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Mr Waldemar Delam Poissant  
Bartlett ND

The Navy department deeply regrets to inform you that your son Duane Larson Poissant metal Smith first class Res Navy is missing following action in the performance of his duty and the service of his country the department appreciate your anxiety but details not available and delay in receipt there of must necessary be expected to prevent possible aid to our enemies please do not divulge the name of his ship or station

RE Admiral Randall Jacobs the chief Navy

Mr. Waldemar Delamb Poissant  
Bartlett  
North Dakota

My dear Mr. Poissant:

Eight months have now elapsed since the loss of the U.S.S. JUNEAU, during the battle of Guadalcanal, on 13 November 1942. This lapse of time, in view of the circumstances surrounding the disaster as officially reported by close witnesses, forces me reluctantly to the conclusion that the personnel missing, as a result of the loss of the JUNEAU, were in fact killed by enemy action. Among them was your son, Duane Larson Poissant, Metalsmith first class, U. S. Navy.

This letter will extend to you my sincere and personal sympathy in your great loss and my hope that you may find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his Country, upholding the highest traditions of the Navy. The Navy feels the loss of his services and shares in your sense of bereavement.

The bravery of those who made possible the victories at Guadalcanal will long be remembered by a grateful people.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frank Knox

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