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Major S.E. SNEEZUM, M.C.
11 B.L.U.
Palermo
Tele. 11393
DO/1

12A

10 April 46

Dear Sir,

Reference your letter dated 11.Jan.46. enquiring into the location of the grave of Group Capt.W.M. Churchill D.S.O. D.F.C.

Attached is copy of letter received from R.A.F. Missing Research and Enquiry Service relating to the above named officer.

Any further information received will be forwarded to you.

yours faithfully,

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DANEU
Corso Umberto 168
Taormina

COPY OF FORIO IIA
SENT ATT. WITH THIS
LETTER

8. IIA

Date: 1st April, 1945.

NAME := /church411.

90261 W/Under W.H. Churchill, D.S.O., D.F.O.

1. With reference to your memo/900/62, dated 12th March, 1946, the above named officer was flying in Spitfire P.P.359 leading a fighter sweep over Sicily on 27th August, 1942.
2. His aircraft was hit by Flak over Greece and seen to crash in flames. No further news of this officer has since been received.
3. A searchlight party of this Headquarters is at present operating in Sicily and has been requested to investigate with a view to ascertaining the fate of this pilot.
4. Any information obtained will be forwarded.

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1 (copy) M.C.E.H., B.A.F., C.M.E.

COPY SENT TO DANEU & CO. TAORMINA.
ALSO COVERING LETTER (FILE, DO/I) IN REPLY
TO FOLIO 6A SEE ALSO FOLIO 12A

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

(10A)

26 March 46.

Subject: Graves Registration -
R.A.F. Officer.

File : PAL/A/21

To : U.S. G.P.U.
Palermo

Group Captain W.M. CHURCHILL D.S.O. D.F.C. - R.A.F.

1. Could you please inform this office if you have any record of the grave of the above named British R.A.F. officer who failed to return to his base, and therefore presumed dead, following a raid made on the Biscari airfield on 27.Aug.42.
2. It is thought that his grave will be in the area of BISCARI.

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S.E. SHEPHERD,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

2413

SUBJECT:- Graves Registration.

G.R.S.E. (Records) C.M.F.
APO 8.555,
Tel : Florence 1409,
GRCHE/900/64.

12 Mar '46.

HQ, RAF (MED/RS) M.A.S.S., APO 8.442, CMF.

Copy to:-

G.C. No.11 British Liaison Unit, Palermo, Sicily.

Group Captain W.M. SHEPHERD D.S.O. D.F.C. - R.A.F. 6A

1. The attached copy of enquiry PAL/A/13 dated Feb '46, and enclosure received from second addressee is forwarded for your information.
2. As no record is held of the grave of the above-named officer will you please forward any information held by your HQ to enquirer and this office.

DE/PG

Major,
D.A.D.C.R. & E. (Records) C.M.F.

ENCL:-

Copy PAL/A/13 dated Feb '46 and attachment (to HQS only).

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

(6A)

February, 1946.

Subject : Enquiries re British Officer.
Ref : PAL/A/13. *E 8A*
To : Graves Registration Department
c/o O.C. British Troops, Sicily.

The attached copy of a letter addressed to the British Consul, requesting information of Group Capt. W.M. Churchill D.S.O., D.F.C. is passed to you for attention.

It would be appreciated if relative enquiries could be made and this Unit advised accordingly.

W.M.
R.E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/60.

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DAVEU & Co.
Taormina Marina
(7500)

Taormina 11. Jan. 45.
Corso Umberto, 150

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W/V Polaris in 1885

W/V H.M. Consulat of Britain

Catania

H.

W/V Mail.

Having

W/V distressed by a family longing for some details.

I beg you

W/V searching on the (and) sort of the named

Group

W/V In W.H. Churchill D.S.O. D.F.C.

who did not
against the

W/V Back to his Base from an action made
W/V Field of Biscari on 27. August 1942.

It Capt.
Biscari -
you to be
the site of

W/V Churchill should result as dead near
W/V There is some reason to believe it. I beg
W/V as to furnish such details relative to
W/V grave.

With
the Comd

W/V Your kind communications I receive. Br.

W/V Yours sincerely

W/V DAVEU

SEE

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A.D.L.S.Tel No. Valjean 4202 E/81027/CAS

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30 Nov 45.

MIA,
PALERMO ✓

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Subject: Skeletons of Allied Soldiers found
during clearing up works of PIETRAROSSA
Bridge.

May a reply now be forwarded please to this HQ letter
02E/81027/CAS dated 3 Nov 45.

Copy is attached for easy reference.

[Signature]

W.G.E. Tuok, S/Capt.,
for Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

C.M.F.

Copy to: D.A.D., G.R. & E. (Records),
C.M.F.

Your GRMF/800/614 dated 17 Oct 45 refers.

done 24/11/2469
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A.D.L.S.Tel. No. Valjean 4202E/81027/GAS

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3 Nov 45.

MMIA,
PALESTINE

Subject: Skeletons of Allied Soldiers found
during clearing up works of PIETRASOSSA
Bridge.

With reference to letter 3585/B.S. dated 14 Jul 45
addressed you from Military Territorial HQ. Palermo
regarding the above subject.

Enquiries are proceeding to establish the identity
of an Unknown British Soldier, whose body was originally
buried by the collapse of Bridge Pietrasossa, Caltagirone.

It would be appreciated if you could inform this
HQ of the date this incident occurred.

C.M.F.

W.C.E. Tuok, S/Capt.,
for Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

Copy to: D.A.D. G.H. & c. (Records),
C.M.F.

Your GROMP/800/614
dated 17 Oct 45 refers.

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Subject:- Skeleton of Allied
Soldier at Pietrarossa Bridge.

11 B.L.U.
Palermo. Sicily
PAL/A/8 A/13
24 Nov 45

G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon
C.N.F.

Ref your letter 02E/81027/ CAS.
dated 3 Nov .45
It is confirmed that the date of this incident was
12 June 45.

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Perth
Major G
G.S.O. II., 11 B.L.U.

A.D.I.S.

TEL NO :- Valjean 42

MIA,
PALERMO.

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ONE/81027/GAS

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[Signature]
C.O. (MUR) 3/Capt.,
for Brigadier,
D.A.S.,
GHQ 3rd Echelon.

O.M.P.

Copy to :- D.A.D.,
G.R. & E. (Records),
C.I.P.

(Your ORCE/800/GM. d.
17 Oct 45 refers)

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