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DOUGLAS DAVID HURDITCH CBE AE(RAF)
an psc idc



19 Mar 1921 – 7 Jun 2018
Age 97 years

Message from Gp Capt Alan Hurditch (Ret)

I wish to advise that my Dad AVM Douglas David Hurditch CBE passed away on 7 Jun 2018.

Dad was a foundation member of No 460 Squadron, doing 16 operational missions as a Wellington pilot over Europe before being shot down over North Holland. He was a prisoner of war for 1000 days before escaping on one of the long marches.

He undertook a specialist navigators course and was the copilot of "Aries"- a specially modified Lancaster which gained a number of flight records between England and New

Zealand in 1946 including one from Blackbushe UK to Ohakea NZ of 59hours 50mins flight time.

Post war he served in 78 Wing at Malta on Vampires and Meteors, and then the RAAF staff in London, before Commanding No22 Squadron at Richmond on Vampires and Meteors. He was Officer Commanding RAAF Townsville flying Neptune aircraft in 1965-66 prior to attending the Imperial Defence College Course in 1967. He held a number of Senior RAAF staff appointments before becoming DCAS in 1974. He resigned from the RAAF and the last Air Board on 19Mar75.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.(ie his grandson has a grand daughter!)

He was lucky enough to have more years in retirement (43) than he had at work (37) !!

His Certificate of Service lists;

No123 Navigation course UK 1946

No 1 Specialist Navigation Conversion Course UK 1947

No8 Intermediate Air Support Course 1948

No 5 RAAF Staff College Course 1952

No18 General Duties Officer Guided Weapons Course 1955

No 18 Air Support Course 1956

Imperial Defence College Course (UK) 1967

Doug's funeral will be held at Norwood Park Crematorium,
65 Sandford Street
Mitchell ACT, on
Monday 18 June commencing at 1030 hours

And afterwards a gathering at 59 Vasey Crescent Campbell.



Vale Douglas David Hurditch
Good and True Australian

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