

36 CARNARVEN ROAD
STRATHMORE 3041
VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA

DEAR

MY NAME IS LAWRENCE LARMER. DURING WORLD WAR 2 I SERVED IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE WAR I WAS WITH A BRITISH SQUADRON IN BOMBER COMMAND.

I WRITE TO YOU TODAY TO TELL YOU THAT ON THE 12th OF MARCH I WAS WITH A FORCE THAT BOARDED YOUR CITY. I CANNOT RECALL THE MILITARY REASON FOR THE RAID AND I MAKE NO APOLOGIES FOR IT. BUT I DEEPLY AND TRULY REGRET THAT WE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS AND INJURIES ~~OF~~ OF SO MANY INNOCENT CIVILIANS - MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.

UNFORTUNATELY TODAY'S WARS ARE NOT JUST BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONEL. GOOD PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES SUFFER & DIE.

AS I AM NOW IN MY 92nd YEAR AND AS THIS IS THE 70 ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THAT DREAADFUL EVENT I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOUR PEOPLE FOR ~~WHAT~~ WHAT WAS REALLY A SIDE EFFECT OF WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY

ONCE AGAIN, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY
YOURS SINCERELY

L. LARMER