

R.N. AIR STATION

FEARN

ROSS-SHIRE

18/12/44

Dear Commander Lightoller,

I am writing as Commanding Officer of your nephew, Richard George Peers' Squadron to extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their irreparable loss, and I would be very grateful if you could convey our feelings to his relatives in New Zealand.

He was the pilot of an aircraft which, returning from an exercise on the night of the 15th December, crashed into some hills 30 miles North East of this Station at about 2210. I regret to say that all 3 members of the crew were killed instantaneously.

Lieutenant Peers was a senior Pilot of the Squadron and, in the short time he had been with us, had proved a very valuable officer and would no doubt have very shortly commanded his own Squadron.

His kit has been checked and handed over to the Commanding Officer, R.N.A.S. Fearn, to await disposal instructions by Admiralty.

If there are any further particulars I can provide or anything else I may be able to do please let me know and I shall do my utmost to comply.

Yours faithfully

L.R. CORY

Lieut.-Cdr. (A) R.N.