

Percival Edward Pitts

I was born on the 16th of August 1925 in a small town, Wickford – Essex, South East England.

I arrived in Fremantle W.A. on the 3rd April 1928 on board the RMS Orama.

My father was a retired British Army Officer from the Great War 1914-1919.

Because of the hard times brought on by the great depression he bought up land in the Rockingham and Peel areas and took up dairy farming.

I attended several small primary schools and finished my education at Fremantle Technical College. My first job was with the Burroughs Adding Machine Co; to which I was 'manpowered', it being an essential service. After a lot of trouble I managed to get released and joined the Interim Airforce with the intention of going to Japan. This was not to be and I was posted to the Air and Ground Radio School, Ballarat, Victoria. After completion of a course I was posted to '3 tel u' at RAAF Pearce Airbase where I took a leading role in the establishment of a large Aerial Array.

After leaving the Airforce I studied colour at Melbourne Technical College and became a Colour Consultant to the Building Industry working in N.S.W., Victoria and W.A.