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PICKERD, EDWARD THOMAS

410172

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFTMEN

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

Surname PICKERD Number X410172

Christian Names EDWARD THOMAS

Air Force Rank and Mustering P/O - OBSERVER

Degrees, Decorations, etc. DFC

Present Appointment and Location PRC BORNEMOUTH

Date of Birth 15/9/17 Place MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

School No. 3703 GLENHUNTLY MELBOURNE

Educated MORDIANLOC HIGH SCHOOL - MORDIANLOC - MELBOURNE

Date of Entering Service 5/12/41

Previous Service Experience NIL

Places of Training No. 1. T.S. SOMERS, No. 2. AOS. MITGAMBIE,
No. 2. OAS. Pt. ARIE, No. 2. A.N.S. NHILL.

Civilian Career and Activities Department Manager - Consignment Stock
+ Hire purchase Dept. Bruce Small Pty Ltd Melbourne.
Cycle Manufacturers.

Clubs, Recreations, etc. CRICKET, FOOTBALL, TABLE TENNIS, ATHLETICS.
GLENHUNTLY CRICKET CLUB,
GLENHUNTLY CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

Father DECEASED

Wife _____

Children _____

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Signature B. Pickerd

Date 16/12/58

Date Embarked 2/11/42

Destination V.K.

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The following data shall be placed on Form 10 and returned to the Officer Commanding Registration District Section, No. 11 (R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.O.

NAME (Full name) PICKARD, Edward Thomas GRADE Auxiliary
 DATE AND WHERE BORN FL GD MAR - 6 GRADE DFC
 NUMBER I.C.S. COURSE 19 DATE 17.8.42 - 5.9.42
 DATE LEFT AIR FORCE 2-10-42 DATE 10.4.43 - 6.5.43
 DATE LEFT AIR FORCE 2-10-42 DATE 28.11.42
 SQUADRONS 163 Sq + 467 Sq RAAF - 205 Group RAAF
 AIRCRAFT TYPES ANSON - BATTLE - TIGER MOTH - MILES MAGISTER - WELLINGTON
HELIFOX - LANCASTER - OXFORD - LIBERATOR - DC3 - C61A - C61 - C43
 COMMAND AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY RAF AEA WARRICK - MOSQUITO
 OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, CREWS, OR AIRCRAFT
RADAR TRAINING - 15th AIR FORCE USAAF - FOGGIA - ITALY

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS: - with 3 tabs; to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

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| (a) Number of operational hours. | (b) Number Operational Services, day/night |
| (c) Targets attacked. | (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - time, size, etc. |
| (e) Attacks on enemy submarines. | (f) Casualties, or incidents. |
| (f) Combat with enemy aircraft. | (g) Personnel in photographic reconnaissance units, transport companies, etc., should give brief report of their work. |
| (h) Other host aliens in crew. | |
- (a) 365 - 55 (b) NIGHT 52 DAY 7 TOTAL 59
 (c) See over page (d) N/A
 (e) N/A (f) Under training times
 (g) No Comments (h) 3p. Kschultz DFC USAF
Fo Chegey - Sydney
Fo Daves - Sydney
F/Sgt. Hecker - Sydney
Fo Fluke - Queensland

(a) Second Comd as Film Production Unit
 New Coveney Naval Command Photography
 High School & Bomber Command School
 9-10-45
 SIGNATURE E. Shaker
 RANK F/LT

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1	23.8.43.	Louis
2	20.12.43.	Frankfurt.
3	29.12.43.	Berlin
4	1.1.44	Berlin
5	5.1.44	Berlin
6	15.2.44	Berlin
7	19.2.44	Leipzig
8	20.2.44.	Stuttgart
9	24.2.44	Schwabenfurt
10	25.2.44.	Angsburg
11	2.3.44.	Stuttgart.
12	15.3.44	Stuttgart.
13	16.3.44.	Frankfurt
14	22.3.44.	Frankfurt.
15	24.3.44.	Berlin
16	25.3.44.	Kossen
17	30.3.44.	Kurenburg
18	5.4.44.	Ignouva
19	10.4.44.	Louis.
20	11.4.44.	Aacha
21	15.4.44.	Jouray - Paris
22	20.4.44.	Lalchapel - Paris.
23	22.4.44.	Brunnwick
24	24.4.44.	Kunich
25	6.5.44.	Tables. sui. Carth
26	8.5.44.	Brest.
27	10.5.44.	Kille
28	11.5.44.	Bong Leopold
29	19.5.44.	Louis.
30	24.5.44.	Emshann
31	27.5.44.	Nantes.
32	28.5.44.	Cherbourg.
33	14.6.44.	Le Havre
34	15.6.44.	Chateaufort
35	21.6.44.	Gelsen-Kirchen
36	27.6.44.	Vitry - Le-Francois
37	4.7.44.	St-Len-Dessert
38	12.7.44.	Leonmont. Chalmsney
39	18.7.44.	Caen
40	19.7.44.	Thiverny
41	5.8.44.	St-Len-Dessert.
42	7.8.44.	Talais.

