WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Diederich, Anthony F. PC-N SWP 137

IN REPLY REFER TO:

2 March 1945

Mr. Tony J. Diederich

Monroe, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Diederich:

I am again writing you concerning your son, Second Lieutenant Anthony F. Diederich, 0697342, who was previously reported missing in action since 15 July 1944.

It distresses me to have to inform you that no report of any change in his status has yet been received. If at the expiration of twelve months a missing person has not been accounted for, all available information regarding the circumstances attending his disappearance is reviewed under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, at which time a determination of his status is made. Before the twelve months' period has elapsed all data or evidence obtainable from any source which may be of any significance in the case is carefully considered. Occasionally relatives and friends of missing personnel receive communications containing pertinent and reliable information not officially reported to the War Department. If you have received any such communications and will send them or photostatic copies of them to this office, it will be greatly appreciated. After their review they will be returned to you if you so desire.

The War Department is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional information concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow and it is my earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours

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