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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

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The following biographical details are required for use at

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Surname... DARCEY Number... 408172
Christian Names... RICHARD... JOSEPH
Air Force Rank and Mustering... PILOT-OFFICER... (PILOT)
Degrees, Decorations, etc.
Present Appointment and Location... 3 PRC: BOURNEMOUTH ENGLAND
Date of Birth... 2ND MAR. 1917... Place... HOBART TASMANIA
Educated... ST. VIRGIL'S COLLEGE... HOBART
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Date of Entering Service... 28/2/41
Previous Service Experience... 5 YRS... 156 days... 106th HOWITZER BATTERY
..... AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY
Places of Training... HOBART TASMANIA
Civilian Career and Activities... OPTOMETRIST
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Clubs, Recreations, etc... ROYAL HOBART GOLF CLUB — GOLF, TENNIS
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Father... SENATOR RICHARD DARCEY
Wife
Children
Home Address... 9 SWAN ST. NORTH HOBART TASMANIA AUS.

Signature... R. Darcey

Date... 11/3/42

Date Embarked... 28/2/42

Destination... U.K.

PERSONAL FILE - P/O R.J. DARCEY

Air Force, Melbourne

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Inheriting traditions of Australian fighters unit with glorious record of service in Far East another RAAF Spitfire Squadron has been formed on famous Scottish operational base. Establishment this new RAAF unit provides further evidence Australia's determination seek battle wherever telling blow can be made against enemy. Squadron Leader F.O. Morello, R.A.F., Commanding Officer and Flight Lieutenant J.R. Cock of Renmark South Australia who won Distinguished Flying Cross October 1940 for outstanding work in Hurricanes against great odds both in France and Battle of Britain commands flight. Cock has shot down seven enemy aircraft and baled out three times. Two Lismore pilots AUS403046 Sergeant Ronald Clyde Ford and AUS405519 Sergeant Francis Roch McDermott were among first join unit. AUS411059 Pilot Officer Frederick Thomas Thornley AUS405117 Pilot Officer Russell Herbert Ewins AUS416070 Sergeant Gerald Whiteford also foundation members. Apart from a few highly experienced pilots from other services flying personnel all Australian and include Pilot Officers AUS408606 Thomas Alexander Swift AUS408172 Richard Joseph Darcey AUS401666 Daniel Joseph Reid AUS16235 Charles Guy Riley and Sergeants AUS403294 Lionel James Hansell AUS401784 James Raymond Furlong AUS401543 George Jackson Stansfield AUS403278 Bennett Thomas Nossiter AUS401558 Wesley John White AUS405575 Matthew Henry Ivor De Cosier.

Sgd. W.B. TART,
Squadron Leader, for
Air Vice Marshal
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING