

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

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

Surname Quinlan Number 29059

Christian Names James Maurice

Air Force Rank and Mustering Pilot Officer Air Gunner

Degrees, Decorations, etc. _____

Present Appointment and Location 3 P.R.C. Bourneville

Date of Birth 14/10/08 Place Broome West Australia

Educated Christian Brothers College Fremantle W.A.

Date of Entering Service May 17th 1940

Previous Service Experience Eight years Royal Australian Naval Reserve

Places of Training _____

Civilian Career and Activities Physical Training Instructor
Sub. Lieutenant R.F.M.R.

Clubs, Recreations, etc. Gymnastics. Boxing.

Father Maurice Quinlan

Wife _____

Children _____

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Signature J.M. Quinlan
Date 15/8/42

Date Embarked May 16th 1942

Destination L.K.

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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) James Maurice Quinlan NUMBER 295146

RANK AND MUSTERING F/LT. A.G. DECORATIONS

NUMBER I.T. COURSE 16 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 16.5.42
C.N.W.D.A.)
S.H. AMERICA) DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 12.5.42

SQUADRONS 464 R.A.A.F. 88 RAF

AIRCRAFT FLOWN VENTURA BOSTON

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY 2. GROUP T.A.F.

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.

- "A" 98.4.5
- "B" Day 48 Night 2
- "C" AIRC. LIST OF TARGETS AT BOTTEN TOM BACH
- "D" MERCHANT RAIDER 6000 TONS DUNNIX HARBOR
- "E" NIL
- "F" Two attacks by FW 190 when bombing street works "TIDMIDEN" 6/4/42
- "G" Low Level VENTURA attack on Phillips Radio Works Holland
- "H" Pilot while on Boston. P/O R. MILLER
- "I" EINDHOVEN 6/1/42 ABBEVILLE DROME 12/1/42 ABBEVILLE ABIA VADIS TWICE 11/4/42 & 4/5/42 BRUGES loco shed 26/4/42 DUNNIX SHIPING HUB

DATE SIGNATURE ON 26-2-43

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Personal file - P/Olt. J.M. Quinlan

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AUSTRALIANS FLY BOSTONS

Australians are flying with an R.A.F. Boston Squadron which was congratulated by the Army for a fine piece of work in bombing a Panzer Division in the Bois de Breville, near Caen.

Warrant Officer F.D. Murphy, pilot, of North Bondi, N.S.W., said that when the squadron aircrew found out what their target was they were determined to do a good job, and, according to the Army, they did it.

Pilot Officer D.H. Simpson, D.F.C., of Morpeth, N.S.W., and his gunner, Flying Officer T.M. Hood, of Forbes, N.S.W., have just started a second tour on Bostons. Three times Simpson's Boston has brought him safely back on one engine.

Warrant Officer D. Marshall, air-gunner of Bexley, N.S.W. is also on a second tour. On one trip his aircraft, piloted by Flying Officer C. White, of Bunbury, Western Australia, was holed in 150 places by flak during an attack on a flying bomb base. "One piece of shrapnel holed the elevator controls, went through my Mac West, Irvine jacket and two jumpers, and grazed my ribs," said Marshall. "I was on the battle order next day, though." Marshall has a scar he will carry through life as a reminder of that lucky escape.

Flying Officer R.M. Brockhurst, of Nambour, Queensland, a navigator flying with a Canadian crew, has done all his 15 sorties since D-Day.

Since the invasion started the Bostons have been engaged on close support for the army, attacks on German transport communications including railways, bridges and road junctions, flying bomb bases and other targets.

On the squadron there is a number of Australian air gunners who found themselves not wanted when an Australian Venture Squadron converted to Mosquitos, which carry only a pilot and a navigator. Among them are:-

Flight-Lieutenant J.M. Quinlan, of Fremantle, Western Australia (14 on Ventures, 36 on Bostons) and Flying Officer R.B. Taylor, of Greenwich, N.S.W., (11 on Ventures and 22 on Bostons).

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