MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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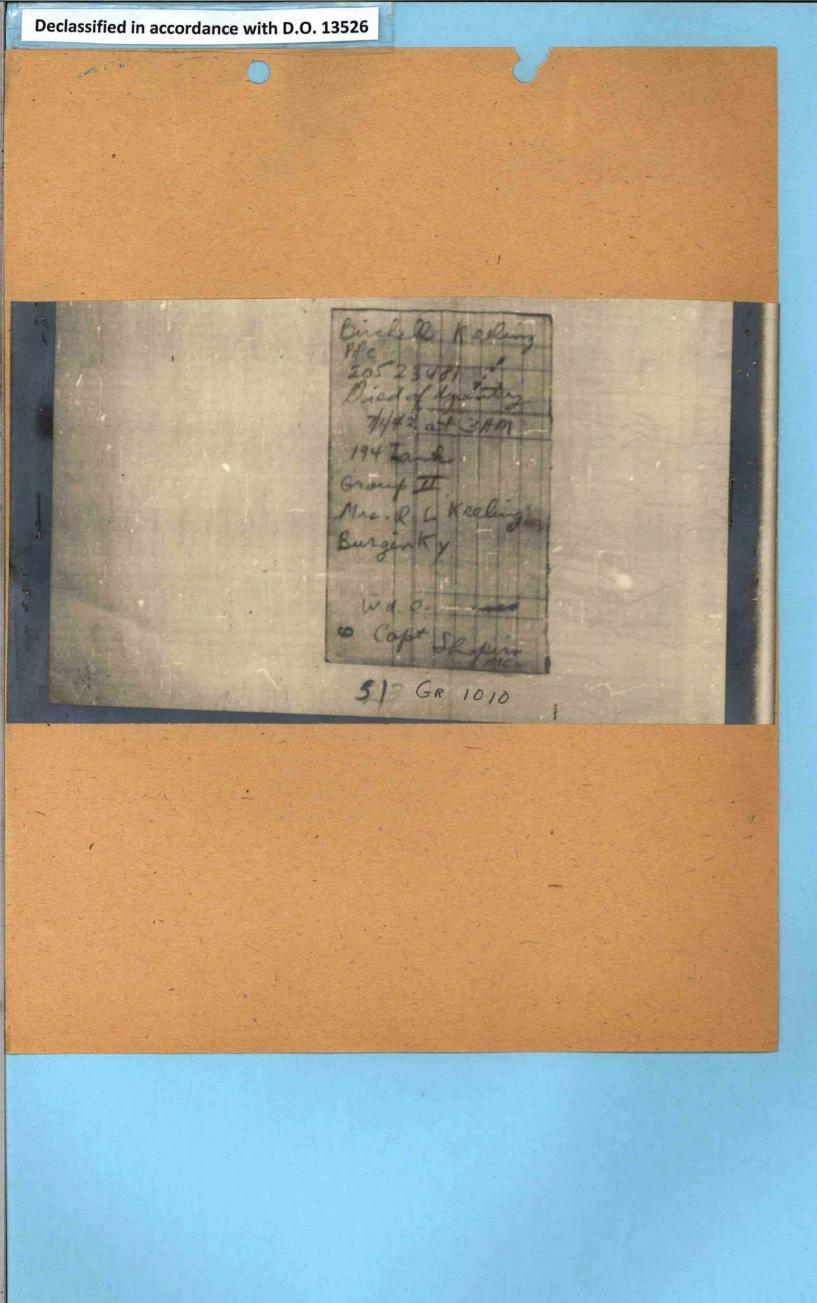
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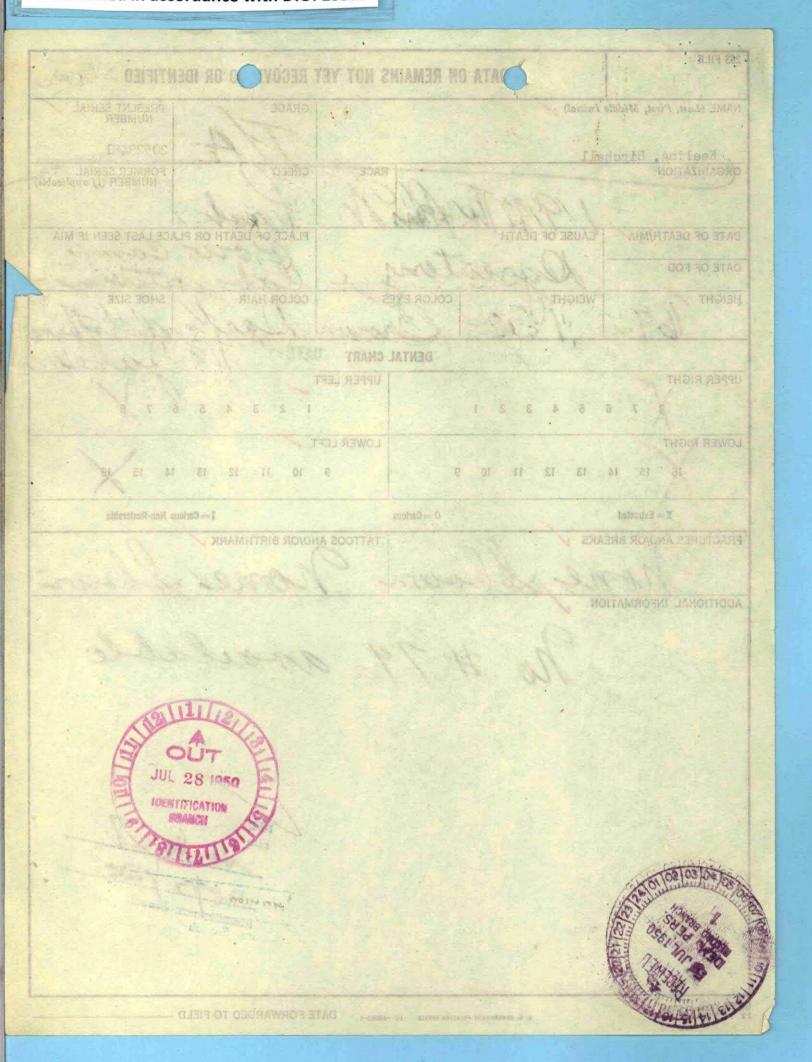
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31 October 1949

Mr. Cecil J. Keeling

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Keeling:

More than four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Technician Fourth Grade Birchell Keeling.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

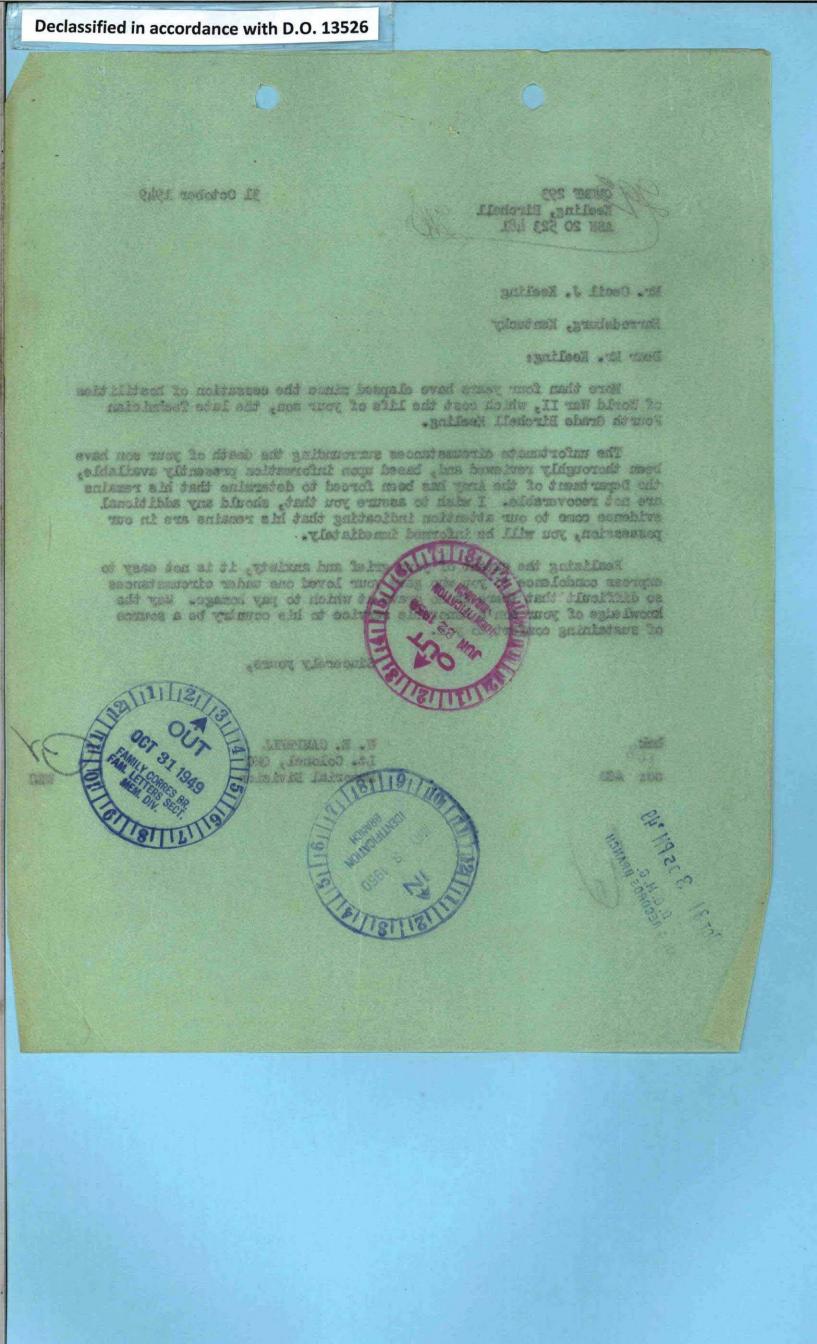
Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

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The attached proceedings of the field board of review have been reviewed and the findings of non-recoverability of the remains of the following individual(s) are approved. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

The above decedent and nine (9) others

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES

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THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

IRS dated 12 October 49 from Chief, Identification Section is filed in the 293 file of BARRERAS, Eliseo M., Cpl., 20 842 694. It indicates that deceased cannot be identified either individually or as a group at the present time.

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

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Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec. CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

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APO 900 7 Sept. 1949

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

BARRERAS, Eliseo M. DAVIDSON, Bernice L. EWART, Raymond W. HARTMAN, William HENRY, Jacob P. KEELING, Birchell	Cpl. Sgt. T/Sgt. S/Sgt. Pvt. T/4	20 842 19 028 R-6 025 19 048 35 100 20 523	866 695 328 425 481
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BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

- 1. According to available information, death occurred while the above listed personnel were prisoners of war at Cabanatuan POW Camp, Province of Nueva Ecija, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. No record of burial is on file for any of the subject personnel.
- 2. Investigation reveals that most burial at the Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery were on a mass grave basis and there is no record of how the remains in any communal grave were buried. This cemetery has been disinterred and upon processing of the remains at CIP, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, Philippine Islands, discrepancies were noted in the recording of burials, which may have been due to the fact that interment of bodies were made under war time conditions and under the supervision of the Japanese.
- 3. Identification data for all applicable unknowns disinterred from Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery have been checked against data shown on attached OQMG Forms 371 for above listed personnel with negative results.
- 4. In view of the above findings, it is recommended that the remains of the above named personnel be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search and recovery of their remains be closed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: 7 Sept. 1949

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SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER 82

1. EXTRACT

2. In accordance with 1tr Hqs OTAG file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, Subject "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", CINCFE radio CX59238 dtd 18 March 48 and par 59 h, TM 10-281, the following Officers, 8131st Sv Unit AGRS-PZ, APO 900, are aptd as Board of Officers for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon all cases referred to the Board pertaining to identity of unknown remains, finalizing disinterment discrepancy reports, and to review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board within the PHILCOM Zone, AGRS:

MEMBERS OF BOARD

Major	Elee L. Tyler	0-324330	Inf
Major	Glenn A. Lee	0-23792	Cav
Capt	Harold B. McNemar	0-507074	QLIC
lst Lt.	Wilbur G. Hobbs	0-887555	Inf
1st Lt.	John Shypula	0-1307091	Inf

BY ORDER OF MAJOR TYLER:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN SHYPULA 1st Lt., Inf Adjutant

s/t/ JOHN SHYPULA lst Lt., Inf Adjutant

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