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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

ADDRESS REPLY TO

MANUEL P. OTT

JEFFERSON PARISH SERVICE OFFICER
DISTRICT COURTHOUSE
PHONE AL. 3055 GRETN, LA.

July 21, 1949

Memorial Division
The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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RE: RAY, John P
~~ASN-34 005 401~~
1119 Lafayette St.
Gretna, La.

John P. Ray, father of above named deceased former service man, desires to have his son's remains returned home for burial in a private cemetery.

Mrs. Paula Freeman Ray, widow of deceased, was married to Louis A. Guidry at Cut Off, La. on December 25, 1947.

Please forward application for return of remains to Mr. Ray at address shown above.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Manuel P. Ott

Jefferson Parish Service Officer
District Courthouse
Gretna, La.

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. <u> </u> MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (<i>Street, City, State</i>)		
John P. Ray	1119 Lafayette Street Gretna, Louisiana		
RELATIONSHIP	Father		

NAME OF DECEDENT (*Last, First, Middle*)
Ray, John P.

GRADE

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

34 005 401

PARAGRAPHS
(*Sequence*)

ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS

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CC; Mr. Manuel P. Ott, Department of Veterans Affairs, Jefferson Parish Service Officer, District Courthouse, Gretna, Louisiana---

I wish to advise you that it will be necessary for you to forward to this office a statement from the remarried widow advising us that she has no objection to you requesting the return of the remains of your son, since she has directed overseas burial and the remains have been permanently interred in Plot E, Row 26, Grave 36, in the USMC St. Laurent, France. It will also be necessary for you to furnish us the name of the cemetery in which burial is desired and the person or consignee who will receive the remains.

After completion of interments in St. Laurent, the cemetery will be relinquished to the ABMC for beautification and permanent care. Therefore, the above requested information must be forwarded to us within ten days upon receipt of this letter for consideration for return can only be given while the cemetery is under the jurisdiction of the Dept of the Army.

My continued sympathy is with you in the loss of your son.

cc - Mr. Keiser

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE

TYPIST INITIALS

REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE

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 Ray, John P.
 SN 34 005 401

29 July 1949

Mr. John P. Ray
 1119 Lafayette Street
 Gretna, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ray:

An inquiry has been received recently from Mr. Manuel P. Ott, Department of Veterans Affairs, Jefferson Parish Service Officer, District Courthouse, Gretna, Louisiana, pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Sergeant John P. Ray.

I wish to advise you that it will be necessary for you to forward to this office a statement from the remarried widow advising us that she has no objection to you requesting the return of the remains of your son, since she has directed overseas burial and the remains have been permanently interred in Plot E, Row 26, Grave 36, in the United States Military Cemetery St. Laurent, France. It will also be necessary for you to furnish us the name of the cemetery in which burial is desired and the person or consignee who will receive the remains.

After completion of interments in St. Laurent, the cemetery will be relinquished to the American Battle Monuments Commission for beautification and permanent care. Therefore, the above requested information must be forwarded to us within ten days upon receipt of this letter, for consideration for return can only be given while the cemetery is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

My continued sympathy is with you in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL
 Lt. Colonel, QMC
 Memorial Division



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cc: Mr. Keiser
 cc: Mr. Manuel P. Ott

Att

at

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

I have received your letter concerning your son, the late Sergeant .

I wish to advise you that the Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority given him in Section 4, Public Law 585, 79th Congress, has established an order of priority, as listed below, among the next of kin in which their desires concerning disposition of decedent's remains will be honored:

- a. **Surviving spouse (if not divorced, separated or remarried)**
- b. Sons over 21 years of age in order of seniority
- c. Daughters over 21 years of age in order of seniority
- d. Father
- e. Mother
- f. Brothers over 21 years of age in order of seniority
- g. Sisters over 21 years of age in order of seniority
- h. Next of kin of legal age in order of their relation to the decedent

Please be assured that your feelings in this matter are fully understood. However, inasmuch as your son was unmarried at the time of his death, his father is considered next of kin and disposition instructions received from him will be honored by the War Department.

We extend our deepest sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

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QMC
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