

Name	BADGERY, FRANK ALEXANDER
Service	Royal Australian Air Force
Service Number	412565
Date of Birth	21 Aug 1912
Place of Birth	CUMNOCK, NSW
Date of Enlistment	19 Jul 1941
Place of Enlistment	SYDNEY, NSW
Next of Kin	BADGERY, JOAN
Date of Discharge	18 Oct 1945
Rank	Flying Officer
Posting at Discharge	29 Operational Training Unit
Prisoner of War	No
Honours	Distinguished Flying Cross



NAME	BADGERY, Frank Alexander						
Award	D.F.C.	Reg.No.	412565	Rank	F/LT.	Service	R.A.A.F.
Recommended by Governor-General on				O-R			
Promulgated in London Gazette on				15/9/44.	} G. H. File	R.A.A.F. 3.	
Promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on				21/9/44.			
Citation (G. H. File	RAAF 978)		Skill & fortitude in operations against the enemy.				
Insignia received from London	8/11/45.	PN LONDON.	16/12/46.	G. H. File	L/65.		
Insignia presented by	The Governor-General,						
At	Government House, Sydney,	On	9/8/46.	G. H. File	SYDNEY/14.		
Address of recipient on presentation date	"Burgoon",						
	CUMNOCK.		NEW SOUTH WALES.				

Brief Biography:

Frank Alexander Badgery (known as Alec) was born at Cumnock to Frank Ernest and Annie (nee Stafford) Badgery. The family moved from the Riverina and bought 'Burgoon' in 1926.

Frank received his primary school education at the Malvern School, Hunters Hill, Sydney, and obtained his Intermediate Certificate from the Sydney Grammar School.

On 19 Jul 1941 he enlisted in the RAAF at Sydney. He trained at Tamworth and Bundaberg before embarking at Sydney on 17 Oct 1942, and served in the 431 Squadron in the United Kingdom. His war records state that he flew in Tiger Moth, Anson, Oxford, Whitley, Halifax and Wellington aircraft.

On 30 Mar 1942 he was admitted to hospital with facial injuries. From 11 Aug 1943 to 28 Aug 1944, he flew 210 hours with the 431 B Group Heavy Bombers, in the Halifax aircraft.

Frank married Joan Young, daughter of John Frederick & Annie Young of "Southernwood", Cumnock, at Cumnock in 13 Jul 1940. Frank and Joan had 5 children: Janette, Helen, Robert, Keith and Malcolm. They managed 'Burgoon' until 1964 when the family moved to Queensland. The couple later moved to his father's property 'Vine Lodge' at Exeter, in the Southern Highlands, NSW, in 1970.

Frank Badgery died, aged 69 years, on 21 Jun 1982. Joan Badgery died, aged 89 years, on 26 Jan 2009 at home. They are both interred at All Saints Anglican Cemetery, Sutton Forrest, Southern Highlands, NSW.

The Badgery family feature in the "The Crossroads", History of Cumnock, by Joan Marriott, published 1993.

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