

June 8, 1943.

Mrs. Thelma Ann Kelley,
3040 Jennings Avenue,
Fort Worth, Texas.

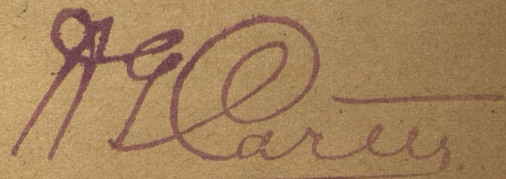
Dear Mrs. Kelley:

Although, I am not personally acquainted with you or your son, Sergeant Harold L. Harwell, who was killed by a bomb in China April 23th, when Japs attacked his field, when I read the news report that you were to receive a certified copy of his "Purple Heart" citation, I had an impulse to express to you my sympathy in the loss of your son as well as say that I understand your pride in his courageous achievement as a defender of his country.

I, too, have a son in the service - in fact, he is now a prisoner of war interned in a prison camp in Germany. Because of this, I know something of the sorrow you are asked to face. Certainly, if there could be any consolation it would be only the fact that his patriotic spirit prompted him, without evasion, to enter the service and do his share of the fighting to preserve the "American way" of life. We are proud with you that it was your son's privilege to die for his country.

May you be given the courage and strength to bear this sorrow as all of us who have loved ones in the armed service must be willing to sacrifice to the utmost if we are to preserve the liberties of our country.

Sincerely,


J. L. Carey

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Mother of Soldier Killed in China Gets Citation Copy

Staff Sgt. Harold L. Harwell, 21, USAAF, was off duty and away from his field in China April 28 when Japs attacked, but he report-



SGT. HAROLD HARWELL.

ed back for duty and was actively defending the field when he was killed by a bomb.

As a result, the War Department Saturday sent his mother, Mrs. Thelma Ann Kelley of 3040 South Jennings, a certified copy of his Purple Heart citation. The medal for the decoration, awarded posthumously, will arrive in about 10 days, Mrs. Kelley was informed.

Sergeant Harwell, who had been overseas 17 months, had been in China since July, 1942. Previously he was stationed in India. He was an airfield control tower operator. He was a native of San Antonio and entered the Army June 14, 1940.

The War Department notified his mother that his body is buried in a modern Christian cemetery in China. His father, George G. Harwell, lives at Ballinger.