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CASUALTY SECTION

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15-5-1944

SUBJECT

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419311 F/SGT HENETT H.M.

CASUALTY - REPATRIATION

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/17/544

1. Leaflet forwarded to N/K on 15/5/44.

2. 17/5/44 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 138

(missing air ops)

3. Sister of missing member called and advised that her brother was the subject in a "news flash" from the B.B.C but that details were by no means definite. On behalf of the member's mother she wished to know if we had any confirmation of the "news flash". Advised her that if any further details were received they would be immediately advised to her father.

26/5/44

S. B. W. O.

4. Rang Lister (541197) to ask if he knew date and text of news flash referred to in above minute. Father had only heard of "news flash" through friends of his and does not know exact date but it was approx. 4 weeks ago and was a brief account of a previous operation. Father is not even certain if it referred to his son as full particulars were not mentioned. "Flash" was heard from 3AR so father intends calling at that office to see if they can locate broadcast for him as it would be of interest. I told Lister if he was unable to get any satisfaction from 3AR this Dept. wd. try to obtain a copy for him. Lister expressed thanks and stated that he had very confidence in this Dept. doing everything possible to assist him in any way.

27.5.44

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

5. RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY A.R. (SGT) 31/7/44 (MBK)

6.

4.8.44

REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 217

miss. hel. killed

[OVER]

4.
RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

10/1/45 (DP)

8.

11/1/45 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 11
(Dead Pres)

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Ref. Enc. 17A / copy/ies of Death Certificate No. 5720
Dated 11/1/45 issued to

and despatched to Independent Order of Rechabites

12 11 145

C. Hansen S/L

P.6. (A)

E. from Mr
11/1

10.
Considered an appropriate case for the issue of a Royal
message of Condolence and message despatched to Mrs. H. S. Hewitt
of P. 16095 (6095) Mrs. S. S. Hewitt
Mrs. S. S. Hewitt CP2

Father called & desired to thank us for kind
consideration shown. Explained they were
not quite clear after receiving Incl. 16a as to
whether son was positively identified.
I pointed out connection between 16a & 13a
& father expressed regret at raising question -
saying all was now quite clear.
2. Also inquired re effects & gave him
usual explanation -

3. Finally stated member in a letter confidential
to his only sister had told her that after taking
part in raid on Dortmund-Ems canal he
knew he had been recommended for Commission
but she was not to mention it till he confirmed
officially -

I referred to Ft/O Cooke of DPS(P2) (6415 Hk. Pk)
who will make a report to Enquire of OTHQ & advise
repl. 15 Jan 1945
W. S. L.
P. 6. (A)

12.
Ft/O Cooke informed S/Ldr Reesham
member not rec'd for Commission
6. 2. 45.
S/Ldr Reesham
DPS P6 (P1) 11/10.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 166/17/577

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Ref. Enc. 23A
Dated 13/2/45
and despatched to Mr. W. L. Hewitt, Regent, N18. Wri.
3 copies of Death Certificate No. 5720 issued to
15/2/45
A. Haven Cpl.
P.6. (A)

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Mrs. Marie Hewitt, sister, called re effects.
States parents leaving present address on
6/8/45, & will not settle into new address for
two or 3 months.

They desire, therefore, :-

(1) Correspondence be addressed :-

7 Mrs Eddy,
31 Nelson St.,
Colony N18 Wri;

(2) Chat effects, on arrival, remain in store
until further notice.

Mrs Hewitt will ask her father to confirm these
requests by letter

2/8/45

[Signature]

15

P6K.
Mr Hewitt called today and advised
that he would like to receive the personal
effects as early as possible.

29/8/45

J. F. Lodge FR.
per DDPS (603)

4 SEP 1945

16

Personal effects referred to in enclosure: 20 A + B.
sent to 31 Nelson St. Colony Date 4 SEP 1945
per Lt C. Kelly for delivery by registered post Major. Transport.
to Mrs L. M. Hewitt

[Signature]
R.A.F. CENTRAL REPOSITORY KIT STORE
4 SEP 1945

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14 JAN 1959

166/17/577(39A)

Deputy Commissioner,
Repatriation Department,
Box 87A,
MELBOURNE. C1.

419311 FLIGHT SERGEANT HEWETT. H. M. - DECD
Your CX183464 N.D R3 23rd December, 1958

As requested, forwarded herewith Statement of
Service relative to the death of the abovenamed airman.

Encl
14 JAN 1959

(A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

AM

WAC

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
RECORD OF SERVICE - AIRMAN
EXTRACT FROM FORM P/P.25

REF. NO: CX183464.

NUMBER: 419311 RANK: F.SGT. NAME: HEWETT, Harold Max

DATE OF BIRTH: 29th April, 1923.

ENLISTED: 18th July, 1942, for the duration of the war and a period of twelve (12) months thereafter.

MUSTERING:

Aircrew V. (On Enlistment)	18. 7.42.
Aircrew V. (P) (On Remuster)	11. 9.42.
Aircrew V. (G)	9.10.42.
Air Gunner	29. 4.43.

PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS:

A.C.II. (On Enlistment)	18. 7.42.
L.A.C.	10.10.42.
T/SGT.	29. 4.43.
T/F.SGT.	29.10.43.

POSTINGS & MOVEMENTS:

1 I.T.S. Somers	18. 7.42.
1 W.A.G.S. Ballarat	15.10.42.
1 B.A.G.S. West Sale	6. 4.43.
1 Personnel Depot, Melbourne	7. 5.43.
2 Personnel Depot, Sydney	21. 5.43.
Embarked Sydney	25. 5.43.
Disembarked U.K.	7. 7.43.
11 P.D.R.C. Brighton	7. 7.43.
12 O.T.U.	27. 7.43.
1651 Conversion Unit	30. 9.43.
75 Squadron	5.11.43.

ATTACHMENTS:

Royal Air Force	25. 5.43	-	12. 5.44.
1483 Bombing & Gunnery Flight	10.10.43	-	16.10.43.
RAF Station Bradwell Bay	20.11.43	-	22.11.43.
RAF Station, Feltwell	26. 3.44	-	31. 3.44.

HONOURS & AWARDS: Nil.

ENTRIES ON CONDUCT SHEET: Nil.

CASUALTY: Previously reported missing air operations, now presumed dead by Air Ministry wef 12th May, 1944.

PLACE OF CASUALTY: Holland.

CERTIFIED: That the above is a true and correct statement of the service of the abovenamed deceased airman who served outside Australia during the Second World War 1939-45.

This member is a charge against the Imperial Government if and only if, his disability is found to have arisen from an occurrence happening between 25 / 5 / 43 and 12 / 5 / 44 whilst he was attached to the R.A.F.

-7 JAN 1959

F. Tucker
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS

38A

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BOX 87A"
AND QUOTE NO. *EX 18346H*
N.D. 23

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE
MXY 110

SN 880

REPATRIATION DEPARTMENT,
VICTORIAN BRANCH,
121-145 HANNA STREET, SOUTH MELBOURNE, S.C.S.

23rd December 1958

HEWETT Harold Elton 419311 - R.A.A.F.

DECEASED 12-5-44

MEMORANDUM:

Re:

I should be glad if you please forward urgently
to this office full service and medical documents and ~~Form Z.19~~
relative to the abovenamed ex-airman.

Officer-in-Charge,
R.A.A.F. Medical Records,
"H" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.S.

A.L. Searle
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

V. 1291.

37a

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT: H19311 F/Sgt. HEWETT. H.M. (Decord)

It is requested that the change of address of the next of kin of the abovenamed member be noted in all records:-

*Mr. M. L. Hewett, (Father)
210 Collins Street,
Hornbury, Vic.*

DISTRIBUTION:

O i/c RECORDE P3.
D/POST
A.F.O. Mr. Noltinius
PENSIONS SECTION Mr. Saunderson
D.W.G.S. 5/11/49

(PSD73/48)

[Signature]
for D.P.S. PL. CAS(N)

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210 Collins St

Thonbury

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Sept 13 1949

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15 JUN 1949
AIR

166/17/577

To
Officer in Charge

Dear Sir,

In respect of any future correspondence relating to the late Flight Serg. Harold MacFewart, c/o #19311. I wish to notify change of address, which is as above.

I am

yours faithfully
Lizzie M. Hewett

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13/9/48

(BW)

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RAAF 166/17/577(35A)

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of the grave in which your late son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett, and his comrades were laid to rest.

DWS

It is noted that the initials shown on the cross over your son's grave are incorrect. I desire to advise, however, that this cross is of a temporary nature only and is to be replaced later by permanent headstones to be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission which is responsible for the maintenance in perpetuity of the graves of deceased servicemen. A careful note has been made of the correct particulars so that when the time comes to replace the cross with a headstone, they shall be correct in every respect.

Yours faithfully,

McL
(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

MB w/c

Mr. N.L. Hewett,
5 McLachlan Street,
NORTHCOTE N.16.

14/9

ENC 34A

166/17/577

419311 P/sgt. HEWETT, H.M. (Death Presumed)

O.I/c. R. AFO. DWGS.K/ST.R.CAS.CLKS

It is requested that the change of address of the next of kin of the abovenamed member be noted in all records

Mr. N. L. HEWETT (FATHER)
5 McLACHLAN ST.,
NORTHCOTE, N.16

3 Dec. 1946

Alvie
D.P.S. P.6. (N)

ENC 33A

COPY

5 McLachlan Street,
NORTHCOTE, Vic.
18.11.45.

66/534(54518)

Officer in Charge of Records,
Air Force Headquarters,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 13th November, 1946,
re my late son's Flying Log Book, as next of kin I'd
be very pleased for you to forward same to the above
address.

Thanking you for attention and kindness
shown in all dealings in the past.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) N.L. Hewett.

Please note change of address.

N.L.H.

419311 F/S HEWETT H.M.

~~27/11 - no record of HEWETT as a person~~

Original with R.E.6.(Records)

Box File Amended

c/R.

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PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS.419311 F/SGT. HEWETT H.M.

1 carton containing	1 Parker fountain pen
1 gladstone bag	3 keys in key wallet
1 pr black shoes	1 housewife
2 suits pyjamas	1 soldiers pocket book
3 towels	1 A.G. badge
2 blue shirts	1 R.S.L. wallet
4 prs drawers	6 portraits
4 singlets	1 toilet bag
12 socks	11 greeting cards
1 pr leather gloves	1 postcard
1 Falcon Minette camera in case	2 booklets
1 leather money belt	6 cables
1 clothes brush	1 airgraph letter
17 handkerchiefs	1 1944 diary The Services
1 D bar, padlock and 2 keys	1 1943 diary
1 pr underpants	2 5 cent stamps
1 wool pullover	1 Passport of Fellowship
1 leather wallet containing note book	23 photos
1 leather note wallet	
20 souvenir coins	
1 cloth bag	
1 pr metal armbands	
1 nail file	
1 pr sunglasses	

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the abovementioned effects.

Date 5.9.45

L. H. Hewett

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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Telephone:

HOLBORN 9211

Telegraphic Address:

"AUSTRAIR, WESTCENT, LONDON."

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS,

KODAK HOUSE,

63, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING."

1401/6892/P.4. 51A. 15046.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.....

10th October., 1945.

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

Aus.419311 Flight Sergeant Hewett H.M.

Enclosed herewith for your information, is a copy of an original Casualty Enquiry and a copy of a report from No.5. M.R. & E.S. which refers to the above R.A.A.F. member.

2. In view of the lack of definite information No.5.M.R.E.S. have been requested to arrange for the exhumation of the unknown
3. It is expected that there will be some considerable delay before the results of this exhumation will be available.

E.J. Coxon
(E.J. COXON),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Enc.

31 OCT 1945

COPY.

31B

From:- No. 5. (Holland) Section, M.R. and E. Service R.A.F. The Hague, Holland.

To:- Air Ministry, P.4.Cas., Can. 73-77 Oxford Street, London, W.1.
Royal Australian Air Force, London. D.D.G.R.E., BRUSSELS.

Date:- 28th September, 1945.

Your Ref:- Can/P.417076-45/P.4.Cas. C. 4B. Casualty Enquiry No.H.67.

Our Ref:- SMRES/601/H.67.

Make of Aircraft: Lancaster ND.919.

Date reported missing: 11/12th May, 1944.

Place of crash, with Map Ref.

Crew:

Place of burial, with Map Ref.

15118.....	A/P/Lt.	Warren.	D.
J.19819.....	P/O.	Irving,	A.E.
J.19996.....	P/O.	Gage.	D.I.
1193544.....	F/Sgt.	Clough.	D.
1584169.....	Sgt.	Riley.	F.C.
1094980.....	Sgt.	Dewhurst.	H.
Aus.419311.....	F/Sgt.	Hewett.	H.H.

Buried in the Cemetery of Aardenburg, Province Zeeland. (Map reference: D.0006) No grave numbers available.

Additional information or remarks:

On the 28th September, 1945, I visited the Secretary to the Burgomaster of AARDENBURG, (Map reference: D.0006.) He informed me that seven bodies had been found although two had been burnt beyond recognition. He could give no official information re identities but had received letters from some of the next of kin. He referred me to Mr A.I. Catsman who had been present at the funeral and accompanied me to his house.

Mr Catsman did not know who was in which coffin although he believed that 4 and 5 contained two carbonised bodies and the Australian, 1, 2 or 3 reading from right to left. The Town Major at the time, Oberst Von Saldern had refused any information and a Obfw der Luftwaffe from the Airfield at Maldegem had been in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Short of disinterring the bodies there can be no certain information who is in which coffin and action will be taken to do so if you consider it necessary.

I visited the cemetery and found the graves in a far corner, well cared for and handed to the Town clerk a full list of the crew, ranks numbers Etc., so that he could arrange the marking of the crosses.

(Sgd). ???????

