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PATTERN, ALEXANDER ROBERT

422683

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OFFICERS AND AIRCREW.

The following Biographical details are requested for use at
R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON,-

Surname PATTEN Number 1905 422683
Christain Names ALEXANDER ROBERT
Air Force Rank and Posting PLSGT. A/C CREW. (A.P.)
Degrees, Decorations, etc. D.F.M.
Present Appointment and Location R.A.A.F. F.R.C. BOURKECUTH
Date of Birth 24/10/1927 Place LANGWARREN, VIC. AUST
Educated H.R.H.S. Glenfield, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA
Date of Entering Service 23/5/47
Previous Service Experience W.I.L.
Places of Training in R.A.A.F. ATS BARDFIELD PARK, NSW.
Civilian Career and Activities STUDENT
Clubs, Recreations, etc. CRICKET, FOOTBALL, SWIMMING, ATHLETICS
ETC.
Father's name ALEXANDER JAMES PATTEN
Wife's Name
Children
Home address Box Rd. CASADIA, NSW. AUSTRALIA
Signature J. Patten
Date 20/3/1948
Date Embarked Australia 7/9/42
Destination UNITED KINGDOM.

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P/R. 5.

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KINGSWAY, W.C. 2.

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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. E. C.

NAME (in full) PATTEN, ALEXANDER ROBERT NUMBER D. 422683

RANK AND MUSTERING F/SGT. AIR BOMBER DECORATIONS D.F.M.

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 28 O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 14 OTU

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA 7/9/42
CANADA 4/8/43 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. 17/3/43
Sth. AFRICA

SQUADRONS 40 SQDN (C.M.F.)

AIRCRAFT FLOWN WASHINGTON II

COMMAND & TYPED OF ACTIVITY 205 GROUP NIGHT BOMBERS

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:-

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

(a) 2.17 hours

(b) 2.7 night ops

(c) Balkans - i.e. Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia etc.
Munich, Lannoy & North Italy - Milan, Padua etc

(d) nil

(e) nil

(f) Lova

(g) nil

(h) nil

(i) F/O Wesson J. G. Pilot & Captain

DATE 17/2/45 SIGNATURE AK Patten

(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

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10-10-44

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