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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

SUBJECT

400140 Sgt Cosgrove ~~W.N.P~~

CASUALTY - REPATRIATION

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Due for Board Under A.F.O.18/A/29 Date

Signature of a Responsible Officer

MINUTE SHEET

Reference

- 2-11-41 Signal from B.P.S.O. Shaibah. Notifying casualty to Sgt COSGROVE. W. Slightly injured. 1 Encl 1a
- 3-11-41 Extract Particulars P.P.25 furnished from O/C.R. 2 Encl 2a
- 3-11-41 Signal to Mrs Cosgrove Richmond advising of casualty Husband Sgt Cosgrove 3 Encl 3a
- 4-11-41 Notification of casualty to O/C.R. 4 Encl 4a

7.5.42. SAFE IN AUSTRALIA - AUTHORITY - 5 E.D. P.O.R. dated 23.4.42.

- 11/8/43 From 5BPSO advising this member a casualty. 6 Encl 6A
- 12/8/43 To NIK advising this airman a casualty. 7 Encl 7A
- 12/8/43 To 5BPSO requesting signal further details. 9 Encl 8A.

Extract from Casualty Log Book, 12/8/43. G.P.O.rang, telegram from Post Master Casterton:- "Fatal casualty telegram to Mrs.D.M.Cosgrove Glenelg Hotel, Casterton, undelivered. Addressee temporarily away return here indefinite. Addressee may be located at 402 NEW STREET ELSTERWICK or 18 MILES STREET RICHMOND."

- 12.8.43. (Signed) F/O Coghlan. 10 From PM Casterton stating further address of unable contact NIK Encl 10A by 90 Perry 43 Liverpool St North Sydney
- 12/8/43 To NIK advising this member a casualty requesting PM advice of delivery of telegram. 11 Encl 11A+B

14-8-43 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 226 (Killed) 12

Post Master, Richmond, rang and stated new occupants at 9 Mulberry Street, Richmond. Stated former occupants shifted to 18 Miles Street Richmond, but nobody home at that address today, but Post Master will endeavor to deliver telegram at that address this evening. 13 at 7.00 hrs.

- 13.8.43 14 M. Kirby Wing Cdr. for Wing Commander.
- 13.8.43 NOTIFICATION TO E.M. SERIAL No. 314 (Killed) See Encl 2a.

14-8-43. REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 226 (Killed) 15 16

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17
 17/8/43 Preliminary Report on flying accident Encl 17A

18/8/43 From M. Macleod stating further address if not located Encl 18A

14/8/43 19
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DELIVERY OF CASUALTY TELEGRAM to N/K. Encl 19A

20
 1/8/43 Letter to N/Kin confirming casualty telegram. Encl 20A

21
 17/8/43 Mr Cosgrove called. Stated her all that is known and states that there was no need for her to chase any further information; as we would receive further details and advised immediately. J.M. Watt 20

18/6/43 Minute to O/K R.F.M. 9 has talks, advising change of address N/K to 18 Miles St, Richmond Vic. Encl 22A

21/5/43 Signal to Rev. W. Lockington Richmond requesting visit condolence to N/K. Encl 23A

21/8/43 Signal to 50 SIDA from 5 BPSO requesting Chief Memo. Encl 24A

11/5/43 Burial return this member (Extracted & passed to S. H. W. 1/9) Encl 25A

23/8/43 From 5 BPSO enclosing Conf. Memo. see Genl Macmof file Encl 17

27
 9.43. To next of kin giving further details.

28
 (Enclosure 27A)

30/8/43 Application for Death Certificate from Mrs. D. A. Cosgrove. Encl 28A

29
 26/9/43 Death Certificate No. issued to Mrs. D. A. Cosgrove, Casterton, Vic, on the 16th Sept., despatched on 26/9/43. Encl 29A

30
 11.10.43a Repeating officer's Report etc. Encl 30A-F

31
 22/10/43 Copy of Proceedings of Coroner's Inquest Encl 31a

32
 Considered an appropriate case for the issue of a Royal message of Condolence and message despatched on 18/1/44. Encl 32A

33
 S/O Greer advised that Mr. Inledon, A.F.O., rang and advised change of address N/Kin this member to 402 New Street, Elsternwick. Encl 33A

23/3/44. J. Wheeler CPL.

R.A.A.
(M)

MINUTE SHEET

34.

Reference

MINUTE SHEET CONTINUATION OF REPORT NO. 34.

35.

14.5.45.

Further personal effects ref to
encl 33A.B. 34A del. personally 10.5.45.
per Loc. Kilby to Mrs. D. Mc. Hodgson
350 Bridge Rd. Richmond by motor
transport.

14 MAY 1945

R.A.A.F. CENTRAL REPOSITORY KIT STORE

36.

n A 60
6)

[OVER

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

No. 400140 Rank T/SGT. Name COSGROVE, W.N.P.



25 JAN 1950

Despatched to N.O.K.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO



358

MEMORIAL SCROLL

400140 F/SGT. COSGROVE . W.N.P. (Deceased)

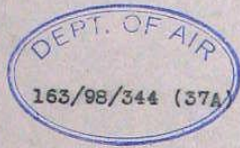
Scroll previously forwarded to.....
and returned unclaimed has now been re-despatched to.....
(Widow Re-Warned), 1 Gower St. Kensington, N1.....
....., in accordance with information
extracted from A.F.C. War Gratuity file.

29/5/52.

E. J. Mayman
.....
D.P.S. Casualty Section.

KRJ
24/1/50

Enclosure 37A



✓
4279

13 FEB 1950

Dear Madam,

I refer to previous communications concerning your late husband, Flight Sergeant William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove, who was laid to rest in the Bomana War Cemetery, New Guinea.

A photograph of his grave is enclosed herewith.

swgs
The cross depicted in this photograph is of a temporary nature only, and is to be replaced later by a permanent headstone to be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission, which is responsible for the maintenance in perpetuity of the graves of deceased servicemen.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langlow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. D.M. Cosgrove,
402 New Street,
ELSTERNWICK. Vict.

24/1
Enc 1.
13 FEB 1950

C/R 163/98/344

Encl 36A

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS/400140 F/SGT. COSGROVE W.N.P.

- 1 parcel containing
- 2 wool pullovers
- 1 drab shirt
- 1 pr blue cotton trousers
- 4 prs drawers
- 1 handkerchief
- 14 negatives
- 2 studs
- 1 cuff link
- 1 blue shirt

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the abovementioned effects.

