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**Title:** COSGROVE WILLIAM NICHOLAS PAX : Service Number - 400140 : Date of birth - 12 Nov 1918 : Place of birth - RANDWICK NSW : Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE : Next of Kin - COSGROVE DOROTHY

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PERSONAL FILE

400140

COSGROVE · W.N.P.

~~OFFICER~~

\* Strike out Force not applicable.

PERSONAL RECORD OF

1. \*PERMANENT FORCE-

3. No. *400,140* 4. SURNAME *COSGROVE* 5. CHRISTIAN NAMES *W*  
 7. DATE OF BIRTH *12. 11. 1918* 8. SINGLE  
 Certified that name and date of birth have been checked. MARRIED *married* 9. NEXT OF KIN (Na  
 (Signature). DIVORCED (Enter in pencil. Ad  
 11. RELIGION *R.C.* 12. NATIONALITY

13. PREV. TRADE & TRADE QUALIFICATIONS. <i>Photographer</i>	14. ENLISTMENTS & RE-ENGAGEMENTS. ENLISTED at <i>101 REC. CENTRE</i> for the duration of the War and a period of twelve months thereafter on <i>23 / 6 / 40</i> Age in Years. Authority <i>1RC DRO 30 P167/40</i> RE-ENGAGED for years on / / " " " / / " " " / / " " " / /
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17. MUSTERINGS.	Date	Classification for Pay	Authority
On Enlistment <i>Aircrew Y (P)</i>	<i>23.6.40</i>	<i>V.</i>	<i>1RC DRO 30 P167/40</i>
Remustered to <i>Aircrew II. (P)</i>	<i>19.8.40</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>P242/40</i>
<i>Airman Pilot.</i>	<i>10.3.41</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>25FTS 7/41.</i>

18. PROMOTIONS, RECLASSIFICATIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REVERSIONS.		
Description	Date	Authority
<i>Ac 2 on enlistment</i>	<i>23. 6. 40</i>	<i>1RC DRO 30 P167/40</i>
<i>Lac</i>	<i>19. 8. 40</i>	<i>P242/40</i>
<i>Sgt (T)</i>	<i>10. 3. 41.</i>	<i>25FTS 7/41.</i>
<i>W/Sgt (T)</i>	<i>1. 8. 43</i>	<i>5 O.T.U 13/43</i>

19. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.

**PERSONAL RECORD OF SERVICE—AIRMEN**

R.A.A.F. Form P/P.25  
(Revised Sept., 1940.)

2. \*CITIZEN FORCE.

5. CHRISTIAN NAMES *William Nicholas Pax* No. *11/8/43.* 6. No. *4400140*

9. NEXT OF KIN Name *Dorothy May Cosgrove* 10. PERSON TO BE INFORMED Name *Mylo Harper*

Relationship *wife* Relationship *(Friend)*

Address *402 NEW ST. ELSTERNWICK. VIC.* OF Address *9 Mulberry St Richmond*

Enter in pencil. CASUALTIES Enter in pencil.

*S/401278. 18 Miles St RICHMOND, VIC. 23.3.44*

15. PREV. NAVAL, MILITARY or AIR SERVICE.	16. Decorations, Medals, Mentions & Badges.
Unit	Decorations, etc.
<i>22nd Field Brigade 168 days 20.6.40 Join RAAF</i>	<i>Flying Badge</i>
	<i>1939-45 Star</i>
	<i>African Star</i>
	<i>Pacific Star</i>
	<i>War Medal</i>
	<i>P51/41</i>
	<i>400101146</i>

20. POSTINGS.		
Posted to	Date	Authority
<i>73 Squadron</i>	<i>7.1.43</i>	<i>73 Sgd 2/43</i>
<i>20.7.43 Mildura</i>	<i>31.1.43</i>	<i>20.7.43 12/43</i>
<i>50.7.43 Forest Hill</i>	<i>8.2.43</i>	<i>50.7.43 10/43</i>
<i>1 R.P.P</i>	<i>19.4.43</i>	<i>1 R.P.P 409/43</i>
<i>30 Squadron</i>	<i>25.4.43</i>	<i>30 Sgd 8/43</i>

21. ATTACHMENTS.			
Attached	From	To	Authority
<i>RAF.</i>	<i>9.11.41</i>	<i>23.4.42</i>	<i>2/ME 24 JED 4/42</i>
<i>18.10 Escot Vale</i>	<i>25.1.43</i>	<i>30.1.43</i>	<i>18.10 58/43 18.10 69/43</i>
<i>18.10 Escot Vale</i>	<i>6.4.43</i>	<i>one day</i>	<i>18.10 22/43</i>

22. MOVEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

*Emb. Sydney of 9.4.41 IED 4/41. Disemb Egypt 5.5.41. MEC/4(P10).*

*Slightly injured, aircraft accident. Port tyre burst on take off causing aircraft to swing & undercarriage to collapse 28.10.41. No. 230/1094 4/11/41.*

*Deplaned at Perth 22.4.42 JED 4/42*

*Killed aircraft accident off Goodenough Island 11.8.43 & S.O.S. of R.A.A.F. same date. - 30 Sgd. 14/43*

23. CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.						26. PAY AND
Rank	Character	Trade Classification	PROFICIENCY			Date
			A	B	C	
Sgt.	W. G.	Airman Pilot	Suf	-	Sat	31. 12. 42
						27.
						Name in Full
						<i>Sorothy May Cosgrove Madeline Sorothy</i>
						28. CASUALTIES, AD
						Nature of Casualty or Disability
						<i>11.8.43 Killed cause not ad. N. Guinea Area. D7814.</i>

24. COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.					
Type of Course	From	To	Result	Authority	
<i>No 2. 17.5 course No 2. (P)</i>	<i>24.6.40</i>	<i>19.8.40</i>			
<i>NOSEETS " No 3.</i>	<i>22.8.40</i>				
<i>Inf Sqd Sq No 4 Cipe</i>		<i>13.1.41</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>P 5/41.</i>	
<i>3-1 Nk base at GHS</i>	<i>11.9.47</i>	<i>6.11.47</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>GRS 9942</i>	
<i>No 33 High Altitude Base.</i>				<i>12.10 73/43</i>	

25. EXAMINATIONS PASSED FOR PROMOTION.					29.	
Rank Passed For	Subject	Date	Remarks	Authority	Act or Regulation	Award
			<i>20/11/45 - 24/11/45</i>		<i>AFA Act 15(1)</i>	<i>Reprimand</i>



AIR BOARD,  
Air Force Head-Quarters.  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1

File No. 166/8/188.

