

A.P.O. 321,  
25 June 1945.

Mr Ray W. Wilson,  
Smithshire, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In regards to your letter of 8 June 1945, the following additional information is furnished:

As you know, your son Lt Edwin R. Wilson was killed in action on 22 May 1945 when the airplane in which he was a crew member crashed on take-off from Maguire strip located on Mindoro Island. The plane exploded in the water approximately one quarter mile off-shore. Due to the nature of the crash your son's body was not recovered immediately but on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Military Police discovered the body after it had washed ashore.

Edwin was buried the next day, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with full military honors. The location of the grave is: Grave #16, Row #2, Plot #2, USAS Cemetary, San Jose #1, Mindoro Is. P.I. A Protestant Chaplain conducted the funeral services.

Seven members of Roy's crew were killed in the same crash. Following are their names and the next of kin:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Roy E. Hurd (Pilot)  
Mrs Gladys Hurd (Mother)  
403 Lang Street.,  
Monahams, Texas

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank B. LaMoine (Bomb)  
Mrs Alma H. LaMoine (Mother)  
1516 Kaweeh Street.,  
Hanford, California

T/Sgt Walter C. Hixon (Engineer)  
Mr. Roy A. Hixon, (Father)  
Donora Pa.

S/Sgt Adam Giampietro (Gunner)  
Mrs Mary Giampietro (Mother)  
1742 Lyman Place N.E.  
Washington D.C.

S/Sgt Leonard Orloff (Gunner)  
Mrs Rose Orloff (Mother)  
213 Arch Street.,  
Philadelphia Pa.

S/Sgt Robert W. Radell (Gunner)  
Mrs Mary Radell (wife)  
159 Chestnut Street.,  
Rutherford, N.J.

S/Sgt Harry F. Sands (Gunner)  
Mrs Carol Sands (wife)  
761 Washington Street.,  
Holliston Mass

There were two survivors of the crash. They are  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hershell L. Miller (co-pilot)  
% James M. Miller (father)  
2310 Alcock St., PO Box #1  
Pampa Texas

T/Sgt Lawrence Cote (Radio-op)  
%Mrs Mildred Cote (wife)  
125 Bellview Ave.,  
Providence Rhode Island.

If I can be of any further help to you Mr. Wilson please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,  
EDWARD M. COLLINS  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Cmdg. 319<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq