

433RD FIGHTER SQUADRON  
475TH FIGHTER GROUP  
APO 503, Unit No. 1  
c/o Postmaster

San Francisco, California,  
22 October, 1943.

Mrs. Eva N. Hagan,  
1315 North Cottage Street,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Hagan,

During this time of hatred and unrest, it becomes my duty to notify you that your son is reported missing in action.

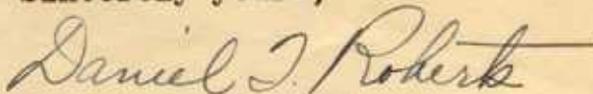
Only a few days ago, while on routine patrol, several enemy planes were sighted and engaged by our squadron. Following this incident, Virgil's plane failed to return. It was hoped that by night-fall we would have some definite information; however, nothing further was learned so that it seems best that I write you.

Your son was an officer whom I was proud to have in my command. His willingness to cooperate, and enthusiastic desire to master his job tended to make him outstanding, and also a fine example as an officer.

The men and officers of the squadron wish to extend their sympathy at this time, and we haven't given up hope that soon we may have more definite knowledge about Virgil.

The personal effects of Virgil have been inventoried and will be held for further news regarding his return, and if at the end of ninety (90) days period there is no word, the effects will be forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, who will deliver them to you.

Sincerely yours,



DANIEL T. ROBERTS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Commanding.