



Alain Harvey photographed in front of his family's property in Adelaide in Dequetteville Terrace around 1941-2 (photo courtesy of Richard Harvey)

### **Alain Morison Harvey – Chronology**

- 8.7.1920      Alain Morison Harvey born
- c.'33          Finishes boarding at Wykeham Preparatory School
- c.'34          Attends St Peter's College
- c.'36          Joins St Peter's College Cadet Corps
- c.'36-41      Traffic offence
- c.'37-38      Suffers from kidney complaint forcing Alain to repeat his last year of school
- c.'39          Tries to join the Australian Imperial Forces but is turned down owing to his kidney complaint and starts working as shipping clerk at M.G. Anderson & Co., residing at 30 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town, South Australia
- 16.1.41      Enlists at No.5 Recruiting Centre Adelaide and passes medical
- 19.7.41      Sent for training at Victor Harbor, South Australia and joins Permanent Forces joining 4 Initial Training School
- 1-10.10.41    Annual leave between courses
- 30.4.42      Following further training undertaken at Parafield (near Adelaide) and Mallala, South Australia passes 12 month training course flying DH 60 & 82 (Tiger and Gipsy Moths), Avro Anson and Oxford aircraft. Noted as being most proficient on the Gipsy Moth and Anson

- 30.4.42 Appointed Pilot Officer (P/O) RAAF and assigned to Number 4 Embarkation Depot in Hazelwood Park, Adelaide
- 1.5.42 Given an 89% mark on final exam
- 18.5.42 Arrives at Number 2 Embarkation Depot, Bradfield Park, New South Wales
- 16.6.42 Leaves for the United Kingdom
- 25.8.42 Arrives in United Kingdom and sent to Number 3 Personnel Reception Unit based in Bournemouth
- 11.9.42 Posted to 15 Pilot Awaiting Formation Unit based in Bournemouth (with many of the pilots staying at the Metropole Hotel)
- 11.9.42 Sent to Number 1516 Beam Approach Training Unit based at Middleton St George
- 26.10.42 Posted to Number 26 Operational Training Unit flying out of Cheddington and Little Horwood, Buckinghamshire using Wellington bombers
- 28.11-4.12.42 Annual leave spent with the Mitchell family in Stratford-upon-Avon
- 7-16.3.43 Annual leave having left No. 26 OTU
- 16-20.3.43 Posted to 1663 Heavy Conversion Unit based at Rufforth in North Yorkshire
- 20-27.3.43 Posted to 10 Squadron based in Melbourne Yorkshire flying Halifaxes (missions to St Nazaire on 22<sup>nd</sup> March [?] and Duisburg on 26<sup>th</sup> March: Alain is recorded as being second pilot in Halifax DT691 "W")
- 27.3-17.4.43 Returns to 1663 Heavy Conversion Unit
- 17-22.4.43 Posted to 76 Squadron at Linton-on-Ouse (under the command of Group Leader Cheshire) and undertakes Fuel Consumption Test in Halifax DK166 "D"
- 22.4.43 Posted to 35 Squadron Pathfinder Force based in Graveley, Cambridgeshire (part of Pathfinder Group)
- 26.4-9.5.43 Annual leave with the Mitchell family during which time Alain is appointed a Flying Officer (1.5.43) - Alain visits Warwick on 6<sup>th</sup> May and meets Charles Mitchell
- 12-13.5.43 Successfully flew raid to Bochum Germany in Halifax W7881 "TL-P"
- 22-23.5.43 Flies raid to Dortmund in Halifax DT488 "TL-Q" which crashes near Wanne Eickel with all but one crew being killed, the one survivor taken prisoner of war (Sergeant W R Fairey)