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AIRMAN'S TRIBUTE TO PARACHUTE PACKERS

In gratitude to the girls who packed his parachute, a Halifax rear-gunner, writing from a German prison camp, has asked his father to send them a pound.

The gunner - Sergeant P.C. Ratcliffe, of Killester, Dublin - was missing from an attack on Essen.

Explaining the wishes of his son, and enclosing a postal order, the father wrote to the parachute section at the aerodrome:

"Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the safety of my son, owing no doubt to the extreme care in packing the parachute, which saved his life. He is in good health, wounds healed, and playing football. You are remembered in our prayers. God bless you."

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