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16th Sept. '49.

Mr. P. Benefield,  
29 Kelvin Street,  
Aramoho,  
WANGANUI.

Dear Mr Benefield,

Further to my previous correspondence concerning your son, Flying Officer Victor Dominic Benefield, information now received from Air Ministry states that the graves of your son and Sergeant E.J. Outen, R.N.Z.A.F. have been located by the Missing Research and Enquiry Service in the Krefeld-Bochum Cemetery, where they had been buried by the Germans.

It has not been possible to obtain any other details of your son's last flight other than an extract from German records which stated that your son's aircraft, a Wellington Bomber No. SV612, crashed at 2.20 a.m. on the 17th September, in the Neuss area near Duisberg.

Your son's remains have now been re-interred in the Reichswald Forest British Military Cemetery, Plot 2, Row H, Grave No. 6, Sergeant Outen being re-interred in Grave No. 7. A permanent headstone will be erected immediately labour and materials are available, and I am to assure you Mr Benefield that your son's grave will be carefully tended at all times.

Yours faithfully,

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*John*  
AIR SECRETARY.

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8th December, 1950

Mr. P. Benefield,  
29 Kelvin Street,  
Aramoho,  
WANGANUI.

Dear Mr. Benefield,

The enclosed further photographs of the temporary cross over the grave of your son, Flying Officer Victor Dominic Benefield, have been received from R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters London, with the request that they be forwarded on to you.

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Yours faithfully,

AIR SECRETARY.

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