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(S-4-12-45)
JRM:DW:dmw
March 12, 1945

Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley
422 Alvarez Place
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brantley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received funds in the amount of \$4.80 belonging to your husband, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

This is the only property of your husband received here to date, however money ordinarily is transmitted to this Bureau by mail, in advance of other personal effects.

In making application for these funds, it is necessary only that you confirm your address, stating that you are the legal widow of Lieutenant Brantley.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed a self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

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

1 Incl—
Envelope

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

1115 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio 3, Texas
March 19, 1945

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Attention: P. L. Isob
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 12, 1945 concerning funds in the amount of \$4.80 belonging to my husband, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley, I wish to state that I am his unremarried widow.

My present address is 1115 Rigsby Avenue, San Antonio 3, Texas. My former address was 422 Alvarez Place, San Antonio 4, Texas.

Please send me any other personal effects received as soon as possible. Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley

L. J. J. W. H. 3/31

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JRM:KB:mec
April 18, 1945 ✓

Mrs. Ruth C. Brantley
1115 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio 3, Texas ✓

Dear Mrs. Brantley:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with disposal of funds of your husband, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley. KB.

I am inclosing a check for \$4.80 which is the only property belonging to him received here to date.

The transmittal of funds 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.

It is probable that additional effects of your husband will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is my intention to forward any such property to you immediately upon arrival here, I ask that you please notify us in the event there is any change in your address within the next few months.

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

Sincerely yours,

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A. G. SCHUMACHER
1st Lt. Q.M.G.
Asst. Chief, Admin. Division

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1115 Rigby Avenue
San Antonio 5, Texas

July 14, 1945

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A. G. Schumacher
1st Lt. L. M. C.
Asst. Chief, Admin. Division

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 18, 1945 is before me. In this letter you state that the additional effects of my husband, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley, would be forthcoming.

It has been almost three months and I have received nothing. I cannot understand this as it has been almost a year since my husband's death.

Will you please write me
the cause of this delay.
Thank you.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley

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RTB:KD:mv
July 20, 1945

Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley
1115 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio 3, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brantley:

This acknowledges your recent letter relative to the personal effects of your husband, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

Since our letter to you of April 18, transmitting check for \$4.00, representing funds of your husband, the Army Effects Bureau has not received any additional property belonging to him.

We stated in our letter, "It is probable that additional effects of your husband will reach this Bureau at a later date," not that additional effects would be forth coming.

All War Department agencies are under instruction to forward the personal effects of military personnel to the Army Effects Bureau for disposition, and it is reasonable to assume that his property ultimately will reach here. However, because of transportation difficulties, considerable time may elapse before shipment arrives.

I realize your desire to receive these effects and assure you upon receipt of any of Lieutenant Brantley's belongings, they will be forwarded promptly.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIS
2nd Lt., GMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch

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RTB:HL:fb
August 14, 1945

Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley
1115 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio, 3 Texas

Dear Mrs. Brantley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, ~~First~~ Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

These effects, contained in one carton, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

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

Sincerely yours,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., GMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Effects of:
Name **1st. Lt. James H. T**
ASN **O 663838**
Case No. **194299 D**
Wt.

DATE **14 August 1945**
RTB:HL:fb

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1415 Rigby Avenue
San Antonio 3, Texas
August 30, 1945

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P.L. Koab
1st Lt. I.M.C.
Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot,
601 Hardisty
Kansas City 1, Missouri
file w/ 4-14

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of
August 14, 1945, the following
effects were received by me:

1 pair Cowboy Boots	2 New Testaments
1 pair shoes	2 Old Books
1 pair outing pajamas	1 Rubber Stamp
3 pair cotton khaki pants	1 Bank Book
1 pair wool khaki pants	1 Belt Buckle
1 raincoat	
3 cotton khaki shirts	
2 wool khaki shirts	
1 wool olive drab shirt	
1 cap	
1 necktie	no reply necessary

Shipping Clerk

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(Attach extra sheets is necessary)

