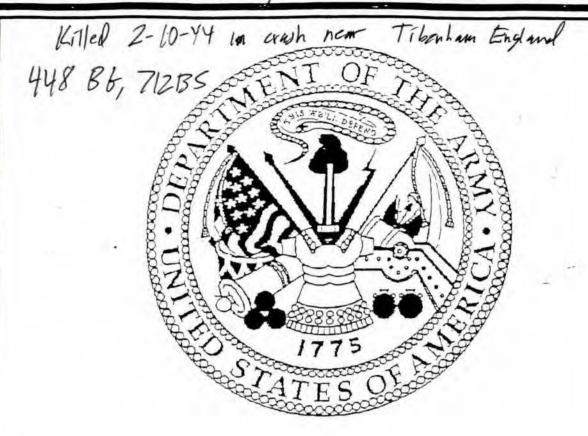
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U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND ALEXANDRIA, VA

22331-0482

June 12, 1992



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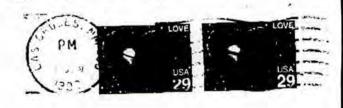
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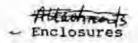
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3101

Sun Belt Plaza Complex 1065 S. Main Building D, Suite 1 Las Cruces, NM 88005 April 6, 1992

Maj. Gen. Charles E. Dominy Chief of Legislative Liaison U.S. Department of the Army The Pentagon, Room 2C631 Washington, DC 20310-1600

RE: ZUBIALDE, Mary Louise See attached

Dear General Dominy:

Because we want to be responsive to all inquires and communications directed to us, and we know your objectives are similar in this regard, the attached communication is referred to you for consideration.

Please evaluate the information presented and take whatever action deem appropriate. At your earliest convenience, we would be grateful for your findings and views on this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

PETE V. DOMENICI United States Senator

By:

Don Manzanares

Field Representative

Southwest Regional Office

Enclosure

cc: Senator Pete V. Domenici Washington, D.C. 20510

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AUTHORIZATION FORM: Due to the enactment of the "Right to Trivacy Act," it is necessary that you complete and sign this form authorizing us to obtain the information needed to respond to your request for assistance relative to the problem you presented to this office.

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Mr. Clarence J. Ayrest Rural Delivery #2, Box #531 Oxnard, California

Dear Mr. Ayrest:

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

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Sincerely yours,

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5 January 1948

Mr. Elevence J. Ayrest Boute #2, Nor 531 Oppard, California

Bear Mr. Ayrests

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic doed of World War II. The Quartermenter Concret of the Army has been entrusted with this secred responsibility to the honored doed. 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 peophlete, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Commteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of him according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed peophlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Beed," you are invited to express your vishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part 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 savised that no funeral arrangments or other personal arrangments be made until you are further notified by this office.

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

Sincerely,

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# OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMAS'LER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C. DS SEP 1947

In Reply Refer To: QMCMV 293 Ayrest, Robert C., SN 0 680 984 Date of Birth 23 November 101 BJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II. : Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service TO Veterans Administration "Tashington 25. D. C. For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identificied deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be ented on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office. FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL: POOLE ROGERS, Captain, UMC 1 Incl: Envelope Memorial Division 10-15-47 Veteran's AYREST, Robert C. Name XC XC-3, 453 924 Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below. NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order or preference: 1. Widow 2. "ale children over 21 years 3. Female children over 21 years 4. Father B. If parent is listed, state whether natural, stop-, adoptive or foster parent. C. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives, state "None". Relationship: Name Address W.Tr. (If mone. state "lone" : Mary Loudise Ayrest 125 E. Buckthorn, Inglewood, California : Mas she remarried? If so, is proof of remarriage on file? (NE: Tidow has informed VA of intention to marry but she has not submitted of "icial proof of such action as she promised she would) Father 63 North Oak St. Ventura, California ce J. Ayrest

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IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
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21 August 1947

Mr. Clarence J. Ayrest Route #2, Rox 531 Oxnard, California

Dear Mr. Ayrest:

We have received the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form in regard to the final interment of the remains of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest.

