

Telephone:- Springwell 2306/7.

RECORD OFFICE,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
GLOUCESTER.

Any reply to this letter should be
addressed to the Air Officer i/c Records
and the following number quoted:- CIL(A)/631045/F.E.

21 July 1942.

631045 PREECE.J.C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your recent letter enquiring about the above named
airman, I am sorry to say that no information regarding him is at present
available in this office. This is due to the recent developments in the Far
East and to the delays inevitable in war-time.

It is understood that the greater part of the Royal Air Force
personnel had left Singapore or were evacuated from Malaya before the
surrender of the fortress. A list was received of personnel left behind in
Singapore and believed to have been taken prisoner of war. This airman's name
was not included in this list.

The names of personnel who were safely evacuated from Java to other
regions are gradually coming through from various sources. Nominal rolls of
such men have been received and are still being received and many of the men
have cabled privately to their relatives when in a position to do so.

Considerable delay is being experienced in obtaining the names of
such men as were taken prisoner by the Japanese, but it is expected that the
names will be received in due course.

In the meantime it is not possible to give you an address to which
you may send letters direct. Any letters addressed as follows will, however,
be forwarded as soon as practicable:-

631045 PREECE.J.C.
C/o Record Office,
(C.I.(F.E.) Section),
Royal Air Force,
Barnwood,
GLOUCESTER.

You will appreciate the great importance of giving the particulars of
the airman's number etc., fully and accurately.

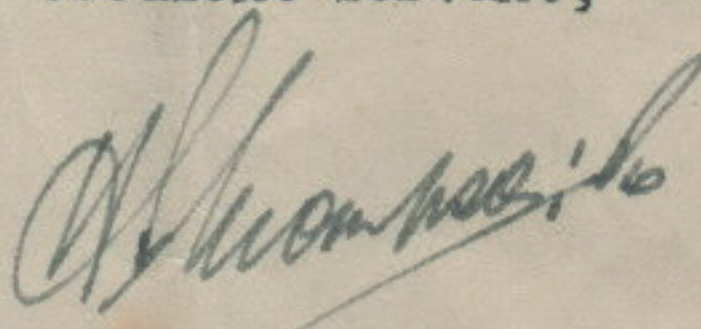
A note has been made of your enquiry and any news that is received
will be forwarded to you. It would be a great help to me if you would be so
good as to let me know at once should you yourself hear meanwhile from or of
the airman to whom this letter refers.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. ~~Mr~~ Preece.
Post Office.
Harley.
Shrewsbury.
Shropshire.


For Air Commodore,
Air Officer i/c Records,
Royal Air Force.