

ADDRESS REPLY TO
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

AND REFER TO

NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 10, 1945



Mr. E. Nicholas
Elcor, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 7, in which you inquire whether any additional information has been received concerning your son, Lieutenant (jg) Lloyd Nicholas. I regret that it was not possible for me to reply before now.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding your son. He is still being carried as missing because of the possibility of his survival. The Navy Department is soon to make a final determination of his status, and you will be notified at that time.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen

Elcor, Minnesota
October 7, 1944

Commander W. E. Stassen
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander,

Will you please pardon our intrusion upon your activities in writing to you and expecting an answer. We think you are the one man who may do much in easing our troubled minds.

Since March 7, 1944, when we received a wire from the Navy Department saying that our son, Lt. (jg.) Lloyd Nicholas was missing in action after a raid on Enuk Atoll on February 17, 1944, we waited and prayed and worried seeming there was nothing else we could do. When a year had passed and there had been no word, we received a letter stating that in view of the fact that there was no proof of our son having been killed in action

he would remain in the
"missing" status.

Since then the war
has come to a victorious end,
some of the missing have
been found and returned to
their loved ones, some have
been reported dead, but we
have heard nothing of Lloyd.
Needless to say, we are very
anxious to know all the possibly
can about our boy, and
knowing of the grand work
you have done, and still are
doing, in this field, we
humbly ask that you try to
find us some information
concerning him for us.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Mr. & Mrs. E. Nicholas

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Mrs. Stanley E. Wallace
Delavan, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 7, in which you inquire whether any additional information has been received concerning Winton Leslie Wallace, SC3/c. I regret that it was not possible for me to reply before now.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding Winton Wallace. He is still being carried as missing because of the possibility of his survival. The Navy Department is soon to make a final determination of his status, and you will be notified at that time.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen

Mrs. Stanley E. Wallace
Bellevue Minn.
Oct. 7-1945.

Cow. Harold Stassen.

Dear Sir -

If you possibly could,
would you try to get some
information concerning Winton
Lebbie Wallace S. C. $\frac{2}{C}$. No. 329 0121 ..

He was on the U.S.S. Grayling (SS 209)
a submarine, based at Fremantle
Australia and missing officially
since Oct. 19, 1943. He has been
retained on the missing list, "until
further information is obtained."

I have been told unofficially that
the Grayling was hit and couldn't
submerge at the Battle of Macassar
Strait in Aug. 1943.

Thank you

Sincerely
Meryl Wallace

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Mrs. Julius J. Boyd
Blue Earth, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 4, in which you inquire whether any additional information has been received concerning your husband, Lieutenant Julius J. Boyd. I regret that it was not possible for me to reply before now.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding your husband or the other members of his crew. He is still being carried as missing because of the possibility of his survival. The Navy Department is soon to make a final determination of his status, and you will be notified at that time.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen

Blue Earth, Minnesota
October 4, 1945

Commander Harold E. Stassen
% Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible for you to find out any information concerning my husband, a naval aviator, missing since last March 12. I have had no news of him since. He is Lt. Julius Joseph Boyd, USNR, serial no. 98412. He was a Ventura pilot in Squadron VPB-149 based at Tacloban, Leyte. Friends of his who wrote me at that time thought he was forced down due to bad weather and that he would surely be picked up. His patrol on that day was to take him over the north coast of Mindanao, NE Borneo, Palawan, and possibly back over Cebu, Negros, and Bohol.

I have been hoping he might be found among the prisoners of war. Are there any yet who have not been liberated or identified? It was also thought he might have made his way to some remote island where he could not communicate back. Are there such islands and will the navy make a search of them for missing men?

I am listing the names of my husband's crew members since if any one of them is found he should be able to give some information about the others. They are: Lt. (jg) James Dean Martin, USNR, John Norton Richey, Jr. AMMLc, USN, Arthur Hughes McLeod, AOM2c USN, Jackson Rea Sheffler ARM3c, USNR. The mother of Sheffler thinks she saw his picture in a newspaper picture of a Shanghai prison camp but that has not been confirmed.

I am hoping so strongly that my husband can be found. He was considered a good pilot and since he was not known to have engaged in enemy action the day he was lost it seems that he must be alive somewhere. If you could locate him for me I shall be very grateful both for myself and our small son who has not yet seen his father.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Julius J. Boyd

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Mrs. M. G. Pinter
Apartment 22C
2810 Bailey Avenue
Bronx 63, New York

Dear Mrs. Pinter:

I have your letter of October 24, in which you inquire whether any additional information has been received concerning your son, George Anthony Pinter.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding your son or any other possible survivors from his ship. He is still being carried as missing in Navy Department records.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. October 29, 1945



Mrs. M. G. Pinter
2810 Bailey Avenue
Bronx 63, New York

Dear Mrs. Pinter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24, addressed to Captain Harold Stassen.

Captain Stassen is out of the city at the present time and will not return for about two weeks. In the meantime, the records of the Navy Department are being checked, so that when Captain Stassen returns he can write you, giving you whatever information is available regarding your son.

