



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH SERVICE COMMAND
FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

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Mrs. A. Bottcher
239 Ramsell Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Bottcher:

Word has just been received from the War Department that by direction of the President, the Legion of Merit has been posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, to your nephew, Captain Hermann J. Bottcher, Cavalry, who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country.

In addition, the Silver Star decoration has been posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, Thirty Second Infantry Division.

It has been a source of inspiration to me to learn of your nephew's exceptionally meritorious conduct and gallantry in action against the enemy which has merited these awards. His courage, determination and devotion to duty must be a source of comfort and pride to you at this time.

I have requested the Commanding Officer, Presidio of San Francisco, to make the necessary arrangements to present these decorations to you. He will communicate with you shortly to make plans for the presentation.

Sincerely yours,

WM. E. SHEDD
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding