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Address as opposite, and the following number quoted's-

Your Ref. : ...... 07/1182253

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,

RECORD OFFICE,

ROYAL AIR FORCE,

Date...4th June 1942...

GLOUCESTER.

Your obgdient Servant,

H.J. Nolan Esq., 16 Burntwood Lane, TOOTING

London.S.W.17.

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Royal Air Force Station,

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8th June, 1942.

Ref.: CA/264/25/8/P.1.

Dear Mr. Nolan,

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

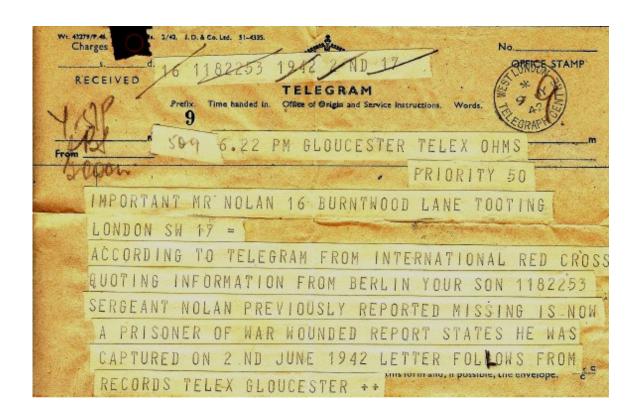
and packed, and in accordance with Air Ministry Orders are being sent to :-

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. Group Captain, Commanding, R.A.F. Station, SCAMPTON.



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quoted :-Your Ref. , C7/1182253 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

Air Commodore,

Air Officer i/c Records, ROYAL

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

## WAR ORGANISATION OF THE

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## BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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## PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

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RAF/M/2536.

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

Dear Mr. Molan,

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 8gt. Charles Molan, British Prisoner of War, Dulag Luft, GERMANY.

You will see from the enclosed Circular PW/998/42 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 charge 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.

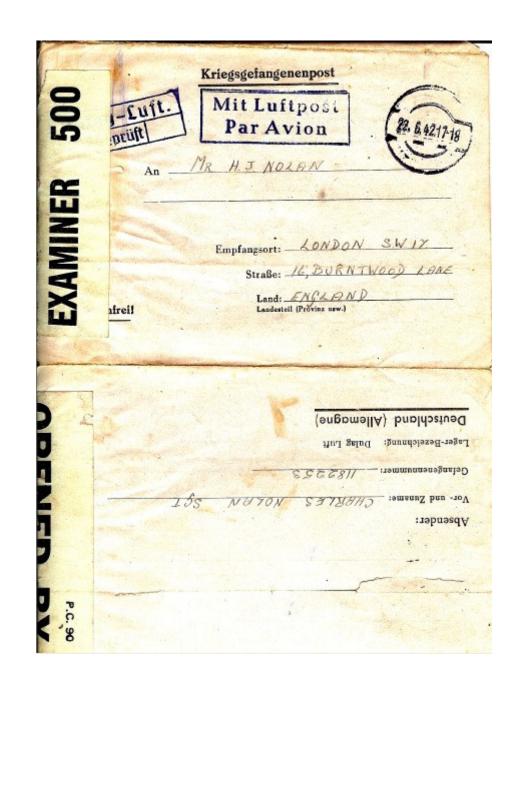
We hope our Circulars will give you all the information you require, but if there is any way in which we can be of help to you, we hope you will not hesitate to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

p.p. E. M. THORNTON . OUL

Director.

H. J. Molan Esq., 16 Burntwood Lane, Tooting, S.W.17.



Lear Dad Starry and Kath and at home it was probably blow when you heard I was missing God was good to me, and I am happy as can be and wounded. I want you all to look after Vera for me, that is King you can do know you will like you to send me some could give you a list. that would take up for much wish you every success in 1 yoursel best to everybody Love Charliex

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Datum 18/4/42

Dear Dad, Kath Harry, and all at home, I hope you are all UK. Flease note my new address. I have written to the other elinistry asking them to make the mascimum allotment to you Dad. I am happy as can be, and I have also met some fals here. I shall be having a fairly good time here love Charlie.

42. Dear Dad Kath and Harry I hope you are all Ok. I am perfortly fit, and quite happy here. Hemember me to everybody of some. Dad I want you to arrange with the Dritish exmerican Tota Department, Dean Stanley cigarettes and three ounges of tabacco week, you will get them at a cheaper rate and take the money out of the holiday ramp, nothing to do except look

Jam looking foward to the time when

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Asunk in my life get, but I think I shall

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Datum: 30 thought 1944

Dear Dad, I seceived a better from you has tweek, 29 thay.

The first since fune 3. Theased to hear you are all highing fil,

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Bear 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 write
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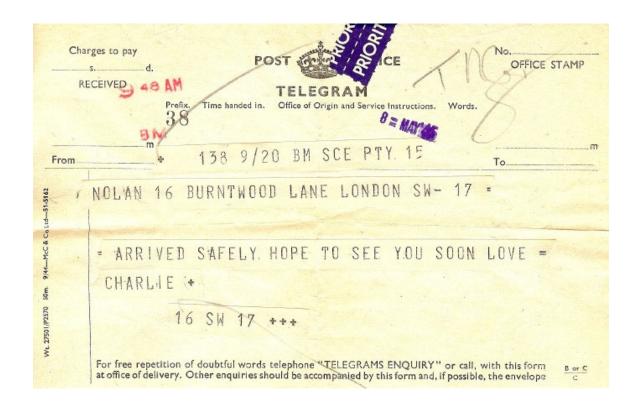
ho buy the Christmas meal and drinks on me,
it doesn't matter what the expense is, if not,
please have the money if did cost you after

Dad, I send my Christmas and Sew Year

Greetings to you, Math, Harry and all at
home, God be with you all and protect

you all. Sove Charlie

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	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. Molan
	Date 3 May 1945
	SA/PSS/4.



Date as Postmark



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,

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