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DEAR JUSTIN,

Please forgive me for the time taken to reply to your letter. I had the dreaded Flu' virus when your letter arrived and then went off to Scotland for a month over Christmas and New Year.

Since then I have been awaiting a copy of the enclosed group of "A" Flight 229 Squadron in which Malcolm appears as I thought it would be of interest to you, it is, perhaps, the last snap taken of him. I wanted to keep the original as, sadly, I am the only one in the snap surviving today.

I am afraid Mr. Withy is slightly adrift - one mixed flight of "A" and "B" pilots went to France led by F/L F. Rosier (now Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier) I set off from Digby with the second flight a few days later. We were stopped at R.A.F. Hawkinge where we were refuelling.

Malcolm was a very popular and courageous member of the Squadron and a great loss when he was so ~~so~~ tragically shot down. I feel privileged to have known him. We had only been at Northolt a short time, and if my memory serves me right he had also baled out about a fortnight before. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful to you. If only one had kept a diary of those days in 1940.

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Good luck to you with your research.

Best Wishes for 1992.

Sincerely,

