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DARVILLE, GEOFFREY ELLIOTT

420812

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

SURNAME... DARYVILLE... NUMBER... H 20813

CHRISTIAN NAMES... GEOFFREY... ELLIOTT

AIR FORCE RANK AND MUSTERING... SGT./PILOT

DEGREES ETC... Nil

DATE OF BIRTH... 28.11.22... PLACE... Lismore, N.S.W. Aust.

EDUCATED... Lismore, N.S.W. Aust. High School

DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE... 5.12.41

PREVIOUS SERVICE EXPERIENCE... Nil

PLACES OF TRAINING... R.A.F. Amers, Benalla - R.C.A.F. Brandon, Brantford

CIVILIAN CAREER AND ACTIVITIES... Clerks, Public Service, Police Dept.

SPORTS (TEAMS REPRESENTED) CLUBS ETC... Police Dept. Cricket, Football, Tennis, & Swimming Clubs

FATHER... Percy Charles Daryville

WIFE... N.A.

HOME ADDRESS... 35 Robertson Rd., Centennial Park, Sydney, N.S.W. Aust.

SIGNATURE... G. E. Daryville

DATE... 31.10.43

DATE OF EMBARKATION... 6.10.43

AWARDS... DFC

CATEGORY... INTERVIEWS

RADIO... OTHER REFERENCES

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THE FOLLOWING AIRMEN GROUND TRADES (CTE CANADA) S.O.S. NO. 1 "Y" DEPOT
 MILITARY RES. (M. RES.) POST DOSSING AIRMAN TRAINING POST EFFECTIVE 28 MARCH 43 FOR
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43 AIRMEN A.F.M.'s (CTE CANADA)

NO.	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES	TRADE	FROM
R68013	LAC	MCQUELLAND	Samuel	AFM	Trenton
R173137	AC2	MACARTHUR	Kenneth Allan	"	4 D&G
R114306	AC1	MAGNUS	Leonard	"	1 "
R123461	"	MAIN	William Drown	"	Trenton
R123405	LAC	MEGGS	William John	"	"
R118943	AC1	MERCIER	Joseph George Henry	"	8 R.D.
R120698	LAC	MINDENHALL	Robert Frank	"	Trenton
R116007	"	MONSON	Ambrose Oliver	"	8 R.D.
R61975	"	MUNDAY	William George	"	2 D&G
R70206	"	O'DONOGHUE	Robert John	"	8 R.D.
R117292	LAC	OMESKANT	Alexander	"	Trenton
R119178	"	ORCHARD	Franklin Cedric	"	5 D&G
R158538	"	PALMATIER	Kenneth Burgon	"	Trenton
R158537	AC1	PATTERSON	Charles Arthur	"	8 R.D.
R118510	LAC	PAUL	Kenneth Robertson	"	8 R.D.
R91102	"	PLEDGER	Leonard Irwin	"	Trenton
R171218	AC2	POTTER	Arthur Henry	"	8 R.D.
R111201	AC1	POULSON	Norman Sydney	"	Trenton
R93854	"	RAMSAY	Oscar Grenville	"	"
R28974	CPL	REES	Harold Melville	"	Pr. Rup.
R167495	AC1	ROWELL	Eric Lawrence	"	1 SFTS
R132658	LAC	SKYRIE	George	"	Trenton
R114725	"	SMART	Herbert Benjamin	"	5 D&G
R118929	"	SMITH	Herbert Ralph	"	Trenton
R109492	"	SONDERGAARD	Svend	"	10 R.D.
R171071	AC1	ST AMOUR	Joseph Louis	"	1 SFTS
R129042	LAC	STANFORD	Stanley Edward	"	Trenton
R125470	"	STARKEY	Stephen Elmer	"	Rockcliff
R147917	"	STEEN	Lawrence Olaf	"	2 D&G
R59965	"	STEER	William Norman	"	Trenton
R158548	AC1	SWEENEY	Norman Carley	"	1 SFTS
R130896	"	TOUPIN	Edmond Pierre	"	Trenton
R70152	LAC	VILLENEUVE	Joseph Anthony	"	5 D&G
R121064	"	WALLACE	Douglas Clayton	"	Trenton
R155914	"	WATT	John Alexander	"	3 SFTS
R82928	"	WEIR	Herman Orlin	"	5 D&G
R173446	AC2	WESSENGER	Frederick Ramsay	"	4 "
R116574	LAC	WEST	William Graham	"	2 "
R133620	AC1	WILLIAMS	Lawrence John	"	5 SFTS
R158574	LAC	WILSON	Daniel Ewart	"	8 R.D.
R70247	LAC	WILSON	Simmon Glen	"	Trenton
R142283	"	WOOD	Marshal David	"	2 D&G
R97192	"	WOODS	William Arthur	"	1 D&G

