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MILLER, RONALD

421594

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.
OFFICERS & AIRCREW

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

Surname..... MILLER Number..... Aus. 421594.

Christian Names..... RONALD.

Air Force Rank & Mustering..... P/O. - AIRCREW - PILOT

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment & Location..... R.A.A.F. 11 ~~.....~~ PDRC

Date of Birth..... 12-2-21 Place..... W. WYALONG - NSW - AUSTRALIA.

Educated..... W. WYALONG & YENDA - NSW. AUSTRALIA.

Date of Entering Service..... 28-2-42.

Previous Service Experience..... 3 YRS. MILITIA - INFANTRY.

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. W 2 I.T.S. BRADFIELD PK & NARRANDERA - NSW.

Civilian Career & Activities..... BUSINESS - WHOLESALE & RETAIL - GROCERY.

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... MOTOR CYCLING - FOOTBALL - SWIMMING.

Father's Name..... MR. A.C. MILLER.

Wife's Name..... MRS. E.M. MILLER.

Children.....

Home Address..... BOX 65, YENDA - NSW - AUSTRALIA.

Signature..... K. Miller.

Date..... 2-7-43.

Date Embarked Australia..... 6-10-42.

Destination..... CANADA ✓ United Kingdom.....

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NAME (in full) PETER KENNETH MILLER..... NUMBER AM17594.....

RANK & MUSTERING FLIGHT LIEUTENANT PILOT..... DECORATIONS.....

NO 33 COURSE

NO 22 COURSE 10/1/44

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE NO. 1 SOMERS..... C.I.F. - A.F.H. etc 270TH NO. 6 PAFU.....

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) AVG. 4TH 1943.....

CANADA) DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. SEPT 13 1943.....

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SQUADRONS..... 467. SDN. WARRINGTON - METHERINGHAM.....

AIRCRAFT FLOWN HANCOASTER - STIRLING - WELLINGTON - OXFORD - WIRRAWAY - D882.....

COMMAND AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBER - MAIN FORCE - 5 GROUP.....

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 of Operations: Hours. <u>16-5</u> | (b) Number Operational Sorties, Day/Night |
| (c) Targets attacked | (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc. |
| (e) Attacks on enemy submarines | (e) Combats with enemy aircraft. |
| (f) Outstanding sorties or incidents. | (h) Other Australian in crew. |
| (i) Unit, Transport Command, etc. should give a brief report of their work. | |

(a) 28 HRS. 10 MIN......

(b) TWO DAY / TWO NIGHT......

(c) 16/3/45 27/3/45 4/4/45 8/4/45
WURZBERG - FARGE - NORDHAUSEN - LUTZKENDORF.....

(d) NIL.....

(e) NIL.....

(f) NIL.....

(g) NIL.....

(h) NAV - AIR/BOMBER - W/O.P. - M.W.G. - REAR GUNNER.....

467. SDN. - 3 TRIPS TO CONTINENT. FERRYING. EX-P.O.W. 1 TRIP TO ITALY
FERRYING ARMY TYPES ON LEAVE

DATE 2/10/45.....

SIGNATURE P.K. Miller.....

Use other side, or attach extra sheets if necessary.

FROM MIDDLE EAST: 12.10.44

Making their last operational trip before their rest tour, the crew of a Wellington in an Australian Coastal Command Squadron operating in Italy ran into more than their normal share of excitement. Sighting a converted tanker of 2,000 tons they attacked with bombs. They then called up a Beaufighter strike force which, by the light of the Wellington's flares, scored hits. The tanker and one escort vessel were left sinking. Setting out on a night reconnaissance patrol along the Adriatic coast, the Wellington's "stooge" was without incident until a point between Trieste and Venice was reached. There the tanker escorted by two F. Boats, was sighted heading down the coast. Apparently taking the enemy by surprise for no flak was sent up until after the attack, the Wellington ran in and dropped its bombs. It was a good straddle, the bombs falling across the tanker and one escort vessel. The escort was probably damaged, for it dropped behind and faded out of the picture. Sending a sighting report the Wellington shadowed the convoy until the rocket firing beaufighters arrived. Two more escort vessels had appeared and the convoy was about to enter Venice Harbour. The Australian aircraft dropped 2 sticks of flares and the Beaufighters made 2 attacks. Hits were scored on the tanker and one escort ship which were left smoking, ^{AA} was sent up from the escort and from Venice shore batteries, but the aircraft escaped damage. ^{ASF Sqd} Aus.421594 F/O R. Miller of Yenda, N.S.W., captain of the Wimpey with F/S R.E. Hufton, of Birmingham, England, second pilot. A.413045 Navigator was W/O A.H. Thompson of Hurstville, N.S.W. and the wireless operator-air gunners were Aus.417364 F/S M.H. Goers of Tanunda, S.A., Aus.410872 F/S L.R. Coghlan, of Elaine, Victoria and Aus.410959 F/S J.K. Curttenden, of Oskleigh Victoria.

Personal file: - F/O. R. Miller.

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11.8.44 - No. 6

WELLINGTON DROPS DEPTH CHARGES ON DESTROYER

A depth-charge attack by a "Leigh Light" Wellington on an enemy destroyer is reported from the Middle East.

The Wellington, an Australian aircraft, dropped depth charges on the destroyer in the Ligurian Sea. Two dark shapes loomed ahead in the early morning gloom, and Flight-Lieutenant R.G. Knight, of Milne Bay, New Guinea, Captain of the aircraft, went down to the destroyer's deck-level.

The second pilot, Flying Officer R. Miller, of Uryenda, New South Wales, switched on the light, and the crew saw that the destroyer was escorting a merchantman.

The Wellington flew in at 30 feet, just missing the mast. Flak came up, and the Wellington flew out of range.

Knight manoeuvred for a second run, raced in and dropped the depth charges over the destroyer. More flak followed the attack, and Knight took violent evasive action. The crew could not see the result of their attack.

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