

Lt. Peter DiSanti, 371<sup>st</sup> BS, was killed in crash 9/2/45 - Letter to Uncle DiSanti from Carmine J. Mastropolo

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1945

Morotai Island

Dear Mr. Di Santi,

Received your letter but was unable to answer it promptly because I was trying to get as much information as possible.

You also had the wrong address so it took longer than it should have, to get to me. In case you write again, it's 785<sup>th</sup> & not 755<sup>th</sup>.

Had you known that I was on this island, and written just one week sooner, I could have done all that you asked for. I was only 2 or 3 blocks away from the Morotai Cemetery and went there as soon as possible. I found out from the persons in charge that your nephew was buried here.

All the graves were dug up and shipped to Finschafen, New Guinea. Down at Finschafen they are building a U.S. National Cemetery for all the boys who were killed on this island and all the bases south of here. In this way it will be organized instead of having cemeteries on these small islands, which we intend to move out of.

I also asked about the plane crash and I'm sorry to say that everyone in it was killed instantly. The 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group moved out and is now up in Manila. I spoke to one of the Officers in it who was left behind and he couldn't recall this

particular crash. He said that you could find out more about it by writing to;

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I managed to get two pictures of the Cemetery which were taken by one of the boys. From them, I hope you can get an idea of what it looked like. I may get a few more from my buddies and if I do, I will send them on to you. It was no trouble to do you that little favor and I'm sorry I couldn't do more.

As Ever  
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