7 AIRMAN ARM. (D) (CTE CANADA)

R105224	LAC	BORSOS	Paul	ARM (D)	5 D&G
R179182	AC1	DREMAN	William Murdock	"	3 SFTS
R123074	LAC	CAMERON	Harvey Milton	"	1 D&G
R161322	AC1	DINAN	Cornelius Paul	"	7 "
R165263	LAC	FIELD	Bryan Edward	"	5 "
R161500	AC1	GOLLETTZ	Myron	"	1 "
R138272	CPL	HUMBER	Roy Alexander	"	5 SFTS

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NAME (in full).... **DARYLLE, G. JEFFREY EMMOTT** NUMBER... **420812**
RANK AND MUSTERING... **A/F/O**..... **PILOT**..... DECORATIONS... **D.F.C.**
NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE... **23**..... O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. ~~19~~ **21**
DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA) .. **6.10.43**.....
CANADA) .. **7.10.43**..... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. ... **1.11.43**.....
Sth. Africa)

SQUADRONS... **622**.....

AIRCRAFT FLOWN... **Lancaster**.....

COMMAND & TYPED OF ACTIVITY... **Bomber - day & night bombing**.....

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:-

- (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 Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.
- (h) Other Australians in crews

(a) 200 hrs (b) 24 day 10 night (c) **Trier (2) - Bonn Airfield - Cologne (2) - Kallert - Nuremberg - Ludwigshafen - Dortmund (3) - Dresden - Wesel (1) - Gelsenkirchen (3) - Hamm - Munster - Merselburg - Kiel**

(d) nil (e) nil (f) nil (g) nil

(h) **R.A.**

(i) **W/Operator A422069 P/O M. J. Keough**

DATE... **6.6.45**..... SIGNATURE... **G. J. Darylle, F/O**
(Use other side, or attach extra sheets, if necessary).

Personal file - F/O. G. Darville

30/4/45 No. 19.

Air Ministry News Service.

A.M.B. No. 18603.

FLYING OFFICER GEOFFREY DARVILLE, D.F.C.

622 Sqn.

About ten years ago, the name of Geoffrey Darville appeared regularly in New South Wales newspapers, for Geoffrey, as a boy soprano, sang in radio programmes and won prizes at many musical festivals.

Today the same name has just been published in another list of awards, but this time to recognise gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations. Geoffrey, as a flying officer in the R.A.A.F. has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was piloting a Lancaster heavy bomber in a recent attack on a benzol plant near Gelsenkirchen when his aircraft was hit by flak. The port inner engine was put out of action and other damage made the bomber difficult to control.

Yet F/O. Darville pressed home his attack. He flew on to the target, and although reduced engine power did not allow him to gain the desired bombing height he made a perfect bombing run.

On another occasion, when the leader of his squadron had to fall behind, F/O. Darville took over and led the squadron in a successful attack.

He is twenty-two years of age, and is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Darville, of 11A, Alison Road, Kensington, Sydney. He was educated at Lismore High School. On leaving school he became a clerk in the New South Wales police Department, in which he worked until volunteering for service in the R.A.A.F. in 1941.

He trained for aircrew duties in Australia, Canada and England, and now has well over 30 operations against the enemy to his credit.

His wireless operator is Flight Sergeant M.J. Keough, of Croydon, New South Wales. F/O. Darville's elder brother, John, was captured at Tobruk when serving with the A.I.F. and has been a prisoner of war in Germany for the last four years.

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Copy of Citation of Immediate Award of D.F.C.

Gazetted 27-4-45

Acting Flying Officer Geoffrey Elliott DARVILLE (Aus.420812)
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Personal file
22 JAN 1945

EASTBOURNE WEDDING

A wedding which created a good deal of local interest took place at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, in the presence of a large congregation. The bridegroom was Flight-Sergt. Geoffrey Elliott Darville of the Royal Australian Air Force son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Darville of Sydney, Australia, and the bride Miss Mariorie Shirlev Packham, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs W Packham, of Milton Grange Arundel-road Eastbourne. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Eastbourne (Canon F. P. Hughes). Mr Percy Goldsmith was at the organ and the hymns sung were "Thine For Ever God of Love" and "How Welcome was the Call."

Given away by her father the bride wore a dress of white satin with train and a head-dress of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations. She was attended by her sister Miss Valerie Packnam, who wore a dress of pale blue embroidered anglaise and carried a sheaf of bronze chrysanthemums.

The reception was held at the Towner Art Gallery.