Flight Lieutenant, Officer i/c.
No. 5. (Holland) Section.
M.R.E.S., R.A.F., B.A.F.O.

COPY.

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AIR MINISTRY.

73-77 Oxford St, London, W.1.

3rd September, 1945.

CAN/P417076-45/P. 4. Cas. C. 4B.

Officer in Charge No. 5. Section (Holland),
Missing Research and Enquiry Service,
Royal Air Force,
85/87 Badhuisweg,
The Hague,
B. L. A.

CASUALTY ENQUIRY No. H. 67.

1. The following crew of Lancaster ND.919 were reported missing on the night of 11/12th May, 1944, target Louvain, Belgium:-

15118	A/F/L.	D. WARREN	Captain.
J. 19819	P/O.	A. E. IRVING.	Navigator.
J. 19996	P/O.	D. I. CAGE.	A. B.
1193544	F/Sgt.	CLOUGH, D.	WO/AIR.
1584169	Sgt.	RILEY, F. C.	F/Engineer.
1094980	Sgt.	DEWHURST, H.	M/U/Gnr.
Aus. 419311	F/Sgt.	HEWETT, ? H.	R/Gnr.

2. I. R. C. C. information stated that F/S Hewett, F/L. Warren, Sgt. Riley and three "unknown" were killed. They were all buried in Communal Cemetery, Aardenburg, Province Zeeland, Holland.

3. Information from the same source stated that P/O. Cage was killed. No burial particulars were given.

4. The next-of-kin of P/O. Cage have received a letter from the Burgomaster of Aardenburg who stated that the aircraft in question crashed just west of the town near Castle "Elderschans" and that seven bodies were found in the wreckage. The bodies were buried in separate coffins and it is presumed in separate grave.

5. May this matter be investigated to ascertain if all the members of the crew are buried in the afore-mentioned Cemetery, arrangements made to register their graves and if possible identify each separate grave.

(Sgd). J. H.

(J. ? Harris) Wing Commander
for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief
R. C. A. F. Overseas.

Noted DWGS
AW

Encl 30H

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RAAF.166/17/577(30A)

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

1 - SEP 1945

Dear Madam,

With reference to the Service affairs of your late son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett, 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 United Kingdom, 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,

J. Macdonald
.....F/LT.,
Officer-in-Charge,
CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

Encl.

Mrs. L.M. Hewett,
C/- Mrs. Eddy,
31, Nelson Street,
COBURG, VICTORIA.

Encl 30B

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS. 419311 P/SGT. HEWETT H.M.

1 carton containing	1 Parker fountain pen
1 gladstone bag	3 keys in key wallet
1 pr black shoes	1 housewife
2 suits pyjamas	1 soldiers pocket book
3 towels	1 A.C. badge
2 blue shirts	1 R.S.L. wallet
4 prs drawers	6 portraits
4 singlets	1 toilet bag
12 socks	11 greeting cards
1 pr leather gloves	1 postcard
1 Falcon Minette camera in case	2 booklets
1 leather money belt	6 cables
1 clothes brush	1 airgraph letter
17 handkerchiefs	1 1944 diary The Services
1 D bar, padlock and 2 keys	1 1943 diary
1 pr underpants	2 5 cent stamps
1 wool pullover	1 Passport of Fellowship
1 leather wallet containing note book	23 photos
1 leather note wallet	
20 souvenir coins	
1 cloth bag	
1 pr metal armbands	
1 nail file	
1 pr sunglasses	

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname Hewett
(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names HM

Rank 1/3 Unit _____

Number 419311

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

Carton

Nº 15415

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

Issued by FB Date 30/8/50

(To be handed to depositor)

DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname HEWITT
(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names H.M.

Rank F/S Unit _____

Number 419311

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

A 27044

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

Issued by [Signature] Date 23.5.

(To be handed to depositor)

Security bond

Specs of # 419311 F/S HEWITT HM

- 1 Army 1944 "The Services"
- 1 Army 1943
- 2 5 Cent Stamps
- 1 Passport of Fellowship
- 23 Photos.

Estimated

23545

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City Durham

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Personal Effects AUG 4 1931 H/S HEWETT H.M.

- 1 ~~Carton~~ cont: 1 Gladstone Bag
- 1 Pr Black Shoes
- 2 Suits Pyjamas
- 3 Towels
- 2 Blue Shirts
- 1 Prs Drawers
- 4 Singlets
- 12 Socks
- 1 Leather Gloves
- 1 Falcon Minette Camera in case
- 1 Leather Money Belt
- 1 clothes Brush
- 17 Handkerchiefs
- 1 D Bar, Padlock, & 2 Keys
- 1 Pr Underpants
- 1 Wool Pullover
- 1 Leather wallet cont. Notebook
- 1 leather Note wallet
- 20 Souvenir coins
- 1 cloth Bag
- 1 Pr Metal Arm bands
- 1 Nail file
- 1 Pr Sun glasses
- 1 Parker Fountain Pen
- 3 Key in Key wallet
- 1 Housewife
- 1 Soldiers Pocket Book
- 1 A G Badge
- 1 RSH wallet
- 6 Pr Portraits
- 1 Toilet Bag
- 1 ~~Bundle of postcards~~ 11 Greeting cards & 1 Postcard
- 2 Booklets
- 6 cables
- 1 aigraphic letters.

Alfred G. H.

W. H. G. H.
31/8/31

U.K.
HMCD.

Level 29A

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MINUTE PAPER

Serial No. 38997

SUBJECT:- 419311 P/009. HEWETT Donald Mac

D.P.3. (Casualty Section)

In accordance with A.B.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
HEWETT Rizzie Marie	Executive Proprietary	Mother	739 70th St Philadelphia Pennsylvania

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

Noted in O. of A. Section

[Handwritten signature]

- See 9/26/1944
FPD.121/44
27A

Area Finance Officer.
(Deceased Personnel Section).

Encl 28A

FO. 51032.

Personal Effects of A/E 419311 P/Sgt. Hewett H.M.

1 Case containing:-
Mr N.A. THRELL (FATHER) N.O.K.

- ✓ 1 pr. black shoes.
- ✓ 2 prs. pyjamas. HIGH STREET
- ✓ 2 towels.
- ✓ 2 blue shirts. VICTORIA
- ✓ 4 prs. trunks. AUSTRALIA
- ✓ 1 vest.
- ✓ 1 pr. socks.
- ✓ 1 towel.
- ✓ 1 Gladstone bag containing:-
- ✓ 1 pr. leather gloves.
- ✓ 1 Falcon Minette Camera in case.
- ✓ 1 Leather money belt.
- ✓ 1 Clothes brush.
- ✓ 15 handkerchiefs.
- ✓ 1 kitbag handle, padlock & 2 keys.
- ✓ 3 vests.
- ✓ 1 pr. long pants.
- ✓ 1 pullover.
- ✓ 3 prs. socks.
- ✓ 1 bundle letters, catds, portraits and foreign coins.
- ✓ 2 handkerchiefs.
- ✓ 2 leather wallets.
- ✗ 1 Full bottle Nicholsons Gin.
- ✓ 1 Linen Bag contg:-
- ✓ 1 pr. arm bands, 1 nail file,
- ✓ 1 pr. sun glasses, 1 black Parker fountain pen, 1 key wallet with 2 keys
- ✓ 1 housewife, 1 pocket book, 1 A.G.S Brevet, 1 pocket wallet, 1 portrait, 1 toilet bag.

