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MUNSON, RUPERT WILLIAM
414065

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

Missing 25-7-43
Safe 20-8-43

The following Biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F.

Overseas Headquarters, LONDON.

Surname..... MUNSON Number. 444065

Christian Names... Reginald William

Air Force Rank and Mustering... Sergeant - Pilot.

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location.....

Date of Birth... 20th Feb 1921 Place... Engleham Wch. Dist.

Educated... Engleham State School

Date of Entering Service... 20th Feb 1941

Previous Service Experience... Nil

Places of Training.....

Civilian Career and Activities... 7 am. Labourer

Clubs, Recreations, etc... Rugby League, Cricket & Hockey

Father... Reginald Patrick Munson

Wife.....

Children.....

Home Address... Reg. Office, Engleham
Wch. Dist. Australia

Signature... R.M. Munson

Date... 18/8/43

Date Embarked... 8/7/42

Destination... U.K.

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NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE.....18.....

DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM... 24th August, 1942.....

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PRESENT UNIT 132 (Bombay) Squadron AIRCRAFT FLOWN Spitfire

PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....

(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) Fifty op. hours..... (b) Four Sorties over Enemy territory.....

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27.7.43. (Sgt) R.W. Janson E/Sgt.....
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KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

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P/R. 5.

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NAME.....MUNSON, Rupert William.....NUMBER.....Aus. 414065.
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING.....F/Sgt. Pilot.....DECORATIONS.....Nil.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE.....18.....
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA.....Left Australia 22nd July, 1942.
CANADA
Sth. AFRICA
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM.....17th August 1942.....
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.....17 (P) A.F.U. Wotton.....53 O.T.U. Ilfracombe.....
PRESENT UNIT.....132 (Bomber) Squadron.....AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....Spitfire V & IX:
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....Nil.....

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) 65 Hours. (b) 29 operational sorties in daylight.

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Personal file - F/O R.W. Munson

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CI-54. 28.2.45.

The stewards on the "Cooked Meats" stall serving some of the Australian pilots with bread roll sandwiches.

L-R The two stewards.

~~418 F/O E.Gray A 411020 TOOWOOMBA Qld. Spits.~~

~~808 F/O Bill LONG A 419859 BAIRNSDALE Vic. Tempests.~~

~~418 F/L D.J.REID A 401666 ELSTERNWICK Vic. Spits.~~

~~808 F/L R.A. "Tiny" GOODE A 412429 ASHFIELD NSW/ Tempests.~~

~~808 F/O F.G.CALDER A 410146 BALWYN Vic. Tempests.~~

~~418 F/O R.W.MUNSON A 414065 INGHAM Qld. Spits.~~

On 26/2/45 Danny Reid led a flight of four Spits in to attack 30+ ME109's & FW190's. They scattered and headed for southern Germany so Danny Reid led his flight to their aerodrome and awaited their return. His patience was rewarded by the return of one ME109 which he himself shot down. (On 2/3 (yesterday) he was credited with shooting down an ARADO JET.)

F/O MUNSON was in the flight of four which attacked the 30+ e/a. "Ricky" Gray shared in the destruction of an ME110 which was shot down over Germany a few days ago. The following day he damaged a ME262 Jet over one of Germany's main fighter bases. The Tempest boys are "Just shootin' up trains", as one of them puts it.