21 OCT 1943

O.i/C. Records.

400140 F/Sgt. COSGROVE, William Nicholas.

A memo. has been received from the Head Office,

Repatriation Commission, No. CX 8875 dated 12/10/43.

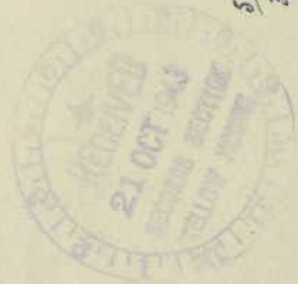
advising that War Pension has been granted to the Widow and Child of the abovenamed deceased at the rates of £5/19/- and £1/15/- per fortnight, respectively, as from 30/9/43.

(CD53/43)

JH.

*W. Pearce*

F/O.  
for Group Captain, D.P.S.



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PARTICULARS FOR ASSESSMENT OF LEAVE CREDITS

DECEASED MEMBERS OF R.A.A.F.

N 400140 RANK: F/Sgt. NAME: COSGROVE, William Nicholas Pasé

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: 25. 6.40. DATE OF DEATH: 11. 8.43.

MOVEMENTS:

Embarked Sydney on 9. 4.41. for Egypt.

Deplaned at Perth on 25. 4.42.

Posted units on mainland.

" 30 Squadron Port Moresby w.e.f. 25. 4.43.

30 Sqd. moved to Goodenough Is. w.e.f. 18. 7.43.

Killed in aircraft accident off Goodenough Is on 11. 8.43.

Attached hereto is Form P/P28 (Record of Leave) of the abovenamed deceased member for notation and return to this office.

No Form P/P28 (Record of Leave) is held at this office in respect of the abovenamed deceased airman.

CECIL F. HURLEY

for Group Captain.  
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS.

19/3/46



*Red*

*D/P.*

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION.

REFERENCE: D.A. No. 814

SERIAL NO. PR467

DATE: 18/8/43.

NUMBER 400140  
RANK F/Sgt.

MUSTERING: A'man Pilot.

NAME Cosgrove W.N.P.  
UNIT 30 Sqn.

DATE AND NATURE OF CASUALTY: Killed - cause not advised N. Guinea Area. 11/8/43.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.  
Artificer  
**PERMANENT FORCES.**

War Service only.  
When used for  
attestation  
other than  
duration of  
War, this  
strip must  
be cut  
off.

Attestation of No. 450140 Name COSGROVE  
9 Mulberry St  
Richmond  
VIC  
William Nicholas Pax  
Joined at No 1 R.A. Melbourne  
on 23.6.40

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove
2. In or near what Town were you born? ... 2. At or near the Town of Randwick,  
in the State of New South Wales
3. Are you a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject of pure European descent? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3. British Subject
4. What is your Age? (You are warned that if you give a false answer to this question you are liable to be severely punished.) 4. 21 Years 11-11-18
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. Photographer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. No.
7. Are you married? ... 7. No. YES.
8. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 8. Yes, Railway Offence
9. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? (You are warned that you are liable to heavy punishment if you make a false answer to this question) 9. No.
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Royal Navy, Marines, Army, Militia, Militia Reserve, Air Force, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and cause of discharge 10. 46th., Battalion 12 months.  
Yes. 22nd. Field Brigade, 3 mths.
11. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? 11. Yes
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 12. Yes, applied to R.A.A. Queenscliff  
Temporarily unfit.
13. Are you willing to be enlisted under the conditions stated in the regulations for the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia? 13. Yes.

DECLARATION.

3. William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Signature of Recruit W. N. Cosgrove

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia for the term of \* Six years or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will, in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

(A recruit who objects to take an oath may "affirm." (see Air Force Regulations.)

\* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Air Force Act and Air Force Regulations of the Commonwealth of Australia. The questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his Naturalization Papers, and am of the opinion they are correct.~~ (In the case of a British Subject, this is to be struck out.)

The said recruit has made and signed the Declaration and taken the Oath at Melbourne  
in the State of Victoria, this Twenty third day of June  
1940, before me.

Signature [Signature]

(A Justice of the Peace or Attesting Officer.)

ATTESTING OFFICER

RECRUITING CENTRE

NAA: A9300, COSGROVE W N P

Description of COSGROVE William Nicholas Pax on Enlistment.

Age <u>21</u> years <u>3</u> months.	WOUNDS, SCARS, OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS.  Large Scar Med. Asp. R knee
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>11</u> inches.	
Weight <u>168</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>37</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Medium</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Medium</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>R.C.</u>	

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named recruit, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendant testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for service in the Permanent Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Date 8th. March, 1940.

Place No. 1. Recruiting Centre, Melbourne

*H. Melville*  
(Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

No. 2 I.T.S. Broadford Park N.S.W

If enlisted by special authority, number and date to be here quoted

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1940

Place No. 1. R.C. Melbourne

*Chapman*  
Commanding FLYING OFFICER  
ATTESTING OFFICER  
NO. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE

D.3610.

**RE-ENGAGEMENT PAPER.**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined (No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
and in my opinion he does not suffer from any disability or ailment likely to interfere  
with the efficient performance of his duties.

Signature of Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORITY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

Re-engagement approved *vide* \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT ON RE-ENGAGEMENT.  
AIR FORCE REGULATION 107, (FORM 2).**

I, (No.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, hereby agree to re-engage for  
service in the Royal Australian Air Force, under the conditions prescribed in the Air  
Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

Signature of Airman \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officer.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**RE-ENGAGEMENT PAPER.**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined (No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
and in my opinion he does not suffer from any disability or ailment likely to interfere  
with the efficient performance of his duties.

Signature of Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORITY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

Re-engagement approved *vide* \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT ON RE-ENGAGEMENT.  
AIR FORCE REGULATION 107, (FORM 2).**

I, (No.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, hereby agree to re-engage for  
service in the Royal Australian Air Force, under the conditions prescribed in the Air  
Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

Signature of Airman \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officer.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

D.3610.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

ENROLMENT OF PERSON IN THE RESERVE.

No. R. \_\_\_\_\_ Name COSGROVE. William Nicholas Pax,  
Joined at \_\_\_\_\_  
Joined on \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ENROLMENT.**

What is your Name? William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove,  
What is your Age? 21 years 4 months.  
What is the Date of your Birth? 11th., November, 1918 ✓  
Are you Married or Single? Single  
Are you a British Subject? Yes  
Where were you Born? { Town Randwick,  
State New south Wales  
What is your Religion? Roman Catholic  
Have you previously served in Australia or elsewhere? If so, state Regiment or Corps,  
Service, &c. Yes, 46th., Battalion, 12 months and 2nd. Fd. Bde.,  
Do you now belong to any Service, Regiment, or Corps? YES No.  
What is your Trade or Profession? Photographer  
Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? Yes, Railway Offence  
Have you ever been dismissed from any part of His Majesty's Service? No.  
What is your { Place of Residence? 9 Mulberry Street, Richmond.  
Business Address? Same

I, William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove declare that the above  
answers made by me to the above questions are true.  
W. N. Cosgrove

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

I HAVE examined the above-named, and Certify that he is medically suitable for the  
Air Force Reserve. cannot Certify

Height \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in. Vaccination Marks \_\_\_\_\_  
Chest \_\_\_\_\_ in. When Vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_ st. \_\_\_\_\_ lb. Marks or Scars \_\_\_\_\_  
Vision R. Eye 6/ \_\_\_\_\_ L. Eye 6/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour Vision \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearing R. Ear \_\_\_\_\_ L. Ear \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Development \_\_\_\_\_  
Complexion \_\_\_\_\_  
Eyes (colour) \_\_\_\_\_  
Hair (colour) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION.\*

OATH.

I, William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law. So help me God!

AFFIRMATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Sworn Declared before me at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this Thirtieth day of March One thousand nine hundred and Forty

W. N. Cosgrove (Signature of Person enrolled.)

Name P. C. Lawrence Flying Officer Existing Officer Address No. 1 Recruiting Centre, Melbourne

\_\_\_\_\_ has been passed by me this day and posted to Class \_\_\_\_\_ of the Reserve. Official Number R. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

RE-ENROLMENT.

I, No. R. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for a period of four years from \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that I agree to re-enroll and to well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia for the term of four years from \_\_\_\_\_ (date), or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Signature of Reservist \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ before me. (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

\* A person who objects to taking the oath may make the affirmation. Cross out form not used. All amendments must be initialed by the Officer or J.P. witnessing the Affirmation. † "Justice of the Peace" means a Stipendiary or Police or Special Magistrate, or some Magistrate of the State who is specially authorized by the Governor-General to administer the oath. \*\* Rank and appointment.

RE-ENROLMENT.

I, No. R. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for a period of four years from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that I agree to re-enroll and to well and truly serve

Our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia

for the term of four years from \_\_\_\_\_ (date), or until sooner lawfully

discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause

His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to

my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

*Signature of Reservist* \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

before me.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_





ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

~~GENERAL~~

CONDUCT SHEET.

Form P/P. 8.  
(Revised December, 1936.)

Signature and Rank of O.C. *R. Schindler*  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 2 I.T.S. LINDFIELD,  
N.S.W.

Sheet No. *23. 6. 40*

Date of Entitlement *23. 6. 40*

Official No. *H0140* Name *COSGROVE William* Date *16. 10. 40* Rank *2nd Lt*

Date *24 JUN 1940*

71500 54 4407 T. H. TENNANT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness [in red ink].	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Award depending with Punishment.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks, with Date.
NO. 2 S.F.T.S. WAGGA.	22/2/41.	LAC		<i>Artifical no entry</i> <i>Reckless no entry</i>	<i>25. 8. 25</i> <i>2nd Lt</i> <i>F/O</i>		Adjutant, No. 2 I.T.S. LINDFIELD, N.S.W.	19 AUG 1940
NO. 2 S.F.T.S. WAGGA.	22/2/41.	LAC		A.F.A. Section 40. "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND AIR FORCE DISCIPLINE" In that he, at WAGGA at approximately 1800 hours on 22/2/41 gave a false name to Service Police by stating he was LAC JOHNSON, Trainee.	NO. 32780 Cpl. CLEARY NO. 26856 Cpl. HICKS S.T.	ADMONISHED	23/2/41. S/Ldr. M.H.de L. EVEREST.	
NO. 2 S.F.T.S. WAGGA.	22/2/41.	LAC		A.F.A. Section 40. "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND AIR FORCE DISCIPLINE" In that he, at the Tourist Hotel, WAGGA at approximately 1800 hours on 22/2/41 was improperly dressed.	NO. 26856 Cpl. HICKS S.T. NO. 32780 Cpl. CLEARY	3 days C.B.	23/2/41. S/Ldr. M.H.de L. EVEREST.	<i>sub</i> <i>7/0</i> <i>23/7/41</i>
NO. 2 S.F.T.S. WAGGA.	22/2/41.	LAC		A.F.A. Section 40. "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND AIR FORCE DISCIPLINE" In that he, at the Tourist Hotel WAGGA at approximately 1930 hours on 22/2/41 purposely broke a beer glass on the counter.	NO. 26856 Cpl. HICKS S.T. NO. 32780 Cpl. CLEARY	2 days C.B.	23/2/41. S/Ldr. M.H.de L. EVEREST.	7 MAR 1941

on the counter of the bar. The bottle was broken with a beer glass. For method of making entries, see Appendix 8/1/1. To be signed by the Adjutant.

*23600*  
Cosgrove W.A.R.F.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

**CONDUCT SHEET**

COMMANDING OFFICER  
NO. 1 EMBARKATION DEPOT  
Signature and Rank of O.C. *[Signature]*

Sheet No. *23-6-40* Date of Enlistment *23-6-40* of *GENERAL* \*  
 Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness *7-4-41* Rank *SPL* Date *7-4-41*  
 † Certified Corrected *[Signature]* Name *COSGROVE, William Nicholas* (In full.)  
 Official No. *400140* Date *7-4-41* Sheet No. *23-6-40* (In letters.)

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness [in red ink].	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Award Dispensing with Trial.	By whom Awarded.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks with Date.
				Certified No Further Entry CO No. 1 Embarkation Depot Ascot Vale	<i>[Signature]</i> Adjutant				
			CERTIFIED NO ENTRY.		<i>[Signature]</i>				30 <sup>th</sup> May 41.
			CERTIFIED NO ENTRY.		<i>[Signature]</i>				24 <sup>th</sup> September 1941

\* "General" or "Service" to be inserted here with suitable rubber stamp.  
 † For method of making entries see Appendix 8/H/L.  
 ‡ To be signed by the Adjutant.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Form F.P. 8.  
(Revised December, 1936).  
R.A.F. Forms 120 and 121.

ORIGINAL PRESUMED LOST AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION

CONDUCT SHEET

Sheet Destroyed.....  
Date of Last Entry.....  
Number of Cases of Drunkenness.....  
Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness.....  
† Certified Correct.....  
Official No. 400140 Name William Pax Cosgrove, General of General  
Rank General Date of Enlistment 23-6-1940 Sheet No. One  
Signature and Rank of O.C. [Signature] Wing Commander [Signature]  
Date 1-8-42 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORD

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness [in red ink].	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Award Dispensing with Trial.	By whom Awarded.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks with Date.
L.S.F.T.S. POINT COOK.	7-6-42	Sgt		A.F.A. SECTION 15(1). Absenting himself without leave :- In that he at POINT COOK absented himself without leave from 0730 hours 7-6-42 to 2000 hours 9-6-42. Total time of 60½ hours.	P/O. Nielsen. Sgt Evans.	Reprimanded	12-7-42	S/Ldr. H. J. F. LE GOOD.	After elect of trial forfeits 3 pay & allowances under K.R. 3470 <u>W.P. 90.</u>
CERTIFIED NO FURTHER ENTRY				<u>W.M. Parker P/O for Adjutant, No. 1, S.F.T.S., R.A.A.F.</u>			11 SEP 1942		
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>Certified no entry for [Signature] Adjutant G.R. School</u>					
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>Mounted Jockey S/C</u>					
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>No. 1 Air Observers School R.A.A.F., Cootamundra, N.S.W.</u>					
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>R.F. Richardson P/O</u>			23/1/43		
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>R.A.A.F., Station, NOWRA, N.S.W.</u>					
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>Adjutant</u>					
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>No. 2 Operational Training Unit</u>			28 FEB 1943		
CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				<u>G.S. [Signature]</u>					

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† To be signed by the Adjutant.

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**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.**

**\* SERVICE CONDUCT SHEET.**

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 Date of Last Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Cases of Drunkenness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness \_\_\_\_\_  
 † Certified Correct 23.6.40 Rank Adjutant Date 16.10.48  
 Official No. 400140 Name COSGROVE William (In full.)  
23.6.40 Sheet No. One (In letters.)

*W. L. Sutherland*  
 Commanding Officer,  
 No. 2 I.T.S. LINDFIELD,  
 N.S.W.

71500 54 4437 T. H. TENNANT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness [in red ink].	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Award dispensed with.	By whom Awarded.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks, with Date.
				<i>Artificed no entry.</i>			<u>24 JUN 1940</u>	<i>W. L. Sutherland</i>	19 AUG 1940
				<i>Artificed no entry</i>	<u>25 S. 252nd F/0</u>			<i>W. L. Sutherland</i>	6 OCT 1940
				<b>CERTIFIED NO ENTRY.</b>	<u>CHIEF GROUND INSTRUCTOR No. 2 S.F.T.S. WAGGA.</u>			<i>W. L. Sutherland</i>	7/3/41
				<b>Certified No Further Entry</b>	<u>Co No. 1 Embarkation Depot Ascot Vale</u>			<i>W. L. Sutherland</i>	

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 † For method of making entries, see Appendix 8/1/1.  
 ‡ To be signed by the Adjutant.

Before compiling this form read the Notes to R.A.A.F. Supplement to Appendix III (Part II) War Manual Part II.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.**

**AIRMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service—Overseas).**

Official No. 400140 Name COSGROVE, William Nicholas Rank 2/Pgt (D)  
(In full in block capitals, surname first.) (Or acting appointment.)

Mustering Airman Pilot Special Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor.)

Date of Birth 12.11.18 Religion R.C. Occupation in Civil Life Photographer

Last Enlisted 23-6-40 Current Engagement Active

If Reservist, which Class ("E," 1-5) \_\_\_\_\_ Whether Married, Single, or Widower Married

Name and Address of Person (or Persons) to be informed of Casualties:

Mrs Dorothy May Cosgrove  
9 Mulberry Street Richmond Vic.  
(In Pencil.)

Relationship Wife  
(In Pencil.)

Any alteration to above (e.g., Promotions) to be made by crossing out and writing above.

SECTION 1.—MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.			SECTION 2.— PROMOTIONS, ACTING APPOINTMENTS (PAID OR UNPAID), REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS.		
Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of effect.	*Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
No 2 S.F.F.A.	No 16 S.	18.3.41	A.B.S. 4/1/41	Sergeant	10.3.41
1 ED	H.Q.'s R.A.F. Mid-East	9.4.41	P.O. 785 13/43	2/Sgt. (T)	1.2.43.
R.A.F. ME	ME Pool	5.5.41.			
No. 8 Squadron	8 Squadron	30.5.41			
No. 9 Squadron	M. G. Command	26.9.41			
M.E.	84 Sqn.	22.10.41			
84 Sqn.	Sqn. 5 ED	23.4.42			
5 ED	1 ED.	4.5.42			
1 ED.	1 SFTS.	30.5.42			
1 SFTS.	2 RS.	11.9.42.			
2 RS.	1 AOS.	12.11.42			
1 AOS.	73 Sqn.	7.1.43			
73 Sqn.	2 OTU	31.1.43			
2 OTU	5 OTU	8.2.43			
5 OTU	1 RPP.	19.4.43			
1 RPP.	30 Sqn.	25.4.43			
			A.B.O. P. 279/40 A.B.S. 2. P.O. 785 4/3	Air Crew V (P) " " II (P) Airman Pilot	19-8-40 10-3-41

\*When on active service overseas, the authority to be quoted will be the serial number of the B.P.S.O.'s Casualty Form.

