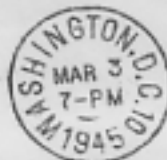


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Mrs. A. Bottcher

239 Ramsell Street

San Francisco

February 27, 1945.

My dear Mrs. Bottcher:

You will shortly receive the Purple Heart medal, which has been posthumously awarded by direction of the President to your nephew, Captain Hermann J. F. Bottcher, Infantry. It is sent as a tangible expression of the country's gratitude for his gallantry and devotion.

It is sent to you, as well, with my deepest personal sympathy for your bereavement. The loss of a loved one is beyond man's repairing, and the medal is of slight value; not so, however, the message it carries. We are all comrades in arms in this battle for our country, and those who have gone are not, and never will be, forgotten by those of us who remain. I hope you will accept the medal in evidence of such remembrance.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Stimson

Mrs. A. Bottcher,
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