The following items have been extracted for forwarding to R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters.

1 Diary.

RECEIVED THE EFFECTS AS LISTED EXCEPT ITEM MARKED X

Signature J. Boyle c/o

Date 31/5/45

Note:- 1 cycle held at Unit pending disposal instructions.

1 Post Office Savings Bank Book, Chipping Warden No. 456, extracted from the effects by the unit and forwarded to ~~XXXXXX~~ R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters.

Cash amounting to £4.12.0d. and stamps to value of 2/5d, New Zealand silver value 3s9d, 1 U.S.A. Dollar Bill #818354148, 1 Postal Order D1.70/096610 value 3/-, Canteen Orders 2 @ 5.0d; 12 @ 2s 0d. found amongst the personal effects have been credited to his service account ~~at the XXXXX~~

N.O.K. (FATHER) - MR N.L. HEWETT,

739 HIGH STREET.

PRESTON. VICTORIA.

AUSTRALIA.

RECEIVED THE EFFECTS AS LISTED
EXCEPT ITEM MARKED X

Signature

18/1/22

Date

The following item has been returned for forwarding to ...
I enclose at this point a list of the effects ...
which are the property of the ...
and which have been credited to the service ...
of the ...
and which are the property of the ...
and which have been credited to the service ...
of the ...

Encl-27A

ZONE OF CASUALTY U.K. File No. / /

NO. 419311 RANK F/SGT. NAME HEWETT, Harold Max

Deceased P.O. ref. 12.5.44 194... Married or Single Single

Casualty effects held () expected) at Repository Store at West Melbourne

Other effects held at Repository Store at

Recorded N/Kin Mr. N.L. Bennett Relationship) Father

Last known address of Mrs. Eddy, 31 Nelson St.,
Colony, N.13, Victoria

WILL POSITION AS AT 11/8/45.
see data 28 Jul 1942.

Executrix and Beneficiary } Mother Lizzie Marie Hewett.
Kayes 1/8

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if any) and other relevant particulars

Encl. 10A indicates Mother's address same as that of father.
see Encl. 26A.

RECOMMENDED THAT EFFECTS BE FORWARDED TO:-

Executrix & Beneficiary, Mother Mrs. Lizzie Marie Bennett, of Mrs. Eddy, 31 Nelson Street, Colony, N13, Victoria.

Except as follows:-

Spurgeon G.C.
 for (ADJUSTMENTS OFFICER) 13/8

DISPOSAL AUTHORIZED

as recommended above.

P.B. (K) - Please note that delivery is to be delayed for a short period in accordance with Encl. 26A.

WMM

13/8/1945
 (CD39/45)

Make B.P. (K) 13/8

SM
 for Wing Commander,
 O.I./C. CASUALTY SECTION.

① P6A - Entitlement
② P6IV - Change of address

En. 26A
To Mrs. Eddy.
31 Nelson St.
Coburg N13
3/8/45

Officer in Charge
R.A.A.F. Cas. Section.
Dear Sir.

Following upon conversation with my daughter re return of my sons kit (F/S. H.M. HEWETT. No 419311) I would be very much obliged if you can arrange to hold same for me for two or three weeks as we are leaving on Monday 6th inst. for a short holiday.

Also please note change of address. New address as above. Thanking you very much for past courtesy + kindly attention

Yours Sincerely
Norman L. Hewett.
(Father)

Incl 25F

LATE 419311 F/SGT HEWETT, H.M.

O/I/C RECORDS :

It is requested that the address of next-of-kin of the above-named deceased member be amended to read as follows until further notice :-

Mr. Norman L. Hewett, (Father)
C/- Mrs. Eddy,
31 Nelson Street,
COBURG, N.13, VIC.

R. G. Green Flt/C.,
for Wing Commander,
D. P. S. P. 6.

3/8/45

Miss Marie A. Sault

Mr. W. L. Hewett

of - Mrs. E. S. Sault

21 Nelson St

Colung.

N 13.

25-B

LA. 351.

C O P Y.

POW LIST NO. FC. 658

CABLE RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE
GENEVA, BY THE PRISONERS OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU *Quel 24a*

Berlin communicates following deceased airmen:-

A. 426377	O'Connell, P.F.	Killed 25/6 burial place unknown
A. 419311	Hewitt	Killed 22/5 buried Communal Cemetery Aardenburg
420819	Lee, S.G.	21/9 one KM Pigno buried 22/9 Spigno Cemetery Piemont
413156	Hodde, G.B.	killed 25/2 buried 1/4 communal cemetery Turkheim South East corner 20 KM North Kaufbeuren

Refer our FC. 508:-

Dodds

Hobbs

Loftus

Whitford

Dobbyn

Caswell

FC. 527:-

White

Buried 29/4 Communal Cemetery Liptingen

Buried 4/5 Communal Cemetery Avantle Marcilly

All three buried 11/5 French Cemetery R Anvenoc

Buried France

Buried 13/6 Morigny Cemetery

CIRCULATION

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THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND DISCIPLINARY
DISCLOSING INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

Official No.	Mustering	Rank	Name
<u>CORRIGENDUM</u> 411517	— Reported on D.C.R. 14, 14.1.44. Nav.B.	F/Sgt	FENDER, R.B.A. (Pres)
<u>SHOULD READ</u>	G.D.	P/O	
<u>CORRIGENDUM</u> 410605	— Reported on D.C.R. 207, 26.7.43. W.O.A.G.	Sgt	LINTON, H.R. (G of
<u>SHOULD READ</u>		F/Sgt	
<u>CORRIGENDUM</u> 420612	— Reported on D.C.R. 270, 27.9.43. G.D.	P/O	BUCKLAND, A.W. (Meth
<u>SHOULD READ</u>		F/O	
<u>CORRIGENDUM</u> 410496	— Reported on D.C.R. 11, 11.1.44. Nav.B.	W/O	JOYCE, E.A. (Bapt
<u>SHOULD READ</u>	—	F/Sgt	
<u>CORRIGENDUM</u> 411629	— Reported on D.C.R. 358, 24.12.43. Nav.B.	F/Sgt	CHAPMAN, N.P.
<u>SHOULD READ</u>	G.D.	P/O	

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(C43/44)

End 23A

Delet. 26/2.

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

File / /

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

26/2.
amended to 6
9/2.

No. 419311
Rank F/Sgt
Full Name HEWETT. HAROLD MAX.
Number of Certificates required 3.

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

INSURANCE'S, LODGE, ETC.

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

N. L. HEWETT.
739 HIGH ST
REGENT. N18.

DESPATCHED
Vide M. 13.

