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CASUALTY & REPATRIATION

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference 163/176/282

1. 5.6.42 Signal from Air Min. Kingsway advising Sgt. Waldon, R.F. a casualty. Encl. 1a.
2. 5.6.42 Extract from Form F.P.25 Encl. 2a.
3. 5.6.42 Signal to N/K advising casualty. Encl. 3a.
4. 5.6.42 Signal to Mr. C.A. Reynolds advising casualty. Encl. 4a.

5. Mr. C. A. Reynolds - Uncle - of this airman rang to ascertain if there were any further details.

2. F/Lt. Neesham conveyed to Mr. Reynolds that no further information had been received and confirmed our telegram that this member was missing from the United Kingdom. Mr. Reynolds stated that so far Mr. Waldon had not received any advice from Air Board. Mr. Reynolds was informed that a telegram was sent to Mr. Waldon to Kerferd Road, Beechworth. Mr. Reynolds confirmed this address and he stated that he would make local enquiries regarding a telegram.

6.6.42. *Mr. Reynolds.* D.P.S. CASUALTY SECT.

6.6.42 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 29 page 1 missing air operations

6.6.42 NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 1487 missing air operations

8. 6.42 To next of kin confirming Enclosure 3A, giving further details and enclosing leaflet setting out action taken to trace missing members of R.A.A.F.

9. 13.6.42 Portal acts re Encl. 4a, 3a Encl. 8a.
Encl. 9a, b.

10. 19.8.42 Signal from Kingsway advising change in category, member now reported missing, believed killed Encl. 10a

11. 20.8.42 Signal to N/K advising change in category Encl. 11a

12. 20.8.42 Signal Mr. C.A. Reynolds advising Encl. 12a.

13. 19.8.42 Signal from Kingsway further to Encl. 13a
Encl. 13a

14. 21.8.42 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT NO. 115 (Prev. missing - now bel. killed)

21.8.42 NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 2185

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

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15.
1.9.42. Postal Acknowledgments re Encl. 11a + 12a.
Encl. 15a, b.
16.

15.9.42. To next of kin confirming enclosure 11A, and giving source of information, and pointing out that death presumption action will be taken later in absence of news.
Enc. 13

17.
19.9.42. To next of kin confirming enclosure 11A, and giving source of information, and pointing out that death presumption action will be taken later in absence of news.
Enc. 17A

19.
14/10/42 From Education Department, Melbourne requesting date of death
Enc 17A

18
27.10.42. To Education Department, Melbourne, advising this member classified "missing believed killed" and will advise when death presumed.
(Enclosure 18A.)

19.
14/2 Copy of circumstantial report from HQ Sqdn. Pdr. AF.
20. proceeding
2/1/42 Signal from Air Ministry advising Death Presumption being published
Encl..... 22a.

21
6/1/43 SIGNAL FROM AIR MINISTRY ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED w e f 3/6/42
Enc 21a

22. S/P
8/1/43 To N/K advising.....
Encl..... 22a

23.
9/1/43 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 9.....
24 D.P.

9/1/43 NOTIFICATION TO F.M. SERIAL No. 1999.
25

8/1/43 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY OF CASUALTY TELEGRAM To Enc. 25a.
26. N/K

19/1/43 Letter to N/Kin confirming casualty telegram.
Encl. 26A

27
21.1.43 Application for Death Certificate from A. D. Waldon.
Encl. 27A

28
11.2.43. Death Certificate No. 1390. issued on the 4th day of February, 1943, to Mr. A. D. Waldon.

29
11.2.43. To Mr. A. D. Waldon, fwding D/C.
Encl. 29A.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 102/170/282

30.

11/1/43. FORM Z 19 TO A.F.O. MELBOURNE.....FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN

Enc. 30a.

31.

11/1/43. A.F.O. Melbourne (Mr Maloney) verbally advises no allotment and NO RECORD OF DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE

32.

13/1/43. Z.19 received confirms Minute...31.....

Enc. 32a&b.

33.

19/2/43 To Education Department, Melbourne, advising death presumed.

Encl. 33a

20.2.43. Copy of letter from Education Department, requesting confirmation of date of death, re this Ainan. Encl 34A

2/3/43 To Education Dept. in answer to enc. 34A. Encl. 35A.

18/3/43 From Education Dept on reply to 35A. Encl 36A

15/3/43 copy of memo from Mr Kinstry confirming & stating death presumed

2/4/43 memo from O.H.G. Reay enclosing letter from Mr Reay to be forwarded to N/K of this member. Encl 37A, Encl 38A

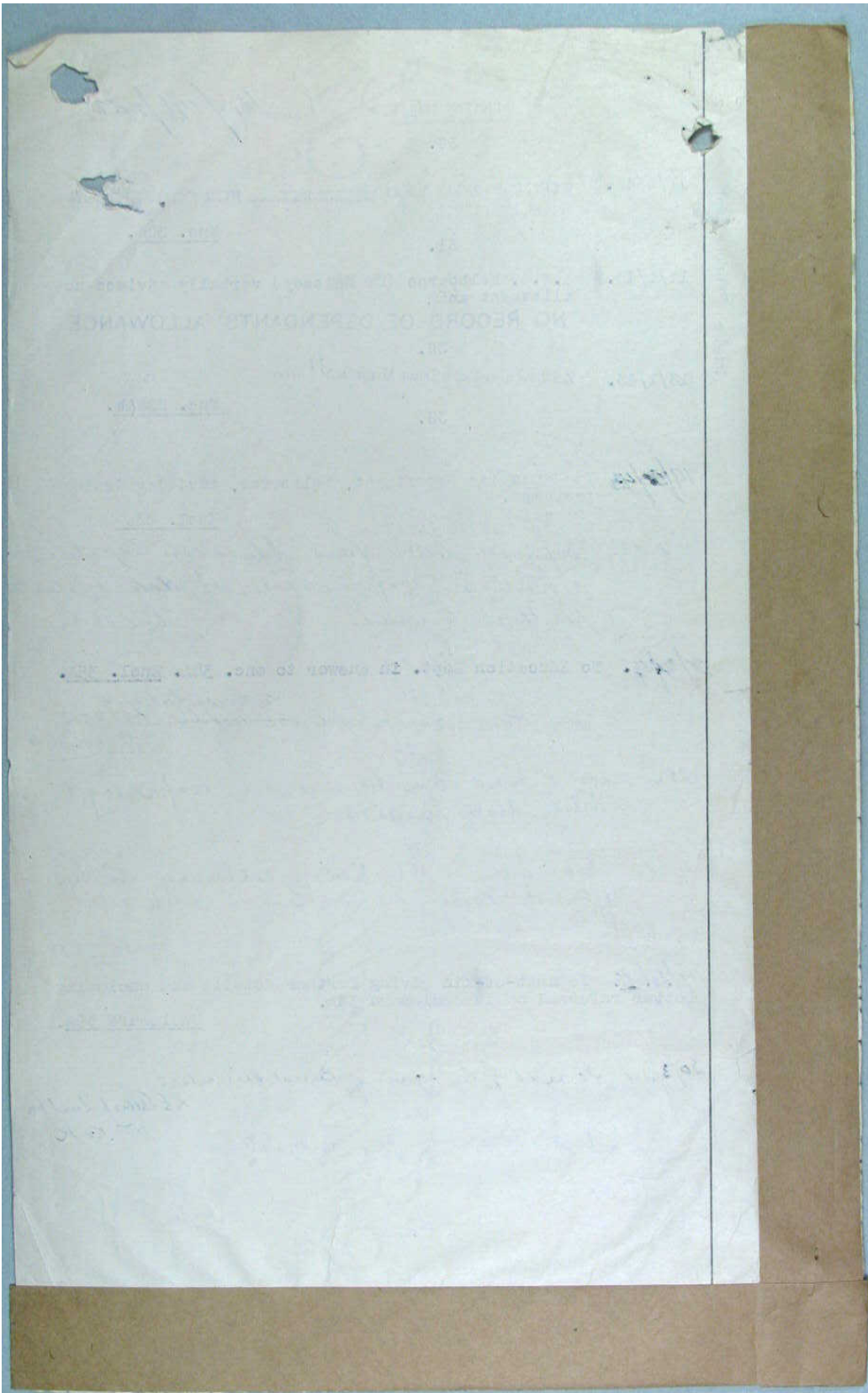
17/4/43 To next-of-kin giving further details and enclosing letter referred to in enclosure 38A. Enclosure 39A.

