



97 (Straits Settlements) Squadron,

, Royal Air Force,

BOURN, Cambridge.

23rd January, 1944.

Dear Mr. Marsh,

It is with the deepest regret that I must confirm that your son Flight Sergeant Peter Andrew Marsh failed to return from night operations on the 21st/22nd January, 1944, and I wish to express the sympathy of the whole Squadron with you in your anxiety.

F/Sgt. Marsh took part in a raid on Magdeburg as Air Gunner, no news having since been received. We can but hope that the aircraft was forced to land and that the crew are safe, even as prisoners of war.

Your son was one of the most experienced Air Gunners, having taken part in 38 successful operations against the enemy, and a member of one of our most reliable crews. They were therefore undertaking a leading role in this, a Pathfinder Squadron.

His kit and personal effects are being carefully checked and will be sent to the R.A.F. Central Depository, from whom you will hear in due course.

If any news is received you will be notified immediately, and in the meantime I join with you in hoping we shall soon hear that your son and the rest of the crew are safe.

Yours sincerely,

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