

293 BOTTEMA, EVERETT F. 30126035 SGT. EUROPEAN AREA (CALIF.) (INF.) 45 jt

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USMC HENRI CHAPELLE  
 PLOT C ROW 16 GRAVE 1  
 DATE OF BURIAL: 12 Aug/48 DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE LEFT: FRANCIS E BEADLE  
 BURIED ON RIGHT: FIRST IN ROW  
 32402785

VERIFIED BY  
*J. Hoffman*  
 GRS OFFICER

SECTION A —  
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1240 01488  
 DATE 05 08 47  
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME BOTTEMA EVERETT F SERIAL NUMBER 39126035 RANK SGT ARM 1  
 CEMETERY HENRI CHAPELLE EUPEN DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 1201 80  
 DAY MONTH YEAR  
 PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY HHH 8 157 BELGIUM  
 CODE DIST. PT. CAUSE OF DEATH 1

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MR. THOMAS BOTTEMA 417 MADISON AVENUE REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA  
 FLAG SENT 11 Aug 48

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME BOTTEMA EVERETT F SERIAL NUMBER 39126035 RANK SGT DATE OF DEATH 25 JAN 1945 DATE DISTINTERRED 21 NOV 1947  
 IDENTIFICATION TAG ON REMAINS [X] MARKER [X]  
 ORGANIZATION CO 1, 291ST INF REGT 75TH INF DIV  
 RELIGION UNK IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY ROBERT C MALLORY, 1ST LT INF

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER AND UNIFORM. CONDITION OF REMAINS BODY COMPLETE, BUT DISARTICULATED.  
 OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION GROUND FORCE CLOTHING.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1  
 NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET  
 DATE 8 DEC 1947 BY ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.  
 CASKET SEALED BY ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV. EMBALMER (Signature) ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.  
 CASKET BOXED AND MARKED 8 DEC 47 SAM ALBARELLI SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.  
 DATE BY CLERK RECORDER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

*Raymond G Johnson*  
 RAYMOND G JOHNSON, 1ST LT INF.  
 SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.  
 RECORDS ANNOTATED  
 DATE 12/18/48  
 NAME *Mason*  
 R & R BR.

FINAL LETTER SENT 29 SEP 1948

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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29 September 1948

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, ASN 39 126 035  
Plot G, Row 16, Grave 1  
Headstone: Cross  
Henri-Chapelle U. S. Military Cemetery

Dear Mr. Bottema:

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, the central address of which is Room 713, 1712 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

While interment and beautification activities are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. However, upon completion thereof, due notice will be carried by the press.

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,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

### QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, 39 126 035  
Plot HHH, Row 8, Grave 157,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

11 March 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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.

#### PART I

I, THOMAS BOTTEMA <sup>Child</sup> MRS THOS BOTTEMA (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- WIDOW                       WIDOWER                       SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD                       DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD  
 FATHER                       MOTHER                       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. HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM  
 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY), THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)  
 (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)  
 YES                       NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None

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**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.  
**I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

**OR**  
**I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:**

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	

**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:**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)\*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II 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.

Thomas Bottema  
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
**Thomas Bottema**  
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

417 Madison Ave  
 (STREET AND NUMBER)  
Redwood City Cal  
 (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 11th day of July, 1947, at city (or town) of Santa Cruz, county of Santa Cruz, and State (or Territory or District) of California

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

[Signature]  
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
**Notary Public**  
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C

IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF

243 Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, 39 126 035  
Plot HHH, Row 8, Grave 157,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

25 June 1947

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

Reference is made to the inclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains" signed by you. This form is being returned to you for correction of those parts circled in red.

In making the necessary changes please do not erase any of the information already on the form but draw a line through the incorrect information and enter the correction just above.

Your promptness in returning the corrected form will avoid further delay.

Sincerely,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

2 Incls.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25 June 1947

IN REPLY REFER TO BUREAU OF  
Sgt. Everett F. Bottam, 39 126 035  
Plot 8H, Row 8, Grave 157  
United States Military Cemetery  
Horn-Chapelle, Belgium

Mr. Thomas Bottam  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottam:

Reference is made to the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains" signed by you. This form is being returned to you for correction of those parts circled in red.

