

OTTAWA, Canada, March 2nd, 1948.

Mrs. Lillian M. Leonard,
Crows Nest, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Leonard:

It is with regret that I must again refer to the loss of your son, Pilot Officer Raymond Gale Leonard. A communication has been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service which, although it does not give any information concerning your son, gives the results of their investigation concerning the crew. The graves of Pilot Officer Wheelhouse and Pilot Officer Wilson were located in the Cemetery at St. Riquier es Plains, approximately 20 miles west southwest of Dieppe. As this burial ground was found unsuitable, they have been re-interred in the British Military Cemetery at Grandcourt which is 19 miles east southeast of Dieppe.

I deeply regret having to advise that the graves of your son, Pilot Officer Warren, and Sergeant Gough could not be found.

Permanent commemoration to the memory of all the gallant airmen who lost their lives in our fight for freedom will be carried out as soon as details are complete and conditions permit. Unhappily, the task of preparing and erecting permanent memorials to our Fallen is a very great one and it will be some time before all of the work can be completed, but notification of your son's permanent commemoration will be sent to you when the information becomes available.

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

Yours sincerely,

R. C. A. F. Casualty Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.