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Mr. Dolph Simons
The Lawrence Daily Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

On account of the fact that the family lived so many years in Lawrence, and so many people know Nina, I think I would like to have this item run in the Journal-World. If you want to change the form of it in any way, of course, go on and do it.

"Word was received today that Lt. Robert Ireland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Neal Ireland of Los Angeles, was killed in action March 7. Lt. Ireland had been flying a Thunderbolt in the European area for almost a year. He had previously been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Mrs. Ireland is the former Nina Kanaga of this city."

Thanks a lot, Dolph. The war sure takes them. This kid of Nina's was just twenty-one years old, and was about ready to come home. I had a letter in January from him, and he had at that time completed over sixty combat missions. I guess these combat fighters don't get a leave as quickly as the bomber crews.

With best wishes, Dolph, and again remember me to your father and to your mother. As ever,

Yours,

Clinton W. Kanaga

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