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FORTWORTH STAR TELEGRAM

HAVE TALKED WITH COLONEL EASTERBROOK HEAD OF CASUALTY DIVISION WAR DEPARTMENT. HE HAD BEFORE HIM RADIO MESSAGE WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM NORTH AFRICA CONTAINING NEWS THAT THIS FINE YOUNG MAN HAS BEEN MISSING IN ACTION SINCE FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH. MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY WAR DEPARTMENT MIDNIGHT MARCH EIGHTH AND NOTICES SENT OUT AS SOON AS DECODED AND CHECKED. I AM ADVISED THAT HIS NAME WAS LISTED WITH OTHERS MISSING IN ACTION AND AM FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN MOST CASES THOSE SO LISTED ARE LATER REPORTED AS PRISONERS OF WAR. FOR THIS REASON IT IS THOUGHT LIKELY HE HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER BUT AM ADVISED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO WAIT UNTIL LIST OF PRISONERS TAKEN ON THAT DATE IS SENT IN BY ENEMY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS BERNE SWITZERLAND BEFORE POSSIBLE TO GET DEFINITE INFORMATION. COLONEL EASTERBROOK WAS MOST SYMPATHETIC AND INTERESTED AND HAS PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MATTER AND ADVISE ME AS SOON AS FURTHER INFORMATION POSSIBLE. FERVENTLY HOPE FOR THE BEST.

FRITZ G LANHAM.