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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

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SUBJECT

J/O King J. P
255266

610 Report **D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION**

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION											
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64
Spicer Reid telephoned Mrs. Lightfoot + informed her of
Massachusetts address at East Sale + that his HQ. would
write him when full report received from Cairns
29/11/43

65
Telephoned Mr. Lightfoot + advised of end job A
1/12/43

66
Considered an appropriate for the issue of a Royal
Message of Condolence + was despatched
on 2/2/44

THIS PAGE IS REPRODUCED FROM A DAMAGED PAGE WITH A PORTION OF THE INFORMATION MISSING.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/22/32

54.

2-11-43 To Mrs. K. King advising that effects are being forwarded and requesting that receipt be acknowledged. Enc 54A.

55.

3-11-43 Personal effects referred to in enclosure 54A delivered by hand to Mrs. K. King by ACI Neate
J. Hosoda R.A.C.

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

5-11-43 Ltr from 23064 in reply in reply to 48A advising effects despatched Central Repository 26/10 Enc 56A

57

8-11-43 Ltr from Mrs. K. King acknowledging receipt of effects & requesting enquiries be made to trace private papers Enc 57A, B

58

4-11-43 Ltr from IED enclosing report from F/O Moschetti re private papers of casualty Enc 58A-C

59

12-11-43 To No. 20 Squadron requesting search to be made for missing private papers and enclosing copy of report from F/O. MOSCHETTI. (Enclosure 59A).

60.

11-11-43 Ltr from 23064 in reply to 52A advising re despatch of effects Enc 60A

61

Mr King called & interviewed ACdr. Reid & myself. ACdr. Reid explained action taken as outlined in Enc. 62A & assured Mr King as soon as papers received they would be presented to her. Enc 62
I pointed out that apparently adjusting their assumptions of papers & partly responsible for non-recovery with effects
27/11/43

Mr. Lightfoot telephoned to ascertain (a) whether any news from Squadron (b) whether signal sent (c) whether this HQ would send signal on 26/11/43. I advised (a) No (b) Yes (c) No, that reasonable time must be given unit to search & report. Mr. Lightfoot was very peremptory & critical & stressed to him that Department was completely unaware of discovery of papers until 3 weeks ago. I advised that I would inform him promptly on receipt of information. Enc 63
20 Jack stated that Mr. Lightfoot had spoken to the telephone earlier in day & in very critical terms suggested he would take matter up with Minister.

28

25/11/43 ACdr. Reid ~~is~~ advised that Mr. Lightfoot telephoned this day & given information in Enc. 63A. He stated considered the Department was not responsible for effects & requested address of F/O Moschetti. Enc 64
26/11/43

R.A.A.F. Form A 60 (May, 1936)

44

4/9/43 From Father-in-law acknowledging receipt of HOA regarding re allotment Enc 44A

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14.9.43. To father-in-law in reply to Enc. 44a. Enc. 45a.

46.

17/9/43 Spoke to Mrs Knorr Knight (Mrs Ford's Auxiliary 697) + informed her re Mrs King's request for personal papers of her late husband (a) that effects were held at Townsville (b) that (c) there was no specific mention of papers although there may be in a suit case (d) effects would be handed to executor (e) correspondence would be sent from Area Finance Office to Mrs King re will + on this being answered, it would be determined who would receive personal property.

Off/C Casualty Section

47.

13.10.43. Message from S.O. advising occurrence.

Enc. 47A.

48.

13.10.43 Pgm to 230 B0 requesting effects be forwarded to Central Repository + advising person entitled

Enc 48A

49.

22.10.43 Telegram from Mrs. K. King requesting expedite delivery of personal effects or private papers which are urgently required

Enc. 49A

50.

22.10.43 long letter from Mrs. K King re effects.

Enc. 50A

51.

Rang J. Lightfoot + informed him effects instrs. given on 13/10 that effects be forwarded + that, unless received in reasonable time, position would be checked by signal.

22/10/43

52

30.10.43. Signal to 230 B. U. re Enclosure 48A.

Enc. 52A

53.

2.11.43 signal to 230 B0 advising effects rec'd + no action required

Enc 53A

44

S.A.A.R. Form A-30 (May 1943)

MINUTE SHEET

Reference

5/4/43 Letter from ³⁰ brother requesting information concerning death of this member
Encl 30F

14/43 To next brother, giving further details.

ENCLOSURE 31A.

16/43 Signal to 1 BPSO requesting any further advice

Encl 32a

3.6.43 Copy signal from 1 BPSO in reply Encl. 32a. advising no further news.

Encl. 33a.

5.43 To father in law advising action to presume death being considered and requesting information that from wife that no further news received.

Encl. 34A.

22.6.43. Letter from N/K stating that no news has been received since this member became missing.

ENCL. 35A.

22/8/43 Board Paper No. 338 recommending presumption of death this member, Air Board minute approving of recommendation.

Encl. 36a

17/8/43 SIGNAL FROM AIR COMMAND ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED w.e.f. 28/2/45

37

23/8/43 NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 3393

38

23/8/43 To BPSO, 11.20.43 advising..... P/P.....

Encl. 38A

25.8.43 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 237

(D.P.)

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28.8.43 To MR LIGHTFOOT advising. DEATH PRESUMED.....

ENCL 40A

2/9/43 Report from adjusting officer re effects of member's death

Encl 41 A-G

2/9/43. adjustment. Report. etc

Encl 41 A B

Application for Death Certificate from Mr. K. King

Encl. 42A

Two death certificates No. 2643 issued to Mr. K. King, East Malvern on 10th Sept and despatched on 21.9.43

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/22/32

- 1.
- 2.3.43. Copy signal from 1 BPSO advising S.P. King Missing. Encl. 1a
- 2
- 3.3.43. Extract of Form F/P 25. Encl. 2a
- 3.
- 3.3.43. Copy signal to N/K (Wife) advising casualty. Encl. 3a
- 4.
- 3.3.43. Copy letter to N/K confirming Encl. 3a. advising particulars, and enclosing leaflet. Encl. 4a
- 5.
- 3.3.43. Memo advising change address N/K. Encl. 5a
- 6.
- 3.3.43. Postal ack. advising Encl. 3a. delivered. Encl. 6a
- 7.
- 4.3.43. Copy signal to N/K at new address advising. Encl. 7a
- 8.
- 4.3.43. Copy signal to N.E.Area requesting further particulars Encl. 8a.
- 9.
- 4.3.43. **REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 63. Page 1**
(Missing air ops)
- 10.
- 4.3.43. **NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 3438** Encl. 10a.
- 11.
- 3.3.43. Copy signal to N.E.A. Rpt. 1 BPSO re despatch Encl. 1a
Encl. 11a
- 12.
- 3.3.43. Copy signal from 1 BPSO advising details re address N/K of W/Cdr. Daniell. Encl. 12a
- 13.
- 3.3.43. Copy report from No. 11 Squadron. Encl. 13a.
- 14.
- 4.3.43. Copy signal from N.E.Area to 11 Sqdn. re 1 BPSO re Despatch Encl. 1a. Encl. 14a.
- 15.
- 5.3.43. Copy signal from 1 BPSO in reply to Encl. 8a and reclassifying these members Missing Bel. Killed Encl. 15a
- 16.

Duty Casualty Officer (Ft./O Pitts) informed Mr. Lightfoot, father-in-law, at U.2037 of the purport of Encl. 15a.

2. Mr. Lightfoot rang me today to ask if there was anything further and was informed nothing more was expected till the confirmatory memorandum was received, but a telegram was about to be despatched confirming the information already conveyed to him. He stated that he had arranged with W/Cdr. Reid that the telegram should be addressed to him instead of to his daughter and that, as requested, he had already written in to confirm this arrangement.

3. I agreed that in view of the delay and the fact that his daughter had received additional advice direct from O.C. 11 Sqdn by telegram, that we would instruct B.P.S.O. to forward precis of confirmatory memorandum by signal as soon as he receives it. The additional information conveyed by O.C. Unit was to the effect that the aircraft had been brought down by bad weather conditions.

6/13/43

Woodward
for Wing Commander,
B.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

Mr. Lightfoot called to enquire if there was any further information. He asked that anything further should be telephoned to Mrs. Lightfoot. He was also given information on the general questions of presumption of death and eligibility for pension - the rates being stated to him, but he was informed that the question of eligibility was a matter for the Repatriation Commission.

2. On the arrival of signalled summary of the confirmatory memorandum, Mr. Lightfoot's home was telephoned, and in the absence of Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. King said that she would take the message. Mrs. King was informed that the aircraft was on duty between Cairns and New Guinea and that it was returning to Cairns when a thunder storm developed. The aircraft signalled the words "forced landed", and signalled no further message. The aircraft was seen circling Fitzroy Island and rounded Cape Grafton, but disappeared in a north-easterly direction from Green Island. Cairns station had search lights, and endeavoured to give bearings.

3. Extensive search was made by aircraft and by boats. It was probable that the aircraft had gone into the sea, north-east of Cape Grafton, and there seemed to be no hope that any members would be found alive. (The foregoing was dictated by Wing Commander REID.)

W.A. Keesham

8.3.43 Squadron leader, D.P.S. (C.S.)

18. 5.3.43 Copy signal to Father-in-law advising member now missing believed killed. Encl. 18A

19. 6.3.43 Copy signal to 1 BPSO Encl. 19A

20. 7.3.43 **REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 66**
(Prev. miss. air ops. now miss. bel. killed)

21. 7.3.43 **NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL NO. 3460** Encl. 21A

22. 9/3/43 **ACKNOWLEDG-MENT OF DELIVERY ENCL. 22A**

23. 1/3/43 *Copy of signal from 1. B.P.S.O. advising the circumstances.* Encl. 23A

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25. 5/2/43 *letter from Mr. G. Lightfoot requesting further papers* Encl. 25A

26. 23/6/43. **ACKNOWLEDG-MENT OF DELIVERY ENCL. 26A**

27. 23/6/43. Copy of minute to D/POST re person to be informed. Encl. 27a, b

28. 3/4/43 *Mr. Lightfoot phoned stating Mrs. King's allotment had been discontinued. The McEvell enquired from Mr. Watson (A.F.O.) and was advised that no such action being taken by A.F.O. but he would enquire Gardner P.O. to see if post matters act. 7.4.43. Reported matter to Mr. Lightfoot who was requested to communicate direct with Mr. Watson.*

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D/S (600)		13/11	[initials]
BIF F/O Tames		3/12	[initials]
Dispatch 68A		23/12	[initials]
D/S (600)		23/12/03	[initials]
Section 6.			[initials]
PA		9/9/16	[initials]

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE COMPILATION AND
USE OF FILES.

1. When opening a new file, care must be taken to see that a file dealing with the subject is not already in existence, and covers should be completed with details for which space is provided.
2. Papers are to be attached to the file cover by means of paper fasteners of appropriate size, and washers, when available, are also to be used. Insert paper fasteners through the front and back covers of the file at the point indicated thereon. A half-inch fastener is to be used for minute sheets and a fastener of not more than one-and-a-half inches to attach enclosures. When there are as many enclosures on a file as can conveniently be fastened by a one-and-a-half inch paper fastener, a new part should be opened.
3. Minute Sheets to be attached to the left-hand inside cover and enclosures to the right-hand side.
4. Minute Sheets are to be used for correspondence between branches or sections of a headquarters or unit. All other inwards or outwards correspondence is to appear as an enclosure. Enclosures are to be numbered consecutively, without regard to the number of any minute which refers to them. Where an enclosure consists of only one document, its number will be followed by the letter "A". Where 2 or more different letters or papers form one enclosure, they will all bear the same number, followed consecutively by the letters "A", "B", "C", etc.
5. Minute number one is to be on the printed side of the Minute Sheet and is to face the cover on the minute side of the file.
6. Correspondence on subjects on which a file already exists must not be made on loose Minute Sheets—the file must be obtained and action taken thereon.
7. Minutes must be added in numerical order and both sides of the Minute Sheets are to be used.
8. Files must not be passed between Branches by hand without transit slips.
9. Notes of action taken may be entered on the Minute Sheets, otherwise unaddressed minutes will not be made.
10. Minutes may be noted by Officers placing their initials over the reference to them at the minute head, and such words as "agree" and "concur" may be used to obviate separate minutes by individual addressees. An Officer's initials so placed will indicate concurrence with the minute.
11. In column 1 on the cover is to be indicated the persons for whom minutes or enclosures are intended, the number of that minute or enclosure and the date it is passed out from the last person noting (or otherwise using) the file being indicated in columns 2 and 3 respectively.
12. When the person indicated in column 1 has taken the necessary action on the file, he (or his representative) will draw a line through the reference to him in columns 1, 2 and 3 on the cover and will place his initials in column 4, indicating that the necessary action has been taken. He will then indicate on the next line to whom the file is to pass—completing columns 2 and 3.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEFENCE
166/22/32
R.A.A.F.

