

Second World War - Sergeant D M Greey, Sergeant J P Taylor (RCAF), Sergeant J Moules, Sergeant F W Alleway, Sergeant R G G Griffin, Sergeant C Deges: killed; aircraft shot down and crashed near Pas de Calais, France, Wellington W5656, 103 Squadron, 6 August 1941. With identity discs

The following is from the National Archives AIR 81/8104

10.
11.11.41 Extract from German Totenliste No 55

- 11 -

D.P.S.

Wellington W.5656, with a crew of six, was reported missing on the night of 5/6th August, 1941. (Enclosure 1B).

No.103 Squadron reported that this aircraft took off at 22.15 Hrs. on 5.8.41. for operations over Frankfurt. W/T communication was maintained until 0220 hrs. on 6.8.41. after which nothing further was heard. (Enclosure 2B).

Telegrams from the International Red Cross state that all six members of the crew were killed on 6.8.41. (Enclosures 4A and 6A). Confirmation of their death on 6.8.41., together with particulars of burial, is contained in extracts from German Totenlisten Nos. 55 and 56 (Enclosure 10A).

It is accordingly submitted that the death of Sgts. Alleway, Greey, Griffin, Moules, Taylor and Deges, be presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on 6th August, 1941.

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13/1/42.

12.
X of minute 11 approved.

F. H. M. M. M.
W. L. M. M. S.

15-1-42.

13.
22/1/42 Presumption Notices to Unit, Group, Records and Uxbridge(2) - 13A

14.
24/1/42 Cable to C.A.S. Ottawa notifying presumption - 14A
" " " F.S. Taylor Esq " - 14B

15.
17.2.42 Action Sheet 15A.

16.
18/5/42. C.M.D. to Sgt. J.P. ~~Green~~ Taylor to Canadian H.Q. Ottawa 16A-B

17.
5/5/45. Copy of minute from B4. enclosing
quantity discs. 18

7.45 From The W.O. forwarding letter received from Mr.
Greey regarding his son's place of burial.
24.2.43 Sgt D. W. Greey) 19 18A
7.45 Reply to enc 18A 19A

20.
7.45 letter dated 17/8/45

45A

Name: T a y l o r +

Staatsangehörigkeit: England

Vorname: J. F.

Gefangenenerlager: P361124/

Geburtsdag und Ort:

Gemeldet von: RLM 1.9.41./

Dienstgrad: Sergeant

Zu benachrichtigen:

Truppenteil:

Matr. Nr.: R 72 296

Gefangennahme:

Verwundung:

Gefallen: 6.8.1941

Beerdigt: 7.8.1941 auf dem Friedhof in
Chateau Ledquent /Frankreich

Angefragt von:

Gemeldet an: Genf

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am: 20.9.41.

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EXTRACT FROM GERMAN DOCUMENTS. K.E..... E.V..... 961

DEATH CARDS

DETAILS OF CRASH. Wellington a/c crashed on 6.8.41 near
TARDINGHEM (? = HARDINGHEM)

DETAILS OF CREW.

759220	SGT.	ALLEWAY	F.W.
1113660	SGT.	DEGES	
904243	SGT.	GREY	D.M.
959229	SGT.	MOYLES	J.
72296	SGT.	TAYLOR	J.P.

Buried in Cemetery at Chateau Ledgment, Marquise
Pas de Calais on 7.8.41

No further information

SIGNATURE... Dyes ... DATE... 8.8.47...
PHOTOSTATS ATTACHED Taylor INITIALS... 813 ... DATE... 12/8/47
Grey
COPY TO:- CAS. CAN. S.7.CAS. (C.5.)
REPT. O.H.Q.
REPT. O.H.Q.
D.R.F.L.
See also Encls
24, 26A-26D.

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10 AUG 1946

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Gefangenenlager:		Staatsangehörigkeit:	Nr. der Liste:
Gefangenen-Nr.:		England	Seite der Liste:
Name:		Beruf:	
Vorname:		Religion:	
Geburtsort:		Dienstgrad:	
Vorname des Vaters:		Truppenteil:	
Familiennamen der Mutter:		Komp. usw.	
Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:		Matr. Nr.	
		Ort und Tag der Gefangennahme oder Internierung:	
		Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:	
		wann und von wo zugegangen:	
Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen:			

gef. am. 6.8.1941 Ausgericht am 7.8.1941
7.8.41 Grablage: Friedhof Chateau Ledquient
Marguise, Pas de Calais, 2. Hg.

gem. d. Reichsm. d. Luftw. u. Oberbef. d. Luftwaffe abgeleitet E. V. 96/41
 Luftwaffenpersonalamt H. Verl. 25 Nr. 63772/10 Teil 55
 (Chef. H. Verl. II D) v. 1. 9. 1941
 V. 4 u. a. Ref. IV i
 II. Meld. d. Gef. D. Luftw. u. Hinterl. No. C. 2866 u. b. Ref. V
 Marguise d. Int. R. H. Verl. 25 Nr. 63772/10 Teil 55
 3. H. Verl. H. H. Verl. (E) 13/IV/41 abgeleitet E. 3000/42
 Ref. IV

R E P O R T.

