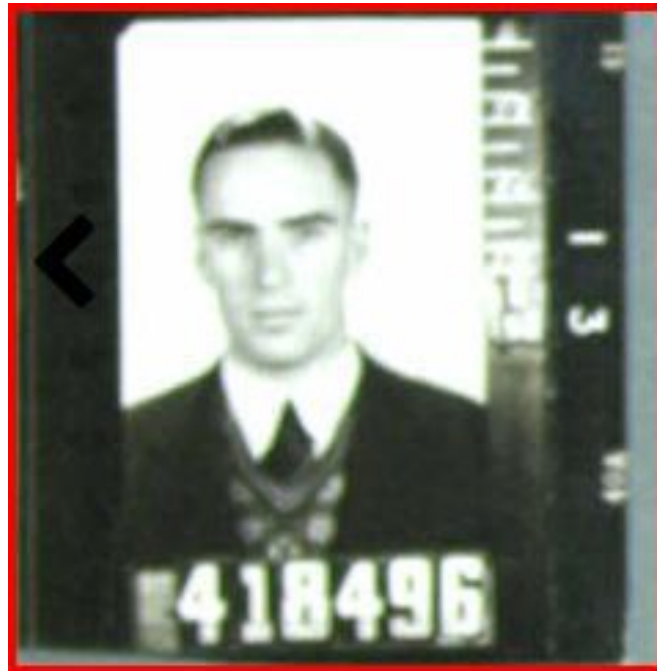


P/O Gladstone Arthur A'Court 418496 RAAF



Gladstone Arthur A'Court was born on 16 July 1920, in the Melbourne suburb of Clifton Hill, Victoria, Australia. His parents were Arthur John and May Elizabeth A'Court (nee Ansett)

Prior to service he worked as a clerk in Melbourne.

He originally enlisted with the Australian Army, in 1941, and served in the 10th Field Ambulance of the Militia. Subsequently he joined the Royal Australian Air Force on 22 May 1942 and began training as a Navigator. He embarked in Brisbane for overseas service in October 1942. As part of the Empire Air Training Scheme he was one of almost 27,000 RAAF pilots, navigators, wireless operators, gunners, and engineers who joined Australian and British squadrons in Britain throughout the course of the war. Before arriving in Britain, Gladstone was one of many Australian airmen who undertook part of their training in Canada.

Arriving in Britain in April 1943, Gladstone undertook further specialist training before being posted to No. 467 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, as Navigator on a four engine Avro Lancaster heavy bomber.

On the night of 22 June 1944, Lancaster ED532, was shot down by a night fighter while taking part in a raid on Gelsenkirchen. All the Australian and British crewmembers were killed.

His remains are buried – side by side with the rest of his crewmates – in the British and Commonwealth Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Germany. He was 23 years old.

Gladstone's name is on Panel 1