

Telephone No. : SPRINGWELL (GLOUCESTER).....<sup>2407</sup>

Telegraphic Address :

RECORDS TELEX, GLOUCESTER.

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AIR OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

*Address as opposite,*

and the following number quoted:-

Your Ref. : .....G7/1182253

RECORD OFFICE,

ROYAL AIR FORCE,

GLOUCESTER.

Date.....4th June 1942.....

Dear Sir,

I regret to confirm that your son, No. 1182253 Sergeant Charles Douglas NOLAN of No. 49 Squadron, Royal Air Force, is missing, the aircraft of which he was a wireless operator and air gunner having failed to return to its base on the 2nd June 1942 after an operational flight.


This does not necessarily mean that he is killed or wounded. I will communicate with you again immediately I have any further news and would be obliged if you, on your part, would write to me should you hear anything of your son from unofficial sources.

May I assure you of the sympathy of the Royal Air Force with you in your anxiety.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Air Commodore,  
Air Officer i/c Records,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

H.J. Nolan Esq.,  
16 Buntwood Lane,  
TOOTING  
London.S.W.17.

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# TELEGRAM

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To \_\_\_\_\_

130 B 5.10 LI/T OHMS PRIORITY .47

MR H A NOLAN 16 BURTNOD LANE TOTING LONDON SW 17

REGRET TO INFORM YOU YOUR SON-1182253 SGT D C NOLAN  
REPORTED MISSING FROM AIR OPERATIONS ON 1/2 JUN 1942  
STOP LETTER FOLLOWS STOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION  
RECEIVED WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY =

49 SQUADRON SCAMPTON +

Done "TELEGRAMS ENQUIRY" or call, with this form  
at office of delivery. Other enquiries should be accompanied by this form and, if possible, the envelope. B or C

Royal Air Force Station,  
Scampton,  
Lincoln.

4-6-42.

Dear Mrs. Nolan.

You will have received my telegram by now telling you the news that your son, Sergeant C.P. Nolan is missing from night operations over Germany, and I have to extend to you the sympathy of the Squadron in this tragic happening.

Your son was wireless operator in the missing aircraft and took part in the big Essen raid on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1942. He was an experienced and efficient operator and had half completed his operational tour. He was well liked and respected by the whole Squadron and by his diligence and by his skill, he won the regard of all.

I am more sorry than I can say




to have to pass this bad news on to you  
but can only hope that as he is now  
reported missing, there may be far happier  
news about him in the future.

If there is anything I can do  
for you in the way of advice or  
further information, please do not  
hesitate to let me know.

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. H.

  
Royal Air Force Station,  
Scampton,  
Lincoln.

8th June, 1942.

Ref.:  
GA/264/25/B/P.1.

Dear Mr. Nolan,

As the Officer detailed to supervise the collection of your son's belongings, may I be permitted to offer you my deepest sympathy during this time of anxiety.

Your son's effects have been carefully checked and packed, and in accordance with Air Ministry Orders are being sent to :-

The Central Depository  
R.A.F.  
Colnbrook,  
Slough,  
Bucks.

to whom any communication regarding them should be addressed. I have to inform you, however, that no effects can be released until certain statutory formalities have been complied with.

Your Obedient Servant,

Mr. W. Nolan  
16, Burntwood Lane,  
Tooting,  
London, S.W. 17.

*Adrian F/O*  
Group Captain, Commanding,  
R.A.F. Station, SCAMPTON.

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From

*Y. J. P. 509*

509 6.22 PM GLOUCESTER TELEX OHMS

PRIORITY 50

IMPORTANT MR NOLAN 16 BURNTWOOD LANE TOOTING LONDON SW 17 =

ACCORDING TO TELEGRAM FROM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS QUOTING INFORMATION FROM BERLIN YOUR SON 1182253 SERGEANT NOLAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING IS NOW A PRISONER OF WAR WOUNDED REPORT STATES HE WAS CAPTURED ON 2 ND JUNE 1942 LETTER FOLLOWS FROM RECORDS TELEX GLOUCESTER ++

THIS FORM AND, IF POSSIBLE, THE ENVELOPE.



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Your Ref. : G7/1182253

RECORD OFFICE,

ROYAL AIR FORCE,

GLOUCESTER.

Date 10th July 1942

Dear Sir,


In confirmation of my telegram dated 9th July 1942, according to a telegram from the International Red Cross Committee, quoting information from Berlin, your son, No. 1182253 Sergeant Charles Douglas NOLAN of No. 49 Squadron, Royal Air Force, previously reported as 'missing' is now a 'prisoner of war' wounded. The report states he was captured on the 2nd June 1942.

