

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO #719

11 September 1944

Mr. Tony J. Diederich
Monroe, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Diederich:

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that your son Anthony is missing in action. Your son's plane failed to return from a bombing mission over a strongly defended enemy installation in the South Pacific area. His plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire while over the target and crashed shortly thereafter, however, three parachutes were seen to open before the plane crashed and it is our belief that one of these chutists could have been your son. You may be sure that every effort is being made to locate the missing plane or any possible survivors but to date, all results of our searches have been negative.

You will be interested to know that your son's personal effects have been packed and sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri and that they will be forwarded to you from there.

Your son has been a member of this organization for approximately one month. He was an excellent soldier and was well known and respected by all members of this squadron. Rest assured that you will be notified immediately of any further information we may receive. You have the deepest sympathy of all the officers and enlisted men of this organization and if there is any further assistance I can render please feel free to write.

Sincerely yours,

Warren E. Scarr
WARREN E. SCARR,
Captain, A. C.,
Commanding.