We have noted the information given on page 2 of the form in regard to the remarriage of your son's widow, however, we are holding the form in suspense as it is necessary that we have official proof in order to comply with the legal requirements of the legislation governing the return of the remains of your son. In order that we may amend our records to show that you are the person entitled to designate the final resting place of the remains of your son, it is requested that you furnish us with a certified copy of the marriage record of his widow.

Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COCYPS

Major, Q'C

Memorial Division

Oct 5 1947

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IN WITNESS WITEDEOF. I have Loreunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, this 26 day of September 1947.

MAME B. PEATTY, Registrar of Vital Statistics
By Margaret Hon-ley, Deputy

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Ayrest, Robert C. SN 0 680 984

21 August 1947

Mr. Clarence J. Ayrest Route #2, Box 531 Oxmard, California

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We have noted the information given on page 2 of the form in regard to the remarriage of your son's widow, however, we are holding the form in suspense as it is necessary that we have official proof in order to comply with the legal requirements of the legislation governing the return of the remains of your son. In order that we may amend our records to show that you are the person entitled to designate the final resting place of the remains of your son, it is requested that you furnish us with a certified copy of the marriage record of his widow.

Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Clarence J. Ayrest Route #2, Rox 531 Oxnard, California

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Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMRS Major, QMC Memorial Division Mrs. Mary L. Ayrest 549 West 135th Street Hesthorns, California

Door Mrs. Ayrests

The people of the United States, through the Congrues have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the herois dead of World War II. The Quartermenter Coneral of the Army has been entrusted with this secred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the Mar Reportment indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-camed deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The exclosed peoplets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Bead," and "American Constories," explain the disposition, options and services unde svallable to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the emissed peoplet, "Disposition of Borld War II Armed Forces Bond," you are invited to acpress your vishes as to the disposition of the remains of the decement by completing Part I of the ancelcood form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the most in line of kinship, places complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the most of kin, places complete Part III of the enclosed form.

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

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31 January 1947

Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest 549 West 134th Street Maythorne, California

Dear irs. Ayrosts

Inclosed horewith is a ricture of the United States Military Cemetery Cambridge, England, in which your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest, is buried.

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

This cometery 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 parameter American cometeries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

FOR THE QUARTER SETER GETERAL!

Sincerely yours,

O. A. HOTKAN Brigadier General, QMC Assistant

Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest 125 E. Buckthorn Englewood, California

Dear Mrs. Ayrest:

The Nar Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest, A.S.N. 0-680 984.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the Cambridge American Wilitary Cemetery, plot A, row B, grave 14.

This cemetery is located approximately forty-two miles northeast of London, England, just outside the university town of Cambridge, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

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E. B. GREGORY
Lieutenant General =
The Quartermaster General

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Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

AYREST ROBERT C 2nd LT 0-680984
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United
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# HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS UNITED STATES ARM Office of the Chief Quartermaster

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27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: QMC Form 1-GRS. Reports of Burial.

TO : Commanding Officer, 712th Bomb, Sq. 448th Bomb Group (H), A.P.O.634, U.S.Army.

(THHU: Graves Registration Officer, VIIIth Air Force Service Command, AAF Sta. #101, A.P.O. 634, U.S.Army.

1. QMC Form 1-GRS, Reports of Burial, for the deceased Army personnel listed below state that dental identification records were used in identifying the remains:

AYREST, Robert C.	2nd Lt.	0-680984
BASS, Robert V.	2nd Lt.	0-688162
JACKSON, Zacharish F.	2nd Lt.	0-681101
CHIODA, Joseph A.	S/Sgt.	11102704
BOULA, Frank E.	S/Sgt.	35619461
ODIORNE, Edward A.	S/Sgt.	35582659
AUCKER, Harold L.	Sgt.	37115617

2. Request a copy of this record for each man be forwarded this headquarters.

MAURICE WHITNEY, Lt.Col. Q.M.C.

Chief. Graves Registration & Effects Division.

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, AAF 147, APO 558, 1 April 1944. TO: Commanding Officer, 448 Bomb Gp (H), AAF 146, APO 558.