- 1 PR BEDROOM SLIPPERS ✓
- 1 PR BROWN SHOES ✓
- 3 PR LOW QUARTER SHOES ✓
- 2 PAJAMA TOPS ✓
- 3 PR KHAKI TROUSERS ✓
- 2 KHAKI SHIRTS ✓
- 2 PR TROPICAL WORSTED TROUSERS ✓
- 1 PR OD TROUSERS ✓
- 1 BAG INSIGNIA ✓
- 1 SET TOILET ARTICLES ✓
- 1 FOUNTAIN PEN ✓
- 1 KHAKI HAT ✓
- 1 GARRISON HAT OD ✓
- 1 BANK STATEMENT
- 1 PHOTOGRAPHS
- 2 IDENTITY CARD ✓
- 2 FRAMED PICTURES ✓
- 1 POCKET KNIFE ✓
- 1 WALLET W/PERSONAL PAPERS ✓
- 1 MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (STATE OF TEXAS) ✓
- 1 GREEN BATTLE JACKET ✓
- 1 SHORT COAT ✓
- 1 RAINCOAT ✓
- 1 NECKTIE ✓
- 1 PR PINK TROUSERS ✓
- 1 TROPICAL WORSTED SHIRT ✓
- 1 FOLDER, IDENTITY CARD ✓

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects OM, ETOUSA, A.F.O. 507, G-14, U.S. Army by delivering to RAIL TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, APO 140, U.S. ARMY

for shipment by RAIL TRANSPORTATION on 10 AUGUST 1944

Douglas White
Signature - (In ink)
DOUGLAS WHITE,

Name } (I
1ST LT., AIR CORPS } LE
Rank and Organization
556TH BOMB. SQ.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 22 August 1944

GRB 04.625

FULL NAME Brantley, James H.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER O-663838		GRADE 1st Lt.	
HOME ADDRESS Terrell, Texas		ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps		DATE OF BIRTH 21 Aug. 1917	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 6 Aug. 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Sept. 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley (Wife) 422 Alvarez Place, San Antonio, Texas					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley (Wife) 422 Alvarez Place, San Antonio, Texas Miss Mary Beth Brantley (Daughter) Same as above Mrs. Jessie Watkins (Mother) 1625 W. 2nd Ave., Corsicana, Texas *					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING-PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES		NO	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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* Mrs. J. H. Brantley (Grandmother) 120 Walker Ave., Nacogdoches, Texas

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S. A. C.	VET. ADMIN.	A. G. 201 FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Reinhart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

1625 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, Texas
2 March 1945

Secretary of War

War Department
Washington, D/ C/

Dear Sirs,

My son, First Lieutenant James Hugh Brantley, O-663838, was "killed in action over England" on August 6th, 1944, according to your telegram. As soon thereafter as possible I wrote to you for any details you might be able to give me. You answered that, due to military secrecy, or some such implied reason (I've forgotten the exact wording) you had no further information than that given in the telegram, yourself. I then wrote to the Commanding Officer of his group, but the letter was returned for better address. Later I tried again, this time adding my son's A.P.O. number. That letter - written in December of last year - was not returned to me, although I had my return address written plainly on the outside of the envelope; so I assume it was delivered. However neither the C.O., nor the Chaplain, nor anybody - until, finally, the letter I am going to quote, from one of his crew members: (to my sister)

France 1-1-45

Dear Mrs. Williamson,

I am sorry that I have never contacted some of you before now. Only Army regulations are so strict on that matter that only by your writing me questions can I say anything that would make sense to you. I know how much in the dark you and Ruth have been. So I will take the time now to do my best to tell you all the facts. First of all, he was killed in a ground accident, on August the 6th. We were taking off when a flare exploded and blinded him and burnt him. He jumped out of the airplane and the propeller is what killed him. He never knew what hit him. He was buried near Southampton England. They wouldn't let us go to the cemetery and wouldn't tell us where it was. He had the same crew as he had in The States. I was in the airplane when it happened but only got a cracked knee out of it. We left England shortly after that and I have been in France ever since. If I can ever complete my tour of duty I will certainly look you folks up and explain all the details in person. I know how Ruth must feel and my feelings are certainly out to her. I know my wife worries the same way. You see I have a daughter and son myself. I know he did his share and you can all be proud of him as he was not afraid. He was the best pilot I ever had. I am giving the Germans hell for the both of us now. I will try and write to his mother, but I find it hard to write an intelligent letter as I can not get my mind on things at home. If I do I get to feeling bad . . .

