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AIR MINISTRY

HUNBERGEN HOLLAND

Registered Number

P 425923/44

T47
28/11/44

SUBJECT

F. B.
SPITFIRE IX MH 474

22/11/44

Date

29/11/44

154714 F/O CIPRIANI. T. M.

KILLED

Numbers and subjects of former and subsequent papers are to be recorded on page 3 of this jacket.

REFERRED TO	DATE	REFERRED TO	DATE	REFERRED TO	DATE	REFERRED TO	DATE
~~[illegible] 29/11/44~~							
~~BF to C.6~~	9/6/48						
~~on 19/6~~							
~~C.5 (PPM)~~	17/6						
~~B1 Photostats~~	5/7/48						
~~B1 (ull.)~~	16/7						
~~Reg~~	~~23/7~~						
R.C.	26/1/50						
~~AR9~~	11.9.79						
059a	19/10/79						

NOTATION of decisions, etc., in Branch precedent book or records

BRANCH	INITIALS	DATE

AUTHORITY TO P.A.

(This must be **signed** by a responsible officer in the Branch which first dealt with

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CASUALTY ACTION SHEET Folder No. P425923

I. INITIAL ACTION	Ints.	Date	RE-CIRCULATED Encl. Ints.	Date	Encl. Ints.	Date
Signal entered, file opened	[illegible]	29/11				
Card, Covers, Transit Slip	[illegible]	29/11				
Verification filed	[illegible]	29/11				
Tels. to N/K Others						
Dominions etc. notified						
Directed Letter prepared						
Full Check by Shift Leader	[illegible]	30/11				
1669's typed Checked						
Scrutiny to Encl. 30/11 CAB 1/12	[illegible]	1/12				
AIR COUNCIL LETTER						
Initial Letter prepared	[illegible]	4/12				
Checked						
Despatched	[illegible]	6/12				
Agents notified 33259	[illegible]	1/12				
Others notified - A/C 13.	[illegible]	3/11				
Scrutiny to Encl.	[illegible]	7/12				

II. MISSING MEMO ACTION	M.M. Ints.	No. Date	M.M. Ints.	No. Date	M.M. Ints.	No. Date
Agents and Amendment Slip issued						
Tel. to N/K (P/W and Internees)						
Confirming letter						
Missing Memo circulated						
Tel. to N/K (other than above)						
Telegram to Unit						

III. PRESUMPTION ACTION	Ints.	Date
Evidence of death filed		
Evidence submitted		
4 month letter		
5½ month letter (a) N/K		
(b) Unit		
(c) Agents		
Dominion Prefirm		
Dominions notified		
N/K notified		
Amendment Slip and Agents		
Notification issued		
Scrutiny to (Encl.)		

IV. POST DEATH ACTION	Ints.	Date
Death Book	Empire	
Royal Message	[illegible]	8/12
C.N.D.		
Burial Report	[illegible]	27/8
Scrutiny to Encl.		

V. INTERIM ACTION

Enclos. No.	Action Taken	Enclos. No.	Action Taken
24	N/K addressee amended slip issued		

A.U.S. (P)

Letter submitted for Signature A.V.S(P) Fresh letter submitted.

[redacted] S40

[redacted] S40

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5.12.44. Further amendments as at Encl 10 C.A.F. 6/12/44.

VI. SCRUTINY

Examined to	Encl.	Ints.	Date	Encl.	Ints.	Date	Encl.	Ints.	Date
	12	[illegible]	12/12	20	[illegible]	2.3.45	27.	[illegible]	16/5.
	14	K.S.	10/1	21	[illegible]	24 3.			
	18	CW	31/1/45	26	[illegible]	15/4/6	32. 33	[illegible]	4/7/48 23.4.48

Essential papers filed in main file and surplus copies withdrawn for salvage.

Ints. _____ Date _____

FILE P425923/44

MISSING RESEARCH ACTION SHEET

TO BE PINNED ON THE INSIDE OF THE LEFT HAND COVER OF MAIN FILE

		ENCLOSURE	SIGNATURE & DATE
~~C.4~~	(a) Case closed	28	RCR 2/5/48
C.6	(b) Next of kin notified of original burial information	23	- 28/2/46
~~C.7~~		31	RCR 16/6/48
C.4	~~Effects cleared~~	(OK. Encl 22)	
C.5	(a) ~~German documents attached~~		
	(b) +Photostats checked		
	(c) ~~Re-burial notification to next-of-kin~~		
	(d) P.P.M. issued	32 -	[illegible] 5/7/48
	(e) Scrutinised to	32	DW 5/7/48
		34	RCR 23/7/48
	+N.B. To be attached by B.1 before action is commenced		

DELETE ITEMS NOT REQUIRED TO BE ACTIONED. THE OFFICER DEALING WITH THE FILE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT CORRECT SUBSEQUENT ACTION IS REQUESTED FROM THE RELEVANT SECTION.

A.15327

HUIJBERGEN

Holland

Cipriani T.M.

A.R.S.
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R.A.F. OFFICERS RECORDS 20 JAN 1 A.R.8.B.

From:- S.14 Casualties, Stanmore, Middlesex. P.425923. /44/ Date:- 19.1.50.	To:- Officers Records, A.R.8.B.

Subject:- 154714 F/O. CIPRIANI. Thomas Michael.

Date of death. 22.11.44.....

Kindly state date and place of birth of the above named officer.

Signature of Sender. [redacted] S40

Reply

Date of Birth 31st October 1922

Place of Birth Port of Spain

Signature of Sender. [redacted] S40

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P.425923/44/S.14 Cas.C.6.

2, Seville Street,
London, S.W.1.

23 July, 1948.

My dear Mrs. Mathieu,

Thank you for your kind letter. I am glad you were pleased to receive the news I sent you.

As regards the photograph, I should perhaps explain that the Army Graves Service takes snapshots of the crosses on all war graves (R.A.F. and R.N. as well as their own people) and it is a very big task. You may rest assured however that as soon as we receive the prints in this Department (we have a special section for photos) they will be sent on to you right away.

The Imperial War Graves Commission is already tackling the job of replacing temporary crosses by headstones inscribed according to the wishes of next-of-kin but I need hardly say that this too is quite a formidable job. The Commission takes the greatest pains to comply with parents' wishes and to maintain graves in a worthy state, so you need not worry in this connection in spite of the distance.

The Commission does not, however, supply photographs of the final headstones but I suggest that when you hear from them to the effect that the stone has been erected, you could write to the Belgian Red Cross for which the address is:-

Monsieur le Directeur-Général,
Société Belge de la Croix Rouge,
98, Chaussée de Vleurgat,
Brussels.

(Alternatively

Mrs. D. Mathieu,
c/o Gordon Grant & Co.Ltd.,
St. Vincent Street,
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Alternatively the British Legion (at 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1) will supply one or more photographs for a nominal charge.

Yours sincerely,

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Seen
N.C.R.

C/o Messrs: Gordon Grant & Co. Ltd.
6 St. Vincent Street,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad, B.W.I.

7th. July 1948.

Dear Mr. Batt:

There are some acts that I am quite confident are registered in Heaven, and believe me when I say that your letter to me of 16th. June is indeed one of those things. It is many years that I have been trying to get some definite information as to the grave and burial of my Son - Tommy, of course I got the Official letter, but such things are indeed empty and devoid of any kind of understanding. I had written enquiring as to whether it was in my power to erect some kind of tombstone or headstone for him, but was told that would be done by the Graves Commission. From that moment I have had no kind of news, they even said that a photograph of the grave would be sent to me when the stone was put. But that also has not arrived. So you can imagine how I felt when I received your letter, I did not kiss it and that was all. It was as you said, so very comforting to receive it from someone I knew and who I felt would indeed have felt some mite of sympathy for me on writing it, all of the other information I have received, has indeed been so very empty, which I suppose it would be and was quite natural, but to the one concerned it does not seem so.

With most people in this world - or so I have found it to be - they automatically just put people out of their minds as soon as they part company from them, you have therefore somewhat altered my opinion of mankind by your letter, and shown that there are some who do remember those they come in contact with. I cannot really explain how very touched I was by your letter, and to see that you are in some way connected with Tommy's grave, has made me feel much closer to it, I have always felt that it was so inaccessible, I have always said that if ever I got the money I would like so much to go and see where he has been buried, but I suppose that will remain an idle desire, as money like that to-day will not come my way. Tommy's death, has put aside many hopes that I had, he always said that on his return from the War, I was never to do another stroke of work, but God willed it otherwise.

Please accept my very deepest and most grateful [illegible] your letter, as I have said already, I am sure that it has [illegible] the Credit side of your Ledger Account in Heaven.

With kindest regards, I remain,
Yours very Sincerely

S.14 (Cas.)C.5

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 3226/48

FILE NUMBER P.425923/44 DATE 21.6.48

Relating to SPITFIRE MH.474 Missing on 22.11.44

Crashed at HULJBERGEN, WESTERN HOLLAND

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	BURIAL DETAILS	INFORMATION
154714	Fg.Off.	CIPRIANI T.M.	ANTWERP (SCHOONSELHOF) CEMETERY Plot 1 Row A Grave 15	BELGIUM Form 3372A shows burial details of this officer who was buried originally in Grave 15 Row Z4 now renumbered as indicated. Case closed.

Circulation:
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Seville Str.,

P-425923/44/S.14 Cas. C.6.

(31)

16th June 1948.

My dear Mrs. Mathieu,

I expect you will remember me from those 1945 days when I was with S.B.N.O. Trinidad. Since leaving the Navy I have taken up my old job at the Air Ministry and it is now my duty to check up on wartime casualties.

Naturally I hesitate to remind you of the loss of your Michael but I feel that as you are so far away it might help to know that "a friend of the family" (so to speak) has dealt with his burial records at the Air Ministry.

It is of course our usual custom to notify the next-of-kin in more or less official language and I see you have already received a letter from the Department dated 28th February 1946. I now have to tell you that the Army Graves Service has renumbered the cemetery and Michael's resting place (still grave number 15) is now described as being in row A of plot 1.

I hope it will be of some comfort to know that the word "Schoonselhof" - freely translated - means "Garden of Beauty" and from all accounts is most aptly named. It is in Hoboken, one of the south-western suburbs of Antwerp.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. Mathieu,
c/o Gordon Grant & Co. Ltd.,
6 St.Vincent Street,
Port-of-Spain,
Trinidad, BWI.

[redacted]

For the attention of Mr. Batt.

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From : Officer Commanding,
Low Countries Detachment M.R.E.S., R.A.F.,
c/o H.Q., G.R. & E., Calais R.P., Pas de Calais, France

To : Air Ministry (S.14 Cas),
2, Seville Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

P.435923/44

Date : 3rd June 1948

Ref. : 2MREU/2038/AIR/972

Reference the attached form 3372 in respect of Flying Officer T.M. Cipriani, it has been confirmed from Army records that row Z4 in 'Schoonselhof' became plot I row A when the numbering system was reorganised last year.

[redacted]

for Squadron Leader Commanding
Low Countries Detachment
MRES ROYAL AIR FORCE

10 JUN 48

2MREU/2038/AIR/972 3.6.48

Army Form W 3372A

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Report No. 972 E

Schedule No. .....

Place of Burial: ANTWERP (Schoonselhof) Cemetery

Department:

Country: Belgium

Map Reference or 3/J.69

The following are buried here:— Location Detail.

Regiment	Army No.	Name and Initials	Rank	K/A D/W or Died	Date of Death	How marked	Plot, Row and Grave
R.A.F.	154714	T.M. CIPRIANI	F/O		22.11.44		I : A ; 15

Raised in accordance with Air Ministry letter
~~MR~~ MR.4127/S.14.Cas.C.6 dated 12.5.48.

