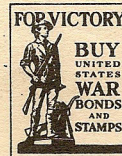


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Mr. Tony J. Diederich,  
Monroe, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Diederich:

Your letter of November 13th addressed to The Adjutant General's office concerning your son, Second Lieutenant Anthony F. Diederich, has been referred to this headquarters for reply.

It is regretted that no further information relative to your son's whereabouts have reached this headquarters other than that conveyed to you in our letter of August 25th. Please be assured that the military authorities in the theaters of operation are exerting all means practicable to locate our missing personnel and as soon as any other details concerning Lieutenant Diederich reach this headquarters, we will communicate with you promptly.

A review of the Missing Air Crew Report indicates that Lieutenant Diederich's plane was on fire but the actual extent is not known. The report further indicates that your son's plane fell to the water in the vicinity about ten minutes flight off Yap Island. No parachutes were observed.

A check of our records reveals that all of the crew members, including your son, are reported as missing in action.

With respect to your inquiry about Lieutenant Diederich's bonds, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Army War Bond Office, inasmuch as this office has jurisdiction over such matters.

Under the terms of the Geneva Convention all nations are required to furnish accurate reports on casualties and prisoners of war to the International Red Cross, who in turn transmits it