SECTION 3.—CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

(To be assessed on every occasion on which an airman is struck off the strength of a unit, e.g., on posting, admission to hospital, death, &c.)

Rank.	Character.	Mustering.	Proficiency.*			Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
			A	B	C			
L.A.C.	V.G.	Aircrew 11(P)	11 0/T.			RECOMMENDED	7/5/41	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot.	On Strength for Disposal only				30.5.41	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot	(i) Sgt	-	Mod	Not Recommended	26.9.41	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sgt.	V.S.	Pilob.	Sgt	-	Sgt		31.12.42.	

SECTION 4.—DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.Os.C., ETC.

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect.

NOTES.—This form is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/A. 8, to the Commanding Officer of the Unit (if within the Command) to which the airman is posted whilst effective.

It is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/P. 8, to the B.P.S.O. in all other cases where the airman is struck off the strength of his Unit, e.g., killed, died, admitted to hospital, transferred to Home Establishment, posted outside the Command, &c.

\*The trade proficiency headings "A" "B" and "C" signify—"A" (i) Skilled in his trade (applicable to airmen up to rank of Corporal (inclusive)). (ii) Proficiency as Pilot, Airgunner, or Air Observer (if so mustered or appointed). "B" Ability as technical warrant or non-commissioned officer, i.e., as foreman manager, foreman or supervisor in his trade. "C" Ability as a warrant, or non-commissioned officer, in Administration, drill, discipline, &c. To be assessed as "E" (Exceptional), "AA" (Above Average), "A" (Average), or "BA" (below Average).

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT (OFFICERS)

379

Surname (in capitals) COSGROVE Personal No. 400140  
Christian Names (in full) William Nicholas  
Rank Flight Sergeant Acting Rank (if any) -

A. Details of Officer :-

- 1. Type of commission -
- 2. Branch of Service Airman Pilot
- 3. Duties on which employed Under instruction on No. 4. O.T.U. course.
- 4. (i) Unit 5. O. T. U. (ii) Date of joining 5. 2. 43
- 5. Occasion for report Ref. 2 T.G. Letter 110/4/5 (226A) of 14/4/43
- 6. Period of report. From 5. 2. 43 To 15. 4. 43
- 7. Married or single Married.
- 8. Next-of-kin (relationship and address) Mrs. D. COSGROVE (wife)  
398 New St., Brighton, MELBOURNE.
- 9. Total number of hours flown as observer - pilot 966 of which 69  
air gunner -  
hours have been flown during last ~~six~~ two months. Beaufighter 5 O.T.U. No. 4 course.

B. Commanding Officers' Opinion :-

- 10. (i) General conduct (satisfactory or unsatisfactory) Unsatisfactory
- (ii) Of temperate habit (yes or no) Yes
- 11. Assessments (see paragraph 2 of instructions.)
  - (i) Zeal and energy in performance of duties 5
  - (ii) Personality, force of character, and leadership 6
  - (iii) Reliability and judgment 3
  - (iv) Initiative 5
  - (v) Ability on present duties 5
  - (vi) General standard of professional ability 5

C. Remarks :-

This airman pilot has the necessary initiative, leadership and personal courage to effectively hold a commission, but at the moment lacks the necessary sense of responsibility. He has been an airman pilot since graduating on No 2 Empire Air Training course and this may have effected his attitude with regard to his <sup>present</sup> responsibilities.



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This airman pilot has the necessary initiative, leadership and personal courage to effectively hold a Commission, but at the moment lacks the necessary sense of responsibility. He has been an airman pilot since graduating on No. 2 Empire Air Training course and this may have effected his attitude with regard to his <sup>present</sup> responsibilities.

12. SPECIAL REMARKS (if any, see paragraph 3 of instructions)

13. GENERAL REMARKS (if any)

This N.C.O. has courage, initiative and a forceful personality, however his sense of responsibility and general behaviour are such, that he was in constant trouble, both on and off the station, whilst at this Unit.

His flying, which includes overseas operational experience, is just average, although he is very overconfident.

This N.C.O. is not considered capable of holding commissioned rank.

Date

5-5-43

*B.F. Rose* 5/1dr  
Commanding Officer  
No. 5 Operational Training Unit.

Signature and rank of reporting officer  
(Reproduce in capitals)

B. F. ROSE.

14. Remarks (if any) of senior officer

Signature and rank  
(Reproduce in capitals)

Noted

H. E. Dew. Gov. Print., Melb.

RECORD OF SERVICE - AIRMEN (AIRCREW) Form P/P. 25

Air Force No. 400,140  
 Surname COSGROVE  
 Christian Names William Nicholas Pac  
 Date of Birth 11.11.1918  
 Religion A.C.  
 Marital State Married  
 Next of Kin: Name Chry Dorothy Cosgrove  
 Address 9. Mulberry, Richmond, Vic  
 Relationship Wife

Enlisted for the duration of the war and up to twelve months thereafter as from 24.6.40

PREVIOUS TRADE AND TRADE QUALIFICATIONS.

Photographer

PREVIOUS NAVAL MILITARY or AIR SERVICE.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Discharge</u>
<u>46th Bn.</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>To do Technical Training</u>
<u>22nd Sq. Bn.</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>On joining RAAF.</u>

DECORATIONS, MEDALS, MENTIONS.

<u>Posted to</u>	<u>POSTINGS</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Authority.</u>
<u>No. 2 Initial Training School</u>		<u>24.6.40</u>	<u>A.B.O.P. 167/1940</u>

<u>Attached to</u>	<u>ATTACHMENTS.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Authority</u>

Mustering on Enlistment Aircraftman 2nd Class for Pay - Gp. Y(1P)  
 Re-mustered to \_\_\_\_\_ Authority \_\_\_\_\_ Class. for Pay - Gp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Classification or Rank Date Authority  
A.C.I.? 23.6.1940 A.B.O.P. 167/1940

<u>Nature</u>	<u>COURSES OF INSTRUCTION</u>			<u>Result</u>
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Authority</u>	

PAY AND ALLOWANCES

13061

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Form P/P. 80.  
(November, 1939.)