TELEPHONE: U.92 01.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. 104/1/205.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Headquarters,
No.1 (Training) Group,
10 Irving Road,
TOORAK. S.E.2.

~~SECRET~~

28 JAN 1944

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Secretary,
AIR BOARD.

re FLYING OFFICER S.P. KING (DECEASED).

Reference R.A.A.F. Head-Quarters' S.A.S. 22710
166/22/32 (68A) dated 23 DEC.'43, forwarded herewith an explan-
ation by Flying Officer H.P. MOSCHETTI of his actions regarding
the papers of the abovenamed deceased.

Dean

(AF. DEAN)
Squadron Leader.
Staff Officer, Personnel.
for AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Encl.

*29
1/4*

Em 6915
4B

(COPY)

FROM : Flying Officer, H.P. MOSCHETTI, No.2 RAAF. Hospital.
TO : Commanding Officer, No.2 RAAF. Hospital, ASCOT VALE.
DATE : 23rd January, 1944.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE
F/O. S.P. KING ex No. 20 SQUADRON

With reference to the communication from No. 1 Training Group shown to me yesterday the 22nd. inst., I deeply regret any irregularity of conduct on my part in this matter but would like to point out that, in the matter of these private papers of the late F/O. KING, my action was at the direct request of the widow who asked me not to hand over these letter to the adjusting officer but to bring them down to her on my next leave.

2. Mrs. King has informed me that only a small proportion of her husband's effects has reached her, including many personal articles which, I know, were kept together with his kit, in the mess. I assured her that everything would be safely packed and intact when it left the adjusting officer's hands but she was afraid that many things had been lost in transit and this caused her to ask me not to hand the letters in question to the proper authorities but to take care of them myself. She was so insistent that I agreed, as it was hard to refuse such a request.

3. I was able to do many little services for Mrs. King quite unconnected with R.A.A.F. affairs and my wife and I have gone to a lot of trouble to help her in her sorrow. which service, though she was a stranger to me, was gladly rendered especially as F/O. King was my best friend.

4. Only the intervention of my illness prevented the letters in question coming to Mrs. King's hand and, upon arrival in Melbourne, I immediately wrote to the Adjutant and also F/O. GRAHAM, advising them of the papers' whereabouts. F/O. Graham replied that he could not locate them and I can only surmise, that in the reconstruction of the Section, the papers have been destroyed. Either that or some responsible person took charge of them for disposal

and has temporarily forgotten about them.

5. Mrs King is, I know, very distressed that the majority of her husband's effects have not reached her and while admitting and apologising for my irregularity, I know that she is under the impression that the bundle contained F/O. King's bank book and several other important papers whereas it was composed of several letters addressed in her hand-writing and what may have been one or two receipts only. In regard to the bank book, I advised Mrs. King to enquire through the R.A.A.F. or the Commonwealth Bank.

6. I hope this communication will serve to put my actions in a better light, especially as any irregularity was made at the express wish of the widow.

(Signed) H. MOSCHETTI - Flying Officer,
late of 11 Squadron.



XXXXXXXXXX IA5271

RAAF.166/22/32(68A)

Headquarters,
No.1 (Training) Group.
R.A.A.F.
10 Irving Road,
TOORAK, S.E.2.

re FLYING OFFICER S.P. KING (DECEASED).

This Officer lost his life whilst a member of No.20 Squadron.

2. Flying Officer H.P. Moschetti (255538) now of one Operational Training Unit was also a member of No.20 Squadron at the same time.

3. Flying Officer Moschetti arranged with the widow of the deceased to look for and deliver to her any private papers, such as letters and business documents, belonging to Flying Officer King and which might be found on the Unit.

4. Some such papers were found by Flying Officer Moschetti and were placed aside by him for later delivery; but were overlooked by him on his being posted away from the Unit.

5. No.20 Squadron now advises that the papers referred to cannot be traced although a thorough search has been carried out. F/O Moschetti, in a report on the matter, suggested that a F/O Graham might have found the documents. F/O Graham, however, states that he did not at any time see the documents in question.

6. The widow of the late Flying Officer King has complained to this Headquarters that the loss of the papers concerned has caused her considerable difficulty and distress.

7. It is considered regrettable that Flying Officer Moschetti should have intervened in this matter in the manner outlined above. If this Officer knew of the existence of certain personal papers of F/O King he should have handed such papers to the Adjusting Officer appointed by 20 Squadron or in the absence of this Officer to the Commanding Officer of the Squadron. While F/O Moschetti was no doubt acting with the best of motives, his intervention was irregular and has caused unnecessary complications.

8. F/O Moschetti is to be informed of the contents of this memorandum

Edw Hughes
for Group Captain, D.P.S.
for AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL.

DEFENCE
166/22/32
RAAF

ES/31143

4/12
Enc. 67A

1209/I/P2.

No 20 Squadron,
R.A.A.F.

22nd NOVEMBER, 1943.

The Secretary,
AIR BOARD,
Victoria Barracks,
St Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

RECEIVED
-3-DEC-43
AIR BOARD

RE FLYING OFFICER S.P. KING.
(255266) DECEASED

I. Replaying to your RAAF I66/22/32.(59A), (I70506), dated 12th NOVEMBER, 1943, it is advised that the papers to which Flying Officer H.P. MOSCHETTI, refers in his report have not at any time been seen by Flying Officer T. GRAHAM, and they cannot be traced at this Unit, although a thorough search has been carried out.

[Signature]
Squadron Leader,
Commanding No 20 Squadron, RAAF.

3.12.43

B1158

F/O Tanner

Reg R 454

27 NOV 1943

[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten: line 66A]

NOT BY W/T.

MELB/RC NR46

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TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS

FROM TWENTY SQUADRON

GR 25

P384 27 NOV PA762 26 NOV REFERENCE FLYING OFFICER S P KING

DECEASED (.) MEMBER DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAINTAIN PRIVATE

ACCOUNT ANY CAIRNS BANK

=2700 30Z

FMS/DVL AR JW/MELB/RC NR46 R271220Z CNK AR

MELB/RC NR 46 R 1347Z AJ AR

[Handwritten signature]

~~20 Lg.~~ Pennington

Sq A.

ATPO 8/6/42.

12 R.P.D. 9/7.

HQ NEA 9/7.

11 Lg. 26/7

1 ED 2/8/43. —

1 O.T.U. 22/11/43.

Information received by
Telephone from Officer's Posting

Jackson D.A.

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the Group or Area Headquarters administering the unit prior to its disbandment is to appoint the Adjusting Officer.

6. The Adjusting Officer is to take the following action on his appointment.

(1) Return to store all the casualty's public effects (excepting such as may have to be destroyed in accordance with A/F/O 19/B/20 as being unfit for use or infected), including public, personal clothing and necessaries with the exception of

(1) a cap badge (in the case of officers, Service Dress Cap badge if available) and

(2) when entitled to same, a flying badge or badge of mustering, which are to be dealt with as hereinafter specified.

(a) In the case of a deceased member or a member who is a prisoner of war or interned, this action is to be taken immediately after the Adjusting Officer's appointment.

MESSA
R.A.A.F. Form A.11 (Revised May 1942)
R.A.A.F. Form 90 A.1 (Rev. 2/22/42)
Call
IN
and
Pre
/o H.P. Goschetti
(255538)

FROM AIR BOARD, MELBOURNE
REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU
Posted to:

1 O.T.U.

RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY COPIED TO
Group 469,
RAAF

WAR CASUALTY TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO
East Sale Vic

THE MESSAGE MUST BE SENT AS WRITTEN THE ADDRESS MUST BE IN FULL
and must be sent by W.T.F.
Signature
Postage to I.E.D.
was 2/8/43

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R.A.A.F. Form A.22 (Revised May, 1942).
(R.A.A.F. Form 96 A.). (S.575A. (Naval).)

MESSAG

Call IN
and :—
Preface OUT

DELIVERY PERSONAL. (Above this line is for TO*)

FROM* AIR BOARD, MELBOURNE

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR

RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO

TO: POSTMASTER
P.A. REQUEST ADVISE AIR BOARD
WAR CASUALTY TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may be sent by W/T. Signature

This message must be sent IN CY and may be sent by W/T. Signature

System in.	Reader.	Sender.	System out.	Time out.	Reader.
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‡Originator to insert "NOT" if message is not to go by W/T over any part

*The Signal Department is responsible that these details are transposed to the appropriate distributing signals, etc., by omitting to remove their signification from the ac re-inserted

A.H.M.—11/42—B3486

PRORITY

Encl B693
65A
25 NOV 1943

11/11

IMPORTANT
NOT W/T

Reg 257

MELB/BNE NR233

TWN

IMPORTANT NOT WT

TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS

FROM TWENTY SQUADRON

GR20

~~P2011~~ P377 25 NOV PA749 24 NOV THOROUGH SEARCH REVEALS NO
TRACE PAPERS F/O S P KING (.) OUR 1209/1/P2 REFERS

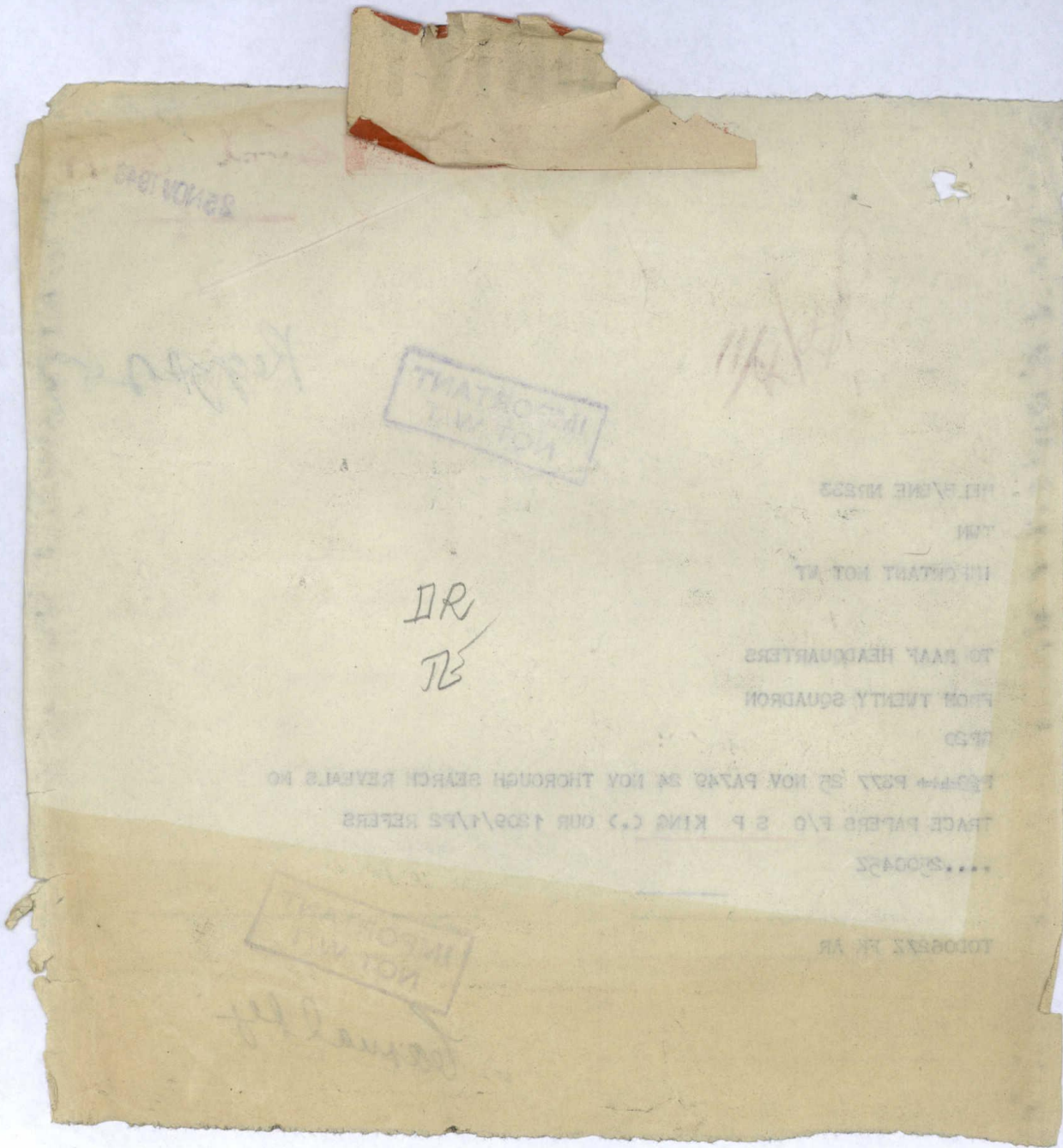
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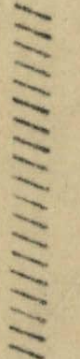
20 SQUADRON

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

PA 762 26/NOV

REFERENCE	FLYING	OFFICER	S.	P.
KING	DECEASED	(.)	REQUEST	INQUIRE
FOR	WIDOW	WHETHER	ANY	PRIVATE
BANK	ACCOUNT	MAINTAINED	BY	MEMBER
IN	CAIRNS	(.)	ADVISE	URGENTLY
(.)				

