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POTTS, ROBERT ALBERT

415355

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFT.

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

Surname..... POTTS Number..... 415355

Christian Names..... ROBERT POTTS

Air Force Rank and Posting..... SGT. PILOT

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURKE MOUTH

Date of Birth..... 14-8-22 Place..... Victoria Aust.

Educated..... Eastern Goldfields High School Kalgoorlie W.A.
Junior & Leaving Certificates

Date of Entering Service..... Sept 1941

Previous Service Experience..... Nil

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 5175 Pearce W.A.

9 EFTS Conderden W.A. 4 SFTS Geraldton West Aust.

Civilian Career and Activities..... None Great Boulder
Proprietary Gold Mines Ltd. Boulder W.A.

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Football swimming

Fathers name..... Edward Potts

Wifes Name.....

Children.....

Home address..... 83 Richardson St Boulder West Aust.

Signature..... Robert Potts

Date..... 21/3/43

Date Embarked Australia..... 16 Jan 1943

Destination..... UNITED KINGDOM

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

IRC. FORM.
I/R. 5.

Overseas Headquarters,
Kofak House,
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.) F.D.R.C.

NAME (in full)..... *Potts. ROBERT ALBERT*..... NUMBER. *Avs 415353*
RANK AND MUSTERING..... *Flt Lt* *6.D.*..... DECORATIONS..... *D.F.C.*
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.....
DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA }
CANADA } DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K.
Sth. AFRICA }

SQUADRONS.....
AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... *DN22A. Avon. Defad. Wellington. Spirling. Lancaster.*

COMMAND & TYPE 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 attached
- (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc.
- (e) Attacks on enemy submarines
- (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents
- (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
- (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.
- (h) Other Australians in crews

A. 211 hrs. B. 321 NIGHT Nil DAY

C. 13 missions. 1. Amiens 2. Le Mans 3. Le Mans 4. La Rochelle 5. 6. 7. Special targets 8. Heligoland 9. Kiel 10. Bordeaux 11. 12. Baltic 13. Copenhagen 14. Special supplies FF1 15. Amiens 16. Paris 17. Leorn 18. Emsland 19. Karlsruhe 19. Essen 20. Cambly 21. Nantes 22. Le Mans 23. Dortmund 24. Aachen 25. Aachen. Overcaston. Luxembourg.

D. Nil. E. Nil. F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil. I. Nil.

DATE..... SIGNATURE.....
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

Copy of Citation of Award of D.F.C.

Pilot Officer Robert Albert POTTS (Aus.415355) No.75 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has taken part in very many attacks on targets important to the enemy's war effort. He has displayed a high standard of ability and throughout his determination to complete his tasks successfully has merited high praise. On a recent occasion, P/O.Potts piloted an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Ruhr. Although the rear turret became unserviceable early on the outward flight this did not deter P/O. Potts from continuing to the strongly defended target which he successfully attacked. This officer set a fine example of devotion to duty.

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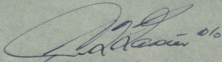
R. A. A. P. H. Q.

IMPORTANT PL. 626 P 20 JUNE

RESTRICTED(.) THIS SIGNAL ISBY PL. 626 P DATED 20 JUNE AND INCLUDES IMMEDIATE AWARD ONE D.F.C.(.) FOLLOWING AWARD DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS WILL BE CANCELED 4 JULY.(.)

PILOT OFFICER ROBERT ALBERT POTTS (415355) NO. 75 SQUADRON.(.) THIS OFFICER HAS TAKEN PART IN VERY MANY ATTACKS ON TARGETS IMPORTANT TO ENEMY'S WAR EFFORT.(.) HAS DISPLAYED HIGH STANDARD OF ABILITY AND THROUGHOUT HIS DETERMINATION TO COMPLETE HIS TASKS SUCCESSFULLY HAS MERITED HIGH PRAISE.(.) ON RECENT OCCASION POTTS PILOTED AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK TARGET IN RIBER.(.) ALTHOUGH REAR TURRET BECAME UNSERVICABLE EARLY ON OUTWARD FLIGHT THIS DID NOT DETER POTTS FROM CONTINUING TO STRONGLY DEFENDED TARGET WHICH HE SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED.(.) THIS OFFICER SET FINE EXAMPLE OF DEVOTION TO DUTY.(.)

NO RECEDINARY ADVICE RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THIS AWARD


for (H. W. HALE)
SQUADRON LEADER,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

