

124. Franklin Ave

My dear Margaret.

I hardly know how to write you, have been so upset and grieved over the sad news of your brother. What a shock to you both, and his wife. indeed you have my deepest sympathy. The happy week they spent in Glen Ridge with your mother. we

Dawson



Mrs Morris Lee
3873 ^{Can} Douglas Parkway
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S. I.

all admired them so
much. I want you and
his wife to know of my
love and sympathy.

For some weeks, have
had so much pain, all
I can do to move around.

You have always near to
me, thought so much of
your mother. My thoughts
are of you these sad
days. My love and kiss
for dear little Penny.

Wonder if you are going
to Larchmont.

Fondly
Grandma.

April 28th
1940

124 Franklin Ave
Midland Park
N. J.



MERRITT ASSOCIATES

150 LARCHMONT AVENUE, LARCHMONT, N. Y.

Larchmont 2800

Apr 26th 40

Dear Mrs Lee,

The news of your great loss reached me a few days ago and I hasten to express my heartfelt sympathy.

It is indeed a tragedy that one so young should become the victim of such an accident in the course of doing his duty.

Mrs. Lawson has told me how devoted you and your brother were to each other. That fact no doubt makes the parting all the harder for you and it is in that spirit that I sorrow with you.

With kind regards I remain

Sincerely

Karlfriedrich M. Goldschmidt

25 ATTERBURY AVENUE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Dear Peggie -

It seemed to me that
you might like these; I
see that the paper in
which Bob's photographs
appeared (not in the
Times but in some paper
but in a later edition)
is not among these.

If you would like that,
I can get it for you, but



Mrs. Morris Lee
38-73 Douglaston Chm.
Douglaston
L.I.

thought maybe you had
enough:

The news and the
Times are pretty depressing
aren't they? It's pretty
much up to us, isn't
it, to be as decent as
we can.

Lots of love, & thinking
of you always
Edie -

25 ATTERBURY AVENUE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Thwart Nazis' Encirclement Threaten to Bombard Narvik; Planes Over Thames and Paris

U.S. Officer, Ex-Trentonian, Killed by Bomb in Norway

Hull Considers Strong Diplomatic Action Toward Germany As Result of Death of Captain Losey, Assistant Military Attache

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP).—Secretary of State Hull, expressing sorrow over dispatches reporting that Captain Robert M. Losey, 31, assistant American military attache, had been killed by a German bomb in Norway, considered tonight whether to take strong diplomatic action toward Germany. (Captain Losey was a former Trentonian.)

Captain Losey had gone from Sweden to Norway to assist Americans to get out of the latter country. A newspaper at Goteborg, Sweden, describing his death, said he was standing in a mountain tunnel at Dombas during an aerial bombardment yesterday when a splinter from a bomb struck him in the heart.

Although several American diplomats and military attaches have had narrow escapes from German and Russian bombing planes, Captain Losey was the only one to be killed.

Hull said he was seeking all information about the circumstances surrounding Losey's death and would not make a decision as to diplomatic action, if any, until the information had been assembled.

The State Department's first information came through a telegram sent from Opdal, Norway, yesterday, to the American Legation at Stockholm and signed by a "Major Yssum," presumably a Norwegian Army officer. It read:

"American Military Attache Captain Losey was killed by German bomber plane at Dombas today. Inform Mrs. Harriman (American minister to Norway). He will be sent tomorrow Monday via Roros to Fjallnas where instructions from Legation are awaited."

Congressman Charles A. Eaton in 1925.

From the Academy he went to Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, and later won high honors at the California Institute of Technology in aeronautical studies. He was sent to Helsinki in January as assistant air and military attache to the United States Legation.

Captain Losey's sister, Margaret, was married to Morris Lee in the First Presbyterian Church here.

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reporter

Captain Losey had gone to contact a group of Americans who were assumed to be en route from Killehammer, Norway, to Sarna, Sweden. The State Department has been informed that the group got across the frontier safely yesterday, escorted by Lieutenant Commander Ole O. Hagen, American naval attache at Stockholm.

Bombing Questioned

The information being assembled by Secretary Hull on the basis of which diplomatic action may follow will include details about the bombing operations. Dombas is a rail centre and therefore a military objective. But the question immediately asked by officials was whether the Germans, who still contend there is no state of war existing between Germany and Norway, had a right to bomb any place in Norway, even if it were a military objective.

There is no information to indicate that the British, who are the declared enemies of Germany, were at Dombas.

