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Dear Sir:

I am making inquiry as to the Gold Star mothers going overseas
this Memorial day to visit their son's graves. If there are
to be any sent over by Gov't expense, I would like to go.

Please send all information as to where they can go and
what expense if any and time alowed on the trip, etc:

I am a Gold Star mother having lost my son, Lt. Raymond E.

Johnson, who's plane crashed over Hamer Germany Dec. 12, 1945.

I will appreciate this information as soon as convenient as I am
unable to obtain same here.

Thanking you kindly,

Yours truly,

Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A Dallas, Texas

#### RECEIPT OF REMAINS

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LAMAR & SMITH

800 WEST JEFFERSON

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THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND PLEASE NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

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COLONEL, QMC

ESCORT: 1st LT DAVID A GROVE 0755928 3380th TECH TH WG

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TCNYP GR 293

16 August 1949

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge your letter of 12 August. Due to the fact that the Chicago Quartermaster Depot is being deactivated, the remains of the late 2nd Lt Raymond E. Johnson are being delivered to your funeral director by this Distribution Center.

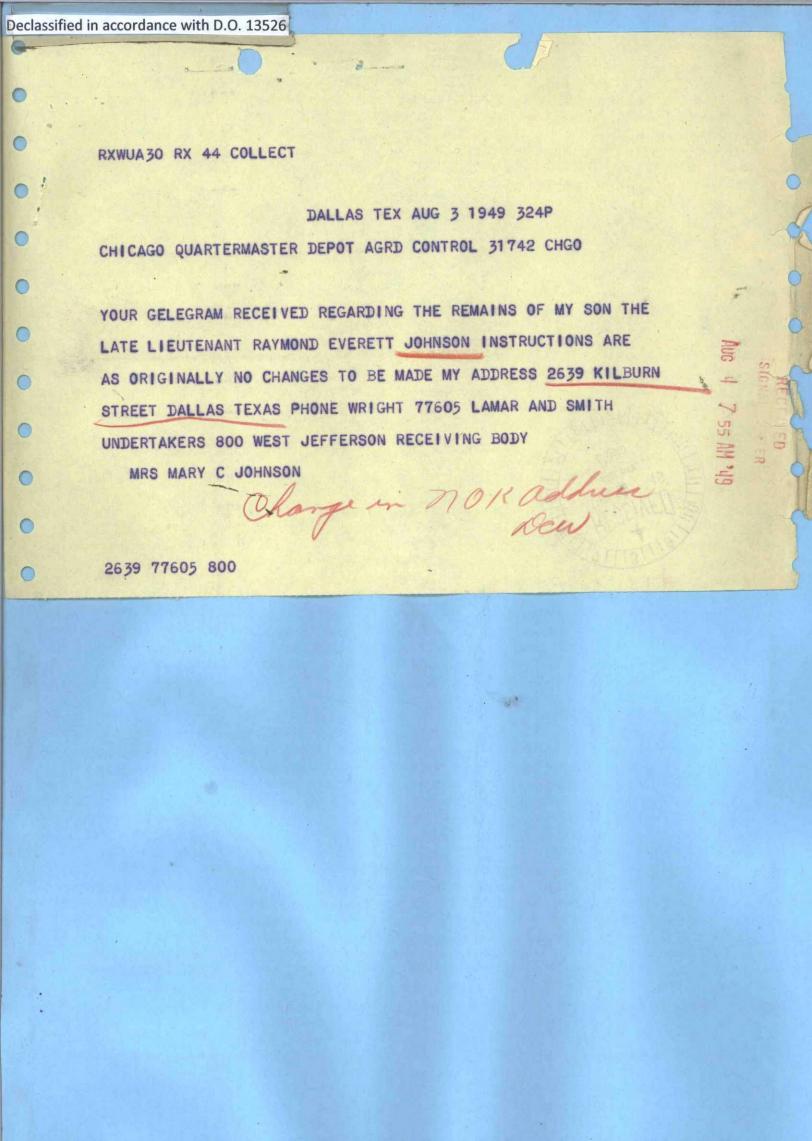
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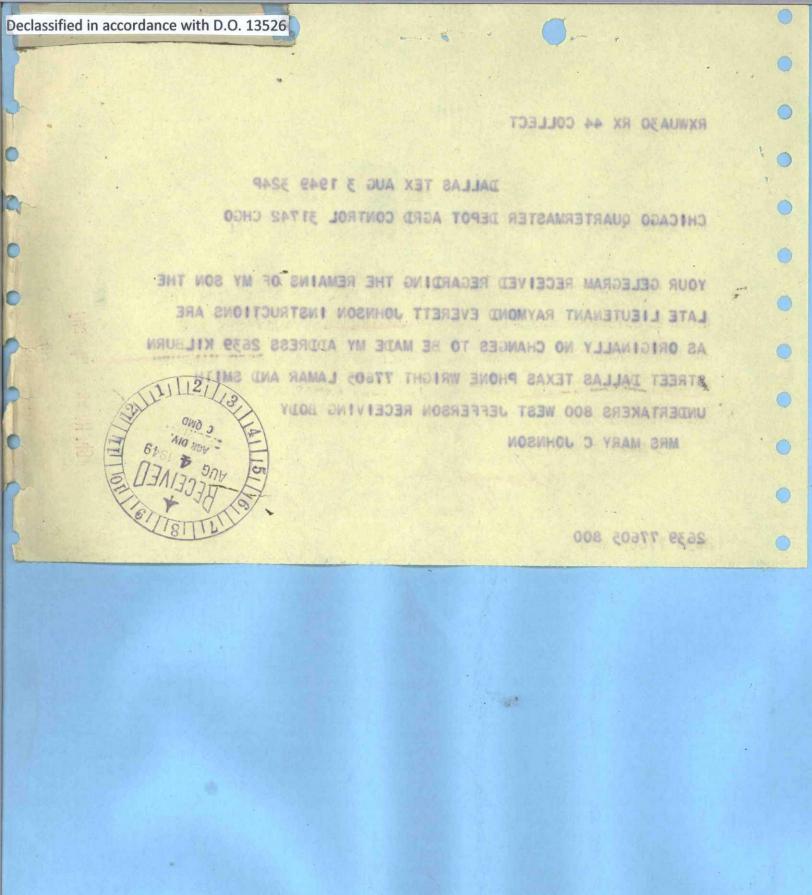
Very truly yours,

JAMES McCARTHY Major, TC Executive Officer AGR Division

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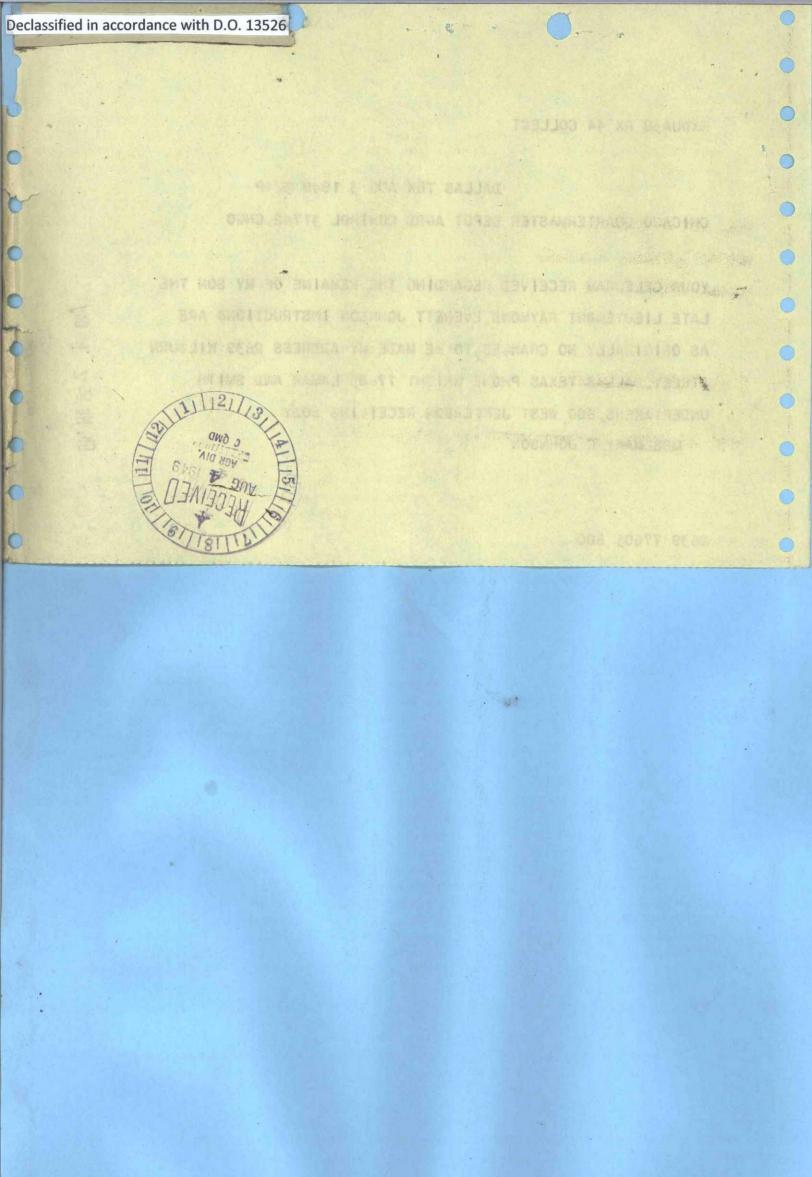
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WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT REMAINS OF THE LATE

2 LT. RAYMOND B. JOHNSON

DALIAS, TEXAS

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

LAMAR AND SMITH, 800 WEST JEFFERSON, DALIAS, TEXAS.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN 48 HOURS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT AGRD 1819 WEST PERSHING ROAD CHICAGO ILLINOIS, INCLUDING FULL NAME OF DECEASED AND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. YOUR REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AFTER 48 HOURS HAVE ELAPSED CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. DELIVERY OF REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVED HOWEVER MANY FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY SEVERAL WEEKS. AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF REMAINS ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND REQUESTED TO NOTIFY YOU. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. IN REPLY REFER TO CONTROL NO.

> THOS, O. CALL Major, QMC A. G. R. D.

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QMDIG-A 295 Johnson, Raymond E. 2 Lt., 0711215

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Hqs., Chicago QM Depot, Chicago 9, Illinois, 8 June 1949

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C. ATTN: Memorial Division

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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THOS. O. CALL Major, QMC Chief, AGR Division

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Johnson, Raymond E., 2nd Lt, 0711213

3 June 1949

SUBJECT: Return of Deceased to the United States

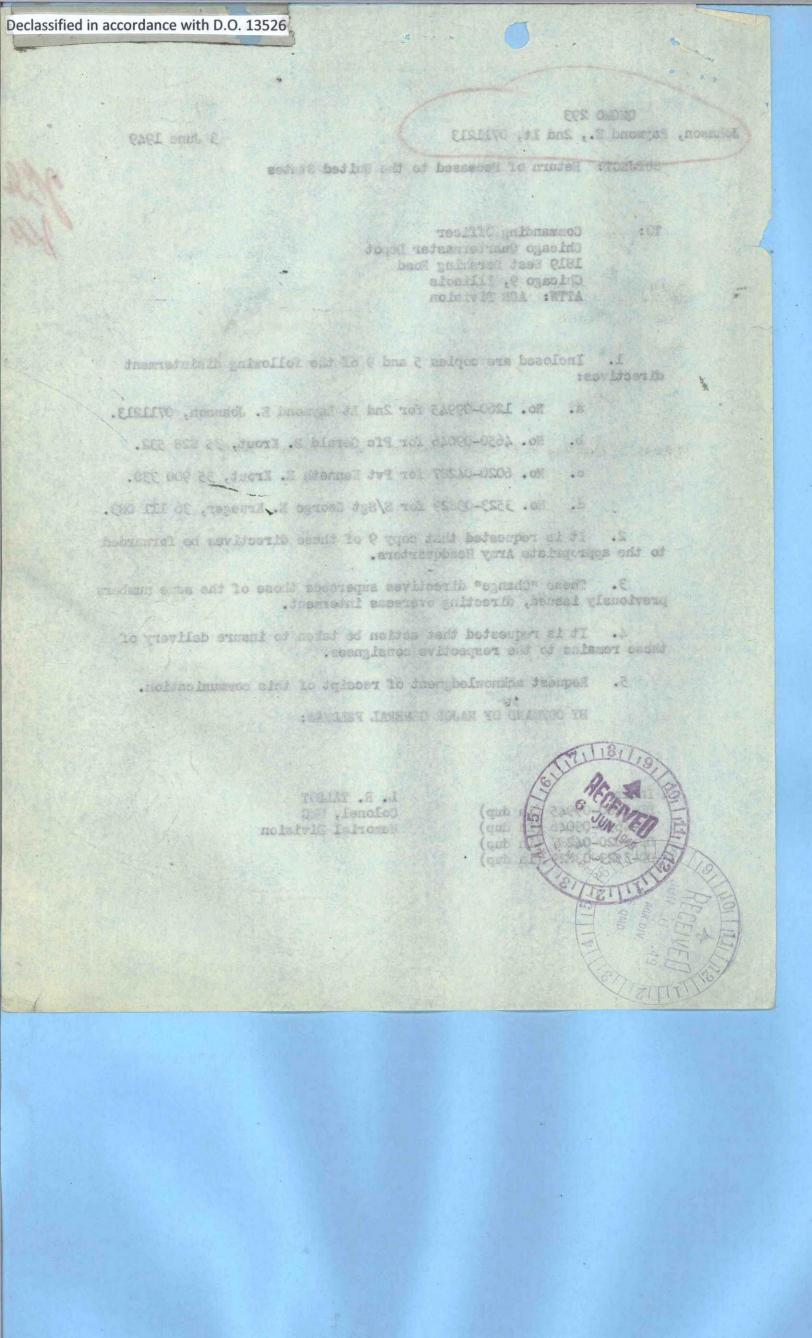
TO: Commanding Officer
Chicago Quartermaster Depot
1819 West Pershing Road
Chicago 9, Illinois
ATTN: AGR Division

1. Inclosed are copies 5 and 9 of the following disinterment directives:

- a. No. 1260-09945 for 2nd Lt Raymond E. Johnson, 0711213.
- b. No. 4650-09046 for Pfc Gerald B. Krout, 35 828 532.
- c. No. 6020-04287 for Pvt Kenneth E. Krout, 35 900 330.
- d. No. 3523-03829 for S/Sgt George E. Krueger, 36 111 083.
- 2. It is requested that copy 9 of these directives be forwarded to the appropriate Army Headquarters.
- 3. These "Change" directives supersede those of the same numbers previously issued, directing overseas interment.
- 4. It is requested that action be taken to insure delivery of these remains to the respective consignees.
  - 5. Request acknowledgment of receipt of this communication.

    BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FELDMAN:

4 Incis DD-1260-09945 (in dup) DD-4650-09046 (in dup) DD-6020-04287 (in dup) DD-3523-03829 (in dup) L. R. TALBOT Colonel, QMC Memorial Division 1/1/2 1/4



HEADQUARTERS
CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
Office Of The Commanding Officer
1819 West Pershing Road
Chicago 9, Illinois

In Reply Refer To: QMDIG-A 293 Priv. Cem. - NY MM/ms 9 August 1949

MRS. MARY C. JOHNSON 2639 KILBURN STREET DALLAS, TEXAS

DEAR MRS. JOHNSONS

Please be advised that the remains of the late

2/LT. RAYMOND E. JOHNSON
e delivered by the New York Port of Embarkation to

will be delivered by the New York Port of Embarkation to LAMAR & SMITH, 800 WEST JEFFERSON, DALLAS, TEXAS

as consignee, in accordance with your confirmed instructions, instead of through this Depot as you were previously advised.

The Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation, will accomplish delivery at the earliest possible date; however, a definite date of delivery cannot be furnished at this time.

Approximately three days prior to departure of the remains from New York, accompanied by an escort, the consignee will be advised by telegram of the exact date and hour of arrival and rail routing, with instructions to immediately notify you.

All future correspondence pertaining to the remains mentioned above should be addressed as follows:

Commanding General New York Port of Embarkation Distribution Center No. 1, AGRS 1st Avenue and 58th Street Brooklyn, New York

I appreciate the anxiety experienced by you and trust that this information will be of some consolation.

Sincerely,

THOS O. CALL Major, QMC Chief, AGR Division Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 HEADQUARTERS CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEFOT Office Of The Commanding Officer 1819 West Fershire Road SW/ MS Chicago 9. Illinois In Reply Refer To: Sychal Land EQS A-DECIMO Pinty Com. - NY MRS. MARY C. JOHNSON 2659 KILDURN STRRET DALLAS, TENAS DEAR MRE . Johnson: Flease he advised that the remains of the late 2/LT. RAYMOND E. JOHNSON will be delivered by the New York Port of Embarkation to LAMAR & SMITH, 800 WEST JEFFERSON, DRILLAS, TEXAS as consignee in accordance with your confirmed instructions, instead of through this Depot as you were previously advised, The Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation, will accomplish delivery at the earliest possible date; however, a finite date of delivery cannot be furnished at this time. New York Scoompanied by an escore, the consignee will be advised by telegram of the exact date and hour of arrival and rail routing, with instructions to immediately notify you. All future correspondence pertaining to the remains mentioned above should be addressed as follows: 1 Commanding General New York Port of Embarkation Distribution Center No. 1, ACRS 1st Avenue and 58th Street Brooklyn, New York I appreciate the anxiety experienced by you and trust that this information will be of some comsolation. Sincerely, THOS O. CALL Major, QMC Chief, ACH Division

8 November 1950

QMGOD 293 Johnson, Raymond E., 2/Lt. SN 0-711 213

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Mr. Cyrille Daulne Izier, Bomal, S/O Belgium

Dear Mr. Daulne:

Your letter dated 30 September 1950, regarding the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, has been forwarded to this Office for reply concerning personal effects.

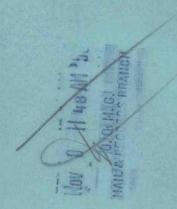
All of the records which pertain to the personal effects of Lieutenant Johnson are now on file here. These records reveal that no personal effects were found on the remains. Further, there is no information of record to show what became of his bracelet and rings about which you have inquired.

Certain effects were received at the Bureau for Lieutenant Johnson in 1945 and sent to his mother. In the event additional articles are recovered for him and sent to the Bureau, his mother will be notified.

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES K. KITCHEN Captain, QMC Field Service Division



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

### INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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DAULNE, Cyrille
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Izier, 30 Sept 1950

Dear Sir:

Following a visit I made, one month ago, to the Neuville Cemetery, the purpose of which was to look for the graves of several American soldiers, place flowers on same and photograph them, I would like to ask you if a soldier by the name as mentioned below, is actually reinterred in the cemetery.

I would like to ask this question because I entertain correspondence with the family of the soldier, and with his mother in particular, and I would like to kneel down before the grave of her son. This lady is asking me if the effects found on the remains of her son, such as bracelets, rings, insignia, etc. have been taken off or have stayed with the remains, which were found in Germany in the wreck of a plane that was shot down on 12 Dec 1944 near Hanau.

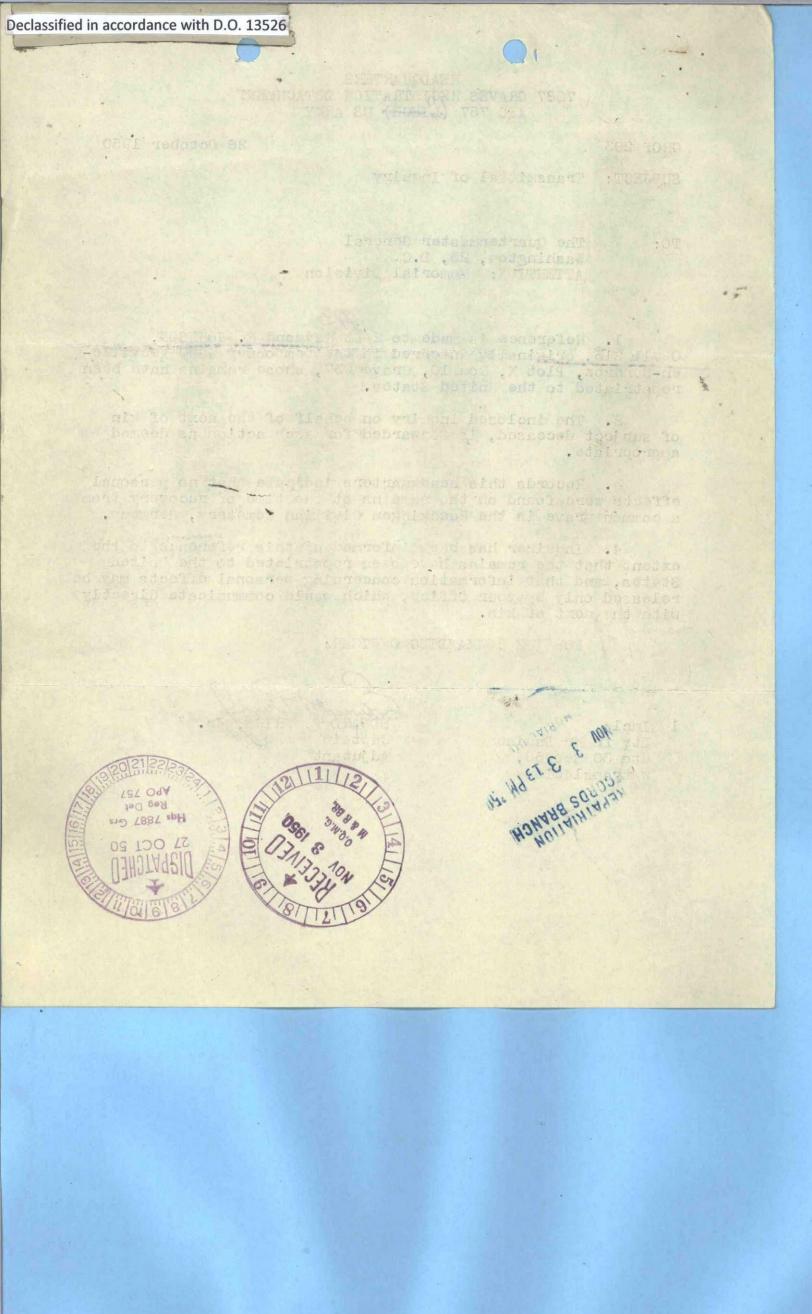
Yours truly,

/s/ C. Daulne

Lt Pilot Raymond E. Johnson
Old burial location X-10-237
His mother in U.S.A.: Mrs. C. Johnson
Station A - General Delivery
Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY 26 October 1950 **GROP 293** Transmittal of Inquiry SUBJECT: The Quartermaster General TO: Washington, 25, D.C. ATTENTION: Memorial Division 1. Reference is made to 2/Lt Raymond E. JOHNSON,
0 711 213, originally interred in the temporary USMC Neuvilleen-Condroz, Plot X, Row 10, Grave 237, whose remains have been repatriated to the United States. 2. The inclosed inquiry on behalf of the next of kin of subject deceased, is forwarded for such action as deemed appropriate. 3. Records this headquarters indicate that no personal effects were found on the remains at the time of recovery from a common grave in the Rueckingen Civilian Cemetery, Germany. Inquirer has been informed of this reference to the extent that the remains have been repatriated to the United States, and that information concerning personal effects may be released only by your Office, which would communicate directly with the next of kin. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: Incl DWARD F Ltr fr Mr Daulne dtd 30 Sep 50, Captain QUE, Adjutant w/translation



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Zies, le 30-9-1950

Monseeu le Commandant,

Luite à une visite, il y a un mois, au cimetière américain de Veurlb-eu-Condroz, et dont le but était de rechercher, fleurir, photooprafhier flusseins tombes de toldats eméricains je me fermets de vous demander si le toldat dont le nom suit est achiellement remlumi dans ce cimetière.