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Sincerely,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, OMC  
Memorial Division

2 Incls.





**PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
 NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

**PART III**

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED... I HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHT TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED... THE NEXT QUALIFIED PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF RELATIVES IS:

Form with fields for LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, ADDRESS TO THE DECEASED, and STATE OR COUNTRY.

WHICH PERSONS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED... (Multiple blank lines for text entry)

PART III... If you are NOT the next of kin designated in Part II, please fill in Part III of this form... (Multiple blank lines for text entry)

Form with fields for LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, CITY OR TOWN, STATE AND COUNTY, and STATE OR COUNTRY.



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Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, 39 126 035  
Plot HHH, Row 8, Grave 157,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

*[Handwritten signature]*

25 June 1947

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

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In making the necessary changes please do not erase any of the information already on the form but draw a line through the incorrect information and enter the correction just above.

Your promptness in returning the corrected form will avoid further delay.

Sincerely,

2 Incls.

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, GMC  
Memorial Division

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*[Handwritten initials]*

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NAME			
RANK	Thomas Bottema		
ASN	417 Madison Ave		
ORGANIZATION	Redwood City Calif.		
ITEM No. 1	address		
ITEM No. 2			
ITEM No. 4			
ITEMS Nos. 5 AND 6			
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Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, 39 126 035  
Plot BHH, Row 8, Grave 157,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

12 May 1947

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

Reference is made to the "Letter of Inquiry - Disposition of Remains" sent to you about 45 days ago, requesting you to complete and mail the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form.

Since no reply has been received, you are again respectfully urged to return this completed form at the earliest possible date in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in the final disposition of the remains of your loved one.

Due to the tremendous amount of work involved in carrying out final burial arrangements for all of the deceased Americans of World War II, this program must proceed cemetery by cemetery in each area of the world.

The cemetery in which the remains of your loved one are buried is expected to be evacuated in the near future. In the absence of any reply from you by that time, the Government will assume that you have no objection to the final burial of the deceased in a permanent American Military Cemetery Overseas.

Sincerely,

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

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**RETURN REQUEST DEMANDED O.D.M.A.**  
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Sgt. Everett F. Bottema, 39 126 035  
Plot RHH, Row 3, Grave 197,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

11 March 1947

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

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 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 II 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 unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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Form 3811  
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# RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

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(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

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Return to ~~The Office of The Quartermaster General~~  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

~~2nd & T Sts. S.W., Room 1250 Tempo. Bldg A~~

REGISTERED ARTICLE

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

INSURED PARCEL

WASHINGTON,

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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QMGR 293  
Bottema, Everett F.  
SN 39 126 035

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12 March 1947

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mrs. Bottema:

Your letter to the Veterans Administration concerning your son, the late Sergeant Everett F. Bottema, has been referred to this office.

This office would have no objection to your visiting the grave of your son, should you be able to arrange a visit overseas. There is no authority or law whereby the Government could pay the expenses of your trip overseas for such a pilgrimage.

When the "Letters of Inquiry -- Return of World War II Dead" are dispatched to the next of kin, Mr. Thomas Bottema, decedent's father, may at that time express his desires as to the final resting place of your son's remains.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

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Phone 222  
Bottoms, Everett T.  
12 22 122 022

13 March 1947

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Thomas Bottoms  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mrs. Bottoms:

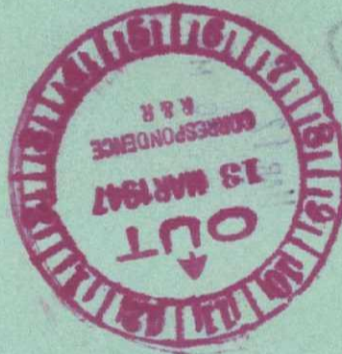
Your letter to the Veterans Administration concerning your son, the late Sergeant Everett T. Bottoms, has been referred to this office.

This office would have no objection to your visiting the grave of your son, should you be able to arrange a visit overseas. There is no authority or law whereby the Government could pay the expense of your trip overseas for such a pilgrimage.

When the "Letters of Inquiry -- Return of World War II Dead" are dispatched to the next of kin, Mr. Thomas Bottoms, deceased's father, may at that time express his desires as to the final resting place of your son's remains.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. BRENN  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 26, 1947.



YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

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IN REPLY REFER TO: BA-G

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BOTTIEMA, Everett F.  
(deceased)

Mrs. Thomas Bottema,  
417 Madison Avenue,  
Redwood City, California.

