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MAILED 5 MAY 1964

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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and that Government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

AGPC-G 201 Bottcher, Hermann J.F.
(10 Aug 44) O-888,451

18 August 1944

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade,
100 Fifth Avenue, Room 1112,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

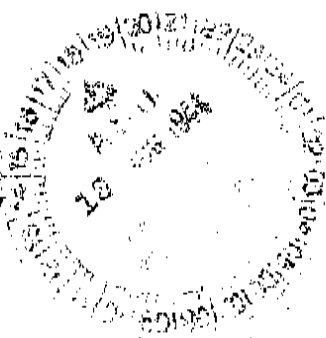
This is to acknowledge your letter of 10 August in which
you requested information concerning Captain Hermann J. F. Bottcher.

Casualty reports received in the War Department do not
contain the name of Captain Bottcher since the report that he was
released from the hospital for wounds received in action on 20 De-
cember 1942, in New Guinea.

Very truly yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Casualty



PROCESSING COMBAT
OVERSEAS REEPLACEMENT
SAN FRANCISCO PORT OF DEPARTURE
Camp Stoneman, California

27 June 1946

War Department
Washington, 25, D. C.

Sirs:

In order to clarify and settle an argument that has arisen in our organization as to the death of the late Capt. Herman B. [redacted] Inf. Div., we would appreciate [redacted] can be obtained on the afore mentioned case.

Thanking you very sincerely, I remain

Respectfully

John D. [redacted]

JOHN D.

Pfc.

100-7



AGPC-O 201 Bottcher, Herl.
(27 Jun 46) 0888451

12 July 1946

Private First Class John D. Gilbert
ASN 14 067 059 ORD
Processing Co. T.S.U.T.C.
Camp Stoneman, California

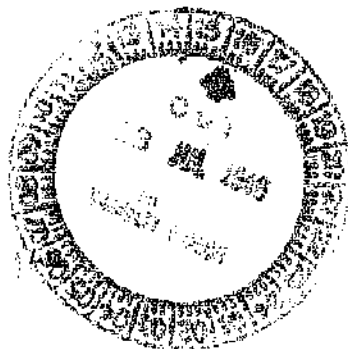
Dear Private Gilbert:

This is in reply to your letter in which you requested information relative to Captain Hermann J. F. Bottcher, 0888451, Infantry.

Information available in this office reveals that Captain Bottcher was killed in action on 31 December 1944 by shrapnel from Japanese mortar fire while on a reconnaissance deep in enemy territory, midway between the villages of Jainagnatan and Baranbang, northeast of Silad Bay on the west coast of Leyte Island, Central Philippines. Captain Bottcher commanded the 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 32nd Infantry Division, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Meyer.

Sincerely yours

EDWARD F. WITSKILL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army



ACTORS LABORATORY

1455 NORTH LAUREL AVENUE

HOLLYWOOD

CALIFORNIA

HOLLYWOOD

July

1947

Dear Sir.

I need your help in the following matter.

I am doing a story on my outfit, Thirty-Second Division and the late Capt. Herman Bottcher. A.S.N. O.-888451.

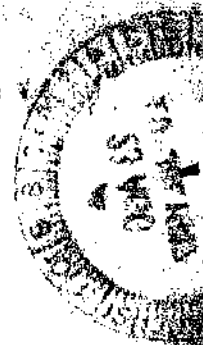
I wonder if it would be possible for you to send me his Service Records, (a copy), Citations, Decorations, Etc.

He's service in the Division were with Co. H. 126 Inf., Co. A. 127 Inf., and then 32ND. Div. Reconnaissance Co.

Anything you can send me regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wyllt Ordung



Apt. 201-10, Stanford Village
Stanford University, California
July 25, 1947

The Adjutant General
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I should appreciate any information you could give me concerning the military career of the late Captain Herman Bottcher of the 32nd Division Reconnaissance Platoon. I am particularly desirous of obtaining details of his service in the Buna campaign, where he was promoted from staff sergeant to captain in the field, and of his participation in the Leyte campaign, where he was killed.

If possible, I should also like to have information concerning the movements of the first battalion, 127th Infantry, in the Leyte campaign from November 15, 1944, to January 5, 1945.

Yours truly,

Frank B. Sarles Jr.
Frank B. Sarles Jr.

Dear Sir:

The item checked below comprises a reply to your recent communication.