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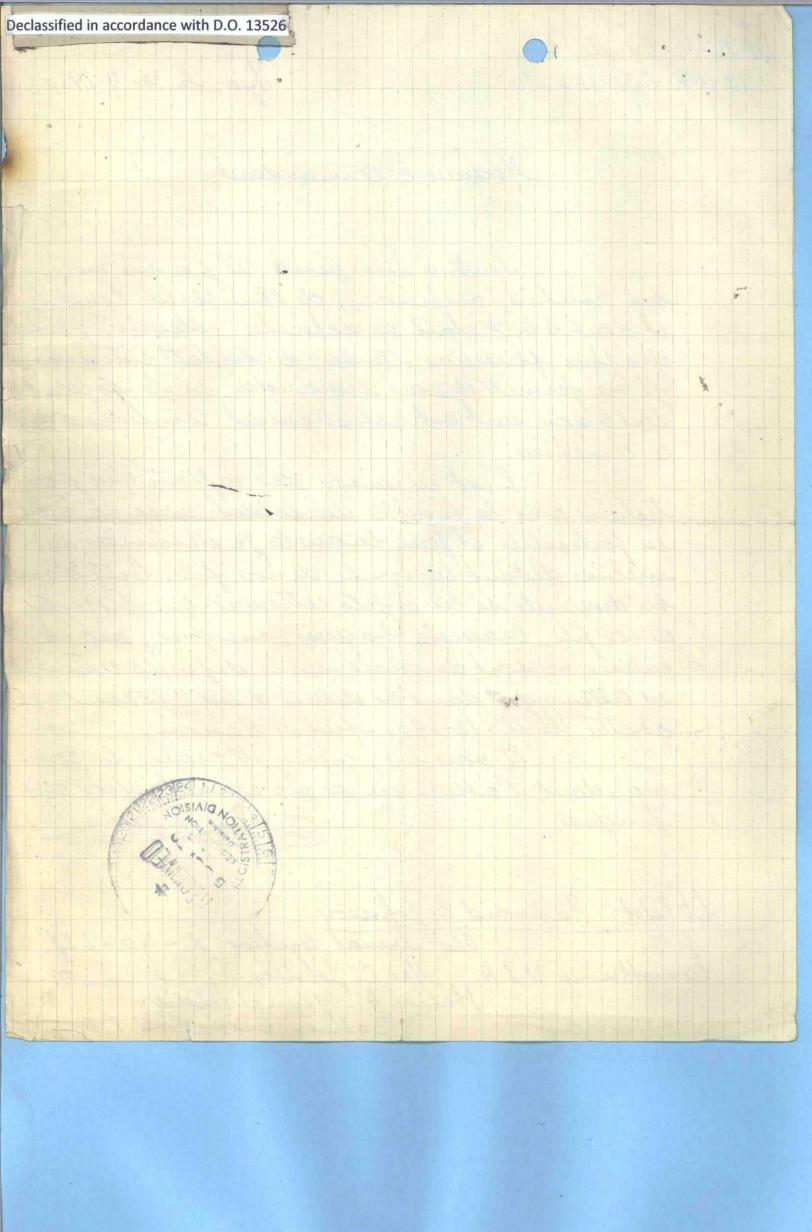
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two and one-half hours she spent in this office and that I would gladly answer any and all questions pertaining to the case of her son if she would only advise me what information she desired. Mrs. Johnson said that she wanted specific information on circumstances of death. She said she did not believe the reports furnished her by the Adjutant General and feels that we may have information on file in this office which would substantiate her belief that another plane dropped bombs on her son's plane during the fatal mission. I told Mrs. Johnson that I had no information on file to substantiate her belief and referred her to the Office of the Adjutant General or the Air Force for information on circumstances in connection with her son's death.

2. I found it necessary to be firm with Mrs. Johnson and informed her that we had no additional information to that which has already been given to her in a most complete from this office and a review of the 293 file on 29 April

ACTION: No further action necessary on this case.

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- l. Mrs. Johnson, mother and Next of Kin of the above decedent, visited this office and I went over all details with her on the identification of her son's remains. Mrs. Johnson's visit of three hours included many complaints by her on the lack of truthful information from the Department of the Army as to what actually happened at the time her son was killed.
- 2. I told Mrs. Johnson that it is impossible at this late date to ascertain with certainty the facts in connection with the fatal flight and that the Department of the Army and, in particular, the Office of the Quartermaster General could not furnish any additional information. Mrs. Johnson desired the names of the crew of the plane which she alleges dropped bombs on her son's aircraft. I very distinctly told her that this was not information available in the OQMG and that if she desired further information on circumstances of death, she should apply to the Adjutant General for same.
- 3. In the course of examining the files, I let Mrs. Johnson see the dental comparison between her son and those of Unknown X5374 Newville, Belgium. I pointed out to her that this comparison showed positive relationship between the unknown and her son. I further stated that this dental comparison plus the circumstances of death on record and fragments of clothing taken from the remains established beyond doubt that the remains of Unknown X5374 were those of her son.
- 4. It is evident from my conversation with Mrs. Johnson that she was more concerned with the circumstances of death than with the identification of the remains. Her conversation made no specific complaint against our identification although she did request that she be permitted to have a copy of the dental comparison. This was given to her. Mrs. Johnson also desired the fragments of clothing which were recovered with the remains which I hesitated to turn over to her. However, since the remains have been delivered to the Next of Kin and buried in a private cemetery, I do not see any reason why these fragments of clothing should not be turned over to Mrs. Johnson. However, I told Mrs. Johnson that before I make a commitment I would ascertain whether we could dispose of these items of identification without violating governmental policy.
- 5. Mrs. West attended the interview with Mrs. Johnson and went over certain phases of identification with her. This case is now looked upon as complete and no further action and/or information is necessary to be sent to the Next of Kin. However, if Mrs. Johnson should write and request the fragments of clothing, refer this case again to the undersigned for necessary action.

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1 May 50

1. Mrs. Johnson called at this office again and desired to view the 293 file alone. I told her that this was against the policy of the Department of the Army since the 293 file is an official record. Mrs. Johnson said that it was then evident that we were trying to conceal information from her. I informed Mrs. Johnson that we went over the entire file in the

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QMGMO 293 2d Lt Raymond E. Johnson SUBJECT: Tracer 1st Ind

Department of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 1 Merch 1950

TO: CG, New York Port of Embarkation, 1st Avenue & 58th Street, Brooklyn 20, New York, ATTN: AGR Digision

- 1. The middle name of 2d Lt Raymond E. Johnson, 0-711213, is "Everett."
- 2. This is an extremely sensitive case and any correspondence with the next of kin should be done by this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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L. W. ALLEN Lt Colonel, QMC Memorial Division

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION

20 February 1950

TCNYP 293 GR Johnson, Raymond E. 2nd Lt 0711213

SUBJECT: Tracer

TO:

The Quartermaster General Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C. Attn: Chief, Memorial Division

- 1. Reference is made to a letter written by this headquarters on 23 January 1950, Subject: Inquiry From Next of Kin. Paragraph "3" of this letter requested that this office be informed as to the name for which the middle initial "E" of the deceased stood. To date we have received no reply to this inquiry.
- 2. The remains of 2nd Lt Raymond E. Johnson were returned to the United States from the European Theater and delivered under military escort to Damar & Smith, Morticians, at 800 West Jefferson, Dallas, Texas, on 23 August 1949.
- 4. Request that this office be furnished the full name of the late Lt Johnson, including the middle name.

G. H. BARE Colonel, QMC Chief, AGR Division **FFA** 

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FOR RECORD ONLY: (Alkire - 4805)

- l. It has been determined that the NOK in this case is highly emotional and unstable and frequently sends long and incoherent letters to Senator Tom Connally of Texas. The 293 file is replete with correspondence to and from the NOK, principally concerning identification, personal effects, and confusion with a second Raymond E. (Edward) Johnson.
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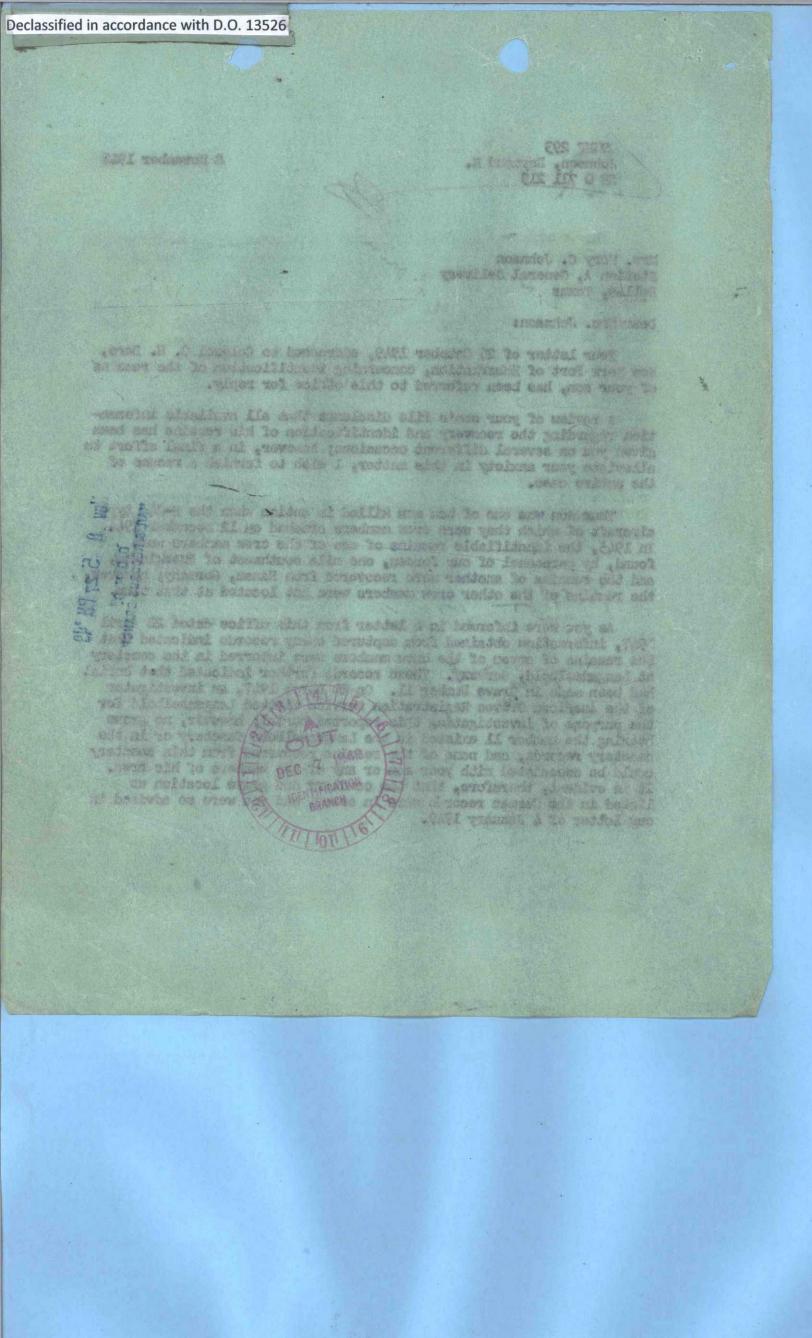
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter of 26 October 1949, addressed to Colonel G. H. Bare, New York Fort of Embarkation, concerning identification of the remains of your son, has been referred to this office for reply.

A review of your sents file discloses that all available information regarding the recovery and identification of his remains has been given you on several different occasions; however, in a final effort to alleviate your anxiety in this matter, I wish to furnish a resume of the entire case.

Your son was one of ten men killed in action when the B-244 type aircraft of which they were orew members crashed on 12 December 1944. In 1945, the identifiable remains of one of the crew members were found, by personnel of our forces, one mile southwest of Rusekingen, and the remains of another were recovered from Hanau, Commany; however, the remains of the other crew members were not located at that time.

As you were informed in a letter from this office dated 22 April 1947, information obtained from captured enemy records indicated that the remains of seven of the crew members were interred in the cemetery at Langenselbold, Germany. These records further indicated that burial had been made in Grave Mumber 11. On 20 March 1947, an investigator of the American Graves Registration Service visited Langenselbold for the purpose of investigating this reported burial; however, no grave bearing the number 11 existed in the Langenselbold Cemetery or in the cemetery records, and none of the remains recovered from this cemetery could be associated with your son or any of the members of his erew. It is evident, therefore, that the cemetery and grave location as listed in the German records were in error, and you were so advised in our letter of 4 January 1949.



Johnson, Raymond E. St. 0 711 213

8 November 1949

Our Graves Registration Personnel then conducted an investigation at Rueckingen, at which time information was secured from the night watchman of the town which disclosed that he had witnessed the crash of your son's plane and had recovered the bodies of seven of the crow members. These remains had, according to the watchman, been interred in the cemetery at Rueckingen. Our search team disinterred the mass grave in this cemetery and recovered the remains of the seven crew members. Although it was possible to segregate the remains upon disinterment, it was not possible to immediately determine individual identities. These remains were, therefore, removed to the United States. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, pending further investigations and, in our letter of 26 March 1948, you were informed that, although no conclusive information was available, remains had been recovered which were believed to be associated with your son.

As a result of the subsequent investigations, individual identifications for the remains of four members of the crew were established in November 1947; however, further investigations were required, including processing by laboratory technicians, before it was possible to identify individually the remains of the three other crew members. It was not until 5 October 1948 that these three remains were conclusively identified as those of your son, and those of Second Lieutenant Bayard V. Ginn and Technical Sergeant Joseph T. Schlavone. As you were advised, the remains of the tenth member of the crew have not, as yet, been located.

It is not the policy of the Department of the Army to furnish information to the next of kin concerning identification of the remains of their loved ones until the identification is an approved and unquestionable one; consequently, it was impossible to advise you of our findings any earlier than our letter of 15 October 1948, by which time the official report of burial and associated case papers had been received and approved. As stated in one of our earlier communications, our letter of 15 October 1948, which was dispatched to the above address, was returned to this office by the Fost Office Department as "unclaimed". On 31 December 1948, while we were in the process of making inquiries regarding your correct address, a communication relative to the remains of your son was received from you. On 4 January 1949, in response to your letter, you were furnished all available information concerning the recovery and identification of his remains. This letter contained full facts concerning the basis for identification of your son's remains, e.g., favorable comparison of tooth charts and physical characteristics,

Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0.711 213

8 November 1949

and the laundry mark "REJ", found on clothing with the remains, which is in agreement with the initials of your son's name. In addition, you were informed that the discrepancy regarding your son's reported burial location and the actual location from which his remains were recovered had been clarified by our investigation.

There can be no doubt that the remains which have been returned to you are those of your son, and it is my sincere hope that, after careful consideration of the above facts, the arciety and distress you have experienced in this matter will be considerably lessened.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPTELL Id. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division



AIR MAIL

Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 Dalas Lujas Oct 26 - 1949 Colonel g. H. Bare Chief, agr Division new york Port of Emfarkation, new york-Replying to your nice long letter of explanation of Oct. 13-49 in regards to the identity of my son the late It. Raymond E. Johnson. I hope you will place pardon me for replying buther in this matter however you told me to feel free to do so, Here are some of my reasons I feel not too sure it in my son, first Lt. grove who accompanied my Sonr Remains to Gallos. called him by name as Raymond Edward Johnson to be sure there was a Raymond Edward Johnson in the Sence and pelled I moderatary in the South Pacific but he was not my son, and again, part of my some crew ever identified and hunted cour two years ago. There identified. mistead the Wor Dept. told me of several different places he had been found but unidentified. There how did they know it my for if They could not refentify him - also these after new

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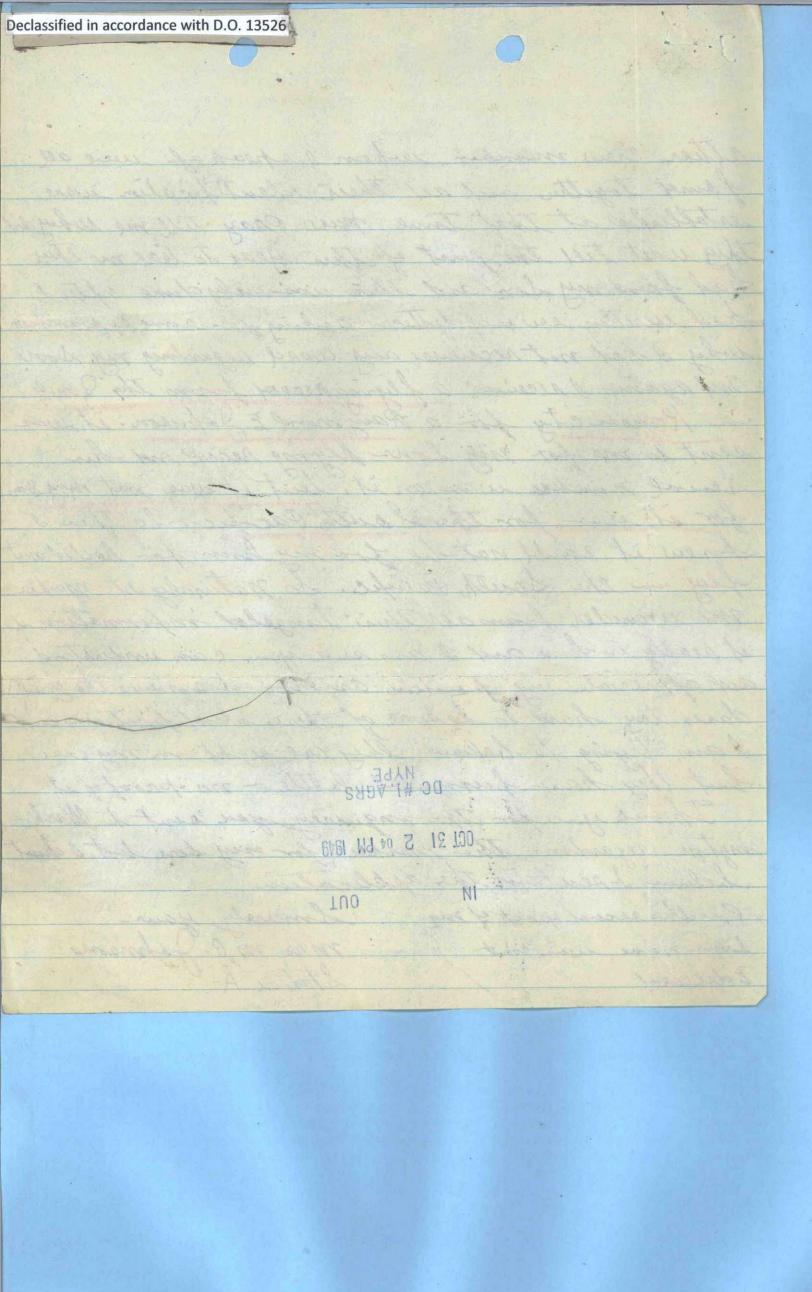
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Dallas Texas Oct 26 - 1949

Colonel G. H. Bare Chief, AGR Division New York Port of Embarkation, New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your nice long letter of explanation of Oct 13 49 in regards to the identity of my son the late Lt. Raymond E. Johnson. I hope you will please pardon me for replying further in this matter, however you told me to feel free to do so, Here are some of my reasons I feel not too sure it is my Son. First Lt.Grave who accompanied my Son's remains to Dallas Called him by name as Raymond Edward Johnson — to be sure there was a Raymond Edward Johnson in the Service and killed I understand in the South Pacific but he was not my son. and again, part of my son's crew were identified and buried over two years ago, These were found with my Son. Then why was my Son not idientified at that time instead the War Dept. told me of several different places he had been found but unidentified. Then how did they know it my Son if they could not identify him. Also these other crew members mothers were furnished proof of their Sons by their tags, dental charts and clothes marks - but I have not been furnished any proof yet. I woote QMG for it, and I have in my possession information that shows my Son and the 6 other crew members whom I speak of were all found together and all their identification were established at that time, now pray tell me why did they wait till the first of this year to tell me they had found my Son and this was only done after I had written several letters asking for some explanation why I had not received any word regarding my son and again, I recieved a flying record from the QMG in Kansas city for a Raymond E. Johnson. it was sent to me for my Sons flying record and his serial number was on it, but it was not my sons for it was for the South Pacific. So then I knew it could not be for my him. for he did not fly in the South Pacific. So Naturally it makes me wonder from all this tangled information if it really is him and I am sure you can understand and appreciate my position as I do. I am sure the Gov't does try hard to be sure of these identification and I am trying to believe they are right in my case. but they have furnished little or no proof of it.

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Sincerely yours

Mrs M. C. Johnson Station A TCNYP GR 293 Johnson, Raymond E. 2nd Lt 0711213

2 November 1949

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson Station A Ceneral Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I received your letter of 26 October in which you make certain inquiries concerning the return of the remains of your late son, 2nd Lt. Raymond E. Johnson, 0711213.

Lt. David A. Crove, the escort who accompanied the remains of your late son to his final resting place considered it an honor and a privilege to be selected as the escort for the remains of your honored son. I do not know why Lt. Grove referred to your late son as Raymond Edward Johnson because the records in this office indicate the name of your son as Raymond E. Johnson, 2nd Lt., 0711213, U. S. Army Air Force. The full name of your son is not given in these records. In other words, I do not know what the middle ititial "E" stands for.

The records giving the details concerning the manner in which your late son met his death or the manner in which the identification was established are not available here. Your letter will be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General where this information is available and a reply will be sent directly to you.

I want to assure you that the confidence you have placed in the Government in returning the remains of your late son to you is not misplaced. The next of kin is not requested to indicate his desire concerning final disposition of remains unless identification is established beyond the least shadow of a doubt. I sincerely hope the Office of The Quartermaster General will give you a satisfactory reply.

Please do not hesitate to call on me again if I may be of any further service to you.

Sincerely yours,

G. H. BARE Colonel, QMC Chief, AGR Division Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 TONYE OR 293 Johnson, Rayword E. 2 Novakber 1969 all bus Mrs. Mary C. Johnson Station A denotal Delivery Lear Mir. Johnson: I depot you better at 26 October in voten you make cortain heart the concerning the return of the remains of gods Late con, And ht. Maymond & Johnson, Oyllala. it. Serid A. Grove, the escure was accommined the relating of your late and of egalirbin a bas toned to all bereblemes saile gaitest India ald of nos calcated as the escart for the reasons of your conored son. I do not any and calcated son. I do not any any any it. There referred to your lasts son as develous special location beauties that office the name of your son.

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2. Missing Air Crew Report No. 11338, states that the persons named above, and six others, whose status is not under consideration herein, comprised the crew of R-24J aircraft Number 42-50662, engaged on an operational mission to Hanau, Germany, on 12 December 1944. The report also states that at 1201 hours, while over the target this plane was hit by flak, blew up and disintegrated; that no parachutes were observed, and that no search was made. The crew report contains a statement made by 1st Lieutenant Darold L. Shutt, 0772234, Air Corps, of the crew of an accompanying aircraft, which reads as follows, in pertinent part:

"I was flying in aircraft 42-50991, in the first section of the 389th Bombardment Group (H) on the mission of 12 December 1944.

We were on the bomb run, about one (1) minute before bombs away, when the lead ship, 42-05582 made two violent edrrections with very, very steep banks causing the high right element leader 42-50548 to make a violent bank to the left. Aircraft 42-50662, apparently dropped below aircraft 42-50548 in order to stay in some kind of formation. My attention was directed away from the aircraft as we were concentrating on the bomb run. After bombs away, when I again picked up aircraft 42-50662, the plane was in flames, the tail section behind the waist windows was falling off, the right wing was in flames, and the #3 engine was gone. Immediately thereafter the entire nose section exploded.

No chutes were observed."

3. The members of this crew who are not under consideration herein, have been reported as shown below:

AG 704 DEAD (16 Jun 48)

a.	1st Lt	Kagan, Myron H.	0823612	KIA
	2d Lt	Baker, Lester G., Jr.	0723929	KIA
	S 5gt	Foshey, Richard H.	31068914	KIA
	S Sgt	Hartley, Joseph, Jr.	33790487	KIA
	S Sgt	Skinner, Marvin W.	19147119	KIA
	S Sgt	Yacona, Frank	36670995	KIA

- b. S Sgt Foshey and S Sgt Skinner were reported killed in action upon the recovery of their remains by American Graves Registration personnel. Lieutenants Kagan and Baker and S Sergeants Hartley and Yacona, were reported killed in action on the basis of information shown in Captured German records, as indicated elsewhere herein.
- 4. Captured German record KU 3460 reports the downing of a Liberator type aircraft number 250662 This corresponds with the serial number of subject plane except that the first digit is not shown, at 1205 hours, 12 December 1944, at Rueckingen near Hanau. The following information is shown on the record:
- a. The plane which had been hit by flak, disintegrated in midair and the torn and mutilated remains of part of the crew were scattered over Rueckingen, for whom no identification information was found.
- b. Seven dead are reported as Buried in Grave 11, Langenselbold Cemetery, County of Hanau. Lieutenants Baker and Kagan and Sergeants Hartley and Yacona, are shown as identified dead. Lieutenant Ginn and Sergeant Foshey are listed with no status indicated.
- c. Donald L. Hein, a member of the crew of another plane shot down that day is also listed as dead. (Captured German record AV 2377/45 shows that Sgt Hein tried to escape and was shot). It is not indicated where his body is interred.
- 5. The Burial Report pertaining to S 5gt Skinner, reports that his remains were recovered one mile southwest of Hanau, Germany. The report also states that the body was dismembered and both legs were missing at the knee. The Burial Report pertaining to S 5gt Foshey reports that his remains were recovered at Hanau, Germany. Neither of these burial reports mention that the bodies were recovered from the mass grave in Langsenselbold Cemetery.
- 6. The foregoing reveals that the subject aircraft which had been subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire left its formation, while aflame, exploded and disintegrated in mid air. No parachutes were observed and there

AG 704 DEAD (16 Jun 48)

are no known survivors of the subject plane. Captured German records regarding this plane report the death of seven of the crew, revealing that the bodies were interred in a mass grave in the cemetery of Langsenselbold, Germany. German records identify four of the dead, list three of the crew members, with no status indicated, and make no mention of the remainder of the crew. Only one of the persons, named in paragraph 1, (Lieutenant Ginn) is shown on the German records and no status is indicated opposite his name. It is apparent from the German records that the explosion and disintegration of the aircraft prevented the assembly and identification of all of the crew members, and it is also possible that lack of positive identification of individual bodies prevented the Germans from showing the status of three of the persons listed upon their report. Inasmuch as no parachutes were seen to leave the plane it is concluded that the subject persons were killed in the explosion or crash of their plane, in which their six fellow crew members also perished.

7. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the persons named in paragraph 1, above, were killed in action in Rueckingen, near Hanau, Germany, on 12 December 1944, while in flying pay status, when their plane exploded and disintegrated in mid-air. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5,
Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed
date of death as 13 December 1945. This "Report of Death"
based on information received since that date, is issued in
accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior
payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.
Systemat will be routed to Notification sub-unit for notification
Station and place of death: European Theater.

ROLFE A. SAULS Investigator CONCURRED:

SANFORD COFFIN Captain, AGD . OIC, Determination Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Copy for: OQMG, Memorial Division EARLE E. EWING
Lt. Colonel, AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

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Aircraft #42-50662 was carrying a crew of 10 at the time of the crash. The 10 crew members were KIA. Six (6) have been identified. (SHE MACR). Cases for Co-Pilot Johnson, 2nd Lt. Ginn, and T/Sgt. Schiavone are being submitted simultane sously (under separate cover). One crew member is unaccounted for. German records indicate one member of the crew was wounded and taken to a hospital. It is believed the man is T/Sgt. Gallop, for whom no burial seport has been received. Dental records for T/Sgt. Gallop were compared with chart for Unknown X-5376, with negative results.

The casualties resulting from the crash of aircraft #42-50662 were the only Americans buried in cemetery of Rueckingen, according to the records of this office.

Mark H-4562-16 was found on clothing (drawers). This marking cannot be associated with the crew members of aircraft 42-50662.

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4 Nov. 1947

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HQ, AGRC, EA, APO 58, U. S. Army

5. TO:

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Casualty Section
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Room 1A, 686 A

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Family Correspondence Branch Memorial Division OQMG

26 March 1948

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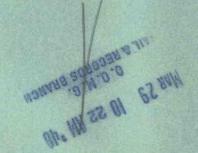
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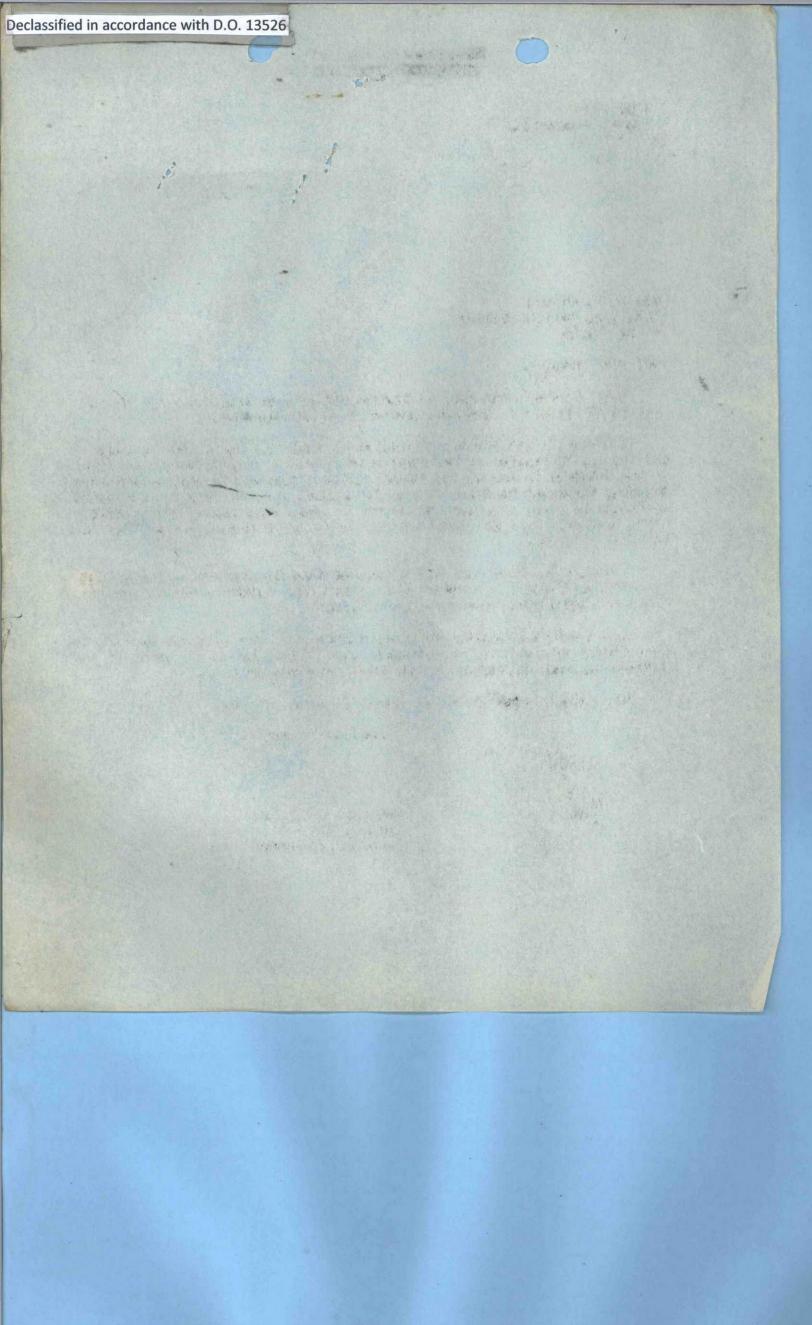
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Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letters pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, have come to my attention.

Although no conclusive information is available as to the recovery and the identification of the remains of your son, remains have been recovered and interred in the United States Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, which may be those of your loved one. An investigation is now being conducted in order to determine, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the identity of those remains. Upon the conclusion of this investigation, you will be informed of the results.

I must advise you that the Government does not contemplate returning the remains of all unknown servicemen from those countries where American Cemeteries have been permanently established.

Copies of your letters have been forwarded to the Adjutant General for direct reply relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your son inasmuch as that office has jurisdiction over such matters.

May I extend my sympathy to you in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

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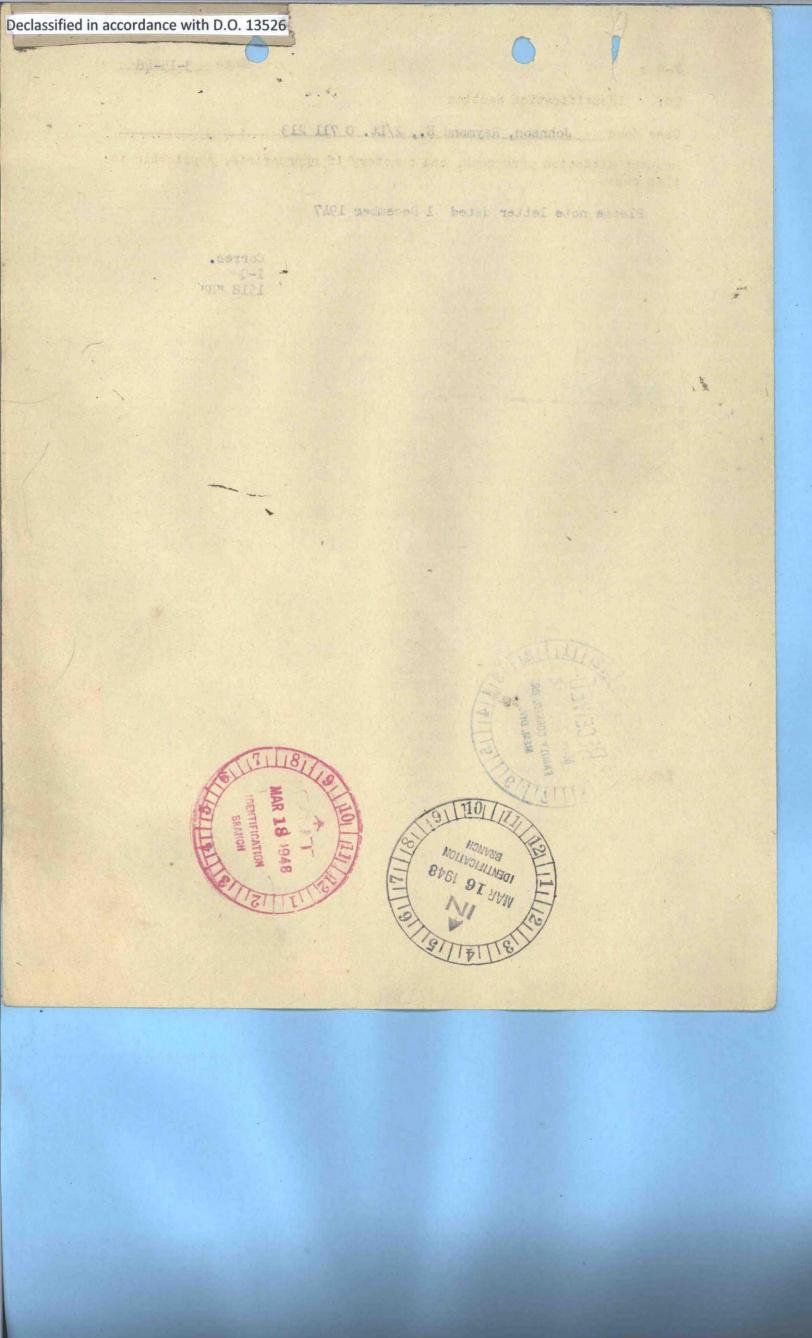
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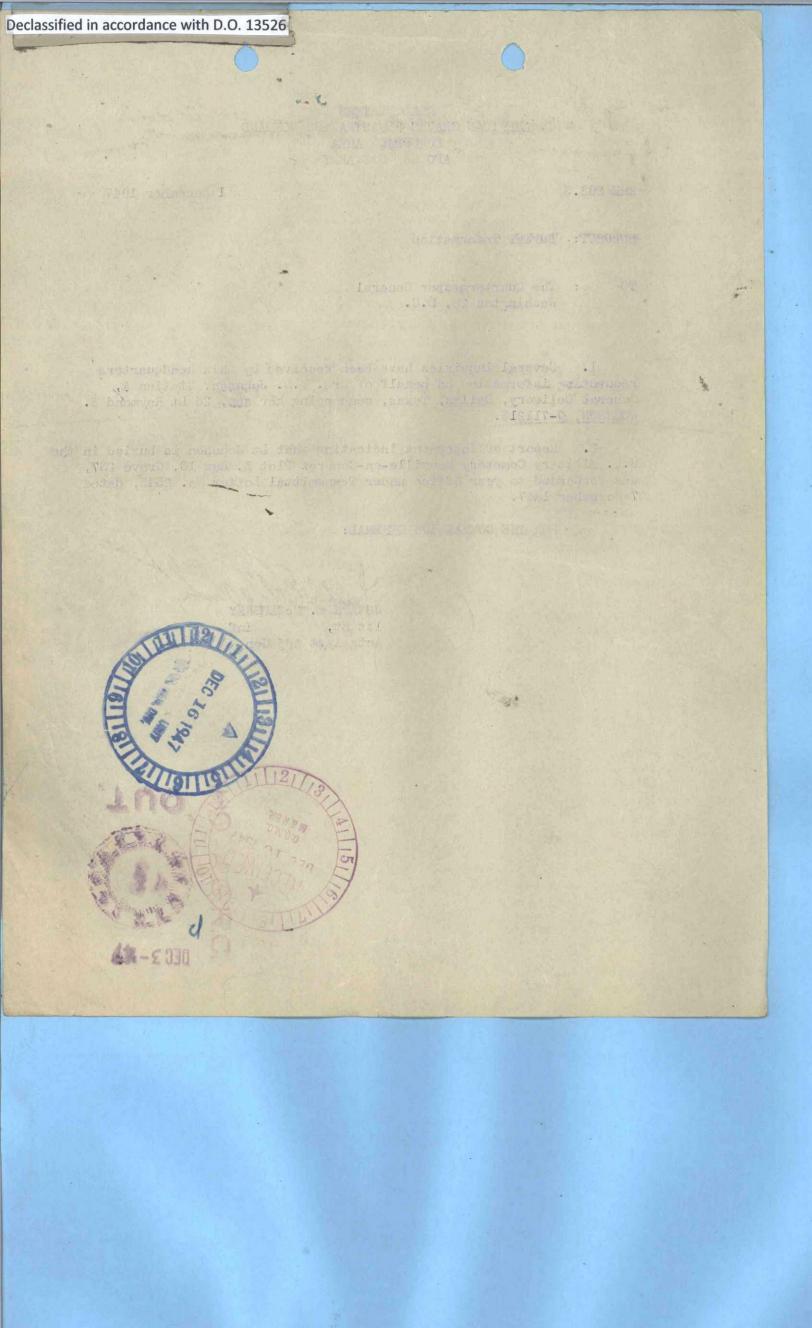
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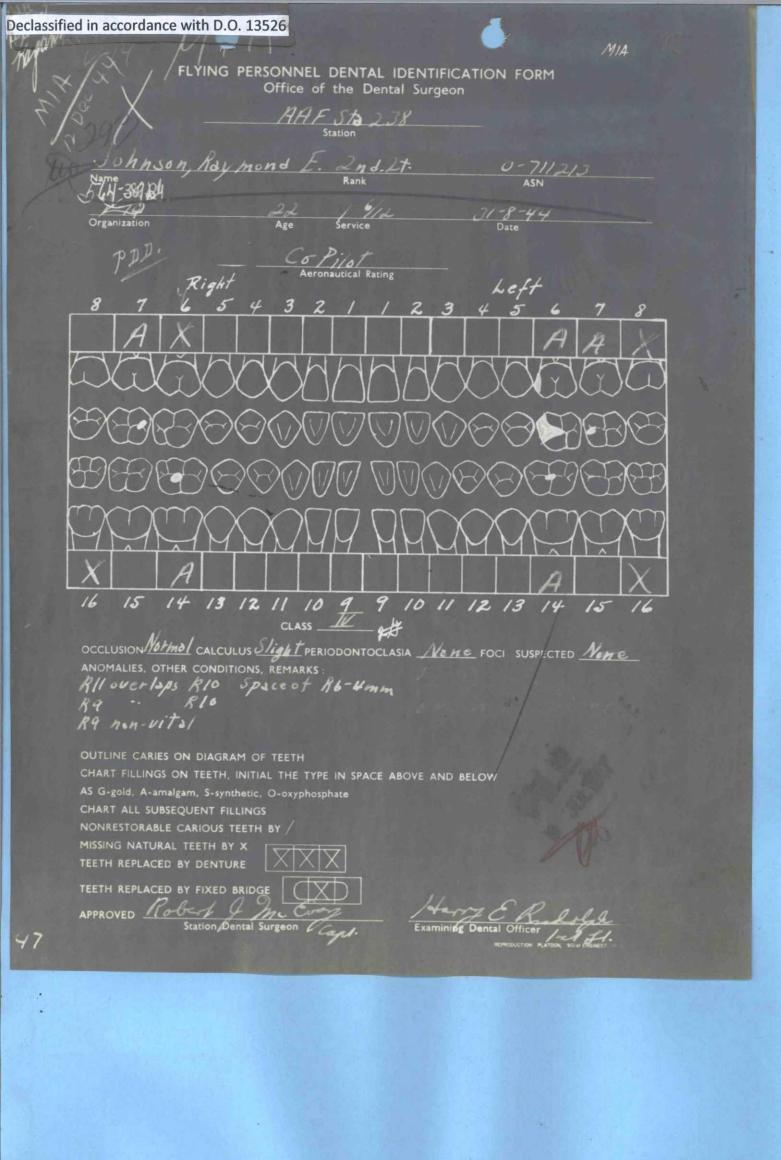
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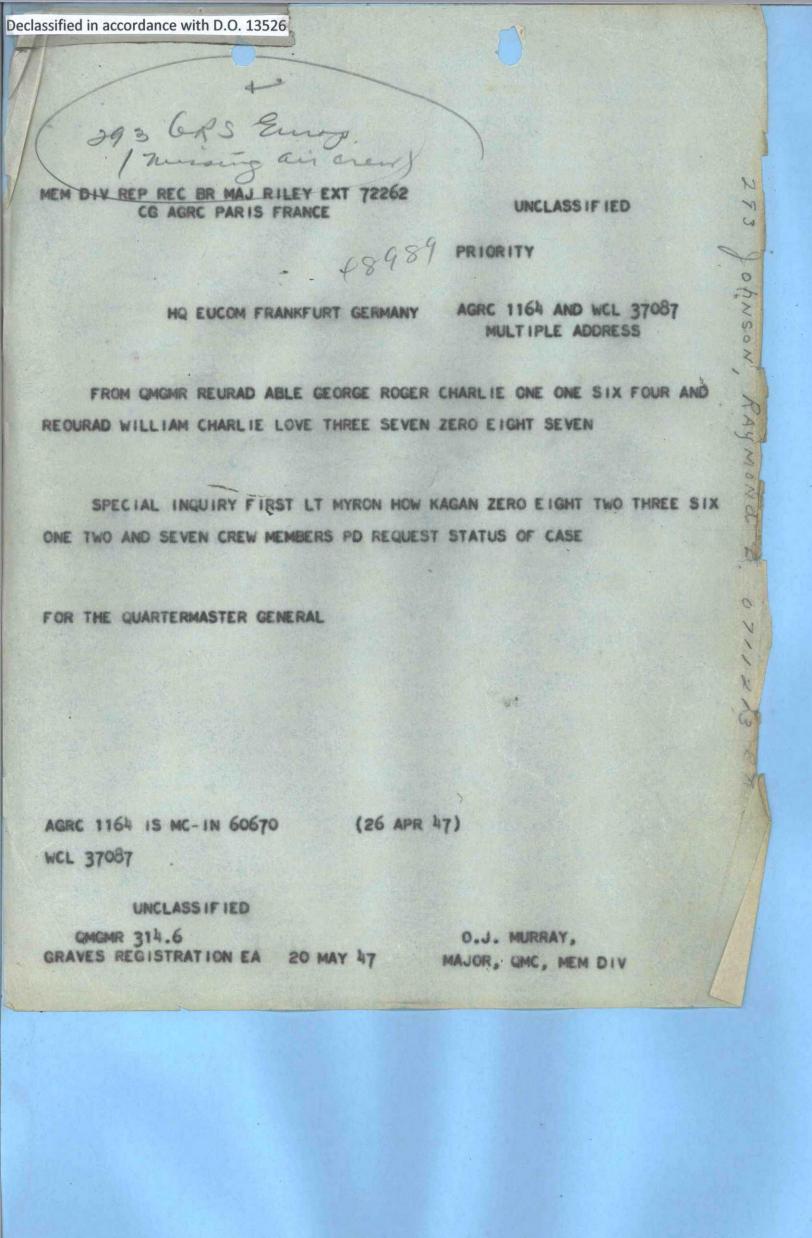


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QMCML 293 Lt., Johnson, Raymond E.

Address Reply to THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL 15 May 1947

Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter addressed to the Department of State regarding a visit to your son's grave overseas has been forwarded to this office for reply.

The War Department sincerely wishes that it could furnish you a favorable reply relative to pilgrimages to the American Cemeteries abroad. There is no authority of law whereby a trip to an overseas cemetery, for the purpose of visiting the graves of deceased servicemen, can be sponsored at governmental expense. The law under whith the Government defrayed the expense of such pilgrimages after World War I expired in December 1933, and no legislation for this purpose has since been enacted.

Sincerely yours,

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GEO. W. HINMAN, JR. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division

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1. Ltr (no date) fm Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Station A, Dallas, Texas requesting information concerning Gold Star Mothers' visit to graves overseas, expressing the desire to visit her son's grave, the late Lt. Raymond E. Johnson.

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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AIR MAIL

OMCMER 293 Johnson, Raymond E. SN G 711 213

28 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto ORMG Form 371 (covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

MAME

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

Johnson, Raymond E.

Second Lieutenant

0 711 213

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

3. A Special inquiry has been received.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER CHNERAL:

Incl Form 371 (5 copies)

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MARTIN G. EILER Major, CMC En Memorial Division

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AFPPA-14 (10 Apr 46)

MACR NO. 11338

# WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

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16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, BANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Date of Report

15 December 1944

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Donald D. Palmblad

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

DOMALD D. PALMBLAD Capt., AC., Statistical Officer.

REMARKS:

"I was flying in aircraft 42-50991, in the first section of the 389th Bombardment Group (H) on the mission of 12 December 1944.

" We were on the bomb mm, about one (1) minute before bombs away, when the dead ship, 42-95582 made two violent corrections with bery, very steep banks causing the high right element leader 42-50548 to make a violent bank to the left. Aircraft 42-50662, apparently dropped below aircraft 42-50648 in order to stay in some kind of formation. My attention was directed away from the aircraft as we were concentrating on the bomb run. After bombs away, when I again picked up sircraft 42-50662, the plane was in flames, the tail section behind the waist windows was falling off, the right wing was in flames, and the #3 engine was gone. Immediately thereafter the entime nose section exploded.

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Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL Attention: Memorial Division 22 April 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

This office is desirous of furnishing you the latest information concerning the attempt to recover the remains of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson.

Although an official report of burial for your son has not, at the present time, been received, information obtained from captured enemy records indicates that the remains of crew members of the plane, on which your son lost his life, were interred in the Cemetery at Langenselbold, Germany. In an effort to verify this information, a radiogram has been dispatched to the American Graves Registration Command requesting that an investigation be made concerning this reported burial and that this office be furnished a full report of their findings.

You may be assured that no effort is being spared in attempting to locate the remains of your loved one, and that such effort will continue until every possible resource has been exhausted. When a report of interment is received for your son, you will be further advised.

May I again extend my deepest sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. BAUKNIGHT Lt. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division SAME

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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- 2. Copies will NOT accompany original.
- 3. Messages addressed to The Quartermaster General will be signed by the DIVISION Chief IN PERSON unless he is absent, in which case the signature of his executive assistant will be accepted.
- 4. Due hours and dates as entered by the Chief, General Administrative Services Division, covering action on incoming correspondence, or as used by TQMG or Division Chiefs for dead line purposes, will be met in all cases.
- 5. Use of columns of form: Column 1, "No.," originator enters the number "1" as his entry; subsequent messages are numbered serially in column 1. Column 2, "From," enter Division identification (abbreviated) or, within Division enter Division identification PLUS branch or section. Column 3, "To," same instruction as for column 2—name of officer or civilian may be added where desirable. Column 4, "Date," spell out month, e. g. 6 Sept. 46. Column 5, "Message," present succintly and accurately whatever you wish to say. Use full width of sheet when message goes far enough down sheet to clear entries in columns 1, 2, 3, and 4. Use one side of sheet only. Sign surname at end of "message," enter phone extensions under name, then, immediately below, draw line completely across sheet.
- 6. Use of typewriter is NOT required.
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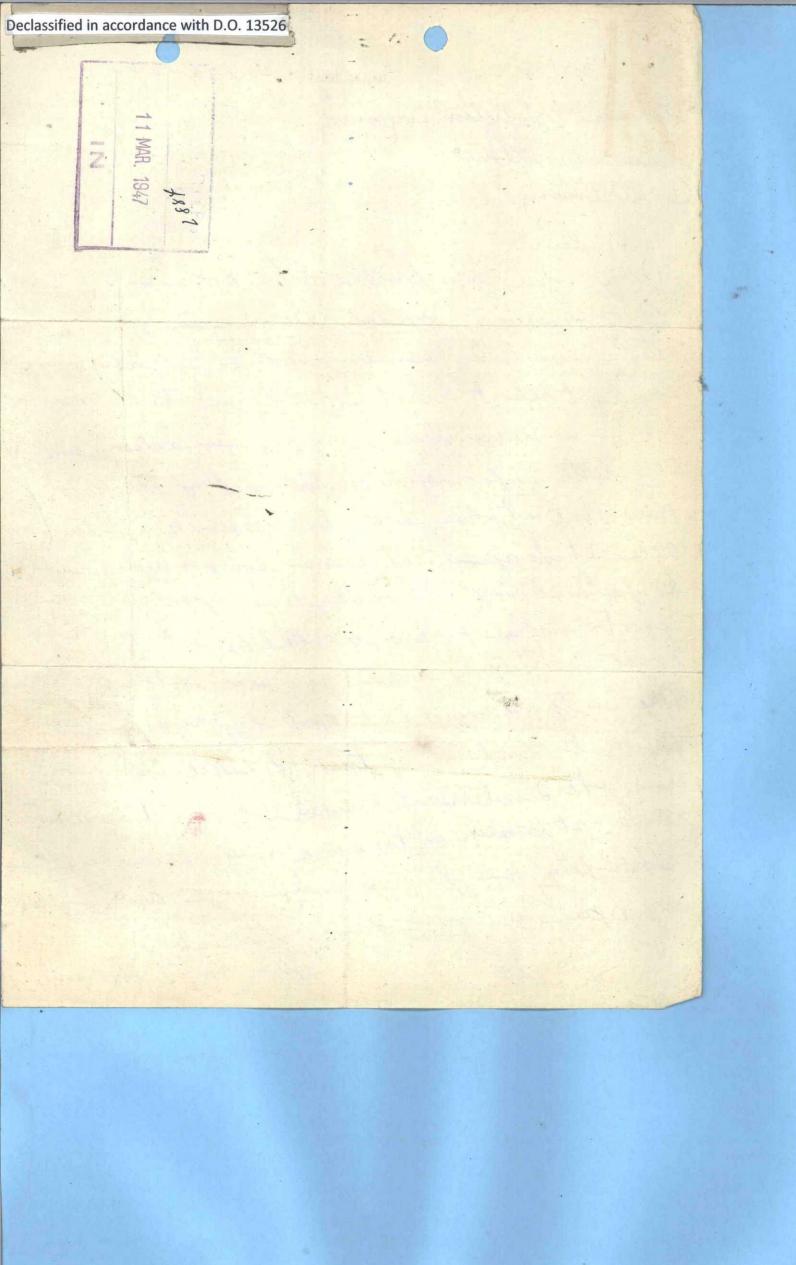
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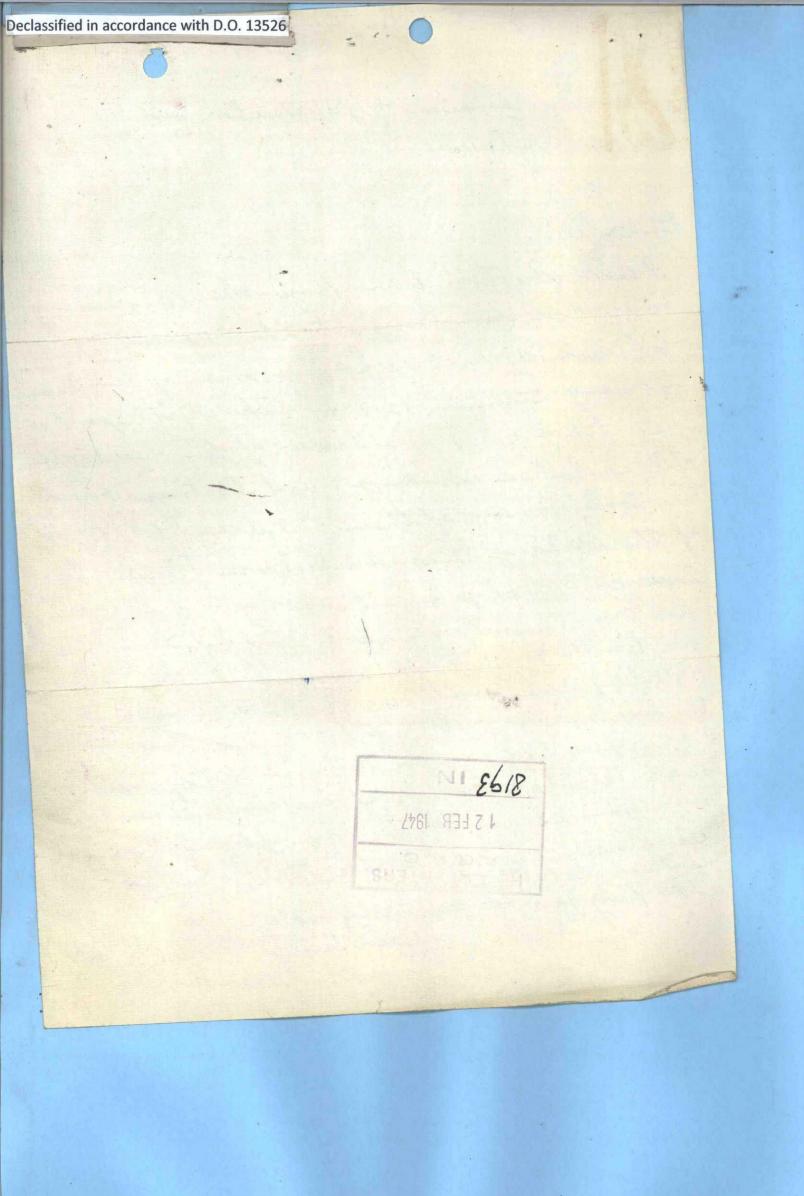
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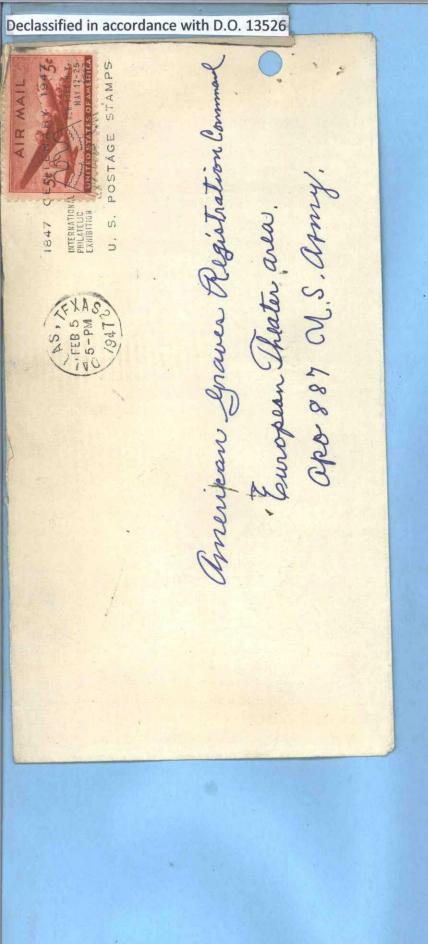
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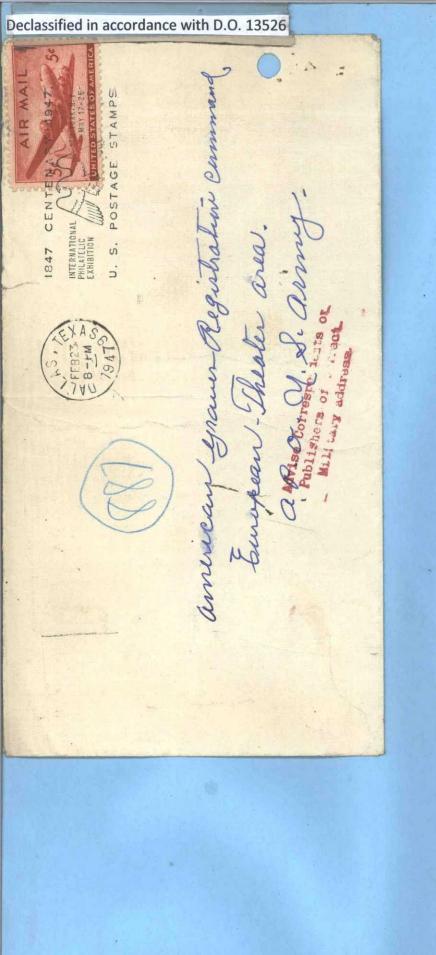
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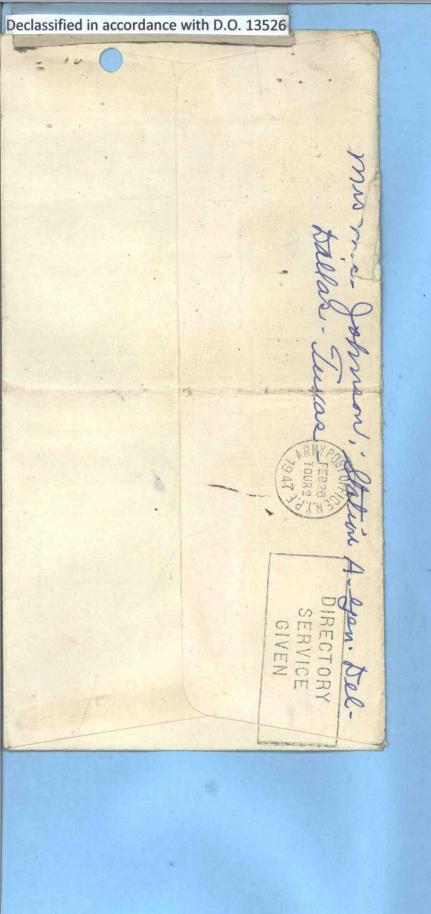


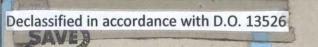
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#### KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

601 HARDESTY AVENUE KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO QMDKG - 337631

PUM/CB/fj 4 February 1947

TO:

SUBJECT: Disposal of Personal Property

The Quartermaster General Effects Section

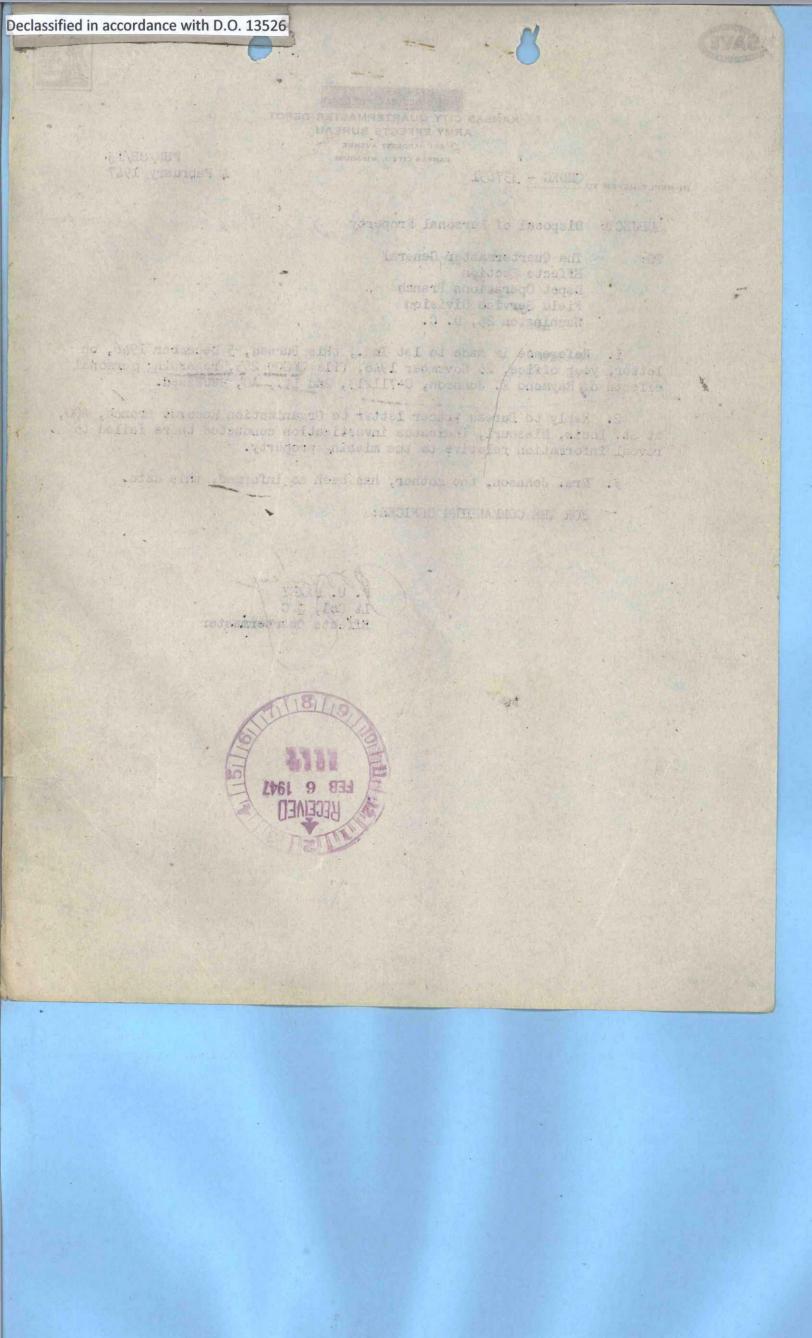
Depot Operations Branch Field Service Division Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to 1st Ind., this Bureau, 5 December 1946, on letter, your office, 25 November 1946, file QMGOD 293, regarding personal effects of Raymond E. Johnson, 0-711213, 2nd Lt., AC, deceased.

