



## CYPHER MESSAGE

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

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P056/8

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Serial No. *112*

TO	RAAF HQRS <i>Sgt Lilburn</i>	TOO 072123/Z	
		Receipt	Despatch
FROM	AIR MIN KWAY	Time of	081212/Z
		System	BY WT

PCX 442 7 JUNE AUSCAS (916 OR 910?)

FB (A) LANCASTER NE 150 (B) 106 SQUADRON (C) PRESUMED OVER ENEMY  
TERRITORY NOTHING HEARD FROM AIRCRAFT AFTER LEAVING BASE AT 0020 HRS  
DBST 7 JUNE (D) AUS 418790 F/SGT S K BLACK A/G MISSING KINNOT  
FATHER BLACK ESQ 90 DELBRIDGE STREET NORTH FITZROY MELBOURNE N9.  
REMAINDER OF CREW 174942 P/O WARREN 2220039 SGT HORNER 140868  
F/O *Safe* DOYLIE 1593975 SGT WICKAM 1324354 SGT ROOKER 1853943 SGT PICKETT.  
ALL MISSING (E) NOT KNOWN (G) PRESUMED ENEMY ACTION AIRCRAFT  
FAILED TO RETURN FROM BOMBING RAID ON TARGET IN CAEN.

IMMEDIATE

CHECKED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY *AI D*D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION *29/6*

Carl LB

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

INCIDENT SERIAL NO. ....  
NATURE OF CASUALTY *Dying in operations* .....

PLACE OF CASUALTY *unknown by Am presumed* .....

*over target Caen France* DATE OF CASUALTY *7 6 44* .....

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NEXT OF KIN *Father* NAME *Black Esq.* .....

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS *P/SGT* ADDRESS *90 Deebidge St North Fitzroy N.9 Melbourne* .....

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

*STANLEY KEVIN*

*418790*

NO. .... RANK *P/SGT* NAME *BLACK* .....

UNIT *RAAF ATT RAAF (UK)* RELIGION *PRES.* .....

MUSTERING *NAV/B* ENLISTED *IRC* DATE ENLISTED *19-6-42* .....

DATE OF BIRTH *12-3-23* DATE EMBARKED *6-5-43* .....

NEXT OF KIN *FATHER* NAME .....

MARRIED..... SINGLE..... *GEORGE BLACK* .....

ALSO INFORM/ P.T.B.I. *90 DEEBRIDGE ST NORTH FITZROY VIC* .....

EXTRACT Taken By *A. Goulden* .....

FROM *Capt. A. Ward* .....

*1/1944*

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

*Encl 2a*

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

FINANCE SERIAL NO. ~~10041~~ **7842**

NATURE OF CASUALTY. **Missing - air operations.** *11/6/44*

*31/3/45* **SIGNAL FROM ~~Q. UNIT~~ ADVISING DEATH PRESUMED w.o.f.** *11/6/44*

PLACE OF CASUALTY. **Unknown by A.M. presumed over target Caen France.**

DATE OF CASUALTY. **7/6/44**

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES NAME. **BLACK Esq.,** *see below*

NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS. **90 Delbridge St,**

**Father** **NORTH FITZROY, N9. MELBOURNE**

CASUALTY SIGNAL ADVISES RANK AS *see minute 4*

**F/SGT**

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

NO. **418790** RANK. **F/SGT** NAME. **BLACK Stanley Kevin**

UNIT. **RAAF att RAF (UK)** RELIGION. **Pres,**

MUSTERING. **Nav/B** ENLISTED. **1.R.C.** DATE ENLISTED. **19/6/42**

DATE OF BIRTH. **12/3/23** DATE EMBARKED. **6/5/43**

NEXT OF KIN. **Father** NAME **George BLACK**

MARRIED. **SINGLE** Yes **90 Delbridge St,**

ALSO INFORM/ P.T.B.I. **NORTH FITZROY, VIC.**

*Please see Min 4*

EXTRACT Taken By **Cpl. Goddard** Checked with **O/c R (Lac Huntley)**

FROM **O.i/c.B. (ACW WARD)** *11/4/45* **gordon cpl**

9/6/1944. G.V.

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY *K.R. (SGT) 10/6/44* for Wing Commander, D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

(GD51/44)

10 JUN 1944

RECORDED FOR STATISTICAL TABULATION

On P/P. 118 Serial No. **12808** Initials. *[Signature]*

9/6

*Encl 3a*

*231727*

POSTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY  
PERSONAL MR. G. BLACK  
90 DELBRIDGE STREET,  
NORTH FITZROY, MELB.

418790 FLIGHT SERGEANT S.K. BLACK MISSING STOP REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT STANLEY KEVIN BLACK IS MISSING AS RESULT AIR OPERATIONS ON 7th JUNE 1944 STOP KNOWN DETAILS ARE HE WAS MEMBER OF CREW OF LANCASTER AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK ENEMY TARGET AT CAEN FRANCE WHICH FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE PRESUMABLY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION 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 INFORMATION IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

9/6/44

AIR FORCE, 391 LITTLE COLLINS ST  
MELBOURNE

*AW*  
*6902302*

T.G. 42.

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Time of Lodgment.

8 CLIFTON HILL 53 11 30A

~~YKX~~ 4/- COLLECT CASUALTY ROOM

~~RAAF~~ HQS 391 LIT COLLINS ST MELBOURNE

YOUR TELEGRAM 118 WORDS AT 5 PM ON 9/6/44 ADDRESSED TO MR G BLACK 90 DELBRIDGE ST N7 PERSONAL POSTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT DELIVERY REGARDING 418790 FLIGHT SERGEANT BLACK S K ADDRESSEE IS NOT AT ADDRESS TEMPORARY READDRESS IS 14 TEMPLETON ST WANGARATTA

PM CLIFTON HILL

11 35a j

*Black S. K.*



T.  
C.  
B.

No.

10 JUN 1944

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TELEGRAM NON-DELIVERY ADVICE



To OIG CASUALTY SECTION 0 219 12TH JUNE  
RAAF HEADQUARTERS MELBOURNE TELEGRAPH OFFICE

391 LITTLE COLLINS ST MELB  
With reference to your telegram of 9TH JUNE

addressed to MR G BLACK 90 DELBRIDGE ST NORTH FITZROY

It is regretted that IT IS UNDELIVERED

ADDRESSEE TEMPORARILY AWAY FROM ADDRESS

NOW AT 14 TEMPLETON ST WINGARATTA

SUPT. TELEGRAPHS

Superintendent of Telegraphs.

12 JUN 1944

(If any amendment of the address of the telegram or any instruction in regard to delivery is desired, the sender may arrange for the transmission of a correcting advice to be sent to the office of destination upon payment of the prescribed charges.)

Carlton.

XXXXXXXXXXXX  
TELEGRAM

124534

POSTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY  
PERSONAL : MR. G. BLACK  
14 TEMPLETON STREET  
WANDARATTA VIC

418790 FLIGHT SERGEANT G.K. BLACK MISSING STOP REGRET TO INFORM YOU  
THAT YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT STANLEY KEVIN BLACK IS MISSING AS RESULT  
AIR OPERATIONS ON 7TH JUNE 1944 STOP KNOWN DETAILS ARE HE WAS MEMBER OF  
CREW OF LANCASTER AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK ENEMY TARGET AT CERN  
FRANCE WHICH FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE PRESUMABLY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION  
STOP THIS INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION STOP THE  
MINISTER FOR AIR JOINS WITH AIRBOARD IN EXPRESSING SINCERE SYMPATHY IN  
YOUR ANXIETY STOP WHEN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE  
CONVEYED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY STOP TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO YOU AT NORTH  
FITZROY UNDELIVERED

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

BC. 10/6/44

*Don Doherty*

*Ind 70*  
*Ref.*



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3- MARKWOOD	24/1	9-30 AM	

*Good 72*

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS ST  
MELBOURNE

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RECEIVED TELEGRAM IN REFERENCE TO FLIGHT SGT BLACK S K 418790  
- G BLACK 90 DELBRIDGE ST NORTH FITZROY

11-12 A JS

*Please see Min 4*

15 JUN 1944

Commonwealth of Australia



Postmaster

Memorandum to O I C Casualty Section  
RAAF Hq Merton Hall  
Anderson st 5th Yarra.

POST OFFICE Wangaratta

13th June

19 44

Your Telegram lodged Melbourne addressed to Mr G Black  
14 Templeton st Wangaratta; concerning 418790 Fit Sgt  
S K Black was delivered at 11am on 13/6/44.

*L. W. Graham*

Postmaster.

*Black G. K.*



*15 JUN*





N.L. 26.7.44.

Enc. 10A

57551

JUL 29 1944

xxxxxx MU.9981

Casualty Section,  
391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/5/559(10A)

Dear Sir,


With reference to the Service affairs of your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, who is reported to be missing as the result of air operations on the 7th June, 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, 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 17th August, 1944. If no such nomination is received by such last mentioned date, sale will be effected as abovesentioned.

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.C. Langford)  
SECRETARY

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. VIC.

*Langford*  
27/7/44

P.418139

No.106 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force,  
Metheringham,  
Lincoln.

11th June, 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of the loss of operations of Lancaster NK.150 as reported to you in my signal A.39 dated 7th June, 1944.

2. The aircraft was one of sixteen aircraft from the Squadron detailed to attack bridges in CAEN and left here at 00.25 hours on 7th June, 1944. Nothing was heard after takeoff and I regret that the aircraft did not return.

3. The crew was :

174942	P/O	M.C.M. Warren	Captain
2220039	Sgt	F.L. Corner	Flt. Engineer
140868	P/O	J. Drylie	Navigator
A418790	P/S	S.K. Black (Aus)	Air Bomber
1324354	Sgt	N.C. Hooker	W/Operator
1593975	Sgt	M.H. Wigham	M/U/Gunner
1853943	Sgt	R.L. Puckett	Rear Gunner

4. Pilot Officer Warren was making his sixth operational sortie and Flying Officer Drylie, the Navigator, his fifth.

- F 3595

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 106 Squadron, R.A.F.

The Under Secretary of State  
Air Ministry, Kingsway,  
London, W.C.2.

Copies to : Air Ministry (P.4. Cas)  
HQ No. 5. Group  
R.A.F. Metheringham,

~~F 3595~~

*Aus*

No. 106 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force,  
Wetheringham,  
Lincs.  
11th June 1944.

ENCK. 12A

*Dear Mr. Black*

I am writing to express my sympathy in the anxiety which must be yours upon receipt of the news that your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Black, is missing from an operational flight. I am giving you also such details as I have.

He was the air-bomber of an aircraft which left here in the early hours of 7th June 1944, to bomb a bridge in the Caen area. The object of this attack was to prevent the enemy from bringing up reinforcements and was thus a direct aid to our troops in the bridgehead just established. The attack was a success but I regret that your son's aircraft did not return. Nothing was heard after take-off and it must be assumed that the aircraft was a victim of ground defences or night fighters. In either case, however, there is the possibility that the crew were able to "bale-out" and that, although prisoners of war, are quite safe. In view of the proximity of the target to the land fighting it is not impossible that the crew are in friendly hands - we all hope this is indeed the case. In any event, you may depend upon the Red Cross to obtain all possible information and you will be informed of any news immediately.

Your son had only recently joined my Squadron but he had already taken part in four operational sorties. He came from his training unit with a very good report and I had every confidence that he would develop into a first-class bomb aimer. We are all most appreciative of the motives which brought him from Australia to help us in our great fight and I can assure you that he, and the many others, will not soon be forgotten.

Once again, both personally and on behalf of all the Squadron, I offer my deepest sympathy and hope that soon there will be good news.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Tainman*  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 106 Squadron, R.A.F.

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Dalbridge Street,  
North Fitzroy N7.,  
Melbourne

*Original forwarded  
2/8/44 Ms.*

Jan 13A

RAAF

90 Delbridge St  
7th February N7

RAAF. 166/5/559 (10A)

Aug 7. 1944

Dear Sir

in answer to your letter  
in reference to my sons bicycle  
Stanley Kevin Black F/Sgt No 418790  
as being reported missing. as you say it  
is difficult to store such articles as bicycles  
when the time expires for holding it  
please sell & hold the proceeds on his  
behalf

I remain  
yours faithfully  
J Black

Noted  
6/2/44



1958-43†

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# CYPHER MESSAGE

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

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Serial No. *211111*

TO

RAAF HQ

100 1815442

Receipt

Despatch

Time of 180945Z

FROM OHQ RAAF KINGSWAY.

System

WT

\* AL93 CAS 261 18 AUG... RESTRICTED.

AUS413790 W/SGT BLACK SK MISSING . AIRMIN REPORT DRYLIE ARRIVED SAFE

UNITED KINGDOM 19 JULY NO NEWS BLACK

*Lawrence*

CHECKED ON CASUALTY INDEX

BY.....

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

*All files filed 21/8*

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Jan 15/48

LETTERGRAM .. MR. G. BLACK  
90 DELBRIDGE STREET  
NORTH FITZROY MELBOURNE

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LONDON ADVISES THAT ONE ROYAL AIR FORCE  
MEMBER OF YOUR SON'S CREW FLYING OFFICER J. DRYLIE IS SAFE IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM STOP CREW CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEMBERS STOP REGRET NO  
NEWS OF YOUR SON FLIGHT SERGEANT STANLEY KEVIN BLACK OR REMAINDER OF  
CREW

*Am*  
27/8

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

*Mal/16a*

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS RAAF KINGSWAY

RAAF HEADQUARTERS

L.553 PA 21 SEP.

RESTRICTED	AUS 418790	F/SGT.	BLACK	S.K.
MISSING	(.)	REQUEST	ADVISE	IF
STATEMENT	AVAILABLE	FROM	MEMBER	CREW
SAFE	XI	U.K.	(.)	YOUR
AL 93	CAS 261	18 AUG.	REFERS	

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

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# CYPHER MESSAGE

*Encl. 17A*  
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TO

RAAF HQRS

TOO 271333Z

Receipt Despatch  
29 NOV 1944  
Time of 282115 (CV)

FROM

RAAF K'WAY

System

WT

**ACTION CO.**

AL827 CAS775 27 NOV .. RESTRICTED

AUS418790 F/SGT BLACK SK MISSING F/O J ~~DRYLIE~~ 140868 STATES AIRCRAFT

BADLY HIT BY FLAK AND BLACK AND SELF HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO

ABANDON AIRCRAFT DRYLIE CANNOT STATE WHETHER OTHER MEMBERS BALED

OUT AS WELL AS HE SIGHTED NO OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW AFTER REACHING

GROUND. PLANE CRASHED ABOUT 10 MILES AWAY AT VILLAGE OF ST JEAN

DE DOYE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CALVADOS NORMANDIE DRYLIE WAS UNABLE

TO VISIT SCENE OF CRASH- AIRMINISTRY HAVE REQUESTED BPSO ARAF

INVESTIGATE LOCALLY TO ASCERTAIN FATE REMAINING 6 MEMBERS

INCLUDING BLACK. WILL ADVISE ON RECEIPT OF REPLY FROM AIRMINISTRY

*forward to report.*

*DD 29/11*

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

*Casualty*  
*29/11*

C O P Y

Incl 18B

Hamilton  
66 Hamilton Road,  
Dollis Hill  
N W 10

Dear Mr. Black,

Thank you for your letter, I have no further news to tell you about (Stan) or my Son. We have gathered news about the rest of the crew. The plane crashed at St. Jean De Droye Calvados, Normandy. I rather think that I have mentioned this before. Well - Major Rooker has found that when the plane crashed it did not catch on fire, there were four of the boys taken from the plane, and are interred in the Village Church-yard, (Pickett Rear Gunner) (Wigham-Gunner) (Rooker Wireless Op) and Horner F. Engineer. The French people gave them a Military funeral, and the kiddies placed small Union Jacks on the graves. I have phoned the Air Ministry, but they have no news of Stan or Merrick. I also have been chasing the Red X, yesterday. They are sending a special cable to the Geneva Red X, Germany, at my request, this will be approx 4 weeks before we hear from them. In my opinion one of two things are certain. They must be prisoners failing that, the B. Germans must have shot them as they were definitely on the ground. All the best to you and yours, God bless those boys,

Yours faithfully,

(sgd. F. Warren).

P.S. If I hear any news, you can rest assured that I will contact at once. Wishing you all as happy a Xmas as possible, I shall probably have a very poor one as Merricks my only kiddie. I will let you have a photograph of him later.

Original letter returned  
to Mr. Black on 22/12/44.  
M. M. B.

PG (N2)

Ludlow

90 Delbridge St  
Rte 1 Fryroy nr  
16/12/44

To Casualty Section

Black, S.K.

Dear Sir or Madam

5<sup>1/2</sup> 1/2

enclosed you will find a letter from a  
Mr Warren. I promised to forward on  
to you for investigation  
also a stampet & addressed. enw  
for return,

Yours Faithfully  
J Black

3 msk 19A

MERRICK  
AND

(.)  
ADVISE

UNQUOTE

(.)

INVESTIGATE

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Ashley Feb 10/11  
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

260489.

*Good 11/11*

OVER-SEAS H.Q. R.A.A.F KINGSWAY.

R.A.A.F. HEADQUARTERS.

L. 434 P.A. 26 DEC.

RESTRICTED	AUS 418790	F/SGT.	BLACK	S.K.
MISSING	(.)	NEXT	OF	KIN
THIS	MEMBER	HAS	RECEIVED	LETTER
FROM	WARREN	66	HAMILTON	ROAD
DOLLIS	HILL	N W 10	(.)	QUOTE
(.)	MAJOR	ROOKER	SAYS	PICKETT
WIGHAM	ROOKER	CORNER	INTERRED	IN
CHURCH-YARD	ST. JEAN	DE DROYE	CALVADOS	NORMANDY
(.)	FRENCH	GAVE	MILITARY	FUNERAL
(.)	NO	NEWS	STAN	OR

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C O P Y.

*End 20a*

TO: RAAF HQRS

FROM: OHQ RAAF KWAY

AL 323 CAS 144 DEC 22 RESTRICTED

IRCC GENEVA ADVISE IN REPLY SPECIAL ENQUIRY NONNEWS HELD  
UNDEMENTIONED MISSING MEMBER -

418290 F/SGT BLACK S.K.

ORIGINAL SIGNAL ON FILE FOR W/O ATKINSON W.J.

*no action pending  
Reply  
End 19a*

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*26712*

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RAAF HQRS.	TOO 291430Z	
	Receipt	Despatch
<b>ACTION COPY</b>	Time of 021426Z	
	System	
FROM RAAFKWY	-2 JAN 1945	

AL601 CAS 202 29 DEC.

RESTRICTED.

*N SK*

AUS418790 FLIGHT SERGEANT BLACK MISSING. YOUR L434 PA 26 DEC.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS HQRS FROM AIRMINY AND CONTAINED

OUR MICROGRAM LETTER 1401/7144/P4 16974 DATED 12 DEC LETTER

ORIGINATED BY MAJOR KELSO BLA RECEIVED BY N/K ROOKER STATES <sup>1/3</sup>CORNER

ROOKER WICKAM AND <sup>1/3</sup>TUCKETT <sup>1/3</sup>BURIED CHURCHYARD SAINT JEAN DE DAYE. <sup>1/3</sup>Normandy

KELSO SIGHTED GRAVE AND RECEIVED INFORMATION FUNERAL MEMBERS

ATTENDED BY LOCAL INHABITANTS AND FOLLOWED SERVICE IN LOCAL CHURCH.

KELSO ALSO SIGHTED AFTER CHURCH AND READ. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED

BY KELSO CONCERNING FATE BLACK AND WARREN. HAS STATED OUR AL827

CAS 775 27 NOV BPSO ARAF HAVE BEEN REQUESTED INVESTIGATE.

ENTERED IN CASUALTY INDEX  
BY *R*

*Casual*

*AB 31/45*

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

*New ... 31*

Enc 22A

I wish to change my address  
from Markwood Post Office  
back to 90 Delbridge St 9th Tyrone  
Sons No 418790 Stanley Kevin Black 7/867  
J Black

During business hours:-

Small & Schattell J. 2167.

Johnson sub.  
Fitzroy.

Read at Enquiry Desk  
on 5/1/45

Refer

MIN H. 45.

Major J. Halse P.M.A.P.O.  
16 O.P.O. (Base)  
B.L.A.

19 Nov. 44.

My Dear Charlie,

It is with regret that I have to be the bearer of sad tidings. I am fumbling for words to tell you that I have found Norman's grave. If I blunder and make mistakes, I know you will understand and forgive me.

The Lancaster crashed at St. JEAN-DE-DAYE ON on 7 June. Four boys were killed in the crash - CORNER, WIGHAM, TUCKETT and NORMAN. They were buried in the Churchyard to the pretty little church of St. Jean-de-Daye, on the 8-June, following a service in the Church, which was attended by most of the local inhabitants. The Germans were still in occupation and their S.S. troops patrolling the village but in spite of this the villagers were determined to give the boys a decent burial. This they did, and as told that British and French flags were brought to the Church and used during the Service.

I found Mon. Lucien Lemonnier most helpful. He took me to the Churchyard and to the spot where the 'plane crashed. He asked me to convey his condolences and to assure you that the grave would be well tended, and that he would welcome a visit from you whenever it would be possible for you to come. Perhaps you would care to note his address.

Mon. Lucien Lemonnier,  
Docteur en Droit,  
Notaire,  
St. Jean-de-Daye, France.

I have taken pictures of the grave and the wreckage of the 'plane. The day was dull and cloudy and the camera strange to my hands, but if the pictures are not successful, I shall endeavour to go out again before leaving here and take fresh pictures.

I searched the wreckage for some article belonging to Norman, but unfortunately, owing to the lapse of time anything which was left could not be identified. I collected a small piece of the 'plane in case you might care to have it I shall not, however, send it unless you tell me so, for these matters are rather delicate and we do not all feel the same concerning them.

Mon. Lemonnier is a charming man. He has a knowledge of English, and I feel that he is sincere. I am sure he means it when he says the grave will be well tended, and that the French people will not forget the brave British boys buried in their midst.

Mon. Lemonnier's father, who has since died, handed over to the Mayor of the Commune, the papers salvaged from the wrecked plane. Unfortunately these were subsequently destroyed by fire when the Office of the Mayor was rased by one of his fire. There seems little doubt however, that poor Norman lost his life in the crash. The wooden cross on the grave reads.

ICI  
REPOSENT  
QUATRE AVIATEURS ANGLAIS  
CORNER, BOOKER, WIGHAM, TUCKETT,  
Decedés,  
7-Juin-1944.

F 21891

I shall send you the prints as soon as they are ready. In the meantime if there is anything else I can do to help in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and Mrs. Hooker in this great loss. We are a strange race of people not always capable of expressing our emotions, but my heart was sad and heavy today when I stood beside poor Norman's grave. May God give you courage and strength to bear this great sorrow.

As very sincerely,  
HENRY HALSE.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Encl 23A*

Telephone  
HOLBORN 9211  
Telegraphic Address  
"AUSTRALIAN, WESTCENT, LONDON."

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.  
OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS.  
KODAK HOUSE  
82, KINGSWAY. 28A  
LONDON, W.C.2

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING"

ON ENCLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO 1401/7144/P.4.

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16974

12th December., 1944.

Microgram.

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

Aus.418790 Flight Sergeant Black S.K.

Reference is made to this Headquarters signal A.L.827  
Cas 775 of the 27th November, 1944 regarding the crew of the above mentioned  
R.A.A.F. member.

2. Further news has been received regarding this crew  
in the form of a letter to the next of kin of Sergeant Rooker, a copy  
of which is enclosed for your information.
3. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to B.P.S.O.  
A.E.A.F. for further investigation. The result of such investigations  
will be advised to you as soon as available.

*K.B. Seaman*  
(K.B. SEAMAN)  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Air Officer Commanding.

F 21890

M.M.

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JAN 2 1944

Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9981.

135933

391 Lit. Collins St,

RAAF.166/5/559(24A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, who is reported missing as a result of air operations on 7th June, 1944.

A Royal Air Force member of your son's crew, Flying Officer Doyle, who has arrived safely in the United Kingdom has been interrogated and states that the aircraft was badly hit by anti-aircraft fire. He and your son had sufficient time to abandon the aircraft but he was unable to say whether the other members of the crew baled out, as he did not sight them after he reached the ground. The plane crashed about 10 miles away from the village of St. Jean-De-Daye in the vicinity of Calvados, Normandy. Flying Officer Doyle was unable to visit the crash, but according to a letter received by the next of kin of Sergeant Rooker originated by Major Kelso, B.L.A., the bodies of Sergeant Horner, Sergeant Rooker, Sergeant Wickman and Sergeant Pickett were found in the plane by local inhabitants and buried in the churchyard at St. Jean-de-Daye. It is regretted that no further information has been received regarding the fate of your son. A special inquiry through the International Red Cross Committee Geneva, failed to reveal anything.

Permit me to assure you of the constant sympathy this Department in your anxiety and when further information received it will be conveyed to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,



(M.C. Langslow)

SECRETARY.

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. Vic.

D.M. Baker 5/0  
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION



C O P Y

Serial 2577

TO RAAF HEADQUARTERS

FROM RAAF KINGSWAY

AL571 CAS 105 MARCH 7...RESTRICTED

PREFIRM

AUS 418790 F/SGT BLACK S.K.

ORIGINAL SIGNAL ON FILE FOR AUS423610 F/SGT ARMSTRONG J.E.

MAR 23 1945

156185

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Casualty Section,  
391 Little Collins St

RAAF.166/5/559(26A)

Dear Sir,

I deeply regret to inform you that all efforts to trace your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, have proved unavailing, and it is feared that all hope of finding him alive must be abandoned.

It has now become necessary to consider the question whether, in these circumstances, an official presumption of your son's death should be made.

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

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

I desire to extend to you the constant sympathy of this Department.

Yours faithfully,

*M.C. Engelow*  
(M.C. Engelow)  
SECRETARY.

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. VIC.

*Blueadown JH*  
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION  
21/5

*AMW*



RE/R/P/Res. Encl 27A

90 Delbridge St  
7<sup>th</sup> Fibyroy N7  
Mar 24 - 1945

Casualty Section  
391 Little St  
Melb

Dear Sir

In reply to  
yours 166/15/594 (26A)  
in respect of my son  
F/SGT S.K. Black I  
wish to advise that I  
have not received any advice  
whatsoever from any  
official source as  
to the fate of my son  
Yours faithfully

S. Black (Father of  
member)

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Received at  
Enquiry Desk  
on 24/3/45  
RWB w/o

*And 87A*

OVERSEAS H.Q. R.A.A.F. KINGSWAY

RAAF H.Q.

L. 537 P.A. 26MAR

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S.K	PREFIRM	AL517	CAS881	16FEB45
AUS414522	A/P/LT	G.C	STARTIN	AUS4093:
W/O	STEVENSON	C.B	AUS412964	F/O
A.F	HOCKWAY	PREFIRM	AL347	CAS567
27JUN44	AUS403693	F/SGT	GOULDER	K

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION.

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TO R.A.A.F. HQRS

FROM R.A.A.F. KWAY

AL 67 CAS 495 31 MAR RESTRICTED

DEATHS PRESUMED.

426112 FL/SGT. KEYS J. N. 11 APRIL

409855 FL/SGT SHEEAN B. L. 11 APRIL

427047 FL/SGT WARREN C. Y. 11 APRIL

418790 FL/SGT BLACK S. K. 7 JUNE

FL/O G. A. JACOBSON 22102 23 APRIL

403693 FL/SGT GOULDER K. 8 AUGUST 43.

4/4/45  
(SMcC)

APR 17 1945

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Casualty Section,  
391 Little Collins St.~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MU.9981.

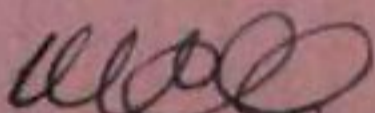
RAAF.166/5/559(30A)

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that the death of your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, has now been presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 7th June, 1944.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.C. Langslow)  
SECRETARY.

Encl. 4.

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. VIC.

*E. Selves 9/0*

DPS P6100

16.4.45.

*W. Black 30/4*

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. 418790

Rank F/SGT

Full Name BLACK, STANLEY, KEY IN

Number of Certificates required 3

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

Bank Ac, Insurance Co  
Self

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

George Black  
90 Delbridge St  
9th Fitzroy N7

DESPATCHED  
Vide M. 7

Signature of applicant. G Black  
Address 90 Delbridge St  
9th Fitzroy N7  
Melbourne

Date 28/4/45

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

Serial: 32A.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

MINUTE PAPER

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: 418790 F/Sgt. BLACK, Stanley Kevin (Deceased)

D.P.S. (P.6.) -

Hereunder are particulars for the assistance of the authorised person in determining, under the provisions of War Service Estates Act 1942-1943 and the Regulations made thereunder, the person properly entitled to the private effects of the abovenamed.

\* Executor or Administrator ) Name BLACK, George (father) Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Will (if any) 25.6.42

\* Probate or Letters of Administration ) \* Granted on \_\_\_\_\_ or Being applied for - \* Yes No

Relevant information required by you -

Name	Capacity	Relationship	Address
BLACK, George	Sole beneficiary	Father	90 Selbridge St., North Fitzroy. Vic.

Remarks -

\* Strike out any item not applicable.

17/5/1945.

(W.S. Tregear)  
Area Finance Officer

FPD.97/45.

Noted in C. of A. Section

B. 21/5

Cenl. 33A.

U.K.

File No. 1 1

NO. 418790 RANK. F/SGT. NAME. BLACK, Stanley Kevin

Deceased. P/D.w.e.f. 7/6/44. 194. Married or Single. Single

Casualty effects held at Repository Store at. West Melbourne

Other effects held at Repository Store at.

Recorded N/Min. Mr. G. Black (Relationship) Father

Last known address. 90 Selbridge Street

North Fitzroy, Victoria

DATE POSITION AS AT 4/5/45

Will dated 25/6/42.

Exec. & beneficiary: Father, George Black, 90 Selbridge St., North Fitzroy.

Which H/sgt

LATER INFORMATION (if any):--

Cenl. 32A.

RECOMMENDED THAT EFFECTS BE FORWARDED TO:--

Beneficiary & Beneficiary, Father, Mr. George Black, 90 Selbridge Street, North Fitzroy, Victoria. P.K. (see bin # if necessary)

Receipt as follows:--

for Paulson Cpl (ADJUSTMENTS OFFICER) 22/8

SPECIAL AUTHORITY

as recommended above

JRM HC for Wing Commander, O. i/c CASUALTY SECTION

1 / 194

(OD15/45)

Noted & P.K. 25/8

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AUSTRALIAN  
MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY

425 COLLINS STREET

MELBOURNE,

22nd May 1945

N:C:JD

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL  
COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE MANAGER,  
A.M.P. SOCIETY,  
P.O. BOX, No. 245B,  
MELBOURNE, CI

The Secretary,  
Department of Air,  
St. Kilda Road,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

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3 22/3

040E-1911

Dear Sir,

Policy No. 1332518 - S.K. BLACK (decd.)  
No. 418970 - Flight Sergeant.

In connection with the claim under the above-numbered policy, I shall be pleased if you will kindly advise me details of the flight during which deceased is presumed to have lost his life, and in addition, if there is any evidence of burial.

Yours faithfully,

*W. H. H. H.*  
per Manager.



MAY 31 1945

174914

Casualty Section,

331 Little Collins Street,

XXXXXXXXXXXXX MUR231

152/5/559 (35A)

Dear Sir,

re 152790, FLIGHT SERGEANT E. J. BLACK (DECEASED)  
POLICY NO. 152790.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29nd May, 1945, concerning the above.

Deceased was a member of the crew of a Lancaster aircraft which was detailed to attack an enemy target at Caen, France on 7th June, 1944. Retaining his hopes, free the aircraft after take off.

A Royal Air Force member of the crew successfully abandoned the aircraft after it had been damaged by anti-aircraft fire, and the aircraft subsequently crashed at St. Jean-De-Daye. The bodies of four members of the crew were buried by the local inhabitants, but no trace was found of Flight Sergeant Black.

Special enquiries through the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva failed to discover any news of Flight Sergeant Black, and accordingly his death was for official purposes presumed to have occurred on 7th June, 1944.

Yours faithfully,



(W. G. Lawson)

SECRETARY.

The Manager,  
Australian Mutual Provident Society,  
P.O. Box No. 245B,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

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OVERSEAS H.Q. R.A.A.F.

R.A.A.F. H.Q.

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30 MAY

RESTRICTED	AUS418790	F/SGT.	BLACK	S.K.
PRESUMED	DEAD	(.)	FATHER	CALLED
PRODUCING	LETTER	WRITTEN	TO	MRS.
HEFFERNAN	12	CASTLAKE	AVENUE	PARKSTONE
DORSET	QUOTING	PORTION	LETTER	RECEIVED
BY	MRS.	WARREN	FROM	MAYOR
OF	ST. JEAN	DE DOYE	ADVISING	HER
WARREN	TAKEN	PRISONER	OF	WAR
BY	GERMANS	(.)	INVESTIGATE	ADVISING
PRESENT	CATEGORY	ALL	MEMBERS	CREW

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D.P.S. P6.

*Blaney*

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Encl. 37A.

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. 418790

Rank Sgt.

Full Name Stanley Kevin Black

Number of Certificates required One (1)

Certificate/s required for the purpose of

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

Mr. K. Black  
90 Dillbridge Street  
North Fitzroy. Vic.

*See Encl. 11.*

DESPATCHED  
Vide M. 12

Signature of applicant. A. Hansen Capt.  
1/6/45.

Address.....

Date.....

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

# CYPHER MESSAGE

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

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO RAAF HQRS.	TOO 311528Z
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FROM OHQ KINGSWAY.	Time of 011238Z
	System _____

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AL762 CAS 344 MAY 31.

RESTRICTED.

