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Dear Families of RCAF Members who served with the 458th RAAF Squadron:

Incredible acts of bravery were shown by Canadian pilots fighting for freedom, liberty and democracy during World War II. Among them were the many Canadians of the Royal Canadian Air Force who served alongside the 458th RAAF Squadron.

These brave Canadians served with the Australian Squadron first in England and then in the Middle East. Some of them paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and the values we were fighting for during the war. 31 such individuals, who were from 9 of our provinces, are today buried or memorialized in Malta. We will never forget their incredible sacrifice and bravery.

The end of World War II marked a great victory for freedom, liberty and democracy—but it also came at great cost. We should never forget what Canadians who served in World War II fought for as well as those who ultimately sacrificed their lives for it.

I would like to thank all of you here for coming out to recognize and memorialize our fallen heroes.

Sincerely,