Venturer Courageous: Group Captain Leonard Trent, V.C., D.F.C. A Biography

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Venturer courageous: Group Captain Leonard Trent, V.C., D.F.C. : a Group Captain Leonard Henry Trent VC DFC (14 April 1915 – 19 May 1986) was a New Zealand pilot. Early life[edit]. Trent was born in Nelson, New Zealand on 14 April 1915, the son of a dentist. His early life was one of adventure. He went to the University of Canterbury and then joined the Royal Air Force. During World War II, he was a flyer with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and later became Group Captain. He was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1941 and the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1944. After the war, he returned to New Zealand and became a pilot for Air New Zealand. He retired from the airline in 1973 and died in 1986. His biography, Venturer Courageous by James Sanders, was published by Hutchinson in 1983. It is a comprehensive account of Trent's life and career.