L559PA MAY 30 418790 FLIGHT SERGT BLACK SK PRESUMED DEAD. COPY LETTER MAYOR TO MRS WARREN HELD THIS HQRS GIVES FOLLOWING INFORMATION WARREN BALED OUT FIRST THEN DRYLIE THEN BLACK. BLACK GIVEN FOOD AND SHELTER BY M DESIRE CARDIN WHO TOOK HIM TO GRAINTES WHERE AMERICANS HAD LANDED BY PARACHUTE NIGHT BEFORE. FOR 10 DAYS CARDIN ENDEAVOURED TRACE WARREN FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BLACK WITHOUT SUCCESS. FOLLOWING SUNDAY BLACK AND HIS FRIENDS HAD VIOLENT BATTLE WITH GERMANS AT GRAIGNES AND POSSIBLY WERE WIPED OUT. MAYORS LETTER STATES. "PERHAPS WARREN WAS TAKEN PRISONER NEAR AIREL" PRESENT CATEGORIES WARREN CORNER WIGHAM ROOKER PICKETT PRESUMED DEAD DRYLIE SAFE.

*casualty*

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BY \_\_\_\_\_

*AB 2/6/45*  
D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

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OVERSEAS H.Q. R.A.A.F. KINGSWAY

R.A.A.F. H.Q.

L. 253 P.A. 12 JUN.

RESTRICTED	AUS.418790	F/SGT.	BLACK	S. K.
PRESUMED	DEAD	(.)	IN	VIEW
INFORMATION	AL.762	GAS. <del>344</del> 344	31 MAY	REQUEST
ADVISE	WHETHER	AIR	MINISTRY	AMENDING
DATE	CASUALTY	RESPECTING	WARREN	AND
BLACK				

(JLW)

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*[Signature]*  
 D.P.S. P.6. *[Signature]*

————— *20617/2*

18th January,

*File  
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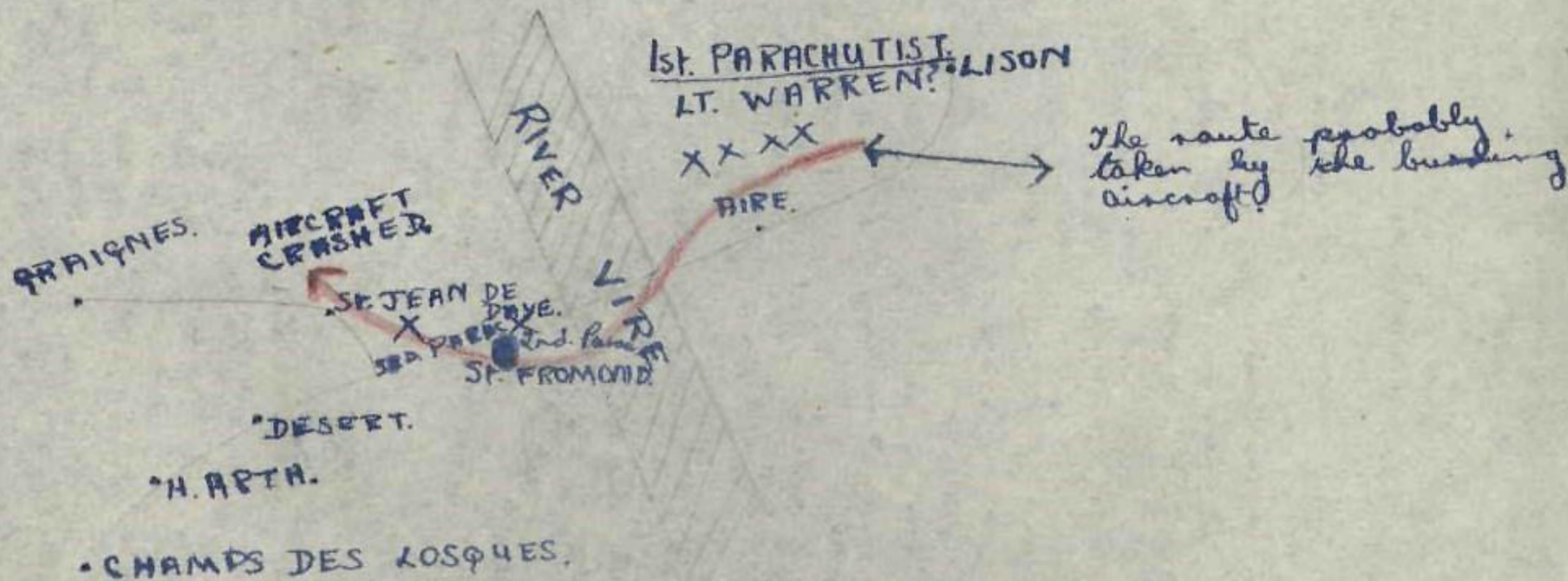
Madame,

In answer to your letter dated 23rd November, and received about 8th January, I have to inform you that the Lancaster crashed in our small town during the night of 6th/7th June. Your son is not among the dead airmen found in the wreckage of the bomber. The names of these airmen are, Rooker, Corner, Wigham, and Pukett.

Lieutenant Warren was not one of the first to bale out, probably on the East side of the river Vire, coming from Lisbon, where the aircraft was hit by A/A fire. The second member who baled out was Drylie, and he came down in St. Fromond. He was given shelter by M. Arthur Michel and was given civilian clothes. The third member, Black, came down near St. Jean de Daye and was given food and shelter by M. Desire Cardin, who took him in a horse-drawn vehicle to the neighbouring town of Graignes, where Americans had landed by parachute the night before.

For 10 days M. Cardin tried to trace Lt. Warren, from the information he received from Black, but he could find no trace of him. Perhaps he was taken prisoner near Airel. The night was very bright and the parachutes were clearly visible.

Here is the plan of the area:



The following Sunday Black and his friends had to fight a violent battle at Graignes against the Germans and it is possible that they had been wiped out. Drylie, it is said, tried to get away towards the south west, and to have been seen several weeks later at Champs de Losques.

We are continuing the inquiries at Airel and St. Fromond and as soon as we can get any information, we shall let you know.

(Signed).

# COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Telephone:

HO N 9211

Telegraph Address:

"AUSTRAIR, WESTCENT, LONDON."

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING."

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS.

KODAK HOUSE.

63, KINGSWAY.

LONDON, W.C.2.

1401/7144/P.4.(12A)8532.

1st June, 1945.

Important - By Air Mail.

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


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RECEIVED  
21 JUN 1945  
AIR REGISTRY

Aus.418790, Flight Sergeant Black, S.K. - Presumed Dead.

Referring to your signal L559PA 30th May 1945, and this Headquarters AL.762 CAS.344 in reply, copy of the letter forwarded by the Mairie de St. Jean de Daye (Manche) to Mrs. Warren is enclosed for your information.

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

Enclosure.

25 JUN 1945 

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MESSAGE FORM

SIGNALS FILE No.

CALL AND PREFACE

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Office Date Stamp.

21 JUN 1945

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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FROM

RAAF EVERSEAS HQ LONDON

TO

RAAF HQ MELBOURNE

FOR INFORMATION TO

AL/939 CAS/560 20 JUN UNCLASSIFIED L/253/PA 12 JUN AUS  
418790 F/SGT BLACK S K STILL AWAITING ADVICE AIR MINISTRY

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22 JUN 1945

*Casualty*

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*21/6/45*

D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION



COPY LETTER.

St. Jean de Daye.

17.4.45.

Sir,

We have the confirmation that Lieut. Warren came down safe, near the borough of D'Ariel, he folded his parachute himself and smoked a cigarette, when the German Adjutant Otto with his escort arrived, he was taken prisoner after they fired a shot in the air. He was smiling and very optimistic.

He was taken in a car to St. Lo so we think he must be a prisoner in Germany as they probably took him with them in their retreat.

This information was given by the Cure of D'Arreil on 12th April 1945.

We hope he will return to you as quickly as possible. May we express our devoted sentiments.

Signed.

The Mayor St. Jean de Daye.

COPY.

P. 418139/44/P. 4. B. 4.

6th June, 1945.

The Officer in Charge,  
M.R. & E. Service,  
R.A.F. Unit,  
PARIS, B.L.A.

Re. Casualty Enquiry No. 46.

The information enclosure contained in your MRES/S. 201/2 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. A copy of a letter sent to the next of kin of P/O. Warren is enclosed- D'Ariel is thought to be alternative spelling for the place named Airel mentioned in the Mayor of St. Jean de Daye's original letter, of which you have a copy.

3. P/O. Drylie stated in his interrogation report that P/O. Warren baled out first, F/Sgt. Black also stated this to M. Cardin and in view of the enclosed letter and position of Airel these statements would appear to be correct.

4. It would be appreciated if further enquiries could be made in the neighbourhood of Airel and St. Lo in the light of this new information.

(Sgd.). E. Cowan.  
for Director of Personal Services.

COPY.

April  
12 13

No new information was given in MRES/S. 201/2

Enclosure was negative of photograph of the common  
grave of Corner, Wigham Rooker and Puckett.

(Sgd.) J.M. Booth  
B.4.

6.6.45.

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# COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Telephone:

HOLB 9211

Telegraphic: 55:

"AUSTR. AIR, WESTCENT, LONDON."

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING."

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. .... 1401/7144/P.4. 8978

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS.

KODAK HOUSE.

83, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

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13th June., 1945.

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

Aus. 418790 Flight Sergeant Black S.K.

Reference is made to this Headquarters' letter 16974 of the 12th December, 1944, enclosing correspondence concerning the above mentioned R.A.A.F. member.

2. Forwarded herewith for your information is further correspondence between Air Min and Missing Research & Enquiries and between the Mayor of St. Jean de Daye concerning the casualty to Flight Sergeant Black.

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

30 JUN 1945

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True

43-A

90 Delbridge - St  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fitzroy N7  
June 26

To The Secretary Department of Air  
Casualty Section Melbourne

Dear Sir

The Death Certificate posted to me  
a few weeks ago was for  
Carlton Lodge 47 . P.A.F.S.

Sect. A. E. Joyce 85 Davies St  
E. St Brunwick. This is in regards to my  
son F/S. BLACK. S.K. 418790

I was unable at the time to give you the name  
& no of Lodge.

On the 9 of June I was in to see you  
In ref to a cable you received from England  
as to the last that was heard of my <sup>son</sup> Piolet  
at the time I could not grasp the contents of cable,  
so you promised to write it out & post it to me  
up till now I have not received it.

My son name & no is . 418790 F/S. BLACK. S.K

I am writing this in case the letter has gone astray.

See mem 14

Yours Faithfully

J. Black 30 JUN 1945

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Further enquiries are being made by Air Ministry's Missing Research and Enquiry Service, Paris, and when further information is received, it will be conveyed to you.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Langslow)  
SECRETARY

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. N.7.

*Asker*  
B.P.S. P.6 (N.1)

12/7

JM  
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XXXXXXXXXXXXX MU.9981.

Casualty Section,  
391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/5/559(44A)

*Reply to head*

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter dated the 26th June, 1945, concerning your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, whose death has been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on the 7th June, 1944. A copy of the letter received by Mrs. Warren from the Mayor of St. Jean de Daye (Manche), has now been received in this Department. The Mayor writes as follows:-

"Madame,

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EMC 452

# MESSAGE FORM

SIGNALS FILE No. **A93**

No. of Groups.

Office Date Stamp.

**GR**

10 JUL 1945

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*Reg R 545*

CALL AN

(Above this line is for Signals use only.)

FROM RAAF O HQ ~~RAAF HQ~~

TO RAAF HQ

**ACTION COPY**

*By [Signature]*  
*P 6 NI*

FOR INFORMATION TO

AL101 CAS779 10 JULY UNCLASSIFIED STOP L253PA JUNE AL67  
CAS 495 31 MAR AUS 418790 F/SGT BLACK S K P/O M G M WARREN  
BOTH PRESUMED DEAD STOP AMEND EFFECTIVE DATE BLACK TO READ 11  
JUNE STOP WARREN ~~READ~~ REMAINS 7 JUNE

*Lodes 13/7*

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BY [Signature]

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D.P.S. CASUALTY SECTION

*Casualty*

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taken prisoner near Airel. The night was very bright and the parachutes were clearly visible.

