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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

P.O. Section

File Number.
166/43/383

UNIT : *D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION*
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ORIGINATING FILE :

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P/O F/O SUBJECT
401842 A/Sgt WATTS. R.C.
(D.F.C.)

CASUALTY - REPATRIATION

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Closed or P.A. _____ Date _____
Due for Board Under A.F.O. 18/A/28. _____ Date _____
Signature of a Responsible Officer. _____

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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. Cord laces only must be used to hold papers in file cover.
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 within the Department. Correspondence from and to outside bodies is to appear as an enclosure and a brief summary of every enclosure is to be included in the minute which gives the enclosure its number and makes it part of the file. If the enclosure is in one part, its number will be followed by the letter "A," subsequent parts being lettered "B," "C," "D," 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.
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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.

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/43/383

- 1. 18/10/43. Copy signal from OHQ RAAF Kingsway advising this member suffering frost bite. Encl.1a.
- 2. 18/10/43. Extract of P.P.25 from O.i/c Records. Encl.2a.
- 3. 18/10/43. Signal to wife advising of casualty. Encl.3a.
- 4. 19/10/43. Copy signal from Air Min.Kingsway advising this member suffering slight frost bite. Encl.4a.
- 5. .10.43. To next of kin confirming enclosure 3A. (Enclosure 5A)
- 6.

19.10.43 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 292
7 (Inj. frost bite)

Leaflet forwarded to N/K on 11.11.44

Leaflet forwarded to ~~N/K~~ ^{father} on 1.11.44

8.11.44 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 99
Missing air ops

23.5.44 CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORT PLACED ON FILE 166/37/227. Hill Simpson
NO ACTION NECESSARY
D. J. Thompson
11.

23.5.44 RECORDED FOR STATISTICAL TABULATION
On P.P. 118 Serial 10 Initials W

12.
21/10/44. Mrs Watts (^{wife} ~~mother~~) phoned duty officer and left message regarding Encl 25A. (see logbook). She telephoned again by arrangement with duty officer and spoke to me. I told pointed out to her that her report did not add anything to what had already been told her about her husband, but promised that any further news received would be conveyed to her. Statement by members of crew safe in U.K. merely expression of opinion and was consistent with reports previously conveyed to her that crew bailed out all unscathed.
22/9/44
John R. Watts, P.O.

13.
Rang Mrs Watts (^{wife} ~~mother~~) and advised her that her husband was a P.O.W. also gave her his camp address and P.O.W number. Told her we were forwarding telegram.
21/10/44
14.
Shepherd

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX
BY A. (Rex) 21/10/44 P.O. W

15.
24.10.44 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 293
P.O. W.
Stalag Luft 3. Belaria No. 6969

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

[OVER]

16.
CONFIRMATION COPY OF TELEGRAMS & Leaflet
FORWARDED TO N/K ON 25/10/45 B.A.C.W.

17.
P.O.W. AMENDMENT LIST FROM

OHQ. No. 5 DATED 16.1.45

6.2.45 STATES rank P/O.

L. Seymour Sgt

18.
D/POST ADVISE PROMOTED P/O.

26.2.45 WEF, 17/6/44 AUTH. Coy. 168. 24/4/44

L. Seymour Sgt.

19.
RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

26.2.45

BY NR (Sgt) (P/O)

20.
28.2.45 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 59
Rank P/O

21.
RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY NR (Sgt) 17/5/45 (SAFE IN UK).

22.
25.3.45 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 145
Arr UK

23.
Member embarked for Australia 18/6/45.
See AL 231 Cas. 599 22 June on 32/6/16 (119A).

25.6.45

L. Seymour Sgt.

24.

T.G./28.

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Sub. C. 4163
7/1942.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
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TELEGRAM

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1/ COLLECT
AIRFORCE MELBOURNE

POSTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY PERSONAL W WATTS VERDUN STREET
DELIVERED 17 TH ... PM
(17 TH)

(RC)

18 MAY 1945

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OM:

B.23

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
BUREAU ENQUIRY SERVICE

FORM 247/4/46

48a

No:

Date

No., Rank, Name, and Unit

401842, F/O R. G. WATTS

RAAF att. RAF UK.

23.5.46

Remarks:

Previously prisoner of war at Stalag Luft III, Belaria, now
Safe UK.

Action taken

Date

47a

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23/5/45

401842 G.D. F/O WATTS, R.C.(D.F.O) RAAF att. RAAF UK 24/10/44

XXXXXX
Prisoner of war

Safe UK

D.N.A.

LFS.

[Handwritten signature]
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T.G. 42.

Sch. C.4
7/1944

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MOONEE PONDS ST 4 PM

COLLECT 1/3 AIR FORCE

891 LITTLE COLLINS ST
MELBOURNE

YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED MELBOURNE 11/50 AM TODAY ADDRESSED TO

MRS R C WATTS 17 MOORE ST MOONEE PONDS WAS DELIVERED AT
1/15 TODAY

POSTMASTER

4 30/0

17 MAY 1945

156050

45a

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY
PERSONAL: MRS. R.G. WATTS
17 MOORE STREET
MOONBEE PONDS VIC.

