

No.158 Squadron,
R.A.F. Station,
East Moor,
Nr. York,
Yorkshire.

8th August, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Davies,

It is with the greatest regret that I have to write to you concerning the loss of your husband AUS.400528 Flying Officer I.H.Davies, who was reported missing from operations on the night of 6th August, 1942.

Your husband joined the Squadron last month and since that date had taken part in several operational sorties against the enemy and had on all occasions carried out his duties with zeal, courage and determination. He was a very efficient and reliable Observer and was very popular in the Squadron and will be much missed by us all.

His effects are being dealt with by a committee especially appointed for the purpose, who will communicate with you in due course.

May I offer you on behalf of the Squadron and myself our most sincere sympathy in your loss, which we sincerely hope may be only temporary.

Yours sincerely,

P. de B. Seymour

Squadron Leader,
Commanding,
No.158 Squadron.

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Dear Madam,

This letter is to confirm telegram from this Department dated the 10th August, 1942, informing you that your husband, Flying Officer Ivan Henry Davies, is reported to be missing as a result of air operations on the 7th August, 1942.

The details available at present in this Department are that your husband was a member of the crew of a Halifax aircraft which was lost while on an operational flight. The aircraft left its base in the United Kingdom in the early hours of the 7th August, 1942. I regret to say that no message was received after the take-off, and that the circumstances surrounding its loss are unknown.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

M. O. Langslow
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SECRETARY.

Enc.

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