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O'BRIEN, LESLIE WILLIAM

429382

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES  
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.  
OFFICERS & AIR TR.

The following biographical details are requested for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Surname O'BRIEN Number AHS 429382

Christian Names LESLIE WILLIAM

Air Force Rank & Mustering <sup>PILOT</sup> SERGEANT, PILOT

Degrees, Decorations etc DFC

Present appointment & Location BRIGHTON 11 P.D.R.C. R.A.A.F.

Date of Birth 25-6-1918 Place SPRINGSURE

Educated ROLLESTON STATE SCHOOL

Date of entering service 11-9-42

Previous Service Experience —

Places of training in R.A.A.F. 3.I.T.S. 5.E.F.T.S. 15.S.F.T.S.

Civilian Career & Activities STATION HAND (CATTLEWORK)

Clubs, Recreations etc CRICKET, FOOTBALL, RUNNING

Father's Name MR WILLIAM PATRICK O'BRIEN

Wife's Name —

Children —

Home Address ROLLESTON VIA SPRINGSURE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Signature L.W. O'Brien

Date embarked Australia 6-3-43

Destination United Kingdom 1-9-43

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PRO. FORM.  
I/R. 5.

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

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The following biographical details are required for R.A.A.F. Historical Records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Officer Commanding Repatriation Disposal Section, No.11 (R.A.A.F.) P.D.R.C.

NAME (in full) O'BRIEN, Leslie William NUMBER 429382

RANK AND MUSTERING FLY DECORATIONS

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 32 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 6/3/43  
CANADA } 28/1/43 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 1/9/43  
Sth. AFRICA }

SQUADRONS 619 Squadron

AIRCRAFT FLOWN DUZZ; ANSON; OXFORD; WELLINGTON; STIRLING; LANCASTER

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 applicable headings:-

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

- (A) 205 Hrs.
- (B) 30 SORTIES (INCLUDING 7 DAY)
- (C) MOETLY SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERIES & CANDLES IN GERMANY
- (E) ONE DAMAGED (PROBABLY DESTROYED) OTHER COMBATS BUT NO CAPTURES

- (H) 412229 RICE N.H. (AIA) : 417358 GERKE J. (WOP)
- (C) TARGETS: NURNBERG, WESTCAPPALL, HOMBERG, DUISELDORF, DUREN, WITTELAND CANAL, TRONDHJEM, MUNICH, HEILBRONN, EISEN, HEIMBACH DAM, ROYAN, MUNICH, POLITZ, MERSBURG, SEGEN, KARLSRUHE, LADDERGEN, FLITZ, BRANENBURG, LADDERGEN, LADDERGEN, BOHLEN, HAMBURG, EISEN, WITTEBURG, BOHLEN, HAMBURG, WEISL, PILSEN.

DATE 13/6/45 SIGNATURE L. W. O'Brien  
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

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Acting Flight Lieutenant Leslie William O'Brien. (429382) 619 Squadron.

Gazetted 7.12.45.

This officer has completed in numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has displayed the utmost courage, fortitude and devotion to duty.