The following Sunday Black and his friends had to fight a violent battle at Graignes against the Germans and it is possible that they had been wiped out. Doyle, it is said, tried to get away towards the south west, and to have been seen several weeks later at Champs de Losques.

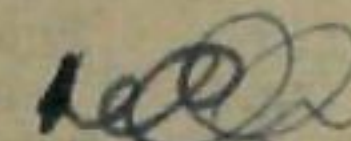
We are continuing the inquiries at Airel and St. Fromond and as soon as we can get any information, we shall let you know."

Advice has also been received that as a result of this further information, the Air Ministry, London, has amended the date of your son's death to the 11th June, 1944.

This Department has forwarded to you Certificates of Death, No. 6559, dated the 3rd May, 1945, and the 5th June, 1945, respectively, issued under the National Security (War Deaths) Regulations, which showed the date of your son's death as the 7th June, 1944. I have to request that you return or instruct the present holders to return the Certificates to this Department for cancellation by the competent authority under Regulation 8 of the Regulations, and for issue of fresh Certificates stating the correct date.

Further enquiries are being made by Air Ministry's Missing Research and Enquiry Service, Paris, and when further information is received, it will be conveyed to you.

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.C. Langslow)  
SECRETARY.

Mr G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. N.7. Vic.

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Casualty Section

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391 Lit. Collins St.,

RAAF.166/5/559(46A) **196939**

JUL 28 1945

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter dated the 26th June, 1945, concerning your son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, whose death has been presumed for official purposes to have occurred on the 11th June, 1944. A copy of the letter received by Mrs. Warren from the Mayor of St. Jean de Daye (Manche) has now been received in this Department. The Mayor writes as follows:-

"Madame,

In answer to your letter dated 23rd November, and received about 8th January, I have to inform you that the Lancaster crashed in our small town during the night of 6th/7th June. Your son is not among the dead airmen found in the wreckage of the bomber. The names of these airmen are, Rooker, Horner, Wickam, and Pickett.

Lieutenant Warren was one of the first to bale out, probably on the East side of the river Vire, coming from Lisbon, where the aircraft was hit by A/A fire. The second member who baled out was Doyle, and he came down in St. Fromond. He was given shelter by M. Arthur Michel and was given civilian clothes. The third member, Black, came down near St. Jean de Daye and was given food and shelter by M. Desire Cardin, who took him in a horse-drawn vehicle to the neighbouring town of Graignes, where Americans had landed by parachute the night before.

For 10 days M. Cardin tried to trace Lt. Warren, from the information he received from Black, but he could find no trace of him. Perhaps he was.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

NATIONAL SECURITY (WAR DEATHS) REGULATIONS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ON WAR SERVICE

I, WILLIAM OSWALD NERESHAM  
being the person for the time being performing the duties of Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section, Royal Australian Air Force, a person duly authorised by the Minister of State for Air to issue certificates of death on war service for the purposes of the National Security (War Deaths) Regulations, HEREBY CERTIFY that No. 418790, FLIGHT SERGEANT STANLEY KEVIN BLACK, while engaged on war service within the meaning of those Regulations became missing on the seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and forty four, and is for official purposes presumed to be dead.

DATED the third day of May 194 5.

*Keown No 375*

Squadron Leader

the person for the time being performing the duties of Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Air Force Headquarters,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

File 166 / 5 / 559

Issued to -

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. N.7. Vic.

the person for the time being performing the duties of Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section.

Squadron Leader

*James McCall*

Cancelled in pursuance of the provisions of Regulation 8 of the National Security (War Deaths) Regulations this... day of September, 1945.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

NATIONAL SECURITY (WAR DEATHS) REGULATIONS  
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I, GEORGE OSWALD REID  
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of Casualty Section, Royal Australian Air Force, a person duly authorised  
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purposes presumed to be dead.

DATED the fifth day of June 1945

*George Oswald Reid*  
Wing Commander  
Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section,  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Air Force Headquarters,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

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Issued to -

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. Vic.

Cancelled in pursuance of the provisions of Regulation 8 of the  
National Security (War Deaths) Regulations this... 10th... day of  
September, 1945.

*Finlay G. Millville*  
Squadron Leader  
the person for the time being performing the duties of  
Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section.



No. 6559

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*W.O. Neesham*  
Squadron Leader

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of Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section,  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Air Force Headquarters,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

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NORTH FITZROY. N.7. Vic.

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September, 1945.

the person for the time being performing the duties of  
Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section.

Squadron Leader

*Stanley J. McCall*



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Squadron Leader

*Stanley McVillie*



*Encl 46A*

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NORTH FITZROY, Vic.

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Squadron Leader  
*Sheep*

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National Security (War Deaths) Regulations this... day of  
September, 1945.

47B.  
COPY:

FROM: MR. & E. Service R.A.F. PARIS.  
TO: Air Ministry, (P.4.Cas) 77, Oxford Street, E.L.  
Date: 13th April, 1945.  
Ref: WBS/3.201/2

CASUALTY ENQUIRY NO:46

Reference your P.418139/44/P.4.R.4. Dated 15th November, 1944, I have visited the Parish Cemetery of St. Jean de Daye, a village north of Carantan, and there have seen the grave over which a cross bears the names of Sgts. Corner, Rokker, Wigham, and Pickett, four of the crew of the Lancaster which crashed nearby on 7th June, 1944. The remains of the bodies are contained in two coffins but are in one common grave.

I made extensive enquiries about the fate of the other two missing members of the crew, P/O Warren, and F/Sgt Black. I interviewed M. Cardin, at St. Jean de Daye, who sheltered F/Sgt Black for one day and, at the latter's request, took him over to a neighbouring village where about 100 American Parachutists had landed the previous day and were preparing to defend their position. About a week later the enemy strongly attacked this village and most of the Americans were killed, some of their bodies, I was informed, were buried by the enemy on the spot. Black is known to have been with the defenders and it must be assumed that he suffered the fate of the American Parachutists.

On the information given him by F/Sgt Black, M. Cardin mentioned above, made an extensive search for P/O Warren or signs of his parachute without success. M. Cardin informs me that there might well have been five bodies in the wreckage of the plane, and this would account for Warren. It is stated that Black told M. Cardin that Warren was the first to bale out, this is improbable. He was the Captain of the crew and would remain until the last at his post. Moreover, F/O Drylis states - "... Our aircraft was badly hit by flak and the bomb-aimer and myself had time to bale out. Of the other I cannot say whether they baled out or not as I was completely on my own when I reached the ground. Warren was un wounded and in my opinion would have a fair chance of getting out".

The bomb-aimer was F/Sgt Black and it would seem the logical conclusion that the Captain of the crew, P/O Warren stuck to his post and died with the four other members. It can fairly be assumed that his body lies with the others in the little Cemetery at St. Jean de Daye.

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(SGD) ???????  
for Squadron Leader Office i/c  
M.R. & E. S. R.A.F. PARIS  
Attached is print of photo <sup>3/9</sup>  
taken by me of Church at St. Jean  
de Daye on 10.4.45 shewing grave of above  
airmen beneath the tree shewn on side of Church Tower.

REC'D 1945



# COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*ENC 47A*

Telephone  
HOL 9211

Telegraphic address:

'AUSTRAIR, WESTCENT, LONDON.'

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
"THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING."

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. *1401/7144/P.4. 12530*

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE, 59A

OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS,

KODAK HOUSE,

63, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

## FAST AIR MAIL

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

*1401/7144/P.4. 12530*  
18th August., 1945.

50 AUG. 1945  
IN  
REGISTRY.

*POW*

Aus. 418790 Flight Sergeant BLACK S.K.

Reference is made to this Headquarters' letter of the 13th June concerning the above mentioned R.A.A.F. member. Enclosed herewith is a further report on the fate of this crew which has been received from Missing Research & Enquiry Service, Paris.

2. In view of the information contained in the enclosed report, it would appear unlikely that any further information will be obtained concerning the fate of this member.

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

The bomb-aimer of the crew was your son, and it would show the logical conclusion that the Captain of the crew, Pilot Officer Warren, stuck to his post and died with the four other members. It can fairly be assumed that his body lies with the others in the little cemetery at St. Jean de Days.

It is thought that you would wish to have this fuller account of the information supplied by the Mayor of St. Jean de Days in a letter to Mrs. Warren, a copy of which was included in my letter dated 28th July.

*enclosed with  
13/9*

With reference to the Certificates of Death on War Service of your late son, which have been returned by you to this Department, enclosed herewith are three certificates showing the date of your son's death as 11th June, 1944. It is requested that the fourth certificate previously issued to you showing the date of your son's death as 7th June, 1944, be returned to this Department as soon as possible for cancellation and issue of a fresh certificate showing the correct date.

Permit me to again extend to you the sympathy of this Department in the sad loss you have suffered.

Yours faithfully,

Encs.

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

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. N.7. Vic.

*G. Reeves*  
D.P. SP6(N1)  
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Casualty Section,

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MU.9981.

391 Lit.Collins St.,

SEP 20 1945

RAAF.166/5/559(48A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to my letter to you dated 28th July, 1945, concerning your late son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, in which I informed you that further enquiries were being made by the Missing Research and Enquiry Service.

I have now to advise that a representative of that Service visited the Parish Cemetery of St.Jean de Daye, a village south of Garentan, and saw the grave, over which a cross bears the names of Sergeants Corner, Rooker, Wigham and Puckett, four members of the crew of your late son.

The representative made extensive enquiries concerning the fate of your son and Pilot Officer Warren. He interviewed a M.Cardin, at St. Jean de Daye, who sheltered your son for one day, and, at the latter's request, took him over to a neighbouring village where about 180 American parachutists had landed the previous day and were preparing to defend their position. About a week later, the enemy strongly attacked this village and most of the Americans were killed, some of their bodies, so the representative was informed, being cremated by the enemy on the spot. It is known that your son was with the defenders, and it must be regretfully assumed that he suffered the fate of the American parachutists.

On information supplied by your son, M. Cardin made an extensive search for Pilot Officer Warren, or signs of his parachute, without success. He informed the representative, however, that there might well have been five bodies in the wreckage of the plane, and this would account for Pilot Officer Warren. It is stated that your late son told M. Cardin that Pilot Officer Warren was the first to bale out, but this is considered improbable. He was the Captain of the crew and would remain until the last at his post; moreover, Flying Officer J. Drylie in his statement said, "Our aircraft was badly hit by flak and the bomb-aimer and myself had time to bale out. Of the others, I cannot say whether they baled out or not, as I was completely on my own when I reached the ground. Warren was unwounded and, in my opinion, would have a fair chance of getting out".

NOTE:

1. Post Office Savings Bank Book - Penthos R.A.M. No. 24.
3. Diaries. Photos & negatives. Extracted and forwarded by writ to R.A. . . . Overseas, London.

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Cash amounting to 24.10.0. and stamps to the value of 1/11d, found amongst the personal effects, has been credited to his service account.

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Items extracted for forwarding to R.A.M. Overseas, London:-

1. Road Atlas.
- Postcards.

Next of Kin :- (Father)

- 2 pr. pyjamas.
- 1 towel.
- 1 shirt.
- 1 pr. pants.
- 2 vests.
- 2 odd socks.
- 16 handkerchiefs.

Mr. G. Black,  
 90, Melbridge Street,  
 North Fitzroy, N.7.  
 MELBOURNE. Australia.