APPLICATION FOR AIR CREW.

Candidates who apply for selection as Air Crew may be selected for training as Pilots, Air Observers, and Air Gunners for service in the Royal Australian Air Force at home or abroad.

Application form to be completed in candidate's own handwriting.

When completed this form should be despatched to:

R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre

Melbourne. *APPROVED*  
Man Power Officer.  
R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Melbourne.

1. Surname COSGROVE

(Block Letters.)

2. Christian Names William Nicholas Eric

(In full.)

3. Postal Address of Place of Residence 9 Mulberry St.

Richmond E. Vic.

4. Name, Relationship, Occupation, and Address of Next-of-Kin John F. Cosgrove (Em)

Darwin Mobile Force, Darwin. Brother.

5. Date of Birth 12/11/18

6. Married or Single Single

7. Are you a British Subject? Yes. Of pure European descent? Yes.

8. State the Nationality of your Parents. (Nationality at time of death if deceased.)

Father British

Mother British

*Entry suggested*

9. (a) Give particulars opposite of the schools and colleges at which you were educated from the age of 12.	Names and addresses of Schools and Colleges.	Period of Education.	
		From	To
	<u>Darwin College</u> <u>Kew.</u>	<u>1924</u>	<u>1931</u>
	<u>St. Patrick's College</u> <u>East Melbourne</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>

(b) Have you sat for the Intermediate or Junior Public Examination? If so, give particulars opposite.

Name of examining body St. Patrick's College

Description of certificate Intermediate

Date of examination October 1932

Was certificate obtained? Yes.

Subjects passed in English, French, History, Physics,  
Latin, Arithmetic

Subjects failed in Algebra

Subjects (if any) in which a first-class pass was obtained English,  
History.

(c) Have you sat for any other educational examination? If so, give particulars opposite.

Name of examining body

Description of examination

Date of examination

Was examination passed?

Particulars of subjects passed in

(d) Give particulars (with dates) of further education undertaken since leaving school. Name and address of educational establishment or tutor should be stated, subjects taken, and whether whole or part-time tuition.

10. Occupation since leaving school, including nature of work on which now engaged—

Photographic Occupations.

11. Are you prepared to serve for the duration of the war and for a period of up to 12 months thereafter? Yes.
12. Have you had any flying experience? No. If so, number of hours  
Dual \_\_\_\_\_ Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Name of training organization \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a Pilot's Licence? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service 12 months with 46th Battalion (Militia)

14. Attach particulars of any Experience you have had in the following:—

Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering (electrical, mechanical, structural, or civil) \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Combustion Engines \_\_\_\_\_

Fitting and Turning \_\_\_\_\_

15. Particulars of Sports and Games played League 2nd XVIII Football with Richmond 2nds. Cricket with Kodak XI. Some Tennis & Boxing.

16. Have you previously applied for an Appointment in any Branch of the Royal Australian Air Force or Active Citizen Air Force? (If so, give particulars and date.)

NOTE.—An incorrect answer to this question may disqualify a Candidate.

Yes. Applied as Photographer. January 1939.

17. Physical particulars: Height 6ft. Weight 13 stone  
Chest Measurement: Normal 37 Expanded 41

Have you been previously medically examined for Air Force or Civil Flying? No.

18. **CERTIFICATE.**

I hereby certify that the replies set out to the above questions are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Date 27-1-40 W. J. Cosgrove  
Signature of Applicant.

19. **CERTIFICATE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.\***

I am agreeable that my <sup>son</sup>ward joins the Air Force for flying duties, for service at home or abroad.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian.

20. Certificates to be completed by two responsible persons who have known the candidate for a considerable period.

I certify that I have known William Cosgrove for  
(a) 15 years. (b) 10 years.

and can certify as to his moral courage and suitability for service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

(a) Name Paul J. Sawoll J.P. (b) Name Robert Warpa  
Address 19. Rotherwood St Richmond. Address Mulberry St Richmond

\* To be filled in if Applicant is under 21 years of age

# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

## CERTIFICATE OF THE SERVICE AND DISCHARGE OF

The corner of this Certificate to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "bad" character, or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Air Board.

SURNAME COSGROVE

CHRISTIAN NAME William Nicholas Pas OFFICIAL No. AVS. 480140

Date of Birth 12.11.18 Age on Entry into R.A.A.F. 21 years 224 days.

Place of Birth (Town) 12-11-18 Sydney (District and State) N.S.W.

Occupation in Civil Life Photographer

Trade in Royal Australian Air Force Aircrew (P)

Religious Denomination R. C.

Signature on Transfer to the Reserve or Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Engagement in R.A.A.F.—**

(a) State whether in Active or Reserve Active

(b) Period:	Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that Date.	Terms of Enlistment.
	<u>23.6.40</u>	<u>21<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yrs</u>	<u>Separation of 12 months with 12 months' pay.</u>

(c) Date of Actual entry into { Permanent Force \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizen Force 23.6.40

(d) Re-engaged for \_\_\_\_\_ years on \_\_\_\_\_

**Prior Engagement in H.M. Forces.**

Service (Navy, Army, or Air Forces). UNIT	PERIOD.		Rank on Discharge.
	From	To	
<u>46th Bn</u>	<u>1 year to 1938</u>		
<u>22nd Adv. Bde.</u>	<u>3 months 1940</u>		

Date transferred to Royal Australian Air Force Reserve. \_\_\_\_\_ Date recalled from Royal Australian Air Force Reserve. \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address, and Relationship of Person (or Persons) to be informed of Casualties (to be entered in pencil)—

Mr. & Mrs. Boyles Harper  
9 Mulberry St, Richmond, Vic.  
(Friend)

**PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.**

Full Christian Names and Surname of Woman and whether Spinster or Widow.	Place and Date of Marriage.	Present Address of Wife.	No. and date of Part II order promulgating.	Initials of Officer verifying entry.
<u>Dorothy May</u>	<u>Richmond 24.4.1940</u>	<u>9 Mulberry St Richmond Victoria</u>		