Date 28.5.45

D. M. Cosgrove

CONFIDENTIAL.

From :- Standing Committee of Adjustment, R.A.F.,
Base Personnel Office, Bombay.

To :- Secretary, Department for Air,
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA.
VIA :- R.A.A.F. Liaison Officer,
H.Q., Air Command, S.E.A.

Date :- 23-1-45


Ref :- EPO/1019/120/COA.

Java and Far East Casualties. Transmission of Effects to
Australia.

AUS. 400.140 SGT. COSGROVE W.N.P.

Further to this Committee's memorandum reference EPO/1001/19/COA dated 29/2/44, addressed to you (copy to R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, Kodak House, Kingsway, London) enclosed herewith are 2 copies of an Inventory of the above named airman's effects which are being sent to you for disposal.

Encls. As stated.


Squadron Leader,
President.

Store No. J/761.
File No. 1019/120.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF AUS 400140 SGT. COBROVE, W.N.F.

DESPATCHED TO SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT FOR AIR, AIR BOARD
VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE.

2 Blue Fullovers.
1 Khaki Shirt.
1 Pr. Blue Trousers.
2 Short Pants.

1 Handkerchief.
1 Pkt. Negatives.
1 Cuff Link.
2 Studs.

C. B. McKeeney
(C. B. McKeeney). P/Lt.
for PRESIDENT.
STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
R.A.F., INDIA.

5. 1. 45/PJ.

Store No. J/361.
File No. 1019/120.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF AUS 400140 SGT. COSGROVE, W.N.F.

DESPATCHED TO SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT FOR AIR, AIR BOARD
VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE.

2 Blue Pullovers.
1 Khaki Shirt.
1 Pr. Blue Trousers.
2 Short Pants.

1 Handkerchief.
1 Pkt. Negatives.
1 Cuff Link.
2 Studs.

C. B. McWeaney
for (C.B. McWeaney). F/Lt.
PRESIDENT,
STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
R.A.F., INDIA.

S. 1. 45/PJ.

Encl: 34 A

Store No. 5/361.
File No. 1015/120.

RECORD OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF AUS 400140 SGT. COBROVE, F.I.P.

DEPARTED TO SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT FOR AIR, AIR BOARD
VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE.

- 2 Blue Pullovers.
- 1 Khaki Shirt.
- 1 Pr. Blue Trousers.
- 2 Short Pants.
- 1 BLUESHIRT
- 2 PRS DRAWERS

- 1 Handkerchief.
- 1 Pkt. Negatives.
- 1 Cuff Link.
- 2 Studs.

RECEIVED THE EFFECTS AS LISTED

Signature [Signature]
Date 26.4.45.

[Signature]
(C.B. McKeown), F/lt.
PRESIDENT,
FOR
STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
R.A.F. INDIA.

5. 1. 45/RJ.

Store No. J/361.
File No. 1019/120.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF AUS 400140 SGT. COSGROVE, W.N.F.

DESPATCHED TO SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT FOR AIR, AIR BOARD
VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE.

- ✓ 2 Blue Pullovers.
- ✓ 1 Khaki Shirt.
- ✓ 1 Pr. Blue Trousers.
- ✓ 2 Short Pants.
- ✓ 1 BLUE SHIRT
- ✓ 2 PRS DRAWERS.
- ✓ 1 Handkerchief.
- ✓ 1 Pkt. Negatives.
- ✓ 1 Cuff Link.
- ✓ 2 Studs.

C. B. McWeeney

(C.B. McWeeney). F/Lt.
for PRESIDENT.
STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
R.A.F., INDIA.

RECEIVED THE EFFECTS AS LISTED

Signature *Garion*

24/45

5. 1. 45/PJ.

Date

Encl 33A

XXXXXXXXXX
F2261

XXXXXXXXXX

RAAF.163/98/344(33A)

Central Repository Kit Store,
Cnr. Howard & Rosalyn Sts.,
WEST MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Madam,

- 2 MAY 1945

With reference to the Service affairs of your late husband, Flight Sergeant William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove, I desire to inform you that further personal effects as shown on the attached inventory have been received by Royal Australian Air Force Central Repository, West Melbourne, from India, and are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

I shall be glad if you will kindly acknowledge receipt of the effects referred to by signing the form of receipt endorsed on the duplicate copy of the inventory and returning same to this Headquarters in due course.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]

.....S/LDR.
Officer in Charge,
CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

Encl.

Mrs. D. M. Cosgrove,
402 New Street,
ELSTERNWICK. VIC.

Serial 333.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS/400110 P/SGT. COSGROVE W.I.P.

- 1 parcel containing
- 2 wool pullovers
- 1 drab shirt
- 1 pr blue cotton trousers
- 4 prs drawers
- 1 handkerchief
- 4 negatives
- 2 studs
- 1 cuff link
- 1 blue shirt

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname COSGRIVE

(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names W. N. D.

Rank 207 Unit _____

Number 400150

RECEIPT FOR 1 (ONE)

- (a) Universal Kit Bag
- (b) Sea Kit Bag
- (c) Steel Trunk
- (d) Fibre or Leather Trunk
- (e) Suitcase
- (f) Case or Package

Strike out words not required

Small
No. 56778

R.A.A.F. Kit Store No. Central

Issued by [Signature] Date 20/1/50

(To be handed to depositor)

INDIA

CASE T 2

Personal effects of 40000 F/... COSGROVE W.N.P.

- 1 parcel etc
- 2 wood pulleys
- 1 dark shirt
- 1 pair blue cotton trousers
- 4 pairs of drawers
- 1 sandal shirt
- 11 negatives
- 2 shoes
- 1 cufflink
- 1 blue shirt

Assets
 Collection 7/1/25

EXTRACTED

1 from P.T 28

LATE 400140 F/SGT. COSGROVE, William Nicholas Pax

O. i/c Records, FM, Cas. Index Kit Stone

It is requested that the change of address of the
Next of Kin of the above-named deceased airman be noted in all
records.

Mrs. D.M. Cosgrove, (Wife)
402 New Street,
ELSTERWICK, VIC.

RECORDED IN REGISTER

By *flour cpe* 23/3/44.

23/3/44.
(JLM)

[Signature]
for Wing Commander,
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE *Enc 31A*

Proceedings of Court of Inquiry—Flying Accidents

The Court was assembled on (date) ~~11th August 1943~~
 at (place) ~~11th August 1943~~
 with instructions
 A report on the circumstances connected with the accident on (date) 11th August, 1943.
 Between VIVIANI ANCHORAGE and BOIA BOIA, GOODENOUGH ISLAND

AIRCRAFT*			ENGINE.		
Type and No.	Extent Damaged, e.g., Totally, Seriously, Slightly.	Type.	Number.		Extent Damaged, e.g., Totally, Seriously, Slightly.
			W.D. No.	Maker's No.	
Beaufighter A19-74	Total Loss	Beaufighter Humber	Port 4373	Std. 4727	Total Loss

OCCUPANTS.						
Name.	Rank.	Unit.	Whether Pilot or Passenger on Flight.	Seat Occupied.	No. of Aircraft.	Extent Injured, e.g., Fatally, Seriously, or Slightly. (Name briefly principal injuries.)
COSGROVE W.A.P.	F/Sgt.	30 Squadron.	Pilot	Pilot	one	Killed
LEIGHTON B.A.	F/Sgt.	30 Squadron.	Nav. BW.	Observer	one	Missing believed Killed.

for the purpose of—

- a C.O.'s report on the findings of the Court on page 3 of this Form.
- (i) Establishing the facts called for in the findings of the Court on page 3 of this Form.
 - (ii) Enabling the Court to state, on page 3 of this Form, its opinion as to the cause of the accident and to make recommendations for the future.
 - (iii) Inquiring specially into the serviceability of the aircraft at the commencement of the flight.

NOTE.—*If more than one Aircraft is involved, insert here first in order the names of the occupants of the Aircraft entered first above.
 †Here insert additional special points of inquiry (if any) contained in instructions of the authority convening the Court.

COMPOSITION OF THE COURT. INQUIRY			
	Rank.	Name.	Unit.
President	Commanding Officer.		
Members			
In attendance			

LIST OF WITNESSES.					
Rank.	Name.	Unit. (If Civilian, state so.)	Rank.	Name.	Unit. (If Civilian, state so.)
	No. witnesses.				

St 9705

8. We have been unable to obtain the Evidence of the following material Witnesses :-

Name	Rank	Unit	Reason precluding obtaining of evidence.	How concerned with accident.
No witnesses available as accident was not witnessed and only discovered when other aircraft returned to base				

9. This Accident has been reported to the 9th Squadron and Signal Squadron Headquarters,

10. The cause of the Accident was in my opinion Indeterminate, but possibly caused by dropping a wing shortly after take-off with no horizon or possibly attempting to turn too soon.

11. Blame for the Accident is attributable to _____ for _____ and to _____ for _____

12. The Injuries sustained by occupants of Beauflighter were received not received "on duty."

13. The injuries sustained are likely to incapacitate 40140 P/Sgt. COUGHROW W.M.F. (Pilot) killed.
are not likely to incapacitate 3024 P/Sgt. LINDSAY R.A. Nav. D.M., Missing Believed killed.
 for further Flying Duties likely and are not likely to incapacitate
 for further Service likely and are not likely to incapacitate

Signature of President of Court W. H. G. G. G.
 Officer Commanding No. 30 Squadron R.A.A.F.

Members of Court

Date of Signing 25.9.43

Note.—If the Court desires to make further findings or recommendations, they should be set out on separate sheets and attached to the proceedings.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING.

In view of the considerable service experience of this pilot, and the investigation into the serviceability of the aircraft, no cause can be attributed. Inquiry revealed that no engine ^{problems} had been experienced with this aircraft since its last 40 hourly inspection. Testing pilot reported it to be operating normally. The accident can therefore only be attributed to an error of judgment by the pilot with regard to E/B77 all daily inspection checks (Page 5) flying log (Page 9) periodical inspection certificate (Page 10) and change of serviceability and repair log (Page 13) are satisfactorily completed with the exception of the pilots initials (Page 5) for this particular flight.

Date of Signing 26.9.43 I concur W. H. G. G. G. Unit Officer Commanding No. 30 Squadron R.A.A.F.

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REMARKS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY. Commanding No. 71 Wing Headquarters

RULES OF GUIDANCE RE COURTS OF INQUIRY INTO FLYING ACCIDENTS

(a) Flying Accidents.

"Flying Accidents" include all accidents arising from causes other than enemy action, and shall include not only those arising in flight, but also those arising—

- (i) in starting the Aircraft for its flight, including Aircrew Accidents;
- (ii) in landing or alighting on water after its flight;
- (iii) in hoisting an aircraft out of or into a ship and securing it on board.

(b) Circumstances necessitating the holding of these Courts.

(i) Accidents at every place in the Commonwealth.

(a) All Flying Accidents where an occupant of an Aircraft or other person is injured fatally or to such an extent as is likely, in the opinion of a Medical Officer, to occasion such person's absence from duty in hospital for a period of at least 7 days, independently of whether the cause of the Accident is or is not free from doubt.

(b) All other Flying Accidents involving personal injuries of a less serious nature or resulting in damage of any description to an Aircraft, engine, or other property, unless the Officer Commanding is satisfied that the cause of the Accident is free from doubt, and that the holding of a Court of Inquiry would serve no useful purpose.

(c) Whenever there is evidence of negligence or default connected with the loss of or damage to an aircraft.

(ii) Accidents in the Field (other than Training Centres abroad).

All Flying Accidents involving any injury or damage to persons or property, including Aircraft, unless the Officer Commanding is satisfied that the cause of the Accident is free from doubt and that the holding of a Court of Inquiry would serve no useful purpose.

(c) If personal injuries have resulted from the accident to an officer or airman or to a civilian, the instructions contained in K.R.1325 or K.R.1329 as appropriate will be followed.

(d) Conduct of the Court.

(1) The Findings which the Court are called upon to make (on pages 2 and 3 of this Form) should be kept clearly in view in conducting the inquiry.

(2) The Court will bear in mind that their Findings (including their Opinion as to the cause of Accident and the recommendation for the future) must be based upon and supported entirely by the recorded evidence of the witnesses or by additional facts ascertained by the Court themselves, which they will record in items 7 and 8 of their Findings.

(3) The Court will, therefore, ensure that the necessary witnesses are called and that their evidence on all material points is ascertained and recorded. If the Court have not considered it necessary or feasible to visit the scene of the Accident or to examine Log Books they will state these facts in items 6 and 7 of their Findings.

(4) Where the injuries to any person involved in the accident are such as preclude his evidence being available when the Court is held, the Court will so state in item 8 of their Findings.

(5) The Court should investigate whether the failure of any part of the engine or Aircraft, or the inefficient working of any accessory, was a contributory cause of the accident, and record their opinion.

(6) The evidence of every witness may be recorded by hand, or typewritten. This will be done on ordinary foolscap sheets. Both sides of the sheet should be used. The pages of these sheets (after being signed as described below) must be consecutively numbered and securely fastened.

(7) Each witness must sign each page of the evidence upon which his own evidence is recorded.

(8) The questions put to witnesses should be as simple as possible, and the Court should see that the recorded evidence of each witness is free from ambiguity.

(9) When it appears that the inquiry affects the character or professional reputation of an officer or airman, the Court is to ensure compliance with the provisions of K.R.1318.

(10) A copy of the Convening Order should be attached to the Proceedings.

(e) Whenever such inquiry is relevant to the case under consideration, the Court will particularly inquire and record its opinion whether the unit aircraft maintenance orders have been complied with and, if not, who was responsible, and will forward with the proceedings such extracts from the orders as may be necessary. The Court will also record whether any relevant modification has not been embodied and, if so, the reasons for its omission.

(f) The Headings of the Findings of the Court have been framed so as to meet the case where more than one Aircraft is involved in the accident, and the Court will take care to see that the Findings clearly indicate to which Aircraft they refer.

POSTAGRAM.

Enc. 30A.

23rd OPERATIONAL BASE UNIT
R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

PA607 PGM 23/SEP

ATTENTION	REPOSITORY	STORE	(.)	REFERENCE
400140	FLIGHT	SERGEANT	COSGROVE	W.
H.	P.	(.)	AFTER	ACTION
ACCORDANCE	PARAS	13E	AND	13F
ADMINISTRATIVE	INSTRUCTIONS	FORWARD	MEMENTOES	AND
EFFECTS	TO	EXECUTRIX	AND	WIDOW
MRS.	DOROTHY	HAY	COSGROVE	18
HILLS	STREET	RICHMOND	VICTORIA	(.)

NOT
James Bruce
P/O

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR
MINUTE PAPER

Serial *Also*
No. *620* *Enc 300.*

SUBJECT: NO. H00140. F/BGT. COSGROVE, WILLIAM NICHOLAS PAX.

D.P.S. (Casualty Section)

In accordance with A.E.O. 465/43, para 18, it is advised that the person properly entitled to the property of the above-named deceased member is:-

in PD 25 & back 32A

NAME	CAPACITY	REL'SHIP	ADDRESS STREET
<u>COSGROVE.</u>			<u>402 NEW STREET.</u>
<u>DOROTHY MAY.</u>	<u>EXECUTRIX</u>	<u>WIDOW.</u>	<u>16 MILERS ST., EASTERNWICK RICHMOND, VIC.</u>

2. It is requested that you advise the appropriate Kit Repository Store accordingly.

22/19/43
(JD27/43)

230 BU
Memorandum

Recommend 4/6
to Area Finance Officer,
(Deceased Personnel Section)

Effect. found
Refer back 33A.
Noted in C. of A. Section
20/19

Enc 300.

INVENTORY OF PRIVATE EFFECTS.
OF
400120. P/SGT. COSGROVE W.P.
(PILOT DECEASED)

Trunks Swimming.	1. PR.
Trunks Blue.	1. PR.
Shirts Blue.	1. NO.
Pyjamas.	1. PR.
Support Elastic.	1. NO.
Shorts white.	1. PR.
Shirts white sports.	1. NO.
pouch Tobacco.	1. NO.
wallet containing photos.	1. NO.
Pilots Log Book.	1. NO.

Above inventory taken by me on the 10th August 1943.

Neil Laithley
.....P/SGT.
EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT.

Certified correct.

Shannon
.....F/O. *14/8*
EQUIPMENT OFFICER,
NO. 30. SQUADRON.

ExCD

FROM : Headquarters, No. 30 Squadron, R.A.A.F.
 TO : Casualty Section, RAAF HQ, MELBOURNE.
 Headquarters, No. 5. DFGO, R.A.A.F. DARWIN.
 Headquarters, Air Reposition Store, R.A.A.F. TOWNSVILLE.
 DATE : 7th. SEPTEMBER, 1943.
 REF : *73/19-20/P1 73/18/P1 (15A)*

No. 406140 F/Sgt COSCHOVIC, F. N. P. -- Airman Pilot.
 No. 3024 F/Sgt LE CALFFON, B. A. -- Navigator (EW)

The flying log books of the abovenamed were included in the inventory of personal effects forwarded by the Adjusting Officer of this unit to you on 16th. AUGUST, 1943.

2. The log books were inadvertently transmitted to the Director of Postings at Air Force Headquarters and it is requested that your records be accordingly adjusted.

W. J. King
 WJ
 WJ King Commander,
 Commanding, No. 30 Squadron, R.A.A.F.

Embod.

73/18/112

Group N238, R.A.A.F.;
C/- A. P. F/O 71.,
TOWNSVILLE, Q.
16th. AUGUST, 1943.

73/18/112

Airforce Headquarters,
Casualty Section,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

No. 400140 P/ser COSGROVE, W. N. P. -- AIRMAN FLIGHT.

Forwarded herewith in accordance with ABO. A65/43,
Report on Disposal of Effects and Adjustment of Affairs of the
abovementioned member.

C. Pearce

Flight Lieutenant,
Adjusting Officer.

D.S.A. (Personal Section)
Adjusting Officer's report
referred for notation and
necessary action.

22.8.43 for Group Captain, D.P.S.
2. 9. 43 for Group Captain, D.P.S.

James King
Sharon forwarded to 20.

Key to D.S.A.

REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF EFFECTS AND ADJUSTMENT OF AFFAIRS OF
 No. 400140 F/Sgt COSGROVE. W. N. P. - airman pilot - No. 30
 Squadron. R.A.A.F., reported killed in Beaufighter aircraft
 A19-74 on take-off on 11th. AUGUST, 1943 near VIVIGANI ANCHORAGE,
 GOULBURNOUGH ISLAND.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT OF ADJUSTING OFFICER.