Dear Mrs. Bottema:

Your communication of February 19, 1947, in regard to  
visit to grave of your son, above named, has been referred to the  
Quartermaster General's Office, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.,  
for attention.

Any future correspondence relative to this matter should be  
addressed to that office.

Very truly yours,

F. G. FRASER,  
~~W. C. BLACK~~  
Acting Director,  
Administrative Service.



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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



YOUR REFERENCE:

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Any future correspondence relative to this matter should be

addressed to that office

Very truly yours



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February 19, 1947

Officer-in-Charge  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Request by Gold Star Mother to Visit Grave  
of Son Killed in Action - World War II.

Gentlemen:

My son, Everett Frederick Bottema, 291st Infantry, 75th Division, was killed in action in January 25, 1945, and was buried with military honors in Henri Chappelle Cemetery in Belgium.

As I do not wish to have his body disturbed and brought to America, would it therefore, be possible for me to visit his grave instead, and this at the Government's expense if so designated? During the time my son was wounded in battle overseas, the Government kept us informed of his welfare and after word was received that he had passed away, we received numerous communications such as telegrams, honorable discharge paper, purple heart, pictures of his grave, etc., and this, I assure you, was greatly appreciated. I know that the cemeteries are well taken care of and feel that everything has been done thus far to comfort us greiving mothers.

I do not wish to have my son disturbed now as I feel that he would want to remain with his buddies who fought side by side for their country; but I would very much like to visit my son's grave as I know that this is what he would have me do. Will you then please advise me accordingly what steps I may take to accomplish this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Thomas Bottema*

Mrs. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Ave.,  
Redwood City, Calif.

February 19, 1947

Officer-in-Charge  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Request by Gold Star Mother to Visit Grave  
of Son Killed in Action - World War II.

Gentlemen:

My son, Everett Frederick Botters, Signal Infantry, 52nd Division, was killed in action in January 28, 1945, and was buried with military honors in Henri Chapelle Cemetery in Belgium.

As I do not wish to have his body disturbed and brought to America, would it therefore be possible for me to visit his grave instead, and this at the Government's expense if so designated? I have not kept as informed as I would like in battle overseas, but I have passed on to my son's family such as telegrams, honorable discharge papers, and pictures of his grave, etc., and this, I assure you, is appreciated. I know that the cemeteries are well kept and feel that every thing has been done thus far to the satisfaction of the grieving mothers.



I do not wish to have my son disturbed now as I feel that he would want to remain with his buddies who fought side by side for their country; but I would very much like to visit my son's grave as I know that this is what he would have me do. Will you then please advise me accordingly what steps I may take to accomplish this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Everett Frederick Botters  
Signal Infantry  
52nd Division  
City, Calif.



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION WORK SHEET

Send Letter to Mrs. Thomas Bottema *mother*  
Address 417 Madison Ave. Redwood City, Calif  
Army Serial Number 39-176-035 Rank sgt

Opening Paragraph: 62-1 62-2 62-3 62-4

Burial Information: 6 6A 7 8 9 10 11 12 12A 13 13A  
14 14A 14B 15 16 17 20 21 22 22B

Temp. Cem. \_\_\_\_\_  
Perm. Cem. \_\_\_\_\_  
Plot Row Grave Name of Cemetery City and Country

Return of Remains: 78 79 81 82  
Other Paragraphs: 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 35 36 40 41  
42 43 51 53 54 55 56 57 58 58A 60  
61 63A 63B 65 65A 65B 65C 65D 66 67 68  
68A 69 70 73 74 76 84 85

Indorsements: To AG (47 71) To Ch of Chap (48 71)  
To Other Agencies: (71)

Personal Effects: 50 64 (over)

Suspend \_\_\_\_\_ days

Copy of letter to AGO and Identification Section \*

Temporary Change of Address \* \* Permanent Change of Address  
Buck Slip to Records Section  
Copy to Adjutant General

Dates of Letters for which Copies are necessary to AAF:

Other:

Closing Paragraph: 62-5 2 Regret Delay \*

Letter to be dated Analyst Typist Reviewer

\* Note: Circle paragraph numbers and/or starred phrases that are applicable.

NAME OF DECLASSIFIED  
Last Name Bottema  
First Name Everett  
Middle Initial F.