20/3/44 To next of kin giving burial particulars. No action taken to pass bonfire. R.E. Gilbert 2nd/40 W.C.R.

Statement 29/6/45 42. Wager H. V

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Encl. 26A

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Casualty Section,

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Albert Park Barracks,
xxx S.C. 3.

RAAF.163/176/282(26A)

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of the grave of your late son, Flight Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon, who was laid to rest in the British Section of the Flushing General Cemetery, Holland.

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

It is noticed that the rank on the cross over your son's grave is incorrect. A careful note, however, has been made of the correct particulars so that when the time comes to replace the cross with a permanent headstone, they shall be correct in every respect.

Yours faithfully,

(C. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

Howe
12/12/17

Encl.

no 12/17

Mr. A. D. Waldon,
Kerford Road,
BERCHWORTH. Vic.

KRJ 7/8

Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
65 Kingsway,
LONDON, W.C.2.

30th June, 1947. *E-45#*

No. 1401/81/P.4(137A) 3425

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

PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of the graves
of each of the following R.A.A.F. members.

Aus/434107	F/O.	B.F. ROBERTS
Aus/434251	F/Sgt.	J.O. HARRIS
Aus/407308	F/Sgt.	T.L. WATKINS
Aus/402428	Sgt.	G.P. WILLIAMS
Aus/402294	Sgt.	J.G. MERRETT
Aus/416679	F/Sgt.	S.E. JACKSON
Aus/401623	F/O.	C.A. GRAHAM
Aus/409669	F/Sgt.	R.E. DALLWITZ
Aus/406136	Sgt.	D.P. BEINKE
Aus/409288	F/Sgt.	W. BROWN
Aus/405106	F/Lt.P.	C.C. KERR
Aus/405233	F/Sgt.	H.J. ROSS
Aus/403570	Sgt.	B.H. EDYE
Aus/415377	F/Sgt.	L.E. CAVANAGH
Aus/32274	W/O.	C.A. FICUPE
Aus/409274	F/Sgt.	J.M. FARSONS
Aus/400894	F/Sgt.	<u>S.E. WALDON</u>
Aus/402461	P/O.	A.E. HORNE
Aus/403470	Sgt.	B.S. PRAYBROOK

Also forwarded are two photographs of the grave of Aus/416310 Sgt.
A.G. WILSON. There is still some doubt as to this grave number in
Flushing General Cemetery, but inquiries in this connection
proceeding.

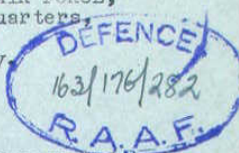
- Two photographs of the communal grave of the crew of
Dakota FZ.644 in Plot 7, Row 88, Grave No. 1712 of the Barrackpore
Cemetery, India, are also forwarded. This is the first intimation
received of the fact that Flying Officer RICHARDSON's remains had
been removed from their burial place at the scene of the crash.
- The War Office has stated that in some cases the
particulars on the crosses differ in some respects from those
recorded at the War Office; nevertheless, it is suggested that the
prints should be forwarded to the next-of-kin, together with
explanatory note.
- Under present conditions, it may be possible to have
the inscription on the cross altered. A careful note, however,
has been made of the correct particulars so that when the time comes
to replace the cross with a permanent headstone, they shall be
correct in every respect.

*Burial details conveyed
to Mkin by DWGS
(PS47/47) KAG 7/8/47*

(Sgd.) D.M. Jeffreys
Squadron Leader,
for Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,
Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
63 Kingsway,
LONDON.



File No. 1401/1696/P.4. 474 17491

16th. November 1945.

A I R M A I L.

The Secretary,
Department of Air,
Victoria Barracks,
M E L B O U R N E.

Casualty Enquiry No. H.25

Aus. 407282 Flight Sergeant Riglands R.J.
Aus. 400894 Sergeant Waldon R.F.
Aus. 402472 Flying Officer J.W.Keene
1309012 Sergeant Kendall W.

P R E S U M E D D E A D

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a report dated 7th.
November, 1945, received from M.R.E.S. No.5 Section Holland, with
further reference to the above members.

(R.S.PITCHER)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marsahl
Air Officer Commanding.

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

To :- Royal Australian Air Force, Kodak House, 63 Kingsway, London W.C.2
Air Ministry P.4 Cas. 77 Oxford Street, London W.1
R.A.F. Liaison Officer D.D.G.R.E. c/- H.Q. L. of C. Brussels.

Date :- 7th. November, 1945 (Attention of S/Ldr. Curthoys)

Your Ref. :- P.1401/1696/P.4

Our Ref. :- 5MRES/1696/P.4 CASUALTY ENQUIRY No.H.25

Make of Aircraft :- Unknown

Date reported Missing :- Unknown

Place of crash, with Map Ref. : Unknown Washed up. WISSE KERK Map Ref.

D.2439

Crew.	Place of burial, with Map Ref.					
	<u>FLUSHING CEMETERY</u>					
			Grave No.	Unknown	Row No.	
Aus. 407282	F/Sgt	R.J. RIGLANDS	"	"		
Aus. 400894	Sgt.	R.F. WALTON	"	"	60	38
Aus. 402472	F/O	J.W. Keene	"	"	61	38
1309012	Sgt.	W. Kendall	"	"	58	38

Additional information or remarks :

It can be confirmed that the burial details are as stated at

The crew were washed up ashore at WISSERKERK on the 3rd. June, 1942, and buried on the 5th. June, 1942. with the exception of F/Sgt Riglands.