I appoint Flight Lieutenant C. W. WEAVER (262219) as Adjusting Officer to
 adjust the affairs of No. 400140 F/Sgt COSGROVE. W. N. P.

12th. AUGUST, 1943.

C. P. GLASSCOCK
 (C.P. GLASSCOCK)
 Wing Commander, Commanding No. 30 Squadron.

The following are the vouchers numbers of the items returned to Store:-

E/A 23	Distribution Sheet	R.G.S. 886	13/8/43
E/A 30	Clothing Card	R.P.C. 890	13/8/43
E/A 84	Active Service Kit Card	R.S.K. 889	13/8/43.

The following items have been reserved as mementoes and have been forwarded
 along with private property to the Repository Store at CARBUTT, QLD :-

Badges Drab, Set of three	1. No.
Badges Pilots White on blue	1. No.
Badges Cap Oxidised	1. No.
Badges Crown large	1. No.

An inventory of deficiencies in Public Effects is attached and all reasonable
 efforts have been made to trace the items listed.

An inventory of Private Property is attached and the items have been forwarded
 to the Repository Store at CARBUTT, QLD.

No will has been found among effects or elsewhere in the unit.

The sum of Five pounds (£5) has been found among the effects of the abovementioned
 member and has been paid to the Collector of Public Monies at GOULBURNOUGH ISLAND
 (official receipt No. A349276).

Pay book, collector of public monies receipt, clothing cards and Service kit
 cards were forwarded to the Unit Accountant Officer on 15th. AUGUST, 1943.

GENERAL COMMENTS OF ADJUSTING OFFICER.

No comment.

Dated the sixteenth day of AUGUST, 1943.

C. W. WEAVER
 Flight Lieutenant,
 Adjusting Officer.

COMMENTS OF COMMANDING OFFICER ON EXCEPTIONAL DEFICIENCIES.

No. comment -- Not applicable.

Dated the sixteenth day of AUGUST, 1943.

C. P. GLASSCOCK
 (C.P. GLASSCOCK).
 Wing Commander, Commanding No. 30 Squadron.

GOULBURNOUGH ISLAND.

16th. AUGUST, 1943.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS OF
NO. 400140. F/SGT. COSGROVE W.P. (PILOT DECEASED)

The following vouchers have been used to record return of items to Equipment Store:-

E/A.23. Distribution Sheet.	R.C.S. 880	13/8/43.
E/A.30. Clothing Card.	R.F.C. 890	13/8/43.
E/A.84. Active Service Kit Card.	R.S.K. 889	13/8/43.

The following items have been reserved as mementoes and have been forwarded with private effects to R.A.A.F. Kit repository Store Townsville.

Badges Drab. set of 3	1. NO.
Badges pilots white on blue.	1. NO.
Badges Cap Oxidised.	1. NO.
Badges crown Large.	1. NO.

INVENTORY OF DEFICIENCIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFECTS.

E/A.23.

G0D/105.	Masks Oxygen	1. NO.
Y10A/12443.	Receivers Tel Head.	2. NO.
Y10A/12100.	Bands Tel. Head.	1. NO.
Y10A/20100.	Comms Instrument	1. NO.

E/A.84.

R3/102.	Dressing Field.	1. NO.
L20/0070.	Equipment Web.	1. NO.
L23A/72.	Ointment Anti-gas.	1. NO.

E/A.30.

L4/83.	Jackets Caruigan	1. NO.
L0/3.	Boots Airmens	1. PR.
L0/74.	Caps working Seret.	1. NO.
L0/18.	Hats Fur felt.	1. NO.
L3/90.	Jackets A/Mens Blue	2. NO.
L3/31.	Shoes black A/Mens.	1. PR.
L3/37.	Trousers A/Mens Blue	2. PR.
L3/90.	Trousers Drab.	1. PR.
L0/137.	Bands Hat Knaki.	1. NO.
L3/140.	Greatcoat.	1. NO.
L3/4.	Badges Blue Em.Eagle	4. NO.
L3/80.	Badges Blue Chev	6. NO.
L3/82.	Badges Drab Chev	3. NO.
L3/112.	Badges Oxidised	1. NO.
L2/00.	Shoes Working.	1. PR.
L20/0040.	bags Sea Kit.	1. NO.

E/A.30. CONTINUED.

L4/0.	Brushes -lacking.	1. No.
L4/7.	Brushes clothes.	1. No.
L4/04.	Collars B/Grey Sort.	5. No.
L4/8.	Brushes hair.	1. No.
L4/24.	Housewife.	1. No.
L4/02.	Shirts B/Grey Airmens.	2. No.
L4/07.	Singlets Cotton.	2. No.
L4/18.	Combs hair.	1. No.
L4/21.	Dressings Field.	1. No.
L4/04.	Knickers woollen.	2. No.

All reasonable efforts have been made in an attempt to locate the deficient items, but without success. 30. Squadron D.R/ 79 dated 12/8/43 has been raised to write on discrepant items shown on E/A.23.

Brand
..... No. $\frac{14}{8}$
EQUIPMENT OFFICER.
NO. 30. SQUADRON.

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No. *Enc. 306*

Call IN
and :-
Preface OUT

POSTAGRAM

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Office Date Stamp.

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TO* RAAF HEADQUARTERS (R) I NP60

FROM* GROUP 827 (KIT REPOSITORY)

Originator's Number.
M 906 PGM

Date.
1 OCT

In reply to Number and Date.
P4607PGM 23SEP

REFERENCE	400140	F/SGT	COSGROVE	W	P	5
DECEASED	(.)	SGTS	CHEV. IRONS	ONE		10
SET	BADGES	PILOT	WHITE	BADGES		15
CAP	BADGES	CROWN	LARGE	AS		20
REMEMBRANCES	AND	ALL	PRIVATE	EFFECTS		25
DESPATCHED	AS	DIRECTED	1 OCT	(.)		30
ALL	ACTION	COMPLETED	THIS	REPOSITORY		35
1 OCT						40
						45
						50

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may *not* be sent by W/T.
Signature *Valou 8/6*

This message must be sent IN CYPHER and may *not* be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority*

TIME of ORIGIN
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T.O.R.

* Originator to insert "NOT" if message is not to go by W/T over any part of the route. (Below this line is for Signals use only).

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T.H.I.