[redacted]

for Squadron Leader Commanding
Low Countries Detachment
MRES ROYAL AIR FORCE

To : Air Ministry ✓
D.D.G.R. & E.
I.W.G.C.

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Contents of
branch folder
MR. 4127

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2, Seville Street,

MR.4127/S.14.Cas.C.6.
2MRSU/2038/AIR/972

12 May, 1948.

The Officer Commanding the Low Countries Detachment,
Royal Air Force Missing Research & Enquiry Service,
c/o France Detachment, M.R. & E.S.,
British Embassy, Paris.

UNKNOWN IN SCHOONSELHOF CEMETERY.

In reply to your memoranda dated 14th November, 1947, and 13th April, 1948, the records of this Department give Flying Officer T.M. Cipriani (154714 R.A.F.V.R.) as the occupant of grave 15, row Z4 in the "Schoonselhof" at Hoboken, near Antwerp.

2. If, on renumbering, row Z4 has become row A in plot 1, you should amend the registration accordingly.

3. The officer was killed in Spitfire IX B MH.474 on 22nd November 1944 and was buried on 27th November 1944.

[redacted]

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From : Officer Commanding
Low Countries Detachment MRES,
Chateau Prunay, Louveciennes,
Seine-et-Oise, France.

To : Air Ministry S.14 Cas.,
2 Seville Street,
London S.W. 1.

Date : 13th April 1948

Ref : 2MREU/2038/Air/972

Further to our memorandum of even reference dated 14th. November 1947, concerning an Unknown Airman buried in Plot 1, Row A, Grave 15, Antwerp (Schoonselhof) Cemetery, D.D.G.R. & E. now inform us that War Office A.G. 13 have this casualty recorded as F/O. T. CIPRIANA, R.A.F. (VR) 22.11.44.

We have no records or information on this name. Please comment.

[redacted]

Squadron Leader Commanding
Low Countries Detachment
MRES ROYAL AIR FORCE

20 APR 1948

From: Officer Commanding
Low Countries Detachment MRES,
Chateau Prunay, Louveciennes,
Seine-et-Oise, France

To : Air Ministry (S.14 Cas.)
2, Seville Street,
London, S.W. 1.

Date: 14th November 1947

Ref : 2MREU/2038/Air/972.

In the course of exchanging some bodies in Antwerp (Schoonselhof) Cemetery, in order to re-arrange some army graves, grave 15, Row A, Plot 1 was found to contain an Air Force casualty.

2. Exhumation has revealed no further clue to identity. The civil records show only "Unknown Pilot 1944", and this grave has accordingly been registered as Unknown.

3. For your information.

[redacted]

Flight Lieutenant Commanding
Low Countries Detachment
MRES ROYAL AIR FORCE

2-DEC 1947

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CONFIDENTIAL

GRAVES SERVICE — WESTERN EUROPE

EXHUMATION REPORT

Army No. U/K Rank U/K Name U/K Unit R.A.F.
(If unknown, State "UNKNOWN")

Cemetery or Place of Burial SCHOONSELHOF (Antwerp) Plot 1 Row A

Grave No. 15

(For all SPECIAL cases of exhumation, a pathologist should be present)

1. Height: U/K
(If actual measurements impossible, state "Short", "Medium", "Tall")

2. Build: U/K
(Thin, Broad, etc.)

3. Colour of hair: U/K
(also "Straight", "Curly", "Long", "Short")

4. Teeth: 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
(See also Dental Chart overleaf)

5. Fingers and hands: N/A

6. Nature of wound: K/A
(or other probable cause of death)

7. Identity discs: NIL

8. Documents or other effects on body: NIL

9. Clothing — details: Aircrew sweater (white) R.A.F. Officers type shirt, pieces of officer type uniform

10. Boots — details: NIL

11. Equipment (including any Arms) — details: Aircraft Spar, 2'6" long 3' wide.

12. General Remarks: [redacted] wrapped in blanket, few remains and scraps of clothing.

Date of death 1944

Cross shows Unknown Pilot

Signature of Officer conducting exhumation:

R.A.F. Witnessing Officer

Rank and Appointment:

Date: 6th October 1947

Capt. 89 G.C.U.

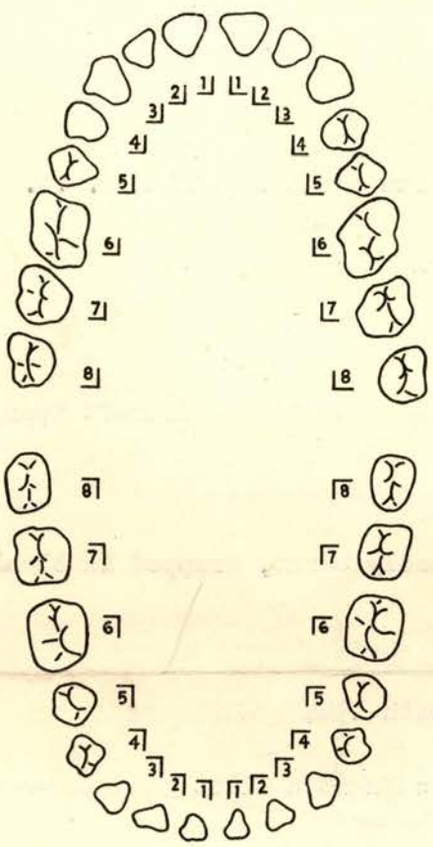
DENTAL CHART

(To be completed when a Pathologist is in attendance)

Abbreviations

Mesial	M	Labial	La
Distal	D	Buccal	B
Incisal	I	Linual	Li
Occusal	O		

Extraction	X	Gold Inlay	GI	Bridge	Br
Amalgam	A	Porcelain Inlay	PI	Partial Denture	PD
Cement	Ce	Gold Crown	GC	Complete upper	CU
Synthetic Porcelain	S	Porcelain Crown	PC	Complete lower	CL
Foil	F	Richmond Crown	RC		
		Jacket Crown	JC		



Ref: 2MREU/2038/Air/972 14th November 1947 ARMY FORM W.3372.

M.R. & E.U. **GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.**

Report No. 972.E. Schedule No.

PLACE OF BURIAL ANTWERP (Schoonselhof) Cemetery.

MAP REFERENCE or 3/J.69

The following are buried here :— LOCATION DETAIL.

Regiment.	Army No.	Name and Initials.	Rank.	Date of Death.	How marked.	Plot, Row and Grave.
R.A.F.	Unknown	Unknown		1944		1 : A : 15

TO: Air Ministry ✓
D.D.G.R & E.

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Flight Lieutenant Commanding
Low Countries Detachment
MRES ROYAL AIR FORCE

(*29526) Wt.8675/5699 160,000 4/45 A.& E.W.Ltd. Gp.698

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Your reference:
P 425923/44/P.4.A.3.

Cab

[redacted]
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4 May 1946.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for your letter quoted above and for the information contained therein. I am forwarding your letter to Mrs. Mattieu forthwith, and feel confident that it will clear up her uncertainties.

No action
BG 16/5

Yours sincerely

[redacted]
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To:
The Under Secretary of State,
Air Ministry (Casualty Branch),
73-77 Oxford Street W.1.



P 425923/44/P.4.A.3.

May, 1946.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 2nd April, 1946, with regard to the death of Flight Lieutenant Thomas Michael Cipriani, Royal Air Force.

A letter from Mrs. Mathieu was received in this department on 15th February, last, and a reply was despatched to the address quoted in your letter on 28th February, enclosing a copy of a letter of condolence written on behalf of the Air Council, dated 6th December, 1944, and which it would seem was not received by her.

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The department's letter dated 25th February, last, informed Mrs. Mathieu that her son is buried in the Military Cemetery at Schoonselhof, Antwerp, Belgium, in Grave No.15 Row Z.4. The letter also informed her of the temporary cross which will be erected until a permanent headstone can take it's place, and that as soon as circumstances permit, a photograph of the grave will be sent to her.

The letter of condolence dated 6th December, 1944, a copy of which was enclosed, quoted reports from her son's unit which stated that the Spitfire aircraft in which he was flying crashed in a wood at Huijbergen, Western Holland, after his aircraft had been hit, it is believed, by enemy fire, and he was attempting to make a forced landing.

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It is hoped that the department's letter dated 25th February, together with it's enclosure, has now reached Mrs. Mathieu.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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for Director of Personal Services.

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AIR MINISTRY
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Cab K.

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AIR MINISTRY
To P4 (Cas)
WITH
A.M. P.H.
A 3 APR 1946
Initials if acknowledged
File No.
To On
ack 4/4

[redacted] S40 2 April 1946

Dear Sir,

A friend of mine, Mrs Cipriani (now Mrs Mathieu) of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, wrote to me a few days ago, telling me that on 30.11.1946 she received a telegram from R.A.F. H.Q. stating that her son, Fl/Lt THOMAS MICHAEL CIPRIANI was reported to have lost his life during Air Operations over Holland on 22 November 1944.

Apart from receiving some of his clothes last December, Mrs Cipriani tells me she has heard nothing further about the death of her son, nor does she know where he has been buried. She writes to me therefore, in the hope that I may be able to reach the correct department at the Air Ministry and thus obtain further details of this officer's death and burial.

I realise of course that such an enquiry as this, from a third party, is not customary. But I imagine Mrs Cipriani feels that distance and unfamiliarity with England makes it very difficult for her to get in contact with the right department herself, and so I hope you will excuse this letter. If you are able to send either to her direct or to me for forwarding any further particulars of her son's death and burial, I shall be most grateful, for I know that it will be helping to satisfy her desire for more information.



Mrs Cipriani's present name and address is:

MRS MATHIEU
c/o GORDON GRANT AND CO. LTD
6 ST VINCENT STREET
PORT-OF-SPAIN TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

Yours sincerely,

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Lt. R.N.V.R.

O-i-C, Casualties Dept.,
Air Ministry, Whitehall, London

P.425923/44/P.4.A.3. 28 February, 1946.

The Director of Records,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
Wooburn House,
Wooburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

re 154714 Flying Officer
T.M.Cipriani, R.A.F.V.R.

Will you please note the change of address of the mother of the above named officer, whose present address is as follows:-

Mrs. D.Mathieu,
c/o Messrs. Gordon,Grant & Co.Ltd.,
6 St.Vincent St,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad, B.W.I.

Flying Officer Cipriani was killed on 22nd November, 1944 as a result of air operations and is buried in Grave No.15, Row 24, in the Military Cemetery, Schoonselhof, Antwerp, Belgium.

[redacted]

for Director of Personal Services.

28 February, 1946.

P.425923/44/P.4.A.3.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 24th January, and to enclose, herewith, a copy of a letter of condolence despatched to you on the 6th December, 1944, which you appear not to have received.

According to further information which has been received, your son is now known to be buried in the Military Cemetery at Schoonselhof, Antwerp, Belgium in Grave No.15, Row 24.

The grave which will be cared for in perpetuity by the Imperial War Graves Commission, will be marked with a temporary wooden cross inscribed with your son's name. In due course a permanent headstone will be erected.

Meanwhile it is the intention of the Graves Registration Authorities to photograph the graves of all service personnel when they have been suitable inscribed. Although in view of the lack of the necessary facilities, the shortage of photographic equipment and the magnitude of the task, it may be some considerable time before this can be done, I am to assure you, that as soon as a photograph of your son's grave is received it will be forwarded to you.

In conclusion I am to add a further expression of the sympathy of this Department with you in your very great loss.

Your change of address has been noted.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

[redacted]

for Director of Personal Services

Mrs. D.Mathieu,
c/o Messrs. Gordon,Grant & Co.Ltd.,
6 St.Vincent Street,
Port of Spain,Trinidad,
B.W.I.

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BY AIR MAIL

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C/o Messrs: Gordon Grant & Co. Ltd.
6 St. Vincent Street,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad, B.W.I.

24th. January 1946.

The Officer In Charge,
R.A.F. Headquarters,
London,
ENGLAND.

Sir:

I received a telegram from you on the 1st. December 1944, reporting the presumed death of my only Son - Flying Officer Thomas Michael Cipriani, R.A.F., which read - "We regret to inform you that your Son, Flying Officer Thomas Michael Cipriani is reported to have lost his life as the result of Air operations on the 22nd. November last." I have since received his trunk with his clothes etc., but no further news of the definite death of my Son or the place - if any - of his burial.

As you will appreciate - hope dies slowly in a Mother's heart, and I have lived since then with a small atom of hope that I might some day hear that he was still alive, even though perhaps far from being in health of any kind.

Is there no further information you could give me as to his definite death or more than that - as to whether he was ever found and buried. Please forgive me troubling you when I suppose you would really - more than anything else - really like to forget the War ever existed. But you will, I am sure, understand how I feel. He was my only Son, and I loved him very greatly, and my information has been more than brief.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted]

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P.S: To tell you the truth, I often feel that my Son is alive, but very seriously injured, and he feels that to return in that state, would increase my responsibilities, as I am working to help myself, even though I had re-married since his Father's

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R.A.F. Form 1755
(in pads of 100).

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BURIAL RETURN.

[To be rendered within 14 days by parent Unit in respect of all burials (including enemy dead) whether or not due to war operations.]

C/L 1622

(Date) 4th Dec. 1944

PLACE OF BURIAL Military Cemetery Map Reference

(and name of Cemetery) Schoonselhof, Antwerp.

Grave No. Row Z4, No. 15 Personal or Official No. 154714 WR

Unit 126 Squadron, R.A.F.

Name : (Surname) CIPRIANI (Initials) T.M.

Rank Flying Officer Religion S41

Date of Death 22.11.44 Date of Burial 27.11.44

Means of Identification

Wreckage of aircraft.

19 DEC 1944

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P.T.O.

To be answered by Home Units and Units in the Field.

Have effects (if any) been forwarded to the (i) Base Personnel Staff Office ?

..... (ii) Standing Committee of Adjustment ?.....

To be answered by all Units.

CROSSES. (Strike out as necessary.)

1. ~~No Cross required, as an adequate cross with durable inscription is already in position.~~
2. Cross required : (*a*) ~~Will be called for at G.R.U. Office~~ at.....
   (*b*) ~~To be forwarded by G.R.U. to~~.....
   (*c*) To be erected by G.R.U. as soon as possible.
3. For Units in the Field.

When a Chaplain, Burial Officer or Commanding Officer renders a Burial Return and is not in a position personally to verify the particulars shown thereon, he must invariably state on the form the authority responsible for supplying the details of identity, and (if possible) how these were obtained.

(Signed).....F/Lt. Unit No.146 Wing HQ.....

Chaplain, O. i/c Burials, or O.C. Unit.

Distribution :—Units in the Field { 2 copies to B.P.S.O. / 1 copy to Head of Graves Services.

Home Units and Overseas Units not in the Field { 2 copies to Air Ministry. / 1 copy to Record Office for Airmen.

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Form 765 (C)
(Revised Feb. 1943.)

REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.

In every case copies of this form are to be rendered as follows :—

(i) Two copies direct to Air Ministry, P.A.2.

(ii) One copy direct to Ministry of Aircraft Production (R.M.I.).

(iii) One copy through usual channels to Command Headquarters.

[*In addition*, and *only* if casualties to officers or airmen are involved.]

(iv) One copy to Air Ministry, P.4 (Cas.).

Indicate here by an X to whom this copy is addressed.

If this incident has been reported to the Air Ministry by signal, quote Reference No. and date: P425923

Extra copies required for Dominion and Allied casualties; one for each authority concerned. When no casualties occur, one copy only if Canadians are pilots.

1. UNIT No. 126 Squadron | Group No. 11 | Command F.C. | Serial No. of Form

2. DATE OF INCIDENT 22.11.44.

TIME 1650 hours.

SITE OF INCIDENT

(*a*) Name of airfield or landing ground

(*b*) Place (if (*a*) not applicable) Huijbergen Holland

(*c*) County Map ref. (D669178)

Part (*a*) to be completed if the incident occurred on, or whilst taking off from or approaching to land on an airfield or landing ground.

3. NATURE OF AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH FLIGHT AUTHORISED :—

Nature { (i) Operational or Non-operational? ~~Non-operational~~
(ii) Day or Night flying? Day

(iii) Purpose ~~Returning from escort~~

This flight is being included in this Unit's flying hour summary on { Form 765A / Form 765B (Delete as necessary)

4. TYPE OF AIRFRAME AND ENGINE and extent of damage (*see* footnotes to this section).

Details of Airframe and Engine.	Airframe.	Engine. Single or Port.	Starboard.	Centre Port.	Centre Starboard.
Type	Spitfire	Merlin			
Mark or series	1XB	66			
R.A.F. No. (and makers' No. for engines)	MH.474	156979 ~~445300~~ *a*	*a*	*a*	*a*
Total hours run	194 *b*	*b*	*b*	*b*	*b*
Date last installed in Airframe	—	10/8/43 *b*	*b*	*b*	*b*
c Extent of damage					

a To be quoted whenever an engine is damaged or fails.
b To be quoted only for incidents involving defect or failure of airframe or engines.
c To be indicated as :—
E = Missing, unrepairable, reduction to scrap or instructional.
B = For repair at contractor's works or R.A.F Depot.
AC = For repair by contractor's working party.
A = For repair by nearest R.A.F. unit.
U = No damage

5. All Occupants of Aircraft and Flying Experience of Pilots.

(i) Names to be entered in order of duty: 1st Pilot, 2nd Pilot, Pupil Pilots, etc.
(ii) Degree of injury to be classified as: Missing, Killed, Injured (admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Slightly Injured (not admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Uninjured. (Quote as M, K, I, I(s) or U as appropriate.)

