

458 ORIGINALS

THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF 458 SQUADRON R.A.A.F..

FORMED AT WILLIAMTOWN R.A.A.F. BASE N.S.W. on 8th. JULY 1941.

departed WILLIAMTOWN 4-30 a.m. BY BUS AND TRAIN 8th. August 1941.

departed SYDNEY by R.M.S.AWATEA at 4-00 P.M. the same day for

AUKLAND, FIJI, VANCOUVER, HALIFAX and LIVERPOOL U.K.

then by various R.A.F. Stations to HOLME ON SPALDING MOORE YORKSHIRE.

where the Squadron became operational under W.Cdr Mulholland D.F.C.

our first operation was against German Targets on the night of 20th. October 1941.

1.	ANGOVE R.C.	"DOC:	MEDICAL OFFICER
2.	* POWER A.R.	"BUTCH"	STORES CLERK
3.	HAMILTON BILL		PAY CLERK.
4.	* BAX JOHN		STORES CLERK.
5.	HUTTON BRIAN	"CRUTCHIE"	PHOTOGRAPHER.
6.	* BALMER GORDON.	"BUSTER"	PHOTOGRAPHER.
7.	RAY FRED	"PAPPIE"	ELECTRICIAN.
8.	CATT TOM		ELECTRICIAN.
9.	GIBSON A.M.	"HOOT.	ELECTRICIAN.
10.	KELLY	"NED"	ELECTRICIAN.
11.	* KESSLER DAVE		ELECTRICIAN.
12.	McRAE C.W.	"RED"	ELECTRICIAN
13.	SILBEREISEN LOU.	"SILVER"	ELECTRICIAN.
14.	PALMER JIM	"BALDY"	ELECTRICIAN
15.	GRUBB GEOFF		ELECTRICIAN.
16.	TILLOCK CLIFF		ELECTRICIAN.
17.	* O'LEARY TED	"ACE"	ELECTRICIAN.
18.	CATTANACK DICK		ELECTRICIAN.
19.	PIGGFORD P.	"PIGGY"	ELECTRICIAN.
20.	* POLLOCK BOB.	"POLLY"	ELECTRICIAN.
21.	* TREWATHA N.	"LOFTY"	FITTER IIE.
22.	* WHITE MURRAY	"WHITEY"	FITTER IIE
23.	* WILSON	"SHORTY"	FITTER IIE.
24.	* STROM FREDDIE.	"STROMMY"	FITTER IIE.
25.	STONE A.L.	"TONY"	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
26.	McGOWEN ATHOL	"JOCK"	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
27.	STEWART LEN.	"BINGI"	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
28.	QUIGLEY JACK.	"QUIG."	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
29.	* DRAYSEY COLIN	"DRAYS."	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
30.	HYLES GEOFF.		INSTRUMENT MAKER.
31.	* GRIFFITHS NOEL.	"TICH"	INSTRUMENT MAKER.
32.	McKENZIE JACK		PAY CLERK.
33.	* USHER RON.		STORES CLERK.
34.	DAVIES	"JUNIOR"	MOTOR TRANSPORT.
35.	* OSBEISTON N.	"OSSIE"	
36.	MELLOR R.W.	"RED"	ORDERLY ROOM.
37.	WILSON JACK		ARMOURER.
38.	STARTON or ROBINSON. (left draft in Canada with ear problems.)		
39.	MUNKMAN ERIC	"MONKO."	ORDERLY ROOM.

MANY OF THESE ORIGINAL MEMBERS STAYED WITH 458
RIGHT THROUGH TILL THE SQUADRON DISBANDED IN GIBRALTAR IN 1945.

FREDDIE STROM WENT ON TO GO TO GERMANY WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCES.

NO DOUBT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON, THEIR NAMES ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS PRINTING.

Jock McGowen,

9th. October 1994.