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Sergeant-Pilot George Arthur Ross Hardy, 24, Toowoomba.

Sergeant Frank Stanley Pledge, 22, Brisbane.

Sergeant Lord was born at Ulladulla. Before enlisting in June, 1936, he was a shop assistant at Wollongong.

Sergeant-Pilot Williams, Sergeant-Pilot Hardy, and Sergeant Pledge were all born in Brisbane.

Williams was a bank clerk at Cairns, Hardy a commercial traveller at Toowoomba, and Pledge a shop assistant.

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WILLIAMS A20-100
HARDY A20-290