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Disposal of Personal Effects
of LT. Col. Kessner

Oct - Nov 1944

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TO: Lt. Colonel James H. Haggerty
Serial 20015015
United Nations Building
Lake Success, New York 11040
ATTN: Mr. Haggerty
FROM: N. Haggerty
1010, New York
Brooklyn, N.Y.
SUBJECT: Mr. Haggerty and I
Date: Sept. 4, 1944

Dear Jerry:

Your letter of the 2nd to Mom finally arrived although we all spent a rather uncomfortable time from the 15th waiting to hear from you. Shortly after the invasion of Southern France took place you could have dropped me any time since that you were well. Everyone is well and as the general picture of the war is presented to us here is so good we live in hopes from day to day to hear it is over which is one of the reasons I am writing you. I am seriously considering going to Europe as soon as the war is over. I have considered myself in all the ways that I can make and to being ill and being in the back of the job and it takes time off I will be where I started. As I think one and for all I will make a break. The country I would be most interested in going to would be Czechoslovakia. Before the war they produced most of the fine crystal bottles and pieces that come over here. Now if there are any manufacturers left they would welcome anyone coming over interested in inventing some money. I know I am not the only one with this in mind but if I get over early enough I should be able to do something. I have not gone into this too much with Mom but our sister in law finally got the point of saying it would be a pretty good idea for Mom to go to the old business. I told her I was not asking for time until the war was over. I know what your idea was. Then you were in Italy did you by any chance go into the section where they formerly manufactured novelty merchandise or did they start up out or have you heard if there have been changes. Now I have used to handle merchandise from Italy and did very well. If by any chance you can get an idea of conditions and what the prospects are all over here. All this might appear to be a little early but as things are going you will see. If at some time you are in a position where you have an opportunity to talk to some business man try and find out what is going on in Europe. Write and let me know what you think of this if you have any suggestions and also if there is any talk of families being permitted to go.

Best love from Mom and me to Mom in the country for a week, other love from L. nothing new.

Trust everything with you is well, love from us all

Yours,

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HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT HOME
HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT WORK

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Kessner, Jerome 0-215035

(Last name) (First name) (Middle Initial) (Army serial number)

late a Lt. Col. 2691 IMIA Co. (Ovhd) Inf
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 19th day of Sept, 19 44

CLASS I. — Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

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* To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General

CLASS II. — Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	pkg tobacco, pipe
1	deck playing cards
1	pair shoe laces, brown
2	cardboard box type drawers
2	brushes, clothes
1	trenchcoat with lining
1	overcoat, short, wool, OD
1	jacket, combat
1	hat, Stetson
1	service cap, wool, OD

CLASS II. — Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
2	trousers, wool, light drab
1	pair pajamas, flannel
1	pair gloves, leather
1	jacket, field
1	sweater, wool
1	pair gloves, woolen leather faced
7	Sardinian pictures (handmade)
1	very small Sardinian teapot (curio)
1	Sardinian tapestry
1	lighter, Ronson, cigarette
1	picture of Col Kessner's wife and child (broken frame)
1	money belt containing souvenir paper money of Brazil & Italy
1	checker board and box of checkers
1	sponge
2	grammars, Italian
1	book, Italian course
1	cardboard box, misc shaving & other art { Specie \$ _____ Money { Notes \$ _____

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that the effects were delivered to Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects

(Give name and degree of relationship if legal representative)
Bureau, Kansas City QD, Kansas City, Mo.
(or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

The effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

(Station)

(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

Hq. P.B.S. 8-44 50.00

CLASS II. -- Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
14	pair socks
14	handkerchiefs
10	towels
2	cloths, face
2	sets pajamas, Summer
2	hats, cotton, khaki
1	fatigue suit, one-piece, brown
1	bag, barracks
2	pair slippers, bedroom
2	pair para-boots
2	pair shoes, Government-Issue
1	pair shoes, low-cut
2	pair leggings, canvas
1	pair rubbers
1	pair overshoes, rubber (artics)
1	bag, cloth, overnight
1	bag, kapocsleeping (complete with air mattress)
Money Specie \$ Notes \$	

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(Station)

(Date)

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Hq. P.B.S. 8-41 50.00

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CLASS II. — Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	scarf, wool
1	bathrobe, wool (color red)
1	pipe
4	small boxes containing
	Sardinian curios
4	sets souvenir pictures of Rome
3	Books about the Vatican City
1	Wrist watch (Lever)
3	snapshot pictures of Col
	Kessner
1	notebook, looseleaf
1	brief case, misc maps, 201 file
	misc papers.
1	set chessman
1	mirror, small
1	dictionary, English-Italian
1	dictionary, English-French
1	language book, Italian
1	box emblems, Fascisti
2	daggers (1) Fascisti (1) Nembo
1	kit, shaving (razor blades)
	Money { Specie \$
	Notes \$

