

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

THE SECRETARY,

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR,

OTTAWA, ONTARIO.



OUR FILE J19457(DPC)

REF. YOUR

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 18th June, 1948.

Mr. F.R. Gosney,
96 Burton Ave.,
Allandale, Barrie, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gosney:

It is with regret that I again refer to the loss of your son, Pilot Officer Leonard David Gosney, but you will wish to know of a report received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service.

Investigating Officers of this Service located the graves of your son's crew in sandy ground just outside the prisoner of war cemetery at Ludwigsfelde. Ludwigsfelde is located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles South South West of Genshagen and $16\frac{1}{2}$ miles South of Berlin, Germany. The coffins were found outside the actual cemetery on the eastern side and although enquiries were made, the reason for burying them outside the cemetery was not ascertained.

Exhumation was carried out resulting in the identification of all members of the crew with the exception of Sergeant Lawrie and Sergeant Morgan, the air gunners in your son's crew. The crew have since been re-interred in the Berlin (Heerstrasse) British Military Cemetery in Berlin. Your son was laid to rest in Plot 8, Row G, Grave No. 17.

This is a permanent British Military Cemetery located in Germany, and will be turned over to the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member), who are responsible for the reverent and perpetual care of the resting places of all our Fallen. The cemeteries will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of shrubs and flowers, and a headstone will be erected at each grave. Unhappily, there are great numbers of these headstones to be erected and it will quite naturally take considerable time. It is not necessary to write to the Imperial War Graves Commission, as you will be contacted by them before the stone is prepared.

May I again offer you my most sincere sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

for W.R. Gunn
(W.R. Gunn) W/C
R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.