

Millersville Ohio June 29

Dear Mrs. Markowitz,

I have wanted to write to you
but just couldn't put my
mind at ease to write. I suppose
you have received a telegram by
now from the Government. My telegram
arrived ~~yesterday~~ Wednesday and
I had a letter from Mrs. Davenport
and she had also got one.
Mine read Missing in Action
since May 29th. By the way 8 of
the crew wrote that 4 were killed
I don't feel as if we can have any
hopes of them living yet. Mrs.
Davenport had wrote to me that
you hadn't heard from your boy.
No one knows but the ones who
have to give up our boys what
a cross it is. I have another Boy

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with the Maines on Okinawa
and we don't know if he is dead
or alive. I'm going to ask you a
personal question, your name
sounds as if you are Catholic. ^{Am I right?}
I am and if you are you'll
understand the thoughts that keep
racing thru my mind, "Has my boy
given General Absolution before he
went on that raid". Our pastor
told me God always takes those he
loves when they are nearest to him,
and that a Merciful God will ^{take} care
of their soul. If you ever hear how
the accident happened, if our boys
bodies were found or any other information
please write it to me, and I'll do the
same. I hope you will write me
soon. Let us stand at the Foot of
Christ's Cross with His Blessed Mother
and Our Cross will be much lighter
to carry.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Laurence Toepfe.