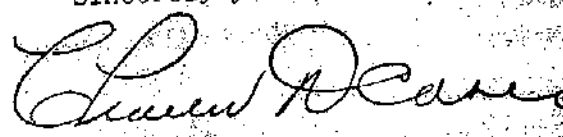
☐ From the information furnished in your communication, this office has been unable to identify a record of service of the person to whom you refer.

☐ The records of members and former members of the Army are confidential in nature, and under the policy of the War Department the information requested cannot be furnished without the consent of the individual whose records are concerned or, if deceased, the next of kin.

☐ The records show that the individual concerned had been separated from the service and is no longer under military control. Therefore, the War Department can be of no further assistance in this case.

☐ It is contrary to the policy of the War Department to furnish the home address of a former member of the Army in response to requests of this nature. However, any communication intended for him will be forwarded to his last known address if transmitted to this office.

Sincerely yours,



CHARLES D. CARLE
Colonel, AGD
Commanding

FILE
Clark-5

THE ADDRESS

RECORDS AND

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Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Carle

CHARLES D. CARLE
Colonel, AGD
Commanding

FILE
Clark-S

MEMO FOR THE RECORD, Bureau of Military Information
Request for Information
The Department of the Army, General Staff, United States Army,
Intelligence Division, Washington 25, D. C.
10 December 1944

TO: Chief, Operations Branch, Security Group, ID GS USA, Washington 25, D. C.

The subject of this report is Captain J. P. Butcher, Army serial number 39 085 who was discharged from the military service 1 January 1942, at which time his home address was given as 222 Marshall Street, San Francisco, California, and the date and place of birth as 13 July 1913, Landsberg, Germany. He left the United States for overseas assignment on 22 April 1942. He was honorably discharged on 17 December 1942 to accept a commission. He was appointed captain, Army of the United States, on 18 December 1942, assigned serial number O 588 451, reported, and entered on duty the same day. Captain Butcher was killed in action 11 December 1944, on Leyte Island, Philippine Islands while serving as a member of the 32d Reconnaissance Troop.

CHARLES D. CARLE
Colonel, AGD
Commanding

Winnie Stuart

Basic Communication - Request for information on the above named soldier from Department of the Army, General Staff, United States Army, Intelligence Division, Washington 25, D. C.

FILE
RICE/mr-S

10 Dec

AGFB-AG Bottcher, Hermann
(3 Jun 65)

13 JUN 1965

Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Yarborough:

In reply to your recent inquiry, pertaining to Mr. Bill Dougherty of 202 South Grinnell Street, Perryton, Texas, the Department has no record of a Medal of Honor being awarded to the late Captain Hermann J. F. Bottcher, United States Army.

Further, inquiries made to the Departments of the Navy and Air Force also failed to reveal the existence of such an award.

Captain Bottcher served in the United States Army from January 1942 to December 1944, when he was killed in action. His awards included the Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. LAMBERT

J. C. LAMBERT
Major General
The Adjutant General

Inclosure

File - USA Admin Cen
2 JUL St Louis, Mo

Date Initials

REVIEW - PERS ACT DIV TAGC

S. A. MACKENZIE Col AGC Chief

Admin Officer

Branch Chief

See attached sheet for M/R

Return to AGC
Room 222
17 Jun 65

AGPB-AC Bottcher, Hermann
(Jun 65)

MEMO FOR RECORD
BASIS FOR ACTION

Awards verified from
201 file in US Army Admin Cen.,
St. Louis, Missouri. Officer awarded
the DSC, w/1 OLC, SS, LM, BSM, PH,
w/2 OLC and CIB. Served in US Army
from January 1942 to December 1944.
Was killed in action. No record of
award of the Army Medal of Honor.
No record of award of the MH in Navy
or Air Force.

COORDINATION

None required

Return to
Room 22
17 J 65

AGPB-AC Bottcher, Hermann
(Jun 65)

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Room 22
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3 Jan 1965.

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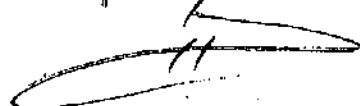
The medal of honor has always been my hobby & recently our county service officer loaned me a book, put out by the 88th Congress 2nd Session entitled "Medal of Honor recipients." I must return this book shortly, but I would like to point out that you omitted one of our biggest heroes of the second war.

Eni Staff Sgt Hermann Bottcher of the 126th Regiment 32nd Division. He won his medal at a place called Buna on New Guinea northern coast. Also

He was an on the
spot promotion to
Captain. Action was
between Dec 5-6-7-8 of 1942.

