

Group Captain Thompson RAAF (Retired)

General War Record

After joining the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in World War II, I did my elementary flying training at Narrandera (NSW) and then my 'wings training at London, Ontario, Canada.

After graduating and thus receiving my pilot's wings at London, Ontario Canada, I was posted to an 'operational training course' in Canada flying 'Vega Ventura' aircraft. After completing that course I was posted to England on a RAF Base flying Venturas. During my travel time to England from Canada most of the Ventura aircraft were lost on operations and the squadron was converted to B25 'Mitchell' aircraft. I did another operational training course on B25 aircraft and was then posted to operations (226 squadron) with a RAF unit. The squadron was part of the Tactical Air Force with the role of bombing panzer divisions, enemy troop concentrations, bridges and other operational targets immediately behind the enemy forces.

I completed an operational tour of the required 50 operations and was then posted as a 'staff pilot' to the Aircraft Research and Development Unit at Harwell, England. After a six month stint there, I returned to Australia in December 1946.

Because of injuries incurred during operational flying, I remained in the RAAF for specialist treatment and review.

In 1953 I was posted to the United Nations Force in Korea and initially went to the U.S. Naval Air Force Base at Iwakuni Japan. From there, I served the mandatory tour of 15 months in Korea and returned to Australia in December 1954.

Royal Australian Air Force
Permanent Air Force
Certificate of Service

Rank and Name: Wing Commander John Noel THOMPSON

Branch: Accountant Category: Accountant

Date and Place of Birth: 19 / 3 / 1921 Cross West, New South Wales

Granted a commission on: 21 / 3 / 1947 Official Number: 022091

Service terminated on: 30 / 1 / 1974 Total Service: 26 years 316 days

Reason for Termination of Service: On Retirement

Special Qualifications: No. 16 Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare Course 1964.

Honours and Awards: During period covered by this certificate: United Nations Medal

Remarks: Placed on the Retired List 31/1/1974 with the honorary rank of group captain.



(J. R. BOAST)
Group Captain
for Air Member for Personnel

Signature of Member:

Certificate No: 31348

Date of Issue: 6 / 2 / 1974

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Surname: THOMPSON Christian Names: Jack Noel

Official Number: 432288

Branch of the Service: General Duties

Date of Appointment to a Commission: 1st October, 1943.

Rank on Appointment: Pilot Officer

Substantive Rank on Termination of Service on the Active List of the R.A.A.F.: Flying Officer

Temporary Rank on Termination of Service on the Active List of the R.A.A.F.: Flight Lieutenant

Highest Acting Rank Held: Nil

Date of Termination of Service on the Active List of the R.A.A.F.: 15th April, 1946.

Reason for Termination of Service on the Active List of the R.A.A.F.: On demobilisation.

Honours and Awards: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal.

Remarks: Eligible for Returned from Active Service Badge.

Date: 19th June, 1946.

[Signature]
Group Captain,
for Air Member for Personnel.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

AIR BOARD

AIR FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS

ALBERT PARK BARRACKS, S.C.3

My dear Thompson,

On the cessation of your service with the Royal Australian Air Force, I desire to express the appreciation of the Air Board for the valuable services you have performed since you joined the Air Force.

May I take this opportunity to extend the best wishes of the Air Board and myself for the future and express the hope that your return to civilian life meets with the success that your long and loyal service to your country so richly deserves.

Yours sincerely,

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*Air Commodore,
Air Member for Personnel.*

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His Excellency the Governor General, and
Commander-in-Chief in and over
the Commonwealth of Australia

Greetings:

To

JACK NOEL THOMPSON

I the Governor General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal
Executive Council in exercise of the power conferred upon me by the Air Force
Act 1923-1941 or any Act amending it, and of every other power me enabling
do hereby appoint you to be an officer of the CITIZEN Air Force
of the Commonwealth from the FIRST day of OCTOBER 1943. You
are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your duty as such officer

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth

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By His Excellency's Com

August 2. 1943



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