

STRUTHERS, HENRY CHARLES

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

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

Surname... STRUTHERS Number... 430714

Christian Names... HENRY CHARLES

Air Force Rank and Posting... Sgt F10 AIRCREW I (PILOT)

Degrees; Decorations, etc... D.F.C.

Present Appointment and Location... R.A.A.F. P.M.C.I. BOURKEBURTH

Date of Birth... 14th December 1921 Place... LEICHHARDT, N.S.W. AUST.

Educated... INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

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Date of Entering Service... 9-11-41

Previous Service Experience... MILITIA

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Places of Training in R.A.A.F. R.I.T.S. 4 E.F.T.S. 10 E.F.T.S. 8 S.F.T.S.
(BRADFIELD NSW) (MASCOT NSW) (TERRORA NSW) (BUNDABERG Q'LAND)

Civilian Career and Activities... SHIPPING CLERK

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Clubs, Recreations, etc... TENNIS SWIMMING CRICKET

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Fathers name... STRUTHERS CHARLES LUKE

Wifes Name...

Children...

Home address... 6 OLD CANTERBURY RD., HURVSTONE PARK, N.S.W. AUST.

Signature... *H. Struthers*

Date... 20.3.43

Date Embarked Australia... 16.1.43

Destination... UNITED KINGDOM

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

IRO. FORM.
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Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak 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.) P.D.R.C.

HENRY CHARLES

NAME (in full) STRAUTHERS H.C. NUMBER 420714

RANK AND MUSTERING F/O AIRCREW (PILOT) DECORATIONS R.F.C.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 22(2) O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 1101V WELLCOTT
1665MC.U. WOOLFOL LODGE
3 LFS FELTWELL

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 14.11.43. DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 15/3/43. (GREENOCH)
CANADA }
Sth. AFRICA }

SQUADRONS 622 S.A.P.O. Stirling I & III Lancaster I & III

AIRCRAFT FLOWN Liberator (DH82), Avro Anson, Airspeed Oxford, Wellington, Ie, III & X

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY Bomber Command, Main force

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT

NIL

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS - with dates: to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

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| (a) Number Operational Hours | (b) Number Operational Sorties, Day-night |
| (c) Targets attacked | (1) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc. |
| (d) Attacks on enemy submarines | (2) Outstanding sorties or incidents |
| (e) Combats with enemy aircraft | (3) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work. |
| (f) Other Australians in crews | |

(a) Operational hours 141:25 (b) No. Sorties Day 6 Night 25

(c) Germany (14) Berlin (2), Magdeburg, Stuttgart, Frankfurt (2), Cologne, Essen, Dusseldorf, Karlsruhe, Friedrichshafen, Jelenkovichen, Rachen (2).

Occupied Territory:

French: (17) D. Day at Quistraham, Marshalling Yards

V. Launching sites, Army support

(a) NIL (c) NIL

(f) Hits scored on Me 109 on 1st Sortie as captain (Stuttgart) Hits scored on Me 110 at Dreum (Marshalling Yards) Missed Me 110 at Friedrichshafen

(g) Sortie to Stuttgart 15th March, 1944, only outstanding one

(h) No other losses. (a) N/A

DATE 27.4.45. SIGNATURE H.C. Strauthers

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

NON-IMMEDIATE AWARD. GAZETTED 17.10.44. D.F.C

Acting Flying Officer Henry Charles STRUTHERS (Aus.420174) No.622 Squadron.
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Citation for D.F.C.

Acting Flying Officer Henry Charles STRUTHERS (Aus. 420174) No. 622 Squadron.
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