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ORIGINAL

DISSECTION REPORT

R.A.A.F. FORM P/P 126

Enc. 304

Deposit Receipt No. 20554 Kit Store No. 5 at GARRUTT

No. 400140 Surname COSGROVE Christian names W. P.
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Rank F/SGT Unit 20 Sqn

Service Memento and C.I. Disc	Remarks
1 hat Goggles Leather Sgt. 1 Goggles Pilot white 1 Goggles cap. Oxidised. 1 Goggles Browns Large	
Private Property	
1 pr. Union Trunks	1 pr. Blue Trunks
1 Blue Shirt	1 pr. Pyjamas
1 Elastic Suspend.	1 pr. White Shorts
1 Tobacco Pouch	1 Walled. Photos
Service Property (if any)	
Dissected by <u>A. V. Eather 26.6.43</u>	
Date <u>28.7.43</u>	

DESPATCH REPORT

The Service memento and items of personal property listed above have been forwarded to

M^{rs} D. M. COSGROVE address 18 miles St. Richmond. Victoria

on _____ day of _____ 19 _____

REGISTERED DESPATCH CONSIGNMENT DOCKET No. _____ From TOWNSVILLE

dated _____

Authority Air Board **LETTER SIGNAL** Ref. PA607 PGM dated 22nd Sept 1943

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature
Date 10/43

R.A.A.F. Kit Store No. 5

Carl 287
R.A.A.F.
Form No. P/P 116,
July, 1942.

APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ON
WAR SERVICE.

File / /

Application is made for the issue of a Death Certificate of:

No. *400140*

Rank *Flight Sergeant*

Full Name *William Nicholas Rex Cosgrove*

Number of Certificates required *ONE*

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

Self

*250
-6
2/2/42*

Name and Address of person or persons to whom Certificate/s to be issued

*Mrs. V.M. Cosgrove
Glenclyde St.
Bassendun*

Signature of applicant *W.M. Cosgrove*

Address *Glenclyde St.
Bassendun*

Date *30/8/42*

Note: The above application is to be forwarded in an envelope addressed to The Secretary, Department of Air, Victoria Barracks, MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

O.Hain 8/9/43

Enclosure 27A

154709

163/98/344

SEP 10 1945

Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXX LA.5271.

RAAF.163/98/344(27A)

Merton Hall,
XXX Anderson Street
South Yarra,
S.E.1.

Dear Madam,

It is with deep regret that I refer to the death of your husband, Flight Sergeant W.N.P. Cosgrove, which occurred on the 11th August, 1943.

A further report of the circumstances in which your husband lost his life has been received, and from the report, your husband was the pilot of a Beaufighter aircraft which was detailed on the date mentioned above, along with other aircraft to carry out an offensive sweep against the enemy, and I regret to state that his aircraft failed to return.

The wrecked aircraft was later located and it was presumed that the crash occurred shortly after the take off but no evidence could be ascertained as to the cause. Your husband's body was recovered and buried at 5.45 p.m. on the 11th August, 1943.

Permit me once again to express the sincere sympathy of this Department in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

M.C. Langslow
(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. D.M. Cosgrove,
18 Miles Street,
RICHMOND, Vic.

M.C. Langslow
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

Call No. *IN* No. of Groups *CR.* Office Date *STATE*
By *face* *OUT*

TO : THIRTY SQUADRON (R) R.A.A.F. H.Q. (FOR CASUALTY SECTION)

FROM : 5 B.F.S.O. Originator's No. *P 692* / *ICM* Date *21 AUG.* In Reply to

R 400140 F/SGT COSGROVE *W.P.* (KILLED) *N* 3024 F/SGT Le GRIFFON B.A. (MISSING BELIEVED KILLED) (.) CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM REFERRED TO IN YOUR P.238 OF THE 16th AUGUST NOT RECEIVED (.) REQUEST YOU FORWARD FURTHER COPIES

CHECKED ON NOMINAL ROLL
By *etp* *22/8*

22/8 *Conrad*

Signature *[Signature]* Originator's Instructions Time of Origin *211432K*

Enc. 23A

VERY REVEREND W. LOCKINGTON. CATHOLIC PREBYTERY. RICHMOND. VIC.
AIR FORCE H/Q. SOUTH YARRA. P.A. 780 21 AUG.

STAFF	CHAPLAIN	MORRISON	APPRECIATE	VISIT
CONDOLENCE	MRS.	D.	M.	COSGROVE
IS	MILES	STREET	RICHMOND	WHOSE
HUSBAND	FLIGHT	SERGEANT	WILLIAM	NICHOLAS
PAX	COSGROVE	LOST	HIS	LIFE
11th	AUGUST	(.)	KINDLY	ADVISE
BY	LETTER	WHEN	VISIT	COMPLETED

RR Morrison & Co.

210730/2

ENC. 22A

LATE 400140 F/SGT. COSGROVE, William Nicholas Fax

O. i/c. Records, FM a Cas Ctlk.

It is requested that the change of address of the Next of Kin of the above-named deceased airman be noted in all records.

Next of Kin Mrs. D.M. Cosgrove, (WIFE)
 18 Miles Street,
 RICHMOND, VIC.

18/6/43
(JLW)

Wardle 4/1/43
for Wing Commander,
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

RECORDED IN REGISTER
18/6/43

By.....

D.L.N.
14/8/43

Encl. 20A

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LA. 5271. 146381

Casualty Section,

Merton Hall,
xxx Anderson Street,
South Yarra,
S.E.1.

Aug 26 1943

163/98/344

Dear Madam,

It is with deep regret that I confirm the information conveyed to you by telegram dated 12th August, 1943, from this Department that your husband, Flight Sergeant William Nicholas Pax Cosgrove, lost his life on 11th August, 1943.

The information so far available in this Department is that your late husband was flying in a Beaufighter aircraft which crashed at 5 a.m. on the 11th August, 1943, in the New Guinea area. The crash occurred approximately seven miles from the strip from which the aircraft took off.

I desire to extend to you the sincere sympathy of this Department in your great loss, and trust that the accompanying enclosures will contain information of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

Enc. 3

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. D.M. Cosgrove,
Glenslg Hotel,
GASTERTON, VIC.

Sent to 18 Miles Street, Richmond.

Langslow
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION

T.G. 42A. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

URGENT TELEGRAM

POST 13 AUG 1943
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
E.S.T.

Office of Origin: RICHMOND No. of Words: 24 Time of Lodgment: 5 30PM No. *19A*

3/2 COLLECT
AIR FORCE 322.
ANDERSON ST STH YARRA

CASUALTY ADVICE MRS COSGROVE NINE MULBERRY ST DELIVERED
5/5 PM TODAY AT 18 MILES ST RICHMOND

BROWN PM

F/Sgt COSGROVE WNP 5 44pm cm

14 AUG 1943
HK

Office of Origin: 1 CASTERTON 40 No. of Words: 6PM URGENT

6/4 COLLECT 13C
AIRBOARD ANDERSON ST
SOUTHYARRA

TELEPHONED
TO LA5271
TIME 9:40
BY NP

18BOURNE
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18A

FATAL CASUALTY MESSAGE TO MRS D M COSGROVE GLENELG HOTEL
CASTERTON UNDELIVERED ADDRESSEE TEMPORARILY AWAY RETURN HERE
INDEFINITE STOP ADDRESSEE MAY BE LOCATED AT 402 NEW ST
ELSTERNWICK OR 18 MILES ST RICHMOND

F/Sr COSGROVE MNP

5 13 AUG 1943
PM CASTERTON

Fp Coghlan

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Encl 17A

PRELIMINARY REPORT (EXTERNAL) OF FLYING ACCIDENT OR FORCED LANDING.

Serial No. : 104

Period : 1943/44

The Secretary,
Department of Air.

Herewith are preliminary details of a flying accident.

(a) AIRCRAFT:	Type: Number:	BEAUFIGHTER A19-74
(b) UNIT:		30 Squadron
(c) LOCALITY:	Place: Date: Time:	VIVIFABI 11.8.43. 0500 hours E.S.T.
(d) PILOT:	Rank: Name: Condition:	400140 F/SGT CUSGROVE W.P <u>Killed.</u>
(e) CREW:	Rank: Name: Condition:	3024 F/SGT LE GRIFFON B.A. Believed killed.
(f) NATURE OF ACCIDENT:		Aircraft crashed on take off.
(g) PROBABLE CAUSE:		At present unknown.
(h) EXTENT OF DAMAGE:	Airframe: Engine:	Not stated in signal, probable write off.
(i) Has Minister for Air been informed by unit?		Not by D.T.

Date: 12.8.43.

Copies for information to :-

Minister for Air, C.I.S.

A.H.E.M., A.H.P., Secretary, Air Board.

D.P.S.(Air), D.T.S., I.A.A., D.Aircraft Maintenance, D.P.S.(Cas. Section) File (D.T.), D.T., D.S.D.

(44/42)

[Signature]
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

13 AUG 1943

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Case 11A

Mrs. M. J. Cosgrove

230817

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY
PERSONAL MRS. D. M. COSGROVE
9 MULBERRY STREET
RICHMOND, VIC.

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND FLIGHT SERGEANT
WILLIAM NICHOLAS PAX COSGROVE HAS LOST HIS LIFE ON ELEVENTH AUGUST
1943 STOP THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN EXPRESSING
PROFOUND SYMPATHY IN YOUR SAD BEREAVEMENT STOP LETTER WILL FOLLOW *stop?*
THIS TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO YOU AT GLENELG HOTEL CASTERTON VICTORIA
ON TWELFTH AUGUST WAS UNDELIVERED

AIR FORCE ANDERSON ST. SOUTH YARRA

(NST - 13/8/43)

Mrs. M. J. Cosgrove F/O 130205/2

230817

150
8/13/43
urgent

POST MASTER
RICHMOND
VICTORIA

REQUEST	ADVISE	BY	COLLECT	URGENT
TELEGRAM	WHEN	ACCOMPANYING	WAR	CASUALTY
TELEGRAM	ADDRESSED	TO	MRS.	D.M.
GOSGROVE	NINE	MULBERRY	STREET	RICHMOND.
VICTORIA	HAS	BEEN	DELIVERED	
		AIR FORCE	ANDERSON STREET	SOUTH YARRA

(NST - 13/8/43)

Monday 13/8/43 130206/Z.

T.G. 42.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Funds may be Quickly, Safely and Economically Transferred by MONEY ORDER TELEGRAM.

TELEGRAM

The date stamp indicates the date of reception and lodgment also, unless an earlier date is shown after the time of lodgment.

Office Date Stamp

Sch. C. 1/1/1942.

This Telegram has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations. The time received at this office is shown at the end of the message.

POST OFFICE
13 AUG 1943
Mo.

Office of Origin.

CASTERTON

No. of Words.

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Time of Lodgment.

3/ COLLECT 84.
AIRBOARD
ANDERSON STREET
STHYARRA

FURTHER REFERENCE COSGROVE GLENELG HOTEL CASTERTON FATAL CASUALTY TELEGRAM 12TH STOP IF MRS COSGROVE NOT LOCATED AT ADDRESSES SUPPLIED YESTERDAY WHEREABOUTS PROBABLY AVAILABLE CARE PERRY AT 43 LIVERPOOL ST NORTH GEELONG
PM
CASTERTON

10 10 AM.RR.

13 AUG 1943
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Emu 87A

5 B.P.S.O.
R.A.A.F.H.Q.

PA680 12AUG

COSGROVE	KILLED	LE GRIFFON	MISSING	BELIEVED
KILLED	11AUG	KINFORMING	F624	11AUG
(.)	REQUEST	SIGNAL	FURTHER	DETAILS
INCLUDING	CAUSE	OF	CRASH	AS
SOON	AS	POSSIBLE		

(NST)

/// *Andrew W. Smith* *Important* 120625. /z

Encl 7A
Urgent.

230216

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY
PERSONAL MRS.D.M.COSGROVE
GLENELG HOTEL
CASTERTON VIC.

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND FLIGHT SERGEANT
WILLIAM NICHOLAS PAX COSGROVE HAS LOST HIS LIFE ON ELEVENTH
AUGUST 1943 (.) THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY IN YOUR SAD BEREAVEMENT STOP LETTER
WILL FOLLOW

AIR FORCE ANDERSON ST. SOUTH YARRA

(NST -12/8/43)

Mulholland/fo 120520/2.

