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21 April 1949

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Mrs. Ella F. Reed R. F. D. #2 Poultney, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Reed:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN Major General The Quartermaster General

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NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

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8 September 1947

Mrs. Ella F. Reed

Poultney, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Reed:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final buriel of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The recents of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World Mar II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Consteries," explain the disposition, options and services made evailable to you by your Covernment. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your vishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part III of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unmocessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quartermaster General

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31 March 1947

Mrs. Ella F. Reed

Poultney, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Reed:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cometery Villeneuve-sur-Auvers, France, in which your son, the lete Private First Class Lewis J. Minnich, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Romeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

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G. A. HORKAN Brigadier General, QMC Chief, Memorial Division

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AGRS-DC 201 Minnich, Lewis J. (13 Feb 46)

20 August 1946.

Mrs. Ella F. Reed R.F.D. #2 Lake Road., Poultney, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Reed:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D. C. requesting additional information concerning the death of your son.

Additional information has now been received which confirms the previous report of the death of your son, Private First Class Lewis J. Minnich, Army serial number 31 059 154, Infantry, and shows that he received a fractured right jaw 26 August 1944 at Provins, France, in the explosion of an ammunition truck. He received medical treatment and was immediately removed to a clearing station, but died early on the morning of 27 August 1944 as a result of that wound. I regret that no further details were given.

With reference to your inquiry, it is suggested that you make application for a flag at your nearest Veterans' Administration Field Office or postmaster at any county seat post office.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C. has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action.

Permit me to extend my sympathy in the loss wou have sustained.

The Quartermaster General., Washington 25, D. C.

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CHARLES D. CARLE Colonel, AGD Commanding

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War Department, The Adjutant General's Office. Washington 25, D. C. Poultney, Vt. Feb. 13-146.

Dear Sir:

Will you please tell me where my son, PFC Lewis John Minnich, ASN. 31059154, is buried. He lost his life August 27, 1944. Also the cause of his death or rather nature of wounds.

 $\,$ Am I not entitled to a large American Flag? Will appreciate what information you can give me.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Ella F. Reed, Poultney, Vt. R.F.D.#2 Lake Road.,

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Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL Attention: Memorial Division

3 April 1946

Mrs. Ella F. Reed RFD #2 Lake Road Poultney, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Reed:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private First Class Lewis J. Minnich, has been received in this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your son were interred in Plot A, Row 2, Grave 36, in the United States Military Cometery Villeneuve-Sur-Auvers, France, located approximately four miles northeast of Etampes and twenty-eight miles south and west of Paris, both in France.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. STAGGS 2d Lieut., QMC Assistant

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

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Mrs. Ella F. Reed R.F.D. #2, Lake Road Poultney, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Reed:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private First Class Lewis John Minnich.

I am inclosing a check for \$5.03, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property, consisting of a billfold, is being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

A. G. SCHUMACHER
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on the 27 day of August, 1944, at European Area
TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.
1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo. pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCOM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:
a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters; effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.
b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate None, of which the sum of None was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl)
c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ None which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt , Incl.)
d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)
FINDING
Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on
26 April 1945 , pursuant to Special Orders 223, Headquarters
KCQM Depot, dated 25 Séptember/1943, the application or affidavit of
Mrs. Ella F. Reed for the effects of the above-named de-
ceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the
mited States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;
Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of
A.W. 112, Mrs. Ella F. Reed of
(Name of person found entitled)
R.F.D. #2, Lake Road , Poultney iState of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Vermont , is the Mother of the (Relationship or Capacity)
above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.
(Signature of Summary Court Officer)
JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization) SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

DECLASSIFIED IAW EO 13256 Poultney (Ut. army Effet Breau, Lansas city Zuartumastallepot 601 Hardesty arenus MILE ICTION Konsas city-1. 309,924 C Mr. Richter! -In reply of your letter received Jan- 23. Concerning personal effects of my son, Printe First Class Leivis John minnih, 31059154-my son was not married and I am his only parentsleft as his father died Letway 4-1927. The Purple heart has been sent to me + all other arraids. There was no one else that he hanted to have his things but me, as insurance etc. he made me the feneficiary. Strierly.

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JRM: VC: cly January 19, 1945

309,924 C IN REPLY REFER TO:

> Mrs. Ella F. Reed Lake Road R. F. D. #2

Dear Mrs. Reed:

Poultney, Vermont

This refers to your recent letter inquiring about the personal effects of your son, Private First Class Leins John Minnich.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of your son's property. There is inclosed an information circular which will give you some idea of the time which may elapse before personal effects arrive here from overseas.

You will note from Paragraph 3 of the circular that this Bureau needs certain information in order to make disposition of property. You may furnish the necessary information at this time, if you wish, so that your son's effects may be forwarded promptly upon receipt here.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which requires no postage.

I wish to express my sincere regret of the circumstances prompting this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

E. L. RICHTER Administrative Assistant Army Effects Bureau

2 Incls--Form 76 Envelope

DECLASSIFIED IAW EO 13256 Poultney, H army Effect Bureau Zvaitermaster Corps, Hansas City. Slear Sirs: my son p. f. b. Teins John minnich 31 059154 was killed august 27-1944 in European area and as yet I haven't received his personal belonging. will you please send them to me. Thanking you follow trouble Mrs. Ella F. Reed, Lake Road Poultney. R. F.H. 12. Vermont. fr,16