26 0055/z

8 Jack s/p 


ENC 65A

20 SQUADRON

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

PA 749 24/NOV

REFERENCE	FLYING	OFFICER	S.	P.
KING	DECEASED	(.)	WIDOW	PRESSING
FOR	URGENT	RETURN	PAPERS	REFERRED
OUR	166/22/32	(59A)	DATED	12/NOV
(.)	UNLESS	ALREADY	DESPATCHED	FORWARD
BY	REGISTERED	AIR	MAIL	(.)
ADVISE	POSITION	URGENTLY	(.)	

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24.11.43

ENCL. 62A

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LA. 5271

Casualty Section,

Merton Hall,
Anderson St.,
XX South Yarra.
S.E.1.

RAAF 166/22/32(62A)

Dear Madam,

I refer to your telegram dated the 19th November, 1943, concerning private papers belonging to your late husband, Flying Officer Stuart P. King.

This Department is unable to concede that there has been "prolonged delay" in dealing with the matter. It is pointed out that in the course of some three weeks since you advised that a Flying Officer Moschetti had made some statement to you concerning the papers in question, this Department has been in touch with Flying Officer Moschetti and obtained from him a detailed report as to where he left the papers, and has forwarded that report by post to your late husband's Unit, which, as you are aware, is a considerable distance from Melbourne.

As a reasonable opportunity must be afforded to the Unit to trace and forward the papers, it is considered that no further action to expedite delivery to you is practicable.

You may be assured that you will be advised without delay on receipt from your husband's Unit of any papers found there.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. K. King,
249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN. S.E.6.

*Letter not sent in view of
interviews recorded
in Minute 61
24/11/43
[Signature]*

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OFFICER IN CHARGE
CASUALTY SECTION RAAF MERTON HALL
ANDERSON ST STH YARRA

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CANNOT UNDERSTAND PROLONGED AND MOST DISTRESSING DELAY OBTAINING PRIVATE PAPERS BELONGING MY LATE HUSBAND STUART P KING STOP THEY ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY SOLICITOR WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO EXPEDITE

KATHLEEN KING

10 57 am am

R.A.A.F. Form A.22 (Revised May, 1942).
(R.A.F. Form 96 A.). (S.575A. (Naval)).

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No. *609*

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POSTALGRAM

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TO* R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

FROM* 23 OPERATIONAL BASE UNIT
 Originator's Number. *P 680 / part 2* Date. *2 NOV 786* In reply to Number and Date. *30 OCT*

EFFECTS	FLYING	OFFICER	S. P.	KING	5
(255266)	PRESUMED	DEAD	DESPATCHED	PASSENGER	10
RAIL	26 OCT.	(.)	CONSIGNMENT	NOTE	15
No. N85029	(.)	SUITCASE	NUMBERED	TWN	20
OVER	730	PARCEL	NUMBERED	TWN	25
OVER	731	(.)	BOTH	ITEMS	30
ADDRESSED	o/c	CENTRAL	KIT	STORE	35
CORNER	HOWARD	AND	ROSSLYN	STREETS	40
WEST	MELBOURNE	VICTORIA	(.)	FOR	45
CARRIAGE	TO	SPENCER	STREET	STATION	50

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RAAF.166/22/32(59A)

NOV 12 1943

No.20 Squadron,
Group No.821
R.A.A.F.,
CAIRNS, Q'land.

re FLYING OFFICER S.P. KING (255266), DECEASED.

The personal effects of this officer as received from your Unit have been forwarded to the next of kin who now advises that certain private papers were in the possession of the deceased about the time of his death.

2. These papers were not amongst the effects and are regarded by the next of kin as being of very considerable business importance.

3. As it was understood that Flying Officer H.P. MOSCHETTI, formerly of your Unit, had some knowledge of these papers, he was requested to supply a report concerning same, a copy of which is forwarded herewith.

4. It is requested that necessary enquiries be made to trace these papers and that same be forwarded to this Headquarters without delay.

[Handwritten signature]
F/O
for Group Captain, D.P.S.
for AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL.

Enc.

11/11

3018

June 5/43

TELEPHONE:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 194/3/P1

RECEIVED
-4-NOV-1943
AIR REGISTRY

166/22/32

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

No.1 Embarkation Depot,
R.A.A.F. Station,
ASCOT VALE.

8/5/9/43

URGENT

4th November 1943.

(FOR CASUALTY SECTION)

The Secretary
Air Board,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE VIC

PRIVATE PAPERS - F/O. S.F. KING (Dec'd)

LATE GROUP N.821 CAIRNS

In accordance with telephonic request from your Headquarters, forwarded herewith report from Flying Officer H.P. MOSCHETTI (255538) of this Unit, with reference to the location of the above papers.

.....S/Ldr.

(R.K. BAZLEY)
Commanding Officer
No.1 Embarkation Depot.
R.A.A.F. ASCOT VALE.

ENCL

8/5/11/43

Enc 28/13

FROM : Flying Officer H.P. MOSCHETTI (255538) No.1
Embarkation Depot RAAF ASCOT VALE

TO : Commanding Officer No.1 Embarkation Depot R.A.A.F.
ASCOT VALE.

DATE : 2nd November 1943.

REF. :

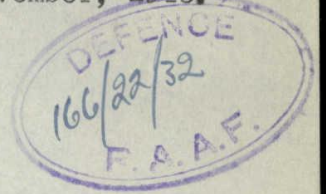
PRIVATE PAPERS - F/O. S.P. KING (Dec'd)
LATE GROUP N821 CAIRNS

1. Before leaving CAIRNS I had noticed some private papers such as letters etc. and a file containing documents including insurance receipts belonging to the above officer. Having previously promised Mrs. KING to look for and deliver any such papers to her, I intended to bring them with me on my next leave.
2. Unfortunately I took ill and after a period in hospital was sent down to MELBOURNE for specialist treatment and the matter slipped my mind.
3. Flying Officer T. GRAHAM Group N821 CAIRNS, together with Flying Officer A BERTIE, is at present occupying the room (Intelligence Section) where the papers were. They were on some shelves in the corner nearest the road, and if not still there, I am sure F/O. GRAHAM will know of their disposal.
4. Until I left I doubt if anyone knew of these papers but no doubt the re-organization of the office brought them under notice.
5. I am sure a note to F/O. GRAHAM will obtain the fullest information. I am sorry I did not attend to the matter personally but my illness intervened.

H. P. Moschetti
.....F/O.
(H. P. MOSCHETTI)

166/22/32
249 Burke Road, *enc 54A*
EAST MALVERN. S.E. 6.

4th November, 1943.



The Officer-in-Charge,
R. A. A. F.,
Central Repository,
WEST MELBOURNE.

S. P. KINGS

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, with enclosures, your reference R.A.A.F. 166/22/32 (54A). I have signed the form of receipt and return it herewith as requested.

I am very perturbed indeed to find that private letters, photographs, etc., which my husband had have not been returned to me, and I am forced to the conclusion that the officer responsible for the collection of my husband's effects must have overlooked them.

There are certain private papers he had which it is of the greatest importance that I should have in connection with the settlement of his estate. I desire to ask most urgently if you will kindly cause enquiries to be made forthwith as to what has happened to these private papers. The fact that they have not been returned is indeed most distressing to me.

Yours faithfully,

Kathleen King

(Kathleen King).

PERSONAL EFFECTS DATE 5266. FLYING OFFICER. S.P.KING.

1 Suit Case (locks damaged) containing :-

166/22/32

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 S.D. Cap Badge. | 1 "Keena" blade sharpener. |
| 1 Identity Disc. | 1 "Polo" Cigarette Lighter. |
| 1 Leather Strap. | 1 "Taylor" pocket compass. |
| 1 Leather Luggage Tag. | 1 Black Tie. |
| 1 Small Suit Case. | 3 Mapping pens. |
| 4 Towels. | 1 Boot Brush. |
| 1 Brown Shirt. | 2 Tins Boot Polish. |
| 1 pr Pyjamas. | 1 pr Braces. |
| 1 pr Slippers. | 1 Jason Razor Strop (damaged) |
| 1 Blue Dressing Gown & Girdle. | 1 Gold Wrist Watch |
| 1 pr K.D. Shorts. | Initialed "E.E." |
| 9 Handkerchiefs. | 1 Tube Tooth Paste. |
| 2 prs Drawers. | 1 pr Suspenders. |
| 1 White Canvas Hat. | 2 Religious Medallions. |
| 1 Nail Brush. | 4 P/O shoulder braids. |
| 1 Clothes Brush. | 1 Nail File. |
| 1 Bowl Shaving Soap in box. | 2 Reels Thread. |
| 1 Blue Leather Folder. cont. | 1 Coin. |
| 5 photographs. | 7 Golf Clubs (1 broken) in |
| 1 "Golden Platignum" | leather bag. |
| Fountain Pen. | 1 Leather cover. |
| 1 "Conway No 50" propelling | |
| pencil. | |
| 1 "Ever sharp" propelling pencil | |
| engraved "S.K. from Pat 1932". | |
| 1 "Nippy" propelling pencil | |
| 1 Propelling pencil. | |
| 1 pr Nail Scissors. | |

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned personal effects

Date 4-11-'43

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

R.A.A.F. Form A.22 (Revised May, 1942).
(R.A.F. Form 96 A.). (S.575A. (Naval)).

MESSAGE FORM

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TO* RAAF HEADQUARTERS (R) CENTRAL REPOSITORY

FROM* 23 OPERATIONAL BASE UNIT
 Originator's Number. **P 071 PGM**
 Date. **26OCT**
 In reply to Number and Date. **PA568PGM 15OCT.**

REFERENCE	5266	<u>F/O</u>	S	P	KING	5
MISSING	BELIEVED	KILLED	(.)		EFFECTS	10
DESPATCHED	TO	CENTRAL	REPOSITORY	AS		15
DIRECTED	26 OCT.	(.)	REQUEST	CENTRAL		20
REPOSITORY	ACKNOWLEDGE	ON	RECEIPT			25
						30
						35
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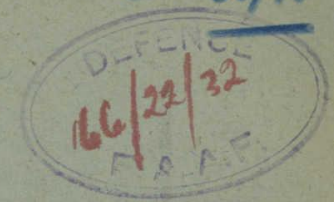
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RAAF.166/22/32(54A)

Air Force Headquarters,
Casualty Section,
Merton Hall,
Anderson Street,
South Yarra. SE.1.

2 NOV 1943

Dear Madam,

With reference to the Service affairs of your late husband, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, I desire to inform you that his personal effects as shown on the attached inventory have been received by Royal Australian Air Force Central Repository, West Melbourne, from his former unit, 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 Head-Quarters in due course.

Yours faithfully,

O.i/c. Central Repository,
for GROUP CAPTAIN. D.P.S.

Mrs. M. King,
249 Burke Rd,
EAST MALVERN...Vict.

PERSONAL EFFECTS LATE 5266. FLYING OFFICER. S.P.KING.