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Hq. P.B.S. 8-41 50,000

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

3 November 1944

MEMO TO: Colonel F. L. Simmons

SUBJECT: Personal Effects of Colonel Kessner

1. The A.G.S. officer, Lieut. Barnes, who is responsible for the shipping of the items of deceased personnel of the U.S. Army will not receipt for the personal effects of Col. Kessner for the following reasons:

- a. Items with red line or red dots should be disposed of by you and not shipped.
- b. Items marked Q.M. should be turned in to the quartermaster.
- c. Fascist emblems must be named and enumerated.
- d. Insignia of rank of Lieut Col must be enumerated.
- e. Certificate on the 2 rolls of developed film.
- f. One certificate that the items indicated by green pencil mark are trophies.
- g. Twenty dollars in travelers checks must be cashed at Finance Office and sent to his wife (copy of PTA inclosed in personal effects).
- h. Inventories as submitted is not in enough detail.
- i. Certificate that you have complied with all known NATOUSA circulars and Garrison publications in preparing these effects for shipment.

S. D. Martin

S. D. MARTIN
Major, C.M.P.

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

3 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E O F R E T E N T I O N

I certify that the articles of property listed as follows are classified as trophies:

Box contains following Fascist emblems:

- 3 medals, fascist
- 2 sets of Armbands, fascist militia
- 3 each, chevrons, fascist militia
- 21 each, insignia, distinctive, fascist militia
- 1 each, standard, fascist militia
- 1 each, dagger, fascist militia
- 10 each, German field stoves
- 1 each, dagger, Nembo division

These items are specifically authorized under provision of Section VIII Circular 217, War Department 1944 or supersession thereof or any Theater Circulars, and that

JEROME KESSNER, LIEUT COLONEL O-215035

is authorized same.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

LIATSON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

3 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that there are no weapons, ammunition or other material of explosive nature in the contents of the deceased

JEROME KESSNER, LIEUT COLONEL O-215035

personal effects and that I have complied with all existing War Department Circulars, NATOUA circulars, and Allied Garrison publications in preparing these personal effects for shipment.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

3 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the two (2) rolls of developed film contain no pictures that are in violation of existing War Department circulars, NATOUSA circulars and Allied Garrison publications.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)
APO 394
U.S. ARMY

PWR/ag
23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Disposition Personal Effects.

TO : Senior Liaison Officer, MMIA, Sardinia.

1. Attached herewith are WDAGO Forms #54 completed in triplicate, and ready for your signature as Certifying Officer.
2. The Forms 54 will be disposed of in the following manner:
 - a. The original will remain with the effects.
 - b. The duplicate will be mailed to the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.
 - c. The triplicate will be sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Mo.
3. Also enclosed herewith are letters of transmittal addressed to Adjutant General and to Effects Quartermaster, which are to be used in transmitting the duplicate and triplicate of the Forms 54.
4. Shipment of the effects is to be made to the "Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Mo.," in accordance with instructions contained in Circular #263 NATOUSA 8 December 1943.
5. These effects are to be forwarded through Supply Channels to the Quartermaster of Base Sections for water shipment to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Mo.
6. A receipt will be obtained by you from first supply channel thru whom shipment will be made and same forwarded to us.
7. Please inform this headquarters when this has been done.

For the Commanding Officer:

Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
PETER W. RODINO, JR.
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.
Hq. Commandant.

3 Incls:
Incls #1 - W.D., A.G.O. Forms #54.
#2 - Letter Transmittal this Hqs.
#3 - " " " "

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15 October 1944

LIST OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

LT. COL. JEROME KESSNER, 0215035, INFANTRY

Case Number 1

1 "Val-a-pac"
1 supporter, athletic (new)
3 belts, web
6 ties, cotton
9 shirts, cotton, khaki
1 trunks, bathing
1 bag, laundry, white
12 pair drawers
10 undershirts
5 trousers, cotton, khaki
14 pair socks
14 handkerchiefs
10 towels
2 cloths, face
2 sets pajamas, Summer
2 hats, cotton, khaki
1 fatigue suit, one-piece, brown
1 bag, barracks
2 pair slippers, bedroom
2 pair para-boots
2 pair shoes, Government-Issue
1 pair shoes, low-cut
2 pair leggings, canvas
1 pair rubbers
1 pair overshoes, rubber (artics)
1 bag, cloth, overnight
1 bag, kapoc sleeping (complete with
air mattress).