The actual place of internment and the extent of his injuries are not yet known, but will be communicated to you as soon as received.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Air Commodore,  
Air Officer i/c Records,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

H.J. Nolan Esq.  
16 Burnwood Lane,  
Tooting,  
London. S.W.17.

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OF THE

EA/FC

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MISS E. M. THORNTON

TELEPHONE NO.:  
ABBEY 5841

*When replying please quote reference:—*

RAF/W/2536.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE  
LONDON, S.W.1

Dear Mr. Nolan,

15th July 1942.

Sgt. Charles Nolan.

We think you have been informed by the Air Ministry that your son is a Prisoner of War, and that he is wounded.

We are sorry we cannot give you any details of his condition, but letters and parcels should now be addressed to him as follows:—

PRISONERS OF WAR POST.  
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST.

1182253 Sgt. Charles Nolan,  
British Prisoner of War,  
Dulag Luft,  
GERMANY.

You will see from the enclosed Circular PW/99B/42 that a Prisoner of War Number is not an essential part of the address at this Camp, but when you receive it in a letter from your son, it should be inserted in his address after the words "British Prisoner of War", and the service number omitted.

We are well aware that until you receive more news from your son, this will be a very anxious time for you, but we would like to assure you that all reports of hospital treatment given to the prisoners of war in enemy and enemy occupied territory, are excellent. The Invalid Comforts Section of this Organisation send parcels of invalid diet and comforts to all hospitals where there are known to be British prisoners of war, and your son will be sharing in these.

The special label which we are sending you, together with



an advance of forty clothing coupons, will enable you to forward a Next of Kin Parcel of clothing and other personal requirements to your son. Full instructions as to the contents, and the Board of Trade Regulations with regard to the use of the coupons, are contained in the Leaflet P.1.

The enclosed Circular PW/100A/42 describes the method by which the Red Cross Standard Food Parcels are despatched to all Prisoners of War Camps, and your son will also be sharing in these. You will also see from this that relatives and friends may send such things as books, cigarettes, etc., which should be ordered from any firm holding the necessary Export Permit from the Censorship Department.

It is not unlikely that after a short stay at Dulag Luft, which is a transit camp, your son will be moved to a permanent one, and when you learn his change of address, we shall be glad if you will let us know. We are assured that all mail is forwarded from one camp to another, by the German authorities.

We hope our Circulars will give you all the information you require, but if there is any way in which we can be of help to you, we hope you will not hesitate to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

p.p. E. M. THORNTON & L.

Director.

H. J. Nolan Esq.,  
16 Burntwood Lane,  
Footing, S.W.17.

EXAMINER 500

Kriegsgefangenenpost

-Luft.  
prüft

Mit Luftpost  
Par Avion



An MR H. J. NOLAN

Empfangsort: LONDON SW 17

Straße: 16, BURNWOOD LAKE

Land: ENGLAND  
Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

frei

Deutschland (Allemagne)

Lager-Bezeichnung: Dlag Luft

Gefangenennummer: 1182253

Vor- und Zuname: CHARLES NOLAN SGT

Absender:

OPENEN DV

P.C. 90

Dear Dad Harry and Kath and  
everybody at home, it was probably  
a blow when you heard I was missing,  
but God was good to me, and I am  
perfectly fit and happy as can be, and  
not at all wounded. I want you all  
to look after Vera for me, that is  
the really best thing you can do for  
me, and I know you will do that.  
I would like you to send me some  
clothes, I could give you a bit, but  
that would take up too much of  
this precious paper, so if you will go  
to the Red Cross they will give you  
all the information necessary. Harry  
old boy, I wish you every success in

the new career you were going to take  
up, and Kathleen darling all the  
best to you; both of you look after Dad  
while your big brother is away, and  
Dad you take care of yourself. Clerio  
and all the best to everybody love Charles.



Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum 18/6/42.

Dear Dad, Kath, Harry, and all at home,  
I hope you are all O.K. Please note my  
new address. I have written to the Air  
Ministry asking them to make the maximum  
allotment to you Dad. I am happy as can be,  
and I have also met some pals here. I shall  
be having a fairly good time here Love Charlie.