- 1. For compliance with basic communication.
- 2. Attention is invited to suspense date.

By command of Brigadier General HODGES:

GEORGE C. DUDLET Capt. AC

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 146, APO 558, 0 of the CC, 3 April 1944.
TO: Surgeon, AAF Station 146, APO 558.

- 1. For compliance with basic communication.
- 2. Attention is invited to suspense date of 10 April 1944.

  By order of Colonel MASON:

DANIEL M. SIMMONS, Major, Air Corps, Adjutant.

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TO: Commanding Officer, Textographers, AF Ptation 166, AM 55.

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5th Ind. HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 146, APO 558, O of the CO, 7 April 1944. DNS/W

TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division, AAF 147, APO 558.

Attention invited to 4th Indorsament.

For the Commanding Officer:



Janual WSumme DANIEL W. SIMMONS, Major, Air Corps, Adjutant.

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HEAD WARTERS 2d HO BARDMENT DIVISION, AAF 14%, APO 558, 9 April 1944, TO: Commanding General, Eighth air Force, #aF 101, AFC 634.

Attention invited to 4th Ind.

For the Commanding General:

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7th Ind 3 A " 1846 HQ, BIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STA 101, ARO 634, U.S. Army.

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TO: Commanding General, S S, ETOUSA, APO 887, U.S.Army.

1. Dental identification records attached hereto for all personnel listed in basic communication with the exception of Sgt Aucker, Harold L, 37115617, for whom a dental record is not available.

2. Sgt Aucker was identified by the process of elimination, all other personnel involved in the crass having been identified by dental examination.

For the Commanding General:

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1. Dental Cn rt for Lt. R.C. AYREST 2. " Lt. R.V. BASS.

.3. Lt. Z.F. JACKSON.

11 \*\* 4. S/Sgt J.A. CHIODA.

5. C/Sgt F.E. BULA.

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### FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM Office of the Dental Surgeon

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Station Dental Surgeon

#### OFFICE OF THE DENTAL SURGEON AAF STATION 146 APO 634

12 February 1944

SUBJECT : Casualties Identified by Dental Identification Forms

TO : Surgeon, Headquarters 2d Bombardment Division, APO 63h

1. The following named Officers and Enlisted Men, this station, were killed in an aircraft accident on 10 February 1944, and were identified by means of Dental Identification Forms on 11 February 1944:

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	S/Sgt. CHIODA, Joseph A.	Radio-Op.	1110704	712th Sq., b48th Bomb Gp.
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(B)	2nd Lt. MARKIEWICZ, Edward A.	Pilot	0-677543	714th Sq.,448th Bomb Op.
h)	2nd Lt. KEEGSTRA, Donald (NMI)	Co-Pilot	0-678887	714th Sq., 448th Bomb Gp.
	2nd Lt. OPPELT, Harry J.	Navigator	0-801356	71/1th Sq., 148th Bomb Gp.
j)	S/Sgt. MARSH, David T.	Engineer	3300005	714th Sq., 448th Bomb Gp.
5)	S/Sgt. OPPER, Henry J.	Radio-Op.	12125979	714th Sq., highth Bomb Gp.
1)	Sgt. FALLERT, Emmett E.	Gunner	161144615	711th Sq., Lili8th Bomb Gp.
7)	Sgt. DOUGHERTY, Daniel B.	Gunner	12164002	71/ith Sq., will8th Bomb Gp.
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#### WAR DEPARTMENT HE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFIC WASHINGTON REPORT OF DEATH

25 February 1944 000/nry 4627

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Mr. Alan J. Ayrest, brother, 545 W. 134th St., Hawthorne, California

Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest, wife, 125 E. Buckthorn, Englewood, Calif. Robert Claud, Howard Donald Ayrest, children, 125 E, Buckthorn, Englewood, California BY CROSH OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR Mr. Alan J. Ayrest, brother, address

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HN : DM cms March 15, 1946

Dear Mr. Ayrest:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the disposal of personal property of your brother, Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one footlocker.

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.

