

October 5, 1943.

Mrs. Roy J. Martinez,
Box 1164,
McCauley, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Martinez:

Your letter of October 3rd, asking for information as to how to locate your husband, 2nd. Lt. Roy J. Martinez, who has been missing in action since July 26th, received.

It is with sincere regret that I am unable to give you much information as there is really nothing one can do until the War Department is advised through the International Red Cross, who in turn can do nothing until the enemy releases the information. When my son was reported as "missing in action" in the North Africa Theater of War, I tried every means possible but the same answer was given - until the War Department receives the information they cannot release it. I visited the War Department and was very encouraged to find they were most sympathetic with the circumstances and anxiety of such a report and make every effort to facilitate the handling of such information.

Fortunately, it was two months before I was advised that my son was a prisoner of war in Germany; however, I was advised that the information might come through in a few months or it might be a year. So, my suggestion to you is to keep your courage and never for one moment give up hope. I imagine, from the news reports, that the Allies are keeping the Axis pretty busy and they probably haven't been too diligent in releasing the prisoner list.

With a thorough appreciation of the anxiety and worry you are experiencing and with the hope you will soon have good news, I am

Yours very truly,