Enc 54B

1 Suit Case (locks damaged) containing :-

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 S.D. Cap Badge. | 1 "Keena" blade sharpener. |
| 1 Identity Disc. | 1 "Polo" Cigarette Lighter. |
| 1 Leather Strap. | 1 "Taylor" pocket compass. |
| 1 Leather Luggage Tag. | 1 Black Tie. |
| 1 Small Suit Case. | 3 Mapping pens. |
| 4 Towels. | 1 Boot Brush. |
| 1 Brown Shirt. | 2 Tins Boot Polish. |
| 1 pr Pyjamas. | 1 pr Braces. |
| 1 pr Slippers. | 1 Jason Razor Strop (damaged) |
| 1 Blue Dressing Gown & Girdle. | 1 Gold Wrist Watch |
| 1 pr K.D. Shorts. | Initialed "E.E." |
| 9 Handkerchiefs. | 1 Tube Tooth Paste. |
| 2 prs Drawers. | 1 pr Suspenders. |
| 1 White Canvas Hat. | 2 Religious Medallions. |
| 1 Nail Brush. | 4 P/O shoulder braids. |
| 1 Clothes Brush. | 1 Nail File. |
| 1 Bowl Shaving Soap in box. | 2 Reels Thread. |
| 1 Blue Leather Folder. cont, | 1 Coin. |
| 5 photographs. | 7 Golf Clubs (1 broken) in |
| 1 "Golden Platignum" | leather bag. |
| Fountain Pen. | 1 Leather cover. |
| 1 "Conway No 50" propelling | |
| pencil. | |
| 1 "Ever sharp" propelling pencil | |
| engraved "S.K. from pat 1932". | |
| 1 "Nippy" propelling pencil | |
| 1 Propelling pencil. | |
| 1 pr Nail Scissors. | |

DUPLICATE

DISSECTION REPORT

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

18031.
 Deposit Receipt No. 18030. Kit Store No. Central at West Mable
 No. 5266 Surname KING Christian names SP
 (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
 Rank P/O Unit _____

Service Memento and C.I. Disc		Remarks
1 S/D cap badge.	1 nail brush.	1 Taylor pocket compass.
1 identity disc.	1 clothes brush.	1 black tie.
	1 bowl shaving soap	3 mapping pens.
<u>Private Property</u>	in box.	1 boot brush
1 Suit case, locks	1 blue leather folder	2 Tins boot polish
damaged, containing	containing 5 photographs	1 pr. braces.
1 Leather sash.	1 tooth brush	1 Jason razor
1 Leather luggage tag.	1 "Golden Plover" fountain pen.	shop. damaged.
1 suit suit case.	1 "Conway No 50" propelling pencil.	1 gold wrist watch
4 Towels.	1 "Lancashire" propelling penult, engraved	initialled E.C.
1 brown shirt	SK from Pat. 1932	1 Tube tooth paste
1 pr pyjamas	1 "Happy" propelling Pencil	1 pr suspenders.
1 pr slippers	1 propelling Pencil	2 religious medallions
1 blue dressing gown	1 pr nail scissors	4 P/O shoulder braids
& girdles.	1 "Keen" blade shaver.	1 nail file
<u>Service Property (if any)</u>	1 "Polo" agnette lighter	2 reels thread
1 pr KD shorts.		1 coin.
9 handkerchiefs		7 golf sticks in leather
2 pr. drawers.		1 leather cover
1 white canvas hat.		

Dissected by B.E. Petersen, LACDate 2-11-43**DESPATCH REPORT**

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

MRS. K. King address 249 Burke Rd. East Malvern. Vic.
 on Third day of November 1943

REGISTERED DESPATCH
CONSIGNMENT DOCKET

No. _____

From R.A.A.F. CENTRAL REPOSITORY KIT STOREdated 3-11-431 SUIT CASE (EMPTY) 1 BLUE SUIT CASE
1 GOLF BAG & 7 GOLF CLUBS (1 DAMAGED)Authority Air Board LETTER SIGNALRef. A.F.O. Serial 734 dated 12.10.43J. Hosoda

Signature

3-11-43

Date

R.A.A.F. Kit Store No. _____

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

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname KING
(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names SP

Rank P/O Unit _____

Number 5266

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

Nº 18030

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

Issued by 60 Date 2-11-43

(To be handed to depositor)

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname KING
(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names SP

Rank P/O Unit

Number 5266

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

1 golf bag.

Nº 18031

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

Issued by GR Date 2-11-43

(To be handed to depositor)

Case 53A

23 OPERATIONAL BASE UNIT

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

PA 795 2 NOV

ATTENTION	REPOSITORY	SECTION	PA	795	2 NOV	REFERENCE
FLYING	OFFICER	S	(.)	P		KING
DECEASED	(.)	NO		ACTION		REQUIRED
OUR	PA 786	30		OCTOBER		(.)
EFFECTS	HAVE	ARRIVED		(.)		

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Encl. 52A.

23 OPERATIONAL B.U.

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS.

30/OCT

P.A. 786

ATTENTION	REPOSITORY	SECTION	(.)	REFERENCE
FLYING	OFFICER	S	P	KING
(255266)	PRESUMED	DEAD	(.)	REQUEST
ADVISE	PARTICULARS	DESPATCH	EFFECTS	ACCORDANCE
OUR	P.A. 568/PGM	13/OCT	(.)	

NOT

E. J. W. S. P. 

30 05532 Z

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16-50A

49 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN.

Original in P.A. file. 30.9.43.

A.F.O. MELBOURNE

Area Finance Officer,
Department of Air,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Re Late Flying Officer King, S.P. (255266)

In attention D.P.S. (CAS)

With reference to your letter of 24th inst. addressed to my father, Mr. C. Lightfoot, (your ref.59138) the form which you sent me has been duly completed and is returned herewith, together with copy of Will.

I have not yet received the personal effects of my husband from Cairns. As certain personal papers are urgently required, I shall be obliged if you can kindly do anything to expedite their delivery. They include a large and small suitcase and several golf clubs.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) (Mrs) Kathleen King.

T.G. 42.

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF AIR 1192
VICTORIA BARRACKS MELBOURNE

7/6 Janner

CAN YOU PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY PERSONAL EFFECTS MY LATE HUSBAND FLYING OFFICER STUART KING WHO LOST HIS LIFE 28TH FEBRUARY STOP PRIVATE PAPERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED STOP HAVE ALREADY MADE URGENT REQUEST TO YOUR OFFICERS
KATHLEEN KING
249 BURKE RD EAST MALVERN

Leaswell
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
21/10

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23 O. BASE U.

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

PAGE PGM 13/OCT

ATTENTION	REPOSITORY	SECTION	REFERENCE
FLYING	OFFICER	S.	KING
(255266)	PRESUMED	DEAD	REQUEST
FORWARD	PERSONAL	EFFECTS	CENTRAL
REPOSITORY	WEST	MELBOURNE	TRANSMISSION
BY	THAT	REPOSITORY	NEXT
KIN	(.)	FOR	RECORDS
PERSON	ENTITLED	IS	AND
EXECUTRIX	KATHLEEN	KING	BURKE
ROAD	EAST	MALVERN	VICTORIA (.)

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DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

Serial

No... 734...

*Ans
Encl 47A*

SUBJECT: F/O. Stuart Patrick KING. (255266)

D.P.S. (Casualty Section)

In accordance with A.B.O. A65/43, para 18, it is advised that the person properly entitled to the property of the above-named deceased member is:-

NAME	CAPACITY	REL'SHIP	ADDRESS
KING Kathleen	EXECUTRIX	WIDOW	249 BURKE RD. EAST MALVERN. SE.6. VIC.

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

3. *Instructions have been received that all communications are to be sent to, Mr King's father, Mr G. King, 12/110/43 address.*

*McCormack 76
Area Finance Officer,
(Deceased Personnel Section)*

(JD27/43)

*Noted in C.O.A.
13/18*

Level 45A

155459

XXXXXX LA5271 Ext. 257.



SEP 25 1943

166/22/32.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated the 4th September, 1943 acknowledging receipt of my former letter and inquiring as to pension.

It will not be necessary for your daughter to communicate with the Repatriation Commission until such time as she is invited by the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Melbourne, to lodge a claim for pension.

The necessary service documents required by the Commission for consideration of your daughter's claim have already been lodged with it by this Department.

Payment of allotment and dependants' allowance to your daughter will be continued by this Department up to and including the 30th September, 1943, and it is anticipated that payment of pension, if granted, will commence from the 1st of October, 1943.

Yours faithfully,

(M. C. Langslow).
SECRETARY.

Mr. G. Lightfoot,
249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN, S.E.6.

Handwritten signature
D.P.S. Casualty Section
14/9

H/S/O Genar

6 SEP 1943

REFERENCE
166/22/32
27
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43

249 Burke Road,

EAST MALVERN, S.E. 6,

4th September, 1943.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Casualty Section,
Merton Hall, Anderson Street,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E. 1

Dear Sir,

FLYING-OFFICER S.P. KING - YOUR REFERENCE
166/22/32 (40A).

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th August last informing me that it has been presumed, for official purposes, that Flying-Officer S.P. King lost his life on the 28th February last as a result of air operations. As requested, I have conveyed this information to my daughter, Mrs. Kathleen King, who desires me to thank you for the sympathy which you have so kindly expressed.

As Mrs. King has been in receipt of an allotment, I understand it is not necessary for her to communicate with the Repatriation Commission regarding payment of pension.

Yours faithfully,

G. Lightfoot

G. Lightfoot.

PENSIONS
13 SEP 1943

Pension action
taken on
file 166/22/102
- 213 r/sst.

bs 8/9/43

- 7 SEP 1943
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**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. *255266*

Rank *Flying Officer*

Full Name *Stuart Patrick King*

Number of Certificates required *Two (2)*

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

Probate of will

Insurance Policy Claim

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

(Mrs) Kathleen King

249 Burke Road

East Malvern, Melbourne, S.E. 6.

Kathleen King

Signature of applicant.

Address *249 Burke Road*

East Malvern

Melbourne, S.E. 6.

Date.....

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

9/19/5/71.

RECEIVED
- 7. JUL. 1943
AIR REGISTER

Amcl H¹⁰

No 20 Squadron,
R.A.A.F.

28th JUNE, 1943.

The Secretary,
AIR BOARD,
Victoria Barracks,
St Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, C.I. (Copy to Hq. North Eastern Area
for information)

ADJUSTMENT OF EFFECTS OF CASUALTIES

1. In reply to your letter No RAAF of 15th JUNE, 1943, the following information is supplied.

2. The under-mentioned personnel were posted as follows.

Flying Officer	<u>S.P. KING.</u>	(5266)	"Missing believed
No. 2437.	CPL. STAIN. J.C.)	killed 28th FEBRUARY, 1943."
Flying Officer	M. BRADSHAW.	(406749)	"All personnel posted
"	" J.T. TODD.	(416087)	missing" in A24/22 on
"	" S.A. DEACON.	(5057)	8th MARCH, 1943. ✓
No. 404027.	F/S. STANLEY.	L.G.)
11363.	SGT. STEPHENS.	R.N.)
5219.	" DEWHURST.	J.E.)
42147.	LAC. ANDERSON.	C.N.)
19968.	" DOCKING.	R.G.)

3. Re SGT. LAHEY. J.B. One Navigators Badge has been forwarded to Kit Repository Store at TOWNSVILLE, as a memento.

4. SGT. CARR. L. One Pilots Badge has been forwarded to Kit Repository Store at TOWNSVILLE, as a memento.

5. It is regretted that the above errors were made in the compilation of reports by the respective Adjusting Officers, and the contents of your letter have been explained to them.

6. Officers-in-Charge Kit Repository Store, TOWNSVILLE, and WEST MELBOURNE, have been notified to make necessary amendments.

A. Calmer 170
Wing Commander,
Commanding No 20 Squadron,
R. A. A. F.

Handwritten: 15.6.43

It appears from the Adjusting Officer's Report in this case that an item reserved as a memento for next of kin is an identity disc. However, it is noted that this officer was a pilot and it does not appear from the report that his pilot's badge was discrepant.

No. 20 Squadron,
Group 821,
R.A.A.F.,
CAIRNS, Q'land.
(Copy to North-Eastern Area for information)

ADJUSTMENT OF EFFECTS OF CASUALTIES.

Reference your 919/5/P1, dated 17th May, 1943, as supplemented by your letter under the same reference and dated 2nd June, 1943.

2. It is noted that each of the Reports covered by those letters shows the category of the casualty to be "missing believed killed", whereas the records at this Head-Quarters indicate the category in all cases, except that of Flying Officer King, to be "missing".

3. It is further noted that the date of casualty shown on each report is the 9th March, 1943, whereas this Head-Quarters' records show Flying Officer King as being "missing believed killed" on the 28th February, 1943, and the other cases mentioned as being "missing" 8th March, 1943.

4. It is similarly noted that the report concerning Corporal Stain, J.D., forwarded under cover of your 919/4/P1 dated 14th May, 1943, shows the date he was reported "missing believed killed" as the 9th March, 1943, whereas this Head-Quarters' records show it as 28th February, 1943.

5. It is requested that the records of your Unit be inspected for the purpose of ascertaining whether they differ from the records of this Head-Quarters, and if so, that this Head-Quarters be advised accordingly.

6. Attention is drawn to the fact that the only information available to Repository Store concerning casualties is that contained in the Adjusting Officer's Report, and it is therefore most important that these reports be accurate and complete.

7. Reference Adjusting Officer's Report in respect of Sergeant LAHEY, J.B., deceased, forwarded under cover of your 16/17/AIR dated 10th May, 1943.

8. This Report indicates that the only item reserved as a memento for next of kin is an identity disc, but it is noted that this airman was mustered as a navigator and his badge of mustering does not appear from the report to be discrepant.

9. Reference Adjusting Officer's report in respect of Sergeant CARR, L., deceased, forwarded under cover of your letter last mentioned.

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10. It appears from the Adjusting Officer's Report in this case that the only item reserved as a memento for next of kin is an identity disc. However, it is noted that this officer was mustered as a pilot, and it does not appear from the report that his pilot's badge was discrepant.

11. As next of kin attach very great sentimental value to such badges of mustering, it is desired that in both the last mentioned cases, enquiries be made to ascertain whether a badge of mustering is available, and that this Head-Quarters be advised of the result.

12. It is desirable that the attention of Adjusting Officers be drawn to the usefulness of general comments concerning deficiencies paucity of private effects, or any other matter which might be of assistance to this Head-Quarters or to Repository Stores in dealing with next of kin of deceased members.

[Handwritten signature]
 for Group Captain, D.P.S.,
 for AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL.

It is further noted that the date of casualty shown on each report is the 9th March, 1945, whereas this Head-Quarters' records show Flying Officer King as being "missing believed killed" on the 28th February, 1945, and the other cases mentioned as being "missing" on the 8th March, 1945.

It is similarly noted that the report concerning Sergeant Cain, D.P., forwarded under cover of your letter dated 14th May, 1945, shows the date he was reported "missing believed killed" as the 9th March, 1945, whereas this Head-Quarters' records show it as 28th February, 1945.

It is requested that the records of your Unit be inspected for the purpose of ascertaining whether they differ from the records of this Head-Quarters, and if so, that this Head-Quarters be advised accordingly.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the only information available to Repository Store concerning casualties is that contained in the Adjusting Officer's report, and it is therefore most important that these reports be accurate and complete.

Reference Adjusting Officer's Report in respect of Sergeant LAHAY, D.P., deceased, forwarded under cover of your letter dated 10th May, 1945.

This Report indicates that the only item reserved as a memento for next of kin is an identity disc, but it is noted that this airman was mustered as a navigator and his badge of mustering does not appear from the report to be discrepant.

Reference Adjusting Officer's report in respect of Sergeant CAHILL, D.P., deceased, forwarded under cover of your letter last mentioned.

9/19/5/PI

W. H. Yelverton

M. Melville

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,
No. 20 SQUADRON, CAIRNS.

17th MAY, 1943.

The Secretary,
AIR BOARD,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

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1 JUN 1943
AIR REGISTRY

ADJUSTMENT OF EFFECTS.
(For Casualty Section)

In accordance with ABO "A" 65/43, para 6 (m), forwarded herewith are proceedings duly completed relating to the following personnel posted as Missing, Believed Killed, as a result of Air Operations to seaward:

- 5 1/2 - Flying Officer S.P. KING (5266) MISSING/B/K 28/2/43
- 2 1/2 - Flying Officer M. BRADSHAW (406749) MISSING 8/3/43
- 2 1/2 - Flying Officer J.T. TODD (416087) MISSING 8/3/43
- 2 1/2 - Flying Officer S.A. DEACON (5057) " " "
- 11363 Sgt STEPHENS R.N. " " "
- 404027 F/Sgt STANLEY L.G. " " "
- 5219 Sgt DEWHURST JE. " " "
- 42147 LAC ANDERSON C.N. " " "
- NOT RECD. 19968 LAC DOCKING R.G. " " "

One (1) copy of the proceedings has been forwarded to Repository Store, situate GARBUTT.

Rec'd under sep cover. 10/6/43 D.H.

W. H. Yelverton
.....to..... Squadron Leader,
COMMANDING No. 20 SQUADRON, R.A.A.F., CAIRNS.

D.S.A.

Encl.....

Referred for necessary action

18, 6, 43
.....
for Group Captain D.P.S;
Memorandum forwarded to A.P.O.

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REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF EFFECTS AND ADJUSTMENT.

of affairs of F/O Stewart Partick KING (5266) reported.
on 9th March 1943 missing believed killed.

*28/2/43
See attached
letter no date*

Commanding Officer's Appointment of Adjusting Officer

I appoint 264980 B.C. Hallett F/O as adjusting officer to adjust the
affairs of F/O S.P. King. Dated the 4th day of April
1943
*H. Hallett F/O
for Commanding Officer.*

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE VOUCHER NUMBERS OF THE ITEMS
RETURNED TO STORE.

20 Sq. 59, 60, 63, 64.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AS MEMENTOES.

AND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED ALONG WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY TO THE
REPOSITORY STORE AT GARBUTT Q.

1 Badge Cap Service Dress.
INVENTORY OF DEFICIENCIES IN PUBLIC EFFECTS

Appendix "A"

All reasonable efforts have been made to trace the above
mentioned items.

INVENTORY OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FORWARDED TO
REPOSITORY STORE AT GARBUTT Q.

Appendix "B"
PARTICULARS OF WILL (IF ANY) FOUND AMONG EFFECTS OR
ELSEWHERE AT UNIT

No will has been found among effects or elsewhere at unit

MONEY FOUND AMONG EFFECTS

~~The sum of _____ has been found among the effects of the
above named member and has been paid to the collector of public
monies at CAIRNS. (Official Receipt No _____)~~

I certify that no ^{MONEY} ~~trace~~ was found among the effects of the above-
named member.

FORWARDING OF PAY BOOK & C.

Pay Book, ~~Collector of Public Monies Official Receipt~~, statement
that no monies were found among member's possessions, clothing
cards and service kit cards were forwarded to the Unit Account
Officer on 10th May 1943.

GENERAL COMMENTS OF ADJUSTING OFFICER

*Every effort was made to locate form
E/A30 but to no avail. Temporary card was
raised to record returned items.*

Dated the 12th day of May 1943

H. Hallett
ADJUSTING OFFICER.

and H.R.

APPENDIX "A".

List of discrepancies in Clothing, Service Kit and A.I.U. :-

No. 5266, F/O. S.P. KING.

CLOTHING. No. E/A 30 obtainable, temporary E/A30 raised to cover items returned.

SERVICE KIT. I23/102 Helmet, Steel, Complete 1 off.

A.I.U. E7B/3043 Pistol, Revolver S&W. 38 1 off.
" /656 Brushes Cleaning 1 off.

Appendix "B"

INVENTORY OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FORWARDED TO
REPOSITORY STORE ST GARBUTT. P/O S.P.King.

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Large suit case. | 1 | Sun hat. |
| 1 | Small suit case. (inside large) | 1 | Clothes brush. |
| 1 | Pair braces. | 1 | Shaving bowl. |
| 1 | Razor Strop. | 1 | Blue folder with 4 Photographs. |
| 1 | Gold Wristlet watch. | 1 | Tooth brush. |
| 3 | Towels. | 3 | Propealing pencils. |
| 1 | Face towel. | 1 | Fountain pen. |
| 1 | Shirt. | 1 | Pair suspenders. |
| 1 | Pair Pyjamas | 1 | Razor sharpener. |
| 1 | Pair slippers. | 1 | Pair nail scissors. |
| 1 | Dressing gown. | 1 | Cigarette Lighter |
| 1 | Pair shorts. | 1 | Pocket compass. |
| 9 | Hankerchiefs. | 1 | Tie black. |
| 2 | Pairs under-pants. | 5 | mapping pens |
| 1 | Nail brush | 1 | Gold propelling pencil |
| | | 1 | Boot brush. |

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15/1/43

No 20 Squadron,
R.A.A.F.

6th JUNE, 1943.

The Secretary,
AIR BOARD,
Victoria Barracks,
St Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

ADJUSTMENT OF EFFECTS
FOR CASUALTY SECTION

I. Further to my letter 919/5/PI, of 17th MAY, 1943, advice has been received from Officer-in-Charge Kit Repository Store at TOWNSVILLE, setting out surplus kit contained in the kits of the following members :-

Flying Officer	S.P. KING.	(5266)
"	"	M. BRADSHAW. (406749)
"	"	J.T. TODD. (416087)
"	"	S.A. DEACON. (5057)

No.	11363.	Sergt. STEPHENS.	R.N.
	42147.	L.A.C. ANDERSON.	C.N.
	19968.	" DOCKING.	R.G.

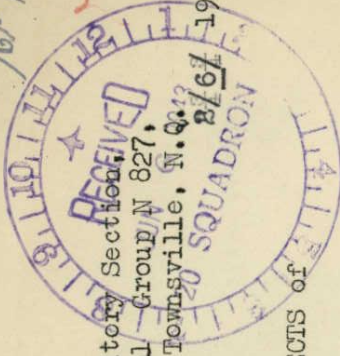
2. Records on file at this Squadron have been amended and necessary notifications are included herewith to enable additions of kit to be made.

Wing Commander,
Commanding No 20 Squadron,
R. A. A. F.

17 40 1943

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Kit Repository Section
Postal Group N 827,
Townsville, N.Q.
21/6/1943.



ACKNOWLEDGING SERVICE and PERSONAL EFFECTS of

No. 5266 F/O S.P. King

On 2/6/43 there were received at this Kit Repository the above Officer's
Service and Personal Effects which agree in every detail with the Inventory accompanying
same with the exception of the following discrepancies:

A. Items included in Inventory but not received at this Kit Repository:

NIL

B. Items not included in Inventory but received at this Kit Repository:

- Nail file
- Razor Strap
- Cotton & Buttons
- Golf bag & Sticks
- Boot Polish
- Tooth Paste

- 1 Off
- 1 Off
- 1 Tin
- 1 Off
- 2 Tins
- 1 Tubes

This information is supplied, so that adjustments may be made in records or returns for which your Section is responsible.

Commanding Officer
Group 821
R.A.A.F.
CAIRNS.

.....F/O.
Officer in Charge.
Kit Repository Section.

24.8.43. O.Hain

REFERENCE
166/22/32
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Casualty Section, W O A

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

RAAF.166/22/32 (40A)

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that I inform you that it has now been presumed for official purposes that your son-in-law, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, lost his life on 28th February, 1943, as a result of air operations.

This information is conveyed to you in accordance with the request confirmed in your letter of 5th March, 1943, and I desire that you kindly inform your daughter, Mrs. Kathleen King.

I desire to extend to your daughter and to you the profound sympathy of this Department, and trust that the accompanying enclosures will contain information of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Lengslow)
SECRETARY

Enc.3.

Mr. G. Lightfoot,
249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN, S.E.6.

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

BWC 38A

C O P Y

ONE B.F.S.O. (R) 11 SQUADRON 20 SQUADRON

R.A.A.F. H.Q. P.A. 799 238 *H V G*

W/CDR.	J. W.	DANIELL	(140)	S/LDR
E. H.	BARKLEY	(281)	F/O	L. M.
DUNHAM	(406672)	408861	SERGEANT	MOORE
H. H.	22692	SERGEANT	WATSON	K. A.
5778	SERGEANT	O'GRADY	J. D.	402708
SERGEANT	SATHER	A. R.	415376	SERGEANT
ELEBURY	A. E. J.	13970	CORPORAL	RUSSELL
D. G. S.	11 SQUADRON	(.)	F/O	S. P.
<u>KING</u>	<u>(5266)</u>	2437	CORPORAL	J. C.
STAIR	20 SQUADRON	(.)	NEXT-OF-KIN	THESE
MEMBERS	BEING	INFORMED	THAT	DEATH
OFFICIALLY	PRESUMED	BY	AIR	BOARD
R.A.F.	TWENTYEIGHT	FEBRUARY	1943	

(JLW)

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(M... 17) //////////////

230350

RECORDED IN REGISTER
By *[Signature]* 24.8.43

F/O. Coghlan

letter to be addressed to

P.T. B. 1.?- refer Enc. 26A.

Enc. 34 + 35A also refer.

23/8

THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT TO THE FILE.

C O P Y.

Serial No. 422/4909

DIRECTORATE OF PERSONAL SERVICES

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FROM O.
REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED

Encl 36a

- (v) A report obtained from members of the R.D.F. Station at Fitzroy Island indicated that on the 28th February, 1943, immediately prior to the time when A24-25 became missing, an aircraft was sighted, which circled the island and, flying north-east, was last seen in the vicinity of Green Island at 2245/L hours when it disappeared from sight. (Page 17 of Court of Enquiry)
4. Advice was received at this Head-Quarters on the 3rd June, 1943, from No.1 Base Personnel Staff Office, quoting advice received from the Unit, that nothing has been seen or heard of A24-25 or the crew since the 28th February, 1943.
5. Communications have been sent to the next-of-kin of the missing members enquiring whether they have received any news indicating the possibility of the members being alive. These enquiries have, however, produced negative results.
6. It is not considered possible that any of the abovenamed members will be found alive.
7. Recommendation
It is recommended that the following members be presumed to have lost their lives as a result of air operations on the 28th February, 1943:-

Wing Commander John William DANIELL (140)
Squadron Leader Eric Hamilton BARKLEY (281)
Flying Officer Lewis Melvin DUNHAM (406672)
Flying Officer Stuart Patrick KING (5266)
408861 Sergeant MOORE, Norman Notley
22692 Sergeant WATSON, Keith Arnold
2437 Corporal STAIN, John Corbett
5773 Sergeant O'GRADY, John Daniel
402703 Sergeant BATHER, Allen Richard
415373 Sergeant ELSBURY, Alexander Eric John
13970 Corporal RUSSELL, Douglas Giffen Shaw

M. J. Mulrooney
Air Commodore,
AIR MEMBER FOR PERSONNEL

AIRBOARD MINUTE.

(C335/43)

Date of Meeting - 17th August, 1945.

Present: C.A.S., A.M.S.E., B.M., F.M.

The Board approves the recommendation in paragraph 7

C.A.S. Int'd G.J.

A.M.S.E. Int'd G.H.

B.M. Int'd W.S.J.

F.M. Int'd H.C.E.

Sgd. F.J. Mulrooney.

Secretary.
AIR BOARD.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Sgd. T.M. Fox
for Secretary, Air Board.

BOARD PAPER NO. 336.

PRESUMPTION OF DEATH OF MEMBERS OF CREW OF CATALINA A24-25

The following members, the crew and passenger of Catalina A24-25, were reported by No. 1 Base Personnel Staff Office to be missing on the 28th February, 1943:-

Wing Commander John William DANDELL (100)
 Squadron Leader Eric Hamilton BARKLEY (281)
 Flying Officer Lewis Melvin DUNHAM (406672)
 Flying Officer Stuart Patrick KING (5266)
 408861 Sergeant MOORE, Norman Notley
 22692 Sergeant WATSON, Keith Arnold
 2437 Corporal STAIN, John Corbett
 5778 Sergeant O'GRADY, John Daniel
 402703 Sergeant BATHER, Allen Richard
 419373 Sergeant ELSBURY, Alexander Eric John
 13970 Corporal RUSSELL, Douglas Giffen Shaw

2. It is desired that these members be officially presumed to have lost their lives.

3. The circumstances under which these members became missing have been the subject of an investigation by a Court of Enquiry, the proceedings of which are at Enclosure 1A, and a memorandum from No. 11 Squadron, copy of which is at Enclosure 18A on file 32/17/91.

(i) Catalina A24-25 took off from Cairns at 0540/L hours on the 28th February, 1943, to provide anti-submarine escort to a convoy in the Coral Sea bound for Milne Bay. (Enclosure 18A and Appendix "N" of Court of Enquiry)

(ii) A24-25 had been instructed to alight at Fall River by dusk, but this was cancelled by a later instruction to land at Cairns if weather suitable. If weather was considered unfavourable, aircraft was to land at Moresby or, as a last resort, at Milne Bay. On receipt of advice from the Meteorological Section that the weather conditions were satisfactory and after a discussion which resulted in a decision that sufficient fuel was carried by the aircraft, A24-25 was recalled to Cairns. (Page 5 and Appendices "A" and "B" of Court of Enquiry)

(iii) On receipt of a message from A24-25 advising R.T.A. at 2214/L hours and requesting wind direction and speed, the Meteorological Section transmitted the necessary information and normal preparations were made for the arrival of the aircraft until a message was received from the aircraft requesting a searchlight. A further five signals were received from the aircraft regarding homing facilities. The final message from the aircraft was received at 2251/L hours and read - "Forced land for". This was interpreted to mean that the aircraft was compelled to alight, and as the fourth group was incomplete, it appeared to indicate that the aircraft had crashed. (Page 7 and Appendices "C" to "K" of Court of Enquiry).

(iv) Owing to the bad weather conditions and there being no moon, no search was made that night, but searches were commenced the next day, one Catalina taking off at 0400/L hours and another at 0600/L hours. U.S.N. Motor Torpedo boats, a R.A.N. Patrol Boat and a Beaufort assisted in the search which lasted three days with negative results. (Page 18 of Court of Enquiry)

Encl 35# DEFENCE
166/22/32
R.A.A.

249 Burke Road ^{ES 10.6.43}
East Melbourne
S.E.6.

19th June, 1943.

The Secretary
Department of Air,
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

F/O Stuart Patrick King.

Your reference 166/22/32 (34A): 59236.

My Father, Mr. G. Lightfoot, has shown me
your letter of the 10th instant.

I have received no further news of my
husband since the date when he became missing.

Thanking you for your kind expressions of
sympathy, I am

Yours faithfully,
Kathleen King.

ES
21.6.43

22 JUN 1943

S.S.
8.6.43

ENCL. 34A

59236

XXXXXX LA. 5271

RAAF 166/22/32(34A)

Casualty Section,

Merton Hall,
Anderson St.,
South Yarra.
S.E.1.

JUN 10 1943

Dear Sir,

I deeply regret to inform you that all efforts to trace your son-in-law, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, have proved unavailing and it is feared that all hope of finding him alive must be abandoned.

It has now become necessary to consider the question whether in these circumstances an official presumption of his death should be made. Before any decision in this regard is made, it is a necessary formality that his wife advises this Department in writing that she has received no further news of her husband since the date when he became missing. Accordingly it is requested that Mrs. King writes a letter in these terms to this Department at her earliest convenience.

I desire to extend to you again the sincere sympathy of this Department in the great anxiety which you have suffered.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Kingslow),
SECRETARY.

Mr. G. Lightfoot,
249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN. S.E.6.

H.L. Ashley 9/0
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

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Incl 33a

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GR 37 TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
FROM ONE BASE PSO

P948 3 JUNE PA307 1 JUNE ELEVEN SQUADRON P212 2 JUNE READS
(.) QUOTE (.) NO FURTHER NEWS W/C DANIEL AND CREW OF
A24-25 (.) NO WRECKAGE OF AIRCRAFT FOUND (.) PRESUMED
CREW DEAD (.) UNQUOTE

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C WES P48 CWA UNQUOTE - 030420X AR JW/MELB NR 30 R 030548Z
GT AR MELBOUNRE NR30 R030643/2 JZ AR

COPY.

Encl. 32a

ONE B.P.S.O. (R) ELEVEN SQUADRON

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

BA. 307

1/JUNE

WING	COMMANDER	J.W.	DANIELL	140
AND	CREW	OF	CATALINA	A24-25
MISSING	TWENTYEIGHT	FEBRUARY	(.)	DEATH
PRESUMPTION	ACTION	PROCEEDING	($\frac{1}{2}$)	REQUEST
SIGNAL	ADVICE	ANY	FURTHER	NEWS
THESE	MEMBERS	(.)	ONE	BPSO
P958	TWO	MARCH	REFERS	

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(Sgd.)

N.L.Ashley S/O // // // // // // // // // // DEFERRED

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ENCLOSURE 31A.

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APR 13 1943 Casualty Section,

XXXXXX LA. 5271.

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

RAAF.166/22/32(31A)

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 27th March, 1943, with reference to your brother, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, who is missing but believed to have lost his life on the 28th February, 1943.

The details available concerning the circumstances in which your brother became missing, which have already been conveyed to his wife, are that the aircraft in which your brother was travelling had been on patrol duty between Cairns and New Guinea, and was returning to Cairns when a thunder storm developed. Between 10 and 10.25 p.m., the aircraft signalled for search lights and necessary direction facilities, which were given. At 10.51 p.m. the aircraft signalled the words "force land for", but the message was cut off, and no further signal was received. Shortly before this, the aircraft was observed circling Fitzroy Island. It rounded Cape Grafton and disappeared in a north-easterly direction from Green Island.

Extensive searches were made by flying boats and other aircraft, and also by patrol boats. These searches were continued for three days, but no trace of the aircraft or of its occupants could be found. I deeply regret to say that it is believed that the aircraft came down into the sea north-east of Green Island.

Permit me to extend to you the sincere sympathy of this Department in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Lonslow)
SECRETARY

V.185973,
Corporal S.G. King,
Room J.112,
C.P.O.,
Wesley College, MELBOURNE

for D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
14/4

Encl 30 A

DEFENCE
166/22/32.

RECEIVED
29-MAR. 1943
A. N. INDUSTRY

Room J112. A.F.
C.P.O.
Wesley College
Hobart
27/3/43

Dear Sir,

Could you forward to me a copy of report as supplied to next-of-kin, dealing with circumstances concerning the death of my brother, Flying Officer Stuart P. King. R.A.A.F.

Thanking you
I am
Yours sincerely
Stanley C. King

bl 30/3/43

A5266
Flying Officer S.P. King
R.A.A.F.

V.185.973
Corporal S.C. King
Room J112
C.P.O.
Wesley College
Hobart

5266 F/O Sam Percy King

Payment suspended by Post
master with out authority, being
restored immediately.

Mr. Waterworth Temple Court

The effect of the above has ^①
been commented to Mr. Highfoot
by W/Andr Reid.

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Enc 287

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.
MINUTE PAPER.

19228 3.42 St 0116 G.P.S.

(This side only to be written on.)

SUBJECT: 5266 Flying Officer Stuart Patrick KING.

D/POST

It is requested that the undermentioned person, be recorded in this Officer's records, as person to be informed in the event of a casualty.

Mr. G. LIGHTFOOT, (Father-in-law)
249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN. S.E.3. VIC.

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All reference to inform wife, is to be eliminated.

B 13/43.

Keurkunda
for Wing Commander,
D.F.S. CASUALTY SECTION

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Enc 27a

Y. H. H. H. H.

2. GLEN IRIS 23 9-20A

1/4. COLLECT AIRBOARD
MELBOURNE

YOUR TELEGRAM TO MR W. LIGHTFOOT 240 BUREAU ROAD EAST MELB
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Enc. 26A

DEFENCE
166/22/32
R.A.A.F.

249 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN. S.E. 6.

5th March, 1943.
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The Officer-in-Charge,
Casualty Section,
R.A.A.F.,
Merton Hall,
Anderson Street,
SOUTH YARRA.

Dear Sir,

Re P/O. S.P. KING.

Adverting to my telephone conversation this afternoon with Wing-Commander Reid, I desire to confirm the request which I made that papers relative to the above officer be addressed to me at the above address.

My daughter, Mrs. S. King, concurs with this arrangement.

Yours faithfully,

G. Lightfoot
G. Lightfoot.

OS, 12/3/43

15 MAR 1943

COPY.

End 25A

FROM: Commanding Officer, No.11 Squadron, CAIRNS.
TO: No. 1 B.P.S.O. Group N820, TOWNSVILLE
Copy to N.E.A.
3 O.T.U.
DATE: 5th March, 1943.
REF: 16/22/AIR

AIRCRAFT CASUALTY A24-25.

Under A.F.O. 18/E/2, para 5 (b), this confirmatory memorandum is forwarded:

(i) Catalina A24-25 took off at 0540/28L to provide anti-submarine escort to a convoy in the CORAL SEA bound for MILNE BAY. His orders were to alight at FALL RIVER, A.O.R.N.E.A. at about noon ordered A24-25 to return to CAIRNS or if weather was unsuitable to PORT MORESBY. At 1500L weather was good and forecasted to remain fair so A24-25 was ordered to return to base after leaving convoy at dusk. At 2100L, A24-25 signalled ~~to~~ his B.T.A. as 2214L. A thunderstorm had developed beyond the reef through which A24-25 had to fly and CAIRNS was overcast at 1000 feet. Between 2210 and 2225L, A24-25 signalled for searchlights and D/F facilities which were given him. At 2251L he sent an incomplete message "force land for...." Nothing further was heard from him.

On March 2nd, three R.A.A.F. guards on FITZROY ISLAND reported seeing an aircraft, with navigation and landing lights switched on, circling the island between 2230 and 2245/28L. They thought the aircraft was a CATALINA. It is certain that this was A24-25. The aircraft rounded CAPE GRATTON, then disappeared in a north easterly direction from GREEN ISLAND. The weather was clear with broken cloud. Some stars were showing and a high wind was blowing. The glare of the CAIRNS searchlight, which was put on at 2240L, could be seen over the top of CAPE GRATTON. An extensive search was made by Catalina, Seagull and Beaufort aircraft, by U.S.N. Motor Torpedo Boats and by R.A.N. patrol boats with no result. The search was abandoned after three days. A24-25 had flown 17 hours 11 minutes at the time of his last signal. He took off with 1100 gallons of fuel, giving a consumption of 65 gallons per hour. This is a little high, but there is little doubt that the cause was lack of fuel.

(ii) No other aircraft were engaged in this operation, but Catalina A24-27, Captain F/Lt. H. TAMBLYN was escorting a convoy bound for PORT MORESBY. He alighted at CAIRNS at 2155/28L.

(iii) Not applicable

- (iv) (a) Wing Commander J.W. DANIELL (A140)
(b) 1205
(c) Average (plus)
(d) Average
(e) 7/10

HOSP King

(sgt). R.A. Aitkinson
Squadron Leader,
Commanding No.11 Squadron,
C A I R N S.

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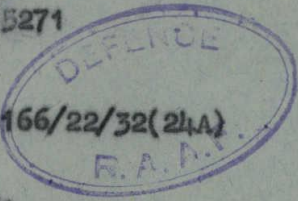
Casualty Section,

Herton Hall,
xxxxAnderson Street,
South Yarra.
S.E.1.

