

Second World War - Sergeant R D Carvill missing record

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MINUTE SHEET.

Air Ministry File No. *P360271/41*

1.
6.7.41 Signal from 56 Sqdn: 1A.
2.
20/7/41. Report from 56 (Punjab) Sqdn: 2A.
3.
11/9/41 Action sheet (see 8A) 3A
4.
11.10.41. Extract from German Death Lists. — 4A.

D.P.S.

Hurricane Z3329, piloted by Sgt. Carvill, was reported missing on 17/6/41 (Enclosure 1A.)

No. 56 Squadron reported that when this aircraft was still over land, while returning from operations over Northern France, Sgt. Carvill, reported that his aircraft was damaged and he was baling out. (Enclosure 2A.)

Extract from German Totenliste No. 50 states that Sgt. Carvill crashed on 17/6/41, and was killed. (Enclosure 4A.)

It is accordingly submitted that the death of 1251535 Sgt. R.D. Carvill be presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on 17th June, 1941.

W. Shepherd.

P.L. Cas.

2/1/42.

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X 10 minute 5 allowed.

2.1.42

W. Shepherd.

Start for OPS.

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13/1/42 Presumptions to Unit. Group. Wobridge (2) Records. 7A

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5.2.42

Action Sheet

8A.

9.

5/3/42. Letter from W.A. Wetherwold & Co

9A

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27/3/42 Letter from D. Carvill. forwarded by Records. 10A.

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3/4/42 C.N. D 15 D. Carvill

11A.

S.14 (Cas.)C.5

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 4769/48

FILE NUMBER P.360271/41

DATE 16.10.48

Relating to HURRICANE 2,3329

Missing on 17.6.41

Crashed near WIDEBEAK in Sea

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	SERIAL DETAILS	INFORMATION
1251535	Sgt.	CARVILL, R.D.	LOST AT SEA	<u>LOST AT SEA</u> Information from I.R.C.C. and German documents shows that part of a service uniform with the parti- culars of this airman upon it was recovered. No body was found. Classification as shown. Case Closed.

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3 MAR 1943

TRANSLATE

High Command of the Wehrmacht RB/1 1768

Berlin 5.1.1943.

Ref: Your letter dated 25.11.1942.

Az. S. Brit. E. Bav. 1553/1 HM.

Subject: Member of the R.A.F. killed.

CARVILL R.D. Sergeant No.1251535

The additional information to that given in our letter dated 22.1.1942. requested in your letter of 25.11.1942. is given below.

1) The part of the uniform was recovered from the sea near Wimereux, S.E. of Calais after a big air battle during which an aircraft was seen to crash.

2) Fragments of wood and parts of an aircraft were found.

3) Sgt. Carvill's death was reported as a result of the part of a uniform which was found. No further details are known.

Dated at
the Air Ministry,
London,
this 3 day of April 1942.

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1.3.42.

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360271 60/9A

Letter from	W.A.WETTERWALD & CO.	To	MR. D. CARVILLE,
Address or postmark	STAMPTENBACHSTRASSE 69, ZURICH.		c/o T.A.MARTIN & CO., BRADENHAM HOUSE, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS. ENGLAND.
Date of letter or postmark	February 14. 1942.	Language	ENGLISH.

ORIGINAL LETTER:	SUBMITTED TO:
Submitted.....Photographed.....	
Retained.....Released.....X	COMMENT (3) TO AIR.*
Returned to Sender.....	

2 MAR 1942

Seen by: Naval Adviser.....Air Adviser.....M.I.12.....

SUBJECT R.A.F. casualty advised by Geneva Red Cross.
(Include necessary references to Watch Lists, with Authority requiring the Watch)

Writer informs Addressee of result of his enquiries regarding the latter's son:-

"After further investigations at the International Red Cross at Geneva, I have just received the following message:

'Monsieur, Faisant suite a notre lettre du 30.12.41 concernant CARVILL R.D. Sgt.No.1251535, nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que le Bureau Officiel, Berlin, nous avise comme suit : "A l'endroit de la chute un morceau d'uniforme a ete repeche portant un numero matricule qui permet l'identification: le corps n'a pas encore pu etre retrouve." Nous vous prions d'agreer, etc.'

4 (Cas)
naah

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I suppose you understand enough French to know what the message means, of which nevertheless I am giving you below

Operating Unit	Section	Examiner	for	D.A.C.	Date	P.T.O.
HOL/TRADE	13/7	5323		A.J.T.		
				712.	26.2.42.	

the translation.

"Referring to our letter of Dec.30, 41, concerning Carvill R.D. Sgt.No. 1251535, we have the honour to inform you that the Bureau Officiel of Berlin is writing us as follows:-

"- At the place of the fall, a peace of uniform has been fished out with a registered number, which permitted the identification: the body has not as yet been found.-"

F.A.1903.
27.2.42.

Cap 17.6.41

FOR MINISTRIES ONLY

Recommendation for Disposal of Letter and Reason

FOR CENSORSHIP INTERNAL ACTION

Letter Condemned.....Returned to Sender.....Released.....

FB 2A.
No.56 (Punjab) Squadron,
Royal Air Force,
Duxford,
Cambridgeshire.

56S/C.195/P.1.

20th July, 1941.

The Under Secretary of State,
The Air Ministry (Dept. Q.J.) (P.4. Casualties),
Adastral House,
Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

Sir,

1251535 Sgt. Carvill, R.D. Hurricane IIB. Z.3329.

I have the honour to refer to our signal A.209 dated 17th June, 1941, and to report on this accident.

2. Sgt. Carvill was with the squadron returning from offensive operations over northern France on the late afternoon of 17th June, 1941.

3. The squadron were being subjected to attacks by Me 109s and this pilot was heard distinctly to call up on the R/T stating that his aircraft had been damaged and he was abandoning it by parachute.

4. This incident took place well over land and although he was not actually seen to abandon his aircraft it is hoped that he landed safely in France.

5. No further information has yet been received as to his whereabouts.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L B Hudson

Flying Officer, for,
Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No.56 (Punjab) Squadron, Duxford.

Copy to:- 11 Group.
R.A.F., North Weald.
A.O.i/c. Records.

1A.

C7 ACTION 15869

LOS.

OXBRIDGE NR.2 NOT WT IMMEDIATE
PASS TO RECORDS GR 92

ADDRESSED TO AIR MINISTRY (P4 CAS) AIR MIN C1 (ACCS) =
HQ.43 GROUP SALVAGE OXFORD = HQFC = 11 GROUP = RECORDS
FROM 56 SQUADRON NORTH WEALD.

A209 17/6

FB. (A) HURRICANE 11 B 72 Z3329 MERLIN xx 26227/188742
(B) 56 SQDN NORTH WEALD (C) UNKNOWN BELIEVED PILOT BALED
OUT OVER NORTHERN FRANCE. 17/6/41 APPROX. 1930 HOURS
DAY. (D) 1251535 SGT. R.D. CARVILL MISSING NEXT OF KIN
BEING INFORMED. (E) UNKNOWN (F) YES SAA (G) ENEMY
ACTION (H) CAT.E. (J) NIL. (K) N/A.

====2300

T.O.R. 0700 18.6.41.

cph.

Sgt B

[Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including "Sgt B" and "18.6.41"]