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The following biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F.

Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and handed to the
Adjutant of your unit immediately.

NAME..... SPEIRS, Iana Victor..... NUMBER..... 10452.
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING..... Fitt. II A..... DECORATIONS.....
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE.....
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA..... Australia 25th April 1942.
CANADA
Sth. AFRICA
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM..... 9th July, 1942.
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.....
PRESENT UNIT..... No. 10 Squadron R.A.A.F..... AIRCRAFT FLOWN..... SUNDERLANDS.
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....
..... Have not flown with any other units.

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS (details of operations with dates to be given as fully as possible under the appropriate headings as shown)

- (a) Number Operational Hours (b) Number Operational Sorties, day-night
(c) Target bombed
(d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type size etc.
(e) Attacks on enemy submarines (f) Combats with enemy aircraft
(g) Other attacks and incidents. (h) Other Australians in crew.

(a) 648.10 mins. (b) 54 A/S Patrols. (c) -- (d) -- (e) Attacked
sub and sank it on 31st May 1943. (f) On 30th November, 1943 attacked by
6 Ju.88's in the Bay of Biscay (credited with two probables) returning to
base; ran out of petrol and force landed in the open sea. (h) Have only
flown with all Australian crews.

use other side if necessary.

Air Ministry News Service

Air Ministry Bulletin

FIGHT WITH SIX JU.88's.

After a fight over the Bay of Biscay with six Ju.88's, the crew of Royal Australian Air Force Sunderland of Coastal Command returned home tonight with three members injured.

During the combat, which lasted 20 minutes, two of the Ju 's were to be giving off smoke as a result of fire from the Australians' aircraft was on an anti-U-boat patrol.

"We sighted the Ju.88's six miles away from us on the starboard bow in for a beam attack," one of the Sunderland crewsaid. "First they attacked individually. Then four came at us on one side and two on the other. In the second attack one of the enemy was seen to break away with both engines while smoke was also coming from one engine of another."

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