15 October 1944

LIST OF PERSONAL EFFECTSLT. COL. JEROME KESSNER, 0215035, INFANTRYCase Number 2

1 bag, barracks	1 trenchcoat with lining
1 raincoat	1 overcoat, short, wool, OD
1 "Val-a-pac"	1 jacket, combat
2 masks, combat, winter, wool	1 hat, Stetson
3 trousers, wool, OD	1 service cap, wool, OD
5 sets underwear, wool	2 trousers, wool, light drab
1 unionsuit	1 pair pajamas, flannel
3 caps, garrison, wool, OD	1 pair gloves, leather
1 coat, wool, OD	1 jacket, field
3 shirts, wool	1 sweater, wool
1 scarf, wool	1 pair gloves, woolen,
1 bathrobe, wool (color red)	leather faced
1 pipe	7 Sardinian pictures (handmade)
4 small boxes containing	1 very small Sardinian
Sardinian curios	teapot (curio)
4 sets souvenir pictures of Rome	1 Sardinian tapestry
3 books about the Vatican City	1 lighter, Ronson, cigarette
1 wrist watch (Lever)	1 picture of Col Kessner's wife
3 snapshot pictures of Col	and child (broken frame)
Kessner	1 money belt containing souvenir
1 notebook, looseleaf	paper money of Brazil and
1 brief case, misc maps, 201	Italy
file, misc papers	1 checker board and box of
1 set chessmen	checkers
1 mirror, small	1 sponge
1 dictionary, English-Italian	2 grammars, Italian
1 dictionary, English-French	1 book, Italian course
1 language book, Italian	1 cardboard box, misc shaving
1 box emblems, Fascisti	and other articles
2 daggers (1) Fascisti (1) Nembo	1 can soap, saddle
1 kit, shaving (razor blades)	1 box cigars
1 pkg tobacco, pipe	1 pkg stationery
1 deck playing cards	1 brush, tooth
1 pair shoe laces, brown	3 brushes, shoe
2 cardboard box type drawers	1 camera, box type
2 brushes, clothes	3 rolls film

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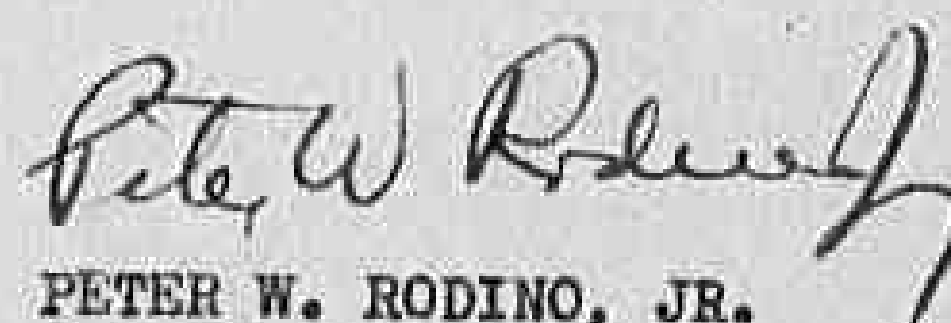
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23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal WDAGO Form #54.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Mo.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Paragraph 6 (a) NATOUA Circular #236 dated 8 December 1943, triplicate copy of WDAGO Form #54 for deceased officer, Lt. Colonel Jerome Kessner O-215035, Infantry, is hereby transmitted.

For the Commanding Officer:


PETER W. RODINO, JR.
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.
Hq. Commandant.

1 Incl:
Incl #1 - W.D., A.G.O. Form #54.

PRIORITY RESTRICTED 071210 A
FOR ACTION AGC SARDINIA
FROM MMIA SIGNED SIMMONS
CITE CP-4

FOR ACTION BY MARTIN. POSTPONE ACTION ON DISPOSAL KESSNER EFFECTS
UNTIL RETURN OF SIMMONS. INSTRUCTIONS OF BARNES INCORRECT.

RESRIPT VJT 8 NOV. 44

COPY TO MAJOR MARTIN

2691 MMIA COMPANY
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

13 October 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that Colonel F. L. Simmons, Infantry, is authorized by the theater commander to send to Mrs. Jerome Kessner, as souvenirs, the following-named articles:

- 1 dagger, Fascisti
- 1 dagger, Nembo

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CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

19 October 1944

AG 312.1/028 PERS-O

SUBJECT: Letters of Condolence.

TO : All Concerned.

1. GENERAL. In compliance with instructions recently received from the War Department a letter of condolence will be prepared and mailed in each case of death to the nearest relative or other person to be notified in case of emergency. The number of letters which may be written to one or more addressees is not restricted. Letters of condolence while not required in cases of personnel missing, missing-in-action, interned or captured, are encouraged and when prepared will be administratively processed as prescribed in this letter. A copy of all letters of condolence will be furnished The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C., Attention: Casualty Branch.

