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Source 4 - Letter from Air Ministry to Leslie Speller's parents reporting Leslie missing.

Sir.

P.368540/42/P.4.A.

I am commanded by the Air Council to confirm the telegram in which you were notified that your son, Pilot Officer Leslie Albert Dudley Speller, Royal Air Force, is missing as the result of air operations on the night of 3rd/4th May, 1942.

Your son was an occupant of a Liberator aircraft which set out for action, from a base in the Middle East area, and failed to return. This does not necessarily mean that he is killed or wounded, and if he is a prisoner of war he should be able to communicate with you in due course. Meanwhile enquiries will be made through the International Red Cross Committee and from all possible local sources and as soon as any definite news is received, you will be at once informed.

If any information regarding your son is received by you from any source you are requested to be kind enough to communicate it immediately to the Air Ministry.

/The

May, 1942.

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