

ADDRESS REPLY TO:  
THE SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.



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## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 28th February, 1949.

Mrs. Lilly R. MacKenzie,  
Kimberley,  
British Columbia.

Dear Mrs. MacKenzie:

It is with regret that I refer to the loss of your son, War-  
rant Officer Class II Norman Alexander Freeman MacKenzie, who lost his  
life on air operations against the enemy April 27, 1944, but a report has  
been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service giving further  
details concerning your son's last flight which it was felt you would wish  
to be advised.

Eye witnesses to the crash told our Investigating Officers  
that the aircraft crashed  $\frac{1}{2}$  a kilometre (1/3 mile) North West of the vil-  
lage of Ugny sur Meuse. Ugny is twenty-two miles West South West of Nancy  
in Northern France. The Germans placed a guard around the aircraft for-  
bidding anyone to approach. Later the French were allowed to approach and  
the Mayor was instructed by the Germans to arrange for the burial. The  
remains of the crew were buried in the local cemetery. The report states  
that the following Sunday a special memorial service was held in the Church  
following which the villagers made their way to the cemetery and decorated  
the graves with flowers. On May 1, 1945 a military ceremony took place.  
The 150th Regiment of French Infantry presented the Military Honours.

Exhumation was carried out by our Missing Research and Enquiry  
Service resulting in the identification of all members of the crew. Your  
son's grave was registered by the Graves Registration Service as Grave No. 4.  
These graves will be reverently cared for and maintained in perpetuity by  
the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member). The Com-  
mission will also erect a permanent headstone at your son's resting place  
and will write to you before the stone is prepared.

It is my earnest hope that you will be comforted with the know-  
ledge that your son's resting place is known, and that it will be permanently  
maintained, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you  
and the members of your family my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours sincerely,

*for J. J. Fadden*  
(W.R. Gunn) W/C

R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,  
for Chief of the Air Staff.