6 November 1944

Mr Raymond J. Farquhar
15 Pearl Hill Rd.
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Dear Mr Farquhar:

While participating in an operational flight over Saint
Valentin, Austria on October 16, 1944, the Liberator aboard
which your son, First Lieutenant Raymond J. Farquhar, Junior,
0708805, served as navigator was severely damaged as a result
of the anti-aircraft fire which the attacking formation en-
countered over the target. Ray's plane lost altitude rapidly
but before it passed from view in the clouds two parachutes
were seen to emerge. No further word of the ship or its crew
has been received but you may be assured that the War Depart-
ment will notify you as soon as additional information be-
comes available.

Your son's personal possessions have been sent to the
Effects Quartermaster at Kansas City, Missouri and from that
point they will be forwarded to you.

As a symbol of the high regard in which Ray's accomplish-
ments are held, he has been awarded the Air Medal with two
Oak Leaf Clusters. On behalf of his many friends, among
whom he has won an enviable position of respect and esteem,
I extend earnest hopes for his safety.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. TWINING,
Major General, USA
Commanding

14 December 1948

Mr. Raymond J. Farquhar, Sr.
15 Pearl Hill Road
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
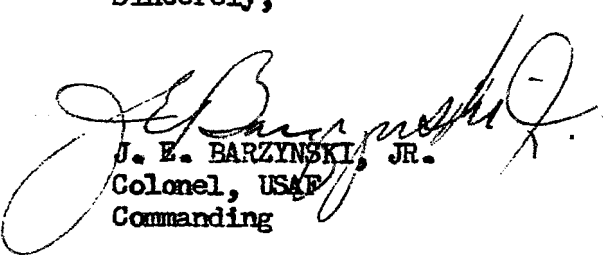
Dear Mr. Farquhar:

The Chief of Staff, United States Air Force has
forwarded to me the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to
your son, First Lieutenant Raymond J. Farquhar, Jr., for
presentation to you.

I should consider it an honor to present this
decoration to you at Westover Air Force Base at a date and
time convenient to you.

If it is not possible for you to come to Westover
Air Force Base, the award and accompanying citation may be
forwarded to you by registered mail.

A self-addressed envelope is inclosed for your
convenience in replying.

Sincerely,

J. E. BARZYNSKI, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

Inclosure