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 Degrees, Decorations, etc.....
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 Date of Birth... 21-9-19..... Place... GRENFELL N.S.W. AUSTR
 Educated... INVERELL HIGH N.S.WALES.....

 Date of Entering Service... 7-11-41.....
 Previous Service Experience... 3 YEARS 11TH LIGHT HORSE.....

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NO.5 F.F.T.S. NARRAMINE NO.8 S.F.T.S. BUNDABERG.....
 Civilian Career and Activities... GRAZIER.....

 Clubs, Recreations, etc... CRICKET TENNIS GOLF.....

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Date 19-4-43

Date Embarked Australia 6-3-43

Destination UNITED KINGDOM

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AUSTRALIANS IN BIG RANGOON RAID

Many Australians, flying Liberators, took part in a heavily concentrated raid on Rangoon at the week-end. Because of broken cloud over the target area and because aircraft bombed from a greater height than usual, few outstanding results were observed, but dump areas in the city were well plastered.

414725 Warrant Officer W.J. Newman, ^{356 Sqn} of Brookstead, Queensland, captained one of the Liberators which led the raid. His second pilot was Flight Sergeant G.C. Kilsby, of Casterton, Victoria. Their aircraft was holed by flak over the target, but none of the crew was injured.

Dump areas, which were concealed in woods, held Japanese stores for the defence of Burma. All crews reported that their bombs straddled the dumps.

Authorised by _____ D.P.R.