

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE DEPT # 103 FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5100

Freedom of Information Act

ATTN MR WERNER VAN OSCH EMMASTRAAT 7 5981 BN PANNINGEN THE NETHERLANDS

Dear Mr. Osch:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for a copy of the Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) pertaining to Robert C. Ostdick.

The IDPF for Robert C. Ostdick has been located and is attached. All relevant and available information was included in the IDPF at the time it was created. There is no additional responsive information maintained by this Command. Please be advised that we do not specialize in historical information and cannot speculate, evaluate documents or circumstances, or draw conclusions in order to answer any questions you may have about the IDPF.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact our office at 502-613-4400 or <u>FOIA.HRC@conus.army.mil</u>.

Due to administrative reasons, all FOIA fees are waived at this time.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Jones

Chief, Freedom of Information

and Privacy Act Office



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INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

OSTDICK, ROBERT C.

MEMORIAL DIVISION REGISTRATION BRANCH RECORDS SECTION

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30 March 1949

2/Lt. Robert C. Ostdick, ASN 0-1 015 004

Margraten (Holland) U. S. Military Cometery

Flot G, Row 6, Grave 6 Beadstone: Cross

Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue

Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdick:

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. FELIMAN Major General The Quartermester General

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GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL 2nd Lt Robert C. Ostdick, 01 015 004 Plot B, Row 12, Grave 287, United States Military Cemetery Mergraten, Holland C В DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINI E.—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 PART_I. (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.) WIDOW . WIDOWER SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.) 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. 2, BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY 3. BE RETURNED TO THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED) 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cometery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box) THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are nacessary, indicate

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

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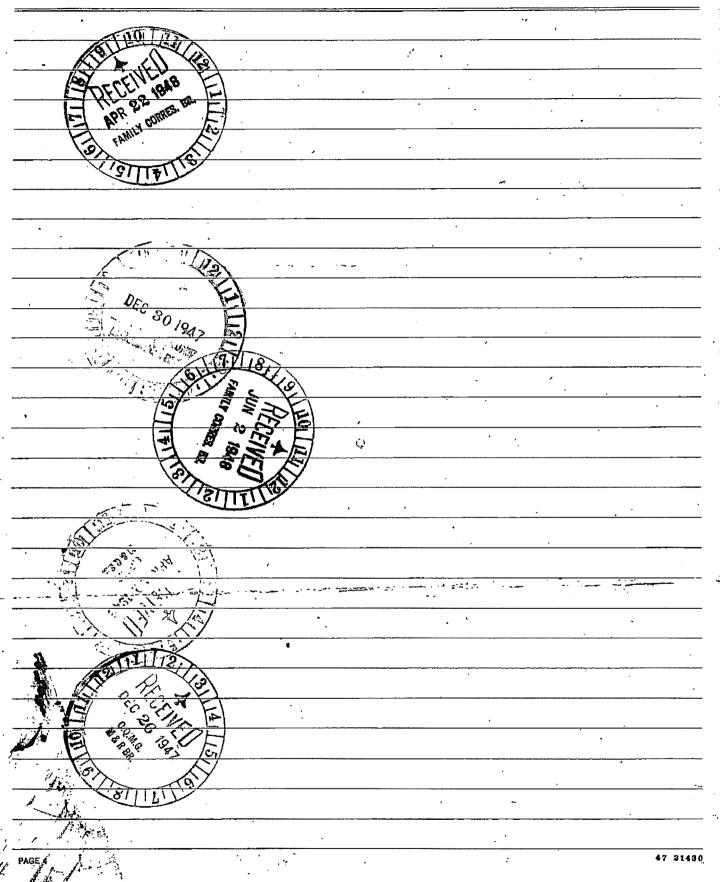
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IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF

Lt. Robert C. Ostdick, Ol 015 00h Plot B, Row 12, Grave 287 USMC Margraten, Holland

18 May 1948

Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue Glenview. Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdick:

The inclosed Request for Disposition of Remains form, which you accomplished, is returned for completion or correction as checked below. Please make changes or additions on the form and return both the form and this letter in the self-addressed envelope inclosed. No postage is required.

