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KESTELL-BUSCOMBE DOUGLAS ELLIOTT : Service Number - 10512 : Date of birth - 26 Jun 1917 :  
Place of birth - MELBOURNE VIC : Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE : Next of Kin - KESTELL-  
BUSCOMBE SYDNEY

**RECORD OFFICE R.A.A.F.**  
**ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.**

10512

NAME KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

W. E.

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105/2.

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**PERMANENT FORCES.**

War Service only.  
When used for  
attestation  
other than  
duration of  
War, this  
strip must  
be cut  
off.

Attestation of No. VV10512 Name KESTELL-BUSCOMBE Douglas Elliott

11 Essex Rd.  
Surrey Hill

Joined at No. 1 Recruiting Centre, Melbourne  
on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your Name? ...  | 1. <u>Douglas Elliott KESTELL-BUSCOMBE</u>                                    |
| 2. In or near what Town were you born? ...   | 2. At or near the Town of <u>Melbourne</u><br>in the State of <u>Victoria</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject of pure European descent? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)  | 3. <u>British Subject</u>   |
| 4. What is your Age? (You are warned that if you give a false answer to this question you are liable to be severely punished)  | 4. <u>22 years. 26/6/17</u>   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ...  | 5. <u>Printer.</u>  |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?   | 6. <u>Yes. Exchange Press. 263 Spencer St. Melbourne. 5 years.</u>            |
| 7. Are you married? ...  | 7. <u>No.</u>   |
| 8. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ...  | 8. <u>No.</u>   |
| 9. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? (You are warned that you are liable to heavy punishment if you make a false answer to this question) | 9. <u>No.</u>   |
| 10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Royal Navy, Marines, Army, Militia, Militia Reserve, Air Force, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and cause of discharge   | 10. <u>Yes. 24/39th Batt. Inf. Militia. Still serving.</u>                    |
| 11. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?   | 11. <u>Yes.</u>   |
| 12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?  | 12. <u>No.</u>  |
| 13. Are you willing to be enlisted under the conditions stated in the regulations for the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia?  | 13. <u>Yes.</u>   |

DECLARATION.

I, Douglas Elliott KESTELL-BUSCOMBE do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Signature of Recruit

D. Buscombe

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia for the term of \* ~~XXXXXX~~ the duration of the war and twelve months thereafter or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will, in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

(A recruit who objects to take an oath may "affirm." (see Air Force Regulations.)

\* Strike out whichever inapplicable.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Air Force Act and Air Force Regulations of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~XXXXXX~~ (In the case of a British Subject, this is to be struck out.)

The said recruit has made and signed the Declaration and taken the Oath at Melbourne  
in the State of Victoria, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June  
1940, before me.

Signature

C. O'Keefe

(A Justice of the Peace or Attesting Officer.)

ATTESTING OFFICER  
NO. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE

Age 22 years 11 months.  
 Height 5 feet 10½ inches.  
 Weight 159 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 35-39 inches.  
 Complexion Med  
 Eyes Brown  
 Hair Brown  
 Religious Denomination C of E.

## WOUNDS, SCARS, OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Large B.M. upper L leg.  
pig mole upper mid dorsal regn.  
Feruncle scars R post lumbar regn.

## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named recruit, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocels with unusually pendant testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for service in the Permanent Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Date 16th May 1940.

Place No.1 R.C. Melbourne.

*E. L. Dawley R/L. for D. S. Thawen*  
 (Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

No 1 Recruit Depot, Laverton.

If enlisted by special authority, number and date to be here quoted.....

Date 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940

Place No.1 Recruiting Centre, Melbourne

*C. Croker*

FLYING OFFICER  
 ATTESTING OFFICER

Commanding No.1 RECRUITING CENTRE

## RE-ENGAGEMENT PAPER.

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined (No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
and in my opinion he does not suffer from any disability or ailment likely to interfere  
with the efficient performance of his duties.

*Signature of Medical Officer* \_\_\_\_\_

*Place* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTHORITY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.

Re-engagement approved *vide* \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT ON RE-ENGAGEMENT.

AIR FORCE REGULATION 107, (FORM 2).

I, (No.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, hereby agree to re-engage for  
service in the Royal Australian Air Force, under the conditions prescribed in the Air  
Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

*Signature of Airman* \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_.

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Commanding Officer.*

*Place* \_\_\_\_\_

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with the efficient performance of his duties.

*Signature of Medical Officer* \_\_\_\_\_

*Place* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

*Signature of Airman* \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_.

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Commanding Officer.*

*Place* \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX 21/G/1.

(A.F.O. 21/G/32.)

MOVEMENT ORDER. (a)

Rank and Name... SET KESTELL-BUSCOMBE D.E......

You are hereby instructed to proceed to (b) Nº 1 S.T.T......

by (c) train leaving A.F.H.Q. at hrs 24/2/42.....

on (d) CEASING ATTACHMENT TO A.F.H.Q. - PD170 24/2.....

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. (e)

... On arrival you will report to the adjutant .....  
... and hand in the order. .....  
.....  
.....

Date... 24/2/42.....

.....  
(Signature of Approving Officer)

Received the following -

1. One copy of this Order
2. Ticket(s) and/or Warrant(s) as under:
3. (f).....

.....  
(Signature of Recipient)

(a) To be prepared in duplicate; at Air Force Head-Quarters, one copy is to be sent to A.M.P. three days before the proposed departure; in units, one copy is to be retained by the commanding officer and one handed to the member concerned.

(b) Insert destination. Note - As the actual destination must be inserted, the Movement Order must, in war time, be marked and treated as -

- (i) "Most Secret" - If the journey is to be made by sea;
- (ii) "Secret" - in the case of the movement of an operational unit within Australia.

(c) Insert mode of travel.

(d) Insert nature of duty.

(e) When proceeding to an Air Force unit, insert (in addition to any other instructions), the following:-  
"On arrival you will report to the adjutant and hand in this Order".  
If the journey entails a break or change of mode of transport, insert  
"You will continue your journey from.....to.....  
by the first available - train, transport, ship, aircraft." When the Movement Order is for an Escorting Officer in respect of a journey overseas, instructions as to his return to Australia are to be included if necessary.

(f) When the Order is in respect of a journey overseas of a unit or draft, an escorting officer is to be given one copy of A.F.Os. Section 11/C and A.F.O. Appendix 11/C/1, amended to date and endorsed on cover "For Journeys Overseas Only". The appropriate entry for the receipt of these documents is to be inserted against "3".

1st September, 1941.

(PD178/41)

PROMULGATED  
IN P.O.R. NO. 28/42

1229

Form P/P. 49.  
(Sept., 1933.)

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

ENROLMENT OF PERSON IN THE RESERVE.No. R. .... Name KESTELL-BUSCOMBE Douglas Elliot

Joined at .....

Joined on .....

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ENROLMENT.What is your Name? Douglas Elliot KESTELL-BUSCOMBEWhat is your Age? 22 years 11 months.What is the Date of your Birth? 26th June, 1917Are you Married or Single? SingleAre you a British Subject? YesWhere were you Born? { Town BRUNSWICK  
State VICTORIAWhat is your Religion? C of E.Have you previously served in Australia or elsewhere? If so, state Regiment or Corps,  
Service, &c. 24/39th Batt. inf. Militia 5 yrs.Do you now belong to any Service, Regiment, or Corps? NoWhat is your Trade or Profession? PrinterHave you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? NoHave you ever been dismissed from any part of His Majesty's Service? NoWhat is your { Place of Residence? 11 Essex Rd., SURREY HILLS  
Business Address? SameI, Douglas Elliot KESTELL-BUSCOMBE declare that the above  
answers made by me to the above questions are true.D BuscombeMEDICAL CERTIFICATE.I HAVE examined the above-named, and Certify that he is medically suitable for the  
Air Force Reserve.

Height ..... ft. .... in. Vaccination Marks .....

Chest ..... in. When Vaccinated .....

Weight ..... st. .... lb. Marks or Scars .....

Vision ..... R. Eye 6/ ..... L. Eye 6/

Colour Vision .....

Hearing ..... R. Ear ..... L. Ear.

Physical Development .....

Complexion .....

Eyes (colour) .....

Hair (colour) .....

(Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

Date .....

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION.\*

OATH.

I, Douglas Elliot KESTELL-BUSCOMBE swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law. So help me God!

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
AFFIRMATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Sworn  
~~Declared~~

before me at MELBOURNE

in the State of VICTORIA

this Twenty-first

day of

May

One

thousand nine hundred and Forty

*E. Buscombe*  
(Signature of Person enrolled.)

Name Alfred J. Warner Flight Lieutenant

† (Signature of Officer or Justice of the Peace administering the oath  
or taking the declaration.)

Attesting Officer

Address 108 Queen St., MELBOURNE

\_\_\_\_\_ has been passed by me this day and posted  
to Class \_\_\_\_\_ of the Reserve.

Official Number R. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RE-ENROLMENT.

I, No. R. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for a period of four years from \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby declare that I agree to re-enroll and to well and truly serve  
Our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia  
for the term of four years from \_\_\_\_\_ (date), or until sooner lawfully  
discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause  
His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to  
my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Signature of Reservist \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

before me.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

\* A person who objects to taking the oath may make the affirmation. Cross out form not used. All amendments must be initiated by the Officer or J.P. witnessing the Affirmation.

† "Justice of the Peace" means a Stipendiary or Police or Special Magistrate, or some Magistrate of the State who is specially authorized by the Governor-General to administer the oath.

\*\* Rank and appointment.

RE-ENROLMENT.

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at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) .....

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for the term of four years from ..... (date), or until sooner lawfully  
discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause  
His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to  
my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

*Signature of Reservist* .....

Signed at .....

in the State of ..... this

..... day of ..... 19

before me.

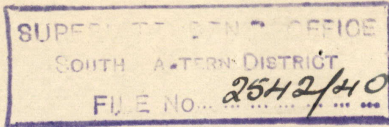
(Signature) .....

.....

## RECORD OF THE SERVICES OF \* R. \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

\* Here insert Official Number and Name.



(W/L Drill Instr)

Douglas Elliott KESTREL-BUSCOMBE  
22 years of age Form P/P. 35.  
5ft 11ins Height (Revised Nov., 1939.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

# CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRY FORM.

THIS DOCUMENT IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.



URGENT.

THE RECRUITING OFFICER, R.A.A.F. RECRUITING DEPOT I08 Queen Street, C.I.  
Melbourne.  
presents his compliments to THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AT  
and begs the favour of his answer to each of the following questions regarding the undermentioned,  
who is a candidate for entry into the Royal Australian Air Force:—

Date 22nd May, 1940.

Cookerby F.O. for Recruiting Officer.

Name	...	...	...	...	KESTRELL-BUSCOMBE, Douglas Elliott,
Date of Birth	...	...	...	...	26/6/1917
Occupation	...	...	...	...	Printer.
Address given	...	...	...	...	11 Essex Road, Surrey Hills E.10 <span style="float: right;">SE</span>
1. Have you any record of the above-mentioned Candidate?	No.				
2. If known to you, can you say if his character is that of a sober, honest and respectable man?	Sober and honest.				
3. Has he to your knowledge ever served in any Naval, Military, or Air Forces?	24/39 Battalion Infantry for 5 years.				
4. Is he, or has he been, a member of any Communist organization.	No. <span style="float: right;">A</span>				

Al Young  
1/Constable 7801  
Date 29/5/40.  
1558  
40

The Officer in Charge  
Surrey Hills  
Referred for necessary attention  
and report please.

R. Markingie  
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE  
SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT D.3667/2/40—C.1781.  
27 MAY 1940

The Officer in Charge

C. J. B. Special Rev.

FOR INFORMATION

*A. M. ...*

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE  
SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT

30 MAY 1940

11 June 1940

3/4/40

KESTRELL-BUSCOMBE

CONFIDENTIAL

VICTORIA POLICE.-57

D.E.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH  
SPECIAL BRANCH

Melbourne, 4th June, 1940.193

A.C.I. 10512.

Drill Inst.

TO I.R.D.

SUBJECT ..

P.G.

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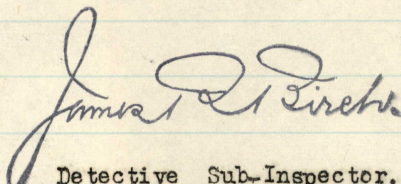
Re

DOUGLAS ELLIOTT KESTRELL-BUSCOMBE candidate for entry

into the Royal Australian Air Force, See attached file.

The Recruiting Officer,  
R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre,  
"Vaughan House"  
108 Queen Street, Melbourne

1. I have to report that there is no record  
of Douglas Elliott Kestrell-Buscombe, being a member  
of or connected with the Communistic Organization.
2. His name does not appear in the records at  
the Finger Print Branch or the Information Section.



Detective Sub-Inspector.  
for Chief Commissioner of Police.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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## Conditions Governing Enlistment, Promotion, Re-Muster, Transfer and Discharge.

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The following information has been conveyed to the applicant, whose signature is appended:—

1. On enlistment, airmen become subject to the Air Force Act and Air Force Regulations as amended from time to time and Orders promulgated under the authority of that Act and Regulations.
2. Enlistment will be for the duration of the war and for a period of not more than twelve months thereafter.
3. Enlistment is for service anywhere, and no guarantee can be given as to location at any time, but the wishes of personnel will be considered as far as the exigencies of the Service permit. Airmen must be prepared to serve overseas or in Australia.
4. Promotion to higher ranks, re-muster to other trades, and transfer to other units are governed by the following factors:—
  - (a) the requirements of the Service;
  - (b) the existence of vacancies;
  - (c) the special qualifications of an airman for holding any position other than that to which he has been appointed.
5. Promotion, re-muster, or transfer is always by selection and cannot be claimed as a right by any airman.
6. Re-muster to another trade is subject to the applicant having passed the prescribed trade test, and subject to vacancies occurring in approved establishments.
7. The passing of an examination for promotion, or a trade test for re-muster, does not entitle the airman to immediate promotion or re-muster, as promotion is always governed by the conditions set out in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 above.
8. An airman may be discharged at any time for any of the reasons laid down in Air Force Regulations.
9. An airman's fare is paid from his place of residence to his place of enlistment. A married man, who desires to bring his wife and children to his place of enlistment may do so at his own expense.
10. If an airman after enlistment desires to change the location of his household, the cost of removal of furniture from his place of residence to his place of enlistment or to any place of subsequent posting must be borne by the airman. No portion of this expense is payable by the Department.
11. Airmen receive free medical and prescribed free dental treatment. Their wives and children will not receive free medical or dental attention.
12. The rates of pay for airmen enlisted for the period mentioned in paragraph 2 above have been explained to me.
13. I thoroughly understand and accept the conditions set out above.

Date 16/5/40

D. Buscombe

Signature of Applicant.

Name Douglas Elliott Hestell - Buscombe DATE 16th May 1940

B.C. Right hand

INTERVIEW

MAN POWER OFFICER

MENTAL MEDICAL

TRADE TEST

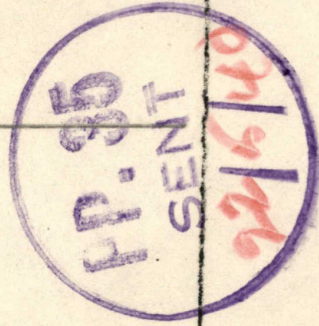
C.O. Attached

1/4/40

Am

HP

Drill instructor



APPROVED

Man Power Officer.  
R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Melbourne.  
Form P. P. 48.  
(Revised Dec. 1939.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Application for Enlistment as an Airman.

PART I.

1. Surname (block letters) KESTELL-BUSCOMBE
2. Christian Names (in full) Douglas Elliott
3. Address 11 Essex Road  
Surrey Hills E. 10. Victoria
4. Date of Birth 26th June 1917 22 yrs Banbury
5. Married or Single Single
6. Are you a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject of pure European descent? British Subject
7. What was the Nationality of your Parents at their birth? British
8. Trade in which it is desired to enlist Drill Instructor
9. Particulars of experience (to be supported by copies of references)—

(a) at trade in which it is desired to enlist:

Five years experience with Militia  
24th Batt & 24/39th Batt.

(b) at any other occupation:

Rigger  
Mechanic

10. Did you serve an apprenticeship? (Give full particulars):

No  
Unemployed

10a. Your Present Occupation?.

10b. Your Present Employer?.

11. Educational Qualifications (including technical education):

Intermediate

12. Details of Naval, Military, or Air Service (if any):

No. VF122364 Rank Sergeant

If still serving Yes

If not, reason for discharge \_\_\_\_\_

13. Physical Particulars:

Height 5 ft 11 ins

Weight 11 stone 12 lbs

Chest measurement: Normal 37 ins

Expanded 40 ins

If incapacitated in any way (give reasons): No

If in possession of false dentures: yes. Upper set.

14. Have you submitted an application before; if so, when? No

15. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No

CERTIFICATE.

16. I hereby certify that the replies set out to the above questions are, to the best of my knowledge and belief true and correct.

Date 6th May '40

D. Buscombe

Signature of Applicant.

17.

CERTIFICATE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.\*

I am agreeable that my <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> joins the Royal Australian Air Force for service at home or overseas.

Signature of Parent or Guardian.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* To be filled in if Applicant is under 21 years of age.

18. Number of References attached (copies only required) \_\_\_\_\_

PART II.

A/A 65 Bk

REPORT.

(For Official Use Only).

TRADE TEST.

H. J. first Papers

Knows Brother.

Read book ✓

Keen? Yes.

Because Patricio.

Serve anywhere? Yes

Drill; fitness; sport? Tennis

Can rough it? Yes.

Sleep in barrack-room? Yes.

Police? O.K.

Clear notice, weeks. 1 week

Papers O.K.

Description Dark-tall-very thin

Average type - speaks well  
Good appearance - patricio  
and intelligent.

General knowledge of requirements  
good - young type but  
suitable for as

DRILL INSTRUCTOR

Date 16/5/40

Kuen

Examining Officer.

MEDICAL.

DENTAL.

ful

Fillings.  
Extractions.  
Dentures.  
Treatment.

E. L. Wray F.R.

Date 17-5-40

Examining Officer.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTENTS.

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## CONTENTS (contd.).

**Date and Initials of Clerk Inserting.**

O.N. 10512

12  
DISCHARGED  
Surname KESTELL  
(BLOCK LETTERS.)

Surname KESTELL-BUSCOMBE  
(BLOCK LETTERS.)

# Christian Names *DOUGLAS ELLIOTT*

**Conf: file opened (date)**\_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

CERTIFIED THAT NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH HAVE BEEN CHECKED WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

RECORD OF SERVICE.—AIRMEN \* (PERM (CITIZEN

71506 St 444

Checked at Unit (Signature.)

Red

PERSONAL

\* Strike of

No. 10512. Name KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

Christian Names

Douglas Elliott

Date of Birth 26. 6. 1917.

Married.  
Single.  
Widower.

Next of Kin

Name

Relationship

Religion

PREVIOUS TRADE AND TRADE QUALIFICATIONS.

ENLISTMENTS AND RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

PREVIOUS NAVAL, MILITARY, OR AIR SERVICE.

Unit. From. To.

5 Yrs. Experience  
Militia 24<sup>th</sup> BATT. 24/39<sup>th</sup> BATT

(Rigger)

Printer.  
Farming.

45 yrs  
12 "

Enlisted for duration of the war and a period of 12 months thereafter on

10. 6. 40.

Re-engaged for years on

24<sup>th</sup> Batt 5 Yrs.  
24/39 Batt.

DEPENDENTS.

EXAMINER

FULL NAME.

Relationship.

Date of Birth.

Verified from.

Rank passed for.

Subject.

Date

Person to be Notified in case of Serious Illness, Accident, or Death

Telephone Number

Mustering on Enlistment

DRILL INSTRUCTOR

Classification for Pay

Re-mustered to

N. O. D.

on

Authority

1 MWSgd 5/42.

Classification for Pay

V

Proceeded from I.E.D. to  
HM Harbours 1/40  
Embarked Sydney 1/40  
Disembarked Newcastle

RE-CLASSIFICATIONS, PROMOTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

Classification or Rank.

Date.

Authority.

A. C. 1 on Enlistment

10. 6. 40.

P. 143/40

Sgt (T)

7. 8. 40

P. 223/40

Sgt (T)

1. 2. 41

P. 110/41

Sgt (T)

1. 9. 42

1. MWS. 46/42

W/O. J.

1. 11. 42.

1. MWSgd 5/42

Exigiting duties to Rhodesia  
left by road on 22.10.40  
for longward movement  
Dis-embarked at Rhodesia from  
No. 1 E.D. on 14/11/42.  
Departed Shepparton for the  
Proc. or temp. duty only to Melbourne  
Shin. for RAAF. 10-12



# POSTINGS.

# COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Posted to.	Date.	Authority.	Nature.	From.
No 1 R.D. LAV	10.6.40	P.143/40	NO.13. Drill. P.T. INST. C. L.	10.6.40
No. I.T.S. Louvers	12.8.40	P.213/40.	Fire Prevention Act. Catter Hill Works	9.12.40
NOTED. Asst. Tale	7.7.41.	NOIED 24/41.	8 Adv. P.R. base	19.4.42
No 1STT Exhibitor	24.1.42	1STT 26/42	16 W.O.D. Course. IRD	18.3.44
School of Administration	25.2.42	S.A. 12/42		
1 Permit Dept. Apparatus	23.3.42.	130 56/42		
dp 1.4.42. 8. Asst. Tale.	24.6.42.	1 MWS. 30/42.		
No. 9 C. Centre	2.3.43	9-Rep. 6. 5/43		
No. 55 O.R.U. (P.F.)	2.3.43	55-0. R. 4. 5/43		
No. 1 E.D. Asst. Tale	4.8.43	1-E.D. 453/43.		
No. 1 E.D. (Staff)	16.9.43	1-E.D. 528/43.		
1 R.D.	21.3.44	1AD 27/44		
AA+G.S.	29.4.44.	AA.GS. 15/44		
No 3. R.P.P.	15.8.45	3 R.P.P. 10/45		
No 11 Group HQ	17.8.45	11 G. HQ. 5/45		
82 Wing HQ	4.10.45.	82 Wing HQ. 14/45.		
IPD	26.11.45	IPD 506/45.		