Also in the book
It is stated that after
the civil war, the country
was flooded with
imitations of the Medals.
I recently visited
the Oklahoma Historical
Building near the capital
building & when I went
into the Northern civil
War room they had one
display quite a few
civil War medals of various
& everyone of them looked
like an imitation. I saw
none that compared with

the real thing. I'm
hoping I can retain this
book a while longer for
further research.

Sincerely
Bill Dougherty
202. S. Grinnell St
Perryton Texas


P.S. Thank you for your
prompt action on my Capitol
page. I saw it stand in
and high school Auditorium.

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., June 11, 1965

Respectfully referred to

The Adjutant General
United States Army
Awards and Decorations
Section
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

Please check into the
matter mentioned by Mr.
Dougherty and advise me.

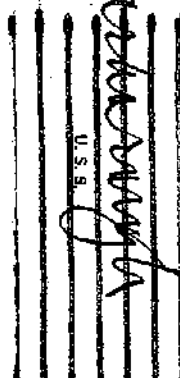
Ralph W. Yarborough, Chairman
Subcommittee on Veterans'
Affairs

U. S. S.

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE
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The Adjutant General
United States Army
Awards and Decorations Section
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.



COPY

June 11, 1965

Mr. Bill Dougherty
202 South Grinnell Street
Perryton, Texas

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 1965, concerning the publication we put out last year about the Medal of Honor recipients, and for pointing out that the list omitted the name of Staff Sgt. Hermann Bottcher. I am having the Army Awards and Decorations Section check into this and to supply me with the copy of the citation where a correction can be made in any future publication of this kind.

I have never been to the Oklahoma Historical Building and have never seen the medals on display there. It is true that there were a great many imitations of the Medal of Honor made many years ago.

In order for you to have a copy of the publication for your own use, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Medal of Honor -- 1863-1963.

I was pleased to know that the flag now stands in the high school auditorium.

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Ralph W. Yarborough, Chairman
Subcommittee on Veterans' Aff

AGPB-AC
(19 Jun 67)

Honorable William A. Steiger
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

*See
mail
Herman*

Dear Mr. Steiger:

This letter is in reply to your recent inquiry in behalf of Mr. Robert E. Nordlander of Menasha, Wisconsin.

As authorized by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who while serving in any capacity with the Army shall have distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing hostile force.

Award of the Bronze Star Medal may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service as in the case of Chaplain (Major) Maas. The required achievement or service must be of a lesser degree than that required for the Legion of Merit but nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction.

A review of the records indicates that Captain Herman J. F. Bottcher, 0888451, who was killed in the Philippines on 31 December 1944, may be the individual referred to by Mr. Nordlander. General information concerning Captain Bottcher's military service may be obtained from the Commanding Office, U. S. Army Administration Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. Any detailed information in Captain Bottcher's files that is considered to be privileged information is not releasable without the written consent of the next of kin.

AGPB-AC
(19 Jun 67)
Honorable William A. Steiger

Thank you for your interest and I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

Infocpt to USAAC

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

November 1, 1968

IN REPLY REFER TO: NCPM A-C

Bottcher, Her
O-888 451

Miss Ruth Markwood
Office Chief of Military History
Room 2206 Tempo C
Washington, D. C. 20315

☒ An official statement of service prepared from records on file in this Center is shown on the reverse side.

☐ Subject person served in the _____
from _____ to _____. Type and character
of separation: _____

☐ Active service: _____ to _____; _____ to _____

☐ This type of reply is normally furnished in response to request of this nature. If additional information is required, furnish full particulars and we will give prompt consideration.

☐ Report of separation physical is attached.

☐ The medical records you requested:

☐ Are enclosed.

☐ Are not in file.

☐ Have been lent to the Veterans' Administration and

☐ Will be forwarded under
separate cover.

☐ May be obtained from the VA office shown below
(Please refer to VA Claim No. C- _____)

☒ Captain Bottcher was entitled to the following decorations and awards: Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak-Leaf Cluster; Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal (based on Combat Infantry Badge); Purple Heart (Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Stars for Leyte, Papua and New Guinea Campaigns; World War Victory Medal; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star; Distinguished Unit Emblem; Combat Infantryman Badge; Philippine Presidential Citation Badge.

