

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Simons, Capen R.
(30 Oct 43) PC-G 0-738586

6 November 1943.

Mrs. T. A. Simons,
908 Gross Avenue,
Kingsville, Texas.

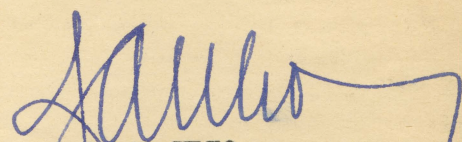
Dear Mrs. Simons:

I am referring to my telegram of 20 October 1943, in which I regretfully informed you that your son, Second Lieutenant Capen R. Simons, has been missing in action since 9 October 1943.

Information has now been received from the Commanding General of the European Area, which states that Lieutenant Simons was on board a plane which failed to return from a bombing mission over Germany. Since it was indicated that he was over enemy territory at the time of his disappearance, it is possible that he may eventually be reported a prisoner of war through the International Red Cross. All lists of prisoners received to date have been carefully checked, but his name has not appeared on any of them. Please be assured that the military authorities are doing everything possible to ascertain the status and whereabouts of our men who are missing in action and when a report regarding your son reaches this office, you will be notified immediately.

Permit me to express my sincere sympathy during this trying period and to express the hope that favorable news of Lieutenant Simons will soon be received.

Very truly yours,



J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

November 8, 1943

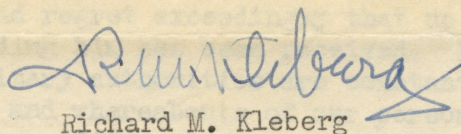
Mr. Tom Simons, Jr.,
Kleberg County Abstract Company
Kingsville, Texas

Dear Tom:

The enclosure is a letter I have received in the office here this morning from Major General J. A. Ulio, the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington.

You have my deepest sympathy, Tom, in this trying time of uncertainty and I hope you will let me know when you receive further word. If, in the meantime, you feel there is anything at all that I might do to be of help I want you to let me know.

Sincerely your friend,


Richard M. Kleberg

Your interest in the request of Mr. Simons is most commendable and I trust you will convey my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

With assurance of my highest esteem, I am

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Honorable Richard M. Kleberg,
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My dear Mr. Kleberg:

I have your communication of 30 October 1943, with which was inclosed a letter from Mr. Tom Simons, Jr., of Kingsville, Texas, requesting information relative to his son, Second Lieutenant Capen R. Simons.

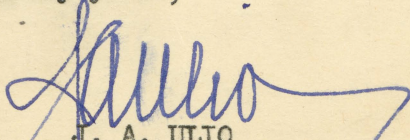
The official message received on 18 October 1943, from the Commanding General of the European Area, stated that Lieutenant Simons was missing in action since 9 October 1943, while on a military mission against the enemy over Germany. As this is true, it is evident that the individual appearing in the photograph released by the Associated Press is not Lieutenant Simons. Although it would be impracticable for the War Department to undertake to determine the names and addresses of the crew members of a flying fortress rescued by the Canadian mine sweeper referred to by Mr. Simons, it is suggested that he contact the Associated Press for information in this respect. I may add that Second Lieutenant William H. Turcotte was also reported missing in action in the European Area since 9 October 1943.

I know how very much concerned Mr. and Mrs. Simons are for some definite word of their son and regret exceedingly that up to this time no further information regarding him has been received. I can assure you, however, that the military authorities are constantly endeavoring to determine the status and whereabouts of our personnel who are missing and upon receipt of any additional reports concerning Lieutenant Simons, I shall communicate with his parents at once.

Your interest in the request of Mr. Simons is most considerate and I trust you will convey my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

With assurance of my highest esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,


J. A. ULLOA
Major General,
The Adjutant General.