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Personal Effects AV3418790 F/S Black SK

- 1 cartoon coat
- 1 Sheepskin vest
- 1 Br wool. hat
- 2 Br sheepskin gloves
- 1 Br wool shoe lings
- 1 Pipe from Iron Co
- 19 Handkerchiefs
- 1 Br Ice Skates
- 1 Canvas Gup Bag
- 20 Socks
- 4 S Bays
- 5 wool Carves
- 1 Br wool gloves
- 1 Palacard
- 2 Brs Grace
- 5 Padlock Keys
- 1 Br black shorts
- 1 Leather Honey Bee
- 1 Br Ice Skating Boots
- 4 wool Pullovers
- 1 bunch Keys
- 1 Cardboard winter case
- 2 1932 & 1935 Diaries (2 vols)
- 1 Steel Hammer
- 2 Torchcases
- 1 Br the lat. Airta. do
- 1 Leather cigarette case
- 1 New Testament
- 1 Remington Electric Razor
- 1 filled in case
- 3 Tooth Brushes
- 2 lengths flex & 44 things
- 2 C Badg coat 1 B Badge
- 1 Match box case
- 2 combs
- 1 Pipe
- 1 AIF Brooch
- 5 Pack Playing Cards
- 1 Brown Box camera
- 1 Conway Stewart ft. Pen
- 1 Brown Note Case with 1 Rollay Bill
- 1 Blue Note wallet
- 1 Blue Leather writing case
- 30 Coins
- 1 Key
- 1 21st Birthday Key

- 1. Cloth Bag
- 2. Cratho gear
- 2. Gumbo Puffans
- 1 Towel
- 1 Shirt
- 1 Br. Brause
- 2 Single to
- 15 cloth Pegs
- 1 Writing pad
- 9 Letters
- 9 Photos
- 5 Greeting cards

Robinson, R  
J Boyle etc

EXTRACTED

- 1 Razor handle
- 1 Tin Car Icepenster

U-K. SECURITY MAIL.

Personal Effect. 418790 P/SGT ~~BLACK~~ S.K

1 Pkt Photos & negatives

1 Pkt P. & postcards.

1 Diary 1944

1 Airforce Diary 1944

1 Australian Diary 1943

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21/10/45

Barnes A.C.  
21/10/45

## DEPOSIT RECEIPT

Surname BLACK

(IN BLOCK)

Christian Names SKRank F/S Unit Number 418790

## RECEIPT FOR 1 (ONE)

- (a) Universal Kit Bag
- (b) Sea Kit Bag
- (c) Steel Trunk
- (d) Fibre or Leather Trunk
- (e) Suitcase
- (f) Case or Package

*Strike out words not required***No 12629**R.A.A.F. Kit Store No. CentralIssued by FB Date 12/9/45

(To be handed to depositor)



Incl 50B.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS. 418790 F/SGT. BLACK. S.F.

- 1 carton containing
- 1 pr wool mittens
- 2 prs sheepskin gloves
- 1 pr wool stockings
- 1 pr swim trunks
- 19 handkerchiefs
- 1 pr ice skates
- 1 canvas grip bag
- 20 socks
- 4 D.bars
- 5 wool scarves
- 1 pr wool gloves
- 1 balaclava
- 2 prs braces
- 5 padlocks
- 1 pr black shorts
- 1 leather money belt
- 1 pr skating boots
- 4 wool pullovers
- 1 bunch of keys
- 1 cardboard writing case
- 1 1942 diary
- 1 1945 diary
- 1 steel mirror in case
- 2 torch cases
- 1 pr metal armbands
- 1 leather cigarette case
- 1 New Testament
- 1 Remington electric razor and flex in case
- 3 tooth brushes
- 2 lengths flex and<sup>4</sup> fittings
- 2 Q badges
- 1 B badge
- 1 match box case
- 2 combs
- 1 pipe
- 1 A.I.F. brooch
- 5 packs playing cards
- 1 Brownie Box camera
- 1 Conway Stewart fountain pen
- 1 brown note case containing 1 Dollar bill
- 1 blue note wallet
- 1 blue leather writing case
- 34 coins
- 1 key
- 1 21st Birthday key
- 1 cloth bag
- 2 coat hangers
- 2 suits pyjamas
- 1 towel
- 1 shirt
- 1 pr drawers
- 1 singlet
- 15 clothes pegs
- 1 writing pad
- 9 letters
- 9 photos
- 5 greeting cards
- 1 pkt. photos and negatives
- 1 pkt. views and postcards
- 1 1944 diary
- 1 Air Force diary 1944
- 1 Australian diary 1943

*Handwritten: 24*

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RAAF.136/5/559(50A)

Central Repository Ait Store,  
Cnr. Howard & Rosslyn Sts.,  
WEST MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Service Affairs of your late son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, 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,

*Handwritten signature: M. ...*  
.....F/LT.  
Officer in Charge,  
CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

Encl.

Mr. G. Black,  
30 Dalbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. VICTORIA.



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*W. O. Neesham*  
Squadron Leader

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Air Force Headquarters,  
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File 166 / 5 / 559

Issued to - Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. N.7. Vic.

Officer-in-Charge of Casualty Section.

Wing Commander

*S. O. Reid*

Cancelled in pursuance of the provisions of Regulation 8 of the National  
Security (War Deaths) Regulations this... day of October, 1945.

Encl 51A

90 Delbridge St  
9th Liberty N7

SEP 22 1945

To Casualty Section

Dear Sir, enclosed you will find  
Certificate of Death which you have  
asked to be returned for cancellation  
& issue of a fresh one showing correct date  
I have received the other 3 showing correct  
date 11-6-44

The delay was caused through missed laid  
which I regret

Yours faithfully

G. Black

BLACK

S.K.

DESPATCHED

Vide M..... 20.

140150 P/O. A. Dryllis.

P/O Dryllis was located after 17 days in the woods of St. Jean de Baye. He was hidden by Monsieur Michel for 14 days and subsequently arrived back in England. P/O. Dryllis told Monsieur Michel (now known as Mr. X) that P/O. Warren baled out first. Both Mr. X and Dryllis are credited with the rescue of Warren although they did not meet after the crash.

174942 Pilot Officer R.S.M. Warren.

Monsieur Cordin of St. Jean de Baye (Manche) searched for Warren for eight days without success. We persisted with one enquired page, King Warren and spent several days on the enquiry. We are now able to explain how the letter from the Mayor of St. Jean de Baye to Warren's father came into being. During an interview with Monsieur Cordin we disclosed that our further enquiry was based on this letter to P/O. Warren's father. He at once and without hesitation said that it had since been discovered that the airman referred to proved to be another. He told us that a short time after the Lancaster's crash on 7/6th June, 1944. Mons. le Cure of Aril was ill and was visited by the village doctor of St. Jean de Baye. During a conversation he the Cure told the doctor that "an airman had fallen by parachute into the Cure's yard. The local German Adjutant Otto took the airman away as his prisoner. The doctor informed the Mayor of St. Jean de Baye and the Mayor took it upon himself to send the details to Warren's father. This he did in good faith believing the story to be in relation to P/O. Warren.

Since this letter was written it has been discovered that an unfortunate mistake had been made. We are satisfied in face of the following facts that the airman arrested by the German Adjutant Otto was not Warren. Our enquiries took us to Aril to see Monsieur le Cure Bertol, but he had been transferred to Avaranches. We proceeded to Avaranches and saw Monsieur le Cure Bertot. He was a benevolent kindly old man who had been badly wounded in 1943, when one of our aircraft flying low dropped a bomb on him at Aril. He was most anxious to clear up the airman's standing and gave us the following story. We were now hearing for the first time and also first hand just what occurred. He remembered that an airman had fallen in his yard at Aril. The German Adjutant Otto arrived with escort and took him (the airman) away. He, the Cure remembers that the airman had a grin on his face and was smoking a cigarette as Otto took him away. The important point in Monsieur le Cure's evidence is that he Cure Bertot told us that the airman fell into his yard two days prior to the crash of Warren's Lancaster crashed at 0300 hours on the morning of the 5th June, 1944. Although we cannot say what happened to Warren after he baled out as reported by Black and Dryllis we may come across some evidence during our final sweep of the Manche area. It is possible that he was fatally injured on landing or that he was killed as a parachutist and is buried as unknown. Any data to assist in identification such as Dental Card, would be appreciated.

(Signed). J.E. Foster, S/Ldr.  
A. Lord, P/O.

(Signed) E.R. Emond, S/L.

(E.R. Emond), Squadron Leader,  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 1. Missing Research and Enquiry Unit,  
Royal Air Force,  
c/o British Army of the Rhine.

*Gene 57B*

FROM: No. 1 Missing Research and Enquiry Unit, Royal Air Force,  
c/o British Army of the Rhine.

TO: Air Ministry, (P.4. Cas.) 73, - 77 Oxford Street, London, W.1.

COPIES TO: R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, Kodak House, 63 Kingsway, W.C.2.

DATE: 25th January, 1946.

YOUR FILE OR FOLDER REFERENCE: P.418139/44/P.4.B.4. dated 15th November, 1944.

YOUR CASUALTY ENQUIRY NUMBER: No.46.

OUR REFERENCE: 1MREU/S.8/CE.46/AIR.

NAME OF SEARCH OFFICER AND NUMBER OF SECTION: S/Ldr. Foster & F/O. Lord No.4. Section.

TARGET: Caen.

AIRCRAFT TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER: Lancaster NE 150.

DATE REPORTED MISSING: 7/8th June, 1944.

PLACE OF CRASH, WITH MAP REFERENCE: St. Jean De Daye. A.8/T.47.

PLACE OF BURIAL, WITH MAP REFERENCE: St. Jean De Daye, Parish Cemetery, A.8/T.47.

CREW:- 174942 Pilot Officer H.G.M. Warren, - Captain.  
2220039 Sergeant F.L. Corner. - Flight/Eng.  
140868 Flying Officer J. Dryllis. - Navigator.  
A.418790 F/Sgt. N.O. Rokker. *Black* - W/Op.  
1593975 Sergeant M.H. Wigham, - Mid Upper Gunner.  
1853943 Sergeant R.L. Puckett, - Rear Gunner.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS:-

Following up data given in Casualty Enquiry No.46, we interviewed Monsieur. Desire Cardin and his son Bernard of St. Jean De Daye. For the purpose of this report the data received on P/O. Warren is given separately owing to necessity of explanation regarding our disagreement with information contained in letter received by P/O. Warren's father from the Mayor of St. Jean De Daye.

Re: F/Sgt. Black.

Mons. Desire Cardin and his son Bernard gave us similar details to those already given to S/Ldr. Le Bas with a few additional details.

Whilst under the care of Mons. Cardin and prior to transfer to care of the Mayor of Craignes and the American parachutists, Black wore civilian clothes over his battle dress - he possibly retained his uniform as some protection in a likely charge of espionage. These clothes were supplied by Mons. Cardin. On the day of the funeral of Corner - Rokker - Wigham and Puckett, Friday 9th June, in the Parish Cemetery, St. Jean De Daye - Black gave his identity photo to Mons. Bernard Cardin, as a souvenir. He (Black) told Mons. Cardin that P/O. Warren baled out first over Lison, 6-7, Kilometres from St. Jean De Daye. We visited the Genadarmerie at Lison and examined details of the only two crashes on record. One was for a British single engined fighter. The pilot was burned with the aircraft. He is buried at Le Molet - Littry. The other case was of an American aircraft (marked with the white star) which crashed on 9th June, 44. Five Americans baled out.