Very truly yours,

D. Davis
Lieutenant (jg), USNR
(Secretary to Capt. Stassen)

Mrs. M. B. Pinter
2810 Bailey Ave
Bronx, N. Y. #63.
Oct 24/45/-

Commander Harold C. Stassen:

Dear Sir:

My son George Anthony Pinter, electrician's
mate second class of the Isolat submarine
which has been presumed as lost since June 1944
#710-0127-N.S.N.R. I plead for your help as I
had seen his picture the boy standing alone
when the Isola was prisoners were liberated in
August 1945 after V. J. Day. They had 329 of these &
also submarine men who went through them awful
tortures in what they had called the hell hole 16
miles in Yokosuka. I had a ~~close~~ close up made
of the clipping & it shows a mark on his forehead
also which we have home on his last snapshot
sent to us in March 1948. probably received in action.
The story picture in the Daily News & Mirror news
paper had it in on September 5th 1945. I sent the
clipping to Washington D.C. #25 which was forwarded
to the Navy Public relations - in Wash. D.C. they can't
seem to find his name on the records of the liberated
prisoners - The press representative was the first to
get in to them at the Camp on Aug. 1945. they have
clothes on from the Red Cross which can't help me.
Your name is in the story based in Yokosuka
revealing the torture of the submarine men. Story was
by Frank Bartholomew. I will with sorry seeing
the picture about 7 weeks ago & no word as yet
& his name is not filed on records. I plead again for the

mother for her son. I have only you to fall to now for help.
Kindly let me know something of my son who will
be 21 years next month on the 14th of November.
I will be grateful for your kindness. I also did
my share in this war for the Navy.

Sincerely

Mrs. M. J. Pinter
2810 Bailey Avenue
Brook. N.Y. #63.
apt 22C.

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Mrs. A. C. Croze, Sr.
212 Walnut Street, S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Croze:

I have your letter of October 23, in which you inquire whether any additional information has been received concerning your son, Lieutenant DeLand Croze.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding your son. You will be notified immediately by the Navy Department as soon as anything more is learned about him.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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October 26, 1945



Mrs. A. C. Groze, Sr.
212 Walnut Street, S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Groze:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23, addressed to Captain Harold Stassen.

Captain Stassen is out of the city at the present time and will not return for about two weeks. In the meantime, I am making a check of Navy Department records so that when Captain Stassen returns he can write you, giving you whatever information is available regarding your son.

Very truly yours,

D. Davis
Lieutenant(jg), USNR
(Secretary to Capt. Stassen)

Tues. Oct 23/45-
212 Volmie St. S.E.
Wash. 14. Minn

Capt. Harold Starnes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Starnes:

My son Lt. W. Paul Craig
U.S.N.R. 101643 Commander of a
P.B.M. and a crew of twelve also
two passengers have been missing
in the Colab since June 4, 1945.

On this date after searching
two merchant vessels and setting
a carrier off their plane
was hit, the bottom being shot
out, and they landed in enemy
territory. (Colab). We have all
details but suffice to tell you
our Government knows there are
four prisoners, (Cautious not to reveal
this information) Three survivors

joined up after three days by
planes from their own squadron.

These three were attacked by
sharks one man losing an arm
and fingers from the other head.
He is now at Mare Island Hospital.

One of the passengers died
the morning after the attack.

There were six men unaccounted
for. On Sept 6th/45 we received
a letter from another pilot of the
squadron (they were based on Iwito) ^{in Iwito}
saying they had accurate knowledge
DeSard was one of the prisoners and
he assumed we would have heard
from DeS. by the time his letter arrived.

It said our planes were waiting
to go in and get our fliers. Since
then we have heard nothing nor
can we find out anything about
this group. The horrible stories,

big A. P., that are coming out of
this territory makes it imperative
that United States go in and
get our men. I see no reason
why Americans should be
be subjected to this awful
treatment while Dutch-British
settle their internal troubles.

I have wired the Consul to Enslers
& Refs. from mine but get no answer
except from Sen. Surgeon N. W. who says
he will investigate. We call to the
Australian Gov. and they replied all
information will have to come from the
U.S. Gov. I think what was written by
my ~~friend~~ right corresponds applied
in this case the last line, "Nobody
give a damn". Is it possible for you
to do or suggest some way we can
get some information about this case?
If only I knew they were getting
something to eat and not being tortured!!

I'd so appreciate any effort you
make in securing this "Ref. Collect". Thank you
Mrs. A. C. Chase 212 Walnut St. Phila. 14.

Copy of Telegram
Sent to Senators & Reps

As mother of Lt. Donald George
Patrol Plane Commander missing
since June 1945 would
like to know what efforts
United States is making to bring
American prisoners out of this
British-Dutch area. We know
four men of this group are
prisoners. In very chaotic
conditions Americans must be
brought out immediately.

Rogley Colwell

(Signed) Mrs. G. D. George Sr
212 Walnut St
Windsor 14, Me

Sunday Nov. 4/45
212 Walnut St. R.
npls. 14. minn.

Cage, H. J. Storer
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Storer:

Relative to our telephone
conversation, my son's name,
rank, etc. are as follows.

St. DE LAND JOSEPH ROZE 101643
U.S. A.R.

His last address was

V.P.B. 20 % Fleet P.O. San Francisco Cal.

Thank you for your kind interest.
Also please thank your secretary
St. Davis for answering my last
letter.

Sincerely
Marion G. Croge

Copies of Telegrams
Sent to Secretaries & Reps

As mother of Lt. De Land George
Robert Rose Commander missing
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Reggie Colwell

(Signed) Mrs. G. D. George Sr.
212 Walnut St. E.
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Mrs. A. H. Johnson
Box 378
Buffalo, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 24, in which you request further information concerning your son, Bernard L. Johnson. I regret that it was not possible for me to reply before now.

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that no further information has as yet come to light regarding your son. He is still being carried as missing because of the possibility of his survival. The Navy Department is soon to make a final determination of his status, and you will be notified at that time.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Stassen



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