Signature of applicant. H. L. Hewett
Address. 739 HIGH ST
REGENT. N18.

Date 3-2-45.

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

Hain 8/1/45

Enclosure 22A

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Casualty Section,
391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.156/17/577(22A)

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to your recent interview with an officer of this Department with regard to your late son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett.

Enquiries have been made concerning your son's rank, and Overseas Headquarters, Royal Australian Air Force, London, has advised that there is no record of a recommendation for a commission being received from your son's Commanding Officer.

I regret that it has not been possible to confirm your belief in regard to this matter.

I desire to assure you of the continued sympathy of this Department.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. N.L. Hewett,
739 High Street,
PRESTON, Vic.

Full

P. Spencer
D.P.S. P.6 (N.I.)
7/10.
8/2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Free 214
P6(N1)

Tele. **HOLBORN 9211**

Telegraphic Address: "AUSTRAIR, WESTCENT, LONDON."

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO "THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING."

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. **1401/6892/P.4. (29A) 17290**

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,
OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS,
KODAK HOUSE,
63, KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.2.

RECEIVED
14th December 1944.
AIR REGISTRY

BY AIRMAIL

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

Aus.419311 Flight Sergeant Hewett H.M.

In confirmation of this Headquarters' signal AL.824 Cas.5 of the 13th December 1944 you are advised that International Red Cross Committee, Geneva telegram LA.137 quoting Berlin information states that Flight Sergeant Hewett lost his life on the 12th May 1944. No burial details have been received.

2. The above information was confirmed by International Red Cross Committee, Geneva telegram SB.4219 which stated that Flight Sergeant Hewett, Flight Lieutenant Warran, Sergeant Riley and three unknown members of the crew lost their lives on the 12th May 1944.

3. In view of the lapse of time since Flight Sergeant Hewett was reported missing and the absence of any news indicating that he may still be alive his death has now been presumed for official purposes with effect from the 12th May 1944.

J F Rodger
(J.F. RODGER),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

no action
Rec'd
23/11.

11 JAN 1945

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5/1/45.

ENCL. (20A)

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JAN - 3 1945

Casualty Section,
391 Little Collins S

XXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9984.

RAAF.166/17/577(20a)

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that the death of your son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett, has now been presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 12th May, 1944.

The Minister for Air and members of the Air Board desire me to extend to you their profound sympathy. It is hoped that the accompanying enclosures will contain information of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

Encl. 4.

Mr. N. L. Hewett,
739 High Street,
PRESTON. VIC.

b. Deves 8/0

D.P. SP6(N1)

6.1.45

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Encl 19A

TO RAAF HQRS
FROM RAAF K'WAY

AL824 CAS 5 13 DEC RESTRICTED.

PRESUMED DEATHS SLC P/O R A KINGSTON AUS 420817 20 FEB.

AUS 410649 F/SGT FOSTER MKMK M H 20 FEB.

AUS 410392 F/SGT SISLEY C.W. 26 FEB.

AUS 9037 F/SGT S STEPHENS L J 19 FEB.

F/LT W J H LOVE AUS 415339 24 FEB.

F/O R B TUFF AUS 409257 22 FEB.

AUS 420888 F/SGT INGLESTAN A N 25 FEB.

F/O J P HUTCHINSON (DFC) AUS 416501 25 FEB.

P/O K G MCABPINE AUS 412623 20 FEB.

419311 F/SGT HEWETT H M 12 MAY.

423311 F/SGT PATE G F 10 MAY.

AUS 412686 W/O FURCELL R W 10 MAY.

P/O W E FELSTEAD AUS 420870 10 MAY.

AUS 424914 F/SGT FERGUSON H W R 10 MAY.

F/O A E TYNE AUS 423359 10 MAY.

P/O H D CAMPBELL AUS 414761 10 MAY.

JED.

Enc 154

AUG 28 1944

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MU 9981 206214

Casualty Section,
391 Little Collins
Street,

RAAF 166/17/577

Dear Sir,
re No. 419311, F/Sgt. H.M. Hewett.

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st August, 1944, concerning the abovenamed airman.

I have to inform you that this member is still classified as "missing believed killed". When his death has been presumed for official purposes a certificate of death will be forwarded to you.

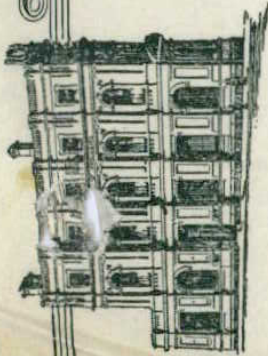
Yours faithfully,

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

The District Secretary,
Independent Order of Rechabites,
518 Elizabeth Street,
MELBOURNE C.I.

Sturges Ep
For Wing Commander,
O/c CASUALTY SECTION P6 Cas

No. 2318
Salford
Independent Order of Rechabites



War Memorial Headquarters.
The Order's Freehold Property.

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JAMES MILLAR, J.P.,
District Secretary.
21st. August, 1944.

The Officer in Charge of Casualty Section,
Royal Australian Air Force Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks, S.C.1

5-2/4

Dear Sir,

I hereby make application for a certificate of death account
419311 Flt.-Sergt. HEWETT, H. M., R.A.A.F., Kodak House, Kingsway, London,
who has been reported - "Killed in action over Germany."

The purpose for which the certificate is required by this Society
is to enable it to pay the funeral benefit in accordance with its registered
rules and the Friendly Societies Act 1929.

Yours faithfully,

James Millar
District Secretary.

DESPATCHED
Vide Memorandum

enc 16A

LETTERGRAM .. MR. N. L. HEWETT
739 HIGH STREET
PRESTON MELBOURNE

INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS FROM GERMAN
AUTHORITIES THAT TWO ROYAL AIR FORCE MEMBERS OF YOUR SON'S CREW FLIGHT
LIEUTENANT D. WARREN AND SERGEANT F. C. RILEY AND THREE MEMBERS WHO
HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED ALSO LOST THEIR LIVES STOP CREW CONSISTED OF
SEVEN MEMBERS STOP RECRET NO FURTHER NEWS OF YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT
HAROLD MAX HEWETT SINCE LETTER DATED 2ND AUGUST 1944

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

23/8

Encl. 15A

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

CYPHER MESSAGE

A392

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

Serial No.

TO

RAAF HQRS.

TOO 181427Z

MELBOURNE W/T STATION

Receipt Despatch

19 AUG 1943

Time of 182333Z

FROM

OHQ RAAF KWI.

System

W.T

AL84 CAS 252 AUG. 18

RESTRICTED.

FURTHER AIRMINY PCX626.AUSCAS 720 AUG 4

AUS 419311 F/SGT. HEWETT HM MISSING BELIEVED KILLED

IRCC GENEVA TELEGRAM QUOTING GERMAN INFORMATION ADVISED 6 DEAD

HEWETT WARREN RILEY AND THREE UNKNOWN.

