

OSBORN, ALFRED GEORGE

403678

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AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Missing 27-4-44
 P.O.W. 9-3-44
 Safe U.K. 28-4-45

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

SURNAME..... ASBORN..... NUMBER..... 403678

CHRISTIAN NAMES... ALFRED GEORGE.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING... F./SGT. 410.....

DECREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH... 9-6-22..... PLACE... Raymond Terrace

EDUCATED... Maitland Boys High School.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE... 2nd February 1941.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE... nil.....

PLACES OF TRAINING... No. 2 I.T.S. & Parks. No. 1 R.A.A.F. Elementary Flying School (now) 27017.....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES... Laboratory Assistant at Masonite Corporation.....

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC... Swimming, football, boxing, cycling.....

FATHER... Mr Alfred Ernest Nelson.....

WIFE... none.....

HOME ADDRESS... Lawrence St Raymond Terrace NSW.....

SIGNATURE... [Signature].....

DATE... 22-10-43.....

DATE OF EMBARKATION... 16-10-41.....

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AWARDS... 705°/690° D.F.M.

CATEGORY..... INTERVIEWS.....

RADIO..... OTHER REFERENCES.....

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
Kingsway, W.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) ALFRED GEORGE OSBORN NUMBER B.493678

RANK AND MUSTERING F/O. R.F. GUNNER DECORATIONS R.F.M.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 11 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 27874

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 16/10/41
CANADA)
S.W. - AFRICA) DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 21/11/41

SQUADRONS 460. Sqdn.

AIRCRAFT FLOWS WOLLINGTON IS. IV. LANCASTER. 12 III.

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBERS COMMAND

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL, SQUADRONS, OR AIRCRAFT NIL

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.
- (e) Outstanding sorties or incidents.
- (f) Combats 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) 197 hrs... (b) 21 night... (c) Holzen, Bosen, Bremen, Duisberg, Düsseldorf, St. Nazaire, Hirschberg, La Rochelle, Düsseldorf, Mainz, Mainz, Munich, Zurich, Essen, Duisberg, Berlin, Stuttgart, Villa Pilger, Munich, Berlin, St. Nazaire, Ham, Hamburg, St. Nazaire, Dortmund, Berlin, Gelsenkirchen, Duisberg, Holzen, Berlin. (d) Nil (e) Nil (f) DE 110, ME 109, JU 88, FW 190.

(g)

(h) S/LDR SIMPSON, F/O KENNEDY, F/O SHROCK, F/O McLEOD, F/O BYRNES.

(i) Nil

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DATE 5. 7. 45 SIGNATURE A.G. Osborn

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DFM

10/9/43

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Aus. 403678 Flight Sergeant Alfred George OSBORN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron. Flight Sergeant Osborn has completed many successful operational sorties, during all of which he has displayed a complete disregard of danger in the execution of his duties as rear gunner. The careful watch kept by him, at all times, has contributed largely to the success of many missions. In June, 1943, while his aircraft was on its bombing run over the target, a Messerschmitt 109 was sighted approaching to attack. Flight Sergeant Osborn refrained from advising any evasive action till he was assured that the bombs had been successfully released. This airman has invariably displayed great zeal and enthusiasm.

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NAME..... OSBORN, Alfred George..... NUMBER..... Ans. 409678.
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING..... W/O. Air Gunner..... DECORATIONS..... D.F.M.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... No.2. I.T.S. Bradfield Park. 11. Course.
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA..... Australia. 16.10.41.
CANADA
S. W. AFRICA
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM..... 22.11.41.
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc..... 27. O.T.U. Lichfield.
PRESENT UNIT..... RAF. Church Broughton. 27. O.T.U..... AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... WELLINGTON III
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... No.1. BAGS Evans Head. 30.8.41.
..... 15.9.41. No.7. A.G.S. Stoney Down 21.2.42. 21.3.42. 27. O.T.U. Lichfield 19.5.42.
..... 29.6.42. 460 Sqn. 19.7.42.-9.8.42. A/C Flown. Well. IC.III.IV. Battles, Defiants,
Whitleys, Halifax Lancasters I and III.

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS (details of operations with dates to be given as fully as possible under the appropriate headings as shown)

- (a) Number Operational Hours (b) Number Operational Sorties, day-night
(c) Target bombed
(d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type size etc.
(e) Attacks on enemy submarines (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
(g) Other attacks and incidents. (h) Other Australians in crew.

..... (a). 188-10. (b). 30 sorties night. (c). Cologne, Essen, Bremen, Duisberg,
..... Dusseldorf, St. Nazaire, Spierzroug, Gensbruck, Mainz, Mainz, Mining Baltic, Turin,
..... Berlin, Nurnberg, St.Nazaire, Berlin, Hamburg, Essen, Munich, Stuttgart, Essen,
..... St. Nazaire, Duisberg, Berlin, Duisberg, Pilsen, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Gelsenkirchen
..... and Cologne: (d). Nil. (e) Nil. (f) (1) 9.12.42. ME.110. on Turin. 17.1.43. on
..... Berlin attacked six times by JU.88. F.W. 190. and ME.110. 25.6.43. on Gelsenkirchen.
..... attacked by ME.109 over the target (g) Nil. (h). W/O. C. Martin (Pilot). P/O
..... Hadley (Navigator) P/Sgt. Pender. (W/OP) P/O. J.E. Osborn (E/A) P/O C. Prentice,
..... M/Up.Gunner.

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