DISCHARGE

# PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

To read Sub 7 of 12 from 9/12/40  
 1. S.T. 55/40  
 S.W.O.P. 3/12/40 to 15/1/44. No. 1 E.D. 723/43

# ATTACHMENTS.

Attached to.	From.	To.	Authority.
No. 5. S. West Melb. Firefighting Course	9.12.40	20/12/40	P.110/40 P.5/41
Fire Force 2/2 (P.T.)	16.2.42	24/2/42	AFHQ 23/42 28/42
No 1ES. Asst. Tale.	19.11.42	24.2.42	NOIES 19/42.
2 RAAF. Hosp. M.E.	16.7.44	2.8.44	AA+GS 30/44 28/44
No 3 P.D.	17.7.45	1.8.45	3 P.D. 362/45

# CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY

Rank	Character	Trade Classification	Proficiency			Date
			A	B	C	
Cpl.	V.G.	Drill Instructor	Sat.	Sat.	Sat.	31-12-40
Aug	V.G.	Drill Instructor	Sat	Sat	Sat	31-12-41
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.	Sat	Sat	Sat	31-12-42
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.	Sat	Sat	Sat	31-12-43



# STAFF-IN-CONFIDENCE

87/81 VIC

MX47036 of 9 Jan 81

10512

W/O

Douglas Elliott KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

26.6.17

10.6.40 for the duration of the war and for a period of twelve months thereafter

10.12.45 on demobilization

BRILL INSTRUCTOR  
WOD

10.6.40  
1.11.42

AC1  
CPL  
SGT  
F/SGT  
W/O

10.6.40  
7.8.40  
1.2.41  
1.9.42  
1.11.42

## POSTINGS:

1RD  
1ITS  
1ED  
1STT  
SCH OF ADMIN  
1RD  
1MWS  
MOVED  
MOVED  
MOVED  
9RC  
550BU  
1ED  
MOVED  
1RD  
AA&GS  
3RPP  
11GROUP HQ  
82WHQ  
1PD

LAVERTON  
SOMERS  
ASCOT VALE  
MELBOURNE  
CARLTON  
SHEPPARTON  
ASCOT VALE  
PINE CREEK NT  
COOMALIE CREEK  
59 MILE  
PELL  
BIRDUM  
ASCOT VALE  
RANSFORD  
SHEPPARTON  
NHILL  
MOROTAI  
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RANSFORD

10.6.40  
12.8.40  
7.7.41  
24.1.42  
25.2.42  
23.3.42  
24.6.42  
1.7.42  
1.9.42  
8.12.42  
2.3.43  
2.8.43  
4.8.43  
3.11.43  
21.3.44  
29.4.44  
15.8.45  
17.8.45  
4.10.45  
26.11.45

## ATTACHMENTS:

1STT  
AFHQ  
1ES  
2RAAF HOSP N/E  
3PD

MELBOURNE  
MELBOURNE  
ASCOT VALE  
ASCOT VALE  
BRISBANE

9.12.40 to 20.12.40  
16.2.42 to 24.2.42  
19.4.42 to 24.4.42  
16.7.44 to 2.8.44  
17.7.45 to 1.8.45

HOSPITALIZATION:

2RAAF HOSP  
LMRS

ASCOT VALE  
DALY WATERS .

5.3.42 to 11.3.42  
28.7.42 to 13.8.42

SLWOP:

31.12.43 to 15.1.44

MOVEMENTS:

Embarked Sydney 1.9.41 for ~~ex~~corting duties to Rhodesia.  
Disembarked Sydney 14.1.42

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Australia Service Medal 1939-45. Returned from Active Service Badge

Certified that the above is a true and correct statement of the service of the abovenamed ex-member who in World War II served outside Australia.

(E.T. CLIFFORD)  
for Director General of Personnel  
Services - Air Force

12 MAR 1981

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE  
RECORD OF SERVICE - AIRMEN  
EXTRACT FROM FORM-PP25

DGPS RECORDS: 87/81 VIC

YOUR REFERENCE: mx 47036 of 9 Jan 81.

NUMBER: 10512 RANK: W/O

NAME: KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

Douglas  
Elliott

DATE OF BIRTH: 26.6.17

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: 10.6.40 "For the duration —."

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 10.12.45 "On demob "

MUSTERINGS:

PROMOTIONS:

Drill Instructor	10.6.40	ACI	10.6.40
W.O.D.	1.11.42	CPL	7.8.40
		SGT	1.2.41
		FLT/SGT	1.9.42
		W/O	1.11.42

POSTINGS:

No 1 RD	Laverton	10.6.40
No 1 ITS	Somers	12.8.40
No 1 ED	Ascot Vale	7.7.41
No 1 STT	Melbourne	24.1.42
Sch of Admin	Carlton	25.2.42
No 1 R.D.	Shepparton	23.3.42
No 1 mws	Ascot Vale	24.6.42
Moved	Pine Creek NT	1.7.42
Moved	Coomalie Creek	1.9.42
Moved	59 mile	8.12.42
No 9 R.C.	Pell	2.3.43
No 55 OBU	Birdum	2.8.43
No 1 ED	Ascot Vale	4.8.43
Moved	Ransford	3.11.43
No 1 RD	Shepparton	21.3.44
AA & GS	Nhill	29.4.44
No 3 RPP	Morotai	15.8.45
No 11 Group HQ	Morotai	17.8.45
No 82 W HQ	Morotai	4.10.45
No 1 PD	Ransford	26.11.45

P.T.O.

## ATTACHMENTS

No 1 STT	Melbourne	9.12.40 - 20.12.40
AFHQ	Melbourne	16.2.42 - 24.2.42
No 1 ES	Ascot Vale	19.4.42 - 24.4.42
No 2 RAAF HOSP N/E	Ascot Vale	16.7.44 - 2.8.44
No 3 PD	Brisbane	17.7.45 - 1.8.45

## HOSPITALIZATION

2 RAAF HOSP	Ascot Vale	5.3.42 - 11.3.42
1 MRS	Daly Waters	28.7.42 - 13.8.42

SLWOP 31.12.43 - 15.1.44

## MOVEMENTS

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Disembarked Sydney 14.1.42.

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edc for DG/PS-RF

10 MAR 1981



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REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

MX 47036

Number ..... 10512 ..... Rank ..... W/O .....  
Given Names ..... DOUGLAS ELLIOTT ..... Surname ..... KESTELL - RUSCOMBE .....  
Unit ..... RAAF ..... Period of Service ..... 9.5.41 - 28.11.45 .....  
SERVING } (Strike out one)  
DISCHARGED }

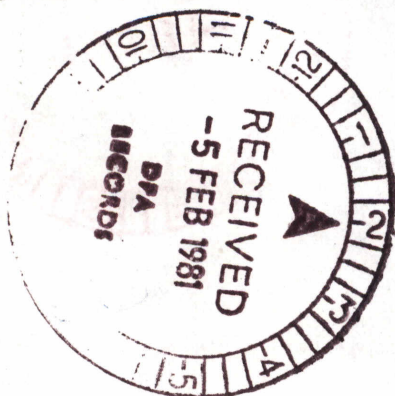
Present Address .....

This Department is considering an application lodged for  
Repatriation benefits.

Please forward the documents indicated below as soon as possible:

- \* 1. State of Service ✓
- \* 2. Medical Documents
- \* 3. Micro Films \*Tick items 1 to 5 as applicable.
- \* 4. X-rays.
- \* 5. Attestation Paper.

If a previous request has been made for the originals or copies of these documents, please advise the date and the branch from which the request originated.



T.M. Stephens  
Deputy Commissioner

9.1.81.

DGPS(R)

Department of Defence  
(Air Office)  
Russell Offices  
CANBERRA  
A.C.T. 2600.

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27/8

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301



MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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ived from the Royal Australian Air Force  
P/P83A (Certificate of Service and Discharge)  
pect of my service with the R.A.A.F.

Dated.....

15/3/46

SGD.

*D. Buscombe*

Ex No.

10512

W/O

KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

D.E.

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W/O

KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

Sir,

10th December, 1945,

A. Davidson.  
21/12.

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Ds 510636

3 JAN 46

~~D. P. S.~~ Dis. Sec.

G. O. R.

Re. I.

"P" File

Mr. D.E. Kestell-Buscombe,  
11 Essex Road,  
SURREY HILLS ELO. VIC.

