

MC GRORY, SYDNEY ROBERT DOUGLAS

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OFFICERS & AIR CREWS

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

SURNAME..... Mc GROY NUMBER..... 404536

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... SYDNEY ROBERT DOUGLAS.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING..... F / SGT. W/Op. - A.G.....

DEGREES, DECORATIONS ETC..... — D P M.....

PRESENT APPOINTMENT AND LOCATION..... No. 270 T.U. LICHFIELD. STAFFS......

DATE OF BIRTH..... 26-4-1919 PLACE..... BRISBANE Q.

EDUCATED..... CORINDA STATE SCHOOL OXLEY STATE SCHOOL.....
BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE.....
BRISB.

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE..... 13-9-40

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE..... approx. 3 years. Australian
Corps of Signals.

PLACES OF TRAINING..... J.I.T.S. 2 WIRELESS SCHOOL CALGARY. No 2 A.F. SCHOOL MONTREAL
No 2 S.S. YATES BURY ENG...... CANADA

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES.....
Queensland State Service (Department of
Agriculture + Stock)

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED), RECREATIONS, CLUBS ETC..... Athletics (represented
Brisbane State High School, Marjorie Harriers) Riding,
Tennis, Football.

FATHER..... deceased

WIFE..... Mrs. S. R. D. McGroy, 337 12th Ave. East, Calgary Alberta, Canada

CHILDREN.....

HOME ADDRESS..... cf. Mrs. R. F. Tunney, 14 Glenelg St. South Brisbane
Queensland.

SIGNATURE..... S. McGroy

DATE..... 1.2.42

DATE EMBARKED..... 22.11.41

DESTINATION..... Canada

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Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

PRO. FORMA.
P/R. 5.

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NAME.....McGRORY SYDNEY ROBERT DOUDLAS.....NUMBER.....401596
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING.....F/Sgt.....AIR BOMBER.....DECORATIONS.....D.F.M.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE...No. 5. Bradfield Park. Sept. 40.....
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 31.10.40.
CANADA.....19.6.41.....
S. AFRICA.....
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM...17.7.41.....
No. 2. Wireless School, Yatesbury. No. 27 O.T.U. Lichfield
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 1. S.A.S. Weaby. No. 12. Sqdn. Bisbrook. No. 460. Sqdn. Brighton.....
PRESENT UNIT.....1662 C.U. Plyton.....AIRCRAFT FLOWN...Lancaster
Wellington IC. II. IV. Halifax
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN...Lancaster.....
.....27. O.T.U. 12. Sqdn. 460. Sqdn.....

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS (details of operations with dates to be given as fully as possible under the appropriate headings as shown)

- (a) Number Operational Hours (b) Number Operational Sorties, day-night
(c) Target bombed
(d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type size etc.
(e) Attacks on enemy submarines (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
(g) Other attacks and incidents. (h) Other Australians in crew.

(a) 187 hrs (app) (b) 30 Night successful
(c) 25.3.42 Mickel raid Lille (19.5.42. St. Nazaire
With 12 1.4.42. Le Havre (30.5.42. Cologne 1000 A/C
Squad. 5.4.42. Cologne (1.6.42. Essen 1000 A/C
8.4.42. Hamburg (3.6.42. Bremen
12.4.42. Essen (7.6.42. Tereschelling (Mining)
14.4.42. Dortmund (11.6.42. Tereschelling (Mining)
17.4.42. Hamburg NO. 460 (18.6.42. Schiermoneing (Mining)
25.4.42. Rostock (19.6.42. Sweden
26.4.42. Rostock (21.6.42. St. Nazaire (Mining)
28.4.42. Kiel SQUADRON. (35.6.42. Bremen 1000 A/C
3.5.42. Hamburg (2.7.42. Bremen (abortive returned)
5.5.42. Stuttgart (33.11.42. Stuttgart
(29.11.42. Turin (abortive returned)
(8.12.42. Berlin (Mining)
(9.12.42. Turin
(20.12.42. Doleberg
(21.12.42. Munich
(4.1.43. Essen (abortive returned)
(16.1.43. Berlin
(17.1.43. Berlin
(27.1.43. Dusseldorf
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use other side if necessary.

4.8.43.

(Sgt) S.R.D. McGrory
F/Sgt.

DFM

10/3/43.

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Aus. 404536 Flight Sergeant Sydney Robert Douglas McGRORY, R.A.A.F. No. 460

(R.A.A.F.) Squadron. Flight Sergeant McGrory has completed a number of operational sorties which have been marked by a keenness, determination and cheerful devotion to duty worthy of the highest praise. One night in January, 1943, when engaged in an attack against Berlin he made 2 runs over the target to ensure accuracy of his bomb aiming. This airman has at all times set a high standard which has contributed much to the high morale maintained by his squadron.