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Your Friend
Vernon Briscoe

(Lt. Vernon Briscoe - 1066195)

I I have only had this copy a short time - 2 weeks tomorrow - my family trying to shield me from the hurt, it seems. I find there is no "shield"; and after all these months of "keeping a stiff upper lip" - and back-bone, as well; and continuing with my war job, which is radio instructor in the Army Air schools, I have finally "knuckled under" in spite of all I can do. Oh, I still am keeping on with my job, but there is a terrible scream lodged in my throat that makes every day "in public" a difficult task which I manage to get through almost minute by minute - never quite sure whether or not I can "make" the next one. In other words the war casualty list is close to being increased by one mother. And I am not a coward. I am holding on the last ditch, but the hold is pretty slim.

I am writing you again in the hope that you may be able to help me. Why were my son's crew members not allowed to attend his funeral? (We have many "retournees" at the Field in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where I am teaching now, and they, without exception, attended funerals of any of their "buddies" who were killed.) Also none of them can understand how the accident occurred. One technical sergeant who is now teaching in the same room with me flew all his mission in a B-26, which is the plane my son piloted, and he can't understand the accident, he says. Whose fault was it? Oh, it is all so horrible it is driving me insane. I cannot escape from those few moments either awake or asleep. He had just written to me the day before he was killed - in fact the last three days he wrote to me - and he had just completed his first mission, and was cheerful, optimistic, trying to keep me from worrying; brave; everything a fine young American hero could possibly be. And for that they finally sent his wife a Purple Heart. Why doesn't he get some harder-to-earn medal? He faced the job ahead courageously, determined to give it everything he had. And I know he would have, too, given a chance, because he was as good a pilot as there could possibly be. You know that Marauder is a dangerous ship (I have found out how dangerous recently), yet he instructed in it over a year without accident. And he only had an abbreviated course in it, too, before he began instructing (which he was proud of, since it indicated he - and 5 others - selected from the class of 36, didn't have to have the full course. Excuse me if I "brag" on my son, but I have every reason to. He was as nearly a perfect son as a mother could have.) in it. I think those who were cheated out of earning Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medals, and the like, by accident such as happened to him; when they are squaring their shoulders and entering combat with all the courage and patriotism one could have, should be rewarded. - if awards are given at all. Those who gave their all with hearts high, and as much courage as if they had actually won the war single-handed, it seems to me, and they are given the Purple Heart, which is given to any minor-wounded soldier. (I'm for them to be rewarded, too, understand.)

Certainly this is not an appeal for a posthumous award for my son, although it is perfectly natural for a boy or man who goes to war to be proud - or at least for his family to be - of becoming a "hero"; and when one actually is a "hero" and gives his very life freely for his Country, I think it would help him and those who love him and are proud of him if his Country expressed gratitude in their way of expressing it: a medal.

I have written to the Mayor of Southampton, and assume he got my letter, since it has not been returned. I never would have believed, once a loved one is gone beyond recall, that such things as where they are buried, details

of their deaths, and burials, and last days, and, oh, just any and every thing connected with them, could be so terribly important. But it is true, nevertheless. My head hurts, my back hurts, and my heart is swollen to bursting, it feels like. I am not "giving 'way". I carry on my job - which keeps me away from my family. I read every helpful article I can find, or that is sent to me. But I seem to be going back-ward all of a sudden, instead of forward, in my own little war (only "little" as compared with the real ones, however. It seems overwhelmingly "big" to me) with grief, despondency, loneliness, and - I think worst of all - horror, since I read the letter.