Sincerely yours,

R. G. Neustadter

4 Enclosures
Citations

GSA FORM
DEC 68

CITATIONS FOR TELEPHONE INQUIRY

NAME UNDER WHICH SERVED (Last - First - Middle Name/Initial)

Bottcher, Herman J. F.

ALL SERVICE NUMBERS ASSIGNED

39 085 246
0 888

BRANCH OF SERVICE: ☐ Air Force ☒ Army ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

RETIREMENT DATE

DECEASED DATE

DATES OF SERVICE

ACTIVE SERVICE AFTER DATES REQUESTED

CITATION 35086

From *DISPATCHED TO THE PHILIPPINES*
ATC POLA
PLANS
WHITE

GRADE/RANK DURING PERIODS REQUESTED (person on active or reserve service after dates requested)

☐ ENLISTED ☐ OFFICER ☐ WARRANT OFFICER

OTHER DATA:

need Biographic History
Killed in Philippines

NAME OF REQUESTER ☐ Veteran ☐ Other

Miss Ruth Mark

TELEPHONE NO.

INFORMATION OR ACTION SOUGHT

- ☐ TRANSFER OF RECORDS (List type)
- ☐ LOAN OF RECORD (List type)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF SERVICE
- ☐ DD FORM 214 ONLY

Date + Place of Birth
Hero in Jan 43
NOK w/ latest address
Highest Grade held

ADDRESS

Miss Ruth Mark
Office Chief of MR
Room 2206 TEM
Wash, D.C.

TO:

SEARCH UNIT SECTION

- ☐ Call ☐ Ext if unable to furnish records at time specified
- ☐ Return this form to *PLU* Note action taken by whom; date and time
- ☐ Charge out and forward record as specified

TO:

SEARCH UNIT SECTION

- ☐ Call ☐ Ext if unable to furnish records at time specified
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- ☒ Prepare and dispatch reply as specified

ACTION TAKEN

SOS w/citation
Sent

CHARGE OUT DATA

Charged to: *Info - Barne*
Date charged out: *10-9-68*
Registry File Number: *0-888-246*

METHOD OF DISPATCH

- ☐ Call back
- ☐ Deliver *NO*
- ☐ Within *1* hour
- ☐ Regular mail ☐ Airmail
- ☐ Special Delivery

ACTION CLERK

Nislow
XEROX OPERATOR

DATE

11-4

DATE

SERVICES ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT OF SERVICE

NAME (Last, first, middle)

BOTTCHER, HERMANN JOHN F.

SERVICE NO.

0-888 451

November 1, 1944

YOUR REFERENCE

Tel Request

NATURE OF ACTION
(Show component for each entrance into service; and type of each separation.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

ACTIVE SERVICE
(Asterisks after dates in columns C and D denote ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING ONLY)

THIS SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE. REASON FOR SEPARATION, RANK, OR RATING, PLACE OF ACTION, ETC.

IND - AUS
HON DISCH

Jan 12, 1942
Dec 17, 1942

Jan 12, 1942

Dec 17, 1942

San Francisco, Calif
CG - To accept comm
S/Sgt., Co H, 126

APPT - AUS
ASSIGNED

Dec 18, 1942

Dec 18, 1942

Dec 22, 1942

Jun 6, 1943

May 19, 1944

Dec 31, 1944

Dec 18, 1942

Dec 31, 1944

Capt, Infantry
Co H, 126th Inf
118th Gen Hosp.
Co A, 127th Inf
32nd Reconnaissance
Killed in Action near
Silad Bay, Leyte,

Foreign service from
Apr 22, 1942 to
1944

Date and Place of Birth
July 13, 1909,
Germany

TIME LOST (Inclusive dates)

FROM

TO

FROM

TO

FROM

None

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

AD - Active Duty
APPT - Appoint(ed)(ment)
AUS - Army of the U.S.
BCD - Bad Conduct Discharge
CG - Convenience of Gov't
CR - Change of Rating
DD - Dishonorable Discharge
DEMOB - Demobiliz(ed)(ation)
DISCH - Discharge
EE - Expiration of Enlistment
ENL - Enlist(ed)(ment)

EOS - Expiration of Obligated Service
ERC - Enlisted Reserve Corps
ETS - Expiration Term of Service
GD - General Discharge
HON - Honorable
IND - Induct(ed)(ion)
NAS - Naval Air Station
NG - National Guard
NRS - Naval Recruiting Station
NTC - Naval Training Center

NTS - Naval Training Station
ORC - Officer Reserve Corps
OTH - Other Than Honorable
PROM - Promot(ed)(ion)
R - Received
RAD - Released from Active Duty
RECSTA - Receiving Station
REENL - Reenlist(ed)(ment)
REPAD - Reported For Active Duty

RS - Receiving
T - Transfer
TERM - Terminal
UA - Unauth
UD - Under
UHC - Under
UOHC - Under
USNH - U.S.

