

POSTCARD



**Sergeant
William Reginald Stone
1924-1944**



Address

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8th February, 1944

Dear Mr. Stone,

It is with the deepest sympathy that I write to you concerning the death of your son, William Reginald, who was killed in an aircraft accident at dusk on the 3rd February, 1944.

He was a member of a crew of six which had just completed a Cross Country trip in a Wellington aircraft, and crashed at Hynesfold. There is no doubt that your son was instantaneously killed on impact.

I regret I cannot give you any further details, but should any point of interest come to light at a later date, I will of course inform you.

Your son was a very keen pupil who gave great promise of being an excellent Officer, and his continuous good humour and keenness was as much an asset to those he came in contact with as it was to himself, and his death means a personal loss to all who knew him.

The sole surviving member of the crew is Sgt. J.R. Patterson who is progressing favourably, and is at present in the R.A.F. Hospital at Raucoby, Lincolnshire, England.

Please find enclosed a list of the next of kin of the remaining deceased members of the crew, should you wish to write to them.

Your son's personal effects are being handled by a Committee of Adjustment, and if there is anything further I can do in connection with the tragedy, please let me know.

Again with the deepest sympathy of myself and personnel of this unit,

Sergeant William Reginald Stone was a son of Reginald A. Stone and Helen J. Stone, of Ingersoll.

William attended schools in Ingersoll and likely assisted in the family business, Stone & Sons Fertilizers, Ingersoll. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942.

Sergeant William Reginald Stone was killed in action, February 3, 1944. He rests at OXFORD (BOTLEY) CEMETERY Berkshire, United Kingdom.

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