I realize this is what I didn't want it to be: a rambling, maybe incoherent, letter. So I shall stop writing.

But please do what you can to help me. Particularly do I want to know why those boys could not go to my son's funeral, and who did go. And exactly where he is buried, and what chaplain was present. And what it takes to get more recognition than a Purple Heart, and how to go about it. I should have the Purple Heart! I do have one - bruised with pain - only it doesn't show, yet. Nor will, if I can help it, but the going is tough now. Almost it has me down.

Please help me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Helen Marr Watkins
Helen Marr Watkins
1625 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, Texas

AGPC-G 201 Brantley, James H.
(2 March 45) 0565338

15 March 1945

Mrs. Helen Marr Watkins
1625 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Mrs. Watkins:

I am referring to your letter of 2 March 1945, addressed to the Secretary of War, concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

I am most sympathetic with you in your desire to know the details regarding your son's death, which would offer you some comfort in your sorrow. It is sincerely regretted that no information is available in the War Department, other than that contained in the official casualty message received from the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations which states that Lieutenant Brantley was killed in action in England on 6 August 1944. I hope you will understand that in order to fulfil the vital responsibility of reporting casualty information in the most expeditious manner, our overseas commanders have been obliged to limit their reports to include the fact, place, cause and date of death. However, under a procedure which has only recently been established, the immediate commanding officer or the chaplain is required to inform the next of kin or the emergency addressee of the circumstances surrounding death and to furnish all other information which may be available. You may be sure that every effort will be made to send you the desired information expeditiously.

Since The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., is charged with matters relating to the burial and disposition of the personal effects of our military personnel whose deaths occur overseas, I am referring your letter to that official, who will, I am sure, communicate with you in the near future regarding your son's burial.

Your inquiry regarding the awards given your son has been referred to the proper military authority and will be made the subject of a further communication.

COPY FOR OQMG

AGPC-G 201 Brantley, James H.
(2 Mar 45) 0682238

Permit me to express my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have been called upon to bear. It is my hope that the cherished memory of your brave son, who made the supreme sacrifice in this struggle to maintain the freedom of our country, will be a source of pride and comfort to you and sustain you in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

SPQYG 293
Brantley, James H.
S.N. 0-663,838

30 March 1945

Mrs. Helen Marr Watkins
1625 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Mrs. Watkins:

Your letter has been referred to this office for reply regarding the burial location of your son, the late First Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

The official records of this office show that the remains of your son were interred in the Cambridge American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England, Plot M, Row 7, Grave 20.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

sincerely yours

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

1625 W. 2nd Avenue
Corsicana Texas
April 15, 1945

Lt. Colonel Mays A. Darling
Quartermaster General Office
Washington D.C.

APR 19 11 46 AM '45
GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION
APR 16 1945
MEMORIAL DIVISION

Dear Colonel Darling,

I have received your letter telling me when my son, First Lieutenant James H. Brantley - O, 663838, was buried in England.

Thank you for the information. However what I am trying to find out most of all is why the members of his crew (he was pilot of a B-26) were not permitted to go to his funeral. I sent a copy of the letter from his Navigator to the War Department and was informed the letter was sent to you who should have information concerning his funeral. I have only been able to read the letter twice - once when it came, and once when I copied it to send to the War Department.

So I shall not send a copy to you now, assuming you have it on file.

I have talked to many returnees, and they say they always attended a buddy's funeral who had been killed in action. So I can not understand it.

and it hurts and grieves me to think that
small comfort was not ^{anted}. It is bad
enough to die tragically far from home;
it is beyond my understanding that the
War Department would not permit a dead
soldier's close friends to accompany his
remains to the lovely, strange cemetery.

I am trying as hard as any body you
ever heard of to get back to normal - to
quit being so grieved and hurt and lonely.