Duty.	Name and Initials (Nationality to be quoted if not British).	Rank.	No.	Degree of Injury.	Flying Experience of Pilots and Pupil Pilots. *See* Note (ii)					
					Part A. Total Solo (Day & Night).		Part B (*see* Note (i) below). Solo (Night).		Part C (*see* Note (iii) below).	
					Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Instruments.	Link Trainer.
Pilot	Ciprioni T.K. (B.W.I.)	F/O	154714	Killed		Not known Log Book forwarded A.M. Archives 4.12.44.				

Note (i) Part B only to be quoted if incident occurred during night flying. (ii) Quote to nearest hour.
(iii) Part C only to be quoted if loss of control at night or in bad visibility or cloud by day is a possible contributory factor.

6. Stage of Flight.

A. Picketed or at moorings.
B. Starting up.
C. Stationary other than A or B.
D. Taxying.
E. Taking off
F. In flight.
G. Landing.
H. Towed or manhandled
J. Not known

Quote A or B or C, etc., as appropriate —

7. Did Fire occur? If Yes, state "In air" or "On ground" as appropriate. If no fire state "No."

Yes

8. Conditions of Light in which Incident occurred.

A. Day (daylight).
B. Dusk (half light of evening).
C. Dawn (half light of morning).
D. Dark (no moon or moon obscured).
E. Moonlight.
F. Not known.

Quote as A or B or C, etc., as appropriate and amplify in Part 12(b) if necessary —

9. If Incident occurred when taxying on, taking off from or landing on a runway state "Yes."

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10. DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT (or summary of pilot's report, if available). In cases of engine failure, information should be given as to the behaviour of the engine and manipulation of the engine controls immediately before failure.

Duration of flight since last take off : Hours..... Minutes..... If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

N.A.

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11. REPORT BY APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST OFFICERS (A. E. Nav., &c.) :—(i) If technical failure is involved, information as to the nature and cause of the failure is required ; precise information as to the extent of the damage arising as a result of this failure is not required. (ii) If the non-embodiment of an authorised modification is considered to have contributed to the accident, the serial number of the modification and reason for non-embodiment should be stated.

No details available.
Aircraft total wreck Cat. E. on Continent.

Is Form 1022 or 1023 being rendered ? } No Signature E. ? F/O.
If " Yes " state which }

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12. REMARKS BY UNIT COMMANDER (to be given under three separate headings) :—

Part A. Remarks as to circumstances of the incident. (If it occurred at night on or near an airfield the nature of the lighting system in use at the time is to be noted in Part A.)

Part B. Diagnosis of all contributory factors. The manner in which any particular factor contributed to the incident is to be clearly indicated.

Part C. General remarks (including any recommendation with regard to personnel, training, airframes, engines, accessories, etc., and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident).

No details available.

Signature..... [redacted] S40 *Commanding*..... 126 Squadron *Date*..... 5.1.45.

13. REMARKS BY STATION COMMANDER (and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident) :—

Remarks of Sector Commander: PM25923

Having landed the previous day at Eindhoven because of unserviceable R/T., F/O. Cipriani was on his way back to base by himself when his engine failed and he forced landed in a wood and was killed.

[redacted] S40

Date: 24.1.45.

Group Captain, Commanding
R.A.F.Sector, North Weald.

Signature..... [redacted] S40 *Commanding*..... Bentwaters *Date*..... 14 Jan.1945.

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(*15406—8336) Wt. 34623—2851 50M 10/44 T.S. 700

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From :- Officer Commanding, No. 126 Squadron, R.A.F.

To :- Air Ministry (Casualty Branch) 73-77 Oxford Street, W.1.

Date:- 25th. January 1945.

Ref.:- 126S/101/1/5/p.1.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORTS ON SPITFIRE MH.474.

Flying Officer CIPRIANI on 21st. November 1944 took part in an escort to Lancasters bombing HOMBERG, thereafter landing at B. 79 airfield. He took off again for Base on 22nd. Nov. 1944 and was killed at 1650 hours on attemtping a forced landing at HULJBERGEN, Holland, Map. Reference D.6695178 crashing in a wood there.

The aircraft was a total wreck.

(The above information was received in Read Headquarters No. 84 Group Signal T. 555 dated 29th. Nov. 1944 T.O.O. 1350 hours. No. further information other than stated above has been received or is known).

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[redacted] S40

Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No. 126 Squadron, R.A.F.

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AIR MIN...
To.....
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29 JAN 1945

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To :- Air Ministry (Casualty Branch) 73-77 Oxford St. W.1.

Date:- 25 th. January 1945.

Ref.:- 126S/101/1/5/P.1.

154714 F/O. T.M. Cipriani - Killed.

Herewith enclosed in Triplicate copies of the letter of Condolence to the next of kin of the above named who was killed on Active Service on 22nd. November 1944.

The original letter of Condolence was forwarded to the next of kin.

[redacted]

Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No. 126 Squadron, R.A.F.

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29 JAN 1945
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No. 126 Squadron
RAF. Station Benitwaters,
Nr. Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

5th. January 1945.

Dear Mrs. Mathieu,

I presume you will have heard by now the sad news of the tragic loss of Flying Officer Cipriani whilst on an operational Flight over enemy territory on 22nd. November 1944. Although he had only been with us for a very short time, he revealed the makings of a keen and capable fighter pilot, and achieved great popularity among the Squadron. I, and all members of the Squadron, extend to you our deepest sympathy in this great loss.