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TO :- No.1.Missing, Research and Enquiry Unit.
R.A.F. C/o. British Forces in France.
TO :- Air Ministry (S.7.Cas) 73/77 Oxford St. LONDON W.1.
TO :- Air Ministry (Cas.Can) 73/77 Oxford St. LONDON W.1.
DATE :- 18th January, 1947. P. 361124/41.

YOUR FILE OR FOLDER REFERENCE :-
YOUR CASUALTY ENQUIRY NUMBER :- DEPARTMENT:- Pas de Calais.

OUR REFERENCE :- LAROU/S.8/XF.1709/Air.
NAME OF SEARCH OFFICER AND NUMBER OF SECTION :- F/L Laronde - No.5.Sect.
AIRCRAFT TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER :- Bomber.
DATE REPORTED MISSING :- 6th or 9th August, 1941. TARGET :- Unknown.
PLACE OF CRASH :- Tardingen (Pas de Calais). MAP REF :- B.1/G.76.
PLACE OF BURIAL :- Canadian Mil.Cem. LEVERINGHEN. MAP REF :- B.1/G.76.
CREW :- Sgt. Dages, C. Sgt. Moules, J. Sgt. Greey, D.M.
Sgt. Griffin, R.G.G. Sgt. Taylor, J.P. Sgt. Alleway, P.W.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS :-

In August, 1941, a British bomber crashed at a place called 'MOSCOU' in the commune of TARDINGHEN. The proprietor of the farm stated this aircraft crashed during the night of 9th August, in the midst of a wind storm. The aircraft exploded on touching the ground, and the wreckage was thrown over a considerable area. He added five bodies were found, three the following day, and two a week or more later, when crops were being cut. He only saw two engines in the wreckage.

2). The Mayor of the commune thought seven had been killed in the crash. Monsieur LA TUI found a valise containing papers which he turned over to the British authorities at BOULOGNE after the liberation. He

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Stamp: I.R.C.G. adjutant
Stamp: 265 264 26c
Stamp: 78/46 B4
Stamp: 17 AUG 1946
Stamp: Army

P. 361124/41/P.4.Kits.

29 September, 1945.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 17th August, 1945, and to advise you with regret that no effects belonging to your son Sergeant D. M. Greedy have been received in this Department.

In accordance with the Geneva Convention the Germans should have forwarded to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva, all personal effects found on the bodies of Allied personnel but the Department is afraid that in many cases this was not done.

All effects received via Geneva have been disposed of to the next of kin. However, should any effects of your son be received in this Department they will of course be forwarded to you.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

S. L. BAKER

for Director of Personal Services.

Mrs. F. Greedy,
Besley Hall,
Nr. Reddish,
Worcester.

C. Stearn
 2188.3 (m. 1941)
 Reg. 248 M. Roddick
 Beoley Hall
 361127 Worcestershire
 704243 GREEY. Sgt. D.M.
 VC/M P/RAF/C. 391 (V)
 Aug 17. 45
 a/cy 2188

I have been advised, by Lady Ampthill
 to write to you concerning the effects
 found on my sons body when shot
 down on Aug 6th 1941 - buried at
 Chateau Ledquent. Marquise; in addition
 to monies, there should be a watch
 fountain pen & snaps.

Any particulars you can give me will
 be very gratefully received, we shall
 treasure the smallest thing that can be
 retrieved.

Yours truly
F. Greey

The Air Ministry,
 73-77, Oxford Street,
 LONDON, W.1
 71 SEP 1945
 MM.

P.361124/41/P.4.B.7

21 September, 1945.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 17th August, 1945, addressed to the Graves Registration and Enquiries, the War Office, and to inform you that according to a report received from the International Red Cross Committee, your son, 904243 Sergeant D.M.Greey, is buried in the Chateau Ledquent Cemetery, near Marquise, France.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) M. CRABBE

for Director of Personal Services.

F.Greey, Esq.,
Beoley Hall,
Worcestershire.

The Under-Secretary of State,
The Air Ministry,
73-77, Oxford Street,
LONDON, W.1

71 SEP 1945
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Redditch 152

Beoley Hall
Worcestershire

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Aug 17. 45

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C/14 P/RAF/C 391 (U)

I have been advised to write to
you by Lady Ampthill, respecting my sons
place of burial, Sgt Pilot D. M. Sreey
no 904243. Any particulars you can
give me will be gratefully received, we
hope to be able to visit it, in the
near future.

