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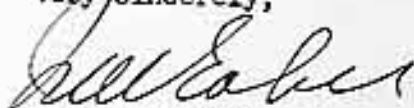
My dear Mr. Stephensen:

With deep regret I have learned that your son, Captain Mont Fermore Stephensen, previously reported missing on December 23, 1944, died in action on that date in Germany.

With a strong determination to serve his Country, Captain Stephensen achieved a most commendable reputation while in training at Williams Field. I am further informed that conscientiousness and courage were reflected in his work and that he proved to be a competent and loyal pilot. He was devoted to duty and was admired by those who were associated with him.

I hope that your son's enviable service will be a source of great comfort to you during this period of sorrow. My heartfelt sympathy is offered to you and other members of the family in behalf of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, who is temporarily away from Headquarters.

Very sincerely,



IRA C. BAKER,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Commander, Army Air Forces.

Mr. Stephen F. Stephensen,