



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

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| <u>NAME:</u> | Kenneth John HANSON | |
| <u>RANK:</u> | Flight Lieutenant | |
| <u>SERVICE NUMBER:</u> | 403585 | |
| <u>ENLISTED:</u> | 3 February 1941 | |
| <u>APPOINTED TO A COMMISSION:</u> | 15 January 1943 | |
| <u>BRANCH/CATEGORY:</u> | General Duties | |
| <u>MUSTERINGS:</u> | Aircrew V | 03.02.1941 |
| | Aircrew V (Pilot) | 17.02.1941 |
| | Aircrew II (Pilot) | 29.03.1941 |
| | Airman Pilot | 25.09.1941 |
| <u>PROMOTIONS:</u> | Aircraftman | 03.02.1941 |
| | Leading Aircraftman | 29.03.1941 |
| | Sergeant | 25.09.1941 |
| | Flight Sergeant | 25.03.1942 |
| | Pilot Officer | 15.01.1943 |
| | Flying Officer | 15.07.1943 |
| | Flight Lieutenant | 15.01.1945 |
| <u>POSTINGS:</u> | | |
| 2 Recruit Centre | Sydney | 03.02.1941 |
| 2 Initial Training School | Bradfield Park | 03.02.1941 |
| 5 Elementary Flying Training School | Narromine | 03.04.1941 |
| 2 Embarkation Depot | Bradfield Park | 29.05.1941 |
| Embarked | Sydney | 13.06.1941 |
| Disembarked | Vancouver | 03.07.1941 |
| 7 Service Flying Training School | MacLeod, Alberta | 03.07.1941 |
| 31 General Reconnaissance School | Charlottetown, Prince Edward | 04.10.1941 |
| Embarked | Canada | 13.12.1941 |
| Disembarked | United Kingdom | 26.12.1941 |
| 3 Personnel Reception Centre | Uxbridge | 26.12.1941 |
| 12 (Pilot) Advanced Flying Unit | Grantham | 07.02.1942 |
| 1 (C) Operational Training Unit | Silloth | 03.03.1942 |
| 500 Squadron | Stornoway | 13.05.1942 |

POSTINGS (Continued)

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| Emplaned | United Kingdom | 24.06.1942 |
| Deplaned | Karachi | 19.07.1942 |
| 353 Squadron | Calcutta | 19.07.1942 |
| Headquarters - 173 Wing | Trichinopoly | 07.06.1943 |
| 353 Squadron | Calcutta | 14.07.1943 |
| Embarked | Bombay | 08.07.1944 |
| Disembarked | Melbourne | 26.07.1944 |
| 1 Personnel Depot | Ransford | 26.07.1944 |
| 2 Personnel Depot | Bradfield Park | 13.08.1944 |
| 7 Operational Training Unit | Tocumwal | 28.10.1944 |
| 2 Personnel Depot | Ransford | 03.01.1945 |
| 2 Reserve Personnel Pool | 54 Mile, NT | 26.03.1945 |
| 21 Squadron | Fenton, NT | 31.03.1945 |
| 23 Squadron | Long, NT | 26.05.1945 |
| Embarked | Darwin | 17.06.1945 |
| Disembarked | Morotai | 30.06.1945 |
| 21 Squadron | Morotai | 08.07.1945 |
| Moved | Balikpapan | 16.07.1945 |

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION:

Flight Lieutenant Hanson was in the crew of Liberator A72-92, ^{AS CAPTAIN} which crashed at position ^{AFTER BEING HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE} 01.18N 124.51E during low level photography of the vicinity of Tomohon Village, North East Celebes. The aircraft was located in a position approximately two miles bearing 150 degrees Tomohon Village and appeared to have hit the ground at a very shallow angle on a downward slope and then crossed a small depression and up another small rise. There were ~~not~~ signs of survivors. *(THREE CREW SURVIVED THE CRASH BUT WERE KILLED BY THE JAPANESE)*

BURIAL DETAILS:

Macassar War Cemetery

Celebes

Gr AB 9-16

*REBURIED 6.12.61 AMBON WAR CEMETERY
No. 28. C. 3*

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

1939-45 Star

Burma Star and Pacific Clasp

Defence Medal

War Medal 1939-45

Australia Service Medal 1939-45

