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MURPHY, ROBERT BASIL GRAY
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SURNAME..... MURPHY NUMBER..... 402574

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... ROBERT BASIL GRAY

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING..... F/A Air Observer

DEGREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... 14.2.1917 PLACE..... Sydney

EDUCATED..... Waverley Christian Bro. College Sydney, Sydney Technical College

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE..... 13.9.40

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE..... Nil

PLACES OF TRAINING..... 2 ITS 2405 Canada 2846 Canada 1 HNS Canada
220TV England

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES..... Synthetic resin varnishes,
printer, etc. Juniors Industrial Chemist

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC..... Swimming, Riding, Tennis

FATHER..... Dr. R.A. Murphy

WIFE.....

HOME ADDRESS..... 68 Central Avenue Rd., Beatty Point, Moore
Sydney

SIGNATURE..... Robert B.G. Murphy

DATE..... 24-10-1943

DATE OF EMBARKATION..... 27-12-1940

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AWARDS..... 1st Lt. D.F.C.

CATEGORY..... INTERVIEWS.....

RADIO..... OTHER REFERENCES.....

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

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Adjutant of your unit immediately.

NAME..... MURPHY Robert Basil Gray NUMBER. Aus. 402574
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING..... Flying Officer, Navigator DECORATIONS. D.F.C.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... 5
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 28.12.40
CANADA July, 1941
SINGAPORE
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM... August, 1941
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 22 O.T.U. Wellingbourne Mountford, Stratford-on-Avon.
PRESENT UNIT... 1660 Conversion Unit, Swinderby AIRCRAFT FLOWN. Lancaster
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN... Lancaster.....
..... 97 Squadron.....

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) 200 (b) 34 - 3 day, 31 night.

(c) 19.4.42. Mining Terschelling; 25.4.42. Rostock; 27.4.42. Pano Is;

2.5.42. Mining near Copenhagen; 5.5.42. Stuttgart; 7.5.42. Mining near
Copenhagen (shot out searchlights and shot up flak ship); 8.5.42. Warnemunde;

19.5.42. Mannheim; 25.6.42. Bremen; 11.7.42. Daylight to Danzig (leading
navigator of a flight); 23.7.42. Duisburg; 25.7.42. Duisburg; 26.7.42. Hamburg.

29.7.42. Saarbrücken; 12.8.42. Mainz; 17.8.42. Saarbr.; 24.8.42. Frankfurt.

27.8.42. Gwinnia; 1.9.42. Saarbrücken; 4.9.42. Bremen; 6.9.42. Duisburg;

8.9.42. Frankfurt; 10.9.42. Dusseldorf; 14.9.42. Wilhelmshaven; 16.8.42. Essen;

(4 hr. combat with two fighters); 2.10.42. Krefeld; 13.10.42. Kiel;

5.10.42. Cologne; 17.10.42. Daylight to Le Creusot; 24.10.42. Daylight to Milan.

P.T.O.

use other side if necessary.

10.11.42. Mining Bordeaux; 15.11.42. Genoa; 6.12.42. Target near Hanover;

2.1.43. Mining Bordeaux;

As regards photographs, the R.A.A.F. photographer took my photograph at the investiture.

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(In full)

RANK AND MUSTERING..... F/O. Air Observer..... DECORATIONS..... D.F.C.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... 5.....

X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA..... Australia 27.12.40. Canada 30.6.41.
CANADA
Sth. AFRICA

DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM..... 15.7.41. (approx).

O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc..... 22. O.T.U.

PRESENT UNIT..... 1660 Con. Unit..... AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... LANCASTER.

PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... 22. O.T.U. (20.8.41. - 30.11.41.)
Wellington. 97 Sqdn. (3.12.41. - 4.1.43.) Lancaster

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(g) Other attacks and incidents. (h) Other Australians in crew.

..... (a). 200. (b). 31 Night 3 Day. (c). 19.4.42. Mining, 25.4.42. Rostock, 27.4.42.
Mining, 2.5.42. Mining, 5.5.42. Stuttgart, 7.5.42. Mining, 8.5.42. Warnemunde, 19.5.42.
Mannheim, 25.6.42. Bremen, 11.7.42. Daylight to Danzig, 23.7.42. Duisberg, 25.7.42.
Duisberg, 29.7.42. Saarbrucken, 12.8.42. Mainz, 12.8.42. Cansbruck, 24.8.42. Frankfurt
27.8.42. Gdynia, 1.9.42. Saarbrucken, 4.9.42. Bremen, 6.9.42. Duisberg, 8.9.42.
Frankfurt, 10.9.42. Dusseldorf, 14.9.42. Wilhelmshaven, 16.9.42. Essen, 2.10.42.
Krefeld, 13.10.42. Kiel, 15.10.42. Cologne, 17.10.42. Daylight to Le. Creusot.
24.10.42. Daylight Milan 10.11.42. Mining, 15.11.42. Genoa, 6.12.42. Low level free
lance, 2.1.43. Mining (d). Nil. (e) Nil. (f) Beat off three aircraft Essen 16.9.42
(g). Nil. (h). Nil.

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10/3/43.

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Flying Officer Robert Basil Gray MURPHY, R.A.A.F. No. 97 Squadron.

Flying Officer Murphy has flown in operational sorties against targets in many of the very heavily defended towns in Western Germany, Rostock, Gdynia and Genoa. He also took part in the daylight raids on Danzig and Le Creusot. At all times his skill and courage have been a fine example to others.