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43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 929

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Dr. Anne Silverstein  
State Hospital  
Howard, Rhode Island

Dear Dr. Silverstein:

I wish to make known to you the sorrow caused here by the death in action of your brother, ~~T/Sgt. Hyman Silverstein~~. Your brother and his crew were happy in this unit. All the enlisted men of this crew cooperated in building the finest club which the Squadron now has. Your brother's crew was judged to be the best possible, a real and ideal combat team. They were happy-g-lucky group which fact is a tribute to every individual on it. Marked concern was expressed throughout the Squadron in their loss.

There was no prolonged suffering. T/Sgt. Silverstein died as all airmen wish, if to die is the Will of God, in a moment.

Chaplain Louis Rubin/Zacks, Australian Army, officiated at the funeral which was held with full military honors in the American Cemetery #1 here. High ranking Air Corps officers, General Roger Ramey, Bomber Command, Colonel Harry Hawthorne, 43rd Bomp Group, Major William L Welch, 413rd Squadron, Captain Eugene Austin, Flight Surgeon, together with many officers and men attended. The grave, marked by the Star of Israel, is situated in a well kep and fitting surrounding. Captain Chomsky, American Jewish Chaplain, signified his intention of remembering your brother.

The Chaplain spoke briefly saying in substance: "The worthwhile, willing service of this man is remembered. Natural impulse directed him to centre his affection on his ~~brother~~ and, to defend its hearths and altars, its honor. The teachings of religion assure us that such is an act to highest virtue, meriting exceedingly with God. These men by exercising their most God-like faculty, free will, to serve their country, controlled their own destinies. By their loss of life in their country's service each verified the timeless paradoz: "he gave away to keep, he lost his life to find it. This is not death but immortality."

Your brother had eight missions accomplished which dealt effective blows against the enemy in recent important drives.

I have offered Masss for your brother, and I will continue to remember him.

With sincerest sympathy, I beg to remain,

Copy for the Casualty Section

The Adjutant General's Office

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Sincerely yours,

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Group Chaplain