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P/O Rully B.S.
401083

CASUALTY - REPATRIATION

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/35/113

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Five death certificates No. 4005 issued to Mrs. Reilly North Carlton on 8th Apr and despatched on 11/4/47 M. M. Reilly

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*11 S. 47. Personal effects returned to in
enclosures 38440, delivered personally
by S. C. Hagley on 10. 5. 47. to Mrs.
M. M. Reilly*

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

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Commission forwarded to wife, Mrs. M.M. Reilly, 281 Station St, Nth Carlton, Vic. on 26th February, 1947.

J. Locke
P/Sgt. 26/2/47.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/35/112

- 1. 27.7.43. Copy signal from EPO RAF NZ advising casualty. Enc. 1A.
- 2. 27.7.43. Extract form P/P 25 & Notification to F/M Serial No. 8290. Enc. 2A.
- 3. 27.7.43. Copy signal to N/Kin advising casualty. Enc. 3A.
- 4. 29.7.43. REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 210
(Missing air ops)

29.7.43. Letter to N/K confirming Encl. 3a, giving further detail forwarding leaflet.

- 5:8:43 From Postmaster advising telegram to next of kin undelivered and address unknown. Enc. 5a.
- 5:8:43 Signal to father re this member being a casualty and requesting address of next of kin. Enc. 7a.

8. S/Ldr. Grey-Smith advised that Mr. Haslam (brother-in-law of this member) rang him and stated member's parents, living at 30 SHEPHERD STREET, FOOTSCRAY, received a letter from Mrs. Fletcher, 69 Elma Road, Caulfield, mother of P/O Fletcher, missing with this member, and offering condolences.

2. Parents of F/Sgt. Reilly had not received any official advice.

3. Rang member's father at MW.2994 and he stated that he had just received Encl 7a and that his son's wife's address is:

C/- Mr Purves,
28/Station Street,
N^o. CARLTON VIC.

4. Gave father information shown on Encl. 1a and told him we would send telegram to member's wife at above address

M. Wray F/O

for Wing Commander,

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

5/8/43

6:8:43 Signal to next of kin at address advised by father. Encl

9-8-43 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY ENCL. 9a 7a. ENCL

10-9-43. Minute to Records advising correct address of N

12.

11. 8.43. Wife called, had not received enclosure 5a, and it is unlikely that she would receive it as she has twice changed her address, and it is more than two years since she lived at Bondi. I gave her a copy of enclosure 5a, and also the missing leaflet. She is not very hopeful that her husband may be safe but expressed grateful thanks for our action in the matter. She understands the cause of delay in notification but could not understand why her husband had to change the address.

W.O. Neesham
Squadron Leader.
DPS(cs)

Form A 60

13
Signal from C.P.O. advising address of N/Kin. Encl. 14A

4.9.43 Copy circumstantial report from No. 454 Sqdn. Encl. 14A.
15.
7/9/43 To wife giving further details. Enclosure 15A.
16.

25.9.43 Copy letter from C.O TO H.E. Original forwarded on Encl. 16A.
17.

27.9.43. Original letter to N/K from C.O. Encl. 17A.
18.

25/10/43. Signal to OHQ ROAF Hsway, advising any further news re this member. Encl 18a.
19.

28/10/43. Copy signal from OHQ giving extract circumstantial report. Encl 19a.
20.

12.11.43. Checked with P5 Section who advise no record of member being granted a commission as yet. D.N. Thompson Lt.
21.

13.12.43 P5 advise member granted a commission No. W.C. of 20/6/43 Encl 20a. 248. 25/1/43. D.N. Thompson Lt.
22.

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX (RANK)
BY 200 14/12/43

15/12/43 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 349
(corr. to rank)
23.

28/2/44 NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 4696.
24.

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX (D.P.)
BY 200 13/44

2/3/44 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 62
(Deaths pres)
25.

5/Jan Memphis (D.R) rang 5/Jan Newham recently. & mentions father then spoke. Found out had not received any notification between time son posted missing & presumed dead.
26. father's name initial W.J.

27.3.44

W. G. G. G. G. G.
for Wing Commander.
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION

Secretary,
Department of Air, (Casualty Section)
"J" Block,
ALBERT PARK. S.O.S. VIC.

Enc 414

I desire to acknowledge receipt of the Commission of
the late Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly (401583)

Signed *M. Reilly*

Address *281 Station St.*

Nth Lareton

Date *23. 3. 47.*

166/35/113

(CD54/46)

SB
12.12.46

40A



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Casualty Section,
Albert Park Barracks.

xx S.C.3.
DEC 17 1946

RAAF 166/35/113(40A)

Dear Madam,

I refer to your letter dated 22nd November, 1946,
concerning your late son, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley
Reilly,

I regret to inform you that no further information
regarding the sad loss of your son has become known, subsequent
to that conveyed to you in previous correspondence.


As advised in my letter to you dated the 3rd April,
1944, your son was the wireless airgunner in a Baltimore
aircraft detailed to take part in a low level bombing attack
on the central section of Crete on the 23rd July, 1943. An
S.O.S. message was received from the aircraft, and its position
was fixed on the south coast of Crete.

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In view of this evidence and the long lapse of
time in which no trace of your son or his aircraft has been
found, it is the reluctant opinion of this Department that his
ultimate fate may never be known.

The matters relating to badges and war gratuity
will be the subjects of separate communications.

Permit me to assure you of the continued sympathy
of my Department in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,


(J.G. Perry)
ACTING SECRETARY.

Mrs. W. Reilly,
30 Shepherd St.,
FOOTSCRAY. W.11.

No. 1000
12.12.46

Case 39A

C O P Y.

April 3rd - 1944.
R.A.A.F. 166/35/113/(30A).

30 Shepherd Street,
FOOTSCRAY. W.11.
22nd November, 1946.

PGN

Dear Sir,

The above reference was on the letter I last received when I was notified that my son Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly was reported missing on July 23rd, 1943.

Ward

2. *PGN.* Has anything further been heard? I would also like to ask if when his gratuity is to be paid could I his mother or his father get it as his wife (of a month) received all wealth and she has been married again for some time. *14-11-45*

PGA

3. And could I get my badge now because I did not apply before I have been hoping that he was alive,

CX13687

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Winnie Reilly.

Referred to D.P.S. Casualty Section.

Original in L.G. file

copy to Badges & War Gratuity sections for reply direct to home

ENC. 38A

Casualty Section,
391 Lt. Collins St.,

XXXXXXXXXXXX MF9981

219760

RAAF.166/35/113(38A)

OCT -9 1944

Mr Sir,

re Pilot Officer E. S. REILLY, (deceased).

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st September, 1944, relative to the above deceased officer.

According to the records of this Department the particulars required by you are as follows:--

- (i) Date of enlistment: 1st March, 1941.
- (ii) Date of embarkation for service overseas:
22nd April, 1941.

M.C. Langslow
Yours faithfully,

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

Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation,
Taxation Office,
436 Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

Mr
Mr
D.F.S. CASUALTY SECTION
for 7/10

TELEPHONE NO. CENTRAL 363
TELEGRAM ADDRESS: "FAX"

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



Po(A) D. Butts

Case 37A
IMPORTANT.
Please tear off and attach
this corner to your reply:
V.F. R 3069
V.

STATE INCOME TAX
UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX
FEDERAL INCOME TAX (VICTORIA)

Letter 6/10

RECEIVED TAXATION OFFICE,
436 LONSDALE STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

21st September, 1944.

ATTENTION: Director of Personnel Service.

R/o Kilmorris

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, C.I

D.P.S. (600)
cab

Dear Sir,

Re: P/O. Beresford Stanley Reilly, dec'd.

For the purposes of the Income Tax Act,
I have to request that you furnish me with the
following information regarding the abovenamed.

- (1) Date of enlistment.
- (2) Date of departure from Australia.

401688 P/O B.S. Reilly
ENLISTED: I.R.C. - 1.3.41
EMB. O/S: 22.4.41

RECEIVED
23 SEP 1944
Yours faithfully,
Deputy Federal Commissioner
PAYROLL

PLEASE NOTE that the reference number should be quoted in your reply. Omission to do so often causes inconvenience to taxpayers.
If the name and address used in this communication is not your correct or usual name or postal address, kindly quote both the correct particulars and the name and address used in this correspondence in your reply.

L 1319 1/44-C 5/2c

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF AUST/401582 P/O RILEY B.C.

AR
Incl 36a

1 parcel contg:-
1 diary
1 "Orion" fountain pen
1 blue leather writing case
25 photos
1 portrait
2 postcards
2 letters from wife
1 suitcase dam. contg:-
1 pr. swim trunks
2 only leather gloves
2 suits pyjamas
1 towel
2 prs. socks
1 pr. K.D. stockings
1 woollen sweater
1 K.D. shirt
1 pr. black shoes
1 nail brush
1 pr. sunglasses in case
1 singlet
2 prs. drawers
4 keys on ring
17 handkerchiefs
1 metal crown
1 woollen scarf
1 football jersey
1 pr. sheepskin mittens
1 casket mat
1 pk. signal cards
1 pr. braces
1 pr. maori pois
1 Aust. Soldiers pocket book
1 New Testament
1 tin contg:-
souvenir match folders.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned effects.

.....
(M⁶⁰) Mary Marjorie Riley.
281 Station St.
North Carlton
Vic. ¹⁹⁴⁹

XXXXXXXXXXXX F. 2861.

XXXXXXXXXX

RAAF. 166/35/113 (35A).

Central Repository Kit Store,
corn. Howard & Rosslyn Sts.,
W. Melbourne. Vict.

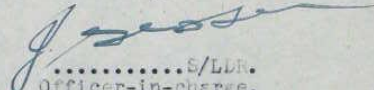
8 AUG 1945

Dear Madam,

With reference to the Service affairs of your late husband, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, 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 the Middle East, and are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

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

Yours faithfully,


.....S/LDR.
Officer-in-charge,
CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

Encl.

Mrs. M.M. Reilly,
281 Station Street,
NORTH CARLTON. VICT.

Encl 358

1 parcel contg:-
1 diary
1 "Oriana" fountain pen
1 blue leather writing case
25 photos
1 portrait
2 postcards
2 letters from wife
1 suitcase dam. contg:-
1 pr. swim trunks
2 only leather gloves
2 suits pyjamas=
1 towel
2 prs. socks
1 pr. K.L. stockings
1 woollen sweater
1 K.L. shirt
1 pr. black shoes
1 nail brush
1 pr. sunglasses in case
1 singlet
2 prs. drawers
4 keys on ring
17 handkerchiefs
1 metal Crown
1 woollen scarf
1 football jersey
1 pr. sheepskin mittens
1 casket mat
1 pk. signal cards
1 pr. braces
1 pr. maori poi
1 Aust. Soldiers pocket book
1 New Testament
1 tin contg:-
 souvenir match folders.

See. mount ex M.E.

SCA 19.

Personal effects of AVS/401583. P/SGT. REILLY B.S.

- 1 Parcel contg:-
- 1 Diary.
- 1 "Orion" Fountain Pen
- 1 Blue leather writing case.
- 25 Photos
- 1 Portrait,
- 2 Post cards.
- 2 Letters from wife,

extracted.
3 letters.

J. Dales H/ptg
W. E. Petersen LAC.
2/6/44

SCA 23 CASE No 1

Personal Effects AUSA/401583 F/SGT. REILLY, B. S.

- 1 Suitcase damaged chg:-
- 1 pr Gwynn Socks
- 3 Only leather shoes
- 2 Suits Pyjamas
- 1 Towel
- 3 pr Socks
- 1 pr K.D. Stockings
- 1 wool Sweater
- 1 K.D. Shirt
- 1 pr Black shoes
- 1 Nail Brush
- 1 pr Sunglasses in case
- 1 Singlet
- 7 prs Slawas
- 4 Keys on Ring
- 17 Handkerchiefs
- 1 Metal Brown
- 1 wool Scarf
- 1 Football Jersey
- 1 pr Sheepskin Mittens
- 1 basket Meat
- 1 pk Signal bands. *Robert LAC*
- 1 pr Bracco
- 1 pr Maori Poi
- 1 Aus Soldier's pocket book *31/7/41.*
- 1 New Testament
- 1 Tin Chg:-
- Southern Pocket folders.

EXTRACTED

10/11 Kit Bag

Encl 3 of MF

H.M.C.D.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MINUTE PAPER

Serial No. 2451

SUBJECT:- P/O REILLY, Berisford Stanley 401583

D.P.S. (Casualty Section)

In accordance with A.E.O. A.65/43, para.18,
it is advised that the person properly entitled to the
property of the abovenamed deceased member is:-

Name	Capacity	Relationship	Address
REILLY, Mary Maryon	Beneficiary	Widow	281 Station St North Carlton Vic

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

J. K. Roberts
for W. S. Smeaton

Area Finance Officer,
(Deceased Personnel Section).

Noted in D.P.S. Section
19/7/44

29/7/1944.

FRD.121/44

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname SKILLEY
(IN BLOCK)
Christian Names B.S.
Rank PLSGT. Unit _____
Number 401563

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 38253

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

Issued by _____ Date _____

(To be handed to depositor)

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname REILLY
(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names B.S.

Rank F/Sgt Unit _____

Number 401583

- 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 Package

Nº 32476

R.A.A.F. Kit Store No. Herhill

Issued by [Signature] Date 21/4/44

(To be handed to depositor)

Encl. 33A.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL PARTICULARS RELATING TO:-
401583, P/O. B. J. Reilly dec'd.

To: D. Post (Post R)

O.i/c. Records (O.i/c. A)

The attached application from the *Assassin To G. World War Peace Society Ltd. Melbourne* is referred for your completion in duplicate. It is requested that after completion the original be forwarded to the applicant and that the duplicate be returned to D.P.S. Casualty Section.

Jos F/lt
for Wing Commander,
O.i/c. CASUALTY SECTION.

6.6.44
(GD43/44)

166/35/113

Casualty Section,

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

XXXXXX LA.5271

84320

APR 25 1944

RAAF.166/35/113(32A)

Dear Madam,

I refer to your letter dated the 22nd March, 1944, enquiring as to the reason for the return to you on Australian Air Board instructions of a letter addressed to Flight Sergeant B.S. Reilly.

In explanation I regret having to inform you that this member, whose rank is now Pilot Officer, was posted missing as a result of air operations on the 23rd July, 1943, and that it has now been presumed for official purposes that his death occurred on that date.

When mail addressed to a member of the Service becomes undeliverable by reason of his being a casualty such mail is returned to sender through normal postal channels.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(M.C. Manslow)
SECRETARY.

Miss N. Gazzard,
30 Coles Street,
CONCORD, N.S.W.

[Signature]
8/6/44
24/4

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.
MINUTE PAPER.

6/24 31A

C.4159/40.

(This side only to be written on.)

SUBJECT: A/S. 401583, F/SGT. REILLY, B.S. - RETURN OF MAIL

CASUALTY SECTION:

Referred for any action considered necessary. F/Sgt. Reilly, B.S., is ascertained to have been presumed dead on 23/7/43.

R. Bennett

Flying Officer
for Wing Commander,
DIRECTOR AIR FORCE POSTAL SERVICES.

25/3/44.

C/O

William Macdonald,

Em 31B

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed envelope addressed to Fsgt Keilly according to his instructions.

Would you kindly advise me when this letter has been returned without any censorship marks on same.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully
Miss K. Grayson.

30 Colles Street

Canberra

N.S.W.

22-3-44.



Miss N. CAZARD
20 Coles St
Concord
N.S.W.
AUS.



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OPENED BY CENSOR

O.Hain 1/4/44

Enclosure 30A

APR -3 1944



80119

Casualty Section,

XXXXXX LA.5271.

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

RAAF.166/35/113(30A)

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to your recent enquiry regarding your late son, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, whose death has been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on the 23rd July, 1943.

I note with regret that you were not fully informed following the initial notification to you that your late son had been posted missing, all communications between such time and the official presumption of death having been directed to your late son's widow only.

Your late son was the wireless airgunner in a Baltimore aircraft, which took off from its base in the Middle East to take part in a low level bombing attack on the central section of Crete on the 23rd July, 1943. An S.O.S. message was received from the aircraft, and its position at that time was fixed on the south coast of Crete, west of Iarapatra. I regret to state that nothing was heard of or seen of the aircraft after that message.

All subsequent effort to obtain any information as to the fate of your son was unavailing, and the Air Ministry subsequently made an official presumption of his death.

I desire to advise that your late son was granted a commission with the rank of Pilot Officer with retrospective effect from the 20th June, 1943.

Permit me to extend to you the profound sympathy of this Department in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. W.J. Reilly,
30 Shepherd Street,
FOOTSCRAY, Vic.

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

Case 299

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. *401583*

Rank *Pilot Officer*

Full Name *Reilly Beresford Stanley*

Number of Certificates required *Five*

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

*collecting anct. (Colonial Mutual Life Assn. Coy,
Qld. Life Assn. Coy, Wals. Savng. Bank) and two copies
for Mother's use*

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

*Mrs M. M. Reilly
281 Maiton Street
North Carlton Vic*

Signature of applicant. *M. Reilly*

Address *281 Maiton Street
North Carlton Vic*

Date *22 MAR 1944*

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

M.M.29.2.44.

Enc.28A.

DEFENCE
166/35/113
RAAF

Casualty Section,

Horton Hall,
Anderson Street,
South Yarra.
S.E.1.

XXXXXXXXXX LA.5271

RAAF 166/35/113 (28A)

74677

MAR -8 1944

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that the death of your son, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, has now been presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 25rd July, 1943.

The Minister for Air and members of the Air Board desire me to extend to you their profound sympathy in your great loss, and it is hoped that the accompanying enclosures will contain information of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

Enc.3.

(M. J. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

W
Mr. R. J. Reilly,
30 Shepherd Street,
FOOTSCRAY. VIC.

JS

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

M.M.29.2.44.

Enc.27A.

DEFENCE
166/35/113
MAR - 8 1944

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Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXX LA.5274

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

RAAF 166/35/113 (27A)

Dear Madam,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that the death of your husband, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, has now been presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 23rd July, 1943.

The Minister for Air and members of the Air Board desire me to extend to you their profound sympathy in your great loss, and it is hoped that the accompanying enclosures will contain information of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

Enc.3.

(M. W. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

Mrs. M. M. Reilly,
281 Station Street,
NORTH CARLTON. VIC.

J.S.

Handwritten signature

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

2503

CYPHER MESSAGE

R.A.A.F. Form A.14
(R.A.F. Form 983)
(Revised April, 1943)

A1538

This message must not be referred to in any but cypher messages.

Serial No. *166/35/113*

TO RAAF HQ

161922/Z

Receipt Despatch

Time of 171504/Z

FROM RAAF KINGSWAY

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DEFENCE
166/35/113
RAAF

AL442 CAS (633 ? 635) 16 FEB DEATHS
 PRESUMED (.) F/O BS REILLY AUS401563 23 JULY 1943 F/O
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 HOMSCH RV 26 JULY 43 F/LT WR KILPATRICK AUS400718 31 JULY
 43 (.) F/O CB ANDERSON AUS416735 30 JULY 43 (.) AUS408507
 SGT DEAN DEE 28 JULY 43 (.) AUS410605 F/SGT LINTON NR (22 ?
 21) JULY 1943 (.) AUS 410382 SGT RICHARDSON HJ 22 JULY 1943
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*The message has been completely received
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O.P.S. CASUALTY *19/2*

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Sgt
C.A.*

CHECKED ON NOMINAL ROLL
By *M. (C.A.)*

19 FEB 1944

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OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS RAAF KINGSEY

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

Atto Green

enc 24a



281 Station St.
Nth. Carlton . N4.
4. 2. 1944.

Mr. M. G. Langdon,
Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th January (No. 65924) I am deeply sorry to say I have received no further news of my husband, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly since the date he became missing.

As I have been away, and only returned today, I was unable to reply before.

Yours Sincerely,
(Mrs.) B. S. Reilly..

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B. REYNOLDS.

21/1/44

ENCLOSURE 23A.

65924

166/39/113
R.A.A.F.

JAN 27 1944

Casualty Section,

Meriton Hall,
Anderson Street,
3004 South Yarra,
S.E.1.

XXXXXX SA. 3/71

RMSP.100/35/113(23A)

Dear Madam,

I deeply regret to inform you that all efforts to trace your husband, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, 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 your husband's death should be made.

In order that the full facts may be placed before the Air Ministry for its decision in the matter, it is requested that you advise this Department in writing that you have received no further news of your husband since the date when he became missing, if such is the case.

In the event of your husband's death being presumed you will be notified by letter and his name will subsequently be published on the Casualty List in the Press.

I desire to extend to you again the sincere sympathy of this Department.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. [Signature])
SECRETARY

Mrs. B.S. Reilly,
234 Canton Street,
BUNN CARLTON. VIC.

- Polgreen a/s/o
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION
26/1

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TO R. A. A. F. HQS.

FROM CHQ. R.A.A.F. KINGSWAY

AL 338 CAS 47 6 JAN

PREFIRM

AUS401583 P/O RIELLY B.S.

ORIGINAL SIGNAL ON FILE FOR F/O ANDERSON C.B. - 415735

COPY.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORT

FLYING BATTLE AND ENEMY ACTION

Squadron: 454 Squadron, R.A.A.F.
Date of Casualty: 23rd July, 1943.
Aircraft No. : Baltimore 111A F.A. 247.
Extent of Damage: Engines and airframes - Cat. 111.

This officer and his crew were detailed to take part in a low level bombing attack on central section of Crete on 23rd July, 1943. At 0850/G on 23rd July, 1943, an S.O.S. signal was received from his aircraft, and his position was fixed on the south coast of Crete west of Iarapatra. Nothing was seen or heard of his aircraft from 0850/G onwards.

CREW:	141732	P/O.	BLOMLEY, L.D.	Pilot.
	A401188	P/O.	FLETCHER, J.	Nav.
	A403249	F/Sgt.	BAKER, E.F.	W.A.G.
	A401583	F/Sgt.	REILLY, B.S.	W.A.G.

Sgd. ????????

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 454 Squadron, R.A.A.F.



no action
8/11/43

21/12/43

Enclosure 20A

166/35/113

Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXX LA.5271.

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

179819
RAAF.166/35/113(20A)

DEC 28 1943

Dear Madam,

I refer to previous communications concerning your husband, Pilot Officer Beresford Stanley Reilly, who is reported missing as a result of air operations on the 23rd July, 1943.

I desire to inform you that your husband has been granted a commission with the rank of Pilot Officer with retrospective effect from the 20th June, 1943.

All records have been amended accordingly, and in future correspondence he will be referred to as Pilot Officer.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. B.S. Reilly,
281 Station Street,
NORTH CARLTON, Vic.

By Green Also.

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
27/12.

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TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
FROM RAAF KINGSWAY

AL82 CAS 180 OCT 26 YOUR L618 PA Oct 25

PERSONNEL P/O J FLETCHER 401189 AND CREW MISSING (.) EXTRACT CIRCUM-
STANTIAL REPORT AS FOLLOWS (.) AIRCRAFT DETAILED FOR LOW LEVEL
ATTACK ON CENTRAL SECTION OF CRETE (.) AT 0850 HOURS SOS SIGNAL
RECEIVED FROM AIRCRAFT AND POSITION FIXED SOUTH ^{COAST} OF CRETE WEST OF
IARAPATRA (.) NOTHING SEEN OR HEARD OF AIRCRAFT OR ANY MEMBER CREW
AFTER 0850 HOURS (.) NO FURTHER NEWS

*no action
HLL 29/10*

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Serial 180

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS RAAF TINDRUM

REQUEST	RAAF HEADQUARTERS ADVISE	IF	L	ANY	25 OCT	FURTHER
DETAILS	AVAILABLE	AMS 401188		PILOT		OFFICER
J	FLETCHER	AND		CHIEF		MISSING
25 JUL	(.)	MECAS 279		26 JUL		REFERS

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B. Reynolds.

27/9/43.

Enclosure 17A.

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166/35/113

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Casualty Section,
Merton Hall,
XX Anderson St.,
SOUTH YARRA. S.E.1.

RAAF.166/35/113

Dear Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a letter from the Commanding Officer of your husband, Flight Sergeant Beresford Stanley Reilly.

All communications relating to your husband's personal effects will be forwarded by Royal Air Force Central Depository to this Department, and you will be advised when the effects have been despatched to Australia.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Enc.

Mrs. B. S. Reilly,
281 Station Street,
WHE. CARLTON. VIC.

Md Stanley s/o
D.P.E. CASUALTY SECTION
28/9

Emil B. H.
Wing Commander I. L. Campbell,
404 Squadron,
R.A.A.F.,
Middle East.

11th August, 1943.

Dear

I am writing to express my sincere sympathy upon your husband, Sergeant B.S. Reilly, being reported missing whilst on operations against the enemy.

Stanley and his crew were engaged on low level bombing operations on 23rd July, with other aircraft from this Squadron, and his aircraft failed to return. Without trying to raise any false hope, but from the reports of other aircraft, I am of the opinion that, provided he was not hurt in aerial combat, he may still be safe.

Stanley had been with us for some time, and during that period always proved himself an efficient and capable member of the Squadron, and his loss is keenly felt by us all.

A Standing Committee of Adjustment has been appointed to deal with Stanley's effects, and they will be writing to you on this subject in the near future.

The Officers and airmen of my Squadron have asked me to express their sympathy to you in this matter. If I can be of any further help, please write to me, and once again accept my sincerest sympathy upon this report. I can only hope that perhaps some time we may have further news of Stanley.

Yours

To: Mrs. B.S. Reilly,
221 Station Street,
Nth. Carlton, Victoria,
Australia.

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7.9.43

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Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXXX LA.5271.

Ser - G 843

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

RAAF.166/35/113(15A)

Dear Madam,

I refer to previous communications concerning your husband, Sergeant Beresford Stanley Reilly, who is missing as a result of air operations on the 25th July, 1943.

I desire to inform you that a report has been received from your husband's Squadron concerning the circumstances under which your husband's aircraft became missing. This report states that your husband's aircraft was detailed to take part in a low level bombing attack on the central section of Crete on the 25th July, 1943. At 8.50 a.m., an S.O.S. signal was received from the aircraft, and the position was fixed then on the south coast of Crete, west of Ierapetra. It is regretted that nothing was seen or heard of the aircraft after receipt of this signal.

May I again assure you of the constant sympathy of this Department in your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

C. M. G.
(M.C. Kinglow)
SECRETARY

Mrs. B.S. Reilly,
281 Station Street,
NORTH CARLTON, VIC.

*John W. Watkinson
D.P.S.
Case file
17/9/43*

COPY.

Serial 144

CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORT.
FLYING BATTLE AND ENEMY ACTION.

Squadron: 454 Squadron R.A.A.F
Date of Casualty: 23rd July, 1943.
Aircraft No: Baltimore 111A F.A.247
Extent of damage: Engines & Airframes Cat III

This Officer and his crew were detailed to take part in a low level bombing attack on central section of Crete on 23rd July, 1943. At 0850/C on 23rd July, 1943, an S.O.S Signal was received from his aircraft, and his position was fixed on the south coast of Crete west of Ierapatra. Nothing was seen or heard of his aircraft from 0850/C onwards.

Crew:	141732	P/O Blomley, L.D	Pilot
	A401188	P/O Fletcher, J	Nav.
	A403249	F/S Baker E.F	W.A.G
	A401583	" Reilly E.S.	"

Wing Commander Commanding.
No. 454 Squadron R.A.A.F

3724

S/O 1311

R.A.A.F. Form A.14
(R.A.F. Form 683)
(Revised October 1941)

ACTION COPY CYPHER MESSAGE

Serial No. **24AUG1943**
CYPHER OFFICE

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TO A.M.KWAY RECORDS GLOS RAAF HQS REPEAT OHQ RAAF KINGSWAY BAO ME	TOC 251919Z	Receipt	Despatch
	Time of 240244Z		
FROM RPO HQS RAF ME	System	BY WT	

MECAS/390 25 AUG BRITISH SECRET
 FURTHER MY MECAS/339 26 JULY (.) ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS OF NEXT
 KIN AUS(401583(~~401483~~)) F/SGT REILLY WIFE MRS REILLY 281 STATION
 STREET NORTH CARLTON VICTORIA AUSTRALIA (.)

IMPORTANT

Canary

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

CHECKED ON DOWNING
By: *[Signature]*

This message has been tabulated
received doubtful portions shown
thus: |.....

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.
MINUTE PAPER.

(This side only to be written on.)

19228 3.42 51.0110 G.P.S.

SUBJECT: 401583 FLIGHT SERGEANT REILLY, B.S.

O. I/C RECORDS.

It is requested that the change of address of the next
of kin of the above mentioned member be noted on all records.

Mrs. M M. Reilly, (Wife)
281 Station Street,
NTIL. CARLTON VIC.

C-8-43

A. L. Ashley s/p
for Wing Commander.
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

Commonwealth of Australia



Postmaster-General's Department

Encl 108 P.M. 44.

CIRCUIT
8 AUG 1943
VIC

Memorandum to

POST OFFICE CARLTON NB
6/8/ 1943

O I C CASUALTY SECTION
SOUTH YARRA

YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED MELBOURNE RE FLT SGT REILLY
ADDRESSED TO MRS B S REILLY 281 STATION STREET NORTH CARLTON
WAS DELIVERED AT 3/50 PM ON 6/8/43

[Signature]
POSTMASTER

-7 AUG 1943
[Signature]

Sch. C. 4586-6/1942

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Encl 10a

Your telegram
lodged with 276 5th addressed
to Mr H J Reilly 30 Shepherd St Tay.
was delivered at 4:15 on 5th

J. J. G. G.
Postmaster
Sydney



Reilly

27 AUG 1943
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CHANGES A/C AIRBOARD
NOTE NOT

Line 90

Postal acknowledgment delivery,
PERSONAL. MRS B.S. REILLY, C/- MR PURVES
281 STATION STREET, NTH CARLTON. VIC

REGRET INFORM YOU YOUR HUSBAND FLIGHT SERGEANT BERESFORD STANLEY REILLY IS
MISSING AS RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS ON THE 25RD JULY 1943 STOP LETTER WILL FOLLOW
STOP TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO BONDI BEACH SYDNEY UNDELIVERED

AIRFORCE ANDERSON ST., STH YARRA

6:8:43

*B.S. Reilly M/S/O
060015/2*

CHARGE A/C AIRBOARD
DEBIT NOTE NO. 225618

Enc 7a

Postal acknowledgment delivery,
PERSONAL. MR. W.J. REILLY, 30 BELFIELD ST.,
FOOTSCRAY VIC

REGRET INFORM YOU YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT BERESFORD STANLEY REILLY IS
MISSING AS RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS ON THE 25RD JULY 1943 STOP LETTER WILL
FOLLOW STOP COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE PRESENT ADDRESS OF SON ^{YOUR} WIFE
↑

AIRFORCE ANDERSON ST., SOUTH YARRA

4:8:43

*B. G. Grier M/P
040500/2*

T.G. 42.

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SA. C. 3173—7/1942

Office of Origin.

No. of Words.

Time of Lodgment.

URGENT MEMO MELBOURNE

SV

OIC CASUALTY SECTION RAAF
HQRS MERION HALL ANDERSON ST STH YARRA

IT IS REGRETTED THAT YOUR TELEGRAM OF 47 WDS 5/30 PM 28TH
PAD PERSONAL TO MRS B S REILLY NO 3 FLAT MARIPOSA CAMPBELL PARADE
BONDI BEACH SYDNEY ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN AT ADDRESS UNDER

12 9pm cm

166/35/113

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Casualty Section,

Merton Hall,
xx Anderson St.,
STH. YARRA. 8

RAAF.

142850

JUL 26 1943

Dear Madam,

This letter is to confirm the telegram from this Department dated the 27th July, 1943, informing you that your husband, Flight Sergeant Beresford Stanley Reilly, is missing as a result of air operations on the 23rd July, 1943.

The details available at present are that your husband was a member of the crew of a Baltimore aircraft which was lost while on an operational flight over Crete on the date mentioned above. I regret that the circumstances surrounding its loss are not known in this Department, but it is presumed to have been due to enemy action. I desire to assure you, however, that should further information be received it will be conveyed to you immediately.

I trust that the enclosed leaflet will be of some assistance to you.

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

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. *Matthew*)
SECRETARY

Enc.

Mrs. B.S. Reilly,
No. 5 Flat,
"Merapooa",
Campbell Parade, *See encl 11a*
BONDI BEACH.
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

M. J. Oakley s/o
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION
29/7.

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CP 38 A/C AIRBOARD
L. 1078 BY 306695
XXXX 291806

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Postal acknowledgment delivery.
PERSONAL MRS, B.S. REILLY, NO. 3 FLAT
"MARAPOSA", CAMPBELL PARADE, BONDI BEACH
SYDNEY

REGRET INFORM YOU YOU HUSBAND FLIGHT SERGEANT BERNESFORD STABLEY REILLY IS
MISSING AS RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS ON THE 23RD JULY 1943 (.) LETTER WILL FOLLOW

AIRFORCE ANDERSON ST., STE YARRA

27:7:43

270532

A. K. Bentley 1/40

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

L-NC
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SERVICE SERIAL NO. ~~8200~~ 4696

NATURE OF CASUALTY... *Mission air operations*

10/1/44 SIGNAL FROM AIR-MINISTRY REVISING DEATH PRESUMED W.S.I. *23/7/43*

PLACE OF CASUALTY... *Grobo* DATE OF CASUALTY *23/7/43*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME... *Mrs. M. Reilly*

NEXT OF KIN... *wife* ADDRESS *No. 3 Flat "Mariposa"*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS... *F/Sgt* *Campbell Parade*

BOUDI BEACH SYDNEY

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FOR RECORDS IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDER MENTIONED MEMBER

401583- No. *401583* RANK... *F/Sgt* NAME... *REILLY, BRADFORD STANLEY*

UNIT... *R.A.F. 401583* RELIGION... *C of B*

MUSTERING... *G.O.* ENLISTED... *1.3.41* DATE ENLISTED... *1.3.41*

DATE OF BIRTH... *17/04/14* DATE EMBARKED... *22/1/41*

NEXT OF KIN... *wife* NAME... *Majorie Mary Reilly*

MARRIED... *Yes* SINGLE... *Yes* *Manly, Sydney*

ALSO INFORM *281 Station Street*

SW Mr. R. J. Reilly, *Father* *with Carlsson Vic. (unit 8)*

30 Shepherds St.

FOURTHAY VIC

EXTRACT taken by *AGN. P. HILL*

FROM... *AGN. O'NEILL*

27 / 7 / 1943

A. K. Ashley S/O
for Wing Commander,
D.P.S. (CASUALTY SECTION).

(JD41/43)

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By *Old* 27-7-43

7934 *Old*

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DEFENCE

AIRMIN KINGSWAY RECORDS GDOS RAAF HQ.
(R) OHQ RAAF KINGSWAY BASE ACCTS.
OFFICE RAF ME.

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BPO RAAF MIDDLE EAST

MECAS.339 26 JULY

BRITISH. F.B.

(A) BALTIMORE. MARK 360A FOX 247

(C) CRETE 23 JULY DAT

(B) 454 SQUADRON RAAF

(D) 141732 P/O L.D. BLOMLEY PILOT MISSING AUS(401088 OR 401188?)

P/O J.FLETCHER NAVIGATOR RAAF MISSING AUS (403249?) F/SGT

BAKER E.T. WOP/AG MISSING AUS.401583 P/SGT REILLY B.S.

WOP/AG RAAF MISSING

(G) ENEMY ACTION

(K) NEXT KIN P/O BLOMLEY FATHER V.E. BLOMLEY 571 CHEPSYLNE ROAD

NEWPORT MONMOUTHSHIRE KINNOT F/SGT (BAKER?) FATHER H.R.

BAKER "BERKLEY COERT" CAMPBELL PARADE BONDI B EACH SYDNEY

N.S.W. REQUEST THIRD ADDRESSEE INFORM F/SGT REILLY WIFE

MRE. M. REILLY NO. 3 FLAT "MARAPOSA" CAMPBELL PARADE BONDI

BEACH SYDNEY AUSTRALIA. REQUEST THIRD ADDRESSEE INFORM.

F/O FLETCHER FATHER W.L. FLETCHER 69 ALMA ROAD CAULFIELD

MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA REQUEST THIRD ADDRESSEE INFORM.

IMPORTANT

TELEGRAMS DESPATCHED TO N/KIN 27 JULY 1943.