10512

W/O

KESTELL-BUSCOMBE

NAME *WETZELL-BUSCOMBE Angus Elliott*

DATE ENLISTED *10/16/40*

DATE OF BIRTH *26/6/17*

CIVIL OCCUPATION *Printer*

*10512*

PROMOTIONS REMUSTERINGS

*ACS 10/16/40 Quil Tntr*  
*CO2 7/8/40 " "*  
*SOT 1/2/41 " "*  
*P/SOT 1/9/42 " "*  
*W/O 1/11/42 W/O*

QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL COURSES

*13 Dec 40 5 Jns bce 6/8/40 223/40*  
*8 Cdboard 1st bce 24/4/42 1ES 212/42*  
*16400 bce 27/4/44 1R0 33/44*

MEDALS DECORATIONS, COMMENDATIONS

*Transfer 82 Wyrms 16/45*  
*[Signature]*

CHECKED BY

*R.A.S.*

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS

*172 S. Issued*  
*R.A.S. AT PD*

# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE POSTAGRAM

PG No.

File No.

Date:

M/DIS

DECEMBER

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FROM: ONE PERSONNEL D.

TO: R.A.A.F. H.Q. (R) A.F.O. MELBOURNE

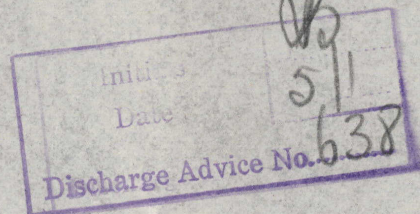
UNCLASSIFIED ATTENTION A3/OIC RECORDS (.) K/46831 10512 W/O

KESTELL-BUSCOMBE D.E. W.O.D. (.) DISCHARGED 10/DECEMBER (.)

EX. ~~NO~~ (.) 11 ESSEX RD. SURREYHILLS. E.10. VICTORIA

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*Handwritten:*  
F/L  
10/12/45  
*Signature*



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26/11

83A.



13 DEC 1945

Signature of Originator, Rank and Appointment

This message is:—

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RESTRICTED

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Date, Time, Group

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26/1

No. 1 Discharge Squadron,  
No. 1 Personnel Depot,  
R.A.A.F.  
RANSFORD.

10/12/45

Secretary,  
Air Board,  
Victoria Barracks, (for Director of Postings  
St. Kilda Road, Airmen's Discharge Section.)  
MELBOURNE.

DOCUMENTS ON DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER TO RESERVE.

Serial No.	No.	Rank	Name.	Date of Discharge of Transfer to Reserve.
K/46831	10512	W/O	KESTELL-BUSCOMBE D.E.	10/12/45

Forwarded herewith documents enumerated in respect of the above-named member, who has been discharged or transferred to the Reserve as from the abovementioned date.

1. P/P 64 or 75 ✓
2. P/P 8 ✓
3. P/P 28 ✓
4. Stat. Declaration. ✓
5. M.F. 131
6. W.G. 1 ✓
7. S.B. 2 S.B. 4.
8. E/A 30 30A ✓ 80 84
9. M.F. 2 24
10. Discrepancy Reports.
11. P.O.R.'s.
12. Clearance Certificate.

*M. F. L.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
For Squadron Leader  
Officer Commanding,  
No. 1 Discharge Squadron,  
No. 1 Personnel Depot,  
R.A.A.F.  
RANSFORD.      Vic.

X. Retained by Area Finance Office.

Serial No. 1070  
Page No. 12  
Date: 10th. Dec. 1945.

NO.1 DISCHARGE SQUADRON  
PERSONNEL OCCURRENCE REPORT - PART "B" AIRMEN

Number	Rank	Trade & Group	Name	NATURE OF CASUALTY : effect and authority.	Date of
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(q) DISCHARGES & TRANSFERS TO RESERVE (cont)

33936	CPL.	Fitt.11A (1)	WATTS C.F.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD(A) 731 26/11. (30 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
41629	LAC.	Fitt.11E (1)	HAMPSHIRE K.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: D1(A) 701/45. 31/10. (45 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
54738	LAC.	Fitt.11A (1)	GRAY I.D.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD 1326/pgm. 20/11. (71 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
5399	SGT.	Fitt.11A (1)	MORTER A.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: D1(A) 80/45. 19/11. (44 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
10512	W/O	W.O.D.(4)	KESTELL - BUSCOMBE D.E.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD ( ) 942 5/11. (44 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
80480	LAC.	Elect.(2)	MORGAN A.T.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD(B) 958 19/11. (34 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
13851	LAC.	Fitt.11A (1)	MARSH L.G.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: D1(A) 703/45. 31/10. (30 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
19155	CPL.	El.Fitt.(1)	RAYNE I.C.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD 553 26/9. (77 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
51814	LAC.	Fitt.11A (1)	STORER A.G.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD(A) 974 15/11. (34 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
13181	LAC.	Fitt.11E (1)	COLE H.W.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD 1326/pgm. 20/11. (34 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
51264	CPL.	M.B.C.(3)	PEARCE F.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD(D) 851 2/11. (83 days pay granted in lieu leave.)
50836	CPL.	Fitt/Arm. (1)	HANN E.C.	Discharged from RAAF w.e.f. 10.12.45 under A.F.R.115 (t) "On demob". AUTH: PD(B) 440 15/11. (48 days pay granted in lieu leave.)

.....F/O  
(W.G. DAY),

Adjutant, No.1 Discharge Squadron Page 13...

.....F/LT.  
(F.L. ALTON)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

This is to certify that ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR  
FORCE OFFICIAL IDENTITY NO. *737 415* has this

*10/12* day, the ..... been cancelled and destroyed  
by fire under the observation of an Officer, in accordance  
with A.B.O. "A" 44/43 and A.B.O. "A" 380/44.

*10512 W/O KESTELL Buscombe*  
*Myrell*  
Discharge Squadron,  
No. 1 Personnel Depot.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

AIRMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service—Overseas).

Official No. 10512 Name KESTREL - BUSCOMBE Rank Sgt WO  
(In full in block capitals, surname first.) (Or acting appointment.)

Mustering White Instructor Special Qualifications   
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor.)

Date of Birth 26.6.1917 Religion Boof R Occupation in Civil Life Printer & Farmer

Last Enlisted 10.6.1940 Current Engagement Duration 12 mths thereafter

If Reservist, which Class ("E," 1-5) 2 Whether Married, Single, or Widower Single

NEXT  
of  
KIN.

Enter in Pencil.

Name KESTREL - BUSCOMBE, Sydney Gordon  
Relationship Father  
Address 11 Essex Road  
Surrey Hills E10 Victoria

Person  
to be  
Informed  
of  
Casualties.

Enter in Pencil.

Name Sydney Joseph Kestell-Buscombe  
Relationship Brother  
Address 332 Park St.  
South Melbourne S.C.5.  
Victoria

Any alteration to above (e.g., Promotions) to be made by crossing out and writing above.

SECTION 1.—MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.

SECTION 2.—  
PROMOTIONS, ACTING APPOINTMENTS (PAID OR UNPAID),  
REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS.

Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of effect.	*Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
1. R.C.	1. R.D.	10.6.40	ITS		
1 R.D.	1 I.T.S.	12.8.40	DR 13/41	Sergeant / Temp.	1.2.41
1 I.T.S.	1 E.D.	1.7.41	1 M.W.S. 20.8.42	Promoted / F.T. SGT.	1.9.42
1 E.D.	1 S.T.T.	24.1.42	1 M.W.S. 20.8.42	10/0 (T)	1.11.42
1 S.T.T.	Sch of Adm.	25.2.42	" "	Remustered W.O.D.	1.11.42
Sch of Adm	1 R.D.	23.8.42			
No. 1 Recruit Depot	No. 1 M.W. Bde.	24/6/42			
1 M.W.S.	9 R.C.	2.3.43			
9 R.C.	550B Pool.	2.8.43			
550B Pool.	IED	8/15/2 27/17. Arrival			
IED	IED (A/Haff)	24/9/42 7/9/43 16-9-43			
IED	1 RD	18-3-44			
1 RD	A.A. and G.S.	1.5.44			
A.A. & G.S.	3 R.P.P.	16.7.45			
3 R.P.P.	30 11 G. HQ	30/8/45			
11 Group H.Q.	82 Wing HQ.	4/10/45			
82 Wing HQ.	1 P.D.	26/11/45			
1 P.D.	ON DISCHARGE	10/12/45			

Certified 4 War Service Characters  
Issued for 4 years service with  
R.A.A.F. and — years service with  
A.I.F./A.M.F./NAVY.  
Total War Service 4 years.

