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MORGAN, THOMAS VICTOR
412815

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

R.A.F. STATION
FINNINGLEY
DONCASTER
YORKSHIRE

Missives 5-3-45
P.O. 24-10-44

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The following biographical details are required for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

SURNAME.....MORGAN.....NUMBER.....412515.
CHRISTIAN NAMES...THOMAS VICTOR.....
AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING...E/SGT...NOX. P/O...P/A.....
DEGREES ETC.....
DATE OF BIRTH...21st NOV. 1915...PLACE...SYDNEY AUSTRALIA.
EDUCATED...RANDWICK HIGH SCHOOL R'WICK SYDNEY
DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE...20-7-1941.
PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE...TWO YEARS MILITIA (A.S.C.) AUST.
PLACES OF TRAINING...Nº2 I.T.S. - Nº1 B.A.G.S. EVANS RD. N.S.W.
CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES...ASSIST. SALES MANAGER
(NEWCASTLE BRANCH/D MITCHELL & Co - WHOLESALE GROCERS)
SPORT (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC...SURFING - MEMBER OF
NEWCASTLE SURF CLUB - FOOTBALL GOLF
FATHER...EDWIN ERNEST MORGAN.
WIFE.....
HOME ADDRESS...19 LACHLAN FLATS 108 BROOK ST COOGEE SYDNEY
N.S.W. AUSTRALIA
SIGNATURE...
DATE...30th January 1944.
DATE OF EMBARKATION...17-10-1942.

HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY - DO NOT FILL IN

AWARDS...D.F.M.
CATEGORY.....INTERVIEWS.....
RADIO.....OTHER REFERENCES.....

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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Adjutant of your unit immediately.

NAME.....MORGAN, Thomas, Ernest, Victor.....NUMBER.....Aus. 412815.
(In full)
RANK AND MUSTERING.....Pilot Officer A/G.....DECORATIONS.....D.F.M.
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE.....17 Course.
X DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA.....Australia 17th October, 1942.
CANADA
S.W. AFRICA
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNITED KINGDOM.....27th November, 1942.
O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc.....7 A.G.S. 1662 Con. Unit. 460 Squadron.
PRESENT UNIT.....18 O.T.U. Finningley.....AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....Nil.
PREVIOUS UNITS (with dates) AND AIRCRAFT FLOWN.....460 Squadron 14th April to 6th
November, 1943. Lancaster I & III.

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). 155.45 Hours. (b). 29. (c) Essen 30.4.43. Dortmund 4.5.43. Duisberg
12.5.43. Bochum 13.5.43. Dortmund 23.5.43. Dusseldorf 25.5.43. Dusseldorf
11.6.43. Bochum 12.6.43. Oberhausen 14.6.43. Cologne 16.6.43. Krefeld 21.6.43.
Mulheim 22.6.43. Wuppertal 24.6.43. Gelsenkirchen 25.6.43. Essen 25.7.43.
Hamburg 27.7.43. Hamburg 29.7.43. Hamburg 2.8.43. Turin 7.8.43. Nuremberg
10.8.43. Leverkusen 22.8.43. Berlin 23.8.43. Nuremberg 27.8.43. Munich
Gladbach 30.8.43. Berlin 31.8.43. Munich 6.9.43. Bochum 29.9.43. Munich
2.10.43. Sea Search 18.10.43. (d) Nil. (e) Nil. (f) Nil. (g) Nil.
(h) F/Sgt. F. Lawrence - Pilot (Now P/O.) F/O. E. Cappi - Navigator. F/Sgt.
A. Fitzpatrick - Bombadier. F/Sgt. (now P/O.) G.A. Richardson, Gunner. F/Sgt.
R. White (now P/O.) - Wireless Operator. Number of trips with the above crew 18.
and Remainder with F/Lt. R. Henderson, Pilot.
use other side if necessary.

OFFICERS AND CREW.

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Surname MORRAN 412815

Christian Names THOMAS ERNEST VICTOR

Air Force Rank and Mustering SGT. A/C

Degrees, Decorations, etc.

Present Appointment and Location RAAF PRC Rousemuth

Date of Birth 21-11-1915 Place Sydney

Educated Randwick High School Sydney

Date of Entering Service 19-7-40

Previous Service Experience 2 years Army Training

Places of Training N.S.W. Aust.

Civilian Career and Activities Assist Sales Manager
-Wholesale Groceries

Clubs, Recreations, etc. Surfing (Newcastle Surf Club)
Sailing Golf

Father Edwin Ernest Morgan

Wife

Children

Home Address 9 Lachlan Sts 108 Brook St Bondi
Sydney N.S.W. Aust.

Signature E.E. Morgan

Date 28-11-42

Date Embarked 17-10-42

Destination U.K.

For Australian Press

21.2.45

Air Ministry News Service

Air Ministry Bulletin No.17605

AUSTRALIANS OVER THE RUHR

Australian Lancaster and Halifax Squadrons took part in RAF Bomber Command's large scale attacks last night on Dortmund, and two oil refineries near Dusseldorf.

412815 ^E F/Lt. T.V.Morgan, D.F.M. ^{460 Sqn}
a rear gunner from Coogee, Sidney, a gunnery leader of an Australian Lancaster Squadron, described the attack on Dortmund, his 40th war flight. "I could see quite a good glow underneath the clouds", he said, "and it seemed over concentrated. I remember looking back 15 minutes after we had left the target and still being able to see the reflection of the fires. The flock was nothing like the sort we used to experience in the old attacks on the Ruhr: at its worst it was only moderately heavy. Fighters were about and I spotted one which did not seem to notice us".

422995 ^{460 Sqn.} F/O. A.Whitmarsh, ^A a Lancaster pilot of Compsie, Sydney, said: "We dropped our bombs halfway through the attack on Dortmund and by that time things were well on their way. There was a low layer of thick cloud up to 5,000 feet and then above that thin wispy stuff up to about 16,000 feet. Pathfinders got in a very good effort with sky markers in good concentration, and I watched them go down into cloud. It was a brilliant moonlight night and we saw several combats, with plenty of tracer fire. A fighter came up from out of the cloud right underneath us, but we corkscrewed and it passed on towards another bomber. We lost sight of it. Otherwise it was a quiet trip for us".

F/Lt. A.L.Cohen, D.F.C., a Lancaster pilot of Mosman, Sydney, said: "The port outer engine 'cooked out' over our base just after taking off. We went on to Dortmund and by cutting corners we were only two minutes late. It seemed a concentrated attack below cloud and the pathfinder marking was good. There were odd fighters about, but we were not troubled".

Citation of D.F.M. ... Gazetted 6/12/43

Non-Immediate Award

Aus. 412815 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer)
Thomas Victor MORGAN. Royal Australian Air Force.
No. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron.

The above-mentioned airman has completed, in various capacities, many successful operations against the enemy, in which he has displayed high skill, fortitude and devotion to duty.