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OSBORN, ANDREW FRANCIS ATTERBURY

R.A.F.

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES  
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

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SURNAME.....OSBORN.....NUMBER.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES...ANDREWS...FRANK...ATERBURY.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING...F/O.....

DEGREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....PLACE.....

EDUCATED.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE.....

PLACES OF TRAINING.....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES.....

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SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC.....

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FATHER.....

WIFE.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

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SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....

DATE OF EMBARKATION.....

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AWARDS...92...D.F.C......

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

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

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URGENT NEWS

A.M.B. No. 3050

AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE

R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST AWARDS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:-

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Flying Officer Osborn was captain of a heavy bomber detailed to carry out a night raid on an aerodrome in Catania. After dropping bombs on the target, he descended to four hundred feet through intense and accurate fire.

He machine gunned Anti-Aircraft guns and searchlights and put a number of them out of action. His aircraft was struck several times by Anti-Aircraft shells. The petrol tanks were punctured and most of the fabric stripped from one wing. He turned back to his base and had flown one hundred and forty miles on the homeward journey when he was compelled to come down on the sea. He brought his aircraft down close to a naval vessel. One of the crew had been wounded, and Flying Officer Osborn supported him in the water for half an hour until they were rescued. This officer has carried out thirty operations against Germany and Italy.