2. The subject of letters of condolence will be given the personal attention of all commanders.

3. a. Information which is considered to compromise the security of operations will be omitted from letters of condolence and only the following information will be included in any case. The information contained in these letters must be confined to facts as established by investigation and testimony of eye witnesses, and must be free of conjectures:

- (1) Specific cause and place of death.
- (2) Description of circumstances surrounding death.
- (3) Information concerning burial service.
- (4) Other information of personal or sentimental nature which may be of comfort to the family.
- (5) Location of grave, described only in general terms as, for example, "Northern Italy", "Southern Italy", "Southeastern France", etc.

b. The necessity for the exercise of tact in describing circumstances surrounding certain deaths is stressed and information which will be unnecessarily distressing to the family will be omitted wherever possible.

4. In those cases where official casualty reports have been rendered and bodies not recovered nor burial accomplished, letters of condolence will contain an explanation that a presumption of death has been made, based on circumstantial evidence considered to be reasonably conclusive of death and which leads to no other logical conclusion.

5. The organization or hospital chaplain will be designated by commanders concerned to prepare and dispatch all letters of condolence to the proper agency. In the absence of a chaplain the organization or hospital commander, or an officer specifically designated by him, is charged with this responsibility.

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These instructions are applicable to all personnel whether attached or assigned to organization at time of death.

6. In cases where death occurs while an individual is absent from his unit, the commander of the hospital in which death occurred or at which deceased was received will report to the parent unit commander the specific cause and place of death; circumstances surrounding death, if known; general location of grave; and information pertaining to burial service. Based on information thus received, the parent unit commander will cause letter of condolence to be prepared and dispatched.

7. a. Letters of condolence pertaining to personnel of organizations assigned or attached to the following commands will be forwarded, through Casualty Report channels, to the headquarters thereof:

- (1) Sixth Army Group.
- (2) Fifth and Seventh Armies.
- (3) Twelfth and Fifteenth Air Forces.
- (4) Replacement Command, NATOUSA.
- (5) All Base Sections.
- (6) AAFSC/WTO.
- (7) AAFEC/WTO.
- (8) 90th Photo Reconnaissance.
- (9) MATS.
- (10) North African Division, LTC.

b. Upon receipt, letters will be checked to insure that all required information is included, that all extraneous information is deleted, and that the information furnished is in agreement with official casualty status. When verified to be correct, the original copy will be dispatched via airmail direct to addressee, a copy will be dispatched to Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D.C., and a copy will be filed.

c. Letters of condolence pertaining to personnel assigned or attached to organizations not included in paragraph 7a will be forwarded to reach this headquarters in triplicate, through Casualty Report channels. Envelopes, properly addressed, will accompany each letter.

8. Letters will be prepared and dispatched to the appropriate headquarters within forty-eight (48) hours after burial or within forty-eight (48) hours after an official casualty report of death has been rendered which was based on evidence leading to no logical conclusion other than death (see paragraph 4). Letters of condolence will not be released to addressee by the headquarters indicated in paragraph 7a above prior to five (5) days following dispatch of official casualty report to this headquarters.

9. Pending revision of NATOUSA Circular Number 10, 1944, so much thereof as relates to letters of condolence is suspended.

10. The instructions contained in this letter will be regarded as a temporary expedient. Each of the headquarters listed in paragraph 7a, not later

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then 20 November 1944, will submit report to this headquarters containing views as to practicability of above procedure and recommendations as to any desired changes. In addition, the following headquarters and organizations will submit similar reports:

- a. Headquarters AAI (US Contingent)
- b. Headquarters COMZONE, NATOUSA
- c. Headquarters AAF/ATO
- d. Headquarters MRS
- e. 24th General Hospital
- f. 300th General Hospital
- g. 17th General Hospital
- h. 12th General Hospital
- i. 45th General Hospital
- j. Headquarters Command, AF
- k. 1st AAA Group
- l. 5th Base Post Office
- m. 15th Medical Laboratory
- n. 22d Machine Records Unit
- o. 250th Signal Operations Company
- p. 497th QM Laundry Company
- q. 696th Engineer Petroleum Distributing Co
- r. 807th Base Depot Company TC
- s. 2677th Regiment CSS (Det)
- t. 3401st QM Truck Company

Upon receipt of these reports, parts of NATOUSA Circular Number 10, 1944, pertinent to letters of condolence will be permanently revised.

By command of Lieutenant General LEVERS:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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