

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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AGPC-S 201 Diederich, Anthony F.  
(16 Jul 45) 0697342

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•Mr. Tony J. Diederich,  
Monroe,  
Nebraska.

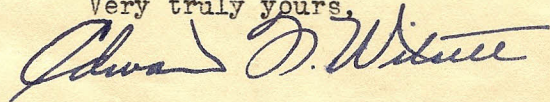
Dear Mr. Diederich:

The records of the War Department show that your son, Second Lieutenant Anthony F. Diederich, 0697342, Air Corps, was reported missing in action near Yap Island in the Southwest Pacific Area as of 15 July 1944.

Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, provides that a review and determination of status will be made in the case of each person who has been missing or missing in action for twelve months. Accordingly, all information concerning your son has been carefully reviewed and considered and an official determination has been made as of 16 July 1945 continuing him in the status of missing in action. The law cited provides that pay and allowances are to be credited to the missing person's account and payment of allotments to authorized allottees is to be continued during the absence of such person in a missing status.

I fully appreciate your concern and deep interest. You will, without further request on your part, receive immediate notification of any change in your son's status. I regret that the far-flung operations of the present war, the ebb and flow of combat over great distances in isolated areas, and the characteristics of our enemies impose upon some of us this heavy burden of uncertainty with respect to the safety of our loved ones.

Very truly yours,



EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General

Acting The Adjutant General of the Army