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SCHOLES, DAVID WILLIAM

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The following biographical details are required for R.A.A.F. Historical Records, Overseas Headquarters. These forms are to be filled in and returned to F/O. M. Morton.

NAME (in full) DAVID WILLIAM SCHOLES NUMBER A.419359
 RANK AND MUSTERING F/O PILOT DECORATIONS —
 NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE 30 O.T.U. — A.F.U. etc. 79(OTU), 36(AFU)
 DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) 26/3/48
 CANADA) — DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM 7/7/48
 STH. AFRICA) —
 SQUADRONS 61
 AIRCRAFT FLOWN LANCASTER I & III
 COMMAND & TYPE OF ACTIVITY BOMBER M/F
 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 | (g) Outstanding sorties or incidents |
| (f) Combats with enemy aircraft | (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Units, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work. |
| (h) Other Australians in crews | |

(a) 1.78-40

3. 14 day, 16 night.

Germany, in line of Rhine, 21st of Calannes, Fort London, Bois de Cassan (France), Ascap, St. Lau d'Essart, La Belle, Dainstadt, Longueburg, Warnemunde, Hollencourt, Arest, Le Havre, Darnetaud, Boulogne, Bergen, Flushing, Dortmund, Com Canal, Amondheim, Dullmen, P. Sissens, Wechafelle etc.

4. In pens at Bergen.

5. 109 Fb at Stuttgart & Bois de Cassan.

6. 2000 miles to Hoingsburg twice.

7. P.O. Murray, P.O. Gardner, F/S Jachman, F/S Allen.

DATE 1/2/45

SIGNATURE D. W. Scholes

(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
OFFICERS & AIRCREW

The following biographical details are requested for use as R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Surname..... SCHOLES Number A45419353
Christian Names..... David William
Air Force Rank & Mustering..... Sgt. Pilot
Degrees, Decorations, etc..... D.F.C.
Present Appointment & Location... R.A.A.F. 11 P.D.R.C. Sargeant
Date of Birth..... 29/1/23 Place..... Melb. Victoria Australia
Educated..... Scotch College, Melbourne, Aust.
Date of Entering Service..... 18/7/43
Previous Service Experience.....
Places of Training in R.A.A.F. 1 I.T.S. London; 7 F.F.T.S. Winton Quetchin } 7 S.F.T.S. Denistown Aust.
Civilian Career & Activities..... Student Scotch College
Clubs, Recreations, etc..... Victorian Fly-fisher Assoc. ; Vict. Flycatcher Assoc.
Father's Name..... Dr. Frank P. Scholes
Wife's Name.....
Children.....
Home Address..... 52 Lansell Rd. Toorak S.E.2. Melb. Aust.
Signature..... D. Scholes
Date..... 9/7/43
Date Embarked Australia..... 24/5/43
Destination..... United Kingdom

Copy of Citation of Non-Immediate Award of Distinguished Flying Cross. *Gazetted*

23-3-45

Acting Flight Lieutenant David William Simpson SCHOLTS (Aus.419353) No.61 Squadron.

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