Description of Person.	HEIGHT.		CHEST.	COLOUR OF			Marks, Wounds or Scars.
	Feet.	Inches.	Inches.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complex'n	
On Enlistment	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>med</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>med</u>	<u>Large scars, med act. to head.</u>
On Re-engagement							
" "							
" "							
" "							
" Discharge							

Further Description, if necessary ; \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCHARGE PARTICULARS :—**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SERVICE (YEARS) \_\_\_\_\_ (DAYS) \_\_\_\_\_

POSTINGS					PROMOTIONS and RECLASSIFICATIONS (REDUCTIONS and REVERSIONS)		
Departure Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of effect	Arrival Authority confirming	Authority	Description	Date of effect
	IRC	21TS	24.6.40	<sup>A.B.O.</sup> P/167/40	<sup>A.B.O.</sup> P/167/40	AC2 on enlistment	24.6.40
	21TS	5E.F.T.S	22.8.40	<sup>A.B.O.</sup> P/226/40	<sup>A.B.O.</sup> P/242/40	L. H. C.	19.8.40
<sup>A.B.O.</sup> 7D/363 15/10	5E.F.T.S	1E.F.T.S	21.10.40	<sup>A.B.O.</sup> P/151 19/41	<sup>A.B.S.</sup> P.O. 785 4/1/41	Sergeant	10.3.41
A.B.O. 26/40	2.S.F.T.S	NO. 1. E.D.	18.3.41				
S.A.S. 1603. 29/3	1.E.D	M.G. PAF MIO. EAST.	9.4.41				
	RAFME	MEPool	5.5.41	JOS/34/41			
MEP 36/41	MEPool	8. Sq.	30.5.41				
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>					<b>REMUSTERINGS</b>		
					Mustering on enlistment <u>Aircraftman V (P)</u> Remustered to <u>Aircraftman II (P)</u> on <u>19.8.40</u> Authority <u><sup>A.B.O.</sup> 6242/40</u> " <u>Aircraftman (P)</u> " <u>10.3.41</u> " <u><sup>A.B.S.</sup> P.D. 785 4/1/41</u> "		

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY

Rank	* Character	Trade Classification	† Proficiency			Date	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer
			A	B	C		
L.A.C.	V.G.	Trainer Pilot	ii U/T			9-1-41	<i>[Signature]</i> F/Lt
L.A.C.	V.G.		ii U/T			7-3-41	<i>[Signature]</i> F/Lt
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot	(i) /	/	Sat	31 Dec '41	<i>[Signature]</i> F/Lt. for BRSO, 1940.
			(ii) Sat	/	/		

\* Exemplary is the highest character which can be awarded in the Royal Australian Air Force, but is only awarded to an airman with more than 5 years' service. For others, V.G. is the highest award.

† The Trade Proficiency headings "A," "B," "C," signify:—

A. (i) Skill in his trade (applicable to airmen up to the rank of Corporal inclusive).

(ii) Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner (Full Time) or Air Observer (if so mustered).

B. Ability as Technical Warrant, or non-commissioned Officer, i.e., as foreman manager, foreman, or supervisor in his trade.

C. Ability as a Warrant, or non-commissioned, Officer in administration, drill, discipline, etc.

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE**

Certified discharged \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Signature and Rank of Officer authorising the discharge.









# RECORD OF LEAVE.

Form P/P, 28.  
(Revised July, 1933.)

No. 40000 Rank. Sgt Name COSGROVE W. P. Mustering A/110K Joined 23/6/40

Period.	ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE.				SPECIAL LEAVE.				LEAVE IN LIEU.			Balance Due.		
	Days Due.	Leave Granted.		Routine Order.	From.	To.	Days with Pay.	Days without Pay.	Routine Order.	Due on Account of.	Days Due in Lieu.		Date.	Number.
		From.	To.											
<u>23.4.42</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21.7.42</u>	<u>24.7.42</u>	<u>2937/42</u>										
<u>23.7.42</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>31.8.42</u>	<u>6.9.42</u>	<u>3026/42</u>	<u>5.9.42</u>	<u>6.9.42</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>L.W.E</u>					
				<u>1705</u>					<u>319/42</u>					
				<u>319/42</u>					<u>L.W.E</u>					
				<u>328/42</u>					<u>L.W.E</u>					
				<u>311/43</u>					<u>L.W.E</u>					
<u>23.10.42</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20/1/43</u>	<u>23/1/43</u>	<u>733.</u>	<u>17/1/43</u>	<u>19/1/43</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>733. Rate.</u>					
<u>23.1.43</u>	<u>11</u>				<u>17.1.43</u>	<u>14.1.43</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>733. Rate.</u>					
<u>23.4.43</u>	<u>7</u>								<u>733. Rate.</u>					

NOTE.—At the close of each leave period the card is to be ruled out.

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# RECORD OF LEAVE.

Form P.P. 28.  
(Revised July, 1933.)

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mustering Joined

Period.	ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE.				SPECIAL LEAVE.				LEAVE IN LIEU.				
	Leave Granted.			Routine Order.	Leave Granted.			Routine Order.	Due on Account of,	Days Due in Lieu.	Days Taken.		Balance Due.
	From.	To.	Days.		From.	To.	Days with Pay.				Days without Pay.	Date.	

NOTE.—At the close of each leave period the card is to be ruled off.  
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**RECORD OF SICK LEAVE.**

R.A.A.F. Form P/P. 40.

