



## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Abbotsford, B.C., July 12th, 1945.

Mr. J.L. Hammond,  
32 Winkworth Road,  
BANSTEAD, Surrey, England.

Dear Mr. Hammond:

The delay in advising you further regarding the accident in which your son was involved is regretted exceedingly. However, the crash was finally located in such an inaccessible area we have only now received a report from the Officer in charge of the search and the burial party. The following information is taken from this report:

"Liberator 241 crashed into the side of Mt. Welch, at a height of 7000 feet. The aircraft blew to bits with only part of the tail section remaining at the point of impact. The explosion loosened tons of rock and snow which came down the mountain side with considerable wreckage from the plane.

All remains were buried and a rock grave erected in the saddle between Mt. Welch and Mt. Still. A cross was put up and F/L Gilbert, E.W.S., Church of England, conducted the burial service on the afternoon of Sunday, July 1st."

In view of the type of accident, it was impossible for the burial party to obtain positive identity of the bodies. Therefore, although there is no hope of any members of the crew having escaped, for official purposes, your son is still listed as missing, presumed dead. There is still a possibility that the Provincial Authorities will issue Death Certificates for some members of this crew, and in the event that your son is included, you will be further notified.

Photographs of the grave and funeral service will be forwarded to you by F/L Gilbert.

Again, with sincere sympathy, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(D.J. Williams) W/C,  
Officer Commanding,  
RCAF Station, Abbotsford, B.C.