*File  
3-12-47  
pink*

When the Letters of Inquiry <sup>Return of work was # dead</sup> are  
dispatched to the next of kin, Mr. Thomas  
Bottema, decedent's father may at that  
time express his desires as to the  
final resting place of your son's  
remains.



QMMR 293  
Bottema, Everett F.  
A.S.N. 39 126 035

14 January 1947

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your son, the late Sergeant Everett F. Bottema, 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 Homeland for final burial.

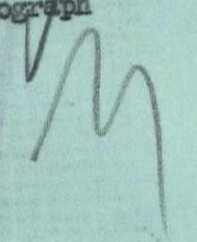
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Assistant

1 Incl  
Photograph

JAN 17 11 01 AM '47  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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7 September 1945

SPQYG-293

Bottema Everett F.

*the*  
Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Sergeant Everett F. Bottema.

The records of this office disclose that he is interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery #1, Henri Chapelle, Belgium, plot HHH, row 8, grave 157.

This cemetery is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

E. B. GREGORY  
Lieutenant General  
The Quartermaster General

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*Original*  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION

SEP 8 1 51 PM '45

MEMORIAL DIVISION

GRAVES REGISTRATION  
FORM NO. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

RESTRICTED  
REPORT OF BURIAL

109 82 330

27 Jan 45  
Date

FM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Bottema

Everett F.

Sgt.

39126035  
Serial No.

Co I 291st Inf 75th Inf Div.

13th Field Hosp, Aynwelle, Belgium

25 Jan 45

SW Buttock  
Cause of Death

1000 27 Jan 45 Henri Chapelle No 1

K 721-348  
Name or Coordinates of Location

157  
Grave Number

8  
Row Number

HHH  
Plot Number

Perm  
Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags  
How were remains identified?

EM Tag signed by Ralph Norman 1st Lt. MC

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS Tag.

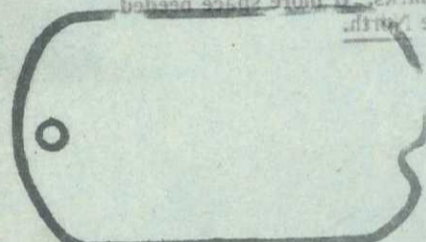
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left

Who is buried on: Wilson, Tom F. 1st Lt. 0-519431 158  
Deceased's Right: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Deceased's Left: Diacos, Pete S. 38184971 156  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Signature of Name, Rank and if possible, organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Addressee Name

Address

Religion

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Vertical stamp: MAR 29 1945  
Handwritten initials: N.E. DAKER

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

N. E. DAKER  
1st Lt. QMC  
O-515237  
G. R. O.

RESTRICTED

Handwritten note: Matt 2

**REPORT OF BURIAL  
IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED**

GRAVE REGISTRATION  
FORM NO. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1949)

Date 27 Jan 45

Social No. 22186032

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height: 55 1/2 Weight: 150 Laundry Marks: None  
 Color of Eyes: Blue Number of Ridges: 12 Wear Glasses? No  
 Color of Hair: Black Is Tooth Chart Attached? No  
 Race: White

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Left Hand

2	1	Thumb

Right Hand

2	1	Thumb

Note below any identifying clues found such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.

Who is buried on:  
 Deceased's Right: Wilson, Tom W. Lat J. 0-219431  
 Deceased's Left: Discoe, Pete S. 38184971

**TOOTH CHART**

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

Upper	Deceased's Right								Deceased's Left							
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower	Deceased's Right								Deceased's Left							
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ○ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

AG P 49R HQ 50S 122560

**RESTRICTED**

## WAR DEPARTMENT

## THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

273  
REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 16 Jan 45

FULL NAME Bottema, Everett F.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 39126035	GRADE Sgt.
HOME ADDRESS Redwood City, Calif.		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 13 Nov 24
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Died of wounds rec'd in action.		DATE OF DEATH 25 Jan 45
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 2 Mar 43	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ida Bottema, mother, 417 Madison Ave., Redwood City, Calif.			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Ida Bottema, mother, Same as above. Thomas Bottema, father, Same as above.			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

\*Expert Infantryman. Source and date of order number will be furn. when rec'd.

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 8 Feb 45.

