

Royal Air Force,

North Killingholme,

Nt Grimsby, Lincs.

Ref: NK/C.1010/25/P1.

June 9th 1944.

Dear Madam,

I am instructed to inform you that the personal effects of your husband, Sgt A.H. Brown, have been dealt with as follows.

All personal belongings, correspondence, etc., together with complete inventory have been forwarded to the Committee of Adjustment, R.A.F., Colnbrook, Slough, Bucks, who will be communicating with you at an early date.

Cash amounting to 4/10d has been handed the Senior Accountant Officer and his receipt obtained, and this will be credited to your husband's estate in due course.

National Savings Stamps to the value of £2.17.0. have been forwarded to Air Ministry, Accounts, Worcester for their attention.

It is regretted that the bicycle belonging to your husband has not as yet been traced though investigations are still in hand with the Station Police.

Please let me know should you require any further information regarding your Son's effects when I shall be very pleased to be of further service to you.

Yours faithfully,

for Group Captain, Commanding,
R.A.F., North Killingholme.

Mrs A. Brown,
340, Ainsworth Road,
Radcliffe,
Nr Manchester, Lancs.

Letter Commanding Officer 550 Squadron regarding personal effects.

I do like the bit about his bicycle. I can imagine my ever-practical Mother in the midst of this mayhem and grief asking "where's his bike?"

WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

RAF/A/3.



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Telephone No.
SLOANE 9696

In replying please quote reference:

RAF/C/12878

7 BELGRAVE SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.1

2nd August 1944

Dear Mrs Brown,

We have received your enquiry in which you ask for news of your husband, Sergeant A.H. Brown, No. 2209356.

We are so sorry to tell you that so far no information has been received about him, but all possible enquiries are being made. Any news coming from the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva or from any other source, will be passed to you immediately. If, however, you are the registered next-of-kin, your first notification will come from the Air Ministry.

May we say how much we sympathise with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

Dowager Ampthill
pp. 2209356

Chairman.

2nd August 1944:

Letter from the Red Cross: No news

Tel. No.

GERRARD 9234, Ext.

Correspondence on the subject of
this letter should be addressed to

THE UNDER-SECRETARY
OF STATE,

AIR MINISTRY (P.4(Cas.)),

and should quote the reference

P.417743/4/P.4.B.6.

Your Ref.



AIR MINISTRY,

73-77, OXFORD STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

19th October 1944

Madam,

I am directed to inform you, with deep regret,
that all efforts to trace your husband, 2209356 Sergeant
A.H. Brown, have proved unavailing.

In view of the absence of news for so long a
period, it is felt that you should be informed of this
Department's grave anxiety for his safety, but action to
presume that he has lost his life will not be taken until
evidence of his death is received, or until such time has
elapsed that it is considered there can be no longer any
likelihood of his survival.

Such action will then be for official purposes
only and will not be taken until this Department has
communicated with you further.

I am to assure you that all possible enquiries
are continuing.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

for Director of Personal Services.

Mrs. A.H. Brown,
15 Brooks Avenue,
Radcliffe,
LANCS.

19th October 1944:

Letter from the Air Ministry: Still no news

GERARD 9234
TELEPHONE : Extn.....

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THE
UNDER SECRETARY
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AIR MINISTRY

(Casualty Branch),

73-77, OXFORD STREET,

W.1.

20th January 1945.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to the letter dated 8th June, 1944, from the Department notifying you that your husband, No. 2209356 Sergeant Albert Henry Brown, Royal Air Force, was reported missing as the result of air operations on the night of 27th/28th May, 1944, and to inform you, with regret, that although no definite news of your husband has come to hand, a report regarding certain of the occupants of the aircraft has been received from the International Red Cross Committee.

This report, quoting German information, states that Pilot Officer F.G. Lebano, Flying Officer M. Shapiro and one member, whose identity the German Authorities are unable to establish at present, all belonging to the crew of this Lancaster aircraft, lost their lives on 28th May.

As there were seven members in the crew, it will be appreciated that it is not possible on the above information to state precisely who is the unidentified member but it is considered that you would wish to be notified of this report.

/I

Mrs. A.H. Brown,
15, Brooks Avenue,
Radcliffe,
Lancashire.



20th January 1945:

Letter from the Air Ministry Casualty Branch.

A report from the German authorities via the Red Cross states that FG Lebano and M Shapiro and one other unidentified body has been found. The location is not given.