

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
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Mr. Benjamin Buschard
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St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Buschard:

You are without a doubt desirous of obtaining the facts, meager though they be, surrounding the last flight of your son, Technical Sergeant Bernard J. Buschard, 37382983, who has been missing in action since May 6, 1944.

On the date mentioned, Bernie was the engineer on one of our B-24's which participated in a heavy daylight bombing mission over Campina, Roumania. His plane was severely damaged by enemy fighters over the target and was forced to leave the formation. Three parachutes were seen to leave the ship during the few moments it remained in the vision of the other crews. In the event that Bernie was able to reach the ground safely, he has probably become a prisoner of war and we will eventually receive word to that effect. There is little we can do but hope for the best, unless and until official confirmation is received.

I share your anxiety pending more definite news. Bernie has creditably served his Country throughout operational flights in this theatre, exhibiting all the commendable qualities associated with our finest combat men. You may be proud of his record.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. Twining

Major General, USA
Commanding