XXXX LA.5271

RAAF.166/22/32(24A)

MAR 11 1943



Dear Sir,

I deeply regret that I have to confirm the telegram from this Department dated the 6th March, 1943, informing you that your son-in-law, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, previously missing is now missing but believed to have lost his life on the 28th February, 1943.

The circumstances on which this belief is founded have been set out in a detailed report received from your son-in-law's unit, and were conveyed to your daughter by Wing Commander Reid of this Department by telephone on the 8th March, 1943. The report states that Flying Officer S. P. King was aboard an aircraft which had been on patrol duty between Cairns and New Guinea, and was returning to Cairns when a thunderstorm developed. Between 10.10 p.m. and 10.25 p.m. the aircraft signalled for search lights and necessary direction facilities, which were given. At 10.51 p.m. the aircraft signalled the words "Force Land For", but transmitted no further message. Shortly before this the aircraft could be seen circling Fitzroy Island. It rounded Cape Grafton and disappeared in a north-easterly direction from Green Island. Extensive searches were made by flying boats and by other aircraft and also patrol boats. These searches were continued over three days, but no trace of the aircraft or of its occupants could be found. I deeply regret that the circumstances of the loss of the aircraft support the assumption that it disappeared in the sea north east of Green Island.

I enclose herewith a further leaflet which, it is hoped, may be of assistance to you.

Permit me to again convey to Mrs. King through you the sincere sympathy of this Department in her anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(M. C. Manglow),
SECRETARY.

Enc.
Mr. G. Lightfoot,
249 Burke Road,

National Archives Australia Vic.

P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
2/10
for
10/3
NAA: A705, 166/22/32

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MELB NR 24

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IMPORTANT NOT W/T

GR 209 TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
FROM ONE BASE PERSONNEL STAFF OFFICE

P 960 7 MAR PA 472 6 MAR FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.)
CATALINA A24-25 WING COMMANDER J.W. DANIELL (140)
AND CREW (.) CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM STATES AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF
0540/28L FOR ANTI-SUBMARINE ESCORT TO CONVEY BOUND MILNE BAY WITH
ORDERS TO ALIGHT FALL RIVER (.) AOR NEA ABOUT NOON ORDERED
AIRCRAFT TO RETURN CAIRNS AND IF WEATHER UNSUITABLE TO PORT
MORESBY (.) WEATHER BEING FORCASTED FAIR AIRCRAFT ORDERED TO
RETURN TO BASE (.) AT 2105L AIRCRAFT SIGNALLED ETA AS 2214L
(.) THUNDERSTORM DEVELOPED CAIRNS OVERCAST AT 1,000 FEET (.)
BETWEEN 2210L AND 2225L AIRCRAFT SIGNALLED FOR SEARCHLIGHTS AND
D.F. FACILITIES WHICH WERE GIVEN (.) AT 2251L AIRCRAFT SIGNALLED
"FORCE LAND FOR" (.) NOTHING FURTHER HEARD (.) AIRCRAFT
WAS SEEN CIRCLING FITZROY ISLAND BETWEEN 2230 AND
2245/28L (.) WEATHER THEN CLEAR BROKEN CLOUD HIGH WIND (.) AIRCRAFT
ROUNDED CAPE GRAFTON AND DISAPPEARED IN NORTH EASTERLY DIRECTION
FROM GREEN ISLAND (.) CAIRNS SEARCHLIGHT PUT ON AT 2240L COULD
BE SEEN OVER TOP OF CAPE GRAFTON (.) EXTENSIVE SEARCH OVER THREE
DAYS MADE BY CATALINA SEAGULL BEAUFORT AIRCRAFT MOTOR TORPEDO
BOATS AND PATROL BOATS WITHOUT RESULT (.) CONSIDERED LACK OF FUEL
CAUSE OF LANDING (IV) (B) 1205 (C) AVERAGE (PLUS) (D)
AVERAGE (E) 7/10

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Kings S.P.

TKSA10 ... GLEN IRIS 33 9/30A

2/4 ... COLLECT • AIRBOARD
MELBOURNE

WITH REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED MELB 4/41 P 4TH ADDRESSED TO MRS S P
KING 249 BURKE ROAD EAST MALVERN TELEGRAM WAS DELIVERED A T 7 PM 4TH
... POSTMASTER
(4/41P 4TH 249)

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5/8/43
General

Incl. 2/1a

DEPARTMENT OF AIR
MINUTE PAPER

(no matter how small)

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7/3/1943

SUBJECT

5266 A & SD F/O KING Stuart Patrick 20 Sqdn. Aust.
4.3.43

Missing air ops. on 28.2.43

Missing believed killed 28.2.43

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THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT TO THE FILE.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.
MINUTE PAPER.

(This side only to be written on.)

19228 3.42 St 9116 G.P.S.

SUBJECT: 400256 Sgt. JONES, W.M. -

A.F.O. MR. ROBERTS,
MR. MALONEY,
MR. O'DONNELL.

Reference Missing Personnel Notici

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TO ONE B.P.S.O. REPEAT NORTH EASTERN AREA
FROM RAAF HEADQUARTERS P.A. 471 6/MAR

NEXT	OF	KIN	WING	COMMANDER
J.W.	DANIELL	140	AND	REMAINDER
CREW	MISSING	CATALINA	A24-25	BEING
INFORMED	THESE	MEMBERS	MISSING	BELIEVED
KILLED	TWENTYEIGHT	FEBRUARY	(.)	YOUR
P 959	FIVE	MARCH	REFERS	

P.F.

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ONE B.P.S.O.

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

P.A. 472 6 MAR.

MISSING	CATALINA	A24-25	YOUR	P.959
FIVE	MARCH	(.)	FORWARD	PRECIS
CONFIRMATORY	MEMORANDUM	BY	IMPORTANT	SIGNAL
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GRS 80 TO RAFF HEADQUARTERS REPEATED HEADQUARTERS NORTH EASTERN AREA
FROM ONE BASE PERSONNEL STAFF OFFICE

P959 5 MAR FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.) IN REPLY TO YOUR PA 427

FOUR MARCH TO HEADQUARTERS NORTH EASTERN AREA NOT REPEATED
THIS OFFICE REFERENCE MISSING CATALINA A24-25 (.) FOLLOWING
IS REPEAT ELEVEN SQUADRON A50 FIVE MA RCH JUST RECEIVED (.)

QUOTE (.) REFERENCE MY A46 ONE MARCH (.) CHANGE OF CASUALTY
CATEGORISATION (.) CREW NOW MISSING BELIEVED BELIEVED KILLED (.)

UNQUOTE (.) COMMANDING OFFICER ELEVEN SQUADRON ADVISES

SEARCHES COMPLETED AND CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM BEING FORWARDED

TODAY (.) WILL DESPATCH IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT

~~-0340/5Z~~

2nd May,

Pilot Officer E.H. GOODGER, R.A.F.V.R., states:-

Pilot Officers K. HAMILTON, C. ARNSIDES, G. BARNARD and WEEKS were last seen at West Group, BANDOENG on Monday, 2nd March, 1942. They are all R.A.F.V.R. (Australians). It is impossible that they would have got away by ship. We came away on the 'Jannsens' which, I was informed, was the last ship to leave CHILACHIP. It is possible they may have got away by a small boat but very improbable as we were looking for ships when we left.

Pilot Officer HORNE was seen at BUETENZORG on the 29th February, 1942. He was posted there and no arrangements were made for him to leave so consider that he would still be there.

Pilot Officer BULCOCK was at the Embarkation Depot, CHILACHIP, on the night of the 2nd March, 1942. I do not think he could have got away.

Group Captain R. RAE, R.A.F., who is an Australian and whose wife and parents live in SYDNEY would definitely be in JAVA. I had lunch with Group Captain RAE on the 2nd March, 1942, the day I left BANDOENG. He stated he had been pushed out of two places and that he had no intention of leaving JAVA until he had a crack at the Japs. He obtained a sniper's rifle. We had invited him to come with us.

Pilot Officer V. EVANS of SYDNEY left SINGAPORE to open up a Wireless and Instrument Repairers Section 20 miles west of CHILACHIP and nobody has seen or heard of him since he arrived at this location.

Pilot Officer V. SMITH was last seen in BATAVIA about 14th February, 1942.

Pilot Officer W. SIMPSON was last seen in BATAVIA on the 14th February, 1942.

Pilot Officers HARVEY and CLOSTER were also last seen in BATAVIA on the 28th February, 1942.

A large number of personnel left BATAVIA on the 27th and 28th February, 1942, for a transit camp north of CHILACHIP. This party included HARVEY and CLOSTER and it is understood that none of this party were ever taken to CHILACHIP for transport. It is understood that between 1500 and 2000 men were stationed at this camp after the 2nd. It is considered that some of these may have been Australians but very few, if any.

I have written to Mrs. BARNARD and Mrs. SIMPSON has written asking if I can give her any information. I have also written to the fiancée of Pilot Officer HAMILTON but merely told them when and where I saw the members last.

John H. West
B6

(P511/42)

End 1/4a

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GR60 TO ELEVEN SQUADRON REPEATED ONE BASE PERSONNEL STAFF

OFFICE RAAF HEADQUARTERS

FROM HEADQUARTERS NORTH EASTERN AREA

P231 4MAR. YOUR SIGNAL A.46 1MAR. REFERENCE W/C.

DANIELL (140) AND OTHERS ADDRESSED ONLY TO NO.1 RPSO

(.) THIS CASUALTY STATED TO HAVE OCCURRED 1151/25/Z FEB YOUR

CASUALTY SIGNAL NOT ORIGINATED UNTIL 2251/1/Z MAR (.) FURTHER

INFORMATION REFERENCE THESE MEMBERS TO BE TRANSMITTED MORE

PROMPTLY (.) ALL SIGNALS RELATIVE TO CASUALTIES TO BE REPEATED

THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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

Serial No. : 775
Period : 1942/43

SECRET

The Secretary,
Department of Air.

Herewith are preliminary details of a flying accident.

(a) AIRCRAFT:	Type: Number:	CATALINA A24-25
(b) UNIT:		No. 11 Squadron.
(c) LOCALITY:	Place: Date: Time:	VICINITY OF CAIRNS. 28.2.43. (Signal just received) 2251 hours E.A.S.T.
(d) PILOT:	Rank: Name: Condition:	W/C. J.W. DANIELL. Missing. S/Ldr. E.H. BARKLEY.
(e) CREW:	Rank: Name: Condition:	F/O. L.M. DUNHAM. 408861 Sgt. MOORE, N.N. 22692 Sgt. WATSON, K.A. P.437 Cpl. STAIN, J.C. (20 Sqdn.) 5778 Sgt. O'GRADY, J.D. 402703 Sgt. EATHER, A.R. 415378 Sgt. ELSBURY, A.E.J. 13970 Cpl. RUSSEL, D.G. F/O. S.P. KING. (20 Sqdn.) +
(f) NATURE OF ACCIDENT:		Aircraft missing on anti-submarine patrol.
(g) PROBABLE CAUSE:		Unknown.
(h) EXTENT OF DAMAGE:	Airframe: Engine:) Unknown.))
(i) Has Minister for Air been informed by unit?		Not by D.T.

Missing.

Date: 3.3.43.

Copies for information to :-
Minister for Air, C.A.S.
A.N.E.M., A.M.P., Secretary, Air Board.
D.E.S. (Air), D.T.S., I.A.A., D.Aircraft Maintenance, D.P.S. (Cas. Section) File (D.T.), D.T., D.S.D.

Collinson
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Incl. 12a

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IMPORTANT NOT W/T

GR 105 TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
 FROM ONE BASE PERSONNEL STAFF OFFICE
 PE20 3 MAR FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.) FURTHER MY P953 TEO MARCH
 RE W/CDR J W DANIELL AND CREW A24-25 (.) ELEVEN SQUADRON NOW
 ADVISE ADDRESS OF MRS M G DANIELL NEXT OF KIN OF WING COMMANDER
 J W DANIELL (140) IS 60 RAGLAN ROAD MOUNT LAWLEY WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 AND THAT PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADDITION IS MRS E G ROBERTSON
 FLAT ELEVEN 167 VICTORIA ROAD BELLEVUE HILL (.) THE INFORMATION
 CONTAINED IN MY P953 TEO MARCH WAS TAKEN FROM THIS OFFICER'S
 P/P64 AS NO ADVICE AS TO NEXT OF KIN AND PERSON TO BE INFORMED
 WAS RECEIVED FROM UNIT
 2810/22

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NOT IN EASTERN AREA REPEAT ONE B.P.S.O.

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS PA 933 31AR.

WING	COMMANDER	J.W.	DANIELL	(140)
OTHER	MEMBERS	MENTIONED	ONE	B.P.S.O.
P953	2 MAR	(.)	CONSIDER	ADVICE
THIS C	CASUALTY	TO	THIS	HEADQUARTERS
UNDULY	DELAYED	(.)	FURTHER	INFORMATION
REFERENCE	THESE	MEMBERS	IS	TO
BE	TRANSMITTED	MORE	PROMPTLY	

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Incl. 10a

From: R.A.F. Station, Brisbane
To: R.A.F. Station, Brisbane
Date: 28 September 1943
Ref: 3438

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REPORT ON OPERATIONAL CASUALTY INVESTIGATION

F/O A & S.D.

Further to this unit's report on the following report is read: KING, Stuart Patrick

20 Sqn. Aus.

The aircraft and crew as shown below took off from R.A.F. Station, Brisbane 28.2.43 for the following target: Vicinity Cairns Qld.

28.2.43

Missing air operations

Mr. Thomas R. F. (Pilot)
Mr. J. J. (Co-pilot)
Mr. J. J. (Observer)
Mr. J. J. (Observer)
Mr. J. J. (Observer)

No further news has been heard of this aircraft or its crew since it was last seen.
Wife Mrs. Kathleen King

3 Golden Quadrant,
GLEN IRIS, Vic

(See) R.A.F. Station, Brisbane
for this command
No. 12 Squadron

A.F.O. Mr. Roberts
Mr. Maloney
Mr. O'Donnell

R.A.F. Station, Brisbane
Under Secretary of State
Air Officer in Charge
Headquarters No. 1 Group
28 Sep 1943

[Handwritten signature]

(Sgt) J. J.
for Group Captain, Command No. 12
R.A.F. STATION, BRISBANE

SECRET.

From: No.12 Squadron, Binbrook.
To: R.A.F. Station, Binbrook.
Date: 14th September, 1942.
Ref: 128/5/3 Air.

REPORT ON OPERATIONAL CASUALTY NIGHT 13/14 SEPTEMBER, 1942.

Further to this Unit's casualty signal C 224 dated 14/9/42 the following report is rendered in accordance with A.P. 1301 Appendix III Part 1.

The aircraft and crew as shown below took off from R.A.F. Station, Binbrook 0035 hours on 14/9/42 to bomb the following target:-

Point of aim at BREMEN.

Aircraft	E.1728 Wellington III
Pilot	1208881 Sgt. Harrison A.E.
Navigator	P/O Thomas E.F. 117131
W/T Op.	Aus. 411187 Sgt. Riding, EIE.
Air Bomber	999230 Sgt. Lunn E.P.
Rear Gunner	Aus. 403512 Sgt. Higson W.F.

No further news has been heard of this aircraft or its crew since it left the Base.

(Sgd.) H.C. Cotterill F/Lt.,

for Wing Commander,
Commanding,
No.12 Squadron.

From: R.A.F. Station Binbrook.
To: Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry (P.4 Cas.)
Air Officer i/c Records, GLOUCESTER (1 copy)
Headquarters, No.1 Group.
Date: 15th September, 1942.
Ref: BIN/318/1 Air

Forwarded

(Sgd) F/Lt.
for Group Captain, Commanding
R.A.F. STATION, BINBROOK.

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NORTH EASTERN AREA

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

P.A. 427 4 Mar.

SIGNAL	YOUR	EARLIEST	FOR	INFORMATION
CASUALTY	SECTION	ANY	FURTHER	AVAILABLE
INFORMATION	REFERENCE	LOSS	OF MISSING	CATALINA
A24-25	(.)	ONE	B.P.S.O.	P.953
TWO	MARCH	REPEATED	TO	YOU
REFERS				

*not
Wentham Sds. ///*

IMPORTANT

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MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No.

No. of Office Date Stamp.
Groups **GR** *Incl. 7a*

Call IN
and Preface OUT

CASUALTY

(Above this line for Signals use only.)

DELIVERY PERSONAL.
TO* **MRS. S.P. KING, 249 BURKE ROAD, EAST MALVERN. WVK. S.E.6. VIC.**

FROM* **AIR BOARD, MELBOURNE** | Originator's Number. | **P.A. 419** | Date. | **4 Mar.** | In Reply to Number and Date.

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR **HUSBAND FLYING OFFICER STUART PATRICK KING**
IS MISSING AS RESULT OF AIR

OPERATIONS ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 1943 (.) ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO YOU. (.) **TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO**

YOU AT GLEN IRIS UNDELIVERED

TO: POSTMASTER **EAST MALVERN. VIC.**
P.A. 420 **4/3** REQUEST ADVISE AIR BOARD BY COLLECT TELEGRAM WHEN ACCOMPANYING
WAR CASUALTY TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO **MRS. S.P. KING, 249 BURKE ROAD,**
EAST MALVERN
HAS BEEN DELIVERED
FROM: AIR BOARD.

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may NOT be sent by W/T. Signature <i>Arthur Burdett</i>		This message must be sent IN CYPHER and may be sent by W/T. <i>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</i>		Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority.*		TIME of ORIGIN	
Signature of Originator <i>Arthur Burdett</i>		Signature of Receiver		System out.		T.O.R. <i>0/55 12</i>	
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							T.H.I.

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URGT 82. GLEN IRIS 23 5-30P

3/- COLLECT AIRBAARD
MELBOURNE.

IMPORTANT

TELEGRAM LODGED 3/24 PM 3RD TO KING 3 GOLDEN QUADRANT GLEN IRIS
DELIVERED 5 PM ON 3RD MARCH

POSTMASTER GLEN IRIS.

*King S.P.
Reej*

*0658
LH/31
Lansdown*

Incl. 5a

News of Min & No S.

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has now moved to

249 Burke Road, East

Malvern

(For G. Lightfoot (F.I.W.)

S.G.66

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T.G. 41. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. No.

CASH REGISTER	TELEGRAM <small>This message is presented for transmission subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.</small>	AFFIX STAMPS HERE
<small>The address must contain all information necessary to ensure delivery.</small>		
Words _____ Charge _____ Time _____ By _____ Remarks _____	TO _____ POSTMASTER	For Office Use Only T _____ C _____ B _____
PLEASE WAR AND AIR (.)	ARRANGE CASUALTY REPORT BOARD RELIGION	DELIVER TELEGRAM BY MELBOURNE
	ACCOMPANYING ADDRESSED MAIL WHEN	FATAL TO TO DELIVERED
FROM		AIR BOARD

Original by

O.Hain
3/3/43



Incl. 4a

Casualty Section,

KKXNDCK LA. 5271.

40854

Merton Hall,
333 Anderson Street,
South Yarra,
MAR - 3 1943 S.E.L.

RAAF.

Dear Madam,

This letter is to confirm the telegram from this Department dated the 3rd March, 1943, informing you that your husband, Flying Officer Stuart Patrick King, is missing as a result of air operations on the night of 28th February, 1943.

The details available are that your husband was aboard a Catalina aircraft which was lost while on ~~anti submarine patrol~~ *anti submarine operations* over Northern waters.

It is regretted that the circumstances surrounding the loss of the aircraft are not known at present in this Department out you may rest assured that immediately further information is received you will be notified.

In the interests of security, it is urged that references to the locality in which operations have taken place should be treated as confidential, and on no account discussed with persons outside the immediate family circle or disclosed to representatives of the press. ~~Should such information fall into the hands of the enemy, it may be of considerable assistance to him. Moreover, it may lead to the capture of members of the Air Force who have been forced to land in enemy territory and are awaiting an opportunity to escape.~~

~~The name of a missing member is normally included in an official casualty list issued to the press soon after the member becomes missing.~~

I am forwarding herewith a leaflet which, it is hoped, may be of assistance to you.

Permit me to extend to you the sincere sympathy of this Department in the anxiety you are suffering.

Enc.

Mrs. B.P. King,
3 Golden Quadrant,
GLEN IRIS, Vic.

*K.M. Pender 4/5
P. Box 611.
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Yours faithfully,

(M.C. LAW) SECRETARY

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

NO. *RS 5266* RANK.. *F/O* NAME. *KING, Stuart, Patrick*

UNIT..... *20 Squadron (Aus)* RELIGION.... *RC*

MUSTERING.. *General Duties* ENLISTED... *1* DATE ENLISTED. *30-3-42*
A + S.D. DATE EMBARKED.....

NEXT OF KIN.. *Wife* NAME. *Mrs. Kathleen King*

DATE OF BIRTH.. *22-4-1906* ADDRESS... *Golden Crescent, 249 Burke Rd.,*
Person to be informed (Father-in-law) *WARRIMUN VIC. East Melbourne*
Rev. G. Highfoot *S.E.C.*
249 Burke Road
East Melbourne. SE6 VIC
(EMC. 5A)

MARRIED... *Yes* SINGLE..... NO. OF DEPENDANTS.....

ELIGIBLE FOR SCROLL

NATURE OF CASUALTY... *Missing air operations.*

17/8/43 *Signal* *New missing but believed 15a*
 SIGNAL FROM AIR COMMAND ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED w.e.f. *28/2/43 (Enc. 36A)*

PLACE.. *Vicinity of Cairns* DATE... *Unknown* *28-2-43*

SIGNED... *N.S. Ford* A.C.W.

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SERIAL _____ FM. _____
 NO. 255266 RANK Mo
 NAME Stuart Patrick King
 UNIT 1 R.P.P. M.B.F. RELIGION R.C.
 MUSTERING a 9 5 d ENLISTED AT Meld
 DATE OF BIRTH 22/4/1906 ENLISTED ON 30/3/1942
 MARRIED _____ SINGLE _____ EMBARKED _____
 N/K wife NAME Mathleen King
 ADDRESS 3 Esplanade
Glen Iris
249 Burke Rd
East Malvern
S.E.6.

PERSON TO BE INFORMED: Father-in-law
~~as above~~
Mr G. Lightfoot
address as above ↗

AND/OR ALSO INFORM:

INFORMATION EXTRACTED BY:
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NATURE OF CASUALTY _____ a.c.w. Long R.M.

PLACE _____ DATE _____

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 FROM ONE BASE H S Q
 P953 2 MAR FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.) (A) CATALINE A24-25 (P)
 AIRCRAFT ELEVEN SQUADRON CAIRNS PERSONNEL ELEVEN SQUADRON
 EXCEPT AS SHOWN (C) VICINITY OF CAIRNS EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN
 1151/28Z NIGHT (D) WING COMMANDER JOHN WILLIAM DANIELL (140)
 CAPTIAN S/LDR ERIC HAMILTON BARKLEY (281) SECOND PILOT
 FLYING OFFICER LEWIS MELVIN DUNHAM (406672) OBSERVER 408861
 SERGEANT MOORE NORMAN NOTLEY THIRD PILOT 22692 SERGEANT WATSON
 KEITH ARNOLD FITTER 11E 2437 CORPORAL STAIN JOHN CORBET FITTER
 11E OF TWENTY SQUADRON 5778 SERGEANT O'GRADY JOHN DANIELL FITTER
 11A 402703 SERGEANT EATHER ALLEN RICHARD W A G 415378 SERGEANT
 ELSBURY ALEXANDER ERIC JOGN WAG 13970 CORPORAL RUSSELL DOUGLAS GI
 GIFFEN AMOURER FLYING OFFICER STUART PATRICK KING (5266) TWENTY
 SQUADRON PASSENGER ALL MISSING PARTICULARS UNKNOWN (F) IN AIR
 OPERATIONS CAUSE UNKNOWN (G) NEXT OF KIN DANIELL MRS M DANIELL

MOTHER 58

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RAGLAN ROAD MOUNT LAWLEY WESTERN AUSTRALIA PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED
 IN ADDITION MR D.L. POCKLINGTON 32 WALCOTT STREET MOUNT LAWLEY
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEXT OF KIN BARKLEY MRS. H. BARKLEY MOTHER
 5ALLEYNE AVENUE MALVERN SE3 MELBOURNE VICTORIA DNNHAM FR
 HELEN F DUNHAM WIFE, 6 ALBERT STREET CLAREMONT WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 MOORE MRS D MOORE MOTHER 79 BALWYN ROAD BALWYN VICTORIA WATSON
 MRS ETHEL WATSON MOYHER 18 BRIGHT STREET LISMORE NSW STAIN
 MR W J STAIN FATHER 122 FIFTH AVENUE MOUNT LAWLEY WESTERN
 AUSTRALIA O' GRADY MRS. ANN E E O'GRADY MOTHER DUDLEY STREET
 GOOGEE NSW EATHER MR C E EATHER FATHER 81 ENMORE ROAD NSW
 ELSBURY MR GEORGE AHELSBURY FATHER 29 WEST PARADE PERTH WESTERN
 AUSTRALIA RUSSELL MRS EMILY RUSSELL MOTHER 90 COMMERCIAL ROAD
 FOOTSCRAY VICTORIA KING MRS KATHLEEN KING WIFE THREE GOLDE N
 WUADRANT GLEN IRIS VICTORIA (1) ANTI SUBMARINE PATROL

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