

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
OTTAWA, Canada.



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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 8th January, 1944.

Mr. F. R. Gosney,
96 Burton Avenue,
Allandale, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gosney:

It is my painful duty to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Flight Sergeant Leonard David Gosney, is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice had been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, that your son was a member of the crew of an aircraft which left its base at 11.50 P.M. on January 1st, 1944 and failed to return after a bombing raid over Berlin, Germany.

This does not necessarily mean that your son has been killed or wounded. He may have landed in enemy territory and might be a Prisoner of War. Enquiries have been made through the International Red Cross Society and all other appropriate sources and you may be assured that any further information received will be communicated to you immediately.

Your son's name will not appear on the official casualty list for five weeks. You may, however, release to the Press or Radio the fact that he is reported missing, but not disclosing the date, place or his unit.

May I join with you and the members of your family in the hope that better news will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Gunn

(W. R. Gunn)
Squadron Leader,

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