

SILBY, NEVIN

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The following biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

SURNAME SILBY NUMBER RAF

CHRISTIAN NAMES Nevill

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING

DEGREES ETC.

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE

EDUCATED

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE

PLACES OF TRAINING

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES

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SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC.

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FATHER

WIFE

HOME ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE OF EMBARKATION

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AWARDS

CATEGORY INTERVIEWS

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RADIO OTHER REFERENCES

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Miscellaneous

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Air Ministry News Service.

Air Ministry Bulletin No. 13970.

R.A.F. BOMBING TODAY: "ONE OF THE FINEST SIGHTS"

Three types of R.A.F. and Allied bombers attacked military objectives in N. France without loss this afternoon, though facing heavy and intense flak.

Mitchell and Boston medium bombers, including Dutch and French formations and Mosquito light bombers of the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. all bombed in clear weather.

More than 100 Typhoon fighters flew out to protect the bombers and circled over France until their charges were clear, but there was no challenge from the Luftwaffe. The fighters also all returned safely.

The scene was summed up by two Dominion men who were flying in the Mitchells.

F/Sgt. Nevin Silby of Sydney N.S.W., a pilot in the second box of Mitchells to attack said: "As we turned around after our bombing run it was one of the finest sights I have seen. Our bombs had gone right down dead across the centre of the target".

probably Australian in R.A.F. no record.

F/Lt. Lincoln Montgomery, of Church Bridge, Sask., Canada, navigator in another box, said: "I saw my bombs go down right across a corner of the target. Then, as we pulled away and turned I saw the bombs from more Mitchells drop right across it and the whole place went up, with debris flying everywhere. It was lovely, it was one of the best of 21 sorties I have been on".

Earlier today R.A.F. Typhoon fighter-bombers also attacked objectives in France without loss. They dived to 3,000 ft. before releasing their bombs, and attacked their objectives from every direction. Some pilots also went down to a low level and opened up with their guns.

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