Yours truly
D. Sreey.

ENCL.	MARKED	RECEIVED
21		A.G.13
		22 AUG 1945
		SUPERVISOR

S&T MOULES, J.

959229

IDENTITY DISC.



Enclosed
1x Identity
disc.

14 September, 1941

P561124/41/P.4.Cas.

F. Hadd, Esq.,
Acting Official Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for Canada,
Canada House,
S.W.1.

Reference your Memorandum for the Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Air Force.

Sergeant J.P. Taylor was the 2nd Pilot of an aircraft which took off at 10.15 p.m. on the 5th August, 1941, on an operational flight to Frankfurt. A message was received at 2.20 a.m. the following morning, stating the mission had been completed, since when nothing has been heard of the aircraft or any of its occupants.

Enquiries are made through the International Red Cross Society regarding all Royal Air Force personnel and Mr. Taylor may be assured that should any information be received it will be immediately communicated to him.

for Director of Personal Services.

Copy to Records

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Ref: 103/0.332/21/P.1.

103 Squadron,

A.F.

Elsham Wolds,

Gr. Barnetby, Lincs.

14th August 1941.

Sir,

Re: Wellington Aircraft W.5656.D.
Missing on 5/8. 8. 41.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the above subject:

On 5th August 1941, the following crew were detailed to fly in Wellington Aircraft W.5656.D. on an operational sortie against TRAFALGAR.

901243.	SGT.	GREY, D.M.	Captain.
CAN/R72296.	SGT.	TAYLOR, J.P.	2nd Pilot.
359229.	SGT.	MOULES, J.	Navigator.
759220.	SGT.	ALLEMAN, F.W.	1st W/T. Operator.
947898.	SGT.	GRIFFIN, R.C.G.	2nd W/T. Operator.
1113660.	SGT.	DEES, C.	Air Gunner.

2. This was Sgt. Grey's fourteenth sortie as Captain with this crew, he had previously completed a further nine sorties as 2nd pilot.

3. The aircraft took off from Elsham at 22.15 hours on the 5th August 1941. A wireless message stating mission completed at 01.15 hours was received at 02.20 hours, since then no further news has been received.

4. Six other aircraft from the Squadron successfully attacked the same target. There were no reports of other than the normal amounts of flak and searchlight activity over enemy territory.

5. The next of kin have been personally informed of the circumstances of the casualty.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. H. Lowe

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 103 Squadron, R.A.F.

The Commanding Officer,
A.F. Station,
Elsham Wolds,
Gr. Barnetby, Lincs.

M.R./C.
IMMEDIATE NOT WT TELEGRAM EN CLAIR

TO: A.R. MINISTRY C.I. (ACCIDENTS) GLOUCESTER P.O. CA.
(P.4.Cas) KINGSWAY RECORDS GLOUCESTER
H.Q.B.C. H.Q. No.1 GROUP H.Q. No.43 GROUP
ELSHAM.

FROM: 103 SQUADRON.

RECEIVED A.M.C.S. 1625 Hrs.
-6.8.41.

A113 6/8/41. P.B.

(A) WELLINGTON TC V5656 (D) (11) PEGASUS XV111
PORT S8708/161/92 STARBOARD S5610/142632. (B) No.103 SQUADRON.
(C) NOT KNOWN TOOK OFF 2225 HOURS 5/8/41 NGZ RECEIVED 0113 HOURS
DARK. (D) 904243 SGT. GREEDY D.M. (CAPTAIN) CAN/R72296 SGT.
TAYLOR J.P. (2ND PILOT) 959229 SGT. MOULES J. (OBSERVER) 759220
SGT. ALLEWAY E.W. (1ST W/T OPERATOR) 947898 SGT. GRIFFIN R.C.G.
(2ND W/T OPERATOR) 1113660 SGT. DEGES C. (AIR GUNNER) ALL
MISSING PARTICULARS UNKNOWN. (E) N/A. (F) OPERATIONALLY EQUIPPED
(G) NOT KNOWN PRESUMED ENEMY ACTION. (H) NOT KNOWN. (J) N/A
KIN INFORMED SGT. GREY (FATHER) SGT. MOULES (WIFE) SGT.
ALLEWAY (FATHER) KIN NOT SGT. TAYLOR SGT. DEGES. SGT. GRIFFIN

ADVANCE COPIES TO:-

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TIME OF ORIGIN: 1145 Hrs.

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SGT. ALLEWAY (FATHER) KIN NOT SGT. TAYLOR

TAYLOR
YLOB, SGT. DEGES,

SGT. GRIFFIN

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CC ARRD FROM 103 SQUADRON

CC IN (C) INSERT AFTER HOURS ...DARK

X CCC IN (D) AFTER GRIFFIN TO READ R.C.G. NOT R.C.G. X

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