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- 6. %) If you are Next of Kin, affix your signature in the presence of a Notary Public. (Part 1, page 2)
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- 9. () Furnish certified copy of Remarriage Certificate of Widow, or statement from widow that she has in fact remarried.
- 10. () Furnish copy of Death Certificate of
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Upon receipt of the corrected Reply Form, and this letter, action will

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Sincerely yours,

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2. Return Envelope

RICHARD B. COOMBS Major, QMC Memorial Division



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2nd Lt Robert C. Ostdick, 01 015 004 Plot B, Row 12, Grave 257, United States Military Cometery Margraten, Holland

25 November 1947

Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue Clenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdick:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial 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 records 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 War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. 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 wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Fart 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 Fart II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Fart 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 unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS B. LAKKIN Major General The Quartermaster General

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Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL Attention: Memorial Division

29 March 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ostdick Greenwood Road Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ostdick:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Second Lieutenant Robert C. Ostdick, has been received in this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your son were interred in Plot B, Row 12, Grave 287, in the United States Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, located approximately twelve miles northwest of Aachen, Germany and eight miles southeast of Maastricht, Holland.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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LOUIS M. STAGGS 2d Lieut., QMC Assistant

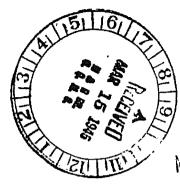
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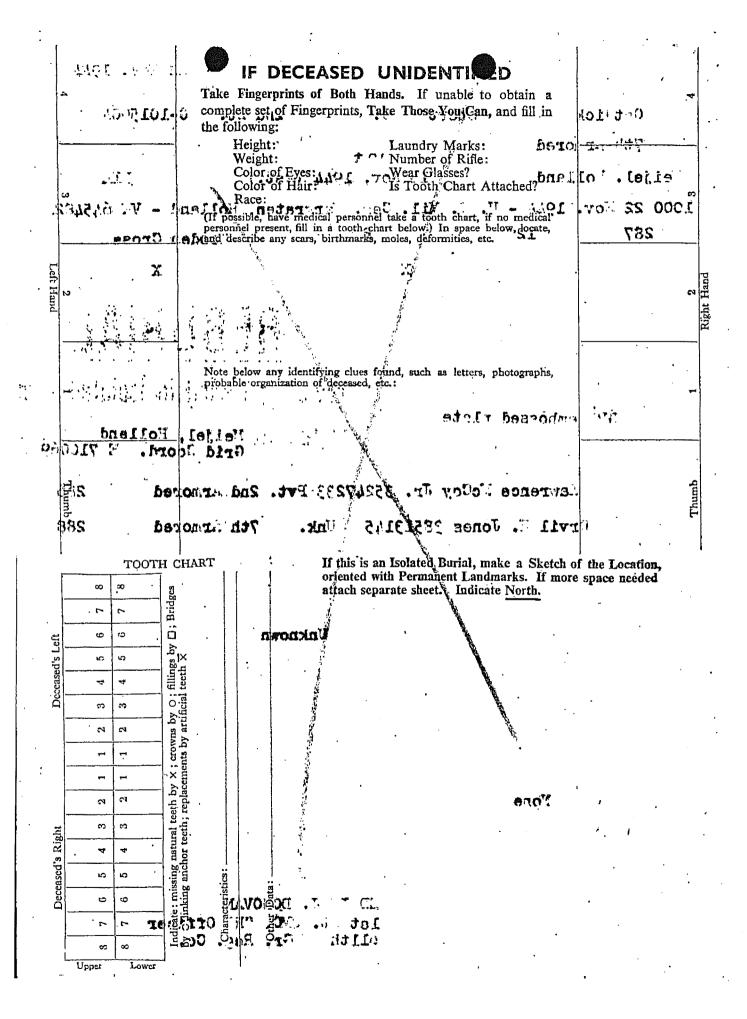
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Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdick:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Second Lieutenant Robert C. Ostdick.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton and one package. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB lst Lt., CMC Officer-in-Charge SJ Branch

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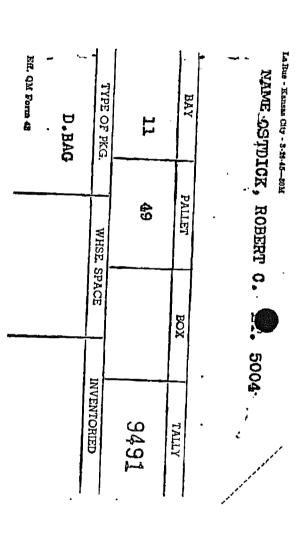
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Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdicks

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Yours very truly,

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Mr. Charles J. Ostdick Greenwood Avenue Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ostdick:

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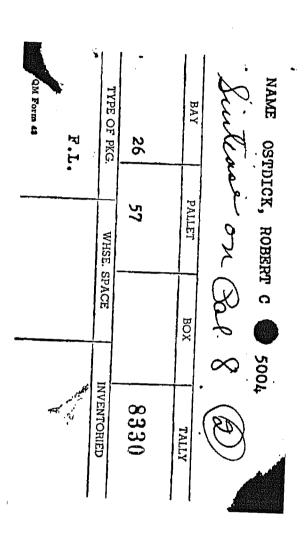
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CERTIFICATE

I certify that there are no unauthorized items in the footlocker of 2d Lt.. Robert C. Ostdick and that the contents are as follows:

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