INDEXED ON CASUALTY INDEX
BY 4089 c. J. D. Casualty

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
21/8

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21. *Incl. 14A*
R.A.A.F. FORM A.14(a)
(R.A.F. Form 688)
(Revised April, 1943)

CYPHER MESSAGE

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

Serial No.

T.O.O. 041213Z

TO
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RAAF MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE W/T STATION
5 AUG 1944

Receipt, Despatch

Time of 0501540Z 050345Z

FROM

AIR MIN KINGSWAY

System

PCX626 AUSCAS 720 AUG. 4. REF OUR AUS 609 13 MAY.

AMEND (D) TO READ AUS419311 F/SGT HM HEWETT MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.

TELEGRAM FROM IRCC QUOTING GERMAN INFORMATION STATES 12 MAY F/SGT HEWETT DEAD.

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IMPORTANT.

INDEXED ON CASUALTY INDEX
BY *602/69*

Seasonality
10/8 No action had
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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

APPROVED SOURCE OF CASUALTY *RAAF Melbourne 7/8 27/8/44*

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Enclosure 13A

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Casualty Section,

391 Lit. Collins St.,

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RAAF.166/17/577(13A)

Dear Sir,

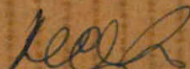
I deeply regret to inform you that your son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett, previously reported missing as a result of air operations on the 12th May, 1944, is now reported missing but believed to have lost his life.

The change of classification has been made by the Air Ministry, London, in consequence of a report received from the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva, which states that according to German information your son lost his life on the above-mentioned date.

I regret that the report does not include your son's place of burial, but I assure you that should this information be received in this Department it will be conveyed to you immediately.

Permit me to extend to you again the sincere sympathy of this Department in the anxiety you have suffered. I trust that the further leaflet enclosed will be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,



(M.C. Longslow)

SECRETARY

Enc.

Mr. H.L. Hewett,
739 High Street,
PRESTON, Vic.

M. H. Ashley *klh/2*
D. P. S. CASUALTY SECTION
7/11/44 *1/8.*

Encl 12a

C O P Y.

POW LIST NO. FC.524.

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

Berlin cables airken all dead:-

21/4 Lancaster	A. 411690	Feeney, K.G.
	A. 418377 Sgt.	Emery
	A. 422423 P/O.	Cameron, J.W.L.
11/5 Lancaster	A. 407921 P/O.	Croston, D.P.
	A. 402817 S/Ldr.	Powell
12/5 Lancaster	A. 419311 Sgt.	Herrett, H.W.
13/6 Lancaster	A. 5136 P/O.	Roche, A.F.
	A. 422165 Off.	Fry, J.R.
	A. 20076	Hill
	A. 417920	Whittenburg, H.T.
13/6 Lancaster	A. 432231 P/O.	Moses, Keith
	A. 434525 P/O.	Brown, Harry

C O P Y.

Donella

TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS MELBOURNE
FROM RAAF KINGSWAY

AL 961 CAS 975 27 JULY - RESTRICTED

TELEGRAM LA 136 FROM IRCC GENEVA TO PRISWAR MELBOURNE QUOTING
BERLIN INFORMATION GIVES FIRST ADVICE FOLLOWING EIGHT MEMBERS
POW (.) AUS409584 PILOT OFFICER K PAGE AUS415395 WARRANT OFFICER
BROWNE JE AUS 412360 WARRANT OFFICER BEAVAN WW AUS428256 FLIGHT
SERGEANT MOODY WJ AUS429279 FLIGHT SERGEANT OLSEN RP AUS429213
FLIGHT SERGEANT BRUMMEL TE FLYING OFFICER G DOCKING AUS419930
FLYING OFFICER DK CARMODY AUS420138 REQUEST INFORM/ NEXT OF KIN (.)
SAME TELEGRAM ADVISES FLYING OFFICER AK STEINBECK AUS423921 KILLED
APRIL 27 (.) TELEGRAM LA 137 ADVISES FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS KILLED (.)
P/O KG FEENEY AUS411690 AUS418366 FLIGHT SERGEANT EMERY SG
F/O JWK CAMERON AUS422423 F/O DP CROSTON AUS407821 S/LDR M POWELL
AUS402817 AUS419311 FLIGHT SERGEANT HEWETT HM P/O AF ROCHE AUS14136
F/O JR FRY AUS422165 AUS20076 FLIGHT SERGEANT HILL RT AUS417920
FLIGHT SERGEANT WHITTENBURY MT F/O KJ MOSES AUS432231 F/O HA BROWN
AUS434525 (.) AIRMIN WILL RECLASSIFY

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Appreciation file

SPW 12/7

Em. 10A

739 High St
Freston N19
10.7.44.

R.A.A.F. 166/17/577(S).

Mr. C.A. Langslow.

Dear Sir

11/7

In reply to yours of

dated 30/6/43. Re bicycle owned by my son.
F/SST Harold Max Hewell, reported missing
on May 12th.

Not having any relations or friends
in England. Mrs. Hewell + myself think it
advisable that the bicycle be sold in due
course if no further news of our son be
received by prescribed date.

Mrs. Hewell + myself wish to
thank Casually Section for the kind +
friendly manner in which all
communications have been handled.

Yours faithfully
M. Hewell.

ENCL. 9A.

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Form 1- No. 75(88) Squadron, R.A.F. Station, MPM, Br Ely, Cambs. 2
To :- Air Ministry (P.4.Cas) 75/77, Oxford Street, London, W.1.
Date: 10 11th May, 1944.
Ref :- TMR/S.L./22/Air.

Circumstantial Report on Lancaster No. III
MS. 513 Missing since 17/12th May 1944

This aircraft took off from R.A.F. Station MPM at 22.56 hours on 11th May, 1944, to carry out an attack against a target in enemy occupied territory, and no further news was heard of the aircraft or crew.

2. The crew were as follows:-

13118	Y/O (A/S/L)	D. Warren	Captain
719818	P/O	A.E. Irving	Nav
719296	P/O	D.L. Gagh	A/S
218254	P/MSG	Clough, D.	WO/MSG
158459	SGT	Riley, F.G.	P/MSG
100450	SGT	Deshurst, E.	M/O/Observer
408419311	P/MSG	Howett, E.M.	P/O

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 75(88) Squadron, R.A.F.

130723

The
Action
was
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O.U. 29/6/44

Enc. 8A

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX MU 9981

Casualty Section
391 Lit. Collins St.

RAAF.166/17/577(8A)

30 JUN 1944

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Service affairs of your son, Flight Sergeant Harold Max Hewett, who is reported to be missing as the result of air operations on the 12th May, 1944, I have to advise that a bicycle owned by him is held at his former unit.

In view of the difficulty experienced in storing articles of this nature, and of the fact that it is not practicable to return them to Australia, the practice is to hold them for approximately three months from the date on which the member became missing. If he is then still posted as missing, such articles are sold and the proceeds are held on his behalf.

However, an opportunity is given to you and Mrs. Hewett, should you so wish, to nominate some person in the United Kingdom to take delivery of the bicycle instead of selling same.

