

OTTO, ERIC CHARLES DUNCAN

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICERS & AIR CREWS

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

SURNAME..... OTTO ..... NUMBER 405059.

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Eric Charles Duncan

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING..... Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner

DEGREES, DECORATIONS ETC.....

PRESENT APPOINTMENT AND LOCATION..... 42 OTU, Andover, Hants.

DATE OF BIRTH..... 29<sup>th</sup> July 1911 ..... PLACE Bombay, India

EDUCATED..... Cathedral High School Bombay  
Whitehill High School Glasgow.

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE..... 5<sup>th</sup> January 1941

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE..... None

PLACES OF TRAINING..... Sandgate Brisbane, Parkes N.S.W. Evans Head NSW.

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES..... Cattle Grazier  
Property in north Queensland.

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED); RECREATIONS, CLUBS ETC..... School Rugby  
Team. Amateur boxer

FATHER..... Alex. Ches. Otto 5 Shepherd Rd, <sup>Byculla</sup> Bombay India

~~WIFE~~.....

CHILDREN.....

HOME ADDRESS..... Malanda north Qld Australia

SIGNATURE..... E. C. D. Otto

DATE..... 1/2/42

DATE EMBARKED..... 16<sup>th</sup> Oct '41

DESTINATION..... England

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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.) R.D.R.G.

NAME (in full). OTTO. Eric Charles Owen. NUMBER. 405059  
 RANK AND BRANCH. V. A.G. DECORATIONS. 19-43 Star  
 NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE. 10411. O.T.U. - A.P.U. etc. 4-2 O.T.U.  
 DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 16<sup>a</sup> Oct 1941  
 CANADA } DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 30<sup>a</sup> Nov '41  
 STH. AFRICA }

SQUADRONS. 296 &amp; 570

AIRCRAFT FLOWN. Blenheim Whitley Halifax Albemarle

COMMAND &amp; TYPE OF ACTIVITY. Army Co. of &amp; T.A.F. Gliders &amp; Paratroop

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

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 | (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) 230

(b) 68. ~~at~~ 18. night 40 day(g) Took 1<sup>st</sup> gliders taken on ops by alliesNorway 19<sup>a</sup> night Nov. 42.Paratroops invasion of Sicily 9<sup>a</sup> July 43.DATE 30<sup>a</sup> Nov 44. SIGNATURE E.C.O.

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