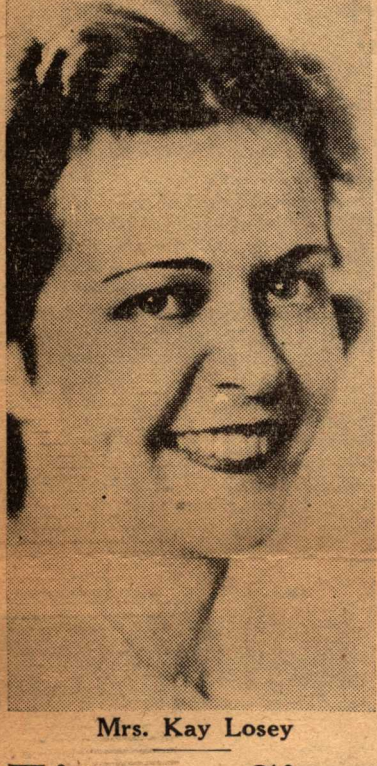
Indications were that the State Department would at least present the Berlin Foreign Office with a bill for damages.

Captain Losey's body is being sent to this country and will be taken to the cemetery at West Point for burial with military honors. His wife, Mrs. Kay Banta Losey, will come East within the next few days from Hollywood, Cal., where the Loseys set up residence just prior to his appointment to Finland. She will stay with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Morris Lee, at Douglstown, L. I., who visited here Sunday.

Captain Losey was a native of Iowa. He came to Trenton as a young man with his parents, the late Rev. Leon Losey and Mrs. Nellie Losey, and resided for several years at 275 Bellevue Avenue, and later on West State Street. His mother was secretary of the First Presbyterian Church during the pastorate of the Rev. Peter K. Emmons.

Graduated from Trenton High School, where he was regarded highly as a student, in 1924, Captain Losey was to have gone to Princeton University where his father matriculated. But a childhood dream of becoming an outstanding aviator led him to seek and accept an appointment to West Point Military Academy by

War Victim's Widow



Mrs. Kay Losey

Five or Six Killed With Air Attache

Eye-Witness Declares U. S. Officer Met In- stant Death

WASHINGTON, April 23 (U.P).— Captain Robert M. Losey, American air attache in Norway, died instantly in a bomb explosion that killed "five or six" other persons, the State Department was advised today by Frederick A. Sterling, American minister to Stockholm.

It was the first eye-witness account of Losey's death.

Sterling cabled that he had received the account by telephone from the chauffeur of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, American minister to Norway.

The chauffeur said he was with Losey when he was killed. He told Sterling that he and Losey had gone to Dombros, Norway, on a special train last Sunday and that an air raid alarm was sounded while the train was in the station.

During the bombing, the chauffeur related, he and Losey went into a tunnel about 150 yards from the station.

A bomb splinter struck Losey in the heart as he was standing near the tunnel entrance, killing him instantly, the chauffeur reported. He said five or six others in the tunnel were killed and several wounded.

The chauffeur said he had accompanied Losey's body from Dombros to Hede, Sweden, whence he telephoned Sterling at 4:30 P. M. today (Swedish time).

Sterling reported the chauffeur had been instructed to accompany the body to Stockholm, where it is due Thursday. He said the Swedish general staff was sending a special car and bodyguard to Hede for the trip to Stockholm and that the body would be sent to the United States.

Captain Losey, a West Point graduate, entered the Military Academy from Trenton, N. J.

MISS AUGUSTA W. LEE
BETHLEHEM PIKE
FORT WASHINGTON, PENNA.

Dear Peg,

What can I say to you my dear that would ease your heart, words seem so very meaningless, and yet I want you to know how we feel for you and with you, it all seemed so terribly futile and so unnecessary. So much for which to live and so my vital and useful. It must be a great comfort to you to hear the fine tributes paid to the dear boy. I am so thankful you have dear Marie, and lovely little Penny and mother and father Lee, they all and we are your

Answer



Mrs. Maria W. Lee Jr.
38-73 Douglass Parkway
Douglass
Long Island
N. Y.

family dear Peg ^{and} if at anytime in
any way we can be of any help
to you will you please call upon
us as you would your own flesh
and blood, because we love you
as our own. How kind we are
much love to each of the dear
"Trio"

As always
Shirley

MISS AUGUSTA W. LEE
BETHLEHEM PIKE
FORT WASHINGTON, PENNA.

The New Jersey State Hospital at Greystone Park
Pathological Laboratory

GREYSTONE PARK, N. J.

5/6/40

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Dear Peg:

I can't tell you how shocked I was to read of the tragedy which occurred to Bob last month. I wish to express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement. Although you and I have completely lost track of one another these last years, I've often thought of you- and especially at the time your dear mother passed away last year. She was such a wonderful woman and did so much good while on this earth, that I know there are many of us who will never forget her influence.