401842 F/O. R.G. WATTS (DFC) SAFE STOP PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT
YOUR HUSBAND FLYING OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS (DFC) HAS BEEN
LIBERATED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES AND IS NOW SAFE IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM STOP ANTICIPATE YOUR HUSBAND WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU DIRECT

17/5/45

AIRPOR ON 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

Shawcross Jk
1623102

156050

44a

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY
PERSONAL: MR. F.H. WATTS
11 VERDUN STREET
MOWBRAY HEIGHTS LAUNCESTON TAS.

401842 P/O. F.H. WATTS (DFC) SAFE STOP PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT
YOUR SON FLYING ~~XX~~ OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS (DFC) HAS BEEN
LIBERATED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES AND IS NOW SAFE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

17/6/45

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

J. Meadows JH
1623XZ

6/3/45 J.C.

MOB.43A

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681-31343

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AIR MAIL

Casualty Section

391 Mt. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/43/383(43A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous communications concerning your son, Flying Officer Raymond Carson Watts, R.F.C. who is a prisoner of war.

I desire to inform you that your son has been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer with retrospective effect from the 17th June, 1944.

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

Yours faithfully,

H.C. Longlow
(H. C. Longlow)
SECRETARY.

Mr. W.H. Watts,
11 Verdun Street,
Nowrey Heights,
LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA.

*Now paper
see H.878 Cos ref. 15/4
an file 32/16/16*

File shown JH
D.F.S. CASUALTY SEC.
7/3

6/3/45 J.C.

ENCL.42A

XXXXXXXXX MF.9981

151696

1945-6-3
Casualty Section
391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/43/383(1:2A)

Dear Madam,

I refer to previous communications concerning your husband, Flying Officer Raymond Carson Watts, D.F.C., who is a prisoner of war.

I desire to inform you that your husband has been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer with retrospective effect from the 17th June, 1944.

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

Yours faithfully,

M.C. Leggslow
(M.C. Leggslow)
SECRETARY.

Mrs. R.C. Watts,
17 Moore Street,
MOONBEE PONDS, VIC.

M. A. ...
R.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
7/3

COPY

4.17.

RAAF HQRS

AIR MIN KINGSWAY

PCX. 88 2 NOV. AUSCAS 812

REF OUR AUSCAS 131 DATED 2 APRIL 44 AMEND AUS 408375 P/SGT. K.W.
MANSON PRISONER OF WAR TO READ AUS 401842 P/O R.C.WATTS TELEGRAM
FROM IRGC QUOTING BERLIN INFORMATION STATES 31 MAR P/O WATTS AND
P/SGT MANSON CAPTURED. KINNOT

IMPORTANT

MEMBERS OF CREW:

A.B.SIMPSON	SAFE
R.C.WATTS	P.O.W.
G.JOHNSON	SAFE
C.A.CAMPBELL	SAFE

Encl. 50a
POW List No. FC. 584.

CABLE RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE,
GENEVA, BY THE PRISONERS OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU.

Received: 1545 hrs. 23.10.44
Submitted:

<u>BERLIN communicates Stalag Luft. 111 2/7/44:-</u>				RAAF REMARKS
F/O.	Aust. 400740	Nell THOMAS	POW. No. 6311	
		<u>Stalag IV DZ 15/7:-</u>		
Sgt.	404448	Eric MAHER	39666	
		<u>Stalag Luft 1 8/8:-</u>		
F/O.	Aus: 421042	John POATE	5184	
		<u>Stalag 304 14/9:-</u>		
F/O.		James AWCOCK	Born 23.1.12 7077	
		<u>Left Stalag Luft VII 20/7 for Stalag IV DZ:-</u>		
W/O.	Aus. 401812	Ronald BROWN	42732	
		<u>Our Delegation Germany Communicates Stalag 357 18/7:-</u>		
F/Sgt.	Aus. 415892	Kenneth BUCHAN	882	
F/Sgt.	Aus. 420830	Michael CURRY	879	
"	Aus. 424189	Warwick JONAS	39981	
		<u>Camp Leader Communicates Stalag Luft 111 Belaria 13/8:-</u>		
F/Off.	Aus. 401842	Raymond WATTS	6969	<i>no action see Encl. 52a</i>
		<u>Stalag IVP 24/7:-</u>		
F/Sgt.	407032	Arthur LINDSCHAU	222733	<i>Lt. 3/10.</i>
				Checked by.....

958-431

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R.A.A.F. Form A.14(a)
(R.A.A.F. Form 683)
(Revised April, 1943)

CYPHER MESSAGE

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TO

RAAF HQS.

TOO 1813494

Receipt Despatch

Time of 202311Z

FROM

RAAF K'WAY

System WT

ACTION COPY

AL525 CAS175 18 OCT. RESTRICTED

FURTHER OUR A1297 CAS118 13 OCT. PILOT OFFICER RC WATTS AUS401842

AND AUS 408375 P/SGT. MANSON KW BOTH MISSING. AIRMIN ADVISES WEDDON

ARRIVED SAFE UK SEPT. 7

Handwritten notes:
SECTION 1
2/10
CARRIF
2/10/44
23/10

387A

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24/10/44

401842

G.D.

P/O

WATTS, R.C. (DFC) RAAF.ATT.RAF.UK

4/4/44

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MISSING AIR OPERATIONS

PRISONER OF WAR
(STALAG LUFT III BELARIA)

NOT ADV

Handwritten signature

B.23

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
BUREAU ENQUIRY SERVICE

37A

10M/10/3/44

FROM:

Date 24/10/44

No., Rank, Name, and Unit.

