

4 August 1948

Dear Mrs Anderson,

Further to my previous correspondence concerning your brother, Flying Officer John Glen McCauley, I have to advise that information now received from Air Ministry states that in spite of extensive searches, no trace whatsoever can be found of the aircraft or of the remains of your brother.

Your brother's aircraft set out from Portreath with a crew of five, and six passengers on the 19th of December 1942 and failed to arrive at Gibraltar. Nothing was heard of the aircraft. However, later, the bodies of four of the occupants of the aircraft were washed ashore on the French Coast. It has not been possible to locate any grave that would be possibly connected with your brother nor any of the remaining six members of the aircraft.

Under the circumstances Air Ministry are reluctantly compelled to assume that your brother lost his life at sea.

I am fully aware of the distressing nature of this information, Mrs Anderson, at the same time I am sure that you would prefer to be given all the information received by this department.

Yours Faithfully,

A. Barrow [signed]

AIR SECRETARY