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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**ARMY SERVICE FORCES**  
**SERVICES-OF-SUPPLY-**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS**  
**WASHINGTON**

23 May 1945

Mrs. John Hancock,  
Box 314,  
Auburndale, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Hancock:

Reference is made to our letter of 9 May 1945, which was addressed to you during the time your husband was missing in action. This office learned with regret that you had recently been notified that your husband had been found to have been killed in action. We know the heartache and sorrow that this news brought to you especially as you were living in hopes that he would be safe.

Information has come to this office showing the report of the burial of your husband. Knowing that you would appreciate this information we are forwarding the same herewith. Our records show that Chaplain Harold K. McClay, a minister of the Methodist Church held the funeral services for your husband. You may thus be assured that appropriate religious rites and military services were held for him, and that his grave is properly marked. If you should care to write to Chaplain McClay, you may do so, addressing your letter as follows:

Chaplain Harold K. McClay, O 432 229,  
23rd Station Hospital,  
APO 395, c/o Postmaster,  
New York, New York.

It may be that he will be able to give you further information than is available at this time in this office.

We are requesting the Memorial Division, Graves Registration Section, Office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C., to furnish you the location of your husband's grave when that information is available. They will reply directly to you without further inquiry on your part.



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The Acting Chief of Service wishes me to express his sincere sympathy to you in your sorrow. If we can be of any further service to you please feel free to call upon us.

For the Acting Chief of Chaplains:

*Eben. Cobb Brink*

EPChv. COBB BRINK  
Chaplain (Captain) USA  
Assistant