I think it actually is killing me, as well.
But it is hard to do, in spite of the
fact that my son could not bear a "long
face" or unhappiness or sadness, and I
know he does not want me to grieve so.

But I can't rest as long as there is
a single thing I can do - and I think
surely I can find out why my son had
to take that last lonely journey on this earth
he loved and gave his life for alone. Why
his crew members [the only friends in all
that strange country: he was killed on his
second mission, and had only recently arrived
at the base] were not allowed to go with him.

I wrote to his Commanding Officer, and I
did not answer, although the letter was not
returned to me.

Please help me so I can [I pray]
find some rest. Sincerely,
Helen Mavor Watkins

SPQXG 293
Brantley, James H.
S.N. 0-663,838

14 May 1945

Mrs. Helen Marr Watkins
1625 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Mrs. Watkins:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 15 April 1945,
requesting information concerning your son, the late First
Lieutenant James H. Brantley.

For information as to why the friends of your son were
not allowed to attend his funeral, a copy of your letter is
being forwarded to The Adjutant General, ASF, Washington, D. C.,
as that office has jurisdiction over disclosing information
relative to this subject.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt Colonel, QMC
Assistant

CCP

Handwritten notes and stamps:
- "RECEIVED" stamp
- "MAY 15 1945" stamp
- "MAYO A. DARLING" handwritten
- "mrj" handwritten

Handwritten signature/initials

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Brantley, James E.

19 July 1946

Mrs. Ruth O. Brantley
422 Alvarez Place
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mrs. Brantley:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late First Lieutenant James E. Brantley, A.S.N. O-663 838.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Cambridge, plot M, row 7, grave 20.

This cemetery is located fifty miles north of London, England, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with your feasible wishes regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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315 W. Main Street
Mascontah, Ill.

September 17, 1946

To the War Department
Gentlemen:

ADMINISTRATIVE

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My son was killed in action two years ago, leaving a wife and two small children. Now she is soon to re-marry.

The decision as to whether or not to bring my son's body back home must soon be made. I understand his wife's ~~wishes~~ wishes in the matter are those followed by the Government. Will the fact that she has married again affect this, or may I - his Mother - now say whether to bring him home or not?

Will her marriage make any change in the insurance my son left; or will his children continue to receive it until the full amount has been paid?

Does the Government assume any of the responsibility of educating minor children of a ~~man~~ father who gave his life

for his country, in the event if insurance he left them is not sufficient?

It seems to me ten thousand dollars is a small sum to rear and educate two children who were two months, and three years, old when their father was killed. Certainly it is only a small part of what he would have earned in the years they were growing up, had he lived.

In case of long illnesses, or the need of expensive operations, of such children could the government be expected to help, if there were not sufficient money in the family to pay for treatment?

Any information you can give me along these lines will be most helpful, and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Helen Marr Watkins
315 W. Main Street
Mascoutah, Ill.

My son was: First Lieutenant James Hugh Brantley
O-663838

Q427C 293

Brantley, James H.
SN C 563 832

1 October 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Helen M. Watkins
315 West Main Street
Mascootah, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Watkins:

Your letter to the War Department concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant James H. Brantley, has been referred to this office.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove, at Government expense, to the final resting place designated by the next of kin, the remains of those American citizens who died while serving overseas with our armed forces during this war.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be sent to the next of kin of those American dead. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of the next of kin's detailed desires. Since letters to next of kin will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary. The necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world makes it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be mailed. Responses to them will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

The Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority given him in Section 4, Public Law 383, 79th Congress, has established the order of priority among the decedent's next of kin in which their desires concerning the disposition of his remains will be honored.

Should your son's widow remarry, it is requested that you forward to this office a certified copy of her marriage certificate in order that the records of this office may be amended to show the person next in line of priority to determine the final disposition of your son's remains.

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QMGYK 293 Brantley, James H. S N O 663 838 1 October 1946 Cont'd

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Veterans Administration for direct reply relative to insurance as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS F. LEWIN
Captain, QMG
Assistant

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