5<sup>th</sup> July 1942. Dear Dad, Kath and Harry,  
I hope you are all ok. I am perfectly  
fit, and quite happy here. Remember me to  
everybody at home. Dad I want you to  
arrange with the British American Tobacco  
Company, Field Force Department, Dean Stanley  
Street, London, S.W.1, to send me a hundred  
cigarettes and three ounces of tobacco a  
week, you will get them at a cheaper  
rate, and take the money out of the  
allowance I have asked the R.P.F. to make  
to you. Life here is like being on a  
holiday camp, nothing to do except look  
after ourselves, we can play football, and  
we also have a very good library, so we  
don't do too bad. Look after yourselves, and

be like me, take everything as it comes,

I am looking forward to the time when  
I shall be coming home, I haven't been  
drunk in my life yet, but I think I shall  
drink a barrel-full of beer all to myself.  
Please do all you can for Vera, and Kath  
and Harry, look after Dad as well, and be  
good. All my love to everyone Charlie



Kriegsgefangenenlager

Datum: 30<sup>th</sup> August 1944

Dear Dad, I received a letter from you last week, 29<sup>th</sup> May,  
the first since June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I pleased to hear you are all keeping fit,  
although I am a bit worried since the Invasion & the bombing of  
home, because mail is so scarce & of course no news. Glad to hear  
Kathi's wedding was a success, I am looking forward to seeing you  
all once more, will we seem changed to one another I wonder.  
I am keeping fit & well, remember me to all at home. Love Charlie.

(5<sup>th</sup> November 1944)

Dear Dad, This is the last letter I shall write until I am home again. The reason for this is because there is absolutely nothing I can write about. Several times last month, I started to write letters, but I was unable to compose even a card. When I eventually do arrive home, I shall have to concentrate on getting physically and mentally fit, also to get used to living a civilised life again, and finding out what my future life is going to be; these last few months I have given it a lot of thought, and

depending upon circumstances when I am  
eventually demobilised. Some people here have  
studied, considerably, but I have tried several times,  
and been unable to do so. If you should  
receive this letter before Christmas, I want you

to buy the Christmas meal and drinks on me,  
it doesn't matter what the expense is, if not,  
please have the money if did cost you. Also  
Dad, I send my Christmas and New Year  
greetings to you, Kath, Harry and all at  
home. God be with you all and protect  
you all. Love Charlie



NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. If anything else is added the postcard will be destroyed.

Mark the sentences or phrases below thus

I am in British/U.S. hands

I am well and safe

Will write as soon as possible

Expect to be home soon

Do not write

I have been admitted to hospital

sick.

Am going on well

wounded.

Hope to be discharged soon


Signature C. D. Nolan

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1945

SA/PSS/4.

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8 = MAY 1945

From 138 9/20 BM SCE PTY. 15 To \_\_\_\_\_ m

NOLAN 16 BURNTWOOD LANE LONDON SW- 17 =

= ARRIVED SAFELY. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON LOVE =

CHARLIE \*

16 SW 17 \*\*\*

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RED SHIELD SERVICE

Dear

Have just arrived safely in dear Old England.

It is wonderful to be back and I hope to see you shortly.

Will communicate with you further as soon as possible.

Love to all,

Yours affectionately,

*Charlie*

R.A.F. Form 2520A

AIRMAN



ROYAL AIR FORCE  
SERVICE AND RELEASE BOOK

Rank *W/O*

Service Number *118953*

Surname *NOZAK*

Initials *C.D.*

Class of Release *P.O.W.*

Age and Service Group No. *32*

51-8297

Anyone finding this book is requested to hand it in to the nearest Police Station or forward in an UNSTAMPED envelope to:-

Air Officer in Charge Records,  
Royal Air Force,  
GLOUCESTER.

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R.A.F. Form 2520/11

SERVICE PARTICULARS

Service Number } 1182253 Rank W/O  
 Air Crew Category and/or R.A.F. trade W/O of Ops  
 Air Crew Badges awarded (if any) A/C  
 Overseas Service 3/6/42 TO 4/5/45 (P.O.W.)  
 R.A.F. Character Very Good (see notes on back of certificate on opposite page)  
 Proficiency A Super:  
 " B Super:  
 Decorations, Medals, Clasps, Mention in Despatches, Commendations, etc. 1939-45 STAR.  
 Educational and Vocational Training Courses and Results Nil.

DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth 15/10/20 Height 68 ins.  
 Marks and Scars Small shrapnel wound right leg.  
 Specimen Signature of Airman C.D. Nolan

AB.  
 739963  
 WANDSWORTH  
 27 NOV 1946  
 RECORD OFFICE

W/O. C.D. NOLAN.  
 The above-named airman served in the full-time service, from 22.7.40 to 5.9.45 (last day of service in unit before leaving for release and release leave). Particulars of his Service are shown in the margin of this Certificate.

Brief statement of any special aptitudes or qualities or any special types of employment for which recommended:-  
 This warrant officer has served in the RAF for over 5 years as wireless operator airman proving himself reliable and efficient and during his period of active service operations calm and courageous - His conduct and character have at all times been of the highest order  
 Date 3rd Sept/46 Signature of Officer Commanding W/O