If it is desired to make such a nomination, it is important that this Department receive advice as to the name and address of the person so nominated not later than the 18th July, 1944. If no such nomination is received by such last mentioned date, sale will be effected as above-mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. N.L.Hewett,
739 High Street,
PRESTON, Vic.

D. J. ...
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
29/6

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Em 7A

TO: RAAF HQRS.
FROM: RAAF KINGSWAY

AL93 CAS 518M JUNE 22. RESTRICTED.

IN ACCORDANCE EXISTING PROCEDURE IT IS ADVISED BULKY ARTICLES BELONGING
FOLLOWING MEMBERS HELD BICYCLES BELONGING F/O D.V. BLACK 410299 P/O KH
EVANS 409678 P/O L S HUGHES DFC 413614 P/O F H O'NEILL 420989 414192 W/O
BILTOFT A H 415396 W/O CAIN L W 422721 P/SGT GAMBLE J I 408367 F/SGT GILL
R T 429849 F/SGT DILLARD W A 419311 F/SGT HEWETT H M 417211 F/SGT MACKENZIE
D J 417520 F/SGT SAMPSON F R 410515 F/SGT SMITH H J 415000 SGT TRIGWELL
R S ALL MISSING 416175 F/SGT RADLEY K M 424127 F/SGT WATTS R O BOTH
MISSING BELIEVED KILLED ALSO 2 BICYCLES BELONGING 426132 F/SGT MERRIN T W
DECEASED. MOTOR CYCLE AND BICYCLE BELONGING F/O D G LEDSAM 423107
MISSING. MOTOR CARS BELONG F/O A J D LEVY 422210 411625 W/O WOODEY D E
BOTH MISSING. RADIOS BELONGING F/O G O STARTIN 414522 F/O A C SWAN
415280 BOTH MISSING.

419311 F/Sgt. Hewett, H.M.

Will dated 28/JULY/42 appb. mother, LIZZIE
MARY HEWETT, 139 High St., Preston, as
exec. + sole beneficiary.

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TO: RAAF HQS.
FROM: RAAF KINGSWAY

ALG3 CAS 515M JUNE 22. RESTRICTED.

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SSAGE FORM

this line is for Signals use only.

Date. P.A. Originator's Number.

YOUR PRE

() THE MINIST

MPATHY IN YOUR SAD BEREAVE

BOARD BY COLLECT TELEGRAM

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sent by W/T.

sent in CYPHER

Originator's Instructions. Deg

any part of the route. (Below this line is for Sig

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Encl 60

R.A.F. Station,

Malpa,

Mr. Ely,

CAMES.

75MX/S.1/22/Air. 13th May, 1944.

Dear *Mr. Hewett,* *H.M.*

I deeply regret the circumstances which necessitate a letter of this sad description. Whilst on my Squadron, your son had proved himself to be a very capable Air Gunner, showing skill and daring at all times. He had made many friends too, through his ever cheerful and willing manner. His loss, a temporary one I trust, is indeed a sad blow to yourself. The Service can ill afford to lose such men as your son.

On this particular night your son with his comrades who formed such a valuable crew, had been detailed to attack a heavily ^{DEFENDED} target situated in enemy occupied territory. I regret, however, that I hold no clue as to the cause of their non-return, for after leaving Base no further signal was received from them. This crew was captained by a pilot of proved ability and there is a possibility that they were forced down and have been taken by the enemy. You may rest assured that any news I receive will be communicated to you without delay.

In the meantime, all your son's personal effects have been carefully gathered together for despatch to the Central Depository, R.A.F. Colnbrook, Slough, Bucks, from which department you will receive them in due course.

It is desired to explain that the request in the telegram notifying you of the casualty to your son was included with the object of avoiding his chance of escape being prejudiced by undue publicity in case he

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R.A.F. Station
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.

Please accept the deepest sympathy of all ranks of my Squadron and of myself during this time of sorrow and anxious waiting. We pray with you for his safety and well-being.

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On the 1st of August your son with his Squadron was sent to a theatre of operations to attack a heavily defended position in enemy occupied territory. I regret, however, that I had no clue as to the name of their non-return, for after leaving base no signal was received from them. This crew was a pilot of proved ability and there is a possibility that they were forced down and have been taken by the enemy. I have assumed that any news I receive will be communicated to you without delay.

Yours Sincerely,
R. L. Hewett
Wing Commander.

Mr. W. L. Hewett,
779, High Street,
Preston,
Victoria,
Australia.

In the meantime, all your enquiries will be dealt with as they arise. I have been carefully gathering together for despatch to the Central Despatching Office, R.A.F. Colindale, London, W. 9, the names of all personnel who will receive them in due course.

It is desired to explain that the request in the telegram notifying you of the casualty to your son was included with the object of avoiding his chance of escape being prejudiced by undue publicity in case he

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PRESTON N. 70
15 MAY 1944
VICTORIA

Advice of Delivery of a Telegram

Office *Preston*
Date *15-5-44*

To *O.C. Casualty Records*
..... *RAAF Hqs Merton Hall*
..... *Anderson St yona*

Your telegram lodged at *Melbourne 5 pm*

on *15-5-44* addressed to *Mr N L Hewitt*
..... *139 Meigh St Regent*

was delivered at *5.35 pm* on *15-5-44*

Date
Stamp

H. M. Woodford
Postmaster

Hewitt H.M.
14/197

16 MAY 1944

Encl 1/1

Postal acknowledgment delivery
PERSONAL MR. N. L. HEWETT
739 HIGH ST
PRESTON. VIC.

419511 FLIGHT SERGEANT H. M. HEWETT MISSING STOP REGRET TO INFORM YOU
THAT YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT HAROLD MAX HEWETT IS MISSING AS RESULT OF
AIR OPERATIONS ON 12th MAY 1944 STOP KNOWN DETAILS ARE HE WAS MEMBER OF
CREW OF LANCASTER AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK TARGET AT LOUVAIN BELGIUM
WHICH FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE STOP THIS INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND
NOT FOR PUBLICATION STOP THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN
EXPRESSING SINCERE SYMPATHY IN YOUR ANXIETY STOP WHEN ANY FURTHER INFORM-
ATION IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

15/5/44

Air Force
391 Lt. Collins St
Melbourne. C.1

MLW *MLW/0*
1505002

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION.

Encl 3a

FINANCE SERIAL NO. 9873 6941

NATURE OF CASUALTY Missing - air operations
 (now missing believed killed - Encl 12a)

13/5/44 SIGNAL FROM AIR MINISTRY ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED w.e.f. 12/5/44
 Unknown by A/M - target

PLACE OF CASUALTY Louvain Belgium DATE OF CASUALTY 12/5/44

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME N. L. Hewett see below
 NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS 739 High St. PRESTON vic
 Father

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS F/Sgt

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

NO. 419311 RANK F/Sgt NAME HEWETT, Harold Max

UNIT RAAF. att RAF UK RELIGION Meth

MUSTERING A/G ENLISTED 1 RC DATE ENLISTED 18.7.42

DATE OF BIRTH 29. 4. 23 DATE EMBARKED 25. 5. 43

NEXT OF KIN Father NAME Norman L. Hewett

MARRIED SINGLE Yes 739 High St. PRESTON. vic
5 MCLACHLAN ST
NORTHCOTE N.16.
210 Collins Street
THORNBURY. Vic

ALSO INFORM P.T.B.I.

