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BOTTCHER, Herman J. F.

Ms. Alice M. Brueggemann
1342 Cordilleras Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Dear Ms. Brueggemann:

I have received a letter from Congressman Melvin Price. He has received an inquiry from a constituent, Mr. Mark A. Smith, asking for information regarding the background of Captain Herman J. F. Bottcher.

I have enclosed a copy of my reply to the Congressman. Apparently Mr. Smith would like to write or speak with the next of kin of Captain Bottcher for the purpose of researching an article for his publication. We are restrained by law from giving to Mr. Smith your name or address. If you are willing to be interviewed on this subject, please write to Mr. Smith at the address on the copy of his letter which I have enclosed.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leo Wurschmidt'.

LEO WURSCHMIDT
Director

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Honorable Malvin Price
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Price:

I have received the file for Herman J. F. Bottcher from the Federal Archive Center. I can now reply fully to your January 13, 1986 letter requesting information regarding Mr. Bottcher on behalf of Mark A. Smith.

An application for National Service Life Insurance that Captain Bottcher signed on October 21, 1943 shows his birthplace to be Landeberg, Germany. He states that his date of birth was July 13, 1909.

A beneficiary of Mr. Bottcher's insurance is still being paid. We are not permitted to reveal this person's identity or address. However I have taken the liberty of forwarding Mr. Smith's letter and a copy of my reply to your office to the beneficiary. The beneficiary may then decide whether to provide information and assistance to Mr. Smith.

I hope this provides you the information that you need to answer Mr. Smith's inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

LEO WURSCHMIDT
Director



The National Order
of
Battlefield Commissions



610 Montana Street
Bethalto, Illinois 62010
26 December 1985

The Honorable Melvin Price
2117 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th.

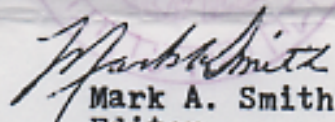
I have completed the National Archives and Records Administrative Form 1375, and am returning it to your office so that it may be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center. I would appreciate any reply that you might receive from them.

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
Enlisted Serial Number: 39785246
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
Editor
The Mustang
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