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RECORD RAID ON THAILAND BASE

R.A.F. Liberators, several of them with Australian crews, ranged far from their Indian bases to strike heavy blows at Jap communications in central Thailand last week, states a despatch from Eastern Air Command 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-China, 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 Warrant Officer Max Wright, of Balaclava, South Australia. Others who took part were Warrant Officer Vern Cliffe, of Sydney; ^{no record} Warrant Officer S.J. Garrety, of Bathurst, N.S.W; and Warrant Officer C.A. Nash, of Parramatta, N.S.W.

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