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## Letter Home, RCAF Overseas

A collection of wartime letters

The author shares her father's experiences in World War II in **Letters Home, RCAF Overseas**, by Janet Smolders, and released today by Burnstown Publishing House.

Surprisingly cheery and filled with youthful optimism and hope for the future, the letters begin shortly after William Giles joins the Royal Canadian Air Force. Most of the letters end with "Keep Smiling" or "Don't worry" but there was *a lot* to worry about. The letters, combined with diary entries, the *RCAF Daily Operations*, and telegrams from overseas, provide a weird tableau of fun, excitement, pure terror, and horror.

The sole survivor of a terrifying crash of a Halifax bomber, Bill continues to write heartwarming letters home to reassure his family that "I'll be okay!" and "I'll be seeing you before long." His concern for them, despite all the horror and months in the hospital, shows a genuine love for his mother, family, and home. He was only nineteen.

***Letters Home, RCAF Overseas*** (softcover, 224pp.), by Janet Smolders, is published by Burnstown Publishing House, Burnstown, Ontario, and retails for \$25.00 plus tax and shipping & handling.