

AAF 201 (11671) Donnelly, Edward F.
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Mr. William J. Donnelly
Whipple, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

I am writing you with reference to your son, Second Lieutenant Edward F. Donnelly who was reported by The Adjutant General as missing in action over Germany since 23 December 1944.

Additional information has been received indicating that Lieutenant Donnelly was the pilot of a B-26 (Marauder) bomber nicknamed "Powerful Katrinka" which departed from France on a bombardment mission to Ahrweiler, Germany, on 23 December 1944. The report reveals that your son's bomber was last seen at about 12:00 noon, three miles east of the target, and it is believed to have been lost as a result of enemy antiaircraft fire. It is regretted that no further information is obtainable in this headquarters relative to the whereabouts of Lieutenant Donnelly.

Believing you may wish to communicate with the families of the others who were in the plane with your son, I am inclosing a list of these men and the names and addresses of their next of kin.

Please be assured that a continuing search by land, sea, and air is being made to discover the whereabouts of our missing personnel. As our armies advance over enemy occupied territory, special troops are assigned to this task, and agencies of our government and allies frequently send in details which aid us in bringing additional information to you.

Very sincerely,

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