It is noted there is no aircraft type or No. give in C.E. No. H.25 but presume same to be ~~Whitley~~ a Whitley or Hampden.

With reference to F/Sgt. Biglands, no "Unknowns" were washed up within one month, after the members mentioned above, so it can only be assumed that F/Sgt. Biglands was still in the aircraft, or washed up somewhere as "Unknown" along the 100 mile coast.

No further action can therefore be taken by this Unit.

(Sgd) ???????????

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

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31st. July, 1945.

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

Casualty Inquiry H.25.
Aus.407282 F/Sgt. Biglands R.J.
Aus.400894 Sergeant Waldon R.F.
1309012 Sergeant Kendall W.
F/O J.W. Keene Aus.402742

Enclosed herewith is copy of casualty inquiry
H.25 which has been originated to 5 Section Holland, for burial
details of F/Sgt Biglands.

R.J. COXON
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

31st. July, 1945.

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Officer in Charge,
No. 5 Section Holland,
Missing Research & Enquiry Service RAF.
Lean-Van-Meerdervoor t 134,
The Hague,
Holland.

Casualty Enquiry H.25.

Aus 407282 Flight Sergeant Biglands R.J.
Aus.400894 Sergeant Waldon R.F.
1309012 Sergeant Kendall W.
F/O J.W. Keene Aus.402742

A Totenliste has been received from the German authorities advising that the above named 4 members were killed and that the following burial details were available:-

"The burial of the above airmen with the exception of Biglands R.J. took place in the cemetery of Vlissingen Flushing Walchoun Island Holland."

2. It would be appreciated if enquiries could be made at Vlissingen to ascertain where Biglands was buried.

(K.D. SEAMAN)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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Statement by Repatriated or released R.A.A.F. Prisoners of War,
taken at Special Administrative Section, 11 P.D.R.C., R.A.F. Station,
BRIGHTON, on 24/4/45.

Name in full BEVERIDGE, D.G. P.O.W. No. 12675
NO: AUS 404471 RANK W/O. SQUADRON 460

CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE:

- (a) Date 3/6/42 (b) Place Vicinity of Flushing
(Holland)
(c) Events immediately prior to and leading up to capture
**Aircraft crashed in sea. Captured by crew of launch 3 hours
after crash.**
(d) If wounded or injured prior to capture, state nature thereof
Cuts on temple and scalp. Right knee and left ankle dislocated
(e) Names of any others captured with you (RAAF particularly)
Nil.
(f) Names of any killed in the operation in which you were captured,
and, if so, can you state whether they were buried by the
enemy and where (RAAF particularly).

Sgt. Biglands Aus. 407232
Sgt. Kendall 1309012 R.A.F.

1. Particulars of operation on which engaged.

I was the **front gunner** (mustered) in the crew of a WELLINGTON
(type aircraft) detailed to attack a target at ROSEN
(name of target) on the 2nd-3rd June 1942 (date).

2. Circumstances of loss of aircraft:-

Give details of what occurred paying particular attention to
(i) cause of damage to aircraft (ii) orders given by captain to
abandon A/C and if acknowledged by crew (iii) details of injuries
to any members, and if so whether unable to bale out (iv) the
identity of members who baled out up to time of your leaving A/C
(v) the number and identity of any members of crew whom you know
to have still been in the aircraft when you left it (vi) height
at which you baled out (vii) whether or not aircraft was in control
at that time, and its condition whether on fire etc. (viii) approx.
where did aircraft crash.
Target bombed. Flying out low (200-300 ft.) over Dutch coast.
Aircraft crashed into sea without warning. Cause of crash unknown.
Aircraft sank immediately.

iii Not applicable.

iv " "
v " "
vi " "
vii " "

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3. Probable fate of other members of crew.

(Including whether saw parachutes in the air, made contact with other members on the ground, or received any information regarding them from any source whatever; any details of burials etc.

PILOT P/O. KIRKE R.A.A.F. 402742.

Still alive when last seen. Said he was not badly wounded.

Started swimming together but were separated.
PARACHUTE SGT. R.F. WALDON A.S. 400894. Still alive when last seen.

S.O.B. SGT. W. HENDALL 1309012. Nothing seen of him.

HEAD QUARTER SGT. R.J. BIGLANDS. A.S. 407282. Nothing seen of him.

QUESTIONNAIRE for completion by repatriated personnel.

QUESTION 1. Approximately where did the aircraft crash?

QUESTION 2. Did you bale out? If so, state (a) the number and, if possible, the identity of any other occupants of the aircraft whom you know to have baled out before you. Have you any evidence direct or hearsay of what happened to them subsequently? (b) the number and, if possible, identity of any other occupants whom you know to have still been in the aircraft when you left it. Give any details which may have a bearing on the probable fate of these men.

QUESTION 3. Have you any other information touching on what happened or what probably happened to the other occupants?

(CD64/45)...

Statement by Repatriated or released R.A.A.F. Prisoners of War,
taken at Special Administrative Section, 11 P.D.R.C., R.A.F. Station,
BRIGHTON, on 24/4/45.

Name in full BUTTERWORTH, D.G. P.O.W. No. 12675
NO: AUS. 404471 RANK W/O. SQUADRON 460

CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE:

- (a) Date 3/6/42 (b) Place Vicinity of Flushing
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(c) Events immediately prior to and leading up to capture
Aircraft crashed in sea. Captured by crew of launch 3 hours
after crash.
(d) If wounded or injured prior to capture, state nature thereof
Cuts on temple and scalp. Right knee and left ankle dislocated.
(e) Names of any others captured with you (RAAF particularly)
Nil.
(f) Names of any killed in the operation in which you were captured,
and, if so, can you state whether they were buried by the
enemy and where (RAAF particularly).

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Sgt. Kendall. 4309012 R.A.F.

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(i) cause of damage to aircraft (ii) orders given by captain to
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3. Probable fate of other members of crew.

(Including whether saw parachutes in the air, made contact with other members on the ground, or received any information regarding them from any source whatever; any details of burials etc.

PILOT. P/O. KEENE R.A.A.F. 402742. Still alive when last seen. Said he was not badly wounded. Started swimming together but were separated.

OBSERVER SGT. R.F. WALDON Aus. 400894. Still alive when last seen.

W.O.P. SGT. W. KENDALL 1309012. Nothing seen of him.

REAR GUNNER. SGT. R.J. BIGLANDS. Aus. 407282. Nothing seen of him.

QUESTIONNAIRE for completion by repatriated personnel.

QUESTION 1. Approximately where did the aircraft crash?

