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NAME (in full)..... OLIVER ROSS..... HOLIDAY NUMBER..... AUS 40531F  
RANK AND MUSTERING..... F10..... PILOT..... DECORATIONS.....  
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... 21..... O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc.....  
DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA )..... 30/11/42.....  
CANADA ).....  
Sth. AFRICA )..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 26/1/43  
SQUADROIS..... 222 SQUADRON  
AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... SPITFIRE TEMPEST  
COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY..... FIGHTERS..... 1108P. (54.08P.) 2ND TAF  
OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADROIS, OR AIRCRAFT.....

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS - with dates: to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:

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

(a)..... 200.00  
(b)..... 49 BOMBING SORTIES (LOW & DIVE)  
(c).....  
(d).....  
(e).....  
(f).....  
(g).....  
(h).....  
(i).....  
(j).....  
(k).....  
(l).....

Date..... 18/1/43

SIGNATURE.....

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The following Biographical details are requested for use at  
R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON,-

Surname..... Oliver ..... Number A 408314 .....

Christian Names... Ross. Holiday .....

Air Force Rank and Mustering... Sgt. Plt .....

Degrees, Decorations, etc... Nil .....

Present Appointment and Location... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURBONROUTE .....

Date of Birth... 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1921 ..... Place... Deloraine Tas. Aus. .....

Educated... Lantern State High School Tas. Aus. .....

Date of Entering Service... 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1941 .....

Previous Service Experience... Nil .....

Places of Training in R.A.A.F. No. 1. I.T.S. Somers. Vic. No. 2. S.F.T.S. West Junction  
No. 3. S.F.T.S. Deniliquin .....

Civilian Career and Activities... Farmer .....

Clubs, Recreations, etc... Horse Racing. Badminton. Tennis .....

Fathers name... Albert James Oliver .....

Wifes name..... .....

Children... .....

"Elgar" Mottama Tasmania Australia .....

Signature Oliver .....

Date 26/2/45 .....

Date Embarked Australia 1 Dec 1942 .....

Destination UNITED KINGDOM .....

*Personal file - F/o. R.H. Oliver*

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DUNKIRK NOT NEGLECTED

Keeping the German defenders of Dunkirk "on their toes" is one of the jobs of R.A.F. Spitfires and Typhoons based on the Continent.

Australian Spitfire pilots who have attacked the town, by-passed long ago in the drive for Holland, include Flying Officers R.H. Oliver, of Deloraine, Tasmania and R.R. Clarke, of Kingsford, New South Wales and Warrant Officer N.C. Sutherland of Millicent, South Australia.

In a recent raid they flew low to drop delayed-action bombs on German mortar guns.

Dunkirk is not an important target nowadays, but these attacks, in the absence of an assault on the position, help to make the defenders' life uncomfortable.

Flying Officer R.K. Gibson, of Toowoomba, Queensland, a rocket-Typhoon pilot, has made several trips to Dunkirk with his squadron, attacking headquarters, store dumps, gun positions and buildings known to house troops.

"We like Dunkirk!" said Oliver, "because it gives us a target when some of the more important positions may be obscured by cloud. And it also stops the Germans there from thinking that we're neglecting them."

The Australian Spitfire pilots have also made a number of attacks recently on railways behind the enemy lines.