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Dear Mr. Ravenhill,

Thank you for your letter concerning your Uncles' death in 1940.

We carried out some research, and visited the field in the late 1960's where this Hurricane burnt out at about 9-30am on the 30/9/40. Local eye witnesses at the time of our visit said the aircraft was shot down by a Messerschmitt BF 109. Your Uncle managed to belly land the Hurricane in a small field. Unfortunately the aircraft burst into flames, and in spite of the efforts of local people to open the jammed cockpit canopy, Flying Officer M. Ravenshill died.

No aircraft fragments were found at the time of our visit, possibly because the field had been cultivated over the years destroying what might have remained after the RAF had recovered the wreckage in 1940.

However in our collection we have two works plates from the port elevator, these were picked up on the day of the crash, and as far as we know are the only surviving fragments from this Hurricane - see the rough pencil rubbing enclosed. These can be seen at the above address, but please phone first. Unfortunately we had to stop our regular Sunday opening at the end of 1972.

Trusting this small snippet of information will be of some help in your research.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Anscombe

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