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Southwest Pacific Combat Zone.
Jan. 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Peche: -

I received your letter of Dec. 29 today and will endeavor to give you all information possible under the restrictions of censorship.

I was not in the immediate vicinity in November 1942 although I was in the Southwest Pacific. The only particulars of that action that I know come from radio reports and I am sure that you are as familiar with the details as I am.

The cemetery lies near the sea in a beautiful setting being separated from the broad sandy beach by a fringe of tall, stately palm trees. Your son's grave is in the exact center of the older part of the cemetery, the first grave to the right of the flag pole. The graves are surmounted by neat green crosses lettered in white and face to the west. I understand that eventually all the crosses will be white.

An impressive chapel of native design has been constructed by the natives at the entrance to the cemetery. The interior is decorated with wood carvings in the best native work. Extensive landscaping is underway and a large statue, a seated figure of a woman with a sword, is to be erected at the entrance of the cemetery facing the deep blue Pacific. It is extremely well cared for and a fitting resting place for the heroes who rest so far from home.

If I am not mistaken, Major Von Kanel of Elizabethtown has obtained a picture of your son's grave and I am sure will transmit it to you as soon as it is permissible. I intended taking one but could obtain no film at the time.

I trust I have been able to give you at least some of the information you desire. Upon my return to the States, God willing, I shall be only too glad to discuss the matter more fully with you.

Very truly yours,

Sam D. Baldick
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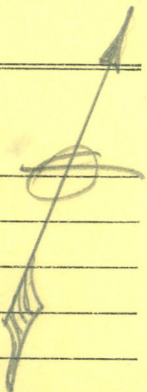
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