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STATEMENT BY DECAFOED, MI-DETENTION, PHOENIX AND I.O.W., RELEASED P.O.W.

1. Particulars of operation on which suggested
I was the W. A. G.... (numbering) in the crew of a Bristol Bombay (type aircraft) L5811...
detailled to fly to target MSUS. LBYA... (name of target) on
the 23-1-42... (date)

WE WERE
NOT
ISSUED
WITH A
PARACHUTE

11. NO. ORDERS.
Observer. Killed: SGT. A. E. CARTER. R.A.F.
11. 1st Pilot. F/O. F. Wilcox R.A.F. severe injuries to Legs. & minor wounds.
2nd Pilot. F/O. Bateman R.A.F. minor ~~and~~ shrapnel wounds.
3. 3rd Pilot. F/O. Green hands.

IV. Nil.
V. Sgt. A. E. CARTER. R.A.A.F.

VII. 2nd Pilot crash landed. inflames.

VIII. Antelat. Libya.

L.A.C.O. Llewellyn. R.A.F. Uninjured on Landing. P.O.W. in P.G. 65.
in June 1942. Sgt Wilson & F/O Wilcox repatriated ^{from Italy} in April 1943
F/O Wilcox. had had a leg amputated. F/O Bateman last
report a prisoner in Germany, had made attempts to escape.
Sgt J. Price P.O.W. in Stalag 18A. Sept 43, after being in P.G. 57
Italy. L.A.C. Hutchinson last seen by me in Tripoli hospital
on 15/2/42 no further word. till the plane up to the time

On 8/5/2/42 no further word.
Sgt. Carter's body was still in the plane up to the time
I collapsed. cannot give details of burial.

BOURSE 2. EATS

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE RECORD OF SERVICE - AIRMEN EXTRACT FROM FORM - PF25

OUR REFERENCE: DGF'S RECORDS: VIC 62/78

YOUR REFERENCE: MX179575 of 11-1-78

NUMBER: 404137 RANK: W/O I NAME: BELL John Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 20-12-1917

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: 24-5-40 For the duration of the war and for a period of twelve months thereafter

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 25-1-46 On Demobilization

MUSTERINGS:

Aircrew V (G) 24-5-40
W/O Air Gunner 13-1-41

PROMOTIONS:

AC 2 24-5-40
LAC 10-7-40
SGT 13-1-41
F SGT 1-9-41
W/O 1-5-43

POSTINGS:

1 WACS	Ballarat	24-5-40
1 BAGS	Evans Head	14-12-40
3 ED	Sandgate	13-1-41
2 ED	Bradfield Park	27-1-41
Embarked	Sydney	3-2-41
Disembarked	Egypt	24-3-41
ME Pool	"	24-3-41
216 Sqn	"	29-8-41
WCAD	MEC	23-1-42
11 PDRG	UK	18-5-45
Embarked	"	8-8-45
Disembarked	Sydney	9-9-45
2 PD	Bradfield Park	9-9-45
3 PD	Brisbane	17-1-46

MOVEMENTS:

Left WD 21-11-41 on duty MEC 9216 Sqn)

PREVIOUS SERVICE:

RMP 1937 - 1940

PRISONER OF WAR:

POW Date: 23-1-42 POW No 225687

Operational Target MSUS (Place Libya)

POW Camps:

Caserta Hospital	Italy)	23-1-42 - 28-5-42
Parma Hospital	Italy)	
PG 65 Gravina	Italy	1-6-42 - 3-7-42
PG 57 Udine	Italy	5-7-42 - 14-9-43
Stalaga 18 A	Germany (Spittal)	14-9-43 - 21-9-43
Stalag IV B	Germany (Muhlberg)	24-9-43 - 23-4-45