B. Buscombe  
Adjutant  
Asst Arm. and Gas School

15 SEP 1944

ROR 33/44 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED  
No 16. W.O.D.  
COURSE  
18.3.44  
27.4.44  
HELD AT NO. 1 RD. SHEPPARTON

\* When on active service overseas, the authority to be quoted will be the serial number of the B.P.S.O.'s Casualty Form.

## SECTION 3.—CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

(To be assessed on every occasion on which an airman is struck off the strength of a unit, e.g., on posting, admission to hospital, death, &c.)

Rank.	Character.	Mustering.	Proficiency.*			Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
			A	B	C			
SGT.	V.G.	Drill Instructor		Sat	Sat.		31.12.41	R. BAILEY F/Lt.
SGT.	V.G.	Drill Instructor			Sat.	Recommended.	23.6.42	J. Mackillop W/C
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.		Sat	Sat		13 MAR 1943	6th Airborne Div.
W/O.	V.G.	W.O.D.		Sat	Supr.		4 Aug 43	6th Airborne Div.
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.		Mod	Mod		10/3/44	Chilton S/L IED.
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.		Mod	Mod	N.A.	10/3/45	Chilton S/L IED.
W/O	V.G.	W.O.D.		Mod	Mod	N.A.	4/10/45	3rd Oregon F/Lt.
W/O	EX	W.O.D.		Mod.	Mod.	N.A.	16/11/45	3rd Oregon F/Lt.
W/O	EX.	W.O.D.	-	MOD	MOD	ON DISCHARGE	10/12/45	Confirmed E. J. Bannery F/Lt.

Hospital: Ad. 5.5.42, trans to 1 M.R.S. 22/7/42, dis from S.S.D. 1/8/42. 1 M.W.S. POR 3/9/42

## SECTION 4.—DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.O.S.C., ETC.

Nature.	Date of Effect.	Authority.

NOTES.—This Form is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/P. 8 to the Commanding Officer of the Unit (if within the Command) to which the airman is posted whilst effective.

It is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/P. 8 to the B.P.S.O. in all other cases where the airman is struck off strength of his Unit, e.g., killed, died, admitted to hospital, transferred to Home Establishment, posted outside the Command, etc.

\* The trade proficiency headings "A," "B," and "C" signify—"A" (i) Skill in his trade (applicable to airmen up to rank of Corporal (inclusive)). (i) Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner, or Air Observer (if so mustered or appointed). "B" Ability as technical warrant, or non-commissioned officer, i.e., as foreman manager, foreman or supervisor in his trade. "C" Ability as a warrant, or non-commissioned officer, in Administration, drill discipline, etc. To be assessed in accordance with A.B.O. A.60/40.—"Ex."—Exceptional; "Supr."—(Superior); "Sat."—(Satisfactory); "Mod."—(Moderate); "Inf."—(Inferior).

(2)

No. 10512	Rank W/O	Name <u>KESTELL - BUSCOMBE DA</u>	Mustering <u>W.O.D.</u>
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Joined 10-6-40.

[illegible]

NOTE.—At the close of each leave period the card is to be ruled off.

# RECORD OF LEAVE

Form P/P. 28.  
(Revised July, 1933.)

No.

Rank

Name

Mustering

Joined

## ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE

## SPECIAL LEAVE

## LEAVE IN LIEU

Period

Days  
Due

Leave Granted

From

To

Days

Routine  
Order

Leave Granted

To

Days  
with  
Pay

Days  
without  
Pay

Routine  
Order

Days  
Due in  
Lieu

Days Taken

Number

Date

Due on Account of

Balance  
Due

**Form P/P. 28.**  
(Revised July, 1933.)

Name.

*Shattell - Burson*

## Mustering

**Joined.**

71502 5.40 St 4438

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I. 10512 W/O Douglas Elliott Testell-Ruscombe  
of Royal Australian Air Force

do solemnly and sincerely declare

(Cont) I embarked at Sydney 1 Sept 1941 for M. E. Ford and disembarked  
at Sydney 14 Jan 1942 and embarked at Brisbane  
on 1 Aug 1945 for Morotai and disembarked at  
Davao 23 Nov 1945 after having served continuously  
outside Australia for the above periods

and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory  
Declaration Act 1911, conscientiously believing the statements  
contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signed.....*D. Ruscombe*.....

Declared at.....*Melbourne*.....

the.....*30th*.....day of.....*November*.....194*5*.

before me.....*[Signature]*.....

.....*30.11.45*.....

NOTE CAREFULLY

Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a statutory  
declaration is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to  
imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

NO. 1 PERSONNEL DEPOT - DEMOBILISATION WING

CLEARANCE F/A.32

NO. 10513... RANK... W/O... NAME... KESTELL BUSCOMBE DE... W.O.D.

A.F.R. 115 (T) TERM. DISCH. RESERVE.  
AUTHORITY... PD/942 5/11... WEF... 26/11... DISCH. SERIAL NO. 46831  
MPR. TO... MPR. SERIAL NO...

RECEPTION SQUADRON  
1. INWARDS REGISTER 26/11/45  
Date reported in...  
P/P.28 ✓ P/P.75 ✓ E/A.30A ✓  
P/P.8 ✓ P/P.64 ✓ Med. M.F.2 ✓  
PM33A ✓ P/P.15 ✓

2. PAYBOOK CHECK... PAY ACTION TAKEN... 45

3. EQUIPMENT...

4. ACCOUNTING  
D.R.NO. .... RPV... yes eff. 21/11...  
Hat & Suit Voucher...  
WAAF Cash All Voucher...  
Special Coupons... 21/11/45

5. DENTAL... 12/10/45

TAKE BUS PROVIDED TO RUSSELL STREET

6. FOR MEDICAL  
X-Ray No. 27/10/45... 4994  
T.M.U. ....  
Med. Board... 28/11/45  
Cleared to Disch Sqn...

7. RETURN TO EXHIBITION FOR REHAB-  
ILITATION  
Form... 29/10/45  
Action... 7 days  
P/P.145...

8. OVERSEAS SERVICE  
Stat. Dec. .... 14 YES... days

9. CONTROL - NO. 1 P.D.  
(Recall...  
(Address...  
Living out from... to...  
inclusive.  
Recall sent...  
Report at... hours on...

10. Reported in...  
Received Docs. as in...  
Report to Discharge Squadron...  
hours on...

DISCHARGE SQUADRON  
1. INWARDS REGISTER 10/12  
Date reported in...  
DOCS. ... PAYBOOK  
"IN" CARD 73745 LEAVE PASS

2. MEDICAL  
X-Ray Cleared...  
Board Finalised...  
Repat. Claim lodged...  
Soc. Sec. Claim...  
Cleared Medically...

3. REHABILITATION  
Demon. 1  
Re-est. Card...  
Voc. ... dance...  
Civil Wing...  
R.A.A.F. Final Inter... 12/10/45

5. LEAVE 30 26-12-  
Re-est...  
Overseas...  
Accrued... 4.4  
Total Pay in lieu...  
Discharge Date... 10/7/45  
P.O.R. No...  
Travel Warrant...  
Received Will...  
R.A.S. ... 34178

6. ACCOUNTING  
Deficiency... 3-9  
RPV No. 27876 P.O.R. 27/10/45

7. PAY  
Pay...  
Pay in lieu...  
Subsistence...

8. DOCUMENTS  
All docs. typed...  
Interim Cert. issued... 26/11/45

9. RECORDS.  
Card completed...  
Checked & Passed to AFO...  
Balance to AFHQ...

for Officer Commanding,  
RECEPTION SQUADRON.

for Officer Commanding,  
DISCHARGE SQUADRON, assist you.

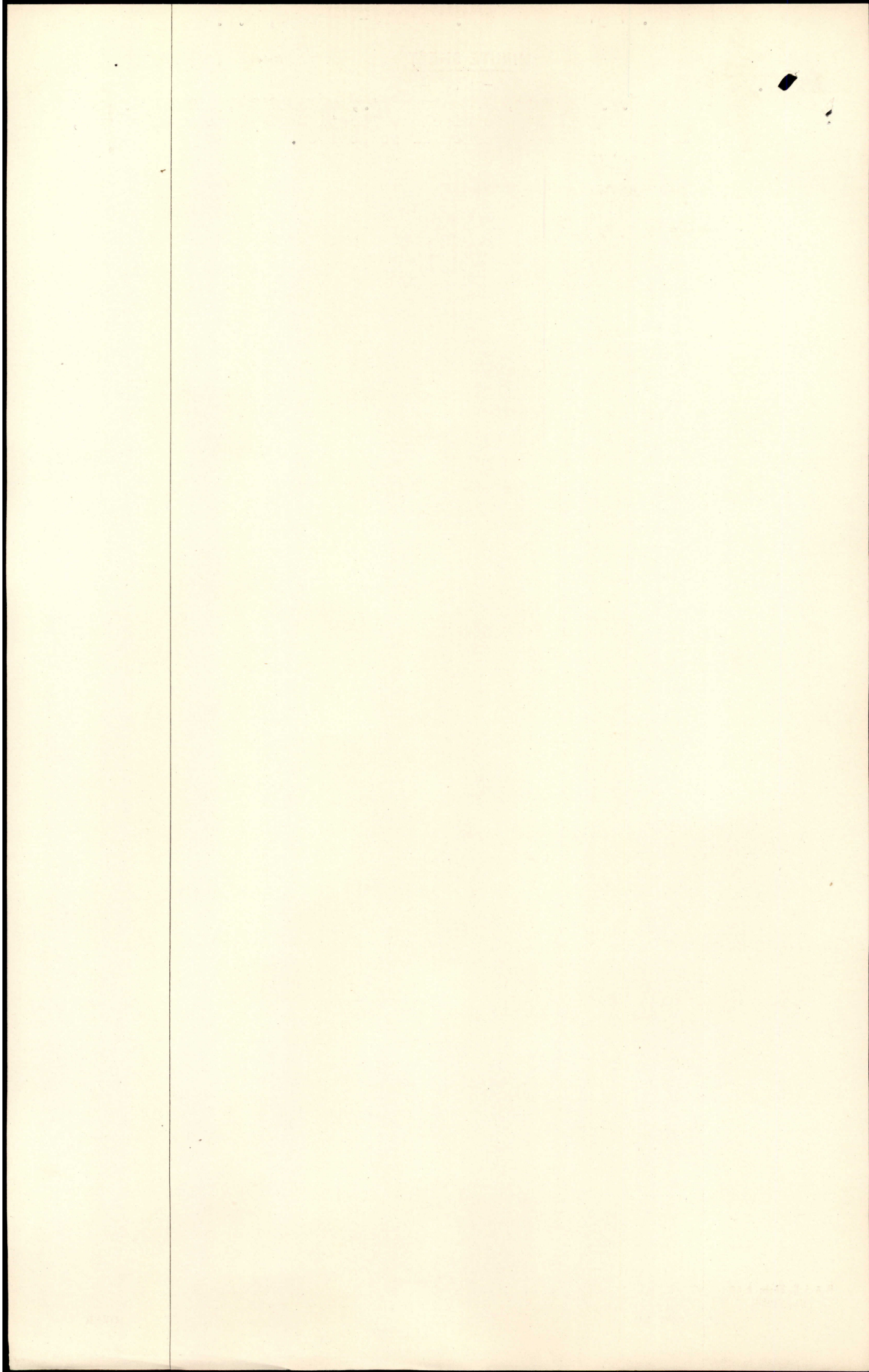
MINUTE SHEET

Reference 108/1/2320.

6/2/22.

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Miss G.M. Barrett, 8 Jenkins St., COWANDILLA, ADELAIDE.  
advised inability to disclose location of abovenamed airman,  
letter will be forwarded if so desired.





(b) Ground Training

Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained			Remarks (To be entered by Chief Ground Instructor)
		Final	%	(Supp. Pass or Fail)	
LAW	100	81			A NEAT CAPABLE AND PURPOSEFUL EXAMPLE TO OTHERS. HAS THE RIGHT IDEA OF W.O.D. REQUIREMENTS, AND GIVES THE IDEA OF SETTLING INTO ANY TYPE OF W.O.D. POSTING EASILY. A QUICK THINKER AND NEAT WORKER WITH A CHEERFUL NATURE.
ADMINISTRATION	100	74			
ORGANISATION	100	85			
WEAPONS & FIELD CRAFT	100	89			
GAS	100	80			
FIRE FIGHTING	100	83			
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	100	79			
HYGIENE & SANITATION	100	68			
AERODROME DEFENCE					
BOMB DEMOLITION	100	83			
DRILL TEST	100	70			
Total	1000	792	79.2	PASS.	

2. Final Assessment

(Pass with Special Distinction, "Distinguished Pass," "Pass" or "Fail.")

*C. Macneil* Officer Commanding  
Wing Commander  
Commanding School  
No. 1 Recruit Depot, Shepparton, Vic

3. Recommendation **PASS APPROVED**

4. Decision

Date

12 MAY 1944

*W. G. Givier* Director of Training

Date

Air Member for Personnel

(See Instructions on back)

No. 10512      Rank      Sgt.      Unit      I. R.D.

Period (dates) of Training and Place held	Unit conducting Training
10.4.42 - 24.4.42 (inclusive)	No. 1 E.S. (S.H.A)
	Unit conducting Training-No. 1 Engineering School R.A.A.F., Showgrounds, Ascot Vale

SUBJECTS	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED	MARKS PER CENT.	SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS	ENDORSEMENTS REGARDING AIR TRAINING
Advanced Physical and Recreational Training including Bayonet Fighting and Unarmed Defense	/	/	74.33		
					PROMULGATED IN I.E.S. FOR 20/4/22
TOTAL MARKS			68.71		

TOTAL MARKS ...

### Special Qualifications

Suitable as Instructor (Yes or No)

Yes.

SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

ASCOT VALE

### 3. DECISION—

7/5/50  
R. H. Taylor  
for DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

for DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Date \_\_\_\_\_

AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. The description of the course or other training is to be the title of the syllabus in "Syllabuses of Training" (R.A.A.F. Publication No. 20) which has been used.

If the training does not follow a syllabus contained in "Syllabus of Training" then the description is to be the title of the authority originating the training.

2. "Assessment of Pass" is to be governed by A.F.O. 24/A/8, except that an assessment is not to be made when this report refers to courses for the promotion of airmen.

3. This Report is to be rendered in duplicate to Air Force Headquarters, where the two copies will be completed by the additions of the recommendation of the Director of Training and the decision of the Air Member for Personnel.

4. One completed copy will be despatched to the unit to which the officer or airman concerned is posted and the other copy will be filed in the officer's or airman's personal file at Air Force Headquarters.

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OCT 13 1941

No. 1 Embarkation Depot,  
R.A.A.F.  
Ascot Vale,  
VICTORIA.

