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PENNEFATHER, JAMES LIONEL

425742

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SURNAME PENNEFATHER NUMBER A/425742
 CHRISTIAN NAMES JAMES LIONEL
 AIR FORCE RANK AND BRISTLING P/O PILOT
 DEGREES ETC. — DFC
 DATE OF BIRTH 5. 9. 23 PLACE BRISBANE QLD
 EDUCATED Brisbane Boys College, Brisbane QLD
 DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE 25- 4- 42
 PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE —
 PLACES OF TRAINING C.S.T.S.-Aus / S.F.S.- Can / R.F.U.-UK / O.T.U.-UK
 CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES SHIPPING CLERK
 SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC. —
 FATHER MR L.H. PENNEFATHER
 WIFE MR N/A
 HOME ADDRESS RANKIN STREET INDOOROODOPALLY BRISBANE
 SIGNATURE J. Pennefather
 DATE 4- 12- 44
 DATE OF DEPARTURE 1-11- 42

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AWARDS DFC
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OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFT

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Surname PENNEFATHER..... Number Aus. 425742
Christian Names JAMES LIONEL.....
Air Force Rank and Mastering SAF. P/O PILOT.....
Degrees, Decorations, etc.....
Present Appointment and Location R.A.A.F. P.R.C. BOURNEMOUTH.....
Date of Birth 5-9-23..... Place SHERWOOD, BRISBANE AUST.
Educated BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE, QUEENSLAND
SENIOR STANDARD - JUNIOR PUBLIC - 1-5 YEARS SENIOR
Date of Entering Service 25-4-42.....
Previous Service Experience.....
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Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 3. I.T.S. SANDGATE Q.L.D.
8. E.F.T.S. NARRANDARA, N.S.W.
Civilian Career and Activities SHIPPING CLERK
WINDON, DRESSING
.....
Clubs, Recreations, etc. TENNIS, FOOTBALL, CYCLING
SWIMMING
.....
Fathers name MR. L. H. PENNEFATHER.....
Wifes name.....
Children.....
Home Address YORK STREET, INDOORoopLY BRISBANE AUST.

Signature J. Pennefather

Date 25. 5. 43.

Date Embarked Australia 6-11-42

Destination UNITED KINGDOM

Copy of Citation of Award D.F.C.

Now Immediate 29-12-44

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