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Mr. Stephen T. Martin
1730 Washington Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Request No.: 1126451-000
Subject: Bottcher, Hermann J.F.

Dear Mr. Martin:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the San Francisco Field Office. This request was forwarded to FBIHQ for handling. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy *new*
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
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February 18, 2009

MR. STEPHEN T. MARTIN
1730 WASHINGTON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

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Subject: BOTTCHEr, HERMANN J.F.

Dear Mr. Martin:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
- For an accurate search of our records, please provide the complete name, alias, date and place of birth for the subject of your request. Any other specific data you could provide such as prior addresses, or employment information would also be helpful. If your subject is deceased, please include date and proof of death.
- To make sure information about you is not released to someone else, we require your notarized signature or, in place of a notarized signature, a declaration pursuant to Title 28, United States Code 1746. For your convenience, the reverse side of this letter contains a form which may be used for this purpose.
- If you want the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to perform a search for your arrest record, please follow the enclosed instructions in Attorney General Order 556-73. You must submit fingerprint impressions so a comparison can be made with the records kept by CJIS. This is to make sure your information is not released to an unauthorized person.
- We are searching the indices to our central records system at FBI Headquarters for the information you requested, and will inform you of the results as soon as possible.
- Processing delays have been caused by the large number of requests received by the FOIPA. We will process your request(s) as soon as possible.

Your request has been assigned the number indicated above. Please use this number in all correspondence with us. Your patience is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy ^{new}
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Thanks!

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Stephen Martin

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EDITORIAL OFFICES

February 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for letting us know that Captain Herman Botcher has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster.

And thank you, too, for sending us a copy of the citation. We shall keep it in our files.

Cordially,



Dorothy Wallace
for the Editors

Mr. Harold Smith
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
100 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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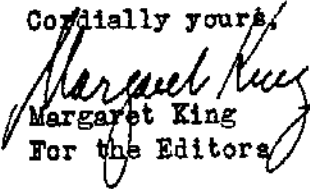
March 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Smith:

Many thanks for sending us the details of Capt. Harman Bottcher's citation for the Distinguished Service Cross. Sorry we received the information too late to make use of it.

Nevertheless, we were interested and very much appreciate your writing to us.

Cordially yours,


Margaret King

For the Editors

Mr. Harold Smith
Abraham Lincoln Brigade
100 Fifth Avenue
Room 1112
New York City

AGO 501
1 July, 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
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II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Captain Herman J. F. Bottcher, *** Infantry, by the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, as published on Page 1, General Orders Number 64, 1942, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, a bronze Oak-leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, W. D., 1918). The citation is as follows:

Captain HERMAN J. F. BOTTCHER, (0033451) *** Infantry, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 20 December 1942. Although wounded the previous day, Captain Bottcher volunteered to lead a detachment of infantry in an attack on an enemy stronghold in terrain with which he was familiar. He carefully prepared the men for the attack, and then encouraged them by his own example to advance within twenty yards of the enemy emplacements. When the patrol was held up by small arms fire in this advanced position, he stood up without regard for his own safety and drew the enemy fire so that the patrol could move to another area. He was again wounded during this action. Captain Bottcher's outstanding courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men under his command.
Home Address: Mrs. Alice Bottcher (aunt) 233 Sansell St.
San Francisco, Cal.

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By command of General Mac ARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND
Major General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

L. S. OSTRANDER
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Adjutant General

January 24, 1944

War Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:--

We are informed that Capt. Herman Bottcher, who is a member of our organization, has been the recipient of a second Distinguished Service Cross.

Would it be possible for you to furnish us with a copy of the official citation?

Thanking you in advance, we are,

Yours very truly

HAROLD SMITH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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January 24, 1944

PM Newspaper
67 Sixth Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Att: Mr. Mahon, reporter

Gentlemen:--

We believe you will be interested to learn that Capt Herman Bottcher, a member of our organization and an outstanding hero of this war, has been the recipient of a second Distinguished Service Cross and 3 Purple Hearts, but the ~~circumstances are not revealed.~~

This letter does not reveal the circumstances.
Yours very truly

JACK EJOZE
Executive Secretary

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Chas Edmondson, No Fortune Mag.
Daily Worker -
Clare Booth Luce.
Howard J. McMurray.
John McCaffrey
Joseph Clark Baldwin
Chet Hollifield.
Harren Magnusson.
Dr James E. Murray.
Dor D. Fenton.
Henry C. Lodge Jr.
Emanuel Celler
Claude Pepper

February 17, 1934

Editor
Newsweek Magazine
Newsweek Building
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:--

It has been officially announced that Capt. Norman Lottcher, recipient of a Distinguished Service Cross, has been awarded a second leaf of the same which is the equivalent of a second Distinguished Service Cross. A copy of the citation for the second award, is herewith enclosed, for immediate release.

You may be interested to learn that following the original decoration, Norman Lottcher was promoted from lieutenant to captain.

Captain Lottcher fought with the Spanish Republican Army in 1937-1938 and is a member of the 6888 Central Postal Directory.

Yours very truly

WILLIAM C. WALKER
Executive Secretary

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El Popular - Mexico, DF

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August 10, 1944

Major General J. A. Ulio
The Adjutant General's Office
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

We have received word that Captain Herman
Bottcher, AS #O-898451 has been wounded in a recent
action, and possibly died of these wounds.

We would like confirmation of this report
from your office.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely

Harold Smith
Executive Secretary

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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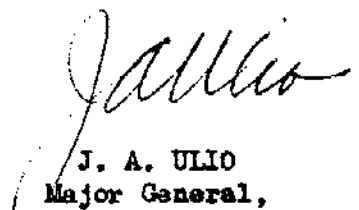
- Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade,
100 Fifth Avenue, Room 1112,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 10 August in which you requested information concerning Captain Hermann J. F. Bottcher.

Casualty reports received in the War Department do not contain the name of Captain Bottcher since the report that he was released from the hospital for wounds received in action on 20 December 1942, in New Guinea.

Very truly yours,


J. A. ULLO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By: .