401842 P/O R.C. WATTS. D.F.C. RAAF. ATT. RAF. UK

Remarks.

STALAG LUFT III BELARIA POW NO. 6969. (PREV MISSING, NOW
P.O.W.)

Action taken

Date

[Handwritten signature]

100e 36A

T.G.479

Feb. 7/1944

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497 LAUNCESTON 24 3/20 P

1/10 COLLECT AIR FORCE

391 LITTLE COLLINS ST MELBOURNE

Watts R.H.

YOUR TELEGRAPHIC ACK DELIVERY PERSONAL MR W H WATTS
11 VERDUN ST LAUNCESTON DELIVERED 2/30 PM
(11 2/30 PM)

23 OCT 1944
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
TELEGRAM NON-DELIVERY ADVICE

T.G. 66

3577

Moonee Ponds P.O. Office

23/10/1944. 193

To OIC. Casualty Sect.
391 Lit. Collins St Melbourne.

With reference to your telegram of 21st .October 1944 72/1 wds.12/20pm
addressed to Mrs R C Watts 17 Moore St Mponds.

~~Delivered~~
Delivery was effected at approx. 9.15a 23rd. Oct. 1944

Postmaster Moonee Ponds

Superintendent of Telegraphs.

(If any amendment of the address of the telegram or any instructions in regard to delivery is desired, the sender may
arrange to pay for the transmission of a correcting advice to the office of destination.)

Sch. C 1672-11/1936

Watts RC.

24 OCT 1944
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ORDINARY

Postal Acknowledgment Delivery
PERSONAL: MRS. R. C. WATTS,
17 MOORE STREET
MOONBEE PONDS VICTORIA

^{D.F.C.}
401842 P/O R.C. WATTS/PRISONER OF WAR STOP DESIRE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR
HUSBAND PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS PREVIOUSLY MISSING IS NOW A
PRISONER OF WAR AT STALAG LUFT III BELARIA GERMANY PRISONER OF WAR
NUMBER 6969 STOP THIS ADVICE RECEIVED THROUGH GENEVA STOP LETTER WILL
FOLLOW

21/10/44

AIRFORCE, 391 LT. COLLINS ST. MELBOURNE

Handwritten:
The letter sent because it was
forwarded by mistake. See Apr 16.
21/2/70/44

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TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY
PERSONAL: MR. W. H. WATTS
11 VERDUN STREET
HOWBRAY HEIGHTS LAUNCESTON TAS.

401843 P/O R. C. WATTS (D.F.C.) PRISONER OF WAR DESIRE TO
INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND GARSON WATTS
PREVIOUSLY MISSING IS NOW A PRISONER OF WAR AT STALAG LUFT III
BELARIA, GERMANY, PRISONER OF WAR NUMBER 6989 STOP THIS ADVICE
RECEIVED THROUGH GENEVA STOP LETTER WILL FOLLOW

J.D. 21.10.44

AIRFORCE
391 Little Collins St.,
MELBOURNE

W.H. Watts
Meadowcroft
21/10/44

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AXS

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CYPHER MESSAGE

R.A.A.F. Form A.14(a)
(R.A.F. Form 683)
(Revised April, 1943)

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Serial No. *0011844*

TO RAAF HQ

ACTION COPY

T.O.O. 201641Z

Receipt Despatch

Time of 202060Z

FROM OHQRAAFKWY

System W/T

AI739 CAS 236 20 OCT. RESTRICTED.

PRISONERS OF WAR. TELEGRAM LA217 FROM IRCC GENEVA TO PRISWAR MELBOURNE
QUOTING BERLIN INFORMATION GIVES FIRST ADVICE FOLLOWING RAAF MEMBER
CAPTURED P/O RC WATTS (DFC) AUS401842 LOCATED STALAG LUFT III
BELARIA POW NUMBER 6969. AIRMINY WILL RECLASSIFY. SAME TELEGRAM
ADVISES LATESTCAMP ADDRESSES 6 RAAF MEMBERS. REQUEST INFORM NEXT OF
KIN.

IMPORTANT.

*Casualty
copies made of msg
members
KIA*

RB 2/10

RECEIVED SECTION

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Pen 31A

LETTERGRAM: MR. W.H. WATTS
11 VERDUN STREET
MOWBRAY HEIGHTS. LAUNCESTON. TAS.

FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT ONE OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR
SON'S CREW SERGEANT C.P. CURL ROYAL AIR FORCE ARRIVED SAFELY
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM STOP REGRET STILL NO NEWS OF YOUR SON
PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS OR REMAINING MEMBERS OF
CREW

AIR FORCE, 391 LITTLE COLLINS ST.
MELBOURNE.

*llh llh
206/25'2*

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Jan 30A

LETTERGRAM: MRS. R.C. WATTS
17 MOORE STREET
MOONEE PONDS. VIC.

FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT ONE OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR
HUSBAND'S CREW SERGEANT C.P. CURL ROYAL AIR FORCE ~~XXXXXX~~
ARRIVED SAFELY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM STOP REGRET STILL NO
NEWS OF YOUR HUSBAND PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS OR
REMAINING MEMBERS OF CREW

AIR FORCE, 391 LITTLE COLLINS ST.
MELBOURNE.

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COPY.

End 29

TO F HEADQUARTER
FROM RA F KINGSWAY

AL 520 GAS 170 17 OCT CONFIDENTIAL

A/F/LT AB SIMPSON DFC AUS 408881 SAFE UNITED KINGDOM (.) SIMPSON STATES
AIRCRAFT ATTACKED BY NIGHT FIGHTER AT 20000 FEET SOUTH OF AACHEN WHEN
APPROACHING TARGET (.) AIRCRAFT SUFFERED EXTERNAL DAMAGE AND SET ON
FIRE (.) PILOT ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES AS AIRCRAFT
WAS STILL UNDER CONTROL AND THEN INSTRUCTED CREW TO ABANDON (.)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM ALL MEMBERS OF CREW (.) CAPTAIN WAITED UNTIL ALL
REMAINING MEMBERS HAD LEFT AND HIMSELF ABANDONED AT 12000 FEET

Watts D B

*No other see 270
file 19/10*

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4438

CYPHER MESSAGE

R.A.A.F. Form A14(a)
(R.A.F. Form 683)
(Revised April, 1943)

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TO

RAAF HQ

P6N2.

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DOO *151636Z*

Receipt Despatch

Time of *CYPHER 141840Z*

FROM

RAAF OHQ KINGSWAY

System *WT*

11297 CAS118 13 OCT. RESTRICTED

R P/O R.C. WATTS *AUS401842* AND *AUS408375* F/SGT MANSON K.W. *R*

BOTH MISSING AND RAAF CREW MEMBERS SAFE UK. AIRMINY

ADVISES CURL SAFE UK 13 SEPT.

CHECKED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY *M B S/10*

Leaswick

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION *M B S/10*

*As Bowman
16/10*

J.N. 27.9.44.

Enclosure 27A

XXXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9981

AIR MAIL

Casualty Section,
391 Lit. Collins St.

RAAF.166/43/383(7A)

215708

OCT -2 1944

Dear Sir,

I refer to your son, Pilot Officer Raymond Carson Watts, D.F.C., who is reported missing as a result of air operations on the 31st March, 1944.

Further information has been received in this Department advising that Pilot Officer G. Johnson and Flight Lieutenant A. B. Simpson, D.F.C., have both arrived safely in the United Kingdom.

Flight Sergeant C.A. Campbell, who was the first member of your son's crew to arrive in England, has been interrogated and he states that the aircraft was attacked by fighter aircraft while proceeding to the target. A fire commenced in the petrol tank and attempts to extinguish it were unsuccessful so the captain ordered the crew to bale out.


The crew abandoned the aircraft from a height of 12,000 feet. Flight Sergeant Campbell became unconscious while he was descending and, therefore, he did not see any other parachutes during his descent but he later contacted the pilot and travelled with him to Switzerland.

No further information is available concerning your son but you may rest assured that if any more details are received they will be conveyed to you at once.

Yours faithfully,


(M.G. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

Mr. W.H. Watts,
11 Verdun Street,
Mowbray Heights,
LAUNCESTON, Tas.


D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
29/9

J.N. 27.9.44.

Enclosure 26A

Casualty Section,
391 Lit. Colliers St.

RAAF.166/43/383(26A)

215709

OCT -2 1944

Dear Madam,

I refer to your husband, Pilot Officer Raymond Carson Watts, D.F.C., who is reported missing as a result of air operations on the 31st March, 1944.

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

Mrs. R.C. Watts,
17 Moore Street,
MOONBEE PONDS. Vic.

M. K. Astley 24/9
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION 29/9
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MELBOURNE.
THURS., SEP. 21, 1944. **The Age**

MISSING AIRMEN

Reunion After Six Months

The Age Special Correspondent.

LONDON, September 20.

Six months after they had been posted missing following a raid on Nuremberg on March 30 last, the pilot and four of the crew of a Lancaster from a R.A.A.F. squadron have turned up in London. For the first time since they baled out, they met in Coger's—a Fleet-street hotel, which has become an unofficial club for Australian airmen in England.

Flight-Lieutenant Bruce Simpson, D.F.C., of Numurkah, Victoria who was one of the most popular pilots in the squadron, appeared first. Flight-Sergeant C. Curl, one of two Londoners in the crew, came in next with Flying-Officer G. Johnson, of Roma, Queensland, followed by Flight-Sergeant Colin Campbell, of Brisbane. Pilot-Officer R. Weedon, of London, turned up last.

Two other Australians in the crew have not appeared in England yet, but their colleagues are confident they will all be able to meet in Coger's before the leave of those already here finishes.

COPY.

Inc/240

RAAF HQRS

AIR MIN KWAY

PCX 848 17 SEPT AUSCAS 388.

REF MY PCX 843 DATED (8/5/44)(8/5/44) AUS 408821 A/F/LT ARTHUR
BRUCE SIMPSON DFC ARRIVED UNITED KINGDOM 10/9/44 RECLASSIFIED
SAFE UK KINFORDD F/O WEDDEN RA RESIDENT UK

IMPORTANT

Walt RB

C O P Y.

Encl 23a

TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
FR OHQ RAAF KINGSWAY
AL 419 CAS 614 12 SEPT CONFIDENTIAL AUS 426306 F/SGT CAMPBELL CA SAFE UK
CAMPBELL STATES AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ON WAY TO TARGET BY FIGHTER WHICH
CAUSED FIRE IN PETROL TANK (.) CAPTAIN ATTEMPTED EXTINGUISH FLAMES WITHOUT
SUCCESS AND INSTRUCTED CREW BALE OUT (.) CREW ABANDONED IN FOLLOWING ORDER
BOMB AIMER ENGINEER NAVIGATOR WIRELESS OPERATOR PILOT FOLLOWED BY CAMPBELL
(.) BALING COMPLETED AT 12000 FEET (.) AIRCRAFT ON FIRE AND ELYING ON
AUTOMATIC CONTROL (.) CAMPBELL (SAW NO OTHER?) PARACHUTES AS BECAME
UNCONCIOUS DURING DESCENT (.) LATER CONTACTED PILOT AND TRAVELED WITH HIM
TO SWITZERLAND (.) CAMPBELL LEFT SWITZERLAND ON 12 AUGUST FOR OCCUPIED
TERRITORY ARRIVED UK 5 SEPT

Watts P. C

Encl 22a

COPY.

TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS
FROM AIRMIN KINGSWAY

POX 850 13 SEPT AUSOAS 266

AUS 414801 P/O G JOHNSON ARRIVED UNITED KINGDOM 13 SEP, 44 RECLASSIFIED
SAFE U.K. KINNOT

*Watts R.C.
member same crew.*

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Gen 21A

LETTERGRAM .. MR. W.H. WATTS
11 VERDEN STREET
MOORAY HEIGHTS
LAUNCESTON TAS.

ADVICE RECEIVED THAT ONE AUSTRALIAN MEMBER OF YOUR SON'S CREW FLIGHT
SERGEANT C.A. CAMPBELL PREVIOUSLY CAPT IN NEUTRAL TERRITORY HAS ARRIVED
SAFELY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM STOP CREW CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEMBERS STOP
REGRET TO HEAR OF YOUR SON PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CAMPBELL WATTS D.F.C.
OR REMAINDER OF CREW

AIRFORCE 301 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

13/1/44

Am 13/1

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Enc 20A

LETTERHEAD .. MRS. R.C. WATTS
17 MOORE STREET
HOCHES POIDS MELBOURNE VIC

ADVICE RECEIVED THAT ONE AUSTRALIAN MEMBER OF YOUR HUSBAND'S ONLY
FLIGHT CREW WAS CAPTURED PREVIOUSLY CASE IN NEUTRAL TERRITORY ~~WAS~~
ARRIVED SAFELY IN THE UNITED STATES STOP CREW CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEMBERS
STOP REPORT NO NAME OF YOUR HUSBAND PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS
D.F.C. OR REMAINDER OF CREW

AIRFORCE 361 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

HW 13/9

13/9/44

COPY.

TO RAAF HQ MELBOURNE.

FROM AIRMIN KINGSWAY

PCX.990 SEPT. 5 AUCAS 179 FURTHER AUCAS DATED 8/5/44.

AUS.426306 F/SGT C A CAMPBELL ARRIVED UNITED KINGDOM 5 SEPTEMBER
1944 (.) RECLASSIFIED SAFE UK (.) KINNOT.

R. G. Walker

in 25/8/44

Enclosure 18A

AUG 26 1944

205873

Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9981

AIR MAIL

391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/43/383(18A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your son, Pilot Officer Raymond Carson Watts, D.F.C., who is reported missing as a result of air operations.

I desire to inform you that Overseas Headquarters, Royal Australian Air Force, London, advises that Flight Lieutenant A.B. Simpson, D.F.C., and Flight Sergeant C.A. Campbell, who were members of your son's crew are now safe in neutral territory. Flight Lieutenant Simpson has written to a friend in England stating "we were shot down by fighters; nobody was injured, so all the boys left the plane. I spent over three weeks in Belgium and heard nothing."

From the above statement it would appear that all members of the crew were uninjured when they baled out.

You are specially requested to treat the foregoing information with the strictest confidence and not to discuss it outside your immediate family circle.

May I extend to you the very sincere sympathy of this Department in your anxiety and assure you that when any additional information is received it will be conveyed to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,


(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY

Mr. W.H. Watts,
11 Verdun Street,
MOWBRAY HEIGHTS,
LAUNCESTON, Tas.

Handwritten: Harker 570

Handwritten: P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
25/8

in 25/8/44

Enclosure 17A

205874

AUG 26 1944

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9981

Casualty Section,
391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/43/383(17A)

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SECRETARY

Mrs. R.C. Watts,
17 Moore Street,
MOONEE PONDS, Vic.

Langslow
P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
GW 03/8

TO RAAF HQ

COPY

Encl. 16A

FROM ORQ RAAF KWI.

AL.299 WAS.73 AUGUST 3 CONFIDENTIAL.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT A.B. SIMPSON (DFC) AUS.408881 SAFE IN NEUTRAL
TERRITORY EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MEMBER ADDRESSED TO MRS. A. BARROP
OF 1 LINDEN VILLAS BRUCK ROAD GARNET STATES "WE WERE SHOT DOWN BY
FIGHTERS. NOBODY WAS INJURED SO ALL THE BOYS LEFT THE PLANE. I
SPENT OVER 3 WEEKS IN BELGIUM AND HEARD NOTHING.". NO NEWS YET
RECEIVED ANY SOURCE FATES PILOT OFFICER R. C. WATTS (DFC) AUS.401842 ~~XXXX~~
AUS.408375 FLIGHT SERGEANT MANSON K W.

401842

R.C. Watts

Member same crew

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

enc 15A

Tel. No. HOLBORN 9211

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING"

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS,

KODAK HOUSE,

FILE No. 1401/4986/P.4. (25A) 5349

63, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

Non Urgent.

27th April, 1944.

1/23/5

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Pilot Officer R.C. Watts. (DFC) A/401842.
Missing.

Forwarded herewith for such action as may
be considered necessary is unposted Airgraph
letter found amongst the above mentioned officer's
personal effects addressed to Mrs. R. Watts,
17 Moore Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria,
Australia.

R.B. Morgan

(R. B. MORGAN),
Pilot Officer,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Enclosure.

RECEIVED
28 MAY 1944
AIR REGISTRY

*Letter forwarded
24.5.44
SRW.*

Encl. 14A

No. 467 (RAAF) Squadron,
R.A.F. Station,
WADDINGTON,
Nr. LEICOLN,
ENGLAND.

2nd. April. 1944.

Dear Mrs. Watts,

It is with deep regret that I now have to write and confirm the official notification, which you will have already received, informing you that your husband, Pilot Officer Raymond Carson Watts, failed to return from air operations on the night of the 30th/31st. March, 1944. On behalf of the Squadron and myself please accept our very sincere and heartfelt sympathy at this sad time.

In your husband we have lost a very fine comrade and a popular colleague who always gave of his best and had proved himself on every occasion. It is indeed a sad blow and his loss will be very much felt by all. He was the Navigator of the missing aircraft.

We have hopes that he and his crew may have been able to bale out safely and later be reported prisoners of war. Although it will take some time for news of this nature to come through you have my assurance that you will be notified immediately any further information is to hand. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to write me for any advice or assistance you may require.

It is desired to explain that the request in the telegram notifying you of the casualty to your husband was included with the object of avoiding his chance of escape being prejudiced by undue publicity in case he was still at large. This is not to say that any information about him is available, but is a precaution adopted in the case of all personnel reported missing.

Regretting the necessity to write you in such circumstances and I express the hope that good news will soon be on the way.

Yours very sincerely,
W. J. Watts
Commanding,
No. 467 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron,
R.A.F. STATION, WADDINGTON.

Mrs. M. J. Watts,
17, Moore Street, MOONIE PONDS,
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Original forwarded N/K 11/5/44 WJ

COPY

Level 13A

TO RAAF HQRS
FROM AIR MIN WHITEHALL

PCX 843 8 MAY AUSCAS 534

INFORMATION RECEIVED STATES AUS 426306 F/SGT CA CAMPBELL AND AUS
408881 A/F/L A B SIMPSON (D.F.C.) ARRIVED SAFELY IN SWITZERLAND.
RECLASSIFIED SAFE NEUTRAL TERRITORY. KINNOT. REQUEST N/K BE
ADVISED TO TREAT INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT RELEASE TO
PRESS. CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE ADDRESSED C/O AIRMIN A11 17 MONCK
STREET LONDON SW1.

IMPORTANT.

HOFULL

*R.C. with
member of crew*

*No action
tdh. 19/5-*

Encl 12a

401842 P/O. R.C. WATTS (D.F.C.) - Missing air operations.

D/Post:-

It is requested that the change of next of kin of the above-mentioned officer, and person also to be informed of casualty be noted in your records:-

Next of kin:-

Mrs. R.C. WATTS (Wife)
17 Moore Street,
MOONEE PONDS, Vic.

Also to be informed:-

Mr. W.H. WATTS (Father)
11 Verdun Street,
MOWERAY HEIGHTS, Launceston, Tas.

B. Spurr, S/O

10/4/44.

for Wing Commander,
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

Commonwealth of Australia



P.M. 44.

Postmaster-General's Department

Conc HR

Memorandum to O.I.C.,
Casualty Records,
Air Force,
Anderson st., Sth. Yarra.
S.E.1.

POST OFFICE Moonee Ponds, W.4.

4/4/44.

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Your telegram lodged at Melbne. at 5.30pm today,
addressed Mrs. R.C. Watts, 17 Moore st., Moonee Ponds, was
delivered at 6pm. today.

(signed).....PM.

Watts R.C

5 APR 1944
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Sch. C.2308-2/1939.

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APR 5 1944
SIGNAL

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AIRBOARD MELBOURNE

watts. R. C.
0115 *AW*

TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY TELEGRAM TO MR W H WATTS

11 VENDUN ST NOMERAY LAUNCESTON DELIVERED 9/30 PM

(1/6 9/30)

Laswally
5 APR 1944
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Am 9H

Telegraphic acknowledgment delivery
PERSONAL Mr. W.H. WATTS
11, VINDUN ST
HOWBRAY LAUNCESTON. TAS.

401842 PILOT OFFICER R.G. WATTS D.F.C. MISSING STOP REGRET TO INFORM
YOU THAT YOUR SON PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND CARSON WATTS D.F.C. IS MISSING
AS RESULT AIR OPERATIONS ON 31st MARCH 1944 STOP KNOWN DETAILS ARE HE
WAS MEMBER OF CREW LANCASTER AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK NUREMBURG
GERMANY WHICH FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE PRESUMABLY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION
STOP THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN EXPRESSING SINCERE
SYMPATHY IN YOUR ANXIETY STOP WHEN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED
IT WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

4/4/44

Air Force. Amerson St. South Yarra.

BY sb 040526/2

Em 8/1

Postal acknowledgment delivery
PERSONAL Mrs. R.C. WATTS
17 MOORE ST
MOONBEE PONDS. VIC.

401842 PILOT OFFICER R.C. WATTS D.F.C. MISSING STOP REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND PILOT OFFICER RAYMOND GARSON WATTS D.F.C. IS MISSING AS RESULT AIR OPERATIONS ON 31st MARCH 1944 STOP KNOWN DETAILS ARE HE WAS MEMBER OF CREW LANCASTER AIRCRAFT DETAILLED TO ATTACK NUREMBURG GERMANY WHICH FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE PRESUMABLY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION STOP THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN EXPRESSING SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR ANXIETY STOP WHEN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

4/4/44

Air Force, Anderson St., South Yarra.

184 s/o 04052572

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Dn 7A

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

FINANCE SERIAL NO. 9438

NATURE OF CASUALTY... Missing - air operations
 29/10/44 P.O. W 31/3/44 1864 Belavia POW
 safe OK

Unknown by A/M - presumed over target

PLACE OF CASUALTY Murembidgee, Queensland DATE OF CASUALTY... 31/3/44

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME... Mrs. M. J. Watts Phone FU1039
 NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS... 17 Moore St
 Wife Moonee Ponds, Vic

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS Pilot Officer

ALSO FATHER - W.H. WATTS
 11 VERDUN ST
 MOWBRAY HEIGHTS
 LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FROM RECORDS
IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBER.

D.F.C.
 NO... 401842 RANK... P.O. (MIN. 18) NAME... WATTS Raymond Carson (D.F.C.)
 UNIT... RAAF aft RAF UK RELIGION... C. of E
 MUSTERING... GD ENLISTED... 1 RC DATE ENLISTED... 31/3/41
 DATE OF BIRTH... 13.8.17 DATE EMBARKED... ?
 NEXT OF KIN... Father NAME... Walter Harold Watts
 11 Verdun St
 Mowbray
 Launceston, Tasmania
 MARRIED... Yes, SINGLE...
 ALSO INFORMANT...
 As above

EXTRACT taken by... F. Goddard LAC 2nd loc. 11735
 FROM... D/Post ACW Pugh
 4/4/1944

RECORDED FOR STATISTICAL TABULATION
 On P/P. 115 9301 Initials

VA RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX
 BY... ebb 5/4/44
 (CD. 29/44)

For Wing Commander
 R.P.S. (CASUALTY SECTION)

Form 7B

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

FINANCE SERIAL NO.

NATURE OF CASUALTY. *Missing in Operations*

PLACE OF CASUALTY. *Atkinson by AM* DATE OF CASUALTY. *31-8-44*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES *Flight Lieutenant* NAME.

NEXT OF KIN *WIFE* ADDRESS. *MRS M J WATTS*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS *P/O* *17 MOORE ST*

ALSO FATHER *W H WATTS* *MOONEE PONDS*

11 VERDUN ST.

MOWBRAY HEIGHTS LAUNCESTON

(D.F.C.)

RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FROM RECORDS IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBER.

NO. *401842* RANK. *P/O* NAME. *WATTS* *RAYMOND CARSON*

UNIT. *RAF ATT RAF (UK)* RELIGION. *606*

MUSTERING. *AD* ENLISTED. *IRC* DATE ENLISTED. *31-8-41*

DATE OF BIRTH. *13-8-17* DATE EMBARKED. *9*

NEXT OF KIN. *FATHER* NAME.

MARRIED. SINGLE. *WALTER HAROLD WATTS*

ALSO INFORM/P.T.B.I. *11 VERDUN ST*

MOWBRAY

LAUNCESTON

TAS

EXTRACT taken by *A Lockdale*

FROM *O.P.S. Row. Rugh.*

/ /1944

For Wing Commander D.P.S. (CASUALTY SECTION)

(CD. 29/44)

C O P Y

Dir 6A

TO RAAF HQRS
FROM AIR MIN KMY

PCX 632 2 APRIL AUSCAS 131

FB (A) LANCASTER LM 376 (B) 467 (RAAF) SQDRN (C) UNKNOWN PRESUMED OVER
TARGET NUREMBURG 30/31 MAR (D) AUS 408881 P/O ACT F/LT ARTHUR BRUCE
SIMPSON DFC KINNOT FATHER DP SIMPSON MELVILLE STREET NUMURKAH VICTORIA
AUS 401842 P/O RAYMOND CARSON WATTS KINNOT WIFE MRS MJ WATTS 17 MOORE
STREET MOCNEE PONDS VICTORIA ALSO FATHER WH WATTS 11 VERDUN STREET
MOWBRAY HGTS LAUNCESTON TASMANIA AUS 408375 F/LT KENNETH WALTER MANSON
KINNOT FATHER JA MANSON 4 BASIN ROAD WEST LAUNCESTON TASMANIA AUS 414801
P/O GEOFFREY JOHNSON KINNOT FATHER GA JOHNSTON LANREEF HODGSON LINE
QUEENSLAND AUS 426306 F/SGT COLIN ARGYLE CAMPBELL KINNOT FATHER WH
CAMPBELL ROSLEIGH STREET EAGLE JUNCTION ALSO BROTHER GW CAMPBELL BUCKLAND
ROAD BRISBANE RAF 1628364 SGT CURL CP 159888 F/O WEEDEN RA ALL MISSING
PARTICULARS UNKNOWN (E) UNKNOWN (G) PRESUMED ENEMY ACTION

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ENCLOSURE 5A.

V.F. - R.C.L.
166/43/383
P.A.A.F.

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164908

Casualty Section,

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

RAAF.

Dear Madam,

I refer to the telegram from this Department dated 18th October, 1943, informing you that your husband, Flight Sergeant Raymond Carson Watts, is suffering from frost bite.

A report has now been received which states that your husband was a member of the crew of a Lancaster aircraft which made a forced landing at Grimsby airfield on the 9th October, 1943. You husband was admitted to Royal Air Force Hospital, Rauceby, suffering from slight frost bite, but otherwise I am pleased to say, was uninjured.

Usually next of kin are informed only when the condition of the member is considered to be dangerous or serious but in this instance, this information is conveyed to you to allay any undue anxiety should an exaggerated report be received from an unofficial source.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

Mrs. R.C. Watts,
17 Moore Street,
MOONEE PONDS, Vic.

Langslow
for Wing Commander 2/1/43
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION

C O P Y

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TO RAAF HQRS

FROM AIRMIN KINGSWAY

PCX 258 17 OCT AUSCAS 069

FB

(A) LANCASTER JA 901

(B) 467 SQUADRON

(C) FORCED LANDING GRIMSBY AIRFIELD 9 OCT 0330 HOURS NO CRASH
PROCEEDED BOTTESFORD 11 OCT (.)

(D) AUS 40880 P/O SIMPSON ARTHUR BRUCE SLIGHT FROSTBITE KINNOT
FATHER MR DP SIMPSON MELVILLE STREET NUMURKAH VICTORIA

AUS 401842 W/O WATTS RAYMOND CARSON SLIGHT FROSTBITE

KINNOT WIFE MRS MJ WATTS 17 MOORE STREET MOONEE PONDS

VICTORIA AUS 420990 F/SGT O'CONNOR JAMES WILLIAM MISSING

BALED OUT OVER TARGET KINNOT MOTHER MRS EM O'CONNOR

VAAMI STREET COONABARRABRAM NSW (.) REMAINDER CREW AUS

408375 SGT NA'NSON KW AUS 426306 F/SGT CAMPBELL CA RAF

1628364 SGT CURL 1835963 SGT THOMAS ALL UNINJURED

(E) SIMPSON AND WATTS RAF HOSPITAL RAUCEBY OTHERS (EXCEPT

O'CONNOR) RETURNED BOTTESFORD

(G) NO CRASH

IMMEDIATE

231617

Postal acknowledgement delivery
PERSONAL: MRS. R.O. WATTS,
17 MOORE STREET,
MOONEE PONDS, VIC.

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND FLIGHT SERGEANT RAYMOND CARSON
WATTS HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM FROST BITE ~~STOP~~
~~LETTER WILL FOLLOW~~

AIRFORCE, ANDERSON ST., STH. YARRA.

18/10/43.

W. Hough sp 180451/2

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

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Lulga

FINANCE SERIAL NO.

NATURE OF CASUALTY. Injuries Frost Bite - Admitted hospital.

an operations

PLACE OF CASUALTY. not advised injured target 11/11/43 DATE OF CASUALTY not advised 10/43

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME.....

NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS.....

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS

W/O

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

NO. 401842 RANK. F/Sgt. NAME. WATTS, Raymond Carson

UNIT. RCAF AIRCRA (UK) RELIGION. C of E.

MUSTERING. Air Observer ENLISTED. 1 R.C. DATE ENLISTED. 31.3.41

DATE OF BIRTH. 13.8.1917 DATE EMBARKED. 24.8.42

NEXT OF KIN. Wife NAME. Myrtle Jessie Louisa Watts.

MARRIED. Yes SINGLE. 17 Moore St.

ALSO INFORM/ P.T.B.I. Moonee Ponds, Vic.

Handwritten notes:
RCAF AIRCRA (UK)
Wife
17 Moore St.
Moonee Ponds, Vic.

EXTRACT taken by Cpl. Lilburn
FROM O/C Records (ACW Ricketts)

18/10/1943
RECORDED IN CASUALTY INDEX
D.N.T. 18/10/43

Handwritten signature: Lilburn
For Wing Commander,
D.P.S. (CASUALTY SECTION)

(CD55/43) 19 OCT 1943

RECORDED FOR STATISTICAL TABULATION
On Form 115 Serial No. 9301

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India

DEFENCE		
R.A.F.		
166	43	383

TO R.A.A.F. HQRS

FROM R.A.A.F. KINGSWAY

AL 652 CAS 78 OCT 18TH

PERSONNEL FOLLOWING CASUALTIES MEMBERS (4677) SQDN ADVISED WAS RESULT OPERATIONS AGAINST
HANOVER ON NIGHT 8/9 OCTOBER '43 420990 F/SGT O'CONNOR J.W. MISSING BALED OUT OVER ENEMY
TERRITORY P/O B SIMPSON 40 (87) 881 AND 401842 W/O WATTS R C IN HOSPITAL (.....?)
INJURIES FROST BITE (.) HAVE REQUESTED SQDN ORIGINATE INITIAL CASUALTY ADVICE IMMEDIATELY
AND EXPLAIN DELAY IN NOTIFICATION

IMPORTANT