No. 4002 Rank Plt. 2 Name Cosgrove W.P. Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sgt ~~L.P.C.~~ Mustering P

Date of Commencement of Service (for sick leave purposes) 24/6/40

From.	To.	No. of Days.	LEAVE CREDITED (red ink entry) & LEAVE GRANTED (black ink entry).				REMARKS. Insert in this column all leave not debited.
			Full Pay.	Half Pay.	Third Pay.	W/out Pay.	
<del>On sick leave</del>			<del>7</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>37</del>		
			Unlimited				
21/10/40	11/11/40	21	all			} 2 A.F.F.S.	
11.11.40	18.11.40	7	"				



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

1. Rank. <i>W/O</i>		2. Christian Names. <i>William Nicholas</i>		3. Surname. <i>COSGROVE</i>		4. Decorations.	
5. Type and date of commission or engagement, if Airman Pilot. <i>L.T. 10-3-41</i>  Date of expiry. <i>duration</i> <del>exp</del> <i>12 months</i> <i>thereafter</i>		7. Qualifications, including Flying Instructors' grading whether allotted symbols, whether passed Promotion Exam. (with date) and whether passed Staff College Qualifying Exam.		8. Types of service aircraft flown.			
6. Branch or Trade. <i>Airman Pilot.</i>		10. Date of birth. <i>12.11.1918</i>		12. If married: Date. <i>24/4/1940</i>		9. Type on which most proficient. (If under instruction state total number of hours flown on each type and tests passed.)	
11. Religion. <i>R.C.</i>		13. Medical classfn. <i>A1B</i>		14. Date and place of last medical Exam. <i>13/2/40. Melbourne</i>		15. *Date of last vaccination.	
						16. *Date of last inoculation. 1. T.A.B. 2. Cholera. 3. Plague.	

9 and 13-19 to be kept in pencil.

\*To be inserted in unit copy only.

17. Permanent Address. <i>9 Mulberry St Richmond Vic.</i>		18. Next of kin. Relationship and address. <i>Mrs D Cosgrove 9 Mulberry St. Richmond Vic.  Wife</i>		19. Name and address of person to be notified in case of casualty. * Instead of in addition to the next of kin.  <i>as 18</i>	
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\*Delete as necessary.

20. Periods in hospital, or sick quarters, or sick at home.		21. Christian names of wife, and Christian names and dates of birth of dependent children. <i>Dorothy Cosgrove (WIFE)</i> <i>Madeline Dorothy Cosgrove</i> <i>Daughter. 1-2-41</i>	
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22.	Courses of instruction: Subject.	Unit.	From	To	Result.

23.	Postings and Attachments.					Postings and Attachments.				
To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.	To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.	
I.E.D.		P	18.3.41	Ado 36/40						

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EMBARKATION 2

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

1. Rank. Sgt.		2. Christian Names. William Nicholas		3. Surname. COSGRAVE.		4. Decorations.	
5. Type and date of commission or engagement, if Airman Pilot. C.F. 10/3/41.  Date of expiry. Duration & 12 months thereafter.		7. Qualifications, including Flying Instructors' grading whether allotted symbols, whether passed Promotion Exam. (with date) and whether passed Staff College Qualifying Exam.		8. Types of service aircraft flown.			
6. Branch or Trade. Airman Pilot.		10. Date of birth. 12/11/18.		12. If married: Date.		9. Type on which most proficient. (If under instruction state total number of hours flown on each type and tests passed.)	
11. Religion. R.C.		13. Medical classfn. B. 1. 0.		14. Date and place of last medical Exam. 13/2/43 Melbourne, Vic		15. *Date of last vaccination.	
						16. *Date of last inoculation. 1. T.A.B. 2. Cholera. 3. Plague.	

9 and 13-19 to be kept in pencil.

\*To be inserted in unit copy only.

17. Permanent Address.  9 Marlberry St. Richmond, Vic.		18. Next of kin. Relationship and address.  Mr. D. Cosgrave 9 Marlberry Street, Richmond, Vic.  Wife		19. Name and address of person to be notified in case of casualty. * Instead of In addition to the next of kin.  no 18.	
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\*Delete as necessary.

20. Periods in hospital, or sick quarters, or sick at home.		21. Christian names of wife, and Christian names and dates of birth of dependent children.  Dorothy Cosgrave (Wife)  Madelene Dorothy Cosgrave (Child) 1/2/41.	
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22.	Courses of instruction: Subject.	Unit.	From	To	Result.

23. Postings and Attachments.					Postings and Attachments.				
To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.	To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.
No. 1. Emb. Dep.	Embarkation	P	18/3/41	A. B. O.					
H. Q. Middle East Flying		P	2/4/41	36/40 SAS 1605					

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1. Rank. *F/SGT.* 2. Christian Names. *WILLIAM. PAX.* 3. Surname. *COSGROVE* 4. Decorations.

5. Type and date of commission or engagement, if Airman Pilot.  
*Duration ✓  
12 months.  
Date of expiry.*

7. Qualifications, including Flying Instructors' grading whether allotted symbols, whether passed Promotion Exam. (with date) and whether passed Staff College Qualifying Exam.  
*Flying Officer 13/1/41 15/1/41*

8. Types of service aircraft flown.

6. Branch or Trade.  
*A/PILOT.*

10. Date of birth. *12/11/1918* 12. If married: Date. *24. 4. 1940*

11. Religion. *R.C.*

9. Type on which most proficient. (If under instruction state total number of hours flown on each type and tests passed.)

13. Medical classfn. 14. Date and place of last medical Exam. 15. \*Date of last vaccination. 16. \*Date of last inoculation.  
1. T.A.B.  
2. Cholera.  
3. Plague.

9 and 13-19 to be kept in pencil.

\*To be inserted in unit copy only.

17. Permanent Address.  
*18 Queens St  
Richmond*

18. Next of kin. Relationship and address.  
*Wife Dorothy May Cosgrove  
9 Mulberry Street,  
Richmond,  
Victoria*  
*el 11/7/43  
(3019 miles 5/1/43)*

19. Name and address of person to be notified in case of casualty.  
\* Instead of In addition to the next of kin.  
*next of kin*

\*Delete as necessary.

20. Periods in hospital, or sick quarters, or sick at home.

21. Christian names of wife, and Christian names and dates of birth of dependent children.

22.	Courses of instruction: Subject.	Unit.	From	To	Result.
	32 N.R. COURSE No 4 Bomber course	G R.5 SOTU	11.9.42 10.1.43	12.11.42 3.4.43	Pass on 9/42 Pass.

23. Postings and Attachments.					Postings and Attachments.				
To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.	To	Duty	"P" or "A"	Date	Authy.
20TU.	Flying.	P	31.1.43.	P2069/1					
SOTU	"	P	7.2.43	P2073/2					
1 RPP.	"	P	15.4.43	P21 3/3.					
30 Squadron	"	P	25.4.43	P2702 2/4					

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 7/1/34  
 Promotions  
 10.3.41  
 1.2.43  
 POK 7/41  
 SOTU POK 19/43