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MINNS, DOUGLAS EDWARD THOMAS

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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..... MINNYS, D.E.T. ..... Number..... 422229 .....

Christian Names..... DOUGLAS, EDWARD THOMAS. .....

Air Force Rank and Posting..... SGT. PILOT. .....

Degrees, Decorations, etc..... .....

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BRIGHTON .....

Date of Birth..... 1/11/23. ..... Place..... SYDNEY AUSTRALIA. .....

Educated..... SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SYDNEY AUSTRALIA. .....

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Date of Entering Service..... 25/1/43. .....

Previous Service Experience..... .....

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Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 2. A.F.S. SYDNEY 10 E.F.T.S. TEMORA. .....

1. S.F.T.S. POINT COOK. .....

Civilian Career and Activities..... CLERK. .....

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Clubs, Recreations, etc..... RIFLE SHOOTING. SWIMMING. .....

TABLE TENNIS. HORSE RIDING. .....

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Father's name..... ERIC EDWARD MINNYS. .....

Wife's Name..... .....

Children..... .....

Home address..... 62 HOLBORROW ST, CROYDON, N.S.W. .....

Signature..... *[Signature]* .....

Date..... 29/5/43. .....

Date Embarked Australia..... 16/4/43. .....

Destination..... UNITED KINGDOM. .....

FROM MIDDLE EAST: 6/4/45

Speeding up preliminaries to the Spring offensive against Axis forces in Italy, Australians serving in heavy bomber R.A.A.F. Squadron based on the Adriatic coast flew many sorties in March against targets in Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy. The squadron participated in daylight bombing and supply dropping but the majority of attacks were directed against communications. These targets included such places as Goren and Bruck in Austria besides others in Yugoslavia and Italy. The importance of the attacks is that they deny M. divisions opposing Tito in Yugoslavia and 26 in Italy, supplies which are essential for his forward troops. The full benefit of the raids will be seen when ground hostilities begin on a big scale. All the raids were highly successful culminating in brilliant daylight attacks on March 16th on Manfredonia where submarines, tugs, floating docks, oil barges and tankers were sunk or damaged and extensive damage was done to shore installations and C.A.N.T. aircraft factory. The Australians serving with this Squadron include 410822 F/O H.G. Strain of Middle Brighton, Victoria, 418667 W/O R.C. Lockett of Eaglehawk Victoria, P/S R.C. McKenzie Ross of Berleba Queensland, 43,519 F/O S.J. Mcellar of Rhodes, N.S.W., 423366 W/O J.C. Warbrick of Homebush, N.S.W., 423069 F/O J.S. Cornell of Tyagarah, N.S.W. W/O Minns<sup>614 Sq</sup> of Croydon, N.S.W. W/O O'Connor of Versakinville N.S.W. and W/O Humphries of Deepdene, Victoria.