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RECORD RAID ON THAILAND BASE

R.A.F. Liberatore, several of then with Australian oraws, ranged for from their Indian bases to strike heavy blows at Jap communications in central Thailand last week, states a despatch from Eastern Air Gommand to R.A.A.F. Headquarters today.

Some flew all day to reach korat, a little town nestling in the hills of Thailand which the Japs have been using as a key point in their supply route from Indo-hims, returning to their base next morning after a round trip of nearly 2,500 miles.

Two of the Australians were making the last trip of their operational tour - Flight Lieutenant M.F. Robinson, of Stanthorpe, Queensland and Warrent Officer Max Wright, of Baleolava, South Australia. Others who took part were Marrant Officer Vern Cliffe, of Sylvany; Warrent Officer S.J. Garrety, of Bathurst, M.S.W; and Warrant Officer C.A. Mash, of Parrematta, M.S.W.

Nash described the raid as a "malti-coloured pyrotechnic display."

Debric from wrecked buildings, workshops and sheds around the railway station
was piled in a tangled mess after the Liberators had finished their work, he
said.

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