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Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hogan  
910 Grace Avenue  
West Plains, Missouri

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Hogan:

This Office is in receipt of a letter written in your behalf by Mrs. Dorys H. Farley concerning your son, the late Staff Sergeant John E. Hogan.

The Department of the Army records disclose that John was one of nine crew members manifested aboard a B-17 type aircraft, Number 42-31250, which crashed at Neustadt on Werra, Germany, on 13 September 1944. Eight of these crew members, including your son, were killed as a result of the crash.

Captured German military records include a report on the downing of your son's aircraft, listing one crew member as captured and the remainder of the crew as dead and interred in the cemetery at Neustadt on Werra, Germany. This reported burial, however, could not be substantiated at a later date.

During the course of an investigation conducted by the American Graves Registration Service, it was reported that the remains of the deceased members of your son's crew had been recovered from the cemetery at Neustadt/Werra and transferred to the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland. Subsequent investigations conducted in the cemetery at Margraten, however, resulted in the recovery of only one of the deceased crew members. It was not possible to ascertain the whereabouts of your son and the other six deceased crew members.

Additional investigations were conducted by the American Graves Registration Service in an effort to locate the remains of your son. These investigations included a check of the following cemeteries: Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium; St. Avoild, France; and former United States Military Cemeteries located at Eisenach, Reuth, Bensheim, Nurnberg and Ittenbach, Germany. I regret to inform you that the results of these investigations were negative. Identification data for your son was compared with similar information for all unidentified



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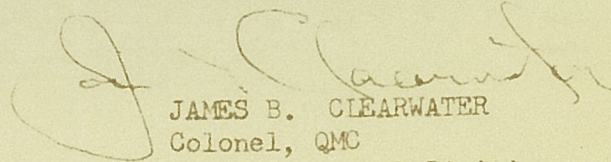
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remains recovered during the investigations conducted by the American Graves Registration Service. It was not possible, however, to effect an association between any of these unknowns and your son.

After a careful review of all the pertinent facts in this case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that the remains of your loved one are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is regretted that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division