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PEDRINA, WILLIAM ALAN

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

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

SURNAME..... PERRINA..... NUMBER.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES... WILLIAM ALAN.....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING... F/4T.....

DEGREES, DECORATIONS ETC.....

PRESENT APPOINTMENT AND LOCATION.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... PLACE.....

EDUCATED.....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE.....

PLACES OF TRAINING.....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES.....

SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED), RECREATIONS, CLUBS ETC.....

FATHER.....

WIFE.....

CHILDREN.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....

DATE EMBARKED.....

DESTINATION.....

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Flight Lieutenant William Allan Pedrina, Royal Australian Air Force.

9/4/42. DFC

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In February, 1942, this officer took part in a low-level attack on enemy destroyers and transports, in the face of intense fire, at Gasmata, New Britain. Later in February he carried out a single daylight reconnaissance of enemy shipping at Rabaul. In spite of being attacked by enemy fighters and ground defences and having his gunner killed and aircraft damaged, he completed his reconnaissance and returned over 500 miles to his base with extremely valuable information.

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Three Australians Win D.F.C. in Pacific

Three officers of the Royal Australian Air Force have each been awarded the D.F.C. for bravery in air operations over the Pacific island of New Britain.

Wing-Commander J. M. Lerew and Flight-Lieut. D. W. I. Campbell are stated to have displayed outstanding courage, determination, skill and tenacity in bombing raids on enemy positions.

Flight-Lieut. W. A. Pedrina took part in a low-level attack on enemy destroyers and transports, in the face of intense fire, at Gasmata, New Britain.

AWARDS TO AUSTRALIAN
AIRMEN

GALLANTRY IN ATTACKS ON
JAPANESE

The King has approved the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Wing Cdr. J. M. LEREW, R.A.A.F.

Ft. Lt. D. W. I. CAMPBELL, R.A.A.F.

These officers have displayed outstanding courage, determination, and skill in bombing enemy positions in New Britain.

Ft. Lt. W. A. PEDERNA, R.A.A.F.

This officer took part in a low-level attack on enemy destroyers and transports in the face of intense fire at Gasmata, New Britain. Later he carried out a daylight reconnaissance of enemy shipping at Rabaul. In spite of being attacked by enemy fighters and ground defences and having his runner killed and aircraft damaged, he completed his reconnaissance and returned over 200 miles to his base with valuable information.