As we grow older some of the pleasanter episodes of our youth return to mind- as well as thoughts of friends of that period. Among those, ofcourse, outstanding to me are the companionship of you and your mother to our family while you lived near us in Trenton. Although I never knew Bob well- ~~he~~ being away most of the time- I knew how proud you both were of him, and that he would make his mark in the world. He most certainly fulfilled his own ambitions as well as the hopes of your mother. Perhaps it can be some consolation to you to know that your mother didn't have to suffer what she would have, had she still been living. We just cannot understand why such terrible things happen, nor why we must live in such an uncertain and chaotic world.

It seems we must all have burdens and sorrow. Dad is getting no better, but although he is almost helpless, keeps alert mentally and has an indomitable spirit. There are not many who could face life as he does- and try to make the best of it- all the time knowing he cannot get well. Mother seems ever courageous, though ~~to~~ her present responsibilities is added the burden of my grandmother who is quite ailing.

Except for my constant concern over the Trentonfolk, I am very happily married to a physician. Since he is pathologist here and I work in the laboratory, we are together most of the time- in work and play. I understand you have a little girl. How very happy you must be and how I should love to see her. It seems hard to picture you a "proud mama"!

We are planning a trip to California this summer, and then in the fall may move to Florida to live. Tom is a Georgia cracker by birth and has always wanted to return south and practice medicine. So it looks as though I'll have no alternative, though I hate the thought of going so far from family and friends.

No doubt you lead a busy life, yet I would love to hear from you sometime- for "auld lang syne"?

Love,

Dot Oswald Christian

Mrs. T. B. Christian
After 5 days, return to
BOX 96
GREYSTONE PARK, NEW JERSEY.

husband



Mrs. Morris Lee
38 - 73 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, Long Island

Pennington
May 6, 1940

My dear Peg, you have
been in our throats a
great deal these past
two weeks as we have
been reading the many
accounts about Bob.

How proud you
must have been of
his accomplishments
and what a brilliant

Plus word



Mrs. Morris Lee,
3678 Douglaston
Parkway,
Douglaston
Long Island

future seemed ahead of him.

Presume we must feel that our Father has some special need of him or he would not have been taken.

Personally, I am glad your mother went before this sorrow befall you. We can not help but wonder why such a young, promising life had to be taken.

We have been feeling very keenly for you in these heart rending days for Bob's wife tho we never had the pleasure of meeting her. We occasionally read in the Trenton paper of your stopping there, and

we always wish you would
continue home via Pennington
as we are so eager to see
Penny as well as her parents.

Our love and true
sympathy go to you.

Most sincerely
Irving & Ruth
Hunter



Mrs. Irving B. Hunter
Pennington School
Pennington New Jersey

- Tues. May 7, 1940

Dearest Peg -

I know you would
much rather not have
any more said to you
about your recent bewar-
ment but Bill and I
want you to know how
terrible shocked and distressed
we were to hear of it.

If I had some way
of getting over to see you
I most certainly would



Mrs. Morris Lee
38-73 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, L. I.
N. Y.

have done so and I
want you to believe me.
We didn't know about
it until just recently
and I hesitate to write
even now, but I feel
I must for we are so
fond of you and Morris
and want you to know
we are in deep sympathy
for you.

It has been much
too long since we were
all together and we do
wish we could see more

of you. We are still trying
to plan on getting a car this
summer someday and then
maybe this isolation of ours
will be solved.

Bill left Seneca night
for two weeks down south
and when he returns I am
going to see you to see if
we can make a date.

Morris has certainly been
simply grand to Bob my
brother. Wasn't it strange that
they should have become acquainted
in this huge city without our
introduction!

Peg I wish when you are
over this way you would stop
in to see me. I'm home so
much and would love having you.

My very best love and
all that goes with it at this
time -

Catherine

Ms. St. M. Colwell
117-14 Union Turnpike
Kew Gardens, L. I.
N. Y.

118 N. Hermitage Ave.
Trenton, New Jersey
May 7, 1940

Dear Peg,

I want to extend Rhodanica and my deepest sympathy in the death of your brother. It seems such a great shame because of the brilliant career that was ahead of him.

Although I realize that you may not feel like coming down, I thought that I would let you know that the High School class of 1930 is holding a ten year reunion dinner-dance at the Green-acres Country Club on Friday, May 24, at 7 P.M. - dress informal @ \$1.75 per person. The dinner won't start until 7:30 or 7:45.

Should you come, I know that there would be many who would be glad to see you and your husband.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Grove



Plus
X

Mrs. Morris Lee
38-73 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, L.I.

Tuesday

My dear Pop—

I have just recently heard that the death of the young American in Norway was a great personal loss to you. I was deeply shocked and sad to learn that he was your brother — and I wish to extend to you my very deepest sympathy.

There is no time to say when one is taken so young and so tragically — we find words mere empty things. But when your

own world crumbles around you the love and understanding of your friends do help — I know. I want to be counted among those friends who are holding you very close to their hearts these days.

Fondly Yours
Helen Hopkins

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Truly Yours
Helen Hopkins