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PENDER, RONALD BOWEN ANZAC

411517

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## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

## OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFTMEN.

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

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Surname..... PENDER ..... Number..... A11517 .....

Christian Names..... RONALD BOWEN ANZAC .....

Air Force Rank and Mustering..... F/O Sergeant - W. O'Brien .....

Degrees, Decorations, etc..... DFC .....

Present Appointment and Location..... No. 3 P.R.C. Bourke-mouth .....

Date of Birth..... 25th April 1915 ..... Place..... Sydney N.S.W. Australia .....

Educated..... Fort St. Porges High School Sydney N.S.W. Australia .....

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Date of Entering Service..... 27th May 1941 .....

Previous Service Experience..... 10 months A.I.F. .....

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Civilian Career and Activities..... Manager - Sporting business (5 years) .....

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Clubs, Recreations, etc..... swimming tennis .....

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Father..... G. H. B. Pender Sydney N.S.W. Aust. .....

Wife..... Joy Pender 113 Spit Rd. Mosman Sydney N.S.W. Aust. .....

Children..... George R. Pender (6y) Francis R. Pender (2y) .....

Home Address..... cf Mrs. W. O'Brien 113 Spit Road Mosman Sydney N.S.W. Australia .....

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Signature..... R. B. Pender .....

Date..... 13th May 1945 .....

Date embarked (Australia)..... 18th Sept 1941 .....

Destination..... Canada .....

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I/R. 5.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Overseas Headquarters,  
RCAF House,  
KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

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NAME (in full)..... R.R.A. PENDER..... NUMBER..... 44517.....

RANK AND MUSTERING..... F/Lt..... St Alb (hon)..... DECORATIONS.....

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE..... 15..... O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc..... Stafford OTO Ballinacorney

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA }..... 12 July 1941.....  
 CANADA }..... 30 April 1942.....  
 S.W. AFRICA }.....  
 DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K..... 10th May 1942

SQUADRONS..... 101 Squad.....

AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... Lancaster.....

COMMAND & TYPES OF ACTIVITY..... Bomber Command.....

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

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

Shot down on 22nd sortie after bombing Duisburg.  
 Other targets were Berlin 3, Essen 2, Frankfurt 2,  
 Bremen 2, St Loizans, Luxembourg 2, Stuttgart,  
 Suresdorf, Milan, Munich, Duisburg, 1, Nuremberg,  
 Antwerp (southern France) - approx 150 sorties flown.

Other operations were F/Lt E. H. Khan, pilot;  
 F/Lt R. J. Russell (W/O) & F/O W. Shields, R/A;  
 F/Sgt J. Kelly, M/V/G

DATE..... 12-6-45..... SIGNATURE..... Ronald Pender.....  
 (Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

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Gazetted 30-10-45

Flying Officer Ronald Bowen Anzac-PENDER (Aus.411517) No.101 Squadron.

Flying Officer Pender has completed a number of very successful sorties with this squadron against a wide variety of targets in Germany. On one occasion, when detailed to attack Berlin, he discovered that the navigational instruments had become unserviceable whilst crossing the North Sea. He showed exceptional skill in navigating the aircraft by means of astro-fixes and was so successful in doing this that the aircraft arrived over the target at the correct time. On another sortie, the mid-upper hatch of his aircraft blew away but though suffering from intense cold Flying Officer Pender navigated his crew to the objective on time. On this mission the aircraft was set on fire by enemy anti-aircraft fire and eventually had to be abandoned. This officer has always shown a commendable keenness for operations and his technical skill and courage have contributed greatly to the success of many missions.



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