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PENLEIGH, BOYD A'BECKETT

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES  
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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SURNAME ... PENLEIGH: Boyd ..... NUMBER .....

CHRISTIAN NAMES ... JOHN ..... A. BESCOTT .....

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING ... S/LD .....

DEGREES ETC. ....

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

EDUCATED .....

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE .....

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE .....

PLACES OF TRAINING .....

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES .....

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

FATHER .....

WIFE .....

HOME ADDRESS ... EAST ... COBURN ... VICTORIA .....

SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....

DATE OF DEPARTURE .....

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AWARDS .....

CATEGORY ..... INTERVIEWS .....

RADIO ..... OTHER REFERENCES No report .....

TIMOR CROSSING WON DECORATION

RAAF. No. 1016 10-3-45

Personal file - Spldn. J. A. Penleigh Boyd

When Squadron Leader John A'Beckett Penleigh Boyd, of East Malvern, Victoria, brought a Beaufighter home over 450 miles of sea with the starboard motor shot out, it was the eighth time he had made the perilous crossing with one of his Beaufighter's two engines disabled. It won him a bar to his D.F.C., less than two months after he was decorated for a hectic battle with enemy fighters over the Flores.

Highlight of the Flores attack was Boyd's single-handed engagement of four enemy aircraft. He shot down one and damaged another. The Beaufighters he led accounted for three Japanese planes and damaged a fourth, without loss to themselves.