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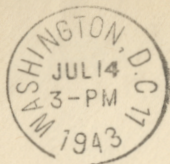
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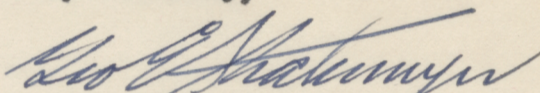
My dear Mrs. Calkins:

With great regret I have learned that your son, Second Lieutenant Norris Kenneth Calkins, missing in action on May 17, 1943, has since been reported killed on that date in an engagement in the European Theater of Operations.

I am advised that Lieutenant Calkins graduated from the training school at Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a fine record. He developed into a capable bombardier, who exercised unusual diligence in the discharge of his assignments. His cooperative spirit and courage were typical of the best in American youth, and we of the Army Air Forces cherish the memory of Lieutenant Calkins, who served our Country to the full measure of his ability.

May increasing pride in the accomplishments of your son afford you comfort. In behalf of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, who is temporarily away from Headquarters, I wish to offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and to other members of the family.

Very sincerely,



GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER,
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