

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
A. P. O. 520

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Mrs. Mary K. Rechtin
1110 Parkway
Covington, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Rechtin:


It is regrettable that I must confirm the notification which you have received from the War Department concerning your son, Staff Sergeant Robert B. Rechtin, 15362382, who has been missing in action since February 28, 1945.

From reports we have received, it is known that, in the target area, the Liberator on which Bob served as top turret gunner, became disabled when it was hit by flak. The stricken aircraft left the formation immediately and, when last seen, was losing altitude. No parachutes were seen to leave the plane before it finally passed from the view of the observers. Should there be any change in your son's status, you will be notified by the War Department.

Bob's personal possessions have been gathered and will be sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, from which point they will be forwarded to the designated beneficiary.

In the award of the Air Medal, our country has recognized the splendid service your son has rendered his country. I am very proud to have had him as a member of my command and I hope that we shall hear more encouraging news of his fate very shortly.

Very sincerely yours,


N. F. TWINING
Major General, USA
Commanding