INTEROFFICE FORM	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME <i>BUTCHER, HERMAN</i>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>INITIAL <i>HB</i></div> <div>SERVICE NUMBER <i>0778/57</i></div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CASE NUMBER</div>
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REMARKS <input type="checkbox"/> Records audited. <input type="checkbox"/> Records not audited. <input type="checkbox"/> Request records. <input type="checkbox"/> TAG <input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input type="checkbox"/> Remove charge card. <input type="checkbox"/> Misrouted. <input type="checkbox"/> Records not located in this branch. <input type="checkbox"/> Records charged to _____ on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Returned as requested. (Symbol) (Case Date) <input type="checkbox"/> Requested records attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Return records with inquiry when case is completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Return records when action is completed. <input type="checkbox"/> File contains papers which may require regrading <input type="checkbox"/> Request list of all decorations and awards. <input type="checkbox"/> Records corrected. <input type="checkbox"/> Recorded entry is correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Report grade and DOR as _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Request determination concerning _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Request paragraph concerning _____ <input type="checkbox"/> The following decorations and awards are authorized: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Star Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Good Conduct Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Army Commendation Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Combat Infantryman Badge </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Star Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Korean Service Medal <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart Medal </div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For necessary action. <i>File in file</i> <i>will be file</i>	
FROM: <i>SMP-501N</i> DATE: <i>6 Jul 67</i> ORGANIZATION (Div, Br & Sec Symbol)	

WASHINGTON, DC, ADDRESS:
2110 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
(202) 228-5661

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426 NORTH EIGHTH STREET
EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62201

DISTRICT OFFICES:
FEDERAL BUILDING
EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62201
(818) 274-2200

1990 TROY ROAD
EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025
(818) 656-9575

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

MELVIN PRICE
21ST ILLINOIS DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

SUBCOMMITTEES:
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
CHAIRMAN

SEAPOWERS AND STRATEGIC
AND CRITICAL MATERIALS

January 13, 1986

Mr. David L. Petree
Director
National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

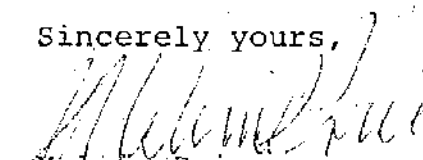
Dear Mr. Petree:

Enclosed please find further correspondence from my
constituent, Mr. Mark A. Smith, with regard to Herman Bottcher.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter
and contact me as soon as you have any response pertaining
to his request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,


Melvin Price
Member of Congress

MP/rm
Enclosure

REPLY TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

DATE

MAR 18 1986

RE:

DATE OF INQUIRY

RECEIVED ON

ON BEHALF OF

REFERRED TO NPRC BY

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(S).

- ☐ We are unable to identify a military service record from the information given.
- ☐ Please complete the enclosed form and return it with all attached documents. We do not retain copies of all inquiries nor of the replies thereto.
- ☐ Please furnish copies of any documents pertaining to military service.
- ☐ The document or information requested is not in file.

☒ Department of Defense Directive 5400.11 entitled "Personal Privacy and Rights of Individuals Regarding Their Personal Records," enclosure 5, is the directive which implements subsection (b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Title 5, United States Code 552a), which prohibits agencies from disclosing personal information to "any person or to another agency" except pursuant to the prior written consent of the individual to whom the records pertain. This means that we cannot furnish to the general public with rosters (lists) or compilations of names and home addresses, or single addresses of current or former service personnel. We are sorry, therefore, that we are unable to furnish the information requested.

☐ We are unable to act on the attached request because it does not meet all of the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 regarding disclosures to law enforcement agencies:

- ☐ The request must be signed by the head of the agency or by the official delegated by him/her to sign such requests. The delegated official must be no lower than section chief.
- ☐ The request must specify the "law enforcement activity for which the record is sought."
- ☐ This Center normally responds to employment suitability requests by extracting data from or furnishing photocopies of relevant personnel and medical records. This Center does not offer opinions regarding the character and abilities of former military personnel.

