

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

The following Biographical details are requested for use at  
R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON, - Photo UK.805.

Surname..... COHEN ..... Number..... AUS. 423,225

Christain Names..... ANTHONY LAWRENCE .....

Air Force Rank and Mastering..... P/O AIR CREW BOMB AIMER .....

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

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNE MOUTH .....

Date of Birth..... June 11<sup>th</sup> 1924 ..... Place..... Cremorne, Sydney, N.S.W. AUSTR.

Educated..... Sydney Church of England Grammar School, Sydney N.S.W. Aust. .....

Date of Entering Service..... June 20<sup>th</sup> 1942 .....

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

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. Bradfield Park, Sydney .....

No 5. BYG School Lake Saskatchewan + No 1 C.N.S. RIVERS, MANITOBA .....

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

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... RUGBY FOOTBALL (NORTH SYDNEY R.U. CLUB) SAILING (MIDDLE HARBOUR SAILING CLUB, SYDNEY) .....

Fathers name..... BERNHARD COHEN .....

Wifes Name..... .....

Children..... .....

Home address..... 6 EFFINGHAM STREET MOSMAN, SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTR. .....

Signature..... A. Cohen P/O .....

Date..... 12/4/43 .....

Date Embarked Australia..... OCT 3<sup>rd</sup> '42 .....

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

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Historical Record, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in  
and returned to: Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No.11  
(R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.C.

NAME (in full) COHEN Anthony Lawrence NUMBER Aus 433,225  
RANK AND MUSTERING AIR BOMBER DECORATIONS D.F.C.  
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 29 O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc. 9 AFU 27.07.1946 M.C.U.  
DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 3-10-42  
CANADA 4-3-43 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 22/3/43  
SOUTH AFRICA  
SQUADRONS 460 Sq. (2 TOURS)  
AIRCRAFT FLOWN LANCASTERS  
COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBER COMMAND  
OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT

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

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

① 311 HRS.

② 5 DAY 44 NIGHT

③ BERLIN (6 TIMES) HANNOVER (TWO)

MANHEIM BOCHUM HAGEN KASSEL MODANE  
FRANKFURT STETTIN ESSEN AACHEN  
DUSSELDORF HASSELT AHEYDT HELLIGOLAND  
GELSENKIRCHEN NUREMBERG ZEITZ  
LUDWIGSHAVEN WEISBADEN CLEVE DOLITZ  
DRESDEN CHEMNITZ DORTMUND PFORZHEIM  
DESSAU ISEN MISBURG KIEL BREMEN

DATE 11/6/45 SIGNATURE A. Cohen, F/Lt.  
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

① 1st tour skipper w/c MARSH. H.D., D.F.C.  
O.S. 46059DN.

One trip with C/C EDWARDS W.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.

2nd tour F/LT MARKS D.F.M. as skipper.

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*Personal file - F/KC. A.L. Cohen*

For Australian Press

21.2.45

Air Ministry News Service

Air Ministry Bulletin No.17605

AUSTRALIANS OVER THE RUHR

Australian Lancaster and Halifax Squadrons took part in RAF Bomber Command's large scale attacks last night on Dortmund, and two oil refineries near Dusseldorf.

F/Lt. T.V.Morgan, D.F.M., a rear gunner from Coogee, Sydney, a gunnery leader of an Australian Lancaster Squadron, described the attack on Dortmund, his 40th war flight. "I could see quite a good glow underneath the clouds", he said, "and it seemed over concentrated. I remember looking back 15 minutes after we had left the target and still being able to see the reflection of the fires. The flock was nothing like the sort we used to experience in the old attacks on the Ruhr: at its worst it was only moderately heavy. Fighters were about and I spotted one which did not seem to notice us".

F/O. A.Whitmarsh, a Lancaster pilot, of Compsie, Sydney, said: "We dropped our bombs halfway through the attack on Dortmund and by that time things were well on their way. There was a low layer of thick cloud up to 5,000 feet and then above that thin wispy stuff up to about 16,000 feet. Pathfinders got in a very good effort with sky markers in good concentration, and I watched them go down into cloud. It was a brilliant moonlight night and we saw several combats, with plenty of tracer fire. A fighter came up from out of the cloud right underneath us, but we corkscrewed and it passed on towards another bomber. We lost sight of it. Otherwise it was a quiet trip for us".

423225' F/Lt. A.L.Cohen, D.F.C., a Lancaster pilot of Mosman, Sydney, said: "The port outer engine 'conked out' over our base just after taking off. We went on to Dortmund and by cutting corners we were only two minutes late. It seemed a concentrated attack below cloud and the pathfinder marking was good. There were odd fighters about, but we were not troubled".

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