It will be noted that the crash of the American aircraft occurred two days after the Lancaster which is the basis of this enquiry. It fell at 19.30 hours. The fact that Black was wearing an American uniform is supported by the Mayor of Craignes (Manche) who is a close friend of Mons. Desire Cardin. He, the Mayor was well acquainted with Black who was in the district for four days with the Americans. The Mayor took food to Black each day, personally. Apart from 30 who escaped when the Germans attacked, the whole of the American parachutists were wiped out and their bodies were transported to MESNIL-ANCOT, where they were burned. Owing to strong circumstantial evidence we are of the opinion that F/Sgt. Black died with the American parachutists.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AIR MAIL

*Jan 5th*

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H.C. RN 9211

Teleg. address:

"AIR MAIL, WESTCENT, LONDON."

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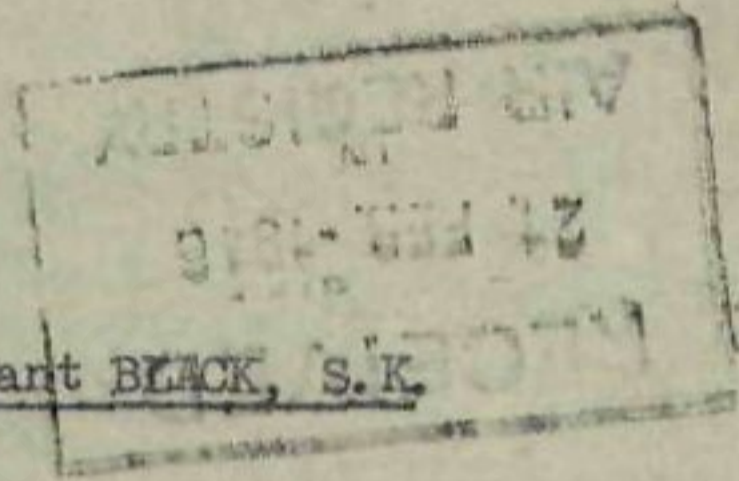
KODAK HOUSE.

63, KINGSWAY.

LONDON, W.C.2.

8th February 1946

The Secretary,  
Department of Air,  
MELBOURNE.



Aus. 418790 Flight Sergeant BLACK, S.K.

The enclosed report from Missing Research, France,  
concerning the above R. A. A. F. member and his crew is  
forwarded for your information.

*No action  
nothing dependent*

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

Encls:

*cabled to encl 4/8 a*

*DH*

GR 166/5/559

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PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE LATE AUS. 418790 F/SGT. BLACK. S.K.

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 carton containing                         | 1 A.I.F. brooch               |
| 1 pr wool mittens                           | 5 packs playing cards         |
| 2 prs sheepskin gloves                      | 1 Brownie Box camera          |
| 1 pr wool stockings                         | 1 Conway Stewart fountain pen |
| 1 pr swim trunks                            | 1 brown note case containing  |
| 19 handkerchiefs                            | 1 Dollar bill                 |
| 1 pr ice skates                             | 1 blue note wallet            |
| 1 canvas grip bag                           | 1 blue leather writing case   |
| 20 socks                                    | 34 coins                      |
| 4 D bars                                    | 1 key                         |
| 5 wool scarves                              | 1 21st Birthday key           |
| 1 pr wool gloves                            | 1 cloth bag                   |
| 1 balaclava                                 | 2 coat hangers                |
| 2 prs braces                                | 2 suits pyjamas               |
| 5 padlocks                                  | 1 towel                       |
| 1 pr black shorts                           | 1 shirt                       |
| 1 leather money belt                        | 1 pr drawers                  |
| 1 pr skating boots                          | 1 singlet                     |
| 4 wool pullovers                            | 15 clothes pegs               |
| 1 bunch of keys                             | 1 writing pad                 |
| 1 cardboard writing case                    | 9 letters                     |
| 1 1942 diary                                | 9 photos                      |
| 1 1935 diary                                | 5 greeting cards              |
| 1 steel mirror in case                      | 1 pkt. photos and negatives   |
| 2 torch cases                               | 1 pkt. views and postcards    |
| 1 pr metal armbands                         | 1 1944 diary                  |
| 1 leather cigarette case                    | 1 Air Force diary 1944        |
| 1 New Testament                             | 1 Australian diary 1943       |
| 1 Remington electric razor and flex in case |                               |
| 3 tooth brushes                             |                               |
| 2 lengths flex and 4 fittings               |                               |
| 2 O badges                                  |                               |
| 1 B badge                                   |                               |
| 1 match box case                            |                               |
| 2 combs                                     |                               |
| 1 pipe                                      |                               |

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned effects.

Date Oct 13. 1945

A. Black .....







*Enc 55A*

AUSTRALIA (R) KINGSWAY

RAAFHQ

*W. 133 P. 12/1/44*

WL337P 24 FEB

UNCLASSIFIED AUS.418790 IS REGIMENTAL NUMBER OF P/SGT.  
STANLEY KEVIN BLACK PRESUMED DEAD 11 JUN 1944 (.) THIS IS  
FIRST INTIMATION RECEIVED THIS HEAD-QUARTERS THAT BLACK  
BURIED (.) IN EVENT CONFIRMATION IDENTITY BLACK REQUEST  
FULL REPORT BE OBTAINED FROM US CASUALTY BRANCH FOR APPROPRIATE  
ACTION THIS HEAD-QUARTERS AND COPY FORWARDED OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS  
FOR INFORMATION AIR MINISTRY

*[Signature]*  
Group Captain, D.P.S.

*12/1/44*





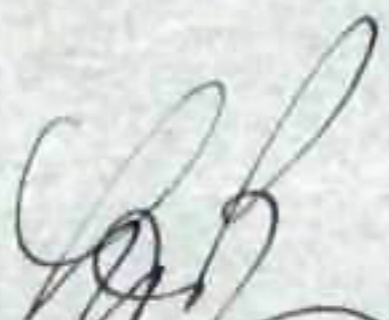


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ENDS

  
G/Cpt. D.P.S.



 11/03/02

Enc 57A

/April 1947

KINGSWAY

RAAFHQ

*L. 85 P.*

*11/10/47*

UNCLASSIFIED	FURTHER	WN133P	12	MARCH
1947	REPEATED	YOUR	HEADQUARTERS	FOLLOWING
IS	REPLY	RECEIVED	FROM	AIR
ATTACHE	WASHINGTON	AND	IS	FORWARDED
FOR	YOUR	INFORMATION	(.)	BEGINS
(.)	CASUALTY	AUS	418790	FLIGHT
SERGEANT	STANLEY	KEVIN	BLACK	(.)
US	CASUALTY	BRANCH	REQUESTED	TO
CONFIRM	IDENTITY	THIS	MEMBER	AND
FURNISH	FULL	REPORT	ON	BURIAL
DETAILS	(.)	WAR	DEPARTMENT	HAS
NOW	ADVISED	MATTER	REFERRED	TO
HEADQUARTERS	AMERICAN	GRAVES	REGISTRATION	COMMAND
PARIS	FOR	NECESSARY	ACTION	(.)
WILL	ADVISE	RESULTS	IN	DUE



26 / May 1947

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26 May

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UNCLASSIFIED	REQUEST	ADVISE	WHEN	FURTHER
INFORMATION	MAY	BE	ANTICIPATED	OF
CONFIRMATION	BURIAL	418790	FLIGHT	SERGEANT
S	K	BROWN	PRESUMED	DEAD
AND	ALLEGED	BURIED	IN	AMERICAN
CEMETERY	AT	ELOSVILLE	FRANCE	(.)
WN133	TWELFTH	MARCH	ALSO	REFERS

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G/Cpt. D.P.S.

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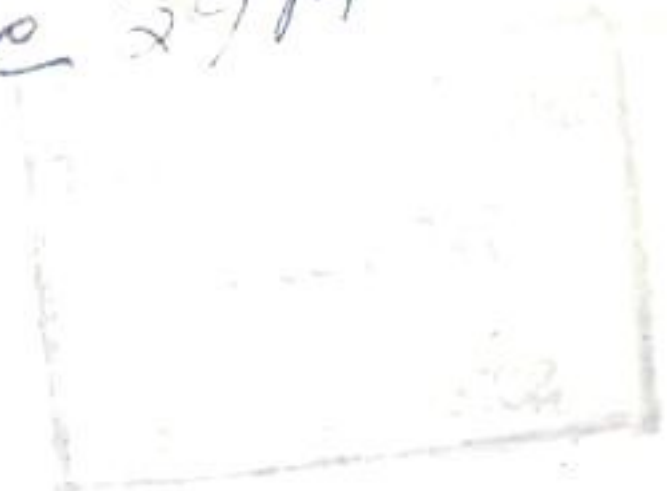
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ROUTINE

*W. W. W.*

CG 16

*Enc 29A*



FROM AUSTRALIA WASHN

TO RAAF HQS MEL

P143 4 JUNE RES YOUR P652 26 MAY

UNCLAS, CASUALTY AUS-418790 FLIGHT SARGEANT BLACK, STANLEY KEVIN  
CONFIRMATION BURIAL BLACK STILL UNOBTAINABLE. HAVE AGAIN CONTACTED  
WAR DEPARTMENT WHO ADVISE IT WILL TAKE THREE TO FIVE MONTHS TO  
FINALIZE MATTER. WILL FOLLOW UP AND ADVISE FURTHER --031615Z

MAC VAN TOP 050324Z B

ACTION COPY

D.P.S.



CASUALTY SECTION

*Gaswell*

CG 17

One 60A

8 JULY 1947

OHQ KINGSWAY  
RAAFHQ

P 730

UNCASSIFIED	FURTHER	THIS	HEAD-QUARTERS	L85P
11	APR	FOLLOWING	ADDITIONAL	INFORMATION
RECEIVED	FROM	AUSTRAIR	WASHINGTON	AND
IS	SUBMITTED	FOR	YOUR	INFORMATION
(.)	BEGINS	(.)	CASUALTY	AUS-418790
FLIGHT	SERGEANT	BLACK	STANLEY	KEVIN
CONFIRMATION	BURIAL	BLACK	STILL	UNOBTAINABLE
(.)	HAVE	AGAIN	CONTACTED	WAR
DEPARTMENT	WHO	ADVISE	IT	WILL
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No Price  
2/17/47

Line 61A

*Mr. Dawson*

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ROUTINE (?BILL RAAFLO)

**ACTION COPY**

MELBOURNE  
TELETYPE UNIT  
9 JUL 1947  
SIGNAL OFFICE

FROM AUSTRAL WASHN

TO RAAF HQS MEL

*hq 33*

P296 7 JULY

UNCLAS. CASUALTY AUS 418790 F/S BLACK STANLEY KEVIN. FURTHER MY P143  
4 JUN NOW CONFIRMED BLACK WAS BURIED IN AMERICAN CEMETERY AT BLOSVILLE  
FRANCE. REMAINS TRANSFERRED TO LIEUT FG MACDONALD REPRESENTATIVE  
OF BRITISH EMPIRE ON 7 MAY 47 FOR REBURIAL. AWAITING WRITTEN  
CONFIRMATION FROM WAR DEPT AND WILL FORWARD SAME YOUR HQS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.....072030Z

M VAN TOP 080330Z B

RECEIVED  
9 JUL 1947  
CASUALTY SECTION

*R. C. W.*

*Mr Price*  
*2/7/47*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEFENCE  
*166/5/559*  
*62A*

Telephone:  
HOLBORN 9211

Telegraphic:  
"AUSTRALIA, WESTCENT, LONDON."

