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PLUMRIDGE, PHILLIP BASIL

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OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

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

Surname PLUMRIDGE 408928

Christian Names PHALLIP BASIL

Air Force Rank and Mustering P/O AIR CREW PILOT.

Degrees, Decorations, etc. _____

Present Appointment and Location _____

Date of Birth 29.1.17 Place INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND.

Educated Juniata Technical School
Dundigo Victoria Australia.

Date of Entering Service 21.6.41

Previous Service Experience _____

Places of Training _____

Civilian Career and Activities Records Clerk

Clubs, Recreations, etc. Cricket. Tennis. Golf.

Father John Alexander Plumridge

Wife _____

Children _____

Home Address Rose Cottage B'Kenzie St. West.
Golden Square Melbora Aust.

Signature B Plumridge

Date 19.11.42

Date Embarked 24.8.42

Destination UK

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Kingsway, W.C.2.

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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.11 (R.A.A.F) P.D.R.C.

NAME (in full) PLUMRIDGE, PHILLIP BASIL NUMBER Avs 508928

RANK AND NUMBER Fk. PILOT DECORATIONS

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 17 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 24.8.42.
CANADA }
Sth. AFRICA } DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 18.11.42.

SQUADRONS 231 & 19.

AIRCRAFT FLOWN MUSTANG I & III

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY 2nd TAF & Fighter Command

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT.
American MUSTANG I & III 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) Outstanding sorties or incidents.
 - (g) Combats with enemy aircraft.
 - (h) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.
 - (i) Other Australians in crews.
- (a) 200 hrs.
- (b) 120 (approx) day only.
- (c) Not a transport; large aircraft. My puntant
- (d) Target aircraft - enemy dump, etc.
- (e) ---
- (f) 2 combats.
- (g) ---
- (h) ---

Date 6.7.45 SIGNATURE P. Plumridge
(use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

Personal file: - F/O. P.B. Plumbridge

14/8/44.

AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN NO. 15134.

AUSTRALIANS FLY MUSTANG "BARGE-BUSTERS."

German traffic on the Seine has become a priority target for Mustangs of the R.A.F. Second Tactical Air Force. More and more barges, shipping, jetties and river installations are being blown up, damaged and left in flames as the R.A.F.'s "barge-busters", carrying 1000 lb. bombs, batter the enemy's vital water-way.

During the past week, 67 direct hits have been obtained on river traffic and installations by one R.A.F. wing in Normandy.

Returning from one operation, four Mustangs were intercepted by 27 ME 109s in the Paris area. The Mustangs shot down four without loss. Flying Officer P.T. Glanville of Strathfield, N.S.W., well-known R.A.A.F. and Dominions Rugby footballer accounted for one of those destroyed.

Next day four Mustangs of the same squadron were over the same area when they ran into eight FW 190s. They also accounted for four of the enemy, without loss themselves. One of the FWs was destroyed by Flying Officer P.B. Plumbridge of Bendigo, Victoria.

"I gave him a good burst which blew the cover off his cockpit, and as I went alongside, I could see the pilot slumped over the controls. The enemy aircraft then crashed in a wood and burst into flames," said Flying Officer Plumbridge.

Other Australians of this Mustang wing include Flying Officer S.H. Davis of Hornsby, N.S.W., Warrant Officer H.S. Holmes, of Wagga, N.S.W., and Flight Sergeant W.P. Kolly of Annandale, N.S.W.

