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September 9, 1944

Mrs. Annie L. Hildreth,
Banks, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

I am writing you with reference to your husband, Second Lieutenant Major P. Hildreth, who was reported by The Adjutant General as missing in action over Germany since July 18th.

Further information dated July 20th has just been received which indicates that Lieutenant Hildreth was a crew member of a B-17 (Flying Fortress) bomber which departed from Italy on a combat bombing to Nemaingen, Germany on July 18th. Full details are not available, but the report indicates that during this mission our planes encountered enemy aircraft and in the ensuing engagement your husband's bomber sustained damage. The report further states that this occurred at about 10:45 a.m., in the vicinity of the target, and that several parachutes were seen in the air, but it is not definite from which planes they emerged. Due to the intensity of enemy action further observations were not made, therefore the crew members of planes returning from the mission were unable to furnish any other details.

Due to necessity for military security it is regretted that the names of those who were in the plane and the names and addresses of their next of kin may not be furnished at the present time.

Please be assured that a continuing search by land, sea, and air is being made to discover the whereabouts of our missing personnel. As our armies advance over enemy occupied territory, special troops are assigned to this task, and all agencies of the government in every country are constantly sending in details which aid us in bringing additional information to you.

Very sincerely,

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