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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"AIRFORCE MELBOURNE"

42980

MELBOURNE, S.C.I

IN REPLY QUOTE. RAAF 231/11/74 (14670A)

Dear Sir,

A Certificate of Service and Discharge covering the period you were an airman and a Certificate of Service covering the period you were an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force are forwarded herewith.

It is requested that you sign and return the attached form of receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R.W. Smith,
Harrisville Via Ipswich,
QUEENSLAND.

M. C. Langslow /

(M. C. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

Enc.

NO. 2 AIR OBSERVER SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.,
EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

23 JUL/43

Date.

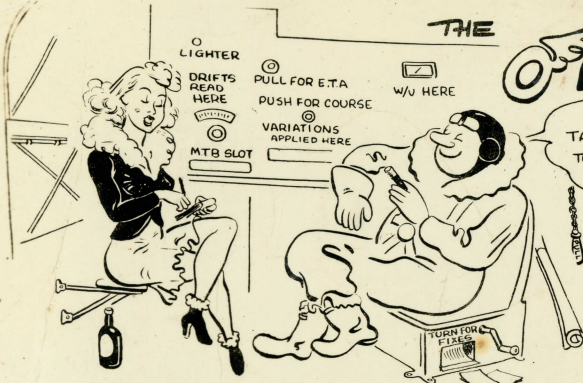
AUS425992 SGT SMITH, R.W.

Notification has been received at this school, Chief of the Air Staff
advice P5508 d/ 23 JUL/43, that the marginally noted airman,
a graduate of Course No. 71 N. No. 2 Air Observer School, Edmonton, Alta.,
has been selected for appointment to commissioned rank, effective 23 JUL/43.

R. M. K. Smith
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alta.

THE

BSERVER



TAKE A LETTER TO THE PILOT

WHEN IN DOUBT PULL HERE

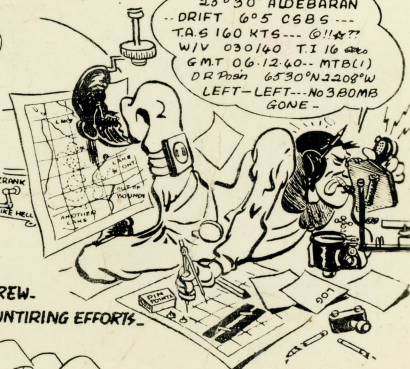
IS A PLANE

-ALTHO MAYBE HIS JOB ISN' AS SOFT AS IT'S PICTURED

FROM A CARTOON BY OBSERVER "MICKI"



LOOK-IT, EINSTEIN



THE OBSERVER IS THE BRAINS OF THE BOMBER CREW.

HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS-

TAKES THE AIRCRAFT- AND THE-

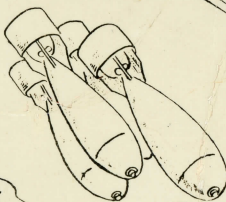


DON'T CALL ME JAMES!!

- RADIO OPERATOR

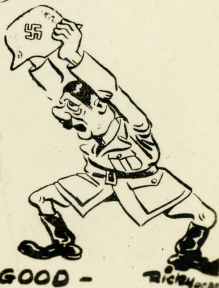
- AND THE GUNNER -

- AND THE PILOT.



-AND THE PAYLOAD-

WHERE IT WILL DO THE MOST GOOD -



BIGBY



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Certificate of Service and Discharge

Number 425992 Rank Leading Aircraftman
Full Name SMITH, Robert Wylie
Date of Birth 10.1.1924 Date of Enlistment 21.5.1942 Date of Discharge 22.7.1943
Occupation in Civil Life Bank Clerk
Reason for Discharge under the provisions of A.F.R. 115 (M)
"On being granted a Commission"
Character on Discharge V.G.
R.A.A.F. Mustering or Trade Aircrew II (N)
Degree of Trade Proficiency: A Under Training B C

DESCRIPTION

Height 5'7½" Colour of Hair Brown Colour of Eyes Blue Complexion Fair
Marks and Scars or Wounds Scar Left Hip.
Qualifications and Special Courses Completed Navigators' Course between
21. 5.42 and 22. 7.43.

PROMOTIONS, REMUSTERINGS, Etc.

Rank	Date	Mustering or Trade	Decorations, Medals, etc.
Aircraftman Class 2	21. 5.42	Aircrew N (Guard)	Navigator's Badge
Aircraftman Class 2	30.11.42	Aircrew V (O)	
Leading Aircraftman	2. 1.43	Aircrew II (N)	

Remarks: _____

Office of issue and date stamp. Royal Australian Air Force,
Head-Quarters,
MELBOURNE.
4. 2.1946.

W. M. M. M. M. M.
Air Member for Personnel

War Gratuity Act 1945 Date 19/7/49

Transfer of War Gratuity Credit in Respect of

Name SMITH, Robert Wylie No 425992

MEMORANDUM to--

Mr. R. W. Smith,
C/- The National Bank of A'asia Ltd.,
UPPER MT. GRAVATT. B'NE.

Referring to your application for transfer of war gratuity credit to
The National Bank of A'asia Ltd. Bris.

I have to inform you that the amount actually transferred was £ 153 15 7
which includes £ 15 15 7 interest.

After transferring the above mentioned sum your credit in the Register
of War Gratuities is £ NIL.

War Gratuity Officer

The prayer of F/Sgt Hugh Brodie RAAF..460 Squadron
Killed on operation to Bremen 3rd June 1942.
Air Forces Memorial Runnymede..Panel 111.

Almighty and all-present power
Short is the prayer I make to Thee.
I do not ask, in battle hour,
For any shield to cover me.

The vast unalterable way,
From which the stars do not depart,
May not be turned aside to stay
The bullet, flying to my heart

I ask no help to strike my foe,
I seek no petty victory here,
The enemy I hate, I know
To Thee, is also dear.

But this I pray- be at my side
When death is drawing through the sky,
Almighty God, Who also died.
Teach me the way that I should die

Reference:

Cemetery:

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Next-of-Kin C. Rowell

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