43	9.8.44.	Chateaufort.
44	14.8.44.	Zuesney.
45	16.8.44.	Stethen.
46	26.8.44.	Konigsberg
47	29.8.44.	Konigsberg.
48	17.12.44.	Kunich
49	21.12.44.	Stethen
50	20.1.45.	Udini Italy
51	1.2.45.	Tola
52	2.2.45.	bronnely Yugoslavia.
53	3.2.45.	bronnely
54	5.2.45.	Marie Trieste.
55	6.2.45.	Verona
56	13.2.45.	Gratz
57	2.4.45.	Stathen Dumps near Beloga
58	16.2.45.	Stume
59	10.4.45.	Stasbruck
<u>Total</u>		59 Lorie's

9.10.45
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5.3.45.

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CINE-LANCASTER CREW COMPLETES FOUR

Five members of the crew of the Australian Lancaster from which the R.A.F.'s great "knock-out" blow on the Tirpitz was filmed - a film which has now been seen in cinemas on both sides of the world - have completed their tour of operations in Britain, and are being posted back to Australia for duties there.

In Britain they served with an R.A.A.F. squadron of R.A.F. Bomber Command.

The cameramen flying with the crew filmed many targets, but best remembered are the records produced of the R.A.A.F.'s three heavy-bomber attacks on the German battleship Tirpitz.

On the third and last of these, in Tromso Fjord, Norway, it was the Lancaster's gunner F/Lt. E.H. Giersch, of Brunswick, Victoria, who first reported that the battleship had heeled over, mortally damaged by the bombs.

A quiet celebration was held in the mess recently in honour of the crew.

The crewmen returning to Australia are F/Lt. Bruce Buckham, D.F.C., of Penhurst, New South Wales; F/Lt. Giersch, F/O R.W. Board, D.F.C., of Rose Bay, N.S.W. navigator: F/O L.G. Manning, Air Bomber, of Nelson's Bay, N.S.W. and F/O D.W. Proctor, rear gunner, of Sydney.

F/O E.J. Holden, wireless operator air-gunner, of Glen Iris, Victoria, will remain for a time on duty in Britain.

The remaining member of the crew is a R.A.F. man.

The crew completed one period of duty, attacking mainly German targets as a normal Bomber Command crew, then volunteered to carry on with flying the specially-equipped R.A.A.F. Lancaster used by the R.A.F. Film Production Unit, which not only bomb their targets, but also, by flying low around the area, obtain photographic records of the attack.

Buckham has another claim to fame which he established on his first tour when he won the D.F.C.

This was his "one-man air-raid" on Berlin, when because of technical troubles he arrived and bombed the city alone 35 minutes after the main bomber force had left.

F/O Board, the navigator, was recently awarded a D.F.C. for his skill, particularly on such trips as one attack on the Tirpitz, when the force first flew to Russian bases, attacked and returned after 11½ and 14½ hour flights in poor weather conditions.

Buckham and his crew took over the Film Unit flying duties from F/Lt. F.L. Merrill, D.F.C. of Port Augusta, South Australia, of the same R.A.A.F. Lancaster squadron, and whose crew was the first to complete a double period of operations on these duties.

Two camera-aircraft fly with the R.A.A.F. squadron. The second was until a few months ago flown by F/Lt. Keith Schultz, of Evandale, South Australia, who has just received a Bar to the D.F.C. both awards being earned for similar flights.

Schultz's navigator, ⁴⁴⁰¹⁷² F/O E. Pickard, of Melbourne, and gunner, F/O K. Flute, of St. Lawrence, Queensland, also received D.F.C.'s ⁴⁶²⁵²²

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Buckham's Film Unit aircraft is now being flown by F/Lt. T.A. Perry, of Elwood, Victoria, and his crew.

Schults has been relieved by F/Lt. G.C. Skelton (R.A.F.) as Captain of the other Lancaster.

Skelton's crew is all-Australian.

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Photographs of F/Lt. Buckham (UK.1215), F/Lt. Giersch (UK.1219), F/Lt. Merrill (UK.1822) and F/O Flute (UK.1730). Are available at R.A.A.F. H.Q. Kingsway (Hol.1513) and R.A.A.F. H.Q. Melbourne.

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