

Viet Death Notification Follows Son's Letter

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The mail arrived. Mrs. Genevieve Braxton opened the letter from her 20-year-old son, Jack, serving in Vietnam.

"Dear Mom," she read, "I hope it stops raining soon."

She put the letter down to answer a knock on the door. An Army officer was there. He reported that her son had died during an enemy night offensive in the war zone.

Braxton was drafted last December. His widowed mother said Thursday she had pleaded for his deferment. She said she has to stay home with a 3-year-old daughter and her son was the family breadwinner.