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Mrs. Doris L. Bolin
Chrisney, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Bolin:

I am writing to you in reference to your husband's life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

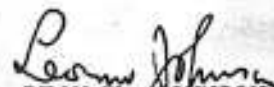
In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Forces recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to Sergeant Robert H. Bolin, these records indicate that he was killed when his Flying Fortress crashed about 10:30 a.m., 8 May 1944, near Freyenstein (53° 17' north, 12° 21' east), Germany. These same records indicate that Sergeant Bolin was interred at 9:00 a.m., 9 May 1944, in grave nine, row one, in the cemetery at Halenbeck, which is approximately six miles southeast of Meyenburg, Germany.

The Quartermaster General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the legal next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. If the report of your husband's burial has not been confirmed and you have not been notified by the Quartermaster General, that official will furnish you definite information immediately upon receipt of the official report of interment from the Commanding General of the Theater concerned.

May the knowledge of your husband's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

Very sincerely,


LEON W. JOHNSON

Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief, Personnel Services Division

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June 24, 1944.

Mrs. Doris L. Bolin,
Chrisney, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Bolin:

Under date of May 20th, The Adjutant General notified you that your husband, Sergeant Robert H. Bolin, had been reported missing in action over Germany since May 8th.

Further information has been received indicating that Sergeant Bolin was a crew member of a B-17 (Flying Fortress) which departed from England on May 8th on a bombardment mission to Berlin, Germany. Full details are not available, but the report indicates that during this mission at about 10:40 a.m. over Perleberg, Germany, your husband's Fortress was seen to collide with another of our planes and to fall toward the earth. The report further states that three parachutes were observed in the area and that the visibility at the time was not good.

Due to necessity for military security, it is regretted that the names of those who were in the plane and the names and addresses of their next of kin may not be furnished at the present time.

The great anxiety caused you by failure to receive more details concerning your husband's disappearance is fully realized. Please be assured that any additional information received will be conveyed immediately to you by The Adjutant General or this headquarters.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. A. Bradunas".

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

2nd Lt. Edwin H. Jacobs

Mrs. Jennie Jacobs, (Mother) ✓
122 Cooper Street,
Trenton, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Carl M. Miller

Mrs. Lois R. Miller, (Mother) ✓
512 Hoyt Avenue,
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2nd Lt. George H. Grace

Mrs. Julia N. Grace, (Mother) ✓
445 Washington Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Ira B. Ogden

Mrs. Mary J. Ogden, (Mother) ✓
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8/Sgt. Robert J. Grofenberg

Mrs. Grace G. Grofenberg, (Mother)
232 Goundry Street,
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Box 1658,
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Sgt. Robert H. Bolin

Mrs. Doris L. Bolin, (Wife)
Chrisney, Indiana.

Sgt. Henry R. Wehrmann

Mrs. Elizabeth Wehrmann, (Mother) ✓
Box 453 Kenwood Road,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sgt. Edward A. Getzewich

Mr. Joseph Getzewich, (Father)
Route Two N,
New Britain, Connecticut.



Killed in Action

Second Lieutenant George Grace, son of Mrs. Arthur B. Grace and the late Mr. Grace of 445 Washington Avenue, who has been reported killed in action in a raid over Europe. He had been missing since May.

Evansville, Indiana
July 3, 1939

Dear Russell,

Last fall you responded to my inquiries about my father, Robert H. Bolin, 306 BG, 367 B.S.G. with copies of relevant pages of "First Over Germany," an interrogation form and orders dated 21 April, 1944. I responded with my thanks and a photograph of my father for your files.

Since then, a desk drawer at my mother's that had been stuck shut for many years was opened and several letters were found containing information which was not included in your copies to me. I am enclosing copies for your information and use for which my mother has given her permission.

I am thoroughly enjoying the "8th Air Force Newsletter" and "306th Echoes" and am corresponding regularly with Clayton Bejot, 457th BG pilot. Thank you for helping to open these windows to my father's service for me.

Sincerely,

Robert Bolin