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Mrs. E. M. Wood  
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My Dear Mrs. Wood:

It is with profound sorrow that I extend to you, on behalf of the Officers and enlisted men of the 753d Bombardment Squadron (H), my heartfelt sympathy on the death of your son, Sgt. Leonard E. Wood, 15313758, who was killed in action while participating in a combat mission against the enemy on 23 February, 1945.

*lidsd* Your son's plane was returning from an aerial mission over Germany when, due to weather conditions and poor visibility, it *col-* with another airplane. The plane crashed near Hunts Farm, Speyton, Norfolk, England. The entire crew was killed.

We who have been privileged to know and serve with your son in this campaign, share your loss, but we share too, the pride you must feel in him. Leonard was laid to rest at an American Cemetery, Cambridge, England, in a burial ceremony at which a Protestant Chaplain officiated. His final resting place will forever be hallowed ground to those of us who remain to carry on the struggle for which he gave his life.

The Commanding Officer expresses the earnest hope that you will be consoled by the knowledge that your son died courageously, a credit to his Family, his Squadron and his Country.

CHARLES R. CARTER  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant.