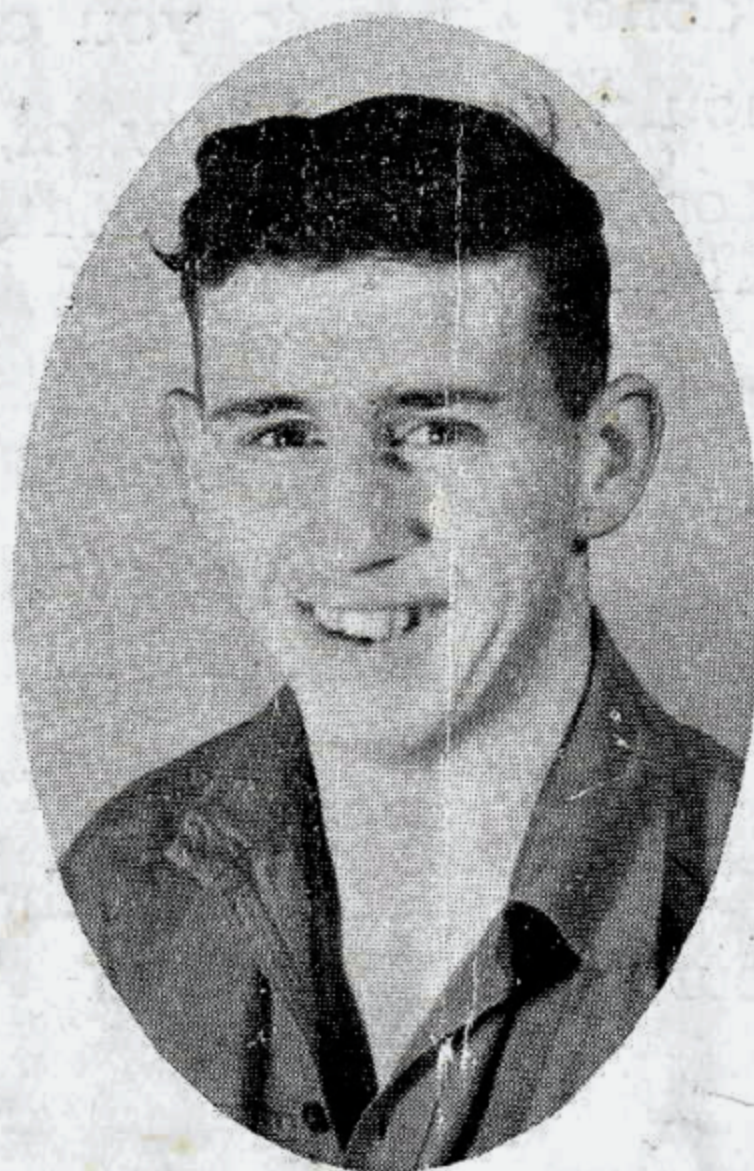


How The Vamp Started



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It was one Friday morning on 7th July, 1939 when 14 Squadron Orderly Room took delivery of a queer-looking machine called a Duplicator. None of the airmen in the room were quite sure of its intricate mechanism and 'Boris' being a man of great initiative and sensing something should be done, immediately typed a wax sheet which was supplied with the machine.

The idea of the name "VAMP" came from a piece of paper with the "VESTA VAMP" on it. (This, it appears, is a publication produced by the Vesta Battery Company once a month or so) and on looking up the meaning of this word in the Dictionary it seemed quite suitable for the purpose—and so the one Wax Sheet with only 6 items on it, was placed on the machine

and hand fed at the rate of only 26 copies per hour, with many heart-rending setbacks. — Anyhow, it was soon discovered how the machine worked.

Only 13 copies were made and distributed among picked 14 Squadron personnel during smoke-oh.

They immediately became popular and so the next week, more items had to be published and many more copies.

This went on for several weeks, with the edition getting larger each week, but still being distributed to 14 Squadron personnel, until one ACI BAILEY (at the time) decided to turn out the RIFF-RAFF for Station.