

611th RAF Base Unit,
Eglin Field, Florida,
November 8, 1945.

My dear Mrs. Kay:

I have received your letter which was forwarded from my home here to me. Although my personal knowledge of just how your husband was killed is limited, I hope I can explain to you what I know that happened.

As you know, we were aboard an English Troop Ship enroute from Oran, North Africa to Karachi, India. It was on the 25th of November 1945 at about five P. M. when we were attacked by approximately thirty German Bombers that apparently came from Marseille, France. The fighter protection afforded by the British and French was very meager.

We were finally hit by a Winged Bomb which hit just aft of mid-ship at about ten feet above the water line. The bomb apparently had a delayed action fuse on it as it did not explode until it had penetrated inside the vessel.

The battle had been going on for about an hour and most of that time I was above deck. Although I did not see your husband from the time the attack started, from all I can find out he was below deck with the enlisted men. It is my sincere belief that your husband was killed instantly by the terrific concussion of the bomb.

I trust that the above is the information which you desire and that it will help to clarify your mind as to what happened.

Very truly yours,

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