

HEADQUARTERS  
191ST TANK BATTALION  
APO 758, c/o P.M.  
New York, N.Y.

17 June 1945

Mr. James F. McHugh,  
Schuz Co., Penn.

Dear Mr. McHugh:

In the present absence of a Chaplain within this organization, letters of this nature that normally would be cared for by him are referred to the Commanding Officer for reply.

In reference to your letter of 9 May 1945 pertaining to your brother Pvt. John J. McHugh, ASN 33485684, formerly a member of this organization, it is desired to state that we are pleased to furnish you all available additional information concerning him.

In the vicinity of Kohlhutte, France, on 7 January 1945, your brother as an assistant gunner in a tank, was supporting the infantry in successful attack when his tank was disabled by enemy action. Pvt. McHugh was seriously wounded. He died shortly afterwards; conscious of his injuries for a very short time.

Pvt. McHugh was laid to rest with a Catholic Chaplain officiating, in the American Military Cemetery at Epinal, France.

Immediately following intensive combat participation when combat personnel fail to rejoin their organization after an elapse of sufficient time for them to do so or their presence elsewhere cannot be ascertained or accounted for, a report of missing in action is forwarded. Frequently after the missing in action report has been forwarded, a report of burial and circumstances surrounding the individual case is received - we then transmit the killed in action report.

Whatever might be said in praise of our departed ones, is of such little consequence as to fade into insignificance before the monument of victory which has been built upon the foundation of their endeavors and the sacrifice of their lives - a sacrifice by those who will always be proudly remembered by freedom loving peoples throughout the world.

Yours Sincerely,

*Welborn G. Dolvin*  
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Lt. Col., Infantry  
Commanding