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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
U.S. Army Military History Institute
950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle PA 17013-5021
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Dear LEE ALLEN

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Thank you for contacting the U.S. Army Military History Institute. We send out a standard reply to meet the needs of thousands of requests each year. Please use our website to learn more about our holdings. And come to MHI personally and see how cordial and helpful we can be in person. Our hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:45pm, closed on holidays and weekends.

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- Your photocopy order and receipt are enclosed.
- For individual service records after 1912, and for army medals and awards, contact the National Personnel Records Center (Military), 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132. Phone: 314-538-2525
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- For unit operational records since 1939, contact the Modern Military Records, National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road Room 2400, College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301-837-3510
- For unit lineage and honors, contact the U.S. Army Center of Military History, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319. Phone: 202-685-2733
- Enclosed is a referral list of other agencies that might have the information you are requesting.
- MHI does not have the staff to answer in-depth research inquiries. A research for hire list is enclosed. You are also welcome to come here and conduct research in person.
- There is nothing available at MHI to answer your subject inquiry.
- Additional information will be found on the back of this form or another sheet.

Sincerely, The MHI Staff

LEE ALLEN



November 23, 2004

Mr. James Mohapp
Archives Technician
National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

RE: Bottcher, Herman J. F.
 Service # O-888451
 Request # 1-144656336

Dear Mr. Mohapp:

This is a follow up FOIA request for the records of the above deceased service member who was killed in action on December 31, 1944 in Leyte, Philippines.

Since first corresponding with you I have been able to discover some small bits of information regarding the life and exploits of Major Bottcher but not nearly enough to support an article relating his combat service. Any help you can give would be very helpful.

The information I have indicates he had no family other than an aunt in San Francisco who has long since died.

Sincerely,

Lee Allen



National Personnel Records Center

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

9/28/04

July 1, 2004

MR LEE ALLEN



Mr. Mohapp, Have tried calling to no avail. Bottcher was a German national when he entered the army. I knew of no next of kin. Is it possible to obtain this info through FOIA? Do you have

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any suggestions regarding how best to proceed? He has been dead almost 60 years. This is a story that deserves to be told.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. In working to fulfill your request, we noted that your inquiry did not include the signed consent of the individual whose record is involved and must be returned without action. The Privacy Act of 1974 provides for the release of information only with the written consent (signature) of the individual to whom the record pertains. If the person is legally incompetent, the legal guardian must sign the release. (The legal representative or guardian should furnish a copy of the court appointment.) If the individual is deceased we must have the written consent of the next of kin. The next of kin is defined as: unremarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister.

*Thanks,
Lee Allen*

Once we receive the necessary authorization we will make every effort to furnish the requested information. Please include with that authorization a copy of your original inquiry.

Please return your documentation in the envelope provided. This will ensure your information will be routed to me for special handling. Be sure to place proper postage on our envelope to prevent any delays in processing. Your case will remain open for 60 days. If a reply is not received within this time, your case will automatically be closed in our system.

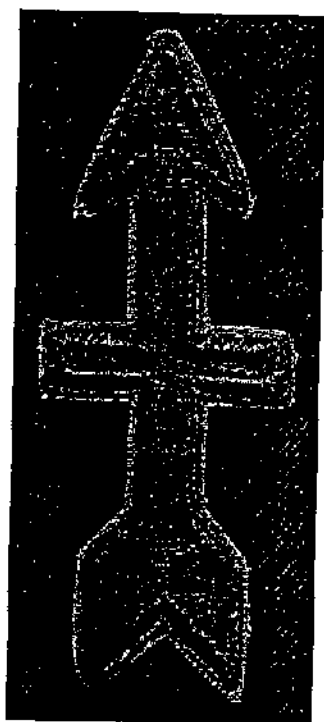
If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting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

Sincerely,

JAMES MOHAPP
Archives Technician (1D)

Enclosure(s)

The 32nd Division Veteran Association



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October 6, 2004

MR LEE ALLEN


RE: Veteran's Name: BOTTCHER HERMANN
SSN/SN:
Request Number: 1-144656336

Dear Sir:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. In response to your letter of 9/28/2004, we would be happy to do a FOIA response if more information was available, i.e. Social Security Number, Service Number, Date of Birth and Service time dates of Hermann Bottcher. Without any of this information, our computer is unable to perform a record search.

We are sorry that we can not be of further assistance to you.

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://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

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