- 2. Reply to Bureau tracer letter to Organization Records Branch, AGO, at St. Louis, Missouri, indicates investigation conducted there failed to reveal information relative to the missing property.
  - 3. Mrs. Johnson, the mother, has been so informed, this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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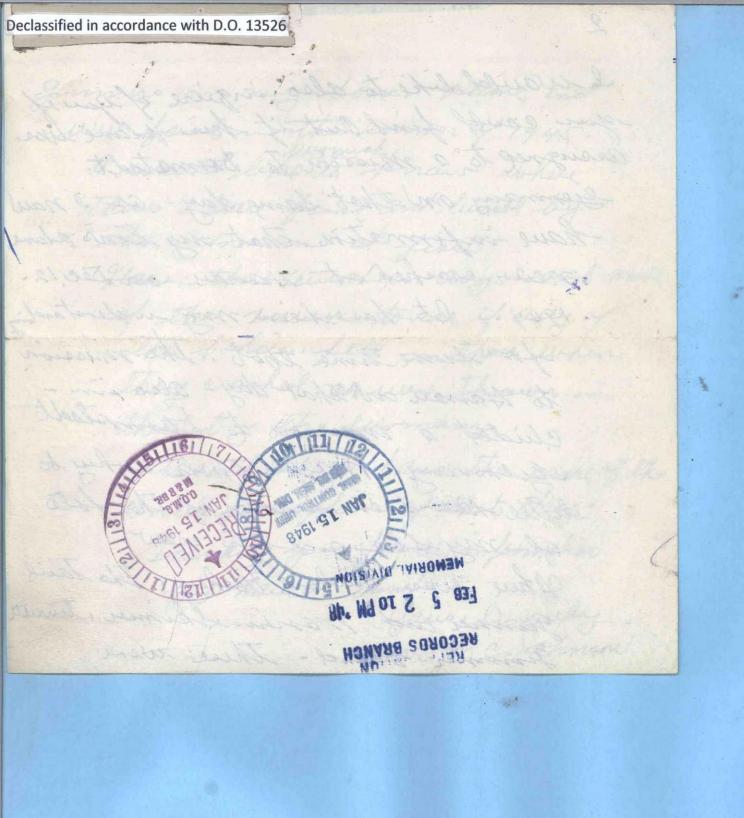
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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, 5 December 1946

- The Quartermaster General, Effects Section, Depot Operations Branch, Field Service Division, Washington 25, D. C.
- 1. No information is available at this Bureau relative to the items about which Mrs. Johnson inquired. Neither were they listed on official listing of effects received here from his overseas organization.
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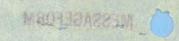
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Effects Quartermaster

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 WAR DEPARTMENT ARMY SERVICE FORCES WASHINGTON Date 25 November 1946 MESSAGE FORM File No. QMGOD 293, Johnson, Raymond E., SN 0 711 213 Telephone No. 3821 Office of origin OQMG FIELD SERVICE DEPOT OPR EFFECTS QMGOD Address 2nd and T. Sts., S. W., Washington 25, D. C. Room No. 1632 PRECEDENCE To: ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL Commanding Officer Kansas City Quartermaster Depot Air mail. 601 Hardesty Avenue Priority\_\_\_ Special delivery... Kansas City 1, Missouri ATTENTION: Effects Quartermaster Routine. Ordinary... X Deferred Registered\_ Week end Initial Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred." MESSAGE: 1. There is inclosed for your information copy of letter from Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Station A, General Delivery, Dallas, Texas, regarding the nonreceipt of certain personal belongings of her son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson. 2. It is requested that an investigation be made to ascertain any of these effects can be recovered. It is further requested that It is requested that an investigation be made to ascertain if Mrs. Johnson and this office be advised of the results of the investigation. FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL: 2 Incls Cy ltr fm Major, QMC Mrs. Johnson Assistant

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25 November 1946

Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter of recent date concerning your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, has been forwarded to this office for necessary action to that portion which pertains to his personal effects.

It is regretted that you have not received all of your son's personal belongings. This office is requesting the Army Effects Bureau to make an investigation to ascertain if any of the articles mentioned in your letter can be recovered. That Bureau will communicate with you direct when the investigation has been completed.

If this office can be of further assistance to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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GUY B. KEGLEY Major, QMC Assistant

25 November 1946

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GUY B. KEGLEY Major, QMC Assistant

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 QMGMR 293 Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0 711 213 Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL 19 November 1946 Attention: Memorial Division Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas Dear Mrs. Johnson: Your letter concerning your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, has been received in this office. The Veterans' Administration is authorized to issue a flag of the United States to the next of kin of personnel who died overseas while in the Military or Naval Service of the United States. Therefore, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to that office for necessary action. Your inquiry concerning personal effects will be the subject of a later communication. FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL: Sincerely yours, JAMES L. PRENN Major, QMC Assistant el MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH 12 10 PM

QMGYG 293 Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0-711 213

Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER CENERAL Attention: Memorial Division 23 September 1946

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter to an Overseas Theater Area concerning your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, has been referred to this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your son's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your son's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General for direct reply relative to the number of your son's plane and for the names and addresses of the crew members of planes number 4295582 and 4250548, also for the name and address of your son's squadron leader, as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

HE COURTERMASTER CEMERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN Major, QMC

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WD, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

23 September 1946

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 11- 0-26 BK DALLAS, TEXAS Quartermaster General Washington . D.C. I would like to make inquery about the Dear Sirsi personal belongings of my Son. It Raymord E. Johnson, 0-411213. persunel no longer living by the Westipt. The Ransas Cuty Quarkemartin office Saight they do not have or received additions property. Things that are missing are his Camara. Gippo Cugarrett lighter. evalet, and expansion braclet. 2 sings. one school graduation and one afficient pelots rings. ome Green silk langing robe one epipensime formetam pen. Ete; I weel appreciate it verymuch if you were make a search for there things. his thentoft

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> Sincerely mrs m. C. Johnson Station A. Gen-Del-Dallas, Lexas.



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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD 26 July 1946 72490 - Notification, AAF Mr. Carr\_ Johnson, Raymond E. 0-711213 Burial HEP No burial report. Paragraph: 14 B ROBERT E. GRIFFITH, 1st.1t., QMC

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Johnson, Raymond E. ASN 0711213

MTMORANDUM FOR RECORD

17 January 1946

SUBJECT: Change of Address of Emergency Addressee:

Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, Nother, 240 West 7th Street, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, Mother, e/o General Delivery, Station A, Dallas E, Texas.

Adjutant General

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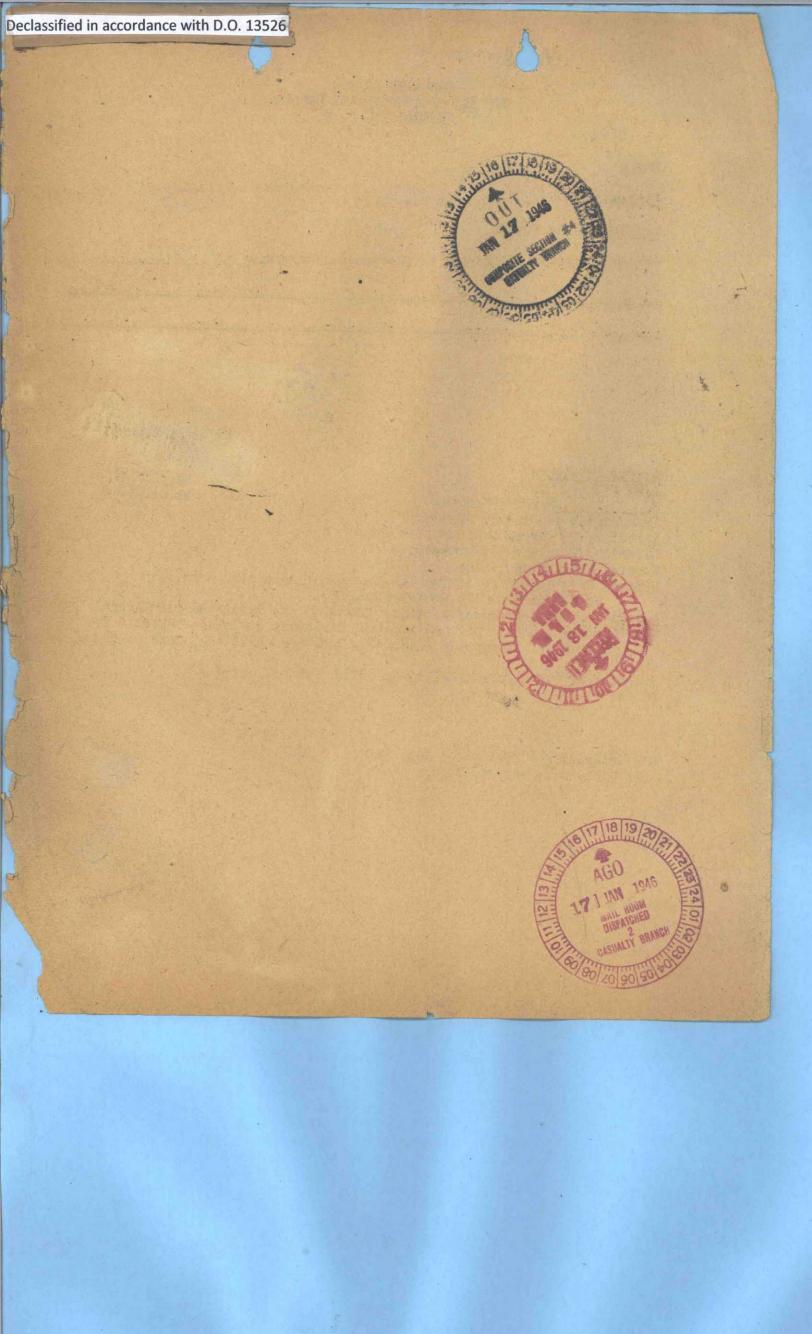
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Munitions Building, Washington, D.C. Memorial Branch, Overseas Section, Office of the Quartermaster General Notification Branch, Personal Affairs, Division, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff Personnel, Room 4310, Munitions Building, (AAF personnel

only)

Prisoner of War Information Bureau (POW personnel only) AG 201 File

Non-Delivery Sub Section 14 July 1945 (See Oper. Bul. No. 34, 1945)



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### WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

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DATE 13 July 1948

REPORT OF DEATH		NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXABLE PARTY.
Johnson, Raymond E.	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0711213	2nd Lt
HOME ADDRESS Dallas, Texas	ARM OR SERVICE	15 Oct 1922
PLACE OF DEATH Germany	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action	12 Dec 1944
STATION OF DECEASED  European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE  8 Feb 1944	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES  YEARS, MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, mother, Station A, General Delivery, Dallas, Texas

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, mother, same as above

Mr. Ben. Franklin Johnson, father, same as above

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 and 7 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (56 Stat. 145) as amended, the records show that this officer completed 10 months and 5 days of active service at the time of his death.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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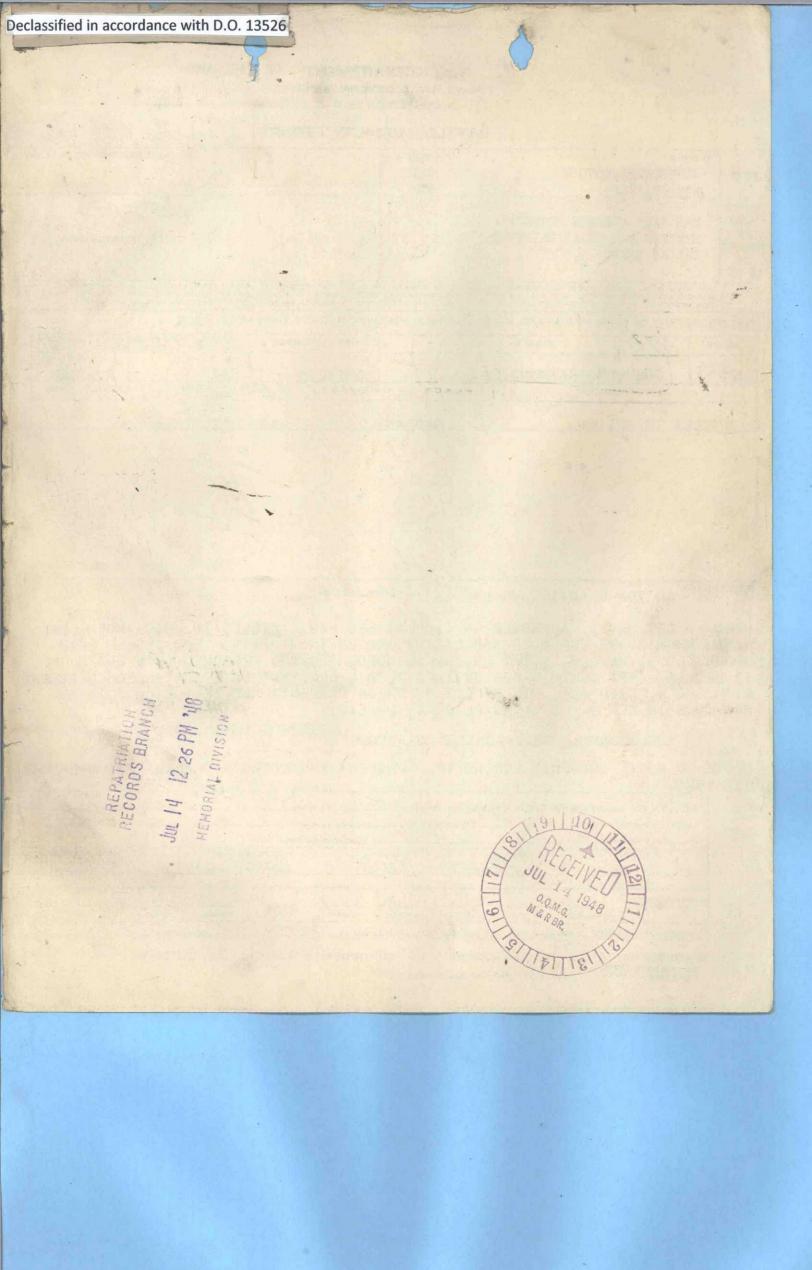
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1 Sept. 1949

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson

ADDRESS (Street, City, State)
2639 Kilburn St. Dallas, Texas

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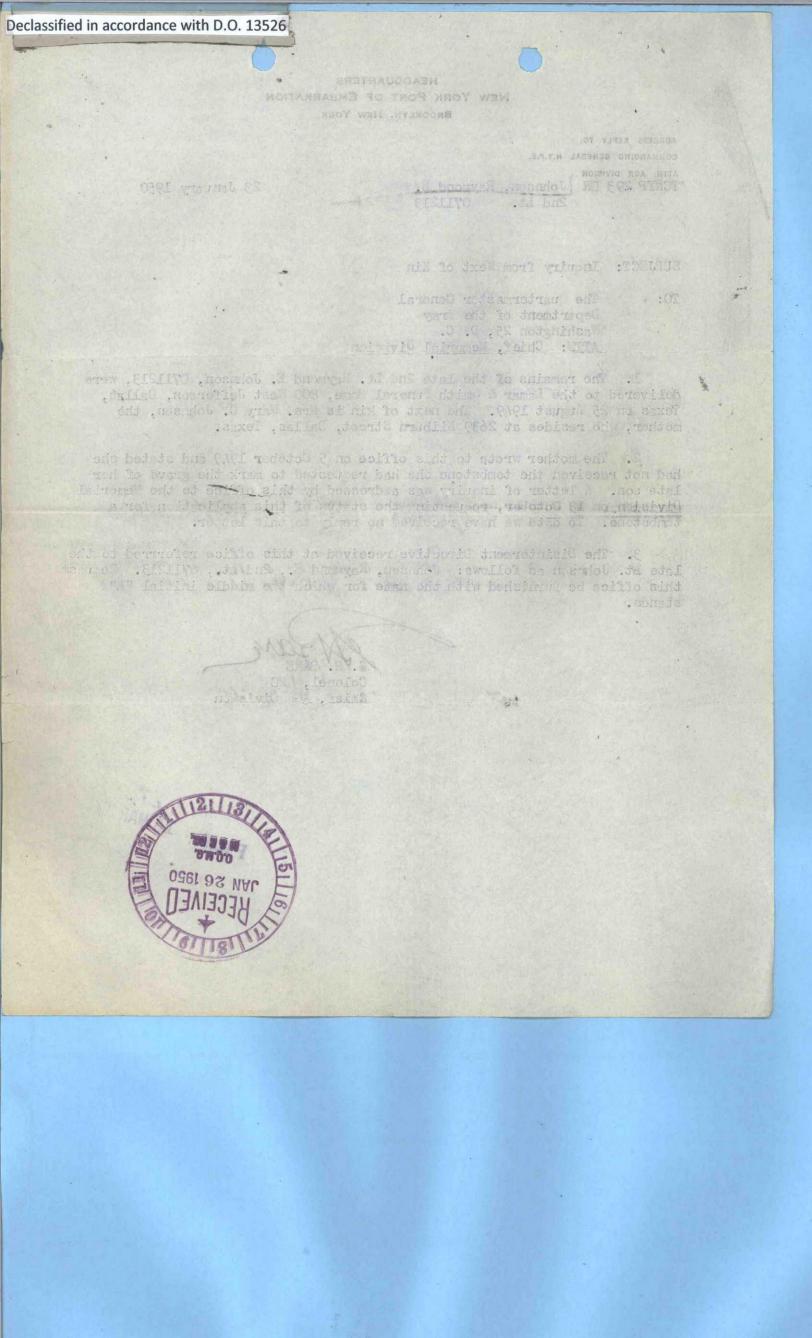
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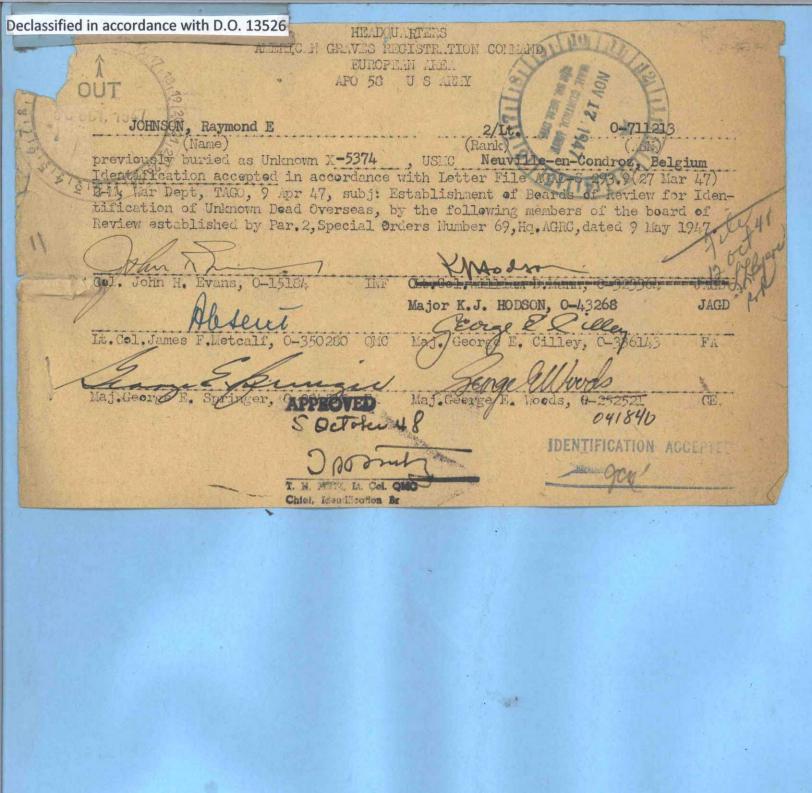
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ORGANIZATION: 389th Bomb Gp. 564th Bomb Sq. 8th AF

DESTINATION: Hanau, Germany MISSION: Operational

CRASHED: 12 Dec. 1944 1201 Hours

Seen to crash near the target - Hanau

Plane hit by flak and blew up - disintegrated.

AIRCRAFT: B-24J #42-50662

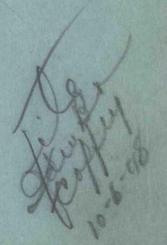
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#### STATEMENTS OF EYE\*WITNESSES:

I was flying in aircraft 42-50991, in the first section of the 289th B. Gp. on mission of 12 December 1944.

We were on the bomb run about one minute before bombs away, when the lead ship no. 42-95582 made two violent corrections with very very steep banks causing the right high element leader to make a violent bank to the left. A/C 42-50662, apparently dropped below a/c 42-40548 in order to stay in some kind of formation. My attention was directed away from the A/C as we were concentrating on the bomb run. After bombs away, when I again picked up A/C 42-50662, the plane was in flames, the tail section behind thewaist windows was falling off, the right wing was in flames, and the #3 engine was gome. Immediately thereafter theentire nose section exploded.

/s/ DARROLD L SHUTT lst Lt. 0-772234 Air Corps.



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#### REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

Airbase Headquarters (Air District Command 13/VII)

LANGENDIEBACH

December 15, 1944

Dec. 12: 1944 about 12:00

Field-Dostrict MUECKINGEN near Hanau, to the right side of road to NIEDER-RODENBACK on the "Rotwiese"

Flak - Plane broke up in air - was on flight to target

Liberator B-24

On fuselage: white star on blue back-ground. In black letters:

Y O, behind it: Yellow G

On inside of fin no.: 250 662 (black). On black painted outside of fin vertical white bar (700 mm brass); Black "G" (650-100 mm) in bar. Below side-door in block letter "PATSY". on elevator (hand painted): 3693; on Nacelle: 4338 (hand painted). on wing in black circular ground, white G. on left wing in black: 4283 Block I on Karnis-Beam: SK32W-539-9

Whereabouts of Crew: 7 crew members dead.

1) Frank John Yakona, ser no. 36670995 T 43-44A

2518 W Adams St. Chgo, Ill 2-6 torn mutilated,
scratched over Ruckingen, no papers or identification
tags were found.

1 crew member captured- transferred to Robert-Ley Hospital, Hanau

Signature

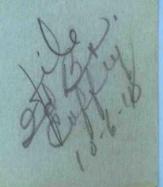
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15 March

12 Dec. 1944 1205 Rueckingen b/Hanan	2nd Lt.	BAKER, Jr. 0-723929	LESTER G.	Dead
Type: Liberator Markings: 250662	2nd Lt.	K A G A N 0-823612	Myron H.	Dead
Target: H.Q. of airbase area Gelnhausen	Sgt.	FOSHEY	Richard F.	
	Sgt.	Y A K O N A 36670995	Frank John	Dead
		HARTLEY 35790487	Joseph	Dead
		GINN	B. V.	
	Sgt.	HEIN 33563157	Donald L.	Dead

7 Dead; cemetery Langenselbold, county Hanau Grave 11



Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0 711 213 9 February 1950

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson 2639 Kilburn Street Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This Office is in receipt of a letter of recent date, written in your behalf from Headquarters, New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York, wherein information is requested regarding the status of your application for a Government flat marble marker for the grave of the late Raymond E. Johnson.

The records on file in this Office show that under date of 21 October 1949 a letter was written to you in which you were advised that the regulations on file in this Office for Laurel Land Memorial Park Cemetery, in which your son is interred, state that flat granite or bronze markers only are permitted therein. Therefore, you were advised since you desire a flat marble marker for the veteran's grave, it will be necessary that you forward to this Office a statement signed by the Superintendent of the cemetery to the effect that this type stone will be permitted at the grave as a permanent memorial.

To date no reply has been received, and it is requested your answer be expedited, furnishing the requested information.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM Major, QMC Memorial Division

Commanding General
New York Port of Embarkation
1st Avenue & 58th Street
Prooklyn, New York
ATTN: AGR Division

OMCMF 293 Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0 711 213

29 December 1949

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson. Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 December 1949 in which you request that your son's dental chart, laundry marks, and any other proof of identification be forwarded to you.

I wish to advise that this office is unable to comply with your request inasmuch as the media used in connection with establishing identification of the remains of a decedent is considered a part of the official Department of the Army records and may not be released to a next of kin. I may state, however, that your son's records will be made available for inspection in this office at any time.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. VOGL Captain, CMC Memorial Division

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December 12, 1949

QMGMF 293 RE: JOHNSON, Raymond E. SN 0 711 213

W. E. Campbell Lt. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In answering your letter of November 8, 1949, I wish to state I was notified a year ago by your office that my son had been found in 1947 at Ruechingen, Germany and sent to a laboratory for identification and two months later was sent to Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium for reburial there, then according to your story of his being identified in October 1948, he must of laid there almost two years before he was identified. That isn't a very acceptable story to a mother of a very fine son such as I had. If he was not cut or torn to pieces then why would it be so difficult and take so long to identify him, and why haven't I been sent his dental chart, clothing marks and etc.

You say I was notified October 15, 1948 of the identity of my late son. I beg your pardon I was not. You say you made inquiry about my address. How ridiculous. That was the same excuse used to keep from paying me all of my son's salary when a presumptive date of death was reached after missing one year in action. Yet I was not notified for over three months after the one year period ended. Then after these months of torture I was told they had been trying to locate me, when as a matter of fact I had lived at that same address for years. I think you were saying your office tried to send a Ben Johnson letters and reburial papers to my address in October 1948. These same memorial papers I had written for over two years ago, then why did you try to send them to him. Do you know anything about Ben Johnson? Has he ever written you a letter making any inquiry or taken any interest whatsoever in this matter? Other mothers were sent these papers months in advance, then why weren't they sent to me. No, not until my son had been took up and casketed then in a very indignant manner was I sent these papers and told he had already been took up awaiting shipment. Then he had to lay there and probably be stacked around in any old place or may be out in the hot sun to await the pending and necessary arrangements to be made. Yes, I think I have been treated pretty shabby about my son, and it certainly wasn't a very nice way to treat such a fine soldier who had given his life in the service of his Country.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Mary C. Johnson

Station "A", General Delivery

Dallas, Texas

P. S.

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 **HEADQUARTERS** NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION BROOKLYN, NEW YORK ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL N.Y.P.E. ATTN: AGR DIVISION TCNYP GR 293 Johnson, Raymond E. 2nd Lt 13 October 1949 0711213 SUBJECT: Grave Marker for Johnson, Raymond E. 2nd Lt, 0711213 The Quartermaster General TO: Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Memorial Division 1. The remains of the late 2nd Lt. Raymond E. Johnson, 0711213, were delivered to Lamar & Smith, 800 West Jefferson, Dallas, Texas, on 25 August 1949. The next of kin is Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, 2639 Kilburn Street, Dallas, Texas. 2. Mrs. Johnson, mother, wrote to me stating that she had not received the grave marker for her late son. It is requested that your records be checked as to the exact status of her application for the tombstone. It is further requested that you reply directly to Mrs. Johnson giving her this information and also informing her as to when she may expect delivery of the tombstone. A carbon copy of your reply is requested for our files. Colonel, QMC Chief, AGR Division 124

Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION SROOKLYN, NEW YORK ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMPANIEND GENERAL N.Y.P.E MOISING SMA MITTA TONYE OR 293 Johnson, Al bno . H bnoare SISIITO SUEJ AT: Crave Harker for Johnson, Raymound S. 2nd-Lt, CY11213 Isronel relegater Ceneral Department of the Army Mashington 25, D. C. Attention: Memorial Division 1. The remains of the late 2nd Lt. Laymond E. Johnson, 0711213, were delivered to Lamar & Smith, 800 West Jofferson, Dallas, Texas, on 25 August 1949. The next of kin is Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, 2039 Ailburn Street, Dallas, Texas. 2. Irs. Johnson, mother, wrote to me stating that she had not received the grave marker for her late son. It is requested that your records be checked as to the exact status or her application for the tembulanes. It is further requested that you rolly knother to best. Johnson giving her bale information and also intorning mer as to when she may expect delivery of the boundatene. A carbon copy of your replay is requested for our illes. Jolonel, QIO 200

TCNYP GR 293 Johnson, Raymond E. 2nd Lt. 0711213

2 November 1949

SUBJECT: Inquiry from Next of Kin

TO:

The Quartermaster General Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Chief, Memorial Division

1. The inclosed letter written by Mrs. M. C. Johnson, next of kin of the late 2nd Lt. Raymond E. Johnson, 0711213, USAAF, is forwarded to you for direct reply to the writer. Copy of reply from this office is inclosed.

2. Request that a carbon copy of your reply to Mrs. Johnson be forwarded to this office as a matter of information and file.

2 Incls

1. Ltr fr Mrs. Johnson

2. Reply to Mrs. Johnson

G. H. BARE Colonel, OMC Chief, AGR Division

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Dept. of the Army, OOMG, Washington 25, D. C., 8 November 1949

TO: Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation, 1st Avenue & 58th Street, Brooklyn 20, New York. ATTN: AGR Division

In accordance with basic communication, attached is copy of letter, this coffice, to Mrs. Mary C. Johnson.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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W. E. CAMPBELL Lt. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division

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21 October 1949

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson 2639 Kilburn Street Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This Office is in receipt of a letter of recent date, written in your behalf from Headquarters, New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York, wherein information is requested regarding the status of your application for a Government flat marble marker for the grave of the late Raymond E. Johnson.

The regulations on file in this Office for Laurel Land Memorial Park Cemetery, in which your son is interred, state that flat granite or bronze markers only are permitted therein. Therefore, since you desire a flat marble marker for the veteran's grave, it will be necessary that you forward to this Office a statement signed by the Superintendent of the cemetery to the effect that this type stone will be permitted at the grave as a permanent memorial.

An envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and, as further action on the application cannot be taken until this Office is in receipt of the requested statement, an early answer will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

l Incl

L. M. FELLPAUM Major, QMC Memorial Division

Commanding General
New York Port of Embarkation
lst Avenue & 58th Street
Brooklyn, New York
ATTN: AGR Division

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HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION

American Graves Registration Division

1st Avenue & 58th Street

Brooklyn, N. Y.



THE FOLLOWING REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED BY ALL ESCORTS WHO ACCOMPANY REWLINS OF DECEASED PERSONNEL FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION. UPON RETURN TO THE AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION, NYPE, THIS REPORT DAVIG A. GROVE 2. Departed AGRD, NYPE, on hours for DALAS TEX by TRAIN (destination - city and state) (Gov't vehicle or train) If train, give hour of departure from New York City and station 19:15 EST. GRAND CENTRAL. Arrived at DALLAS on 25 aux 49 at 0 735 First contact was made with undertaker on 25 Apc Hgat 4. First contact was made with next of kin MRS MARY C. VoHuson 2639 Kih BURN on 25 aux 49 at. (date) 5. I did/did not attend the funeral services. 6. The funeral was held at 1400 hours, on 2 7 aug 7. Escort's presence is/is not desired at funeral services min me.

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AG 704 - Dead (13 Dec 45) S. R. & D. No. 4886

13 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status Under the Missing Persons Act.

## I. - FACTS

1. The following named persons, members of the organizations designated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action, in flying pay status, over Germany, since 12 December 1944, as reported by ETO Shipments Tos. 284, 287 and 289:

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a. Aboard 3-24J circraft Number 42-50662, 564th Bombardment Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group (H):

RAGAN, NYRON H.	0823621
BANCER, LISTER G., JR.	0723929
JOHISON, PAYROND E.	0719919
GALLOP, ABRAHAN A.	12,090,467
SCHIAVONE, JOSEPH C.	33,370,534
HARTLEY, JOSEPH L. H., JR.	33,790,487
YACOHA, FRANK	36,670,995

First Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant
Technical Sergeant
Technical Sergeant
Staff Sergeant
Staff Sergeant

b. Aboard B-245 aircraft number 44-10493, 700th Bombardment Squadron, 445th Loubardment Group:

THOLPSON, WILLIAM A.	0827839	
HOLLAND, KEIL G.	0723976	
KRAJEWSKI, THADDEUS	0329230	
COHI, SIYHOUR 3.	T129118	
BALD, IDWARD W.	36,483,972	
PLINCHIR, IRNEST R.	33,718,905	
CILATI, SILVIO B.	33,898,207	
PICARELLI, TRUMCIS D.	42,090,135	
RIEDEL, ARMO C.	35,900,510	

Second Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant
Flight Officer
Technical Sergeant
Technical Sergeant
Sergeant
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Sergeant

c. Aboard A-20J-15 aircraft number 43-21720, 644th Bomb ent Squadron, 410th Bomberdment Group (L):

G. W. Rogers . Capt., QMC Identification Brane. S. E. & D. Wa- 1086

LUBRET, JOHN F. FORGUE, ALBERT A. SPIEGEL, CHARLES L. 0737168 31,290,794 36,740,132 Second Lieutenant Sergeant Sergeant

d. Aboard P-51D-15NA aircraft number 44-15580, 384th Fighter Squadron, 364th Fighter Group:

KUHI, GEORGE C.

0824506

First Lieutenant

e. Aboard P47D22PE aircraft number 42-25960, 509th Fighter Squadron, 405th Fighter Group:

MILITARE, THOMS J.

0825419

Second Lieutenant

f. Abourd P47D26RA aircraft number 42-28292, 409th Fighter Squadron, 405th Fighter Group:

HUBER, WARREN J.

0815341

Second Lieutenent

g. Aboard P47D28RD aircraft number 42-29128, 509th Fighter Squadron, 405th Fighter Group:

DOYLE, WILLIAM C.

0810334

First Lieutenent

2. Hissing hir Grew Report No. 11538, dated 15 December 1944, states that the persons named in paragraph 1c, above, and two others whose status is not considered herein, comprised the crow of aircraft No. 42-50662 when it departed its base on an operational mission to Hanau, Germany. It states further that at 1201 hours, while over the target this plane was hit by flak, blow up and disintegrated; that no parachutes were observed, and that no search was made.

Upon the reverse of this report is a statement of First Lieutenant Darold L. Shutt, 0772234, Air Corps, which is as follows:

"I was flying in aircraft 42-50991, in the first section of the 389th Bombardment Group (II) on the mission of 12 December 1944.

"We were on the bomb run, about one (1) minute before bombs away, when the lead ship, 42-05582 made two violent corrections with very, very steep banks causing the high right element leader 42-50548 to make a violent bank to the left. Aircraft 42-50662, apparently dropped below aircraft 42-50548 in order to stay in some kind of formation. By attention was

directed away from the aircraft as we were concentrating on the bomb run. After bombs away, when I again picked up aircraft 42-50652, the plane was in flames, the tail section behind the waist windows was falling off, the right wing was in flames, and the #3 engine was gone. Immediately thereafter the entire nose section exploded.

"To chutes were observed."

- a. Attached to this "Grew Report" is a map showing a location about six miles southeast of Frankfurt as that where this plane blew up. The target, Henau, is about eleven miles east of Frankfurt on the Hain.
- b. The members of this crew the are not considered herein have been reported as shown below:

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SHIPPER, HARVEY V. FOSHEY, RICHARD E.	19,147,119 31,063,914	AIX	

- 3. Facts similar, in general, to those contained in portions of Crow Report Ho. 11338 are stated in the following documents, all prepared at Headquarters, 564th Bemberdment Squadron (H):
- a. First Wrapper Indorsoments, dated, respectively, 11, 13, and 11 February 1945, in reply to letters of inquiry from Geo. W. Jaker, 1875. 18. C. Johnson and Miss Zenia J. Yacona, respectively, dated 3 January 1945, undated, and 3 January 1945, respectively, filed in the respective AG 201 Files of Lieutenants Baker and Johnson and of Sergeant Yacona. (In exception to the similarity stated above is the statement in the one in Lieutenant Johnson's AG 201 File that the subject mission was to Friedburg, Germany, instead of Hanau. Friedburg is about fifteen miles north and a little cast of Trankfurt.)
- b. A copy of a lotter, dated 30 April 1945, from Captain Robert M. Cottrill, Adjutant, 56 Mth Combardment Squadron (H), to 2. L. Mellee, filed in Lieutenant Sinn's Casualty Branch File.
- c. A copy of a letter, dated 10 April 1945, from Major Bentley Morn, Commanding 564th Bomberdment Squadron (E), to Miss Marjoric Childress, filed in Lioutenant Ginn's Casualty Dranch and AG 201 Piles.
- 4. Hissing Air Crow Report No. 11087, dated 16 December 1944, states that the persons named in paragraph 1b, above, and one other not considered herein, comprised the crew of B-24J aircraft No. 44-10493 when it departed

further states that it was last sighted at Honau at 1205 hours; that it was lost as the result of anti-aircraft fire; that one chute was seen, and that there was no search. An eyewitness statement by Captain Andrew Grove, Air Corps, P/W Officer, is as follows:

"Ship # 493 received a direct hit by flat between the # 3 and # 4 engines. The right wing came off and the plane went into a flat spin."

a. Attached to this report is a map of the Trankfurt area upon which Hanau and adjacent territory are encircled.

b. The member of this crew who is not considered herein has been reported as shown below:

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- 5. A letter, deted 30 May 1945, from Mrs. W. F. Bald to this office, in Bald's AC 201 File, states that "ye" had recently received information that the 7th Army during their drive through Germany, found in an unidentified prison camp, a list of prisoners of yer including that of her son, the subject enlisted man.
- a. A letter, dated 16 Fovember 1945, from this office to liss. Beld, file; ACC-S 201 Beld, Edward W. (30 May 45) 36,483,972, requested that she forward to this office the name and address of the person who furnished the information contained in her letter of 30 May 1945. The reply, postmarked 23 Hovember 1945, filed in Beld's AC 201 File, states that a neighbor had told her that this neighbor's son had written the information contained in Mrs. Bald's letter of 30 May 1945, in a letter to his mother, but that when Mrs. Bald inquired further, the neighbor stated that she had destroyed the subject letter from her son. The son later came home on furlough and Mrs. Bald interviewed him. He then stated that he had never seen such a list.
- 6. In Riedel's AG 201 File is a letter of transmittel, dated 24 April 1945, signed by Second Licutement I. W. Schodt, Infantry (CIC), to AG of S, G-2, Headquerters, Oise Base Section, which is as follows:
  - "1. Fransmitted herewith for appropriate action by authorities concerned one metal identification dish for ARIO C. RIEDEL, 35900510.
  - "2. Noted dish was brought to this office by SILON, Jean Pierre, Gilsdorf, Luxembeurg, who has just returned from a concentration camp in Germany. He provided the following additional information.

a) About 15 December 1944 a four motored U. S. Army plane crashed and burned by Manau, on the south side of the Hain Liver, near Transfort. There were surposedly 9 occupants of the plane but only four bodies were found. They were buried at LANGEDIEBACH, Germany in the term's only cometery. SINOT was required as political prisoner to bury the bodies. He carried the above mentioned disk in his shoes until liberated by the American Army."

a. Attached to this letter is Second Indorsement, deted 27 May 1945, propered at Headquarters, ITO, which is, in pertinent pert, as follows:

"2. This information is not considered sufficiently authentic to variant the rendition of a change of status by this headquarters, but may be of value to the War Department in making findings and determinations under the Missing Persons Act.

"3. A copy of the basic communication has been furnished Graves Registration and Effects Section, Office of the Chief Quartermaster this Headquarters.

"4. Identification disc inclosed with basic communication withdrawn and sont to Graves Registration and Effects Section, Office of the Chief Quartermester this headquarters for appropriate disposition."

7. Hissing Air Grew Report No. 11023, deted 15 December 19-4, states that the persons nemed in paragraph 1c, above, comprised the crew of A-20J-15 aircraft No. 43-21720 (Garol The Robel. Pin-up painted on nose), when it departed Coulomaiors, France, on a bombing mission to Wellseifen, Germany. It states further that this plane was last sighted at 1140 hours at 50°37' N - 6°24' E; that it was believed to have been lost as the result of enemy anti-aircraft fire; that it encountered a snow storm, "10/10 clouds at 800 - 14,000 feet" and visibility of one hundred yards; and that no search was made.

a. Attached to this "Grew Report" are three statements and a sketch map. The first statement of Dirst Lieutenant Eugene N. Van Antwerp, Air Corps, Pilot, is dated 12 December 1944. The other two of Captain James K. Dozier, Air Corps, Acting Operations Officer, and Second Lieutenant Kenneth F. Lindberg, Air Corps, are undeted. The sketch map shows the place where this plane was last seen "in dive out of control. Believe damage due to Flake." These documents contain the pertinent information shown below:

(1) Statement of Lieutenant Van Antwerp, which is as follows:

"We were going to the target on a 3600 heading, bomb-bay doors open, when the Pathfinder nosed into a snow storm. We continued flying approximately three (3) minutes until the E.T.A. of the target was passed. The box loader made a left turn to approximately a 270° heading. After we had straightened out on the new course the leader gave the signal to close the bomb doors. I was flying in the fourth flight, first box, on Capt. WALKIES wing, number three (3) position. Directly after I closed my bomb-bay doors I looked up and to the right. At that time I saw Lt. LUBBENS ship hositate momentarily and then go into approximately an 800 dive. At the time I watched him, his ship was diving with his wings level in a diving position."

(2) Statement of Captain Dozier, which is as follows:

"On 12 December 1944, I was flying deputy box leader in number two (2) Box, with Lt. Col. Riggle as leader. We were on the Bomb-run and flow into a snow and hail storm. We were in the storm for about one minute when I saw an airplane in the first Box go into a dive about 10' O' clock and about fifty (50) yards from me. Upon landing I was informed that it was an airplane piloted by Lt. Lubin of the 644th Bomb Squadron. The airplane was in the steepest dive that I have ever seen an A-20 doing. The mission was led by PPF."

- (3) Lieutenent Lindberg's statement reveals the following pertinent facts: that this pilot saw a plane, which he was later informed was the subject plane, pulling up and then diving straight downward out of sight.
- (4) The sketch map shows the course of this plane as briefed and as flown, and the place near Schleiden, Germany, where it was a on going down, at approximately 50°40' F 6°20' E. This place is about thirty-three miles southwest of Cologne.

- 8. The Qualification Cards (under "Remarks") and Service Records (under "Remarks Administrative") of Forgue and Spiegel have notations which contain information similar to that revealed by "Crow Report" No. 11023 and attached documents.
- 9. In Spiegel's AG 201 File is the Second Indorsement to a letter of inquiry from lrs. Margaret Speigel, dated 10 January 1945, which states, in pertinent part, that Serjoant Spiegel became missing in action in the vicinity of "Jollselfen", Germany, and continues as follows:
  - wh. The aircraft on which subject enlisted men served as turret-gunner, was dispatched in a formation on a combat mission in enemy territory. Upon reaching the target the formation ran into a snow and hail storm and Sgt. Speigel's aircraft was seen to drop out of the formation and go down in a steep dive with wings level. Heavy, weak, accurate flak was encountered in the target area, but the cause of the casualty is not known."
- a. Attached to the basic letter are copies of the statements attached to "Crew Report" No. 11023.
- 10. Missing Air Crow Report No. 10880, deted 14 December 1944, states that the officer named in paragraph 1d, above, was the pilot and sole occupant of P-51D-15MA circraft number 44-15580 when it departed its base on a bender escent mission to Merseburg, Germany. It states further that at 1300 hours, in the vicinity of Limburg, this plane was last sighted; that the circumstances relating to possible survival were unknown, and that no search was made.
- c. On the reverse of this "Grow Report" ere undeted statements of Second Lieutenent William Z. Rendelph, 02000233, Air Corps, and First Lieutenent Robert S. Paullmer, 0429777, Air Corps, respectively, which are as follows:
  - (1) Statement of Lioutenant Randolph, which reads as follows:

"On 12 December 1944 I was flying Red 5
position on a combat mission over Germany.