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

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC 2nd Lt., QMC Chief, Adm. Division

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Mr. Alan J. Ayrest, Executor Estate of Robert C. Ayrest 549 West 134th Street Hawthorns, California

Dear Mr. Ayrest:

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

It is my intention to forward this property to you; however, in view of the lapse of time since our previous correspondence, I shall appreciate it if you will first confirm your address.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

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IN REPLY REFER TO 2656

JRM:'D:is February 14, 1945

Mrs. Mary Louise Ayrest 1112 S. Grevillea Inglewood, California

Dear Mrs. Ayrest:

This refers to your letter of February 1, inquiring about the personal property of your husband, 2nd t.t. Robert C. Ayrest.

The personal property belonging to your husband and Bureau check in amount of \$1143.60 were sent to Alan J. Ayrest, 349 Bast Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, California, who has been appointed executor of your husband's estate.

For your information the transmittal of effects by this Bureau does not of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

T. A. ECKHARDT Captain Q.W.C. Assistant





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IN REPLY REFER TO 92656

JRM: MD: 10 February 14, 1945

Mr. Alan J. Ayrest, Executor Estate of Robert C. Ayrest c/o Mr. Charles L. Blek 349 East Manchester Boulevard Inglewood, California

Dear Mr. Ayrest:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau in connection with personal effects belonging to your brother, 2nd Lt. Robert C. Ayrest. The Letters Testamentary, which you submitted, are inclosed herewith.

I am inclosing a check for \$1143.60, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property, contained in one carton, is being forwarded to you at 549 . 134th St., Hawthorne, California.

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

W. F. HSHMAN Wajor Q.M.C. Asst. Effects Cuartermaster

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Letters Testamentary (copy)

Colonel Murphy's instructions to ship funds and property to widow. Letter of 2-1-45 from widow indicates no previous correspondence received from us.

Alan J. Ayrest, brother, is appointed or of estate. Popy of the Letters Testaexecutor of estate. Copy of the mentary furnished by Attorney.

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#### CHARLES L. BLEK ATTORNEY AT LAW MED EAST MANCHESTER BOULEVARD INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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January 25, 1945.

Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, 1, Missouri.

> Re: Estate of Ayrest, Your No. 92656 M.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is certified copy of the Letters Testamentary showing that Alan J. Ayrest is the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of the estate of Robert Clarence Ayrest, deceased.

Under date of October 28, 1944, your office wrote to Mrs. Mary Ayrest, the widow of the deceased, to the effect that your bureau had certain funds in the amount of \$1143,60 belonging to the deceased, Lt. Robert C. Ayrest.

Will you, therefore, kindly mail your check In said amount payable to the order of Alan J. Ayrest, as Executor of the estate of Robert Clarence Ayrest, deceased, in care of this office.

Yours very truly,

CLB/og Enc.

Charles J. Blek





## ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT BOT HARDESTY AVENUE

KANSAS CITY 1. MISSOURI

IN MEPLY REFER TO ... 92656

(S-2-22-45) JRM:mp January 22, 1945

Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest 125 East Buckthorn Englewood, California

Dear Mrs. Ayrest:

As yet, we have not received a reply to our letter of October 26th, wherein we requested information about your intention to qualify as Executrix on behalf of your husband.

In the event that you have not yet taken out Letters, if you will be so kind as to confirm the above address, this Bureau will forward you the funds involved and, also, the personal property which we have received.

I will appreciate a prompt reply to this inquiry. There is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

I regret exceedingly the tragic circumstances which occasion this correspondence and to you and your family I extend every sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. MURPHY Colonel Q.M.G. Effects Quartermaster

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Mr. Alan J. Ayrest 500 Yest 134th Street Hawthorne, California

Dear Mr. Ayrests

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter regarding the personal effects of your brother, Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest. I am inclosing herewith copy of a letter written by this Bureau to Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest, widow of Lieutenant Ayrest. It is believed this letter is self-explanatory.

Upon receipt of the original or a certified copy of Letters Testamentary or Letters of Administration, the funds and property now in our custody will be transmitted to the legal representative.

The Fill and Power of Attorney which you forwarded have been noted and are returned to you herewith.

For your convenience in any further communication with this Bureau, I us inclosing a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Yours very truly,

F. A. SCHAEDT Captain Q.W.C. Assistant

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Dear Sir.

I am enclosing a copy of the will and also the power of attorney a hich my brother It.

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IN PEPLY REFER TO 92656 M

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Ers. Mary Louis Ayrest 125 E. Buckthorn Englowood, California

Dear Mrs. Ayrest:

The Army Effects Bureau has received certain funds in the amount of \$111.3.60, which belonged to our husband, Lieutenant Robert C. Ayrest.

In view of the amount involved, it is necessary that this Bureau be furnished the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary or the Letters of Administration granted on your husband's estate.

Upon receipt of such document, these funds will be forwarded to the legal representative. Any such document furnished will be returned as soon as possible.

For your convenience there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT Captain Q.M.C. Assistant

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JRM: Mirsah 11 August, 1944

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Robert C. Ayrest, 0-680984, 2nd Lt., A.C.

G. H. GALVIN, JR. 1st Lt. Q.H.G. Assistant

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APO 507 UNITED STATES ARMY

7-13 28 June 1944

SUBJECT: Closing Statement, Account of:

AYREST, Hobert, C.

2nd Lt (Rank)

0-680984 (ASN)

TO: Effects QM, Kansas City QM Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City, Missouri.

- 1. Submitted herewith is complete file of subject person;

(a) Organigation 712 Bomb Sq (H)

(b) Status

Dec'a 10 Feb 44

(c) Beneficiary

Hary Louise Ayrest, 125, T. Buckthorn Street, Inglewood, California.

- 2. Personal effects were shipped 11 April 44
- 3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Incl.# Date Rec'd

List No.109 Control No. 13052

RECEIPTS Details

Dollars Sterling

7 April 4.

Collection of Bank acot.

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£283/8/5

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Ltr/transmittal

173/8 5

Total to be accounted for

DISBURSEMENTS

Incl.# Date Pd.

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Amount

Total disbursements

Balance

1283/8/5

None

\*Sterling converted for transmission to U.S.

Balance at this office

4. Remarks: Mono

1143.60

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None

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JUL 1 1 1944

5. Account is now closed at this office.

6. Request acknowledgment of receipt by inforsement on the reverse side hereof.

**LENTORY** 

EDWARD CHAYES Lt. Col., QNC, Effects QM, ETOUSA.

g Inols. Incl.1 to gComplete file of subject person.

# 712TH BOMBARDMENT SQUARDON (H) 448TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AF 146 APO 558

8 June 1944

SUBJECT: Class II Assets

TO : Effects Quartermester, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, AFO 50?

The name of the beneficiary for AYREST, Robert C., 2nd Lt 0-680984, Control No. 13052 is Mary Louise Arrest, 125 B Buckthorn Street, Inglewood, California.

For the Squadron Commander:

Capt AC

# 712TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 448TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF 146 APO 558

11 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Effects

TO :: Headquarters, Effects Quartermester, Depot G-14, A.F.O. 507, U. S. Army.

- 1. Transmitted herewith a check to the amount of one hundred ninety-three pounds, eight shillings, five pence, (f 193-8s-5d), for Lieutenant ROBERT C. AMREST 0-680984.
  - 2. Meutenent ROBERT C AYREST decembed 10 February 1944.

decease. Check is in payment for claims submitted prior to

For the Squadron Commander :

MASON E. PHILLIPS, Capt, Air Corps,

Adjutant.

Dice. 1

### Lloyds Bank Limited,

Cambridge



RC.

4th April 1944

Dear Sir,

#### 2/Lt. R.C. Ayrest 0-680984.

At the request of our Head'
Office we enclose herewith cheque
£90 representing the balance of
the above account, together with
his statement sheet. Will you
kindly acknowledge receipt of the
cheque in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Manager

The Effects Quartermaster,

Etousa, Depot G-14, A.P.O. 507 U.S. Army.

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## Statement of account with LLOYDS BANK LIMITED. CAMBRIDGE.

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#### Lloyds Bank Limited.

Cambridge



8th March, 1944.

Dear Sir,

### Lieut. Robert C.Ayrest U.S.Registered Account No. 32658

I regret to learn from your letter. of the 5th instant that the above named . has been killed in action and as requested, I am writing to advise you that the balance of his account at this office amounts to £90. V

Yours faithfully,

7 MAR 1944 DEPCT G.14 APO 507

Asst. Lanager.

The Adjutant,
Office of the Commanding Officer,
712th Bombardment Squadron (H),
448th Bombardment Group (H),

100.P.O. 654, U.S.Army. 1395

Chief Accountant, Lldyd's Bank Limited, 71 Lombard Street, LONDON E C 2

pear sir.

### Re: 2nd Lt. Robert 3.Avrest 0-680984

of Officer responsible for Affairs in connection with the banking account of Lt. Agrest, who was reported deceased 10 February 1944.

It is requested that you transmit to this office a check made payable to the Effects Quartermaster, Etousa, for the funds remaining in Lt.Ayrest's account, together with statement of his account.

Yary traly yours,

1 Incl.Certificate of Appointment.

# The Defence (United States Paras) Administration of Estates.

#### Regulations 1942

### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF

#### OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR AFFAIRS

#### Regulation 1 - (1)

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3. EDWARD CHAYES, 0-115804, Major QMC, whose signature appears below, being an officer of the United States military forces stationed in England, has been appointed in accordance with the Law of the United States of America as Effects Quartermaster to discharge in the United Kingdom duties in respect of the person named in Par.l hereof, including the duty of securing his effects, collecting debts due him, and paying his creditors.

EDWARD CHAYES, Major Q.M.C. Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA. being the authority declared by order of the Secretary of State who has been designated by the Government of the United States of America as the appropriate United States authority for the purpose of Regulation 4 of the Defence (United States Forces) Administration of Estates Regulations, 1942. 712TH BOMBARD P SQUADRON (H). (ORGINIZATION) F Ste 146, APO 634 TABLIFE ST 26 February 1944 (DATE)

JUBJECT: Inventory of Effects.

TO : Effects Quarte rester, ETOUSA, APO 507, U.S. Army.

1. Submitted herewith, in accordance with instructions contained in Adm. Cir. No. 80 Mg. 808 MINCOLA, wated 25th Catabar, 1943, is the Inventory of Effects of

Ayrest. Robert C.

2nd Lt

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712th Bombardment Squadron (H). 448th Bombardment Group (H)

Status Killed in Action Date of Status 10 February 1944

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	125 East Buckthorn St	reet, Inglewood, California
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#### WAR DEPARTMENT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON

REPORT OF DEATH

Pabruars 1944

FULL NAME	The second secon	ARMY SERIAL NO.
Ayrest, Ro	bert c. 92654	0-660 964
GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	DATE OF MONTH
and Lt.	Air Corps	23 Rovember 1917
HOME ADDRESS		
Inglewood,	California	
DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	GAUSE OF DEATH
10 Feb 44	European Area	Eilled in action
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Mr. Alan J. Ayrest, brother, 549 N. 134th Mt., Havthorne, California

BENEFICIARY (NAME RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS)

EFFECTS FORWARDED

Mrs. Mary Louis Ayrest, wife, 125 M. Buckthorn, Anglewood, Calif. Robert Glaud, Howard Donald Ayrest, children, 125 E. Buckthorn,

AYREST, ROBERT. C.		2nd Lt.	0-680	984	1305	2
NAME	10.30	RANK	ARMY SERIAL	No.	CONTROL NO	
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Bank Account: Lloyds Bank	Ltd.	Cambridge,	amount	£ 190.0.0	Rec. 7/4/	4
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AYREST, R.C. 2nd Lt. 0-680984.

1 Large Wooden Box - D.751.

2656 Received 8th . March 1944. BENEFICIARY: - Mary Louise Ayrest, (Wife)
125, East Buckthorn Street, Inglewood, California.

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