No. 10512 Sgt. KESTELL-BUSCOMBE D.E., Drill Inst.

Attached hereto is a letter addressed  
to the abovenamed airman which was received at this  
Headquarters.

2. As this airman was posted to No. 1 E.D.  
for escort duties on 7/7/41 and may be escorting  
a draft at the present time, it is requested that the  
letter be handed to him on his return to No. 1 E.D.

S. L. MACDONALD

10 Wing Commander,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS.

8/16/10

GR 274  
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REV.

ENC:

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PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF RECRUITS  
ON ENLISTMENT

NUMBER.....

NAME IN FULL.....10512.....

MUSTERING ON ENLISTMENT.....KESTELL-BUSCOMBE, Douglas Elliott.....

NEXT OF KIN.....Drill Instructor.....

" Relationship.....Mr. Sydney Gerald Kestell-Buscombe.....

" Address .....Father.....  
.....11 Essex Road,.....

PERSON TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES.....SURREY HILLS VICTORIA.....

" Relationship .....Mr. S. G. Kestell-Buscombe.....

" Address .....Father.....

DENTAL CLASSIFICATION.....11 Essex Road, SURREY HILLS VIC.

(To be obtained from Dental Officer).....4.....

RELIGION.....

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.....Church of England.....

.....nil.....  
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Qualifications not included in an Airman's Civil Occupation or present mustering such as Foreign Languages, Cinematograph Operator, First Aid, Diesel Engineering, Brass Band Instruments, Civil Aviation, Instructors in Fire Fighting, Artificial Respiration, or School Teachers, etc. etc.

Service and Civil Qualifications in Aero Engines and Aircraft shall be included (e.g. Lynx, Pegasus, Cheetah Engines or Demon Anson and Seagull Aircraft).

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REPORT ON OFFICER or Airmen at the conclusion of a course, Periodical  
or Special Training.

BUSCOMBE

Surname.....Christian Names.....D.E. 10512

Rank CPL.

Unit No. 1 School of Technical Training,

Attached

WEST MELBOURNE.

Description of Course or other training **No. 1 FIRE FIGHTERS COURSE**Period (Dates) of Training and place held **9/10/40 to 20/10/40 Eastern Hill Fire Station, MELBOURNE.**

Unit conducting Training No. 1 School of Technical Training, WEST MELBOURNE.

## 1. EVALUATION OR TEST RESULTS:

SUBJECTS	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED	MARKS P.C.	ENDORSEMENTS REGARDING TRAINING
DESCRIPTION	50	45	90%	CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING DRILLS
PRACTICAL	50	40	80%	
		85	85	

PROMULGATED IN  
AIR BOARD ORDER  
P. 39/41

Assessment of Pass **PASS**

Suitable instructor

Special Qualifications

Remarks

Date **24/10/40**Signature of Commanding Officer **A. J. Watson**2. RECOMMENDATION **PASS**Date - **2 JAN 1941**

S/Ldr. for Director of Training.

3. DECISION APPROVED

Date - **2 JAN 1941**

for Air Member for Personnel.

N.A.A.P. RECORDS SECTION.

DENTAL CLASSIFICATION.

10572.....NAME.....Hessall Buscombe DL

UNIT EXAMINED AT.....1 J JS.....

DATE OF EXAMINATION.....4-10-40.....CLASS.....6.....

MEDICAL HISTORY

NO. 10512 RANK AC1 NAME Hestell-Buscombe DATE D. 6 UNIT 1 R D

STATION Laverton

1. Height, in inches (c)! .. .. 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

2. Weight in lbs (f) \* .. .. 159 lbs

3. Chest measurements in inches ! (e)

Fully expanded .. .. 39"

Range of expansion .. .. 4"

4. Medical classification  $\pm$  (a) .. .. Class I

6. Vision { Right 6/9 }  
{ Left 6/6 }

7. Dental classification .. .. Class 6

$\pm$  (a) On enlistment

! (e) State to nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch

\* (f) State to nearest pound

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

FORM P.P. 78/35.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE  
No. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE R.A.A.F..

108 Queen Street,

MELBOURNE, C.I.

Mr. D.E. Kestell-Buscombe,  
11 Essex Road,  
SURREY HILLS. E.10.

3rd June, 1940.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your recent application for admission to the Royal Australian Air Force, it is requested that you report to the above address with your luggage at 8-0 a.m. on Monday 10th June, 1940 for enlistment as a Drill Instructor in Group five, with the rank and pay of Aircraftsman, Class I.

Please bring with you the following certificates applicable to you:—

- (i) Birth Certificate or Extract of Birth Entry.
- (ii) Marriage Certificate.
- (iii) Birth Certificates of any children.
- (iv) Naturalization papers.
- (v) Militia, Army, or Naval discharge.

Enlistment is for the duration of the war and up to a period of twelve months thereafter.

The daily pay applicable to your appointment is 5/- shillings per day. Married men are paid a separation allowance of 3 shillings per day, and 1 shilling per day for each child under the age of 16 years. The payment of separation allowance is subject to the airman making an allotment of at least 3 shillings per day.

All airmen are provided with free messing and accommodation. Uniforms and necessities are also provided at Departmental expense. The full scale of uniform, however, is not issued immediately on enlistment.

Airmen are liable for service either within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Refill warrant is enclosed herewith to enable you to report to \_\_\_\_\_, and should you not avail yourself of this offer, it is requested that you advise me immediately, returning the warrant at the same time.

Yours faithfully,

PROMULGATED  
H.Q. DAILY ROUTINE ORDER  
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DATE

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

FORM P.P. 78/32.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,  
No.1. RECRUITING CENTRE108 Queen Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.I.  
9th May, 1940Mr. D. E. Kestell-Buscombe,  
11 Essex Road,  
Surrey Hills E.I.O.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application to join the Royal Australian Air Force, will you please attend for interview and, if required, medical examination at the above address at  
1.p.m.

on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

You should come prepared to undergo Trade Test, should that be considered necessary after your interview.

~~Please complete and bring with you the enclosed application form, together with this notice.~~

It is requested that when attending for interview, you bring with you the following documents—

Birth Certificate (or Extract of Birth Entry).

Original copies of references.

Educational Certificates.

Indentures.

and any other evidence of qualifications and experience.

You should bring your lunch.

It must be clearly understood that all travelling expenses in connection with this interview and examination must be borne by you.

Yours faithfully,

CD F/O,

for Recruiting Officer.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. ....

(Address) Headquarters.  
24/39 Battalion.  
Drill Hall.  
(Date) Hawthorn.

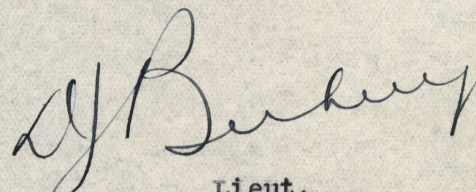
6 May.40.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I have much pleasure in forwarding a recommendation for Sgt.D.E.Buscombe who Enlisted in the 24th.Battalion on 3/7/35.

After 12 months Service he passed an Examination for Corporal and was appointed on 1/7/36. From that date he served as an Efficient Corporal.

Since passing his Sergeants Examination on 26/4/39 he has done Duty at Tatura Internment Camp, and attended two Militia Camps totalling nearly 5 months Continuous Training. During this Period he proved himself to be thoroughly efficient as a Sergeant and no doubt should prove likewise at any Military task he undertakes.



Lieut.  
A/Adjt. 24/39 Battalion.

COPY

3rd May, 1940.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have much pleasure in forwarding a recommendation for Sergeant D. Buscombe, who has been under my command for the past two years, which includes a four months camp. I have always found him intelligent and an efficient sergeant when given a task to perform. With reference to his personal conduct, I have always found him entirely honest and clean living.

I consider he will make "Good" at any task allotted to him.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) C. OWEN

Capt.

24/39th Battalion.