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. *1401/7144/P.4.(65A).3247*

AIRMAIL

*166/5/559*  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.  
OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS.  
KODAK HOUSE,  
63, KINGSWAY,  
LONDON W.C.2.

20th June, 1947.

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

AIR REGISTRY  
RECEIVED  
*1 JUN 1947*

Aus/418790 Flight Sergeant BLACK, S.K.  
DECEASED

*pps.*  
*P1 Cas. 25.3.47*

With reference to your signal L.85P of the 11th April, 1947, advice has now been received from Air Ministry to the effect that the abovenamed member was originally buried in Blosville United States Military Cemetery and has now been reinterred in the British Military Cemetery at BAYEUX in Plot XVI, Row C, Grave No.8.

*Mr Price*  
*Action taken in lenc.*  
*No burial advice has*  
*been forwarded to M.O.K*  
*by D.W.GS.*  
*AGS/5268/UK dated 26/6/47*  
*give date of reburial*  
*as 7/5/47*  
*AD 17/7/47.*

*Jeffreys*  
(L. M. JEFFREYS),  
Squadron Leader,  
for Air Commodore,  
Air Officer Commanding.

*P1 Cas.*  
*8.7.47*

Wm. L. J. type

Please draft ~~reply~~ letter  
on this case.

§ 22/7/4)

See 52A +  
Succeeding Encls.

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FROM: No.1 Missing Research and Enquiry Unit.  
Royal Air Force, British Forces in France.

TO: Air Ministry (S.14. Cas) 2 Seville Street, Knightsbridge, S.W.1.

Copies to: R.A.A.F. O/S HEADQUARTERS.  
R.A.A.F.L.O. D.D.G.R. & E.

Date: 11.7.47.

Your File or Folder Reference: P.418139/44/S.14 Cas/S.14 Cas.C.4 dated  
12.6.47.

Your Casualty Enquiry number: CE.46 Department: Manche.

Our Reference: OPS.8/CE.46/AIR.

Name of Search Officer and Number of Section: F/Lt. Masse. No.2.

Target: CAEN.

Aircraft type and Serial Number. Lancaster. N.E.150.

Date Reported Missing. 8.6.44.

Place of crash: St. Jean De Daye. Map Reference: A.8/T47.

Place of Burial: St. Jean De Daye & Bayeaux British Cemetery. Map Reference: A8/T.47  
A8/T.7879

Crew: As previously listed.

#### Result of Investigation and Findings.

1. With reference to Air Ministry letter P.418139/44/S.14 Cas.C.4 dated 12.6.47, final paragraph. A final AFW.3372 for P/O Warren, Sgt. Corner, Sgt. Wigham, Sgt. Rooker and Sgt. Puckett has already been forwarded Serial No.1757 dated 1.4.47.

2. With regard to F/Sgt. Black. It is not possible to submit a final 3372 at the moment owing to the fact that Black was originally an escapee and was later killed with the American Parachutists at Graignes. The date these parachutists were wiped out was between the 8th and 12th June, 1944. H.Q. 2nd Zone A.G.R.C. are awaiting confirmation from Washington prior to settling the date of death. May I suggest that we do like wise. S/ldr. Foster' report LMREU/S.8/CE.46/Air dated 25.1.46. para 4 states "Black was in the district for four days" But the present cross and records give date of death as "6.6.44" It is therefore obvious that some official confirmation be received.

signed. H.P. Masse F/Lt.

signed. F.C. Joerin, Flt.Lt.  
for Squadron Leader, Commanding,  
No.1 Missing Research and Enquiry Unit.  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

typed 21.7.47

AIR MAIL.

1-6/5/559  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Enc 63A  
166/5/559  
R. A. F.

Telephone:

HOLBORN 9211

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63. KINGSWAY.

LONDON. W.C.2.

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

1401/7144/P.4 (69A)

21st August 1947

Handwritten: No 2 type 23/7

The Secretary,  
Air Board,  
Victoria Barracks,  
St. Kilda Road,  
Melbourne,  
Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

06479

Aus.418790 Flight Sergeant BLACK S.K.  
Deceased

A letter from Air Ministry to No.1 Missing  
Research and Enquiry Unit dated 15th August, 1947,  
advises the following:-

"Information has now been received from the  
War Office that F/S BLACK lost his life on  
the 11th June 1944.

Please arrange for his grave, No.8, Row C,  
Plot 16 in Bayeux British Cemetery to be  
marked accordingly and submit final "3372"  
whereupon this case will be considered  
closed."

2. Forwarded, for your information, is a copy of  
a report received from No.1 Missing Research and Enquiry  
Unit concerning the above mentioned member.

Handwritten: P2 (bas) 2/9/47

*M. Delaney*  
(M.D. DELANEY)  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Commodore,  
Air Officer Commanding

Encl.



BD. 7/10/47.

Enclosure(64A.)

145199 ✓

OCT 14 1947

MXV.130.

Casualty Section,

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Albert Park Barracks,  
x 3.

RAAF.166/5/559(64A.)



Dear Sir,

I refer to previous communications concerning your late son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black.

Advice has been received from the Missing, Research and Enquiry Service operating in France, that your son's remains were interred in the Blosville, United States Military Cemetery. Blosville is situated approximately 48 miles north west of Caen, France.

The report also confirms that your son after contacting American parachutists lost his life on the 11th June, 1944, when they were attacked by the Germans.

XVI. Your son's remains have been re-interred in Plot 16, Row C, Grave No.8, in the British Cemetery, Bayeux, which is located 16 miles north west of Caen.

A temporary cross has been erected over your son's grave and at a later date it will be replaced by a permanent headstone to be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission which will then care for and maintain the grave in perpetuity.

Permit me to assure you once again of the sincere sympathy of this Department in the great loss which you have suffered.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. Vic.

*S. H. Beal*  
5/10/47

*S. H. Beal*

*K.R.J.*  
-8 (10/1947)

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166/5/559  
R.A.  
SEP 13 1948

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RAAF 155/5/559(65A)

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of the grave of your late son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black, who was laid to rest in the Bayeux British Military Cemetery, France.

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When the photograph was taken, the ground was being prepared to enable the plan for the beautification of the cemetery to be proceeded with.

Yours faithfully,

SEP 13 1948

Encl.

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

Mr. G. Black,  
90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. VIC.

*RB*  
119

*[Handwritten signature]*

SFM 6/7/50.



25535 ✓

166/5/559 (66A)

11 JUL 1950

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous communications concerning your late son, Flight Sergeant Stanley Kevin Black.

It is advised that the accompanying photograph has been received at this Department from the Air Force Association, Sydney, for onward transmission to you. The photograph was taken by a person who recently toured through France and handed the print to the Air Force Association to arrange despatch to you.

Yours faithfully,

(M. C. Langsley) *MLC*  
SECRETARY.

Mr. G. Black,  
 90 Delbridge Street,  
NORTH FITZROY. Victoria.

Encl.

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

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*Photograph of Grave*

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

If not delivered within 7 days, return to  
DEPARTMENT OF AIR.

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REBURIED

PHOTO NO. ....

13-9-48

TO N/K. ....

BLA/228



AUS 418790

F SGT. BLACK, S. K.  
RAAF

PRES  
DIED  
11.6.44

MINUTE SHEET

Reference

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Ref. Enc. 46A 3 copies of Death Certificate No. 7636  
Dated 10/9/45 RE issued to

and despatched to Mr. J. Black, Mr. Fitzroy, etc.

19 09 45

*[Signature]*

P.6. (A)

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15 OCT 1945

Personal effects ref. to Encl. 50A-B.  
handed to Mr. S. Black (father)  
at counter of. B.R.K.S. War Melba  
13.10.45 by W/O Bales.

*[Signature]*

15 OCT 1945

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

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Ref. Enc. 57A 1 copy/ies of Death Certificate No. 7636  
Dated 18/10/45 RE issued to

and despatched to Mr. J. Black, Mr. Fitzroy, etc.

22/10/45

*[Signature]*

P.6. (A)

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Mr Bowley.

Please ascertain from Mil. Survey Directorate  
(Cpl Woolstencroft) ext WBA/6696 the precise  
location of Bloisville to nearest town in France,  
& also its proximity to St. Jean de Baye - map ref.  
A8/T47 (presumably 1:200000 or 1:250000 series).  
Please treat matter as urgent.

*[Signature]*

D.P.S. P.4 N

28 FEB 1947

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Mr Lovie.

Bloisville situated 20 miles N.N.W St Lo } 36 miles N.  
St Jean de Baye - 8 - N - - } of CAEN

-4 MAR 1947

*[Signature]*

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MINUTE SHEET

Reference 106/5/559

Leaflet forwarded to N/K on 9/6/44 ~~with deliv~~

Leaflet forwarded to N/K on 12/6/44

14.6.44 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 106  
(miss. air ops)

4  
Father of member called and wished to advise that during the day he is employed at % Small & Shattell's, 41 Johnson St. Fitzroy (PHONE J. 2167) and that at night he is at address shown in Encl: 7A. He desires all reference to Templeton Street Wangaratta address to be deleted for future  
16/6/44 S. J. Swlo.

5  
Father called conveyed to him contents of 17a he has heard from Mr Warren that 4 are buried - he is going to bring in letter & said I would investigate it for him.

From 20rd he will be at Hartwood address Correspondence there until he writes us again.  
16/11/44 Sheila Flay

6  
Telephoned Mr. Black (Mother) - of Encl 21A. advised her Graves Registration Unit investigating & that he will be informed immediately any news came to hand  
Sheila Flay 11/11/45

RECORDED ON CASUALTY INDEX

N.R. (567) 12/4/45 (D.P.)

8  
19.4.45 REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 109  
D.P.

Ref. Enc. 31A 3 copy/ies of Death Certificate No. 6559  
Dated 3/5/45 issued to

and despatched to Mrs. G. Black, Mt. Fitzroy  
4/5/45 10 - M. Allen recd

Considered an appropriate case for the issue R6 (A) Royal Messrs of Condolence and message despatched to Mrs. G. Black (OVER  
of Mt Fitzroy. (6513) 8/5



11.

Father called producing letter received by Mrs. Heffernan, 12 Castlake Avenue, Parkstone Dorset, quoting letter received by Mrs. Warren from Mayor of St. Jean De Doye, who states that local priest saw Warren taken Prisoner of War by Germans.

2. Advised Father we would signal C.H.Q. and have matter investigated and would advise him further.

3. Father requests that a further copy of a Death Certificate be sent to him.

*P6 A  
Stub*

30 .5.45.

*R. P. S.*  
.....Flt/O.  
D.P.S. P.6 (N.1).

12.

Encl 377111-11 1 copy of Death Certificate No. 6559  
Dated 5/6/45

and despatched to Mr J. Black, with Fitzroy  
*6/6/45* Abraham  
P.6. (A)

Phoned Mr Black re Encl 38a, he arranged to call & see me on 9.6.45.  
8.6.45.

*R. P. S.*  
D.P.S. P.6 (N.1)

14.

Father called in response to request (see Min.13). I explained to him the contents of Encl.38a. He is slightly hard of hearing and expressed the wish that the information contained in the above enclosure be conveyed to him by letter. I agreed to do this.

8/6/45.

*Shepherd* F/Lt.  
D.P.S. P.6. (R. & P.)

15.

RECORDED ON CASUALTY REPORT  
*DR (SOT) 187/45 (DATE DEATH).*

16.

19.7.45  
REPORTED ON DAILY CASUALTY REPORT No. 200

17.

Father & another son called for further news I had 1242 as redrafted to them & said it would be despatched in a few days. I went through whole file with father at his request & he ultimately expressed the belief that "the boy must have gone"

*21/7/45*

*Loos*



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