

HEADQUARTERS 38TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

5 January 1945

Mrs. Mildred Johnson
1017 Grand Avenue,
Waukegan, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

It is with the deepest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your son, Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers, 36 645 742.

I feel that it may ease your sorrow, slightly, to know that he was killed in action 19 December 1944 in Belgium, while our outfit, of which he was rightly proud, was engaged in a hazardous undertaking. Intense enemy resistance was encountered endangering many of our men's lives, but due to the heroic action of men of the caliber of your son our mission was successful, although it lost for you a devoted son and for us a loyal friend and soldier.

I appreciate that my written words will fall short of doing justice to his courage and devotion to duty. His nature was such, that most of us knew him and knowing him, admired his disposition and attitude greatly. Rest assured that all of us remember him with affection and will continue forward, knowing that we must carry on for him and others that have died for their country.

He was buried in Belgium with a Protestant service conducted by his Chaplain.

Very sincerely yours,

Marcus S. Griffin
MARCUS S. GRIFFIN,
Lt Col., Inf.
Commanding.