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OVERHEU, ROBERT WILLIAM CHARLES

436478

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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

SURNAME. OVERHEU..... NUMBER. 436478.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES. Robt Willm Chas.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING. sgt..... R Nav 8.....

DEGREES ETC.....

DATE OF BIRTH. 2/8/1918..... PLACE. West Australia

EDUCATED..... Pingelly West Aust.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE. 15/1/43.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE. 10 months AIF.....

PLACES OF TRAINING. 5.I.T.S. 39 course 3AOS, 2 BAGS, 2 AOS, 40 course.....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES. Farmer & Grazier.....

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

Pingelly Club..... Tennis & swimming.....

FATHER. Chas Overheu.....

WIFE. Kathleen Overheu.....

HOME ADDRESS. Flat 15 Thomas St Flats Subisco.....

SIGNATURE. R W Overheu.....

DATE. 30/3/44.....

DATE OF EMBARKATION. 15/3/44.....

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AWARDS.....

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

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

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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) ROBT. WILLIAM OVEARHEU..... NUMBER 436428.....

RANK AND NUMBERING F/S..... A/B..... DECORATIONS.....

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 39..... O.T.U. - A.P.U. to.....

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA } 15/2/44.....
 } AFRICA..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 30/3/44.....
 } SPAIN - AFRICA.....

SQUADRONS 466 (RAF) S.O.D.V......

AIRCRAFT FLOWN ANSON FAIRY BATTLE WELLSINGTON MALVERN.....

COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY..... BOMBER.....

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

..... NONE.....

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 | (i) Personnel of Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work. |
| (h) Other Australians in crews | |

A 25..... B 3 DAY.....

C MUNSTER HELLIGOLAND WANGEROE.....

D NIL..... E NIL..... F NIL.....

G Heavy flare on WANGEROE.....

H Skipper (w/o GOOLO).....

DATE 8/4/45..... SIGNATURE R. W. Overton.....
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

Personal file — F/Sgt. R.W.C. Overheu

18.4.45

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AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE

AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN NO.18466

AUSTRALIANS BOMB HELIGOLAND

R.A.A.F. Halifaxes and Lancasters formed part of the large force dispatched this afternoon by R.A.F. Bomber Command to attack the naval base and fortress island of Heligoland. The Halifaxes were led by W/Cdr. A. Hollings, D.F.C., of Adelaide, South Australia.

"The island was completely covered with smoke by the time we left", said ⁴²⁶⁴⁷⁸ F/Sgt. R.W.C. Overheu, ^{466 Sqn} a bomb aimer, of Subiaco, W.A., "It was an important target and we left it in a sorry mess".

"All I could see through one or two gaps in the smoke were craters and huge fires", said F/O L.D. Large, a pilot from Dandenong, Victoria. Another Australian, F/Lt. C.J. Johnston, D.F.C., of Alstonville, Near Lismore, New South Wales, who saw the attack from the rear turret of one of the leading Halifaxes, said: "After we had passed over I looked down at the island just in time to see a terrific explosion which shot flame and debris up to about a thousand feet".

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