

**THE AIR MINISTRY**

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2nd November, 1945.

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The Director General,  
Graves Registration & Enquiries,  
The War Office, (A.O. 18),  
88 Grosvenor Gardens,  
London, S.W.1

C.L. 1172

[REDACTED] F/S Star, E.A.	Pilot R.C.A.F.
R132169 F/S Kopechuk, J.	Nav. R.C.A.F.
R157098 Sgt O'Reilly, J.P.	B.A. R.C.A.F.
R143317 Sgt Orlinski, C.F.	W.A.C.R.C.A.F.
[REDACTED] Sgt Parkinson, W.O.	A.G. R.C.A.F.

1. The above were the crew of Wellington H.Z. 519 which was reported missing 22-6-43 from an attack on KREFELD, Germany.

2. A resume of the information contained in files held at this office reveals that R154098 Sgt. O'Reilly, J.P.C. and two unknowns were found in a rubber boat near Wemeldinge, Holland, on the 22nd June, 1943, buried 25th June, 1943, in the Cemetery Vlissingen, Island of Walcheren, Graves 159 and 160-161 respectively. The body of R143317 Sgt. Orlinski, C.F. was washed ashore at Wemeldinge, Holland, on the 26th June, 1943, and buried 28th June, 1943, in Grave 162 of the above Cemetery. Attached hereto copy of an extract from a Burial List of this Cemetery.

3. Please note that one member of this crew remains unaccounted for, however, the two "Unknowns" are definitely associated with this aircraft. This information is forwarded to your Directorate in order that your records may be annotated accordingly. It is assumed that the graves of the "unknowns" will be exhumed at some later date in order that individual identification may be made, in which case, may this office be advised of the results.

A. T. MACKENZIE

(J.B. Harris) Wing Commander,  
for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief,  
R.C.A.F. Overseas.

C.O.: M.R. & E. Services.  
M/R/PAD

Result of Investigation and Findings:

1. Information obtained from Flushing Town Hall and the Dutch Red Cross states that an Allied aircraft crashed in the Eastern SCHELDT near Wemeldinge on the 22nd June, 1943. Three bodies were found floating in a dinghy 24 hrs. later. They were buried by the Germans in Flushing Cemetery in Graves 159, 160, 161, who identified one as R.154098 Sgt. J.P. G. O'Reilly, the others being buried as unknown.
2. No further information is obtainable at Wemeldinge and the adjoining villages.
3. Please, advise the names of the missing members of this crew.

(G.J. Hussey) Squadron Leader,  
for Wing Commander, Officer Commanding,  
No. 2 M.R. & E. Unit, R.A.F.

CASUALTY ENQUIRY & INVESTIGATION REPORT

From: Officer Commanding, No. 2 M.R. & E. Unit, R.A.F.

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S/Ldr. J. Barker, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, c/o D.D.G.R.E.

Date: 23rd July, 1946

Your File Reference:

Dated:

Casualty Enquiry No:

Name of Search Officer: F/L Biggerstaff

Section: 7

Our Reference: 2MREU/2039/Air/X3058

Aircraft Type: Unknown

Serial No:

Aircraft Type: Unknown

Target: Unknown

Date reported Missing: 22nd June, 1943

Place of Crash: East Scheldt near Wemeldinge

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Place of Burial: Flushing Noorder Cemetery

Map Ref.

PARTICULARS AND FATE OF CREW

Service	A.F. Number	Rank	Name and Initials	Position	Fate
R.C.A.F.	R.154098	Sgt	O'REILLY, J.P.G. Unknown Unknown		Killed Grave 5