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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Reinhart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

FD AGO FORM 52-1  
DECEMBER 1944THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 29 MAY 1944, WHICH  
STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

FEB 1945

Final

BOTTEMA, Everett, F. 39126035

SGT. DECEASED

TIF. 274 P.E.B.

418,326

N.I. DATE 4-Apr-45

T/O# F.D. 1454

K.C.

BOTTEMA, EVERETT 39126035 KIA

125--Box 99 1 Bag  
Rec 20 Mar 45 Ship 22 Mar45



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418326

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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DECEMBER 1944

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DSJ:LD:fls

EFF. OM Form (28 June 45) 37 EXPEDITE MEMO - TO WAREHOUSE DIVISION				
DATE 10:30 a.m. 15 May 1946		PRIORITY		CASE NO.
NAME (ON TALLY) SEE REVERSE SIDE				
A.S.N.		RANK		STATUS
TALLY NO.	BAY	PALLET	BOX	TYPE CONTAINER
WHSE. LOCATION (POST-INVENTORY)		REQUESTED BY		APPROVED BY
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE INVENTORY				
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSMITTAL INVENTORY				
<input type="checkbox"/> CLEAN BLOOD STAINED ITEMS				
<input type="checkbox"/> ATTACH ALL PAPERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
<input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT LAUNDER OR CLEAN				
<input type="checkbox"/> LAUNDER AND CLEAN IF NECESSARY				
<input type="checkbox"/> DETERMINE IF OWNER IS				
<input type="checkbox"/> FLAG TALLY IN				
SHIP	NAME			
TO	ADDRESS			
REMARKS: ADM. DIV. If property is film ship per attached label.				
REMARKS: WHSE. DIV.				

*Film shipped 21/5/46  
GWS*

881:LD:12a

NAME	ASN	CASE NO.	WHSE SPAC
Mulcahy, Jr., Richard F.	0-2057813	451826	F.
Noel, Arthur T.	33131397	438326	F.
Hays, Beverly G.	0-410206	418776	F.
Bottema, Everett F.	39126035	418326	F.
Nordahl, Andrew O., Jr.	20702434	283556	F.

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EX. Ormond Brown  
CLERK D. Brouder

INV. 2 Aug 45

TALLY NO. 77

PKG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ PKGS.

WHSE. SPACE BLANK FILM REMOVED

RANK Sgt ASN 39126035

NAME EVERETT | 5

BOTT E M A

EFF QM Form 26 (Rev. 11-1-44)  
Heywood Tag Co., Lafayette, Ind. 6-8-45-360M

**SCREENED**  
6-7-48  
*[Signature]*

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. Thomas Bottema

Effects of:  
Name Sgt. Everett F. Bottema

417 Madison Avenue

ASN 39126035

Redwood City, California

Case No. 418326 D

Wt.

DATE August 10, 1945

RTB:VC:wr

*le mc*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
         Acct. No.           
         Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Diary removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch  
1 Warehouse Division  
2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS

SHIP DAMAGED ITEM

Franked *PAID* AUG 20 1945  
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.           
No. of package 1

*E.K.*  
Shipping Clerk

ATTACHMENTS	EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU	STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY		DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.		P. O. W. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
		UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOOKS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENT. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. ARTICLES RELIGIOUS ARTICLES RIBBONS, DECORATION SHORT SNORTER SOUVENIR MONEY SOUVENIRS TESTAMENTS TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) WATCH WINGS	BELT BOOKS, ADDRESS BOOKS, PILOT LOG BRUSHES CASE CLOTH, WASH COATS FOOTLOCKER FOOTWEAR, PR. GLASSES GLOVES, PR. HANDKERCHIEFS HEADWEAR JACKETS KITS KNIVES LETTERS LIGHTERS	OVERCOATS PAPERS, PERSONAL PENCIL, MECHANICAL PEN, FOUNTAIN PHOTOS PIPES RINGS SCARFS SHIRTS SOCKS, PR. STATIONERY TIES TOBACCO TOILET ARTICLES TOWELS TROUSERS, PR. TRUNKS, PR. UNDERWEAR	
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CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-align: center;">none</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-align: center;">none</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">No-Checked</p>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY
		DATE	
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET	OF SHEETS
77	1	20 Aug 45	77	1	1
NAME EVERETT B. BOTTEM			A. S. N. 39126035		
ORGANIZATION 291 st inf			RANK Sgt		
CASE NO. 418,326					
WAREHOUSE SPACE 1451		EXAMINED BY J. Bruner		DIARY REMOVED	
PACKED BY J. Bruner		INSPECTED BY J. Bruner		PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 CTW		STORED BY mu		MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
WEIGHT		SHIPPED		DATE	
		AUG 20 1945		BY WHOM E.K.	

DAMAGED

KH



La Rue - Kansas City - 8-26-45-30M

NAME BOTTEMA, EUER SGT 6025

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	9	77	77
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

Eff. QM Form 48

R E S T R I C T E D  
I N V E N T O R Y   F O R M

15 March 1945  
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Bottema                      Everett                      F.                      Sgt.                      39126035  
(Last Name)                      (First Name)                      (MI)                      (Rank)                      (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO \_\_\_\_\_ US Army

The above named individual of Co. I                      291st. Inf.  
(Unit)                      (Organization)

was reported DOW about 25 January 1945.  
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.)                      (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

I N V E N T O R Y   O F   E F F E C T S

- 1 Sweater
- 1 Camrea
- 1 pr Glasses

Money in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of finance office and symbol number) Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_.  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name David R Lane  
Rank & ASN 1st Lt 0-1822137  
Organization 291st Inf

Any additional pertinent information:



418326

RTB:NA:ns  
August 13, 1945

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Sergeant Everett F. Bottema.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton.

If, for some reason, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this letter, please notify me so tracer can 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 decedent's legal residence.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt. OMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

RTB:VC:mrw  
July 9, 1945

418326 ✓

*VC*

Mrs. Ida Bottema ✓  
417 Madison Avenue ✓  
Redwood City, California ✓

Dear Mrs. Bottema:

This refers to your recent inquiry concerning the personal effects of your son, ✓ Sergeant Everett F. Bottema. ✓

I am sorry to advise you that at the present time, we have no information regarding the items you mentioned. The property which we sent you recently was transmitted to this Bureau by a Graves Registration Officer overseas. It is possible that he left additional effects at his base or quarters which will reach us at a later date.

It is suggested that you contact the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C., for desired information regarding the service men about which you inquired.

You may be assured that any belongings will be forwarded to you without delay upon receipt here.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

*file 418326*

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

SHIP TO:

Sgt. Everett F. Bottema

Effects of:

Name 39126035

ASN 418326D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 8 May 1945

*U. Barth*

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

JFM:VB:me

- Inclose Bureau Check
- Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- Inclose "Valuables" item
- Ship "Valuables" item(s)

- Remove G.I.
- Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_
- Films removed
- Diary removed
- Laundry removed

ROUTING:

- Accounting Branch
- 1 Warehouse Division
- 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

*1 pkg*

REMARKS:

Franked **FRANKEL**

Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of packages 1

*✓* **MAY 15 1945**

Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>#1 Pkg</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY <i>m</i>	DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
		P.O.W. <input type="checkbox"/>
		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
		TALLY NO. <i>7522</i>
		INV. DATE <i>2/15/45</i>
		ORG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>
		BOX NO. <i>2</i>
		SHEET OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
NAME <i>Everett Bottema</i>		ORGANIZATION <i>G.I. 291 Inf 75th Div</i>
A.S.N. <i>39126035</i> RANK <i>Sgt.</i>		

*418,326*

Belt	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHES	WINGS
<del>BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)</del>	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, Wash	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD. (NO MONEY)
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	CAMERAS	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs	Knives	BOOKS
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	MISC. INSIGNIA	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	FILMS
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	Papers, Personal
Ties	RIBBONS, DECORATION	Photos
Towels <i>* 1</i>	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	SHORT SNORTER
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet articles	SOUVENIRS
Underwear	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		Stationery
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS <i>no information</i> <i>Rechecked</i>	ATTACHMENTS <i>File 3H 5-4</i>	FORM #54 <i>Inventory</i>	FORM #100 <i>1 &amp; 2 Labels</i>
<i>* broken in 2 pieces</i>		WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
C.A.T. <i>none</i>			SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
WAREHOUSE SPACE	STORED BY <i>N.F.</i>		IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
INVENTORIED BY <i>M. Manab...</i>	<i>2353</i>	DATE SHIPPED	DIARY REMOVED
PACKED BY <i>Park...</i>	CHECKED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>MAY 15 1945</i>	LOCKED STORAGE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #43 OR ADDITIONAL	LAUNDRY REMOVED
			FILM REMOVED

DAMAGED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

*I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
INVENTORY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

NAME BOTTEMA, EVERETT I. SGT6035

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		2	7522
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

Eff. QM Form 43

Mailed direct to EC  
Pouch #145  
Reg. #115

R E S T R I C T E D  
I N V E N T O R Y F O R M

HHH 157 H.C.

