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Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I refer again to your late son, Flight Sergeant Victor Edward Petschel, and now advise that a report has been received from Overseas Headquarters, Royal Australian Air Force, London.

The report states that the Missing, Research and Enquiry Service has made prolonged and thorough investigations in the endeavour to ascertain the details of the manner in which your son lost his life and to recover his body for burial in a British War Cemetery but unfortunately, no news of the aircraft or any member of the crew could be obtained.

In view of the complete absence of any information it is now reluctantly concluded that no definite news will be obtained. Your son will, therefore, be commemorated by including his name on a Memorial to the Missing, to be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission on the banks of the Thames at Runnymede, to the memory of all those members of the United Kingdom and Dominion Air Forces who lost their lives in North Western Europe and who have no known grave.

Permit me to assure you of the constant sympathy of this Department and of all those who have been concerned in the investigations.

Yours faithfully,

M. C. Langslow
(M.C. Langslow.) *M.C.*
SECRETARY

Mr. C.B. Petschel,
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