Encl 7B

230216

POST MASTER
CASTERTON.
VICTORIA

REQUEST	ADVISE	BY	COLLECT	URGENT
TELEGRAM	WHEN	ACCOMPANYING	WAR	CASUALTY
TELEGRAM	ADDRESSED	TO	MRS.	D.M.
COSGROVE	GLENELG	HOTEL	CASTERTON	VICTORIA
HAS	BEEN	DELIVERED		

Amberley Fls 120521/2
AIR FORCE ANDERSON ST. SOUTH YARRA

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

Case 5A

FINANCE SERIAL NO. **3314**

NATURE OF CASUALTY **Killed - aircraft crash - not yet advised whether air operations or aircraft accident.**

PLACE OF CASUALTY **New Guinea Area** DATE OF CASUALTY **11/8/43**

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME **Dorothy May Cosgrove** ^{SEALEY}

NEXT OF KIN **wife** ADDRESS ~~REDACTED~~

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES ~~REDACTED~~

RANK AS ~~REDACTED~~

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FOR RECORDS IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBER

No. **400140** RANK **P/Sgt.** NAME **COSGROVE, William Nicholas Fox**

UNIT **30 SQDN. (AUS)** RELIGION **R.C.**

MUSTERING **A/Pilot** ENLISTED **1.R.C.** DATE ENLISTED **23/6/40**

DATE OF BIRTH **12/11/1918** DATE EMBARKED **9/4/42**
Disembarked 23/4/42

NEXT OF KIN **wife** NAME **Dorothy May Cosgrove** **ELIGIBLE FOR SCROLL**
18 miles SE RICHMOND VIC (M.A. 13)

MARRIED **Yes** SINGLE ~~REDACTED~~

ALSO INFORM / P.T.B.I. **402 NEW ST, FLEETWOOD VIC (M.A. 33)**

Myles Harper (Friend) **Mrs. Dorothy May Sealey (Widow Re-Manned)**
9 Mulberry Street, **1 Gower St.**
RICHMOND. **Kensington Vic (Vode 38A)**

EXTRACT taken by **E. Philburn cpe**

FROM **O.I/c. Records (Cpl. Moore)** **13 AUG 1943**

12 / 8 / 1943

RECORDED IN REGISTER
 8181
 CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

RECORDED IN REGISTER
 By **CHD 12.8.43**

Madeline Wain F/O
 for Wing Commander,
 D.P.S. (CASUALTY SECTION).

(JD43/1943).

File 40

O.I/c. Records.

Serial No. 86/1094

Date 4.11.41

NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTY

To: D. Section
A.2. R.E.3.
A.3. R.E.4.
R.E.2. R.E.5.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>
400140	Sgt	COSGROVE W.P.	RAAFAM RAAF

Date of Casualty 28.10.41 Place Amijra Aerodrome M.E.

Nature of Casualty Slightly injured, aircraft accident.
Port tyre burst on take off causing aircraft to swing
and undercarriage to collapse

J J Rooze No
for Squadron Leader,
CASUALTY SECTION.

(P159/41)

RICHMOND E.I.
- 3 NOV. 1941
VICTORIA

POST OFFICE,
RICHMOND, E.I.
Date: 3/11/41

O.I.C.,
District Records,
Southern Command,
3rd Military District,
338 Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE 2.1.

James Keane
Henry House
St. Kilda Road
Melb

Your telegram lodged MELBOURNE at (Time) (Date)
1.30 on 3.11.41 addressed to

(Full address of Casualty Telegram) M. Du Croque

9 Mulberry St Richmond posted (Time) (Date)
was delivered at 7.30 on 3/11/41

Sgt M. P. Capron

M. Du Croque
Signed.....
RICHMOND, E.I.
- 3 NOV 1941
VICTORIA
POSTMASTER.

86/1094

Level 3a

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No. _____

Call IN
 and
 Preface OUT

No of Office Date Stamp
 Groups. CR

(Above this line is for Signals use only.)

TO* *Mrs. L. M. Cosgrove, 9 Mulberry St. Richmond.*
 FROM* *Air Board*

Originator's Number. *PA. 145*
 Date *3/11*

In reply to Number and Date.

Regret to inform you that your husband Sergeant William Pax COSGROVE is reported to be slightly injured as result of aircraft accident on 28 October (). Any further information received will be immediately conveyed to you.

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may be sent by W/T		This message must be sent IN CYPHER and may be sent by W/T		Originator's Instructions * Degree of Priority. * <i>Important</i>		TIME OF ORIGIN <i>1240</i>	
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION				T.O.R.			
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Serial No. 86/1094.

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DIRECTORATE OF PERSONAL SERVICES : CASUALTY SECTION.

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FROM O.I.C. RECORDS P.P. 25 IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED AIRMAN.

NO. 400140 RANK. SGT NAME. ^{COSSGROVE} Williams Pax.
UNIT. R.A.A.F. all R.A.F. RELIGION. R.C.
MUSTERING. 1st Lt. ENLISTED. I.R.C. DATE ENLISTED. 24/1/40
NEXT OF KIN. Wife NAME. Mrs. S. Mc. COSSGROVE EMB 7/4/41
AGE. ADDRESS. 9 Mulberry St. Richmond
BORN - 12/4/1918.
MARRIED. SINGLE. NO. OF DEPENDANTS.
NATURE OF CASUALTY. Slightly injured aircraft accident.
Port tyre burst on take off causing aircraft
to swing and undercarriage to collapse.
PLACE. Ameyra Aerodrome DATE. 7/4/41
Middle East
SIGNED. R. W. Middle 3/11/1941.

REPATRIATION ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

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SIGNED. / / 194

(FD119/41)

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To—	AIR MIN (REPEAT) RECORDS GLOUCESTER H.Q. R.A.F.M.E. AIRBOARD MELBOURNE	Date	T.O.O. 0755/22
		Receipt	Despatch
From—	B.P.S.O. SHAIBAH	Time of	1640/22
		System.	W/T

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F A (B) 84 SQDN (A) BLENHEIM MK 4 LW4878 (C) AMIYRA AERODROME
 1125 HRS LST 28/10 (D) 400410 SGT COSGROVE W PILOT SLIGHTLY
 INJURED 583356 SGT SMALL L F AIR OBSERVER UNINJURED 970736
 SGT DAVEY T W WO/AG SLIGHTLY INJURED (G) PORT TYRE BURST ON
 TAKE OFF CAUSING AIRCRAFT TO SWING AND UNDERCARRIAGE TO
 COLLAPSE (K) KINNOT (.)

IMPORTANT:

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