

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
OFFICERS & AIRCREW

POW Missing 2-45
Safe 11-5-4

The following biographical details are requested for use as R.A.A.F.
Overseas Headquarters, London.

Surname.....QUIRK.....Number.....423888.....
Christian Names.....ERIC SYDNEY.....
Air Force Rank & Mustering.....SGT......A/G.....
Degrees, Decorations, etc.....
Present Appointment & Location.....R.A.A.F. 11 P.D.R.C. METROPOLE - BRIGHTON
Date of Birth.....30. 8. 1916.....Place, ROZELLE - SYDNEY - AUSTRALIA.....
Educated.....MANLY INTER. HIGH SCHOOL.....
Date of Entering Service.....15th JULY 1942.....
Previous Service Experience.....SIX MONTHS MILITIA.....
Places of Training in R.A.A.F. BRADFIELD - PARKES - PT. PIKE AUSTRALIA.....
Civilian Career & Activities.....COMMONWEALTH GOVT. WOOL APPRAISER.....
Clubs, Recreations, etc.....SWIMMING & SURFING.....
Father's Name.....JOHN SYDNEY QUIRK.....
Wife's Name.....JEAN ALBERTA QUIRK.....
Children.....
Home Address.....50 PACIFIC PARADE - DEEWAY - SYDNEY - AUSTRALIA.....
Signature.....Eric Quirk.....
Date.....9th JULY 1943.....
Date Embarked Australia.....26th May 1943.....
Destination.....United Kingdom.....

i. Dived gliders to Ardennes twice.
Paratroops D-Day + Beachhead re-supply.
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French & Belgian maquis - also resistance
movement officers dropped - same job on
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423888 P/O Eric Sydney QUIRK, 196 Sqn., Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Date of Birth: 30 Aug 16
R.A.F. Service: Since 18 Jul 42.

Peacetime Profession: Wool appraiser and
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Private Address: 50 Pacific Parade,
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At 0900 hrs on 26 Feb I hailed a fisherman, who pointed out a hut to me where I was given food and attention. The people, however, were unsuccessful in their endeavours to make contact with an organisation.

I was transferred to an isolated hut, where I remained until 1 Mar, and it was suggested that I had better surrender to the Germans. I left and walked due West for five days, making contact on 5 Mar with a woodman, who got into touch with the local organisation.

The next day I was moved to a small hut about 2 km East of the lake above HOMEDAL (10 km West of GRIMSTAD). I rested here until 24 Mar, when I was taken by cable through GRIMSTAD, where I stayed in a garage until 8 Apr. From 8 to 16 April I stayed in ARENDAL and on 16 Apr I was taken into the mountains.

I was then taken to a position midway between VALLE and FERISDAL (90 km North East of STAVANGER) where I rested until the capitulation of the Germans in NORWAY.

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