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SURNAME PEARSON NUMBER

CHRISTIAN NAMES A. C.

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING N/C.D.R.

DEGREES ETC.

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE ARGENTINE

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 CHARLES PEARSON

WIFE

HOME ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE OF EMBARKATION

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CATEGORY INTERVIEWS

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June 28, 1944.

2 1/2 MILLION-MILE TRANSPORT SQUADRON

Formed in India some 17 months ago, a Royal Air Force squadron has flown over two and a quarter million miles delivering supplies to forward troops in Burma, flying in with jeeps, mules, and cattle on to jungle strips where Allied troops await them, conveying officers of all services to various destinations, returning with wounded, and delivering mails.

Today it is operating on the Burma front but confining its activities almost exclusively to delivering and dropping supplies in Burma, and evacuating wounded, whilst one section remains engaged "on the mail run".

C.O. of the squadron is a burly, jovial Australian, W/Cdr. A.C. Pearson, whose father, the late Charles Pearson, was born at Brighton, Victoria, and later captained Essendon Football Club in its early days. Charles Pearson spent his boyhood at Kilnsey Park, Cippeland, Victoria, and when a young man went to Argentina, where W/Cdr. Pearson was born. The C.O. was educated in England, was engaged in commercial aviation in Africa before the war, and was called up for service with the R.A.A.F. a month before hostilities began in 1939.

A detachment from this squadron last year led the Wingate expedition and in February of this year dropped supplies to the beleaguered 7th Indian Division in the Arakan. Since then they have been dropping supplies to Allied troops some hundreds of miles behind the Japanese lines in Burma.

The Australians have their pets, and just as some Australians had a pet tiger cub in Ceylon, these lads have a huge Himalayan brown bear. He loves to lick their hands and is happy when they are showing some interest in him. He is not at all well disposed towards the natives, and the crows which dive perilously close to his head are confirmed enemies. Often he climbs his nearby shady tree to obstruct their flight.