Although this can be of very little assistance or consolation to you, I want you to know, that if I can give you any help in any way, I shall be only too pleased to hear from you.

Knowing you will find this blow hard to bear, I again offer you my deepest sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,

[redacted]

S40

Mrs. A. Mathieu,
56, Richmond Street,
Port of Spain, Trinidad,
British West Indies.

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RAF. Station Bentwaters,
Nr. Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

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[redacted]

S40

Mrs. A. Mathieu,
56, Richmond Street,
Port of Spain, Trinidad,
British West Indies.

A.M. Form 968.
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OUTGOING CYPHER MESSAGE.

TO—
R.A.F.D.E.L. WASHINGTON

FOR USE IN A.M.C.S.

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FROM AIR MINISTRY
WHITEHALL

DEGREE OF PRIORITY
IMMEDIATE

TEXT OF MESSAGE.

REFERENCE MARCUS 259 JANUARY 9 (.) NO TRACE [redacted] S40 IN OUR RECORDS XXXX [redacted] (.)

TIME OF ORIGIN

TRANSMISSION { MAY be by W/T.
MUST NOT be by W/T.
(Delete whichever is not applicable).
See Page 29 Staff Handbook Pt. II).

[redacted] S40

Signature of Originator.

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RANK H.C.O.

BRANCH P.A.Cas.

DATE 10.1.45

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Serial No. MARCUS 259

(Recd S.4.(O.G.) 10th Jan., 1945)

MARCUS 259 January 9th

Ref casualty F/O T.M. Cipriani notified to Mother in Trinidad P/425923/P4A2 Dec 6 1944.

Sister resident here is enquiring if your records show identity of [redacted] S40 resident in England. Believed deceased May have married in U.K. unknown to family. Can you confirm.

T.O.O. 100719Z

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S.4.(O.G.) FILE.

RECEIVED 10 JAN 5 P.M. CASUALTY SECTION

NOTE.—In the interests of economy, both sides of this sheet should be used.

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE.

WAR SERVICES,

40, NORFOLK STREET, LONDON, W.C.2.

6th December 1944.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 30th November, P.4. 25923/44, concerning F/O. T.M. Cipriani. We are most grateful for the sad news, and have written his mother in the Island.

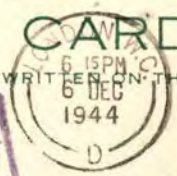
Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

CHAIRMAN, Ladies Committee

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



POST CARD FOR CHRISTMAS





The Under Secretary of State,
Air Ministry (Casualty Branch)
73/77 Oxford Street,
W.1.





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...3923/P.4.A.2.

6 December, 1944.

Madam,

I am commanded by the Air Council to inform you that they have with great regret to confirm the telegram in which you were notified that your son, Flying Officer Thomas Michael Cipriani, Royal Air Force, lost his life as the result of air operations on 22nd November, 1944.

The reports from your son's unit state that the Spitfire aircraft in which he was flying crashed in a wood at Huijbergen, Western Holland after his aircraft had been hit, as it is believed, by enemy fire whilst he was attempting to make a forced landing. No information has yet been received regarding the place of his burial.

The Air Council desire me to express their profound sympathy with you in your bereavement.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

[redacted]

Mrs. D. Mathieu,
56, Richmond Street,
P.O.S. Trinidad,
British West Indies.

Telephone No.: GERRARD 9234
Trunk Calls and Telegraphic Address: "AIR MINISTRY," LONDON

AIR MINISTRY,
(Casualty Branch),
73-77 OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

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P. 425923/P.4.A.2.

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I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Mrs. D. Mathieu,
56 Richmond Street,
P-O-S Trinidad,
British West Indies.

This aircraft after it had been hit, as it is believed, by enemy fire

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HUIJBERGEN is $9\frac{1}{4}$ ml. S.E.

of BERGEN-OP-ZOOM,

Holland.

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KWY V GPK BDY6/30 OPOP

FROM 126SQDN BRADWELL BAY 301630A
TO AM KINGSWAY
OOX BT

M126 30/11 YOUR SIGNAL PC750 DTD 29/11/44 DATE OF CASUALTY TO
F/O CIPRIANI 22/11/44
BT 301630A

E.ROSE B K

GPK R 1642 A RAA KK

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H425923/44. 30th November, 1944.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Flying Officer Thomas Michael CIPRIANI, (154714)., Royal Air Force, is reported to have lost his life as a result of air operations on the 22nd November, 1944.

His mother, Mrs. Daisy Mathieu, 56 Richmond Street, P-O-S Trinidad, British West Indies is being informed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

S40

for Director of Personal Services.

The Secretary,
West India Committee,
40, Norfolk Street,
LONDON W.C.2.

N/K. KILLED.

A.M. Form 96C. (Small)

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OUTGOING CLEAR MESSAGE.

FOR USE IN A.M.C.S.

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TO— PRIORITY

MRS. DAISY MATHIEU
56 RICHMOND STREET
P-O-S TRINIDAD
BRITISH WEST INDIES.

FROM AIR MINISTRY,
~~KINGSWAY~~
~~73/77 OXFORD STREET LONDON W.1.~~

DEGREE OF PRIORITY
IMMEDIATE

ORIGINATORS REFERENCE NUMBER: P C

DATE: 30.11.44.

TEXT OF MESSAGE.

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON FLYING OFFICER THOMAS MICHAEL CIPRIANI (254714).. IS REPORTED TO HAVE LOST HIS LIFE AS THE RESULT OF AIR OPERATIONS ON 22ND NOVEMBER Ø THE AIR COUNCIL EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND SYMPATHY Ø ~~HIS IS BEING INFORMED Ø~~ LETTER ~~CONFIRMING THIS TELEGRAM~~ FOLLOWS Ø SHORTLY (.)

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE Ø

Originators Instructions

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DATE 30.11.44.