☐ If you wish to resubmit your request, it should include the veteran's authorization designating the National Personnel Records Center to release information from personnel records/photocopies of medical documents for preemployment consideration.

☐ The record(s) needed to respond to your inquiry are on loan to: ☐ Navy Discharge Review Board; ☐ Board for Correction of Naval Records.

- ☐ Please resubmit your request 60 days after notification by the Board of completion of all action.
- ☐ Please resubmit your request in _____ days/months.

☒ A search of Mr. Battcher's military record indicated his birth on July 13, 1909 and that he was born in Danzig, Prussia, Germany.

We regret any inconvenience caused by our delay in replying to your inquiry.

Honorable Melvin Price
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2303

NCPM-5

DAVID L. PETRELL
Director

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132



The National Order
of
Battlefield Commissions



610 Montana Street
Bethalto, Illinois 62010
26 December 1985

The Honorable Melvin Price
2110 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th.

I have completed the National Archives and Records Administrative Form 1375, and am returning it to your office so that it may be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center. I would appreciate any reply that you might receive from them.

I would further appreciate it if your office would make an inquiry to the Veterans Administration on any claim record that they might have pertaining to Herman J.F. Bottcher. In order to make a search of there records they may require the following:

Captain or Major Herman J.F. Bottcher *GM*
Enlisted Serial Number: 29085246
Unit: 22d Recon Troop, 22nd Infantry Division
Place of Death: Leyte island, The Philippines.
Time and Date of Death: 6:A.M., 1 January 1945.

Any information the VA could provide to us on Bottcher's place of birth, date of birth, former addresses of survivors would greatly assist us in preparing our article on Bottcher.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Smith
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Editor
The Mustang
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QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRE

It is important that you complete this form to the best of your ability and supply as much information as possible. Be sure to return your original inquiry with this questionnaire. If you have copies of any document or correspondence pertaining to the period of service specified below, including envelopes with an applicable military return address, please submit them. We will ensure that a check is made of all possible records sources and will expedite our reply to you.

NOTE: Many veterans are known to have recorded their discharge papers in the county or city Recorder's office and copies are usually furnished free upon application to that office.

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NAME(S) USED DURING SERVICE (and nickname, if any) Herman J.F. Bottcher		SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S) ENLISTED: 39085246 OFFICER:		TYPE OF UNIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infantry <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Signal Corps <input type="checkbox"/> Artillery <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Supply <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Indicate below)
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH Not Known		BRANCH OF SERVICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE		
DATE OF ENLISTMENT, INDUCTION, OR COMMISSION (Mo., day, yr.) NOT KNOWN		SERVED AS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFICER		
PLACE ENLISTED OR INDUCTED (Show recruiting office or local board and selective service number) NOT KNOWN		WAS SERVICE 6 MONTHS ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
PLACE OF BASIC TRAINING (Show "OUTFIT" and camp or station) Camp Robinson, California		HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE (Street, City, County, & State) Not Known		
CAMP OR STATION (Reception Center) SENT TO AFTER ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif.				
LIST BELOW ALL UNITS OR "OUTFITS" SERVED WITH DURING MILITARY SERVICE. SHOW COMPANIES, BATTERIES, SQUADRONS, BATTALIONS, REGIMENTS, GROUPS, ETC., AND LOCATION (Camp, base, and country)				INCLUSIVE DATES (Mo., day, year)
				FROM TO
Company H, 126th Inf. Regiment, 32nd Inf. Div.				April 1942 January 1943
32d Reconnaissance Troop, 32nd Infantry Division				January 1943 to 1 Jan 1945
DATE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY (Mo., day, yr.) Killed in action		IF REENLISTED, SHOW DATE, CAMP, AND OUTFIT N/A		HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (Street, City, County, & State) N/A
PLACE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY (Post, Camp or Station and outfit) N/A		WAS A CLAIM FOR VA BENEFITS EVER FILED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show:		CLAIM NO. PLACE NOT KNOWN
WAS A PERIOD OF RESERVE DUTY SERVED AFTER RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show inclusive dates:		WAS A PERIOD OF NATIONAL GUARD DUTY SERVED AFTER ACTIVE DUTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show:		STATE INCLUSIVE DATES
FROM TO				
WAS A STATE BONUS FOR MILITARY SERVICE PAID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show:		WAS THERE A PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY AFTER ACTIVE DUTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show:		AGENCY DATES EMPLOYED
STATE DATE PAID NOT KNOWN				
WAS VETERAN RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, show:		IF THIS PERSON IS DECEASED, SHOW DATE OF DEATH. Killed in Action Leyte, The Philippines, 1 Jan 1945		
DATE				

PLEASE SHOW PHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code) WHERE YOU MAY BE REACHED DURING THE DAY:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED (Explain) OR REMARKS

Representative Price's Office to provide to National Publication for article.