QUESTION 2. Did you bale out? If so, state (a) the number and, if possible, the identity of any other occupants of the aircraft whom you know to have baled out before you. Have you any evidence direct or hearsay of what happened to them subsequently? (b) the number and, if possible, identity of any other occupants whom you know to have still been in the aircraft when you left it. Give any details which may have a bearing on the probable fate of these men.

QUESTION 3. Have you any other information touching on what happened or what probably happened to the other occupants?

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File 41A

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Royal Australian Air Force,
Overseas Headquarters,
Kodak House,
63, Kingsway,
LONDON. W.C.2.

1401/2540/P.4. 67A 17827

IMPORTANT BY MICROGRAM

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

Burial Particulars - R.A.A.F. Members

F/O R.E.N. BUTCHER AUS.406638

A communication forwarded by the International Red Cross advises that Flying Officer Butcher Aus.406638, was buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Apenrade, Denmark, on the 26th September, 1942. The graves in the cemetery are not numbered, but the names have been marked on the graves.

F/O A.T. LITTLE AUS.402821

2. The International Red Cross advise by letter that information has been received from the Official Bureau in Berlin that the burial of Pilot Officer Little took place in the Cemetery at Lingen, North West Germany, Row Seven, Common Grave Number 2. The report states that the circumstances of death are not known and that there were no personnel effects.

F/O J.W. KEENE AUS402742

AUS.400894 Flight Sergeant WALDON, R.F.

3. The International Red Cross, in a letter dated 2nd August, 1943, state that the Official Bureau, Berlin, advise that the burial of the above-mentioned members took place at Vlissingen (Flushing) Walchoun Island, Holland. Flying Officer Keene was buried in Grave 61 and Flight Sergeant Waldon in Grave 60.

4. These particulars are forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

(Signed) K.D. Seaman,
Flying Officer,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

CASUALTY SECTION,
AIR FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

Serial No. _____
Previous Serial No. _____
Date _____

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN CATEGORY
OF A CASUALTY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

To: Minister
Secretary, Air Board.
C.A.S.
A.M.P.
F.M.
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Mustering</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
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The abovenamed ^{officer}_{airman} who was notified to you on _____
as having been reported _____ has now been
reported _____ on _____ (date of
casualty.)

(PD35/1942)

for Squadron Leader,
(D.P.S.) CASUALTY SECTION.

CASUALTY SECTION,
AIR FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

Serial No. _____
Previous Serial No. _____
Date _____

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN CATEGORY
OF A CASUALTY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

To: Minister
Secretary, Air Board.
C.A.S.
A.M.P.
F.M.
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Mustering</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>
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The abovenamed ^{officer}_{airman} who was notified to you on _____
as having been reported _____ has now been
reported _____ on _____ (Date of
casualty)

(PD35/1942)

for Squadron Leader,
(D.P.S.) CASUALTY SECTION.

B 23

JB:EH

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
BUREAU ENQUIRY SERVICE

Encl 40A 10M/26/8/43

Date... 30th December, 1943

No. Rank, Name and Unit Sgt. R.F. WALDON
400894 R.A.A.F.

Details of Casualty Following is extract from a letter received from International Red Cross Geneva, dated 5/8/43. "Information received from the German authorities: Your enquiry of the 18/8/42, regarding Sgt. R.F. WALDON, 400894, RAAF - Is cabled enquiry desired? Sgt. Waldon was buried in the cemetery of Vlissingen, Isle of Walcheren, Grave number 60. No personal effects."

Bureau Enquiring AIR BOARD

Signature of Officer


CENTRAL RED CROSS SOCIETY
Spring St., Date: 1943

Action taken

Forward in DUPLICATE.
Receiver will detach and furnish reply on duplicate.

Signature

B.23

JB:EH

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
BUREAU ENQUIRY SERVICE

Enc 40 B 10M/22/11/43

30th December,

Date.....194

Sgt. R.F. WALDON

No. Rank, Name and Unit.....
400894 R.A.A.F.

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Your enquiry of the 18/8/42, regarding Sgt. R.F. WALDON, 400894, RAAP -
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Is cabled enquiry received from them, Grave number 60. No personal effects."

Remarks.....

AIR BOARD.

Bureau Enquiring..... Signature of Officer.....

Date.....194

Action taken.....

Forward in DUPLICATE.
Receiver will detach and furnish reply on duplicate. Signature.....

~~XXXXXX~~A.5271

45942

Casualty Section,

Merton Hall,
xxx Anderson St.,
STH. YARRA, SEL.

RAAF.163/176/282(39A)

7 APR 1942

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous communications concerning your son, Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon, whose death has been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on the 3rd June, 1942.

Further information which has been received states that the aircraft of which your son was a member of the crew set out to attack a target at Essen. After leaving its base, no message was received from the aircraft, which was shot down over enemy territory.

I deeply regret to say that there was only one survivor, Sergeant D.G. Butterworth, who is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

No information has yet been received as to the place of burial of your son and his comrades, but I assure you that these particulars will be obtained as soon as possible and communicated to you.

I am enclosing a letter received from Mrs. Lewry of 180 Stroud Green Road, London, N.4., with the request that it be forwarded on to you.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Manglow)
SECRETARY

Enc.
Mr. A.D. Waldon,
Kerferd Road,
BEECHWORTH. VIC.

for D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

6/4

3/3/43
163/1776/282
38A
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Telephone: HOLBORN 9211

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING"

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS.

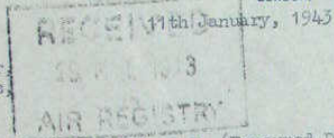
KODAK HOUSE,

FILE NO. 1401/1694/P.4/9992

65, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

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



AUS/400894 Sergeant WALDON, R.F. (Presumed Dead)

Forwarded herewith is a letter received
from Mrs. Lewry, of 180 Stroud Green Road, London,
N.4, with a request that same be forwarded to the
next of kin of the above airman.

W.M. Medville

(W. M. MEDVILLE),
Squadron Leader,
for Air Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

6P
30/3/43.

Enclosure

Local 377

AIR MINISTRY,
73-77 Oxford St.,
LONDON. W.1.

6 January, 1943.

P.369506/42/P.4.Cas.(b)

Sir,

Aus/402742, P/O J. W. Keene
Aus/400894, Sgt. R.F.Waldon
Aus/407292, Sgt. ~~Sgt.~~ R.J.Biglands
Reported missing night of 2/6/42.

In confirmation of our cable dated 6.1.43 you are informed that German Totenliste No. 86 reports the death of the above named personnel according to a statement by Sergeant D.G.Butterworth who was the only survivor and is now a prisoner of war.

In view of this evidence and of lapse of time, action has been taken to presume for official purposes that they lost their lives on the 3rd June, 1942.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
D. BENT.

for Director of Personal Services

The Secretary,
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Australia.

had
had. MK have had very little information
Save additional info available if & when
place of burial becomes known 16/3

JD 1577, Barwidgee South.