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MOC/C. 425923 TELEGRAM EN CLAIR. 66/29.

(RECD. A.M.C.S. (KWY) NOVEMBER 29).

FROM:- REAR HEADQUARTERS 84 GROUP.

TO:- 126 SQDN. HQ. FC. AM. (ACCIDENTS) KINGSWAY.
AM. P4 (CASUALTIES) 11 GROUP HQ.

REPEATED:- REAR HQ. 2ND TAF. 85 GROUP; 412 R S U.
146 WING.

T555. NOVEMBER 29TH.

(A) SPITFIRE IX LF MH 474.

(B) 126 SQUADRON RAF BRADWELL BAY.
(C) 1650 HRS DAY 22ND/NOVEMBER/44 HUIJBERGEN HOLLAND D669178.
(D) PILOT KILLED F/O CIPRIANI.
(E) No. 146 WING SICK QUARTERS.
(F) OPERATIONALLY EQUIPPED.

(G) AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED FORCED LANDING IN WOOD C I ACCIDENTS NO GROUP NO 7650 NO.

(H) TOTAL WRECK CAT E BURNT PARTIAL SALVAGE NO.
(J) 412 R S U.
(K) KINNOT.
(L) N.A.

ACTION CO.

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CRASH CIRCULATION, E.A.
P.4.CAS,(4 COPIES)., D.A.F.L.

30 NOV 1944 A.M.
CASUALTY SECTION

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CASUALTY VERIFICATION FORM
(OFFICERS)

(TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Serial No. 4837

Date & time of receipt of signal etc.

29.11.44

SURNAME CIPRIANI Personal No. 154714

Christian Names (in full) THOMAS MICHAEL

Rank F/O

Date of Birth 10.5.24

Place of Birth Port of Spain Trinidad

See end. 35.

+Type of Commission RAFVR

xBranch GD

+Duties PILOT

Unit 126 Sqdn

Date of Casualty ?

Date & Ref: of Report: 28/11 T43

Religion [redacted]

PARTICULARS OF NEXT-OF-KIN etc. (per ledger sheet)

Name of Wife (if any)

Address SINGLE

Person (OTHER THAN WIFE) to be informed

Name (MOTHER) DAISY MATHIEU

Address c/o MESSRS GORDON GRANT & CO LTD, 56 RICHMOND ST 6, ST VINCENT ST, PORT OF SPAIN, P.O.S. TRINIDAD TRINIDAD, BWI

Any other person to be informed

Name

Address NONE

+ R.A.F., R.A.F.V.R., A.A.F., R.C.A.F., R.A.A.F., R.N.Z.A.F., S.A.A.F., S.R.A.F., etc.

x G.D., Tech., Medical, Dental, Acct. A. & S.D. Spec: Reserve, Non-flying etc.

+ Flying, Engineer, Admin., C[redacted] etc.

Above details recorded by: [redacted] Date 29.11.44

" " Checked by: [redacted] 29.11.44

Remarks (if any):- 1802664

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A.M. Form 96C.
(Small)

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TO— XXXXX
126 SQDN
BRADWELL BAY

FROM AIR MINISTRY
KINGSWAY

DEGREE OF PRIORITY
IMPORTANT

TEXT OF MESSAGE.

ORIGINATORS REFERENCE NUMBER: PC

DATE: 29.11.44

YOUR T.47 28/11 SIGNAL DATE OF CASUALTY TO F/O CIPRANI 154714 (A)

Originators Instructions

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RANK

BRANCH H.Qas

DATE 29.11.44

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TELEGRAM EN CLAIR 25/29

CORRECT VERSION

(RECD. A.M.C.S.(KWY) NOVEMBER 29TH/44)

FROM 126 SQUADRON BRADWELL BAY 425923

TO 43 GROUP SALVAGE A.M. ACCIDENTS KINGSWAY
A.M. P.4. CAS OXFORD STREET HQFC HQ 11 GRP
84 GROUP REAR

T.47 NOVEMBER 28TH IMMEDIATE NOTWT

F.B.

(A) SPITFIRE IX LF MH 474 MERLIN 66 156979/445300

(B) 126 SQUADRON
(C) NOT KNOWN AIRCRAFT MISSING AFTER TAKING OFF FROM P79 REPORTED BY 84 GROUP
(D) 154714 F/O T.M. CIPRIANI BRITISH WEST INDIES TRINIDAD KILLED
(E) NOT KNOWN
(F) NORMAL FIGHTER EQUIPMENT

(G) BELIEVED ENEMY ACTION AIB NO GROUP NO FORM 765C NO

(H) CAT E SALVAGE YES
(J) 84 GROUP
(K) KINNOT

TIME OF ORIGIN 281640A

CRASH E.A. + P.4. CAS (4 COPIES)
A.R.8

96/28 REFERS

29 NOV 1944 P.M.
CASUALTY SECTION

H/C. TELEGRAM EN CLAIR 96/28

(RECEIVED A.M.C.S.(KWY) NOVEMBER 28)

FROM:- 126 SQUADRON BRADWELL BAY.

TO:- 43 GROUP SALVAGE (ACCIDENTS) KINGSWAY AM P4 CAS OXFORD ST. HQ FIGHTER COMMAND HQ 11 GROUP 84 GROUP.

T. 47 NOVEMBER 28. IMMEDIATE NOTWT

F.B.

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(B) 126 SQUADRON
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(G) BELIEVED ENEMY ACTION AIB NO GROUP NO 765C NO.

(H) CAT E SALVAGE YES.
(J) 84 GROUP
(K) KINNOT
(L) N/A.

ACTION COPY

29 NOV 1944 A.M.

CASUALTY SECTION

TIME OF ORIGIN 281640A HRS.

CRASH CIRCULATION EA. P.4. CAS (4 COPIES) + A.R.8 + INDIA OFFICE (CASUALTY SECTION).