

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.



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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 18th June, 1946.

Mr. F. R. Gosney,
96 Burton Avenue,
Allandale, Barrie, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gosney:

It is indeed with regret that I must advise you that information which has now been secured from captured German documents, states that your son, Pilot Officer Leonard David Gosney, lost his life.

These documents state that the aircraft of which your son was a member of the crew was shot down in the vicinity of the Daimler-Benz Works at Genshagen which is located approximately 15 miles South of Berlin, Germany. They further advise that your son, Pilot Officer Watt, Flying Officer DeBardleben and Flight Sergeant Scott together with three unknown were killed, but no burial details are given.

Please be assured that the Missing Research and Enquiry Service and the Graves Registration Units in that area are doing everything possible to obtain further information concerning their death and burial and just as soon as word is received, you will be advised. I am sure you will realize, however, that in view of the vast number of enquiries confronting these enquiry services, some considerable time may elapse before a report is received.

May I again extend to you and the members of your family my most sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. E. ...".

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