27 Jan 45

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Bottena Everett Sgt. 39126035  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 887 US Army

The above named individual of Co. I, 291st Inf 75th Div  
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported buried about 27 Jan 45 1944.  
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Unk

I N V E N T O R Y O F E F F E C T S

1 ring ✓

E. H. JENISON  
Major, F. D.  
Sym. 211-039

Money in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of finance office and symbol number) Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Unk

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by air mail on \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_.  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name H. Shackelford  
Rank & ASN H. SHACKELFORD  
1st Lt. QMC  
O-1596803  
Organization G. R. O.

Any additional pertinent information:

Serial No. 391A 6035 Name BOTTEMA, EVERETT F  
 Grade Sgt Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co E 291st INF.  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Killed in Action YES Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date 25 JAN 1945 Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
 Battle Area BELGIUM Information \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Burial HENRI CHAPPELLE #1  
 Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:VB:me

Case No. 418326Date 8 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Everett E. Bottema, 39126035 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Sergeant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 25 day of January, 1945, 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., KCQM 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 decedent's 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 4 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Thomas Bottema for the effects of the above-named de-

ceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Thomas Bottema of (Name of person found entitled)

417 Madison Avenue, Redwood City State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)  
California, is the father 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

418326

JRM:VB:me  
May 9, 1945

Mr. Thomas Bottema  
417 Madison Avenue  
Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bottema:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Sergeant Everett F. Bottema.

This property, consisting of a ring, is being sent you. Regrettably, it was broken prior to receipt at this Bureau.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

29 June 1945

Lt. P. L. Koob  
Officer in Charge, SJ Unit  
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot  
Army Effects Bureau  
601 Hardesty Avenue,  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Reference: 418326

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 9 May 1945, File No. 418326 in which is stated that the property consisting of a ring belonging to my son Everett Frederick Bottema was being returned to me. The ring has been received, for which I thank you.

However, I am certain that there were many more things such as his wallet which I gave him last Christmas, his watch, a pearl handled jack-knife, and a camera, among other small items which I know he took with him overseas, and which I feel should be returned to me in addition to his ring. The last letter I received from him stated that the boys were staying with a Belgian family. Could it be then, assuming that his effects are not in the War office, that he could have left them in the home of this Belgian family while working his way to the front?

It is not for the value of the items itself that I wish them returned, of course, but for the sentiment now that he is gone forever. I would therefore greatly appreciate your attention to this matter, Lt. Koob, and would be very grateful indeed if the rest of my son's belongings could in the near future be returned to me.

Also, my son's buddies which he mentioned to me in his letters were Corporal Henderson and Sargeant Becknell who were also in the 1st. Machine Gun Squad, 291st. Infantry, 75th. Div., Company I. I would like very much to know if these boys are still alive and if so, where they may be reached.

My thanks to you for your cooperation and your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Thos. Bottema*  
Mrs. Thos. Bottema

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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Director in Charge, FBI  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Reference: 100-100000

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 9 May 1945, the copy of which is attached. The primary concern of this letter is regarding the return of the property of the late Mrs. E. J. Connelley, which has been received for which the title is being transferred.



KANSAS CITY, MO.  
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I am certain that you were not such as did which I have the late Mrs. E. J. Connelley's property, and a return, copy of which I have in your file with the original, and which returned to me in addition to the above. The fact from the letter that the copy was being with a copy of the letter, and his attention was not in the office. It is noted that his attention was not in the office that he could have left him in the home of this relative family while working his way to the front.

It is not for the value of the items that I wish them returned, of course, for the sentimentality that he is now forever. I would therefore request your attention to this matter, and would be very grateful if you could advise me of the result of your investigation.

Also, my wife's mother with her intention to be in the letter, and her mother and father's mother who was also in the letter. I would like to know if these boys are still alive, and if so, where they may be reached.

My thanks to you for your cooperation and your attention in this matter.

*W. J. Connelley*  
E. J. Connelley

