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18 June 1946

My dear Mrs. Lynch:

It is with deep regret that I learn from the Marine Corps Headquarters that your son, Sergeant William Joseph Lynch, United States Marine Corps, who was previously reported a prisoner of war, is now reported dead.

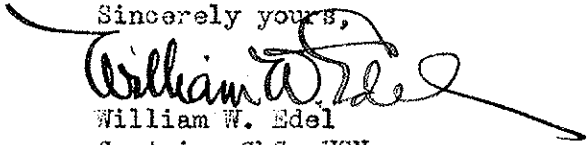
You have thus been called upon to make a personal and costly sacrifice to the Cause for which we have been fighting and to the complete victory which has now been achieved. Even in the irreparable sense of loss that you must feel, I am sure you will find comfort and justifiable pride in the knowledge that your son gave his life in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Marine forces of our country, upholding the high traditions of that service.

For us who remain there will always be deep gratitude that our continued freedom was made possible by the utter devotion of our shipmates and comrades, and by the endurance and sacrifices of you, their loved ones.

May you be sustained and comforted in this time of need by an unflinching faith in a wise and loving Heavenly Father.

When a Navy Chaplain is in your vicinity, he will visit you at your home. Meanwhile, if this office can assist you in any way, please feel free to visit us.

Sincerely yours,


William W. Edel
Captain, ChC, USN
District Chaplain

Mrs. Marie Lynch
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Dorchester, Massachusetts