



Royal Air Force,  
Spilsby,  
Lincolnshire.

6th January, 1944.

Dear, *Mrs Gosney.*

By the time you receive this letter you will have been notified that your Son Leonard David, is reported missing as a result of air operations on the night of the 1st/2nd January, 1944.

As it was his first trip I sent him with our best Pilot so that he could get some experience before going on his own. The fact that he was with such an experienced Pilot gives good hope for his safety and I trust that you will have good news of him very soon.

Although your Son had only been with the Squadron a very short while he had shown himself to be the makings of a very good Pilot, and was fast becoming popular with all the Squadron boys. We appreciate how great a shock his loss must be to you and our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to you and your family in this sad time.

His personal belongings have been collected, and will be forwarded to the Central Depository, Colnbrook, Slough, Bucks. You will be hearing from that department in due course.

On behalf of everyone here I wish to convey our sincere sorrow in your very great loss. If there is any way, however small, in which I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to write.

Yours Sincerely,

*Jennings*

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