



ATTENTION: APPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AAF 201 Stephensen, Mont F.

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Mr. Stephen F. Stephensen

Dear Mr. Stephensen:

I am writing you with reference to your son, Captain Mont F. Stephensen, who has been reported by The Adjutant General as missing in action over Germany since 23 December 1944.

Additional information has been received indicating that Captain Stephensen was the pilot of a B-26 (Marauder) bomber which participated in a bombardment mission to Seffern, Germany, on 23 December 1944. The report reveals that during this mission near the target, our planes encountered hostile aircraft, and it is believed that your son's bomber sustained damage. Several parachutes were observed during the encounter, but they could not be established as emerging from any definite plane. Due to the intensity of enemy action, crew members of accompanying planes were unable to obtain any details regarding the disappearance of Captain Stephensen's bomber, therefore the foregoing constitutes all the information presently available in this headquarters.

Believing you may wish to communicate with the families of the others who were in the plane with your son, I am inclosing a list of these men and the names and addresses of their next of kin.

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 agencies of our government and allies frequently send in details which aid us in bringing additional information to you.

Very sincerely,

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