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ENCLOSURE 26A.

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Casualty Section,

391 Lit. Collins St.,

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RAAF.166/16/363(26A)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your son, Flight Sergeant James Percival Gwilliam, who is missing as a result of air operations on the 23rd June, 1944.

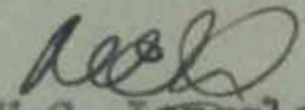
Flight Sergeant D.R. Foden, a member of your son's crew, who is now safe in the United Kingdom, has been interrogated, and he states that "On the return flight, after leaving the target, the aircraft was attacked at about 8,000 feet. The port engine exploded and the Captain instructed the crew to abandon while the aircraft was still under control".

Flight Sergeant Foden did not see anyone else abandon, nor did he see any parachutes in the air while descending.

Flight Sergeant Foden was informed by a source which cannot be disclosed that your son, as well as other members of the crew are safe. It is suggested that you treat this information with the utmost reserve pending confirmation of its authenticity.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.C. Langelow)  
SECRETARY

Mr. P. Gwilliam,  
25 Rocket Street,  
BATHURST. N.S.W.

  
D.R.S. CASUALTY SECTION  
15/11

FROM:

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AUS. [REDACTED] SOCIETY  
BUREAU [REDACTED] SERVICE

20M/26/6/44

TO:

Date 15/5/45.

No., Rank, Name, and Unit.

432355 F/Sgt. GWILLIAM J.P.  
(M.S.W.)

RAAF att RAF UK

Remarks:

Previously Prisoner of War (Stalag Luft 111) Now safe in U.K.  
(Liberated by Allied Armies)

Action taken

Date

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TELEGRAPHIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DELIVERY  
PERSONAL: MR. P. GWILLIAM  
25 ROCKET STREET  
BATHURST N.S.W.

432355 F/Sgt. J.P. GWILLIAM SAFE STOP PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR  
SON FLIGHT SERGEANT JAMES PERCIVAL GWILLIAM HAS BEEN LIBERATED BY  
THE ALLIED ARMIES AND IS NOW SAFE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM STOP ANTICIPATE  
YOUR SON WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU DIRECT

12/5

12/5/45

AIRFORCE 391 LITTLE COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

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Received: 0845 hrs.12/1/45.  
Submitted: hrs.12/1/45.

Berlin cables air personnel 7/5.

A.415738 F/Sgt. Perry, Walter Captured.

23/6

A.425954 F/Sgt Mills, Keith Captured.

A.432355 F/Sgt. Gwilliam James Captured.

A.418957 F/Sgt. Johnston, Eric Captured.

A.417883 P/O Mills, Robert Captured.