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18 March 1949

Mrs. Mary E. Cheney
Route #2
Palisade, Minnesota

Plot E, Row 11, Grave 2
Headstone: Cross
Margraten (Holland) U. S. Military Cemetery

Pfc Russell D. Cheney, ASN 37 579 219

Dear Mrs. Cheney:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

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THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quartermaster General

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REPTINS

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GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE: 3-18-48

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Pfc Russell D. Cheney, 37,579 219 Plot X, Row 1, Grave 9, United States Military Cometery Margraten, Holland

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NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

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Pfc Russell D. Cheney, 37 579 219
Plot X, Row 1, Grave 9,
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Margraten, Holland

1 December 1947

Mr. Orval Cheney Route #2 Palisade, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cheney:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Deed," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pemphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

Incls.

THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quartermaster General

14 November 1946

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Mr. Orval Chemay Route #2 Palisade, Mirmesota

Dear Mr. Chency:

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The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private First Class Russell D. Cheney, A.S.N. 37 579 219.

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The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, plot X, row 1, grave 9. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

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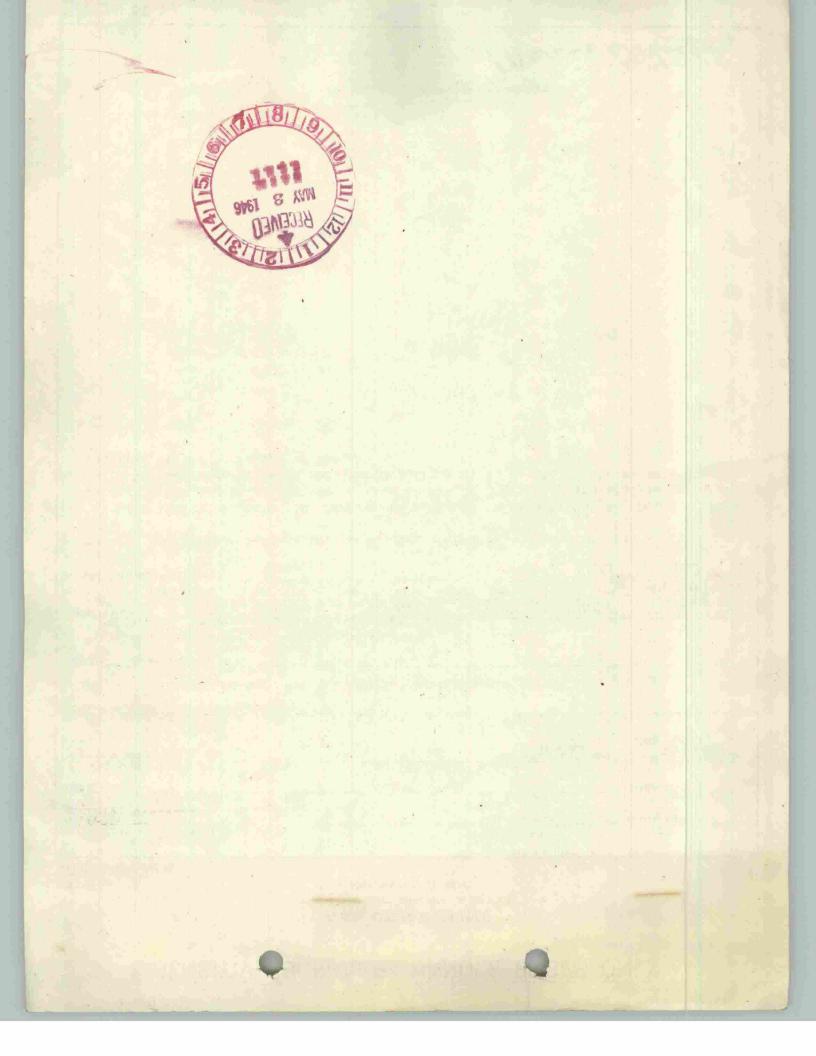
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Kansas City 1, Missouri Em SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of 37579219 Russell D. Cheney late a (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number) Private First Class Infantry who died (Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service) on the 16th 1945, at European Area day of Feb, TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C. 1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 232, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 1Dec47, for the purpose of Mo., pursuant to S.O. 232, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated Decer, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law reports that: a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial. b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None", otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none) c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl none). d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below). FINDING Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 19 May 1949 , pursuant to S.O. 232 , Headquarters, KCQM Depot, , the application or affidavit of Mrs. Mary E. Cheney dated 1 Dec 1947 for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered; Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Mary E. Cheney (Name of person found entitled) Route #2 Palisade

(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

is the

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court-Martial) STANLEY ZABLOCKI, Captain, QMC

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

601 HARDESTY AVENUE KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 776062

HOC/LL/ps 12 May 1949

Mr. Orval Cheney Route #2 Palisade, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cheney:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from a Graves
Registration Officer overseas one ring belonging to your son, the
late Private First Class Russell D. Cheney.

To make proper disposition of this property, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding your son's family. I would like to know whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow.

Records here indicate that your wife's address differs from yours. According to the 112th Article of War, the father precedes the mother in entitlement to receipt of the son's effects provided he has not abandoned support of his family. Therefore, I would appreciate your clarifying this matter to enable this Bureau to make proper disposal of your son's effects.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which requires no postage.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl Envelope H. O. CALDWELL Effects Quartermaster

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