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Dear

Mrs Bradley

Before you receive this letter you will have had a telegram informing you that your husband, Sergeant William Bradley, has been reported missing as the result of air operations.

It is with regret that I write to you to-day to convey to William's family the feelings of my entire Squadron. At 11.59 p.m. on the 30th August, William and the rest of his crew took off from this airfield in 'L' for London to carry out a sortie over enemy occupied territory and they were due to return at approximately 5.00 a.m. on the 31st. Unfortunately the aircraft did not return and we have heard nothing from it, or any member of the crew since the time of take-off, as wireless silence is maintained during the sortie.

We lost one of our most experienced and popular Flight Engineers when this aircraft did not return, we shall miss him very much.

There is always the possibility that he may be a prisoner of war, in which case you will either hear from him direct or through the Air Ministry, who will receive advise from the International Red Cross Society.

William's effects have been gathered together and forwarded to the Royal Air Force Central Depository where they will be held until better news is received, or in any case for a period of at least six months before being forwarded to you.

May I now express the great sympathy which all of us feel with you in your anxiety, and I should like to assure you how greatly his comrades in the Royal Air Force admire the unselfish sacrifice your husband has made in the cause of freedom and in the service of his country.

Yours

Sincerely
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