1st Lt. John A. Walker was leading my flight
and 1st Lt. Jack V. Johnson was leading the
Section in White 1 position and 1st Lt. George C.

Tuhn was in White 2 position. Lt. Johnson's
flight wont down to hit a railway yard in the

Frankfurt area and Red flight provided top caver for them. At about 1300, while we were circling the area at approximately 10,000 feet, I heard over the R/T the following message, "Hello Walker, this is Johnson. My cockpit is smoking and I am going to try and make it home." Lt. Johnson and his wingman, Lt. Kuhn, were not seen or heard from since that time."

(2) The following statement of Lieutenant Faulkner:

"On 12 December 1944 while on a combat mission over Germany, 1st Lt. Jack V. Johnson, White flight leader, led his flight to an attack on a train on the railroad between Wetzler and Limburg. I was flying number 3 position in the flight and followed 1st Lt. George C. Kuhn, number 2 man, down. We dropped out tanks at the time in an endeavor to hit the train. As I pulled off the train I observed an armored car or recon and, as we pulled up, I called it in to Lt. Johnson and asked permission to attack it. His reply was "Go to it." and as I peeled off at the car I observed him to close in behind me and Lt. Kuhn to close in behind him. There was no number 4 man in the flight. I strafed the car and pulled up and, as I didn't see Lt. Johnson, I rejoined Red flight which had been giving us top cover about 5,000 feet above. At that time Lt. Johnson called me and asked where I was. replied that I was with the flight giving top cover and he said he was coming right up. That's the last I heard from him and I finally set course with the top cover flight."

b. Attached to this report is an S-2 Summary of eyewitness accounts, dated 14 December 1944, which, in pertinent part, states that this plane was last sighted at 50° 35′ N-8° 19′ E, at an altitude of about one hundred and fifty feet; that it was last noted as it peeled off to attack an armored car; that "intense light accurate flak" was known to have hit Lieutenant Johnson's plane and possibly Lieutenant Kuhn's, in the vicinity of Biskirchen, on the railroad line from Wetzlar to Limburg; that the plane was definitely not out of control when last seen; that he probably had made a successful attack on a locomotive and was able to follow his flight leader on another pass at ground targets; and that no parachute was seen.

11. A letter, dated 1 November 1945, from this office to First Lieutenant William F. Flynt (file, AGPC-S 201 Kuhn, George C. (1 Nov 45) 0824506) requested that he furnish all available information regarding the fate of the subject officer. The reply, dated 5 November 1945, is, in pertinent part, as follows:

"I wasn't on the mission that he was shot down on and therefore don't have first hand information. However, it was reported that he was shot down and crashed in flames and wasn't seen to get out.

"From talking to other P.O.W.s. I am reasonably certain that he wasn't in Stalag lugt #1 or #3."

- 12. Missing Air Crew Reports Nos, 11009, 11001 and 10999, all dated 14 December 1944, similarly report that Second Lieutenant Thomas J. Ellwanger, 0825419, Second Lieutenant Warren E. Huber, 0815341, and First Lieutenant William C. Doyle, 0810334, were the respective pilots and sole occupants of P47D aircraft Nos. 42-25960, 42-28292 and 42-29128, when they left their common base on an armed reconnaissance mission to the Frankfort Area. They further state concerning the respective men that they were last sighted at 1545 hours over Kaiserslautern Marshalling Yards, where they encountered scattered clouds with visibility above and below layers, and where their respective planes were believed to have been lost as the result of enemy fire from aircraft which jumped their formation; and that no search was made.
- a. Attached to "Crew Reports" Nos. 11009, 11001 and 10999, respectively, are statements, dated 12, 12 and 13 December, respectively, of Captain Paul R. Massey, Air Corps, First Lieutenant Johnson T. Morgan, Air Corps, and Second Lieutenant William G. Scott, Air Corps, which are as follows:
  - (1) Statement of Captain Massey, which reads as follows:

"I was leading a squadron of twelve planes on a dive bombing mission in the Kaiserlautern area in which we descended through a small hole in the cloud layers and attacked marshalling yards and cut railroad tracks. Lt. Thomas J. Ellwanger was flying my wing in "Red 2" position and following our dive bombing run we stayed under the bottom layer of clouds at approximately 3500 to 4000 feet, no flak

being evident. "Red 3 and 4" zoomed back up through the lower cloud layer following their dive and while waiting for them to come down to join us, Lt. Ellwanger and I strafed ground targets. At this time enemy aircraft were called out so I poured on the boost climbing to the base of the cloud level and towards the developing dogfight and Lt. Ellwanger approximately four ships length in trail. He remained in that position for several turns just under the clouds until I broke after a LE-109 closing on another P-47. As I followed the 109 I noticed that Lt. Ellwanger was no longer with me and assumed that he had either joined the dogfight or possibly climbed up through the thin cloud layer.

"Then I last saw Lt. Elluanger, as far as I could determine there were no enemy aircraft to our rear or in the immediate vicinity to our sides."

(2) Statement of Licutenant Horgan, which is as follows:

"Lt. Merron E. Hubor was flying No. 4 position on my wing. We had just pulled up out of a strafing pass on an enomy M/T when bandits were called in. We nade a climbing turn to the left and observed a NE-109 firing on a P-47. The flight pulled up under the E/A and we fired on the 109. I did a wing over and followed the lead element down. I last observed Lt. Hubor as I started down he was starting to roll over and follow the flight down. After becoming engaged with an FW-190 and shooting him down I was fired on from the rear and pulled up into the clouds. I called Lt. Hubor several times but received no reply."

(3) Statement of Lieutenant Scott, which follows:

"I was flying Blue 2 in a twelve ship flight on the wing of Blue flight loader, Lt. Doyle. We had just come off a strafing pass on an H/T in the town of Kaiserleutern. The coiling was approximately 3500 feet, 7/10 to 10/10 coverage. It was 1545 when we heard bandits called in on the radio. We were about at 2000 feet.

"Spotting an MEl09 on the tail of a P-47 high and to our left, Lt. Doyle led us in a tight, steep climbing turn to the left. Lt. Doyle and Blue 3 were able to get a shot at the ME and drew him off the tail of the P-47. At near stalling speed we kicked into a steep diving turn to the left. At the botton of the dive, about 1500 feet, I lost sight of Lt. Doyle off my left wing and seeing an FW-190 in range, below and to the right, kicked right and gave him a burst. When I swung back to the left I couldn't pick out Lt. Doyle in the general dogfight. I didn't see him again, but I thought I heard Blue Flight Leader calling Blue 2 to join on his wing at the end of the dogfight which had lasted about fifteen minutes. Not recognizing any planes in the immediate vicinity I told him I was pulling up alone and climbing into the overcast."

- b. Attached to each of these "Crew Reports" is a sketch map of the vicinity of Kaiserslautern, and upon each is a notation indicating that the respective subject officers were directly over that city.
- 13. A letter, dated 3 March 1945, from Chaplain Frank J. Landolt to Mr. John Ellwanger, which is in Lieutenant Ellwanger's Casualty Branch File, contains information similar to that in Captain Massey's statement quoted in paragraph 12a, above, plus the facts that this officer may have bailed out or crash landed safely.
- 14. In Lieutenant Doyle's AG 201 File is a copy of a letter, dated 23 February 1945, from Major Harry S. Greathouse, Adjutant, 405th Fighter Group to CG, Ninth Air Force (Rear), which consists, in pertinent part, of a copy of Lieutenant William Scott's statement quoted in paragraph 12a, above.
- 15. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch, Officers' Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the index in Prisoner of war Information Bureau, PMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

# II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1, above, were crew members of bombers, and the respective pilots of fighter planes, which participated, on 12 December 1944, in missions to western Germany. All the subject planes failed to return to their respective bases, and none of subject persons have since been seen or heard from.

The persons named in paragraph la, above, and two others not considered herein, comprised the crew of Liberator aircraft No. 42-50662 when it departed its base on an operational mission to Hanau, Germany. While over the Target, this plane was hit by flak, blew up and disintegrated. No chutes were observed. The two crew members not considered herein have been reported killed in action.

The persons named in paragraph 1b, above, and one other not considered herein, comprised the crew of Liberator aircraft No. 44-10493 when it departed its base at Tibenham, England, on a bombing mission to Hanau, Germany. This plane received a direct hit by flak between the #3 and #4 engines, the right wing came off and the plane went into a flat spin. It was last sighted at Hanau. Its loss was due to anti-aircraft fire. One chute was seen. There was no search. The member of this crew who is not considered herein was reported killed in action.

The persons named in paragraph 1c, above, comprised the crew of Havoc aircraft No. 43-21720, when it departed its base at Coulommiers, France, on a bombing mission to Wollseifen, Germany. This plane was last seen in a dive, out of control, near Schleiden, Germany, about thirty-three miles southwest of Cologne.

First Lieutenant George C. Kuhn, 0824506, was the pilot and sole occupant of Mustang aircraft No. 44-15580, when it departed its base on a bomber escort mission to Merseburg, Germany. This plane was last seen in the vicinity of Biskirchen, Germany, on the railroad line from Wetzlar to Limburg, while strafing targets at that point.

The persons named in paragraph le, f and g, were the respective pilots of Thunderbolt aircraft Nos. 42-25960, 42-28292 and 42-29128, when they departed their common base on an armed reconnaissance mission to the Frankfort Area. They were all last sighted over Kaiserslautern Marshalling Yards, where their formation was jumped by enemy aircraft, and they are believed to have been shot down.

2. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances it is concluded that the persons whose status is herein considered, may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

## III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, in the cases of the persons named in Part I, paragraph 1, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 13 December 1945.

Investigator

Captain, AGD

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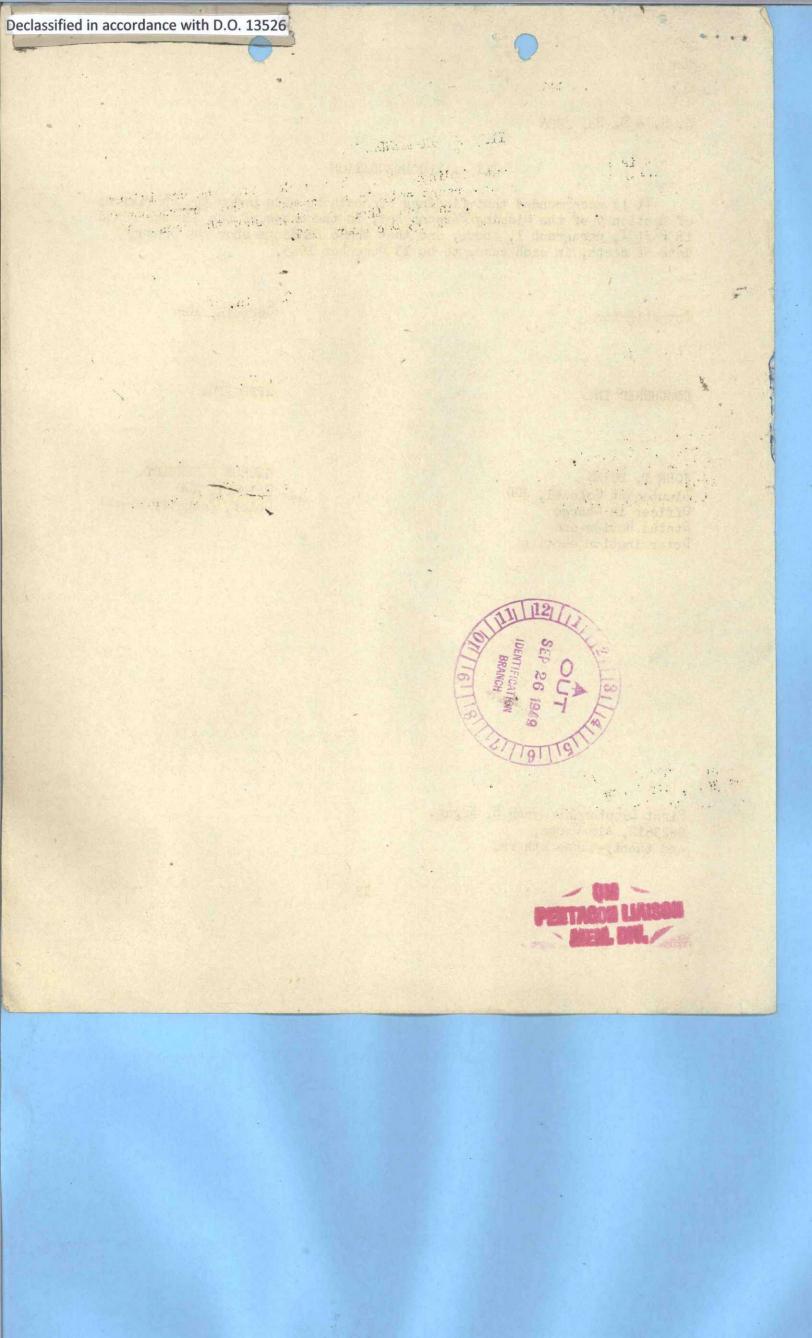
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JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section

GEORGE F.HERBERT Colonel, AGD Chief, Casualty Branch

First Lieutenant Myron H. Kagan, 0823612, Air Corps, and twenty-three others.



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PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM MAY BE USED.

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#### EXPLANATION OF BOX "A"

- 1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.
- 2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.
- 3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.
- 4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

#### EXPLANATION OF BOX "B"

- 1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.
- 2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.
- 3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.
- 4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

QMGMF 293 Johnson, Raymond E. SN 0 711 213

24 June 1949

Mrs. M. C. Johnson -Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 June 1949 regarding return of the remains of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson.

I am unable to advise you of the exact date the remains of your son will be returned to the United States for final interment. Permit me to explain that information concerning the return of individual remains is not available to this office until a passenger list is received from the overseas Command. Such passenger list is not furnished until the remains have been placed on the Transport and the Transport is en route to the United States.

You will be notified by telegram when your son's remains are en route to the United States. Subsequent to arrival, several weeks will elapse before his remains are shipped to the Funeral Director designated by you. Please be assured that you will be afforded ample time to complete any necessary funeral arrangements.

The anxiety you are experiencing during this period of waiting to receive your son's remains is fully understood and I wish to assure you that the Department of the Army is doing everything possible to expedite the return of all our honored dead.

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES F. SMITH Major, QMC Memorial Divisi

13 June 1949

QMGOD 293 Johnson, Raymond E.,2/Lt. SN 0 711 213

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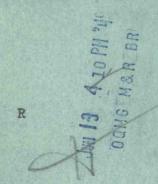
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Reference is made to that portion of your letter dated 7 May 1949, addressed to the Office of Graves Registration, Heidelberg, Germany, which refers to the missing personal effects of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson.

Your previous inquiry to this Office concerning Lieutenant Johnson's missing effects was forwarded to the Army Effects Bureau at Kansas City, Missouri. The Bureau reported that no personal effects were found on the remains of your son when they were recovered and all the funds and effects received to date for him were forwarded to you in 1945 with the exception of his flight record which was transmitted to you in 1946. Further, tracer action initiated by the Bureau in 1946 failed to reveal the whereabouts of his missing belongings.

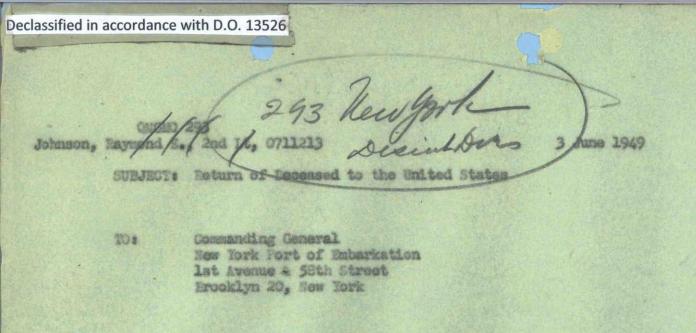
In your recent letter you stated that you have been advised your son's tags, arm bracelet, cigarette lighter and two rings were turned in to the Red Cross. In that event, they should have been forwarded, through channels, to the Army Effects Bureau before now. If you have any evidence in your possession, such as a letter, indicating these missing articles were turned in to the Red Cross, you may file a claim for the monetary value of these effects by submitting such evidence to The Judge Advocate General, Claims and Litigation Group, Washington 25, D. C.

You have my continued sympathy in the loss you have been called upon to bear.



Sincerely yours,

C. ROMAIN
Colonel, QMC
Field Service Division



1. Inclosed are copies 7 and 8 of the following disinterment directives:

a. No. 1260-09945 for 2nd Lt Raymond R. Johnson, 0711213.

b. No. 4650-09046 for Pfc Gerald N. Krout, 35 828 532.

o. No. 6020-04287 for Pvt Wenneth E. Krout, 35 900 330.

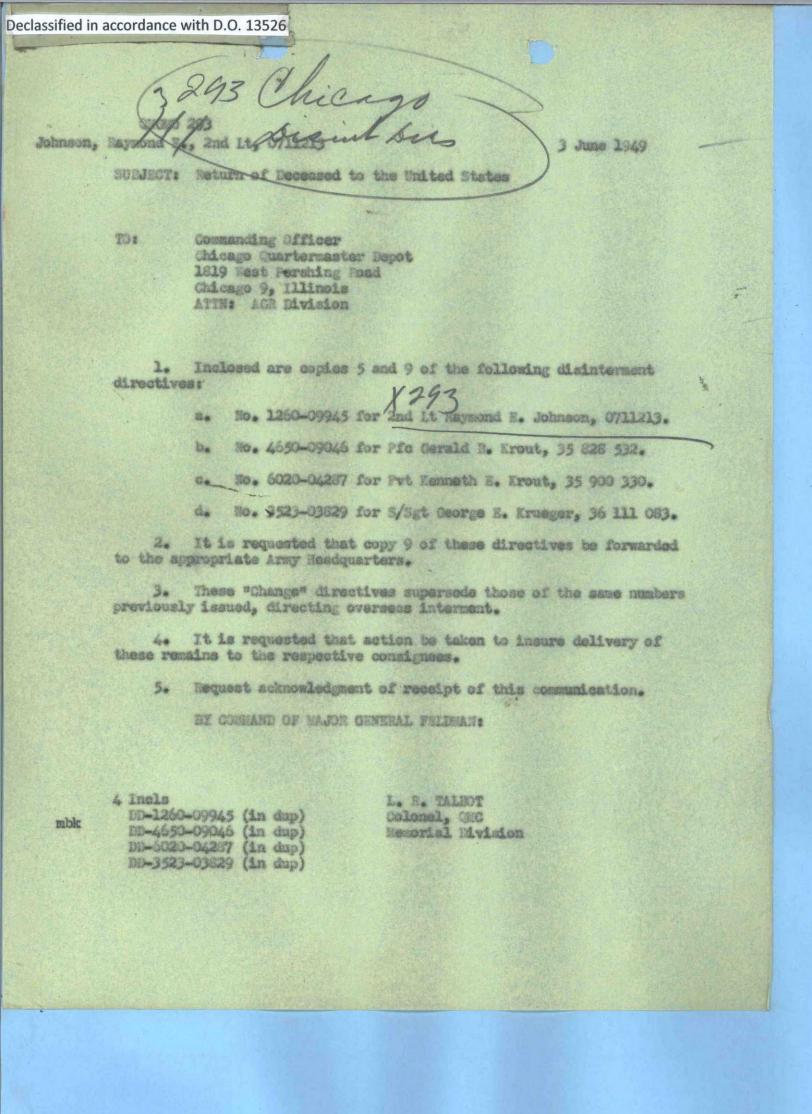
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e. No. 2750-00094 for 2nd Lt Clifford D. Sehner Jr., 0690719.

- These "Change" directives supersede those of the same numbers previously dispatched, directing overseas interment.
- 3. It is requested that your office insure that these remains be dispatched to their respective Edstribution Centers after arrival.
  - 4. Ecquest acknowledgment of receipt of this communication.
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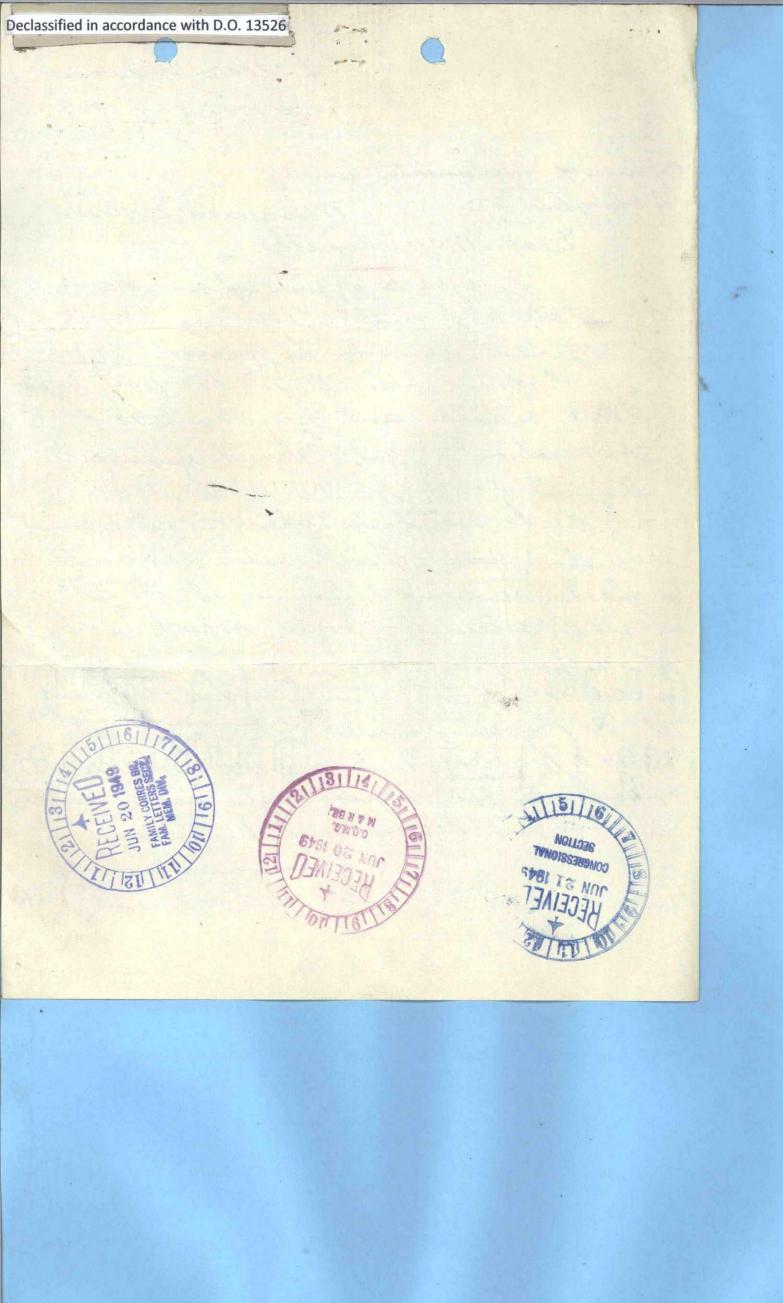
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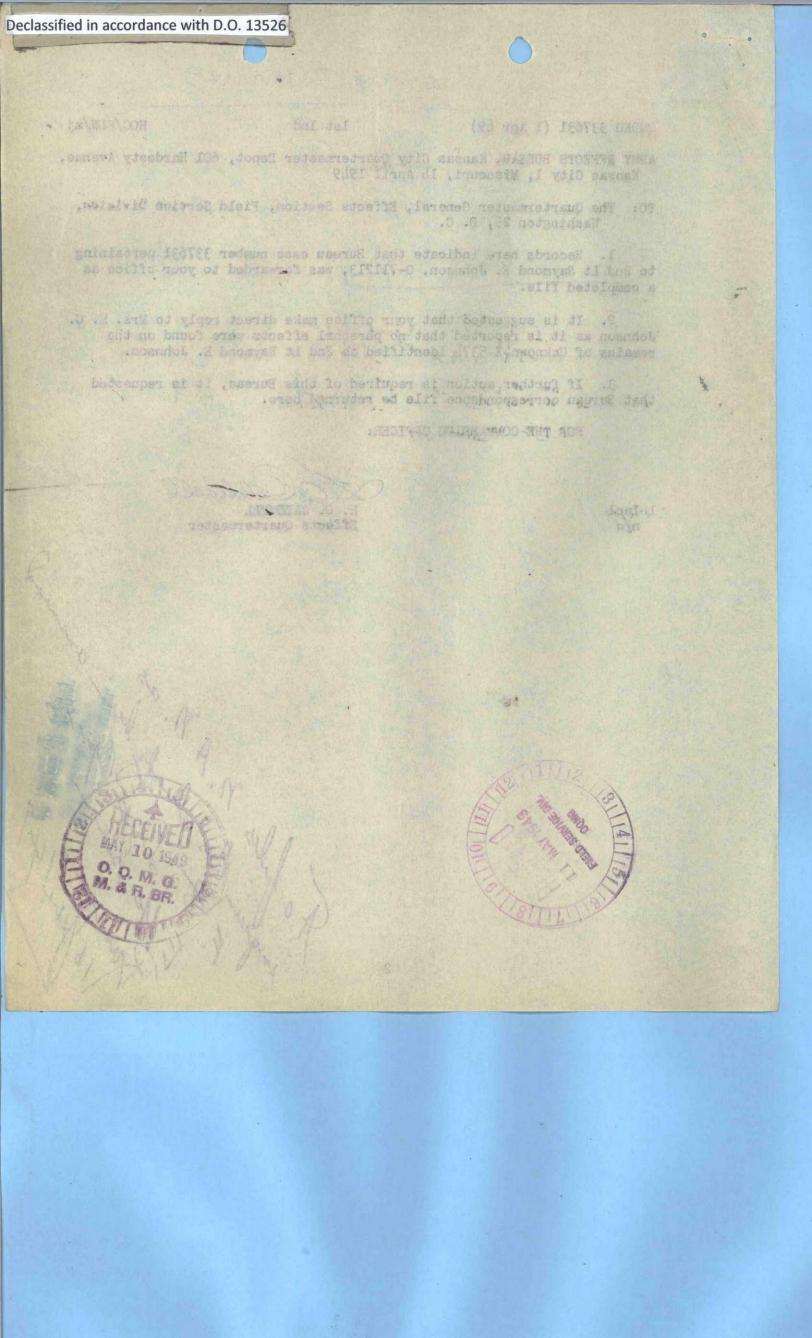
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

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1 April 1949

to QMGOD 293

Johnson, Raymond E., 2/Lt. SN 0-711 213

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For necessary action.

GRS Form No. 1, signed by Ernest C. Gaddy, CWO, USA, CIP, states that no personal effects were found on the body of the decedent.

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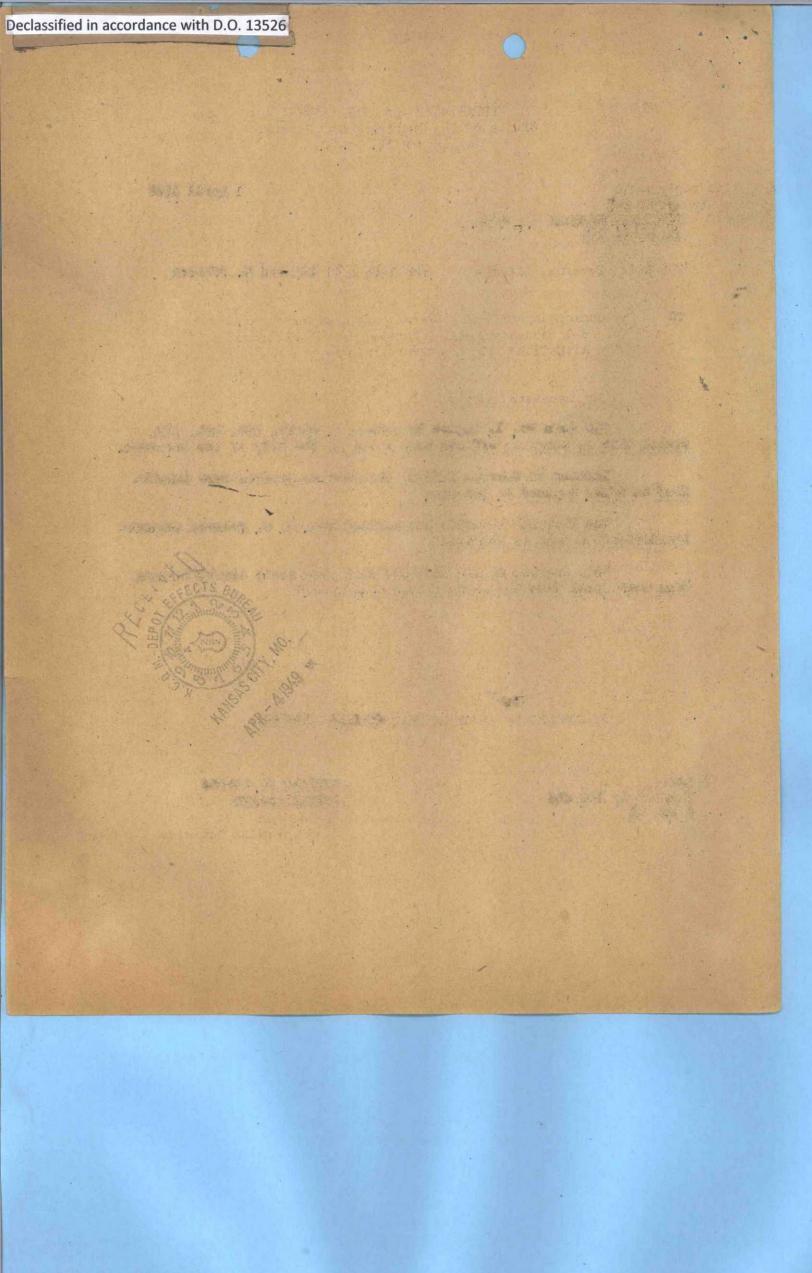
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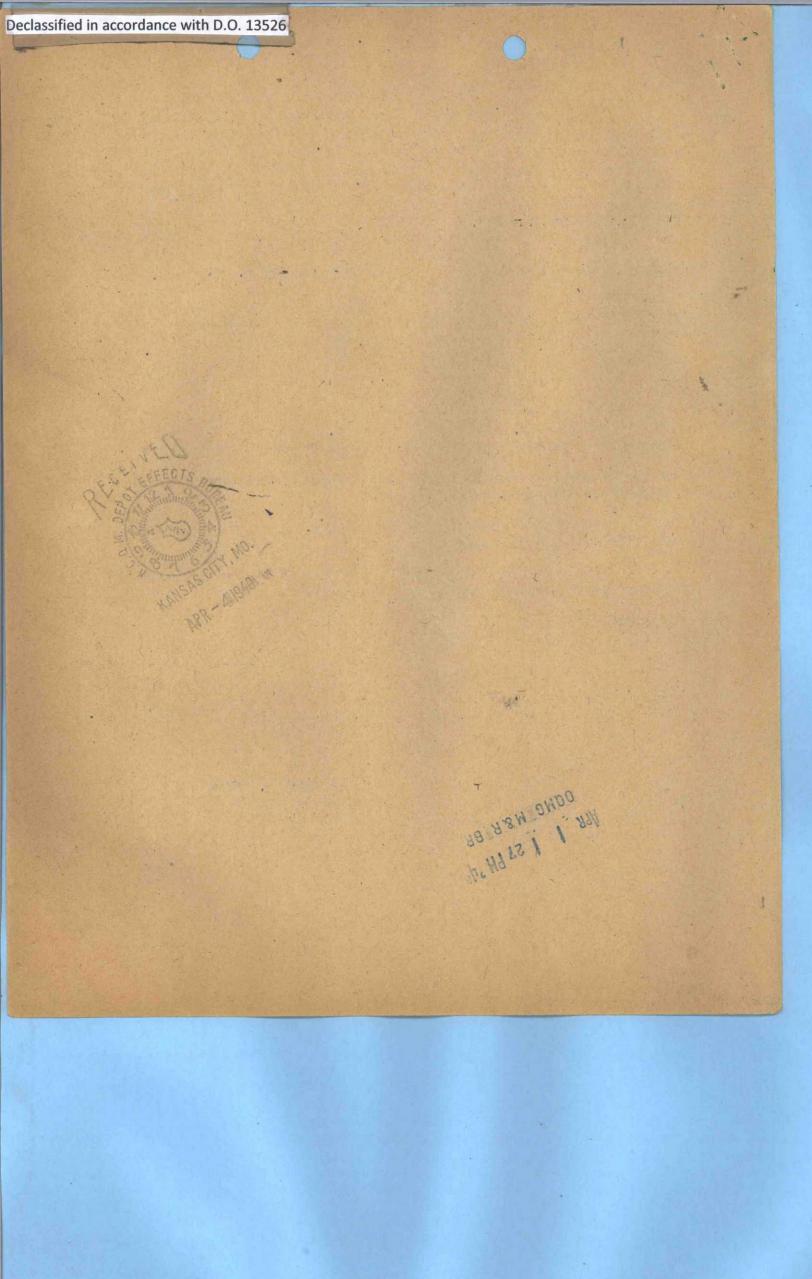
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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

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AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR 11 ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson

Station A. General Delivery

(STREET AND NUMBER)

Dallas, Texas.

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20th day of \_\_April\_\_\_\_\_\_

19\_\_\_\_\_\_, at city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and State (or Territory or

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

Gladys N. Peters
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public for Dallas Co., Texas

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AIR MAIL

ATS. M. C. Johnson

Station A., General Delivery

Dallas, Texas

Re: Lt. Raymond E. Johnson 0 711 213

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 19, which I have read with careful and sympathetic attention. I am very sorry to learn that you have suffered so much grief and distress over delay in receiving information on the recovery of your son's remains.

An immediate inquiry of the Quartermaster General's office reveals that, inasmuch as you have now expressed your desire for the return of your son's body, they will make every effort to expedite the shipment of his casket home, and will keep you notified, in order that you may have ample time to arrange his funeral rites.

The Quartermaster General has requested me to assure you again of his deep sympathy for the suspense and distress you have undergone, and he hopes that you will understand they could not accept as final the burial information supplied by local Germans, until after a full and scientific examination had been completed by their experts of the remains. Sometimes the enemy gave burial reports in good faith, which later proved to be in error as to the identity. For this reason, our grave-searching teams overseas have taken every precaution to make identity of the soldier positive before his family is notified. I trust the above information will assuage any doubts you feel about the accuracy of the identification made of your son.

The Army officials have given me full assurance that your son's remains are being safely held in a sealed casket, in an Army mausoleum, and will be given the most reverent care until he is sent home to you.

With renewed expressions of my deep and abiding sympathy for your

Sincerely,

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**MEMORANDUM** 

4-28-49

Dear Colonel Hinman:

Supplementing conversations which this office has had with Miss McDonald the attached letter is sent for your file. We have tried to pacify the mother's complaints without adding any details which she might find distressing.

A.S.E. Carr, Secy. Office of Sen. Tom Connally Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526

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Dallas, Texas Jan - 9 - 1949

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Attention Major James F. Smith

Dear Major Smith:

Thank you for the nice long detailed letter I have just received concerning my son, the late Lt. Raymond E. Johnson, 0711213. The it brought new fresh tears and heart aches, I was very glad to get it. It seems more likely to be the right story and in accord with other information I have gathered and also in some letters I have received from German people who said there was no record of them being found and buried in Langensebold. Where is this Rueckingen Civilian Cemetery at and is all the crew now buried near each other in the Belgium Cemetery. Where did the Graves Registration Command first bury my son.

You say identification was made from dental charts and initials in his clothing, so that would prove conclusively that the plane did not burn up as first reported but that it is true that another plane droped their bombs on top of my son and his plane killing all of them instantly.

/s/ MRS. M. C. JOHNSON

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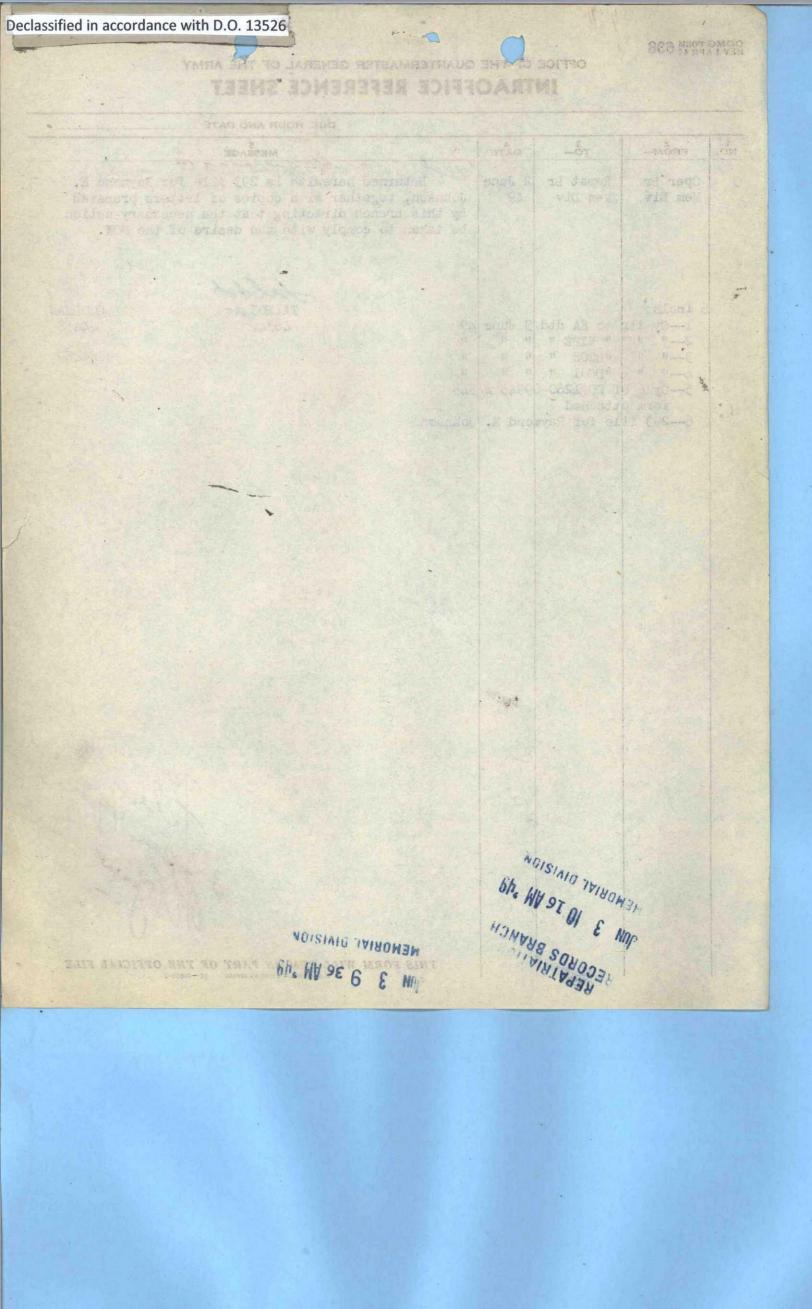
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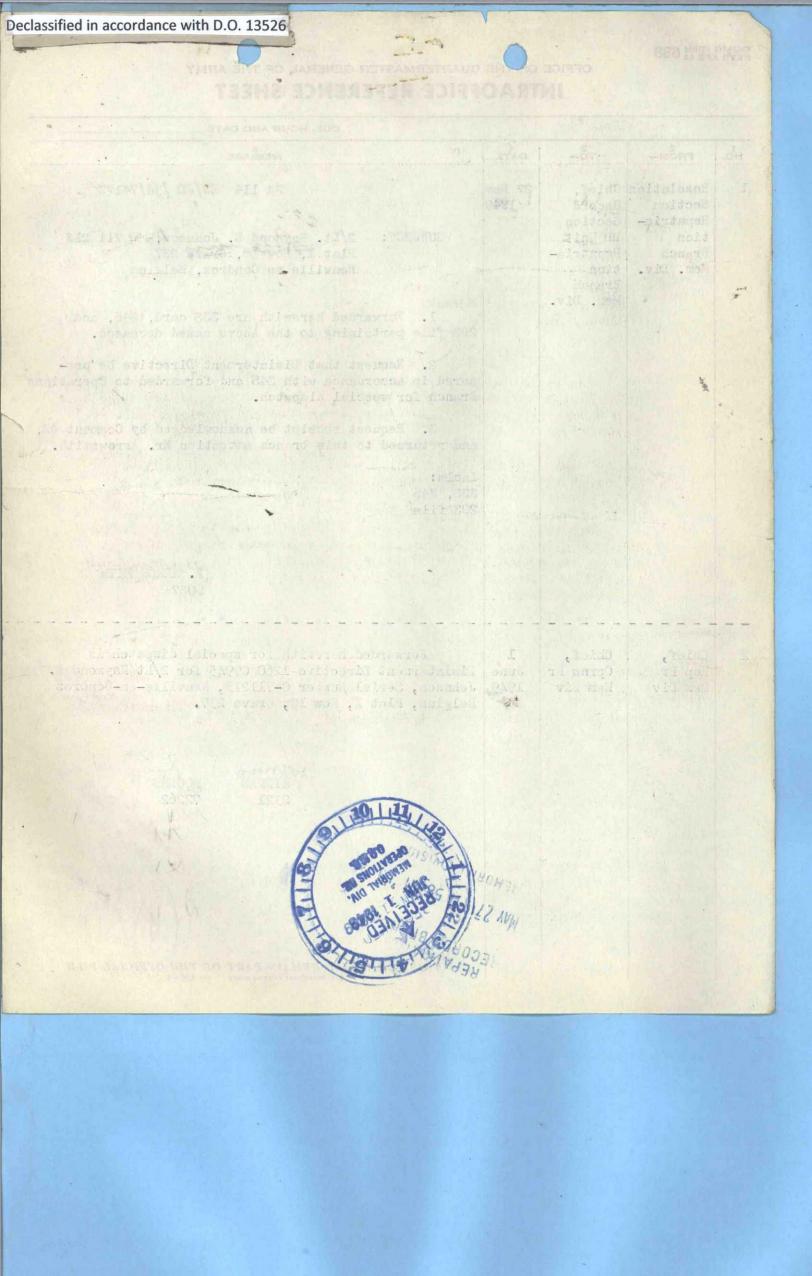
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Johnson, Raymond E., SN 0 711 213

1 June 1949

Mrs. M. C. Johnson Station A, General Delivery Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter dated 7 May 1949 to the Office of Graves Registration, Hiedelberg, Germany, concerning the remains of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Johnson, has been referred to this office.

I wish to advise you that all available information in this office regarding your son's remains, has been previously furnished you.

Your completed "Request for Disposition of Remains" form has been received and accepted and official action is being taken to comply with your request to have his remains returned to the Lamar and Smith Funeral Directors for final interment in the Leland Land Memorial Park at Dallas, Texas.

The Commanding Officer of the Distribution Center will notify you of the arrival of the remains of your son and of the expected date of delivery of the remains at the destination previously named by yourself. You will be afforded ample time to complete all funeral and other personal arrangements that you may desire.

If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to com-

municate withous.

cc: Centrol Unit, FR
USMC Neuville-en-Condroz,
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Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH Major, QMC Memorial Division JFS

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