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OSBORN, THOMAS EDMUND

411076

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFTMEN.

The following biographical details are required for use at

R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON.

Surname..... OSBORN T. E...... Number..... AUS 411076

Christian Names..... T. THOMAS EDMUND.....

Air Force Rank and Mustering..... SERGEANT OBSERVER.....

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location..... N^o 3 PRC BOURNEMOUTH

Date of Birth..... 14 June 1920..... Place..... RAYMOND TERRACE N.S.W. AUST.

Educated..... East Maitland N.S.W......

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Date of Entering Service..... 31st March 1941.....

Previous Service Experience..... N.A......

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Places of Training..... N^o 1 I.T.S. SYDNEY, N^o 1 AOS. MANTON, N^o 9 B.G. PARK, N^o 2 AOS
PENFRIED RIDGE

Civilian Career and Activities..... Stores Clerk B.H.PTY. CO. LTD.

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Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club, Maitland Amateur
Swimming Club, Maitland United Football Club, Maitland
Cricket Club, Maitland Athletic Club, fishing, shooting, reading.

Father..... Deceased Mrs Ella Emily Osborn (mother)

Wife.....

Children.....

Home Address..... "Pacifica", Ocean Parade, The Entrance, N.S.W. Australia

Signature..... T. E. Osborn.....

Date..... 21-2-42.....

Date Embarked..... 17-7-41.....

Destination..... United Kingdom.....

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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) OSBORN THOMAS EDMUND NUMBER 411076

RANK AND MUSTERING F/O NAV/B(A.B.) DECORATIONS D.F.C

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 13 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 17A OTU

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) 17-7-41
CANADA) 8-3-42 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 20-2-44
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SQUADRONS. No 460 R.A.A.F.

AIRCRAFT FLOWN IN WELLINGTON, HAMPDEN, BLENHEIM, HALIFAX, LANCASTER

COMMAND & TYPED OF ACTIVITY BOMBER COMMAND - NIGHT OPERATIONS

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:-

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| (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 | (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents |
| (f) Combats with enemy aircraft | (h) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work. |
| (h) Other Australians in crews | |

(a) NIGHT 194030(b) 29 NIGHT

(c) STUTTGART 22/1/42 - TURIN 3 TIMES 29/1/42, 1/2/42, 12/7/43 -
MANHEIM 4/2/42 - DUISBURG 4 TIMES 20/2/42, 26/3/43, 8/4/43, 9/4/43 -
MUNICH TWICE 2/2/42, 9/3/43 - DUISBURG 27/1/43 - COLOGNE TWICE
2/2/43, 8/7/43 - NURMBERG 8/3/43 - ESSEN 12/3/43 -
St. NAZAIRE 22/3/43 - BERLIN 3 TIMES 27/3/43, 29/3/43, 23/8/43 -
SPEZIA TWICE 13/4/43, 18/4/43 - PILSEN 16/4/43 -
STETTIN 20/4/43 - DORTMUND 23/5/43 - GUSENKIRCHEN 25/4/43
HAMBURG 24/7/43 - MILAN 12/8/43 - PEENEMUNDE 17/8/43.

(d) NIL (e) NIL (f) NIL (g) slowly over STUTTGART, PILSEN, STETTIN.DATE 17-10-44 SIGNATURE J.E. Osborn F/O
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

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(H) UPTO ORNO 21

F/S MURRAY J.N. D.F.M. (Now P/O) PILOT
W/O TAYLOR C.L. D.F.C. (" ") NAT.
F/S DODDS J (" ") W.A.G.
F/S KIRBY J D.F.M. (" AFM deceased) Rear Gunner
~~F/S Hixley~~
F/S Hodgson (now P/O) mid upper gunner now
re-manned to Pilot.

2nd crew

W/CDR C. Martini DSO DFC PILOT O.C. 460 Squadron.
F/lt F. Arthur DFC Now later W/CDR. OC 460 Squadron.
F/S OSBORN A.G. D.F.M. (Now P/O P.O.W.) Rear Gunner
P/O Pringle C. (Now P/O) mid upper Gunner.
F/S PENDER H. (Now P/O) W.A.G.

Last Operation

G/C H. EDWARDS V.C. DSO DFC Pilot
F/S R. DUNSTAN (now P/O DSO) rear gunner.

(J) NIL.

DFC

12/10/43.

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Flying Officer Thomas Edmund OSBORN, Royal Australian Air Force, No. 460
(R.A.A.F.) Squadron. This officer is a bomb aimer of consistent skill and efficiency. He has been responsible for bombing many vital enemy targets with precision and accuracy and has frequently produced outstanding photographs. In August, 1943, he was a member of a crew detailed to attack the research and development establishment at Peenemunde. On this sortie, it was of extreme importance that the bombs should be placed accurately. Flying Officer Osborn made a very close reconnaissance of the target area before definitely deciding where to release his load. Photographs subsequently revealed that much damage resulted from his attack. Undeterred by the heaviest opposition, this officer has always displayed high courage and devotion to duty.