Incl 36 A
166/43/44

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.
PLEASE REFER TO THE DATE AND SUBJECT-MATTER OF THIS LETTER.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC OFFICES, TREASURY PLACE, MELBOURNE, C.2
TELEPHONE F 0234

5th March, 1943.

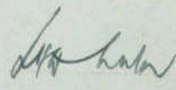
3/3/43

The Secretary,
Casualty Section,
Department of Air,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th ultimo concerning Flight Sargeant Ronald Frederick Waldon and have to inform you that the contents have been noted.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

C. 2/3/43

3159
Death
presumed

9 MAR 1943

DFV 2/3/43



40704

Casualty Section,

XXXXX Lt. 5271 Ent. 131

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

RAAF.163/25/199(35A)

MAR -3 1943

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th February, 1943. The particulars required by you are as follows:

400698, Flying officer John Callahan.

Date of death - 15th September, 1942
Next of kin - Mrs. M. A. Callahan, (mother)
GERAINDALE, Vic.

400960, Sergeant Edwin George Wright.

Date of death - Death officially presumed to have occurred on 6th December, 1941
Next of kin - Mr. E. P. Wright, (father)
BRENESH, Cippeland, Vic.

400135, Sergeant John Robert Shearer.

Date of death - Death officially presumed to have occurred on 7th May, 1942
Next of kin - Mr. H. Shearer, (father)
71 Bent Street,
MURKHOODS, N.16. Vic.

400924, Flight Sergeant Harold Frederick Waldon.

Date of death - Death officially presumed to have occurred on 3rd June, 1942
Next of kin - Mr. A. D. Waldon,
Berford Road,
BENCHESTER, Vic.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Education Department,
Public Offices,
Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2. Vic.

(M. G. [Signature]),
S.E.C. [Signature]

CCPF

Enc 344

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Public Offices, Treasury Place, Melbourne, C.2.

20th February, 1943.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you it has been reported that the following officers of this Department died on the dates shown:-

			<u>Deceased.</u>
400694	F/O	John CALLAHAN	4/ 9/1942.
402960	Sgt.	Edwin C. ENRIGHT	8/12/1941.
400335	F/Sgt.	John R. SHEARER	7/ 5/1942.
400894	F/Sgt.	Ronald P. WALDON	3/ 6/1942.

The Department requests confirmation of the dates of their death and also advice as to their respective next of kin. This information is required for superannuation purposes.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J.W. ???????????

Secretary.

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

J.E.M. 15.2.43.

Enclosure

163/176/282

XXXXXXXXXXXXX LA 5271

38156

Casualty Section,
Merton Hall,
Anderson Street,
XXX South Yarra,
FER 19 1943 S.E.1.

RAAF.163/176/282(33A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous correspondence concerning Flight
Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon.

I have to inform you that the Air Ministry, London, has
presumed, for official purposes, that this airman lost his life
on the 3rd June, 1942.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)
SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Education Department,
Public Offices,
Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

8/5/0
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
16/2

Eno 32a

Form Z.19
G.O. P.9

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION ACT

REPATRIATION PERSONAL PARTICULARS FORM

Surname WALDBY (Block letters) Christian Names RONALD FREDERICK

Navy
* Army No. 400894 Rank SPT. Unit RAAF ATT. RAN.
Air Force Rating OBSERVER

1. Daily rate of pay of member at 3/6/42 8/-
* Date of Death
* Date of Discharge
1. Active pay 13/- Exchange 1/5
Crew pay 2/6 Dependent pay 2/-

2. Name and address of Allottee and amount of allotment from member's pay
2. No allotment

3. Dependant's allowance paid
3. _____

4. Relationship of allottee and/or dependant to member
4. _____

5. Particulars of dependency
5. _____

6. If married, date and place of marriage
6. _____

7. Names and dates of birth of children (if any)
7. _____ Born _____
" _____
" _____
" _____
" _____

8. State if marriage and/or birth certificate(s) were produced
8. _____

9. Date (inclusive) up to which pay allotment and/or dependant's allowance will be paid
9. _____

* Strike out if not applicable.



W. S. Sheehan
Area Finance Officer.

At Melbourne

Date 13 JAN 1943

7.3831/PL10-C.11634

NO RECORD OF DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE

Emo 32b

WALDEN

RONALD FREDERICK

XXXX
X XX

400894

SGT.
OBSERVER

RAAF ATT RAF.

XXXXXXXXXX 3/6/42 *active pay 13/- exchange 1/5*
brw pay 2/6 deferred pay 2/-

No allotment



13 JAN 1943

NO RECORD OF DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE

13 JAN 1943
W.S. Langer

Enc 30a
Air Board,
Air Force Head-Quarters,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

Casualty Section.

11 JAN 1943

Area Finance Officer,
Area Finance Office,
Temple Court,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

FORM Z.19.

Forwarded herewith is Form Z.19 in respect of the
undernamed for completion and return as soon as possible:-

400894 - SGT. WALDON Ronald Frederick - presumed dead - 3/6/42.

JM 7/0.

Group Captain,
DIRECTOR OF PERSONAL SERVICES.

Enc.

(JD.44/42)

DH/ 3/2/43

163/176/282
(Inc. 29A)

XXXXXXXXXXXX LA.5271 Ext. 131

36844

Casualty Section,

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

RAAF.163/176/282(29A)

FEB 11 1943

Dear Sir,

Re No. 400824, FLIGHT SERGEANT R. F. WALDON, deceased.

With reference to your application dated 21st January, 1943,
I forward herewith Death Certificate of the abovementioned member
of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Yours faithfully,

(M. C. Langslow),
SECRETARY.

Enc.
Mr. A. D. Waldon,
Kerford Road,
HEECHWORTH. Vic.

565/0
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
6/2

DRAFT

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. 400894
Rank Flight Sergeant. Obs.
Full Name WALDON, Ronald, Fredrick
Number of Certificates required One

Certificate/s required for the purpose of
Personal reasons.

Name and Address of person or persons to whom Certificate/s to be issued
A. D. Waldon
Kerferd Rd
Beechworth

Signature of applicant A. D. Waldon
Address Kerferd Rd
Beechworth
Vic

Date 21-1-43

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

DLN
16/1

Noted in C. of A. Section *dlb*

ENC 26A
163/176/282

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX LA.5271. Ext.458.

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

RAAF. *163/176/282*

33538

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that I have to confirm this Department's telegram, dated the 8th January, 1943, informing you that the death of your son, Flight Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon, has now been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on the 3rd June, 1942.

The Minister for Air and members of the Air Board desire me to extend to you their profound sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Manslow)
SECRETARY

Enc.3
Mr. A.D. Waldon,
Kerford Road,
BEECHFORTH. Vic.

163/176/282
The Government
SECRETARY

Enc. 25a.



TO. O.I.C CASUALTY SECTION
R.A.A.F HEADQUARTERS
MERTON HALL
ANDERSON ST
SOUTH YARRA.

YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED AT *Bellbroom* ON 8/1/43 ADDRESSED TO
21 5-15 206

Col A.D. Waldon
Herford Rd Beechworth Vic.

WAS DELIVERED AT 6 *PM* ON 8/1/43

A.D. Waldon
PM BEECHWORTH VIC.

258/3157 ✓
SER WALDON AF

13 JAN 1943
TK ✓

MESSAGE FORM

Office Ser.

Call IN
and
Preface

No. of
Groups
GR

Office Date stamp

Enc 22a

DELIVERY PERSONAL (Above this line is for Signals use only.)
TO* MR. A.D. WALDON, KERFORD ROAD, BEECHWORTH, VIC.

FROM* AIR BOARD, MELBOURNE

Originator's Number.
P.A. 912

Date.
8/JAN

In Reply to Number and Date.

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN PRESUMED FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES THAT THE DEATH OF YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT RONALD FREDERICK WALDON

OCCURRED ON THIRD JUNE 1942

(.) THE MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIR BOARD IN EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY.

RECEIVED IN REGISTER
8/1/43

TO: POSTMASTER

P.A. REQUEST ADVISE AIR BOARD BY COLLECT TELEGRAM WHEN ACCOMPANYING WAR CASUALTY TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO

HAS BEEN DELIVERED FROM: AIR BOARD.

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN

and may be sent by W/T.

Signature *Chas Brown Ho*

This message must be sent IN CYPHER

and may be sent by W/T.

Signature *////////////////////*

Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority.*

TIME OF ORIGIN

0406 12

T.O.R.

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

System in.		Time in.		Reader.		Sender.		System out.		Time out.		Reader.		Sender.	

T.H.I.

*The Signal Department is responsible that these details are transposed to the appropriate portion of the message form and that all possibility of compromising distinguishing signals, etc., by omitting to remove their signification from the address, etc., is avoided. Before delivery of the message these details are to be re-inserted in P/L.

COPY.

Enc 21a

TO R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS.

FROM AIR MINISTRY KINGSWAY

AUSCAS 247 PX 5996 6th JANUARY

MY AUSCAS 218 PX 5047 2nd JANUARY

DEATH OF AUS 402742 P/O W KEENE AUS 400894 SGT R F WALDON AUS 407282

SGT R J BIGLANDS OFFICIALLY PRESUMED WEF 3RD JUNE 1942 (.) KINNOT (.)

CONFIRMING LETTER FOLLOWING (.)

COPY.

Enc 20a

TO R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

FROM AIR MINISTRY KINGSWAY

P5047 2 JAN AUSCAS 210 MY AUSCAS 252 PX 6044 19 AUG

GERMAN TOTENLISTE 86 STATES

AUS 402742 P/O J W. KEENE AUS 400894 SGT R.F. WALDON AUS 407282

SGT R.J. BIGLANDS KILLED ACCORDING TO STATEMENT . BY AUS 404471

SGT D.G. BUTTERWORTH (POW) NO REPEAT NO GRAVES NOTIFIED (.) IN
VIEW OF EVIDENCE AND LAPSE OF TIME DEATH PRESUMPTION PROCEEDING(.)

KINNOT

4608/S, 8/22/Air.

No. 460 Squadron R.A.A.F.
R.A.F. Station,
BREIGHTON,
Bubwith,
E. Yorkshire.

3rd June, 1942.

Circumstantial Report - Wellington Z.1394

With reference to this Unit's signal A.247 dated 3rd June 1942 the following report is rendered in accordance with the instructions contained in A.P. 1922 Section X para.101.

2. P/O Keene and crew were detailed to operate in Wellington Z.1394 against Essen on the night of the 2nd June 1942. The aircraft left base at the appointed time and since then nothing has been heard of either the aircraft or the crew.
3. It has been reported missing presumably as a result of enemy action.
4. It is confirmed that the following are casualties i.e. Missing.

AUS.402742 P/O. J.W. Keene.
AUS.400894 Sgt. Waldon, R.F.
1309012 Sgt. Kendall, W.
AUS.404471 Sgt. Butterworth, D.
AUS.407282 Sgt. Biglands, R.J.

(Sgd.) A. Hubbard.
Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 460 Squadron R.A.A.F.

EM
20/10

ENCLOSURE 18A.

120671

OCT 27 1942

Casualty Section,

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

XXXXX LA.5271 Ext.131

RAAF.163/176/282(18A)

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th October, 1942, concerning No.400894 Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon.

I have to inform you that this member is at present classified as "missing but believed to have lost his life" on the 3rd June, 1942.

It is anticipated that the Air Ministry, London, will take action in the near future to record an official presumption of death. You will be advised when this action is completed.

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. *M.C.P.*)
SECRETARY.

The Secretary,
Education Department,
Public Offices,
Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

9/10
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
23/10

Enc 17A

LC/1577/Barwidgee Creek.

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.
IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO THE DATE AND SUBJECT-MATTER OF THIS LETTER.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC OFFICES, TREASURY PLACE, MELBOURNE, C.2.
TELEPHONE F 0234
14th October, 1942.

*No response 08/11/40
No feedback N 17/10*

Officer in Charge,
Airmen's Records,
R.A.A.F.,
"Kellow House",
St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne, C.1.

Sir,

I have to request you to be good enough to advise this Department (for superannuation purposes) of the date of death of 400894 Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Secretary.



DPS (Cas)

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102807 ✓

SEP 13 1942

xxx LA.5271

xxx S.C.1.

RAAF.163/176/222(16A)

Dear Sir,

I deeply regret that I have to confirm the telegram from this Department dated the 20th August, 1942, informing you that your son, Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon, previously reported missing is now reported missing but believed to have lost his life on the 3rd June, 1942.

The change of classification has been made by the Air Ministry, London, in consequence of a report received from the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva, which states that according to German information, your son lost his life as a result of the operations following which he was reported to be missing.

Although, unfortunately, there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of this report, information obtained by the Red Cross from enemy sources that a member of the Air Force has lost his life, is not, in the absence of corroboration, accepted by the Air Ministry as conclusive evidence of death. Your son has therefore been classified for the time being, as "missing but believed to have lost his life".

Should corroborative evidence of your son's death be forthcoming, a statement will then be made that he has lost his life. In the absence of such corroboration, enquiries will be continued with a view to obtaining further information, but should no further evidence be received, steps will be taken after the lapse of approximately six months from the date upon which your son became missing, to presume his death for official purposes. You will be informed when this action is taken.

May I again convey to you the sincere sympathy of this Department in your present anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. A.D. Waldon,
Kerford Road,
BERCHWORTH. Vic.

2m 17/5/42
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
12/9/42

BEECHWORTH

Encl 15a

TO: Secy Dept of air
Victoria Barracks
Orkilda Rd Melbourne
5c.1 Vic



YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED AT 10⁵⁵ ON 20/8/42 ADDRESSED TO

Mr A. Waldon
Kerford Rd Beechworth Vic

WAS DELIVERED AT 9.45^a ON 21/8/42

Geo. Hawley
BEECHWORTH VIC.

A. J. Waldon

253/3159

BEECHWORTH

Encl. 15 b.

RECEIVED
22 AUG. 1942
AIR REGISTRY

BEECHWORTH
21 AUG 42
VIC.

TO. Secy Dept of air
Picnic Barracks
Hilda Rd Melbourne S.C.1. Vic

YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED AT 1074^a ON 20/8/42 ADDRESSED TO

Mr C.A. Reynolds.
High St Beechworth Vic

WAS DELIVERED AT 9.45^a ON 21/8/42

Geo. Harvey
PM BEECHWORTH VIC.

A.H. Waldon
253/3157

COPY.

Encl 13a

TO: AIR BOARD MELBOURNE RPT RECORDS GLOS
FROM: AIR MIN KINGSWAY

PX.6044 19/8

AUS CAS 252 (.) FURTHER MY SIGNAL X6774 4/6 (.) TELEGRAM FROM
IRCC SB 2171 QUOTING INFORMATION FROM BERLIN STATES AUS.407262
SGT. R.J. BIGLANDS AUS/402742 P/O J.W. KEENE AUS/400894 SGT R F
WALDON (.) DIED ON 3/6/42 BURIAL PLACE IS NOT STATED NOW CLASS-
IFIED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION (.)

IMMEDIATE.

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS RAAF KINGSWAY

AIR BOARD

L 401

REQUEST	ADVISE	AIR	BOARD	NAME
AND	PREFIX	CODE	OF	ALL
UNITS	USING	PREFIX	CODE	SYSTEM
(.)				

Encl 12a

By *A Sgt*
2018

MR. C.A. REYNOLDS, HIGH STREET, BEECHWORTH, Vic.

AIR BOARD MELBOURNE

P.A. 782 20/8

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT
 SERGEANT RONALD FREDERICK WALDON PREVIOUSLY
 REPORTED MISSING IS NOW REPORTED
 TO BE MISSING BUT BELIEVED
 TO HAVE LOST HIS LIFE
 ON 3rd JUNE 1942 (.)
 THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON
 REPORT RECEIVED THROUGH AIR MINISTRY
 LONDON FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED
 CROSS COMMITTEE QUOTING GERMAN SOURCES
 (.) ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED
 WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO
 YOU

NOT
M. Reynolds

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05 2/4

Took off on night raid from Palembang and got off ground, did half circuit came in to land, attempted to turn around to flare path and passed right through orderly room. Aircraft wrecked but did not catch fire. Irvine broken ribs, pierced lung. He rejoined squadron after treatment. Was with Squadron in Java when we left. Other two were killed instantly and buried on drome at Palembang II. Chaplain McWilliams, Melbourne, (C. of E.) conducted burial service.

Sergeant GEAPPEN, N. - Pilot R.A.A.F.
Sergeant GOEBELL, D.J. Observer R.A.A.F.
Gunner and 5 others (passengers) probably R.A.A.F. and R.A.F.
Left Palembang II 16.2.42. early morning to Bandoeng. Storm in between Sumatra and Java.
About 10 aircraft of 211 squadron and about 8 of 84 squadron Blenheims left Sumatra for Bandoeng, Java. Japanese were occupying Palembang I, 20 miles away so machines left in ones - no formation. Sergeant Penry's machine left before Geappen's machine but Sergeant Dennis was last to leave with Wing Commander Bateson, so he is sure that Sergeant Geappen's aircraft did take off. That is all that is known. Sergeant Penry was told after he had landed in Java that Geappen's crew were missing and then 2 or 3 days later Flight Lieutenant Wiley, R.A.F., told Sergeant Penry that they had apparently turned back and had crashed or made a forced landing at Lahat which is south east of Palembang (about 100 miles) and then Sergeant Penry was phoned by Goebell's sister on 1.4.42 and told her the above and told her that he would come into this Head-quarters and endeavour to find out more. Seven out of 8 were killed according to the report from Flight Lieutenant Wiley.

Sergeant Burrage, J.A., Pilot
Pilot Officer D.McL. Stewart Observer
Sergeant McDonald, M., Wireless Air Gunner.

On 21.2.42. left Kiladjat to raid shipping in river near Palembang. Two other Blenheims went in the formation (Flight Lieutenant Wiley, R.A.F., in one and Sgt Penry in other crew). We had arranged to cross coast of Sumatra at certain point and from there go to Palembang. We had been told by Flight Lieutenant Wiley that after we crossed coast if there was no cloud to turn back, if small amount cloud, to attack in formation, otherwise he would give signal to do independent attacks. We ran into storm before reaching Sumatra and were split up. After crossing coast went to position and picked up Flight Lieutenant Wiley after a few minutes. We did our raid independent attacks. Nothing seen or heard of Sergeant Burrage's crew.

Two chaps, Pilot Officer Martin, Observer, Sergeant Foxwell, Wireless Air Gunner (South Australia), also Sergeant Lovegrave and his crew transferred from 211 to 84 Squadron. All R.A.A.F.

N.B. Wing Commander Bateson, D.F.C., sent casualty cables from Sumatra and from Java to Royal Australian Air Force Head-Quarters.

6.4.42. Telephoned Wing Commander Bateson, read extracts of above report. He confirmed essentials.

John W. WABA P/O
for D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

Encl 10a

MR. A.D. WALDON, KERFERD ROAD, BEECHWORTH, Vic.

AIR BOARD MELBOURNE P.A. 783 20/8

REGRET	TO	INFORM	YOU	THAT
YOUR	SON	SERGEANT	RONALD	FREDERICK
WALDON	PREVIOUSLY	REPORTED	MISSING	IS
NOW	REPORTED	TO	BE	MISSING
BUT	BELIEVED	TO	HAVE	LOST
HIS	LIFE	ON	3rd	JUNE
1942	(.)	THIS	INFORMATION	IS
BASED	ON	REPORT	RECEIVED	THROUGH
AIR	MINISTRY	LONDON	FROM	THE
INTERNATIONAL RED		CROSS	COMMITTEE	QUOTING
GERMAN	SOURCES	(.)	ANY	FURTHER
INFORMATION	RECEIVED	WILL	BE	IMMEDIATELY
CONVEYED	TO	YOU		

NOT
Murkendale Pk /// 05/13/12

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TO* AIR BOARD

FROM*

Originator's Number. Date. In reply to Number and Date.

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 (Write horizontally.)

