	
<u>Berlin</u> " 14	<u>Berlin</u> Mar 15	(e) Nothing	
<u>Berlin</u> " 20	<u>Berlin</u> " 16	(f) Nothing	
<u>Magdeburg</u> " 21	<u>Berlin</u> " 22	(g) Nothing	
<u>Berlin</u> " 27	<u>Berlin</u> " 23	(h) & other	
<u>Berlin</u> " 28	<u>Leipzig</u> " 23		
<u>Berlin</u> " 31	<u>Leipzig</u> " 25		
<u>Berlin</u> Feb 18	<u>Leipzig</u> " 26		
	<u>Leipzig</u> " 27		
	<u>Leipzig</u> " 30		
	<u>Leipzig</u> " 31		
	<u>Leipzig</u> " 12		

DATE... 7/9/45 SIGNATURE... Leitch Robert

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