EXTRACT taken by B.M. Scott Cpl
 FROM O.I.C./R. ACW Murphy

RECORDED FOR STATISTICAL TABULATION
 On P/P. 118 Serial 12439

15/ 5 / 1944.
 VA

N K Ashley 16 MAY 1944
 for Wing Commander,
 D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX
 BY HP (CPL) 15/5/44.
 (CD32/44).

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION.

Encl 2a

FINANCE SERIAL NO.

NATURE OF CASUALTY. *Hessing - an operations*

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..... *Unknown by MIA*

PLACE OF CASUALTY. *Target Louvain Belgium* DATE OF CASUALTY. *18/5/44*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME.....

NEXT OF KIN *Father* ADDRESS. *N.L. Hewett*

..... *739 High St*

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS *P/Sgt* *Preston Vic*

.....

419311 RECORD OF PARTICULARS OBTAINED FROM RECORDS *OH PROLD*
IN REFERENCE TO THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBER *MAX*

NO. RANK. *P/Sgt* NAME. *HEWETT*

UNIT. *RAAF ATT RAF* RELIGION. *Methodist*

MUSTERING. *A/G* ENLISTED. *IRC* DATE ENLISTED. *18-7-42*

DATE OF BIRTH. *29-4-23* DATE EMBARKED. *SyD 25-5-43*

NEXT OF KIN. *Father* NAME. *Norman L. Hewett*

MARRIED. *—* SINGLE. *yes* *739 High St*

..... *Preston*

..... *vic*

ALSO INFORM P.T.B.I.

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EXTRACT taken by. *W Scott (Cpl)*

FROM. *PC W Murphy*

/ / 1944.

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

(CD32/44).

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(Revised April, 1943)

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Serial No. *253*

TO RAAF MELBOURNE

TOO 130004Z

Receipt
Despatch

Time of *151715Z*
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FROM

AIR MIN KSWAY

System BYW/T

PCX908 13 MAY.

AUS GAS 609 F.B. (A) LANCASTER ND.919 (B) 75% SQUADRON (C) UNKNOWN

MISSING TOOK OFF 2256 DBST 11TH MAY NO FURTHER NEWS TARGET LOUWAIN (D)

AUS 419311 F/SGT HEWETT H M *m/b* ANNOT FATHER N L HEWETT 739 HIGH STREET

PRESTON VICTORIA RAF 15118 F/O WARREN *m/b* 1193544 F/sgt CLOUGH D *m/b* 1584169

SGT RILEY F 7094980 SGT DEWHURST H RCAF/J19819 P/O IRVING A E RCAF/J19996

P/O GAGE D I MISSING PARTICULARS UNKNOWN (E) AND (G) UNKNOWN

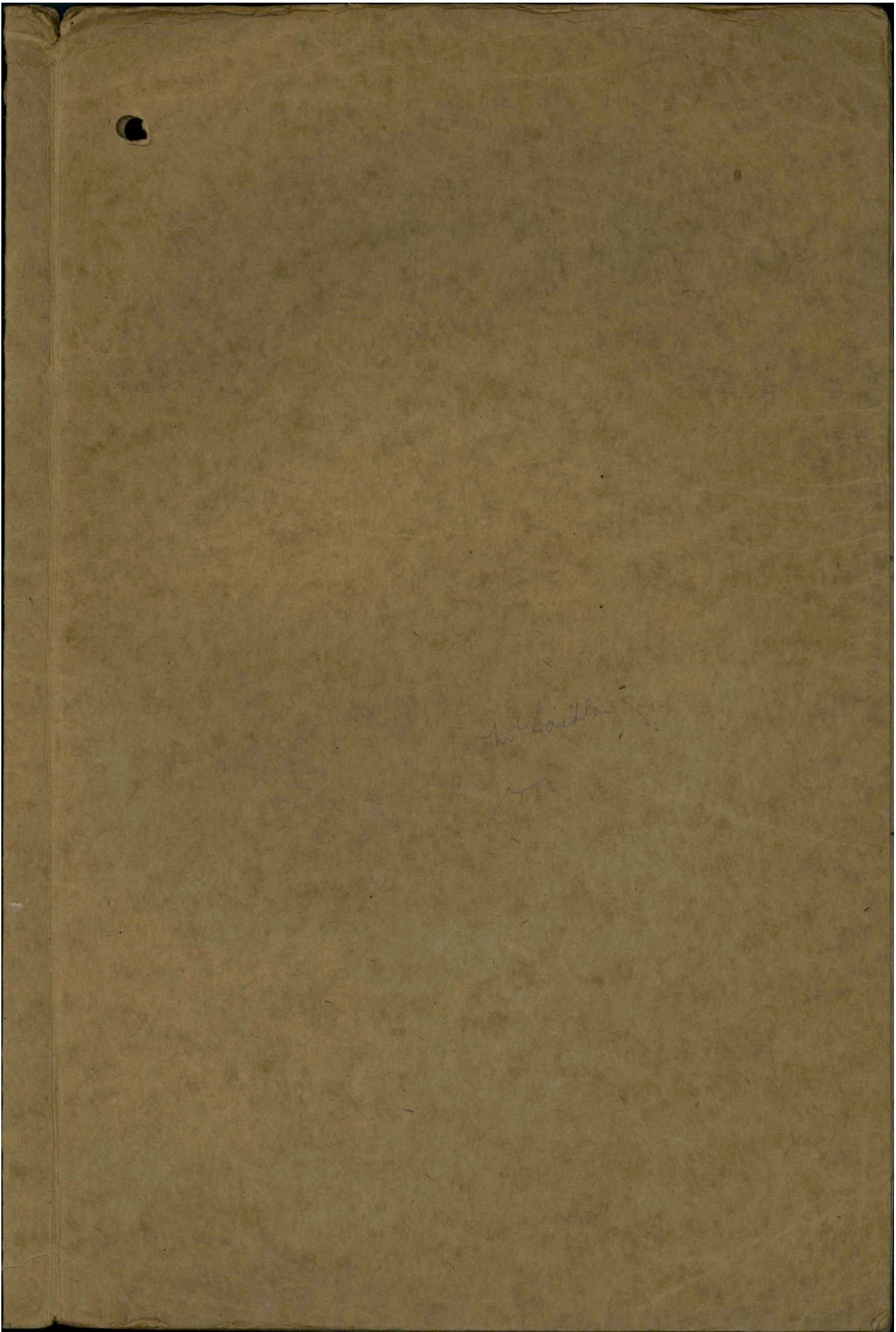
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BY *W. M. Lusk* Sgt

IMMEDIATE.

Lusk
CASUALTY SECTION

D.P.S. *J 14/5*



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