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 OFFICIAL ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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 FURTHER NEWS RECEIVED WILL BE
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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

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Encl 10a

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TO: AIR BOARD MELBOURNE REPEAT RECORDS GLOS

FROM: AIR MIN KINGSWAY

PX.6044 19/8

AUSCAS 252 FURTHER MY SIGNAL PX6774 4/6 - TELEGRAM FROM IRC
SB2171 QUOTING INFORMATION FROM BERLIN STATES AUS/407282
SGT R J BIKLANDS AUS/402742 P/O W KEENE AUS/400894 SGT R F WALDON
(.) DIED ON 3/6/42 (.) BURIAL PLACE IS NOT STATED NOW CLASSIFIED
MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION

IMMEDIATE.

AIR MINISTRY REPEAT O.H.Q. RAAF KINGSWAY

AIR BOARD

P/A

REQUEST	REPEAT	AUSCAS	8 EIGHT	16 SIXTEEN
30 THIRTY	32 THIRTY TWO	NOT	RECEIVED	HERE
(.)	ALSO	ADVISE	AUSCAS	SEQUENCE
NUMBER	FOR	PX6646	22/7	SERGEANT
TONKIN	WHICH	HAS	BEEN	RECEIVED
WITHOUT	SEQUENCE	(.)		

O.I.C.
DISTRICT RECORDS
SOUTHERN COMMAND
3rd. MILITARY DISTRICT
339 SWANSTON STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1. VIC.

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*Victoria Barracks
Melbourne etc.*

YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED AT *7/6* ON *5/6/12* ADDRESSED TO

*Mr A D Watson
Beechworth*

WAS DELIVERED AT *11a* ON *4/6/12*

POSTMASTER
BEECHWORTH.

Geo Harley

Watson A.D.

3154

Encl. A & B

TO I.C.
DISTRICT RECORDS
SOUTHERN COMMAND
3rd MILITARY DISTRICT
389 SWANSTON STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1. VIC.

the Air Board
The Secretary
Dept of Air
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne



YOUR TELEGRAM LODGED AT 5-45 PM ON 5/6/42 ADDRESSED TO
Mr B A Reynolds
High St Beechworth

WAS DELIVERED AT 6-10 PM ON 5/6/42.

J. J. [unclear] POSTMASTER
BEECHWORTH.

Sgt. Waldon, R.F. D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
253/5159

JUN 18 1942

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RAAF 163/176/282(SA.)



Dear Sir,

This letter is to confirm telegram from this Department dated the 5th June, 1942, informing you that your son, Sergeant Ronald Frederick Waldon, has been reported missing as a result of air operations on the night of the 2nd June, 1942.

The details available at present in this Department are that your son was a member of the crew of a Wellington aircraft which was lost while on an operational flight on the date mentioned above. Its loss is presumed to have been due to enemy action over the target which the aircraft set out to attack.

I would point out, however, that although your son has been reported missing, he is not necessarily killed or wounded and, in view of this, it may be of assistance to you, in your anxiety, to know what action is taken to trace missing members of the Air Force. I am, therefore, forwarding herewith a leaflet which gives full information concerning this matter. You will see from the leaflet that any further information received will be conveyed to you immediately.

I desire to extend to you the sincere sympathy of the Department in the anxiety you are suffering.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

Mr. A.D. Waldon,
Kerferd Road,
BEECHWORTH VIC.

RF S/O
for D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION
16/6

RR
11/7/42

162/176/282
6 incl fa

CASUALTY

MR. C.A. REYNOLDS, HIGH STREET, BEECHWORTH, Vic.

AIR BOARD

P.A. 490 5/6

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT
 SERGEANT RONALD FREDERICK WALDON IS
 REPORTED TO BE MISSING AS
 THE RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS
 ON NIGHT OF 2nd JUNE
 1942 (.) ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
 RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED
 TO YOU

NOT
 M. Reynolds P/O // 05/7/42

CASUALTY

Encl 30

MR. A.D. WALDON, KERFERD ROAD, BEECHWORTH, Vic.

AIR BOARD

P.A. 489 5/6

REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT
YOUR SON SERGEANT RONALD FREDERICK
WALDON IS REPORTED TO BE
MISSING AS THE RESULT OF
AIR OPERATIONS ON NIGHT OF
2nd JUNE 1942 (.) ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE
IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO YOU (.)
LETTER WILL FOLLOW

NOT
Mr. Dundie Pp //

Serial No. 253/3139

(1999)

bnc 2a
(1487)

DIRECTORATE OF PERSONAL SERVICES : CASUALTY SECTION

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

NO. 400894 RANK *2/Sgt. w.e.f. 1/6/42* NAME WALDON Ronald Frederick
 UNIT *Observer* RELIGION *C. of E.*
 MUSTERING *Observer* ENLISTED *1.8.40* DATE ENLISTED 10.11.40
 DATE OF BIRTH *16.9.18* DATE EMBARKED *22.2.41*
 NEXT OF KIN *Father* NAME *Mr. A.D. Waldon*
 Also:
 Mr. C.A. Reynolds, ADDRESS *Kerford Road,*
 High Street, *Beechworth,*
 Beechworth, *...*
 Vic. *...*

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

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

Missing hel. killed (bnc 10a)
6/1/43 SIGNAL FROM AIR MINISTRY ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED *w.e.f. 3/6/42 (bnc 21a)*

*Education Dept
 will issue to be advised
 refer to 170 & 189*

PLACE *Not known by Air Ministry* DATE *2.6.42*

SIGNED *[Signature]* Cpl.

Cpl. Little.

5/6/1942.

REPATRIATION ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

Checked with R E 4 D/p Foster on 8/1/43.
Rank 2/Sgt w.e.f. 1/6/42
N/K as above Palmer Cpl.

SIGNED.....

/ /194

(PD52/42)

163/176/282
encl 1a

C O P Y

TO AIRBOARD MELBOURNE
FROM AIR MIN KINGSWAY

EX 6774 4/6

FB (A) WELLINGTON Z 1344 (B) 460 SQDN (C) PRESUMED OVER TARGET
NIGHT 2/6 (D) AUS 402742 P/O JOHN WALTER KEENE KINNOT (MOTHER
AND FATHER) MR AND MRS KEENE 133 DARLBY ROAD RANDWICK SYDNEY
AUS 400894 SGT RONALD FREDERICK WALDON KINNOT (FATHER) A D
WALDON KOPFORD ROAD BERTHWORTH VICTORIA AUS 404471 SGT
DOUGLAS BUTTERWORTH KINNOT (FATHER) CF BUTTERWORTH PO BOX
329 AYR QUEENSLAND AUS 407282 SGT REGINALD JOHN BIGLANDS
KINNOT (WIFE) MRS RJ BIGLANDS 58 FIRST AVENUE ST PETER
ADELAIDE ALSO (FATHER) F BIGLANDS WINCENT STREET EDWARDATOWN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1309012 SGT KENDALL RAF ALL MISSING (E)
PARTICULARS UNKNOWN (G) NOT KNOWN PRESUMED ENEMY ACTION (.)

IMMEDIATE.