SIGNATURE OF VETERAN OR NEXT OF KIN*	RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN (If veteran is deceased)	VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	DATE 26 Dec 1985
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*WIDOW OR WIDOWER, SON OR DAUGHTER, FATHER OR MOTHER, BROTHER OR SISTER.

MICHAEL D. HAYDOCK
169 Fairfield Court
Voorheesville, NY 12186

17 May 1996

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132

RE: Herman J.F. Bottcher
Service No. 0888451
United States Army

Dear Sirs:

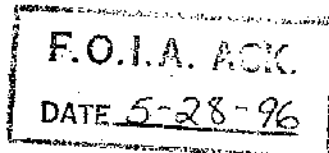
This request is being made under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am a free-lance writer and have been asked by the editor of World War II magazine to submit a story on the life and military career of Herman J.F. Bottcher, who served with the 32nd Infantry Division.

As a Staff Sergeant, Bottcher won the Distinguished Service Cross for actions in New Guinea in December 1942 and was awarded a battlefield commission as Captain. He was killed in combat two years later in the Philippines.

A copy of his service record and particularly of his DSC citation and information on his birthplace, date, parents, arrival in the United States, naturalization, death in combat, and any other awards or decorations he received would be most helpful for purposes of the article.

Sincerely,




Michael D. Haydock

REPLY TO INQUIRY (NCP)	DATE 6-28-96
SUBJECT: Botcher Herman JF 39085246 0-888 451	Your reference letter Date of inquiry

The answer to your inquiry is furnished below. This abbreviated form of reply has been adopted as a means of supplying information speedily.

The attached document contain information releasable under the Freedom of Information Act

Michael D Haydock
169 Fairfield Court
Worshesville NY 12186

NCP/MY-B

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NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

- ☒ Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
☐ Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

NAME: Bottcher, Herman John F.

SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER: 0-888 4511 39 085 246

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-13-09

DATES OF SERVICE: 1-12-42 to 12-17-42 12-18-42 to 12-31-42

CITY/TOWN AND STATE OF RESIDENCE, DATE OF ADDRESS: San Francisco, CA
12-31-42

MARTIAL STATUS: Single

DEPENDENTS: N/A

RANK/GRADE: Captain

SALARY: N/A

ASSIGNMENTS AND THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS: CO. H. 126th Inf, 118th Gen Hosp,
Co A, 127 Inf, 32 Reconnaissance T

SOURCE OF COMMISSION: N/A

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EDUCATION LEVEL: N/A

PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER: N/A

DECORATIONS AND AWARD: Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star,
Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal based on CIB-CIB awarded posthumously, Purple Heart
(Posthumously awarded for having made supreme sacrifice, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters,
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars for Leyte, Papua and New Guinea
Campaigns, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Silver Star,
Distinguished Unit Emblem, Combat Infantry Badge, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge

DUTY STATUS: N/A

PHOTOGRAPHS: N/A

RECORDS OF COURTS-MARTIALS TRIALS: N/A

PLACE OF INDUCTION AND SEPARATION: Presidio, Monterey, CA

IF VETERAN IS DECEASED; PLACE OF BIRTH: Landsberg, Germany

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 239 Russell Street, San
Francisco, CA

DATE AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF DEATH:
12-31-44 Silad Bay, Leyte, Philippines

PLACE OF BURIAL: Limon, Leyte Island, Central
Philippines, Grave No. 268 (Temporary)

* N/A denotes information not available in records



National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

January 26, 2009

STEPHEN T. MARTIN
1730 WASHINGTON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

RE: **Veteran's Name: BOTTCHER, Herman J.F.**
 SN: O-888451
 Request Number: 1-4748696655

Dear Sir:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We have located an Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) for the veteran named above. Copies of medical documents will be found in the enclosed photocopy of the veteran's OMPF.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vctrccs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

TONI HACKNEY
Archives Technician (5C)



**We Value Our
Veterans' Privacy**
*Let us know if we have
failed to protect it.*

Enclosure(s)