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Thursday evening

January 4, 1945

Dear Mother,

Here follows the names and addresses of the nearest of kin of the crew members of the Blue Hen Chick.

1. Mrs. Gordon B. Dodge 422 Minneapolis Street Duluth, Minnesota (wife of co-pilot, three year old daughter)
2. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Pitts 1304 Broad Street Camden, South Carolina (parents of navigator Wesley, county road commissioner)
3. Mr. and Mrs. John Rosiala 268 Malleable Street Sharon, Pennsylvania (parents of bombardier, John, Jr.)
4. Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon 88 Adelphi Street Brooklyn, New York (mother of engineer, James)
5. Mrs. Olaf Larsen 421 North Fairmont Street Pittsburgh, 6, Pennsylvania (wife of radio operator, two year old daughter)

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6. Mrs. Zelora Shepherd Route #2, Box #344 Mesa, Arizona (mother of ball gunner, Max)
7. Mrs. Paul L. Trambley Mora, New Mexico (mother of tail gunner, Joe)
8. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKay Tiger, Georgia (mother of armorer, Harold) [lost one son in B-17 of the 8th Air Force]

It might be a good idea to send them a copy of the Journal account of the Blue Hen Chick; to establish contact with them.

Today I received your letter of December fifteenth.

I will